

Table 3003. Selected northeastern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2014-2015

Item	All consumer units in the Northeast	New York	Philadelphia
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	23,232	8,418	2,894
Consumer unit characteristics:			
Income before taxes	\$77,771	\$87,198	\$78,350
Age of reference person	52.1	51.7	52.2
Average number in consumer unit:			
People	2.4	2.5	2.3
Children under 185	.6	.5
Adults 65 and older4	.4	.4
Earners	1.3	1.3	1.3
Vehicles	1.6	1.3	1.6
Percent homeowner	61	53	65
Average annual expenditures	\$59,115	\$62,872	\$60,480
Food	6,867	6,943	6,788
Food at home	4,014	4,055	4,065
Cereals and bakery products	554	564	545
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	899	946	959
Dairy products	444	439	419
Fruits and vegetables	812	879	838
Other food at home	1,304	1,228	1,305
Food away from home	2,853	2,888	2,722
Alcoholic beverages	543	488	654
Housing	20,915	24,879	21,195
Shelter	13,008	16,835	12,805
Owned dwellings	7,759	9,478	7,924
Rented dwellings	4,327	6,481	3,736
Other lodging	922	876	1,145
Utilities, fuels, and public services	4,266	4,318	4,673
Household operations	1,465	1,823	1,238
Housekeeping supplies	594	564	759
Household furnishings and equipment	1,582	1,339	1,720
Apparel and services	1,859	2,089	2,293
Transportation	9,177	8,002	9,588
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,318	1,903	3,236
Gasoline and motor oil	2,037	1,796	2,070
Other vehicle expenses	2,872	2,909	3,408
Public and other transportation	950	1,394	875
Healthcare	4,453	4,146	4,901
Entertainment	2,748	2,576	2,814
Personal care products and services	701	766	676
Reading	132	99	124
Education	2,082	2,483	2,387
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	316	222	399
Miscellaneous	868	869	712
Cash contributions	1,705	1,768	1,575
Personal insurance and pensions	6,748	7,543	6,373
Life and other personal insurance	413	411	305
Pensions and Social Security	6,334	7,132	6,069

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, August, 2016