

Table 22. Selected midwestern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2009-2010

Item	All consumer units in the Midwest	Chicago	Detroit	Minneapolis-St. Paul	Cleveland
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	27,267	3,523	2,187	1,520	1,115
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes	\$59,170	\$75,163	\$64,062	\$73,575	\$59,142
Age of reference person	49.0	49.6	50.3	45.7	53.2
Average number in consumer unit:					
Persons	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.5
Children under 186	.7	.6	.6	.6
Persons 65 and older3	.3	.3	.2	.3
Earners	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.3
Vehicles	2.1	1.8	2.0	2.4	2.0
Percent homeowner	69	70	70	71	68
Average annual expenditures	\$45,918	\$57,022	\$50,608	\$54,420	\$44,561
Food	5,884	7,200	6,058	6,927	5,534
Food at home	3,629	4,433	3,947	4,183	3,264
Cereals and bakery products	505	615	546	582	474
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	740	956	857	802	657
Dairy products	403	433	405	517	371
Fruits and vegetables	643	875	709	775	560
Other food at home	1,339	1,555	1,429	1,508	1,201
Food away from home	2,255	2,767	2,111	2,744	2,270
Alcoholic beverages	399	411	360	776	398
Housing	14,936	20,537	16,489	18,291	14,720
Shelter	8,636	13,218	9,665	11,045	8,337
Owned dwellings	6,016	9,404	6,664	7,846	5,323
Rented dwellings	1,967	2,760	2,230	2,343	2,482
Other lodging	653	1,054	771	856	532
Utilities, fuels, and public services	3,418	3,969	3,911	3,336	3,680
Household operations	819	1,075	958	1,187	647
Housekeeping supplies	658	676	618	754	626
Household furnishings and equipment	1,405	1,598	1,336	1,968	1,430
Apparel and services	1,468	1,985	1,645	1,617	1,349
Transportation	7,437	8,662	9,460	7,482	6,931
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	2,665	3,025	3,414	2,173	2,032
Gasoline and motor oil	2,019	2,157	2,212	2,134	1,706
Other vehicle expenses	2,330	2,637	3,440	2,522	2,774
Public transportation	423	843	394	652	418
Healthcare	3,268	3,500	2,871	3,668	2,824
Entertainment	2,588	3,095	2,810	2,922	2,598
Personal care products and services	528	703	601	675	533
Reading	106	111	108	125	92
Education	1,128	1,587	1,550	1,596	1,198
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	395	332	495	342	467
Miscellaneous	786	768	1,320	827	769
Cash contributions	1,637	1,815	1,536	2,098	1,470
Personal insurance and pensions	5,355	6,315	5,305	7,073	5,680
Life and other personal insurance	362	403	322	365	277
Pensions and Social Security	4,994	5,912	4,983	6,708	5,403

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September, 2011