Expenditures on Children
By Families

Published annually since 1960
Uses of Report

- Educational
- Child support guidelines
- Foster care payments
- Other
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**Income: Less than $56,670 (Average = $36,250)**
- 0 - 2
- 3 - 5
- 6 - 8
- 9 - 11
- 12 - 14
- 15 - 17
- Total

**Income: $56,670 to $98,120 (Average = $76,250)**

**Income: More than $98,120 (Average = $171,710)**
Consumer Expenditure Survey

- 2005-06 survey
- Quarterly data, annualized
- 15,150 households with children (weighted data)
- Expenditures updated each year with Consumer Price Index
Expenditure Data

- Child-specific—clothing, child care, and education

- Household level—housing, food,* transportation, health care,* and miscellaneous goods

*Other studies show family member shares.
To Determine Family Member Food and Health Care Shares

- 2008 USDA Food Plans
- 2005 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey
To Determine Housing Expenditures

- Allocated to a child based on housing expenses associated with an additional bedroom in a home
- Includes additional costs due to utilities and furniture
To Determine Transportation and Miscellaneous Expenditures

- Only examine family-related transportation, which accounts for 59% of total transportation (2001 National Household Travel Survey)

- Per Capita Method
# 2009 Annual Expenditures on a Child, by Income Level

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2009 Expenditures on a Child, by Age (Middle-income Families)
2009 Expenditures on a Child up to Age 18, by Budgetary Component

- Housing: 31%
- Food: 16%
- Transportation: 13%
- Clothing: 6%
- Health care: 8%
- Child care & education (Those with expense): 17%
- Miscellaneous: 9%
2009 Expenditures on a Child, by Region

$$$$$ Urban Northeast
$$$$ Urban West
$$$ Urban Midwest
$$ Urban South/Rural Areas
Concerns

- Annualizing quarterly data versus linking data
- Food and health care expenditures lower than similar expenditures in other data sets
- Adequacy of state-level data
Recommendations

- Maintain child-specific expenditure data (clothing, child care, and education)
- Add more child-specific expenditure data (health care, miscellaneous items)
- Examine expenditures on children made by non-household members
- Ask parents percent of housing expenditures going to children