

Table 22. Selected midwestern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2008-2009

Item	All consumer units in the Midwest	Chicago	Detroit	Minneapolis-St. Paul	Cleveland
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	27,661	3,498	2,211	1,508	1,072
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes	\$60,488	\$74,887	\$62,489	\$73,696	\$61,611
Age of reference person	48.8	49.8	50.4	46.7	53.7
Average number in consumer unit:					
Persons	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.4
Children under 186	.6	.6	.5	.5
Persons 65 and older3	.3	.3	.2	.3
Earners	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.4
Vehicles	2.1	1.8	2.0	2.3	1.9
Percent homeowner	68	71	72	71	71
Average annual expenditures	\$47,201	\$56,947	\$49,397	\$56,340	\$45,844
Food	5,998	7,037	6,412	6,887	5,737
Food at home	3,605	4,250	3,944	3,942	3,642
Cereals and bakery products	496	584	540	518	492
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	756	960	849	809	861
Dairy products	420	434	435	489	420
Fruits and vegetables	604	766	670	666	596
Other food at home	1,329	1,506	1,450	1,461	1,274
Food away from home	2,393	2,787	2,467	2,945	2,094
Alcoholic beverages	434	510	367	683	424
Housing	15,331	20,620	16,344	19,164	15,483
Shelter	8,840	13,116	9,635	11,852	8,820
Owned dwellings	6,205	9,379	6,658	8,555	5,716
Rented dwellings	1,993	2,771	2,200	2,557	2,286
Other lodging	642	966	777	740	818
Utilities, fuels, and public services	3,474	4,052	3,791	3,513	3,837
Household operations	822	1,133	933	965	796
Housekeeping supplies	680	624	597	730	658
Household furnishings and equipment	1,515	1,695	1,388	2,104	1,372
Apparel and services	1,540	2,206	1,678	1,864	1,550
Transportation	8,035	8,840	9,463	8,833	7,010
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	2,897	3,101	2,793	2,911	2,098
Gasoline and motor oil	2,300	2,364	2,624	2,350	2,049
Other vehicle expenses	2,423	2,636	3,674	2,973	2,409
Public transportation	415	739	373	598	454
Healthcare	3,160	3,485	2,672	3,314	3,315
Entertainment	2,693	2,861	2,742	3,217	2,423
Personal care products and services	544	711	614	733	460
Reading	115	114	110	128	113
Education	1,066	1,486	1,270	871	1,152
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	382	362	504	328	397
Miscellaneous	761	863	943	832	796
Cash contributions	1,694	1,897	1,327	2,518	1,389
Personal insurance and pensions	5,446	5,953	4,952	6,969	5,593
Life and other personal insurance	323	313	270	333	311
Pensions and Social Security	5,124	5,640	4,682	6,636	5,282

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, October, 2010