

Table 3015. Selected midwestern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2016-2017

Item	All consumer units in the Midwest	Chicago	Detroit	Minneapolis-St. Paul	St. Louis
Number of consumer units (in thousands).....	27,896	3,749	1,957	1,633	1,161
Consumer unit characteristics:					
Income before taxes	\$69,473	\$76,639	\$80,928	\$91,298	\$76,108
Age of reference person	51.2	49.9	52.9	48.9	50.4
Average number in consumer unit:					
People.....	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3
Children under 186	.6	.5	.5	.5
Adults 65 and older.....	.4	.4	.4	.3	.4
Earners	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.3
Vehicles	2.1	1.6	1.9	2.4	2.1
Percent homeowner.....	67	63	66	64	75
Average annual expenditures	\$56,114	\$60,582	\$60,183	\$70,487	\$62,394
Food					
Food at home.....	4,028	4,518	4,113	4,712	4,034
Cereals and bakery products	528	539	563	596	505
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	829	977	887	915	823
Dairy products	435	453	392	485	373
Fruits and vegetables	740	954	809	973	728
Other food at home	1,497	1,595	1,463	1,743	1,605
Food away from home.....	3,130	3,652	3,284	3,859	3,266
Alcoholic beverages.....	518	509	658	754	684
Housing.....					
Shelter.....	9,716	13,546	10,429	13,901	10,350
Owned dwellings	6,165	8,455	6,223	8,591	7,172
Rented dwellings	2,847	4,209	3,361	4,187	2,469
Other lodging	704	882	846	1,123	709
Utilities, fuels, and public services.....	3,748	3,755	4,131	3,554	4,222
Household operations.....	1,241	1,417	1,515	1,696	1,439
Housekeeping supplies	705	692	713	786	679
Household furnishings and equipment.....	1,999	1,844	2,006	2,845	3,465
Apparel and services	1,680	1,987	2,102	1,967	1,567
Transportation.....					
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,617	2,850	3,409	3,769	4,408
Gasoline, other fuels, and motor oil.....	1,902	1,770	1,943	1,976	1,981
Other vehicle expenses	2,987	2,323	4,307	2,885	2,948
Public and other transportation	551	774	768	778	621
Healthcare.....	5,111	5,154	5,079	6,242	4,828
Entertainment.....	3,182	3,328	3,002	4,263	3,061
Personal care products and services	739	958	848	938	794
Reading.....	114	129	94	145	227
Education	1,256	1,673	1,531	1,526	927
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	397	216	551	367	363
Miscellaneous	969	1,034	977	1,155	1,577
Cash contributions	1,865	1,685	1,526	4,269	4,201
Personal insurance and pensions					
Life and other personal insurance	404	303	546	461	393
Pensions and Social Security	6,255	6,465	6,653	7,638	6,361

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September, 2018