

Table 3004. Selected northeastern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2015-2016

Item	All consumer units in the Northeast	New York	Philadelphia	Boston
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	23,485	7,281	2,461	1,755
Consumer unit characteristics:				
Income before taxes	\$79,153	\$87,333	\$86,067	\$91,916
Age of reference person	52.1	52.2	52.3	49.4
Average number in consumer unit:				
People	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.2
Children under 185	.6	.5	.5
Adults 65 and older4	.4	.3	.4
Earners	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Vehicles	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.4
Percent homeowner	60	51	67	54
Average annual expenditures	\$59,851	\$63,864	\$62,555	\$68,057
Food	7,017	6,804	7,343	7,608
Food at home	4,032	3,842	4,388	4,703
Cereals and bakery products	550	528	590	683
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	902	881	959	950
Dairy products	433	413	445	490
Fruits and vegetables	826	829	950	1,053
Other food at home	1,321	1,191	1,444	1,527
Food away from home	2,984	2,962	2,955	2,906
Alcoholic beverages	564	460	545	704
Housing	21,116	24,795	21,055	26,738
Shelter	13,155	16,938	12,321	17,291
Owned dwellings	7,710	8,943	8,039	10,225
Rented dwellings	4,501	7,059	3,310	5,320
Other lodging	944	937	972	1,747
Utilities, fuels, and public services	4,097	4,032	4,486	4,171
Household operations	1,568	1,775	1,520	2,328
Housekeeping supplies	612	591	769	500
Household furnishings and equipment	1,684	1,459	1,960	2,447
Apparel and services	1,870	2,053	2,342	1,800
Transportation	8,579	7,267	9,049	8,575
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,139	1,491	3,443	3,263
Gasoline and motor oil	1,705	1,423	1,760	1,705
Other vehicle expenses	2,806	2,951	3,001	2,572
Public and other transportation	928	1,403	846	1,035
Healthcare	4,500	4,226	4,874	4,301
Entertainment	2,767	2,468	2,715	3,415
Personal care products and services	707	746	752	740
Reading	112	107	111	137
Education	1,992	2,252	2,196	1,788
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	343	224	401	292
Miscellaneous	939	1,032	994	1,141
Cash contributions	2,242	3,517	1,859	2,540
Personal insurance and pensions	7,104	7,912	8,318	8,279
Life and other personal insurance	389	397	332	753
Pensions and Social Security	6,715	7,515	7,987	7,526

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, August, 2017