



MSA Definitions for the U.S. Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2015-2016

The 2015-2016 expenditure estimates for the Consumer Expenditure Survey come from a sample design based on the 2010 census. The Office of Management and Budget used the data from the 2010 census to define geographic entities called “*core-based statistical areas*” (CBSAs) which are clusters of adjacent counties that are united with each other by sharing a common urban core as measured by their residents’ commuting patterns. The larger CBSAs are called “*metropolitan statistical areas*” (MSAs), and the Consumer Expenditure Survey publishes data for every MSA with over 2.5 million people, plus Honolulu and Anchorage. There are 23 such MSAs and their definitions are shown below.

Note: Starting in 2015 the New York metropolitan area is a single MSA (S12A) with over 19 million people, and the Los Angeles metropolitan area is composed of two separate MSAs (S49A + S49C) with over 17 million people. Before 2015 the New York metropolitan area was composed of three separate MSAs (A101 = A109 + A110 + A111), and the Los Angeles metropolitan area was composed of two separate MSAs (A421 = A419 + A420).

U.S. Consumer Expenditure Survey: A List of Self-Representing PSUs in the 2010 Census-Based Sample Design

PSU Code	PSU Name	PSU Definition (State and County)	MSA Population
S11A	Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	MA: Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk NH: Rockingham, Strafford	4,552,402
S12A	New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA	NJ: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union NY: Bronx, Dutchess, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, Westchester PA: Pike	19,567,410
S12B	Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	DE: New Castle MD: Cecil NJ: Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem PA: Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia	5,965,343
S23A	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	IL: Cook, De Kalb, Du Page, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Will IN: Jasper, Lake, Newton, Porter WI: Kenosha	9,461,105
S23B	Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	MI: Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Wayne	4,296,250
S24A	Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	MN: Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Le Sueur, Mille Lacs, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Sibley, Washington, Wright WI: Pierce, St. Croix	3,348,859
S24B	St. Louis, MO-IL	IL: Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair MO: Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Louis City, Warren	2,787,701
S35A	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	DC: District of Columbia MD: Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George’s	5,636,232

		VA: Alexandria City, Arlington, Clarke, Culpeper, Fairfax, Fairfax City, Falls Church City, Fauquier, Fredericksburg City, Loudoun, Manassas City, Manassas Park City, Prince William, Rappahannock, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Warren WV: Jefferson	
S35B	Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	FL: Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach	5,564,635
S35C	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	GA: Barrow, Bartow, Butts, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Haralson, Heard, Henry, Jasper, Lamar, Meriwether, Morgan, Newton, Paulding, Pickens, Pike, Rockdale, Spalding, Walton	5,286,728
S35D	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	FL: Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas	2,783,243
S35E	Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	MD: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Baltimore City, Carroll, Harford, Howard, Queen Anne's	2,710,489
S37A	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	TX: Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant, Wise	6,426,214
S37B	Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	TX: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, Waller	5,920,416
S48A	Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	AZ: Maricopa, Pinal	4,192,887
S48B	Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	CO: Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin, Jefferson, Park	2,543,482
S49A	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	CA: Los Angeles, Orange	12,828,837
S49B	San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	CA: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo	4,335,391
S49C	Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	CA: Riverside, San Bernardino	4,224,851
S49D	Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	WA: King, Pierce, Snohomish	3,439,809
S49E	San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	CA: San Diego	3,095,313
S49F	Honolulu, HI	HI: Honolulu	953,207
S49G	Anchorage, AK	AK: Anchorage, Matanuska-Susitna	380,821