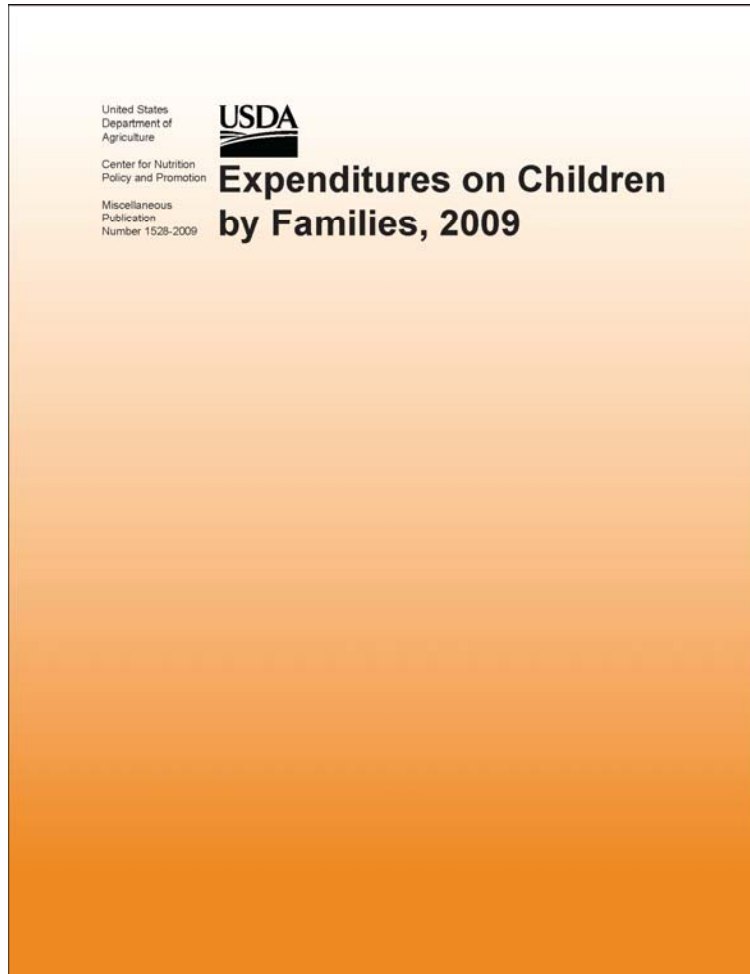


# Expenditures on Children By Families

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*Published  
annually  
since 1960*

# Uses of Report

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- Educational
- Child support guidelines
- Foster care payments
- Other

Age of child	Total	Housing	Food	Transportation	Clothing	Health care	Child care & education	Miscellaneous
<b>Income: Less than \$56,670 (Average = \$36,250)</b>								
0 - 2								
3 - 5								
6 - 8								
9 - 11								
12 - 14								
15 - 17								
<b>Total</b>								
<b>Income: \$56,670 to \$98,120 (Average = \$76,250)</b>								
<b>Income: More than \$98,120 (Average = \$171,710)</b>								

# Consumer Expenditure Survey

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

# Expenditure Data

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- **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

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□ 2008 USDA Food Plans

□ 2005 Medical Expenditure  
Panel Survey

# To Determine Housing Expenditures

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- ❑ 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

