

Table 3002. Selected northeastern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2012-2013

Item	All consumer units in the Northeast	New York	Philadelphia	Boston
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	22,614	8,778	2,898	2,825
Consumer unit characteristics:				
Income before taxes	\$71,819	\$80,862	\$69,975	\$83,233
Age of reference person	51.4	51.1	51.6	51.8
Average number in consumer unit:				
People	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.4
Children under 186	.6	.6	.5
Adults 65 and older4	.4	.3	.4
Earners	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.4
Vehicles	1.6	1.3	1.5	1.7
Percent homeowner	63	55	66	63
Average annual expenditures	\$56,484	\$60,791	\$55,766	\$65,650
Food	6,998	7,225	7,662	8,705
Food at home	4,139	4,111	4,467	5,575
Cereals and bakery products	595	590	656	824
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	921	988	1,045	1,122
Dairy products	455	442	489	572
Fruits and vegetables	809	855	844	1,143
Other food at home	1,360	1,236	1,433	1,913
Food away from home	2,858	3,114	3,195	3,131
Alcoholic beverages	531	498	644	764
Housing	20,054	24,187	19,740	21,384
Shelter	12,396	16,257	11,468	12,894
Owned dwellings	7,612	9,448	7,414	7,846
Rented dwellings	3,975	5,948	3,302	3,777
Other lodging	809	860	751	1,271
Utilities, fuels, and public services	4,053	4,200	4,388	4,143
Household operations	1,411	1,652	1,227	1,963
Housekeeping supplies	622	604	840	601
Household furnishings and equipment	1,572	1,475	1,819	1,783
Apparel and services	1,832	2,254	2,207	1,904
Transportation	9,107	8,235	8,595	10,219
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,094	2,067	2,914	3,488
Gasoline and motor oil	2,446	2,180	2,282	2,775
Other vehicle expenses	2,751	2,811	2,766	3,027
Public and other transportation	816	1,177	633	929
Healthcare	3,679	3,585	3,597	4,518
Entertainment	2,675	2,529	2,874	3,438
Personal care products and services	630	704	699	729
Reading	126	102	123	162
Education	1,830	2,280	1,357	1,921
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	348	248	329	426
Miscellaneous	795	710	624	1,137
Cash contributions	1,662	1,543	1,654	2,417
Personal insurance and pensions	6,217	6,690	5,659	7,925
Life and other personal insurance	354	409	247	448
Pensions and Social Security	5,862	6,280	5,412	7,477

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September, 2014