

Table 22. Selected midwestern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2007-2008

Item	All consumer units in the Midwest	Chicago	Detroit	Minneapolis-St. Paul	Cleveland
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	27,624	3,384	2,244	1,458	1,106
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes	\$60,231	\$77,337	\$59,684	\$71,396	\$62,886
Age of reference person	48.5	50.0	50.0	48.0	53.4
Average number in consumer unit:					
Persons	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.4
Children under 186	.7	.6	.6	.5
Persons 65 and older3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Earners	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4
Vehicles	2.1	1.8	2.0	2.2	1.9
Percent homeowner	68	72	72	72	71
Average annual expenditures	\$47,929	\$57,930	\$48,149	\$58,246	\$48,571
Food	5,878	7,155	6,899	7,121	5,659
Food at home	3,389	4,099	4,119	4,144	3,607
Cereals and bakery products	463	561	628	536	479
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	720	919	868	856	895
Dairy products	398	419	456	515	386
Fruits and vegetables	568	724	677	739	596
Other food at home	1,240	1,476	1,490	1,498	1,251
Food away from home	2,489	3,056	2,780	2,977	2,053
Alcoholic beverages	476	575	422	867	383
Housing	15,466	20,830	15,866	19,842	16,933
Shelter	8,881	13,034	9,472	11,718	9,761
Owned dwellings	6,260	9,377	6,591	8,574	6,433
Rented dwellings	1,942	2,639	2,155	2,455	2,337
Other lodging	679	1,019	726	689	991
Utilities, fuels, and public services	3,426	4,062	3,654	3,482	3,839
Household operations	859	1,100	665	1,553	881
Housekeeping supplies	649	621	632	670	651
Household furnishings and equipment	1,651	2,013	1,444	2,420	1,801
Apparel and services	1,743	2,757	1,758	2,251	2,191
Transportation	8,550	8,947	9,200	9,678	8,365
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,138	3,075	2,242	3,950	2,995
Gasoline and motor oil	2,537	2,547	2,946	2,432	2,384
Other vehicle expenses	2,445	2,559	3,606	2,702	2,622
Public transportation	430	767	406	594	365
Healthcare	3,073	3,324	2,432	3,365	3,651
Entertainment	2,672	2,885	2,268	3,672	2,417
Personal care products and services	547	726	515	727	529
Reading	122	123	106	132	142
Education	1,107	1,595	1,088	823	751
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	361	323	421	290	352
Miscellaneous	751	882	983	804	647
Cash contributions	1,748	1,505	1,278	2,172	1,514
Personal insurance and pensions	5,434	6,303	4,913	6,503	5,035
Life and other personal insurance	326	348	250	308	380
Pensions and Social Security	5,108	5,955	4,663	6,195	4,655