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- ❑ 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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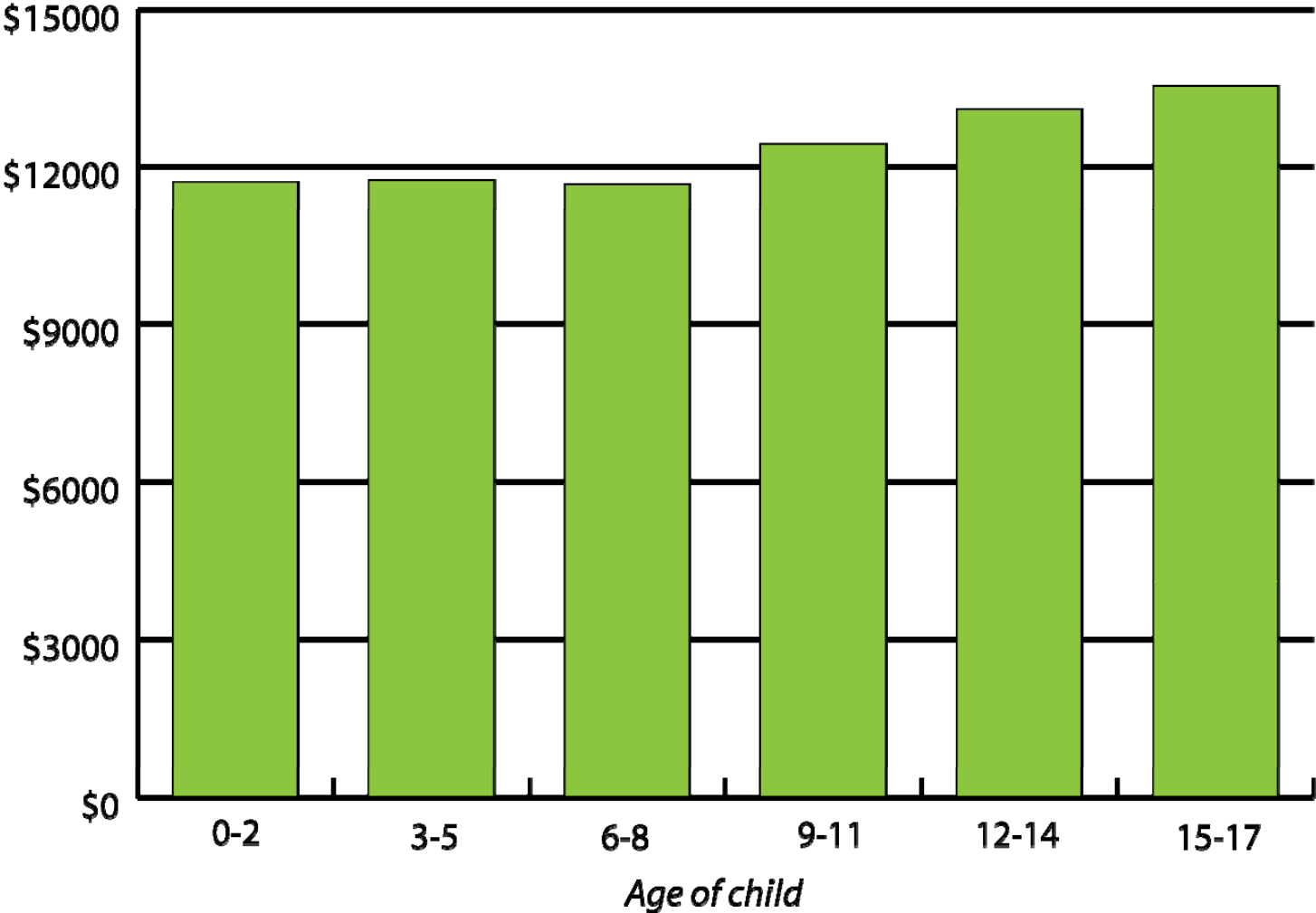
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Lower group ( $<$ \$56,670)	\$8,330 - \$9,450
Middle group (\$56,670-\$98,120)	\$11,650 - \$13,530
Higher group ( $>$ \$98,120)	\$19,380 - \$23,180

# 2009 Expenditures on a Child, by Age (Middle-income Families)

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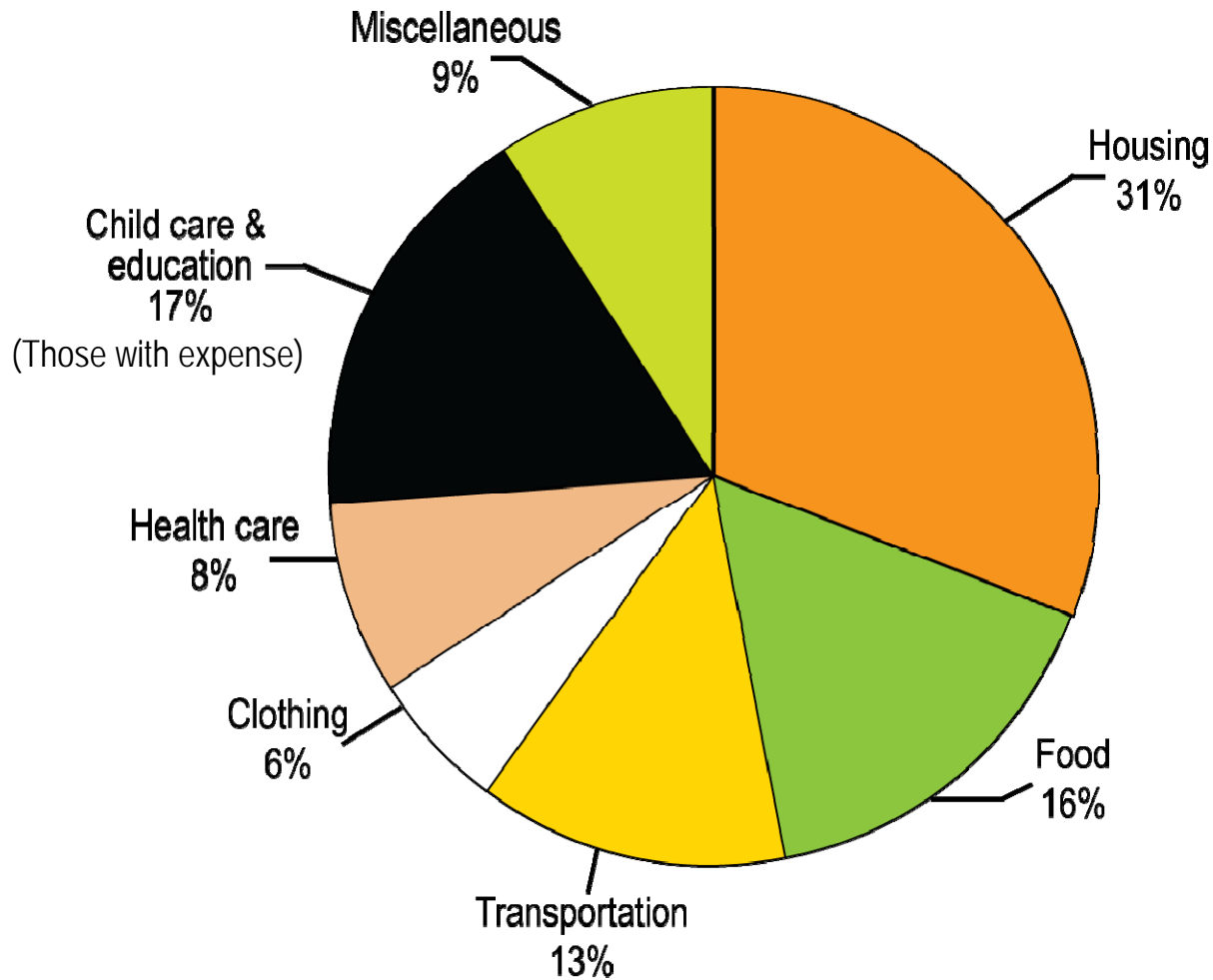
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# 2009 Expenditures on a Child up to Age 18, by Budgetary Component

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# 2009 Expenditures on a Child, by Region

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\$\$\$\$	<b>Urban Northeast</b>
\$\$\$	<b>Urban West</b>
\$\$	<b>Urban Midwest</b>
\$	<b>Urban South/Rural Areas</b>

# Concerns

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- ❑ 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

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- ❑ 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