

Table 3004. Selected northeastern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2018-2019

Item	All consumer units in the Northeast	New York	Philadelphia	Boston
Number of consumer units (in thousands).....	23,300	7,308	1,895	1,918
Consumer unit characteristics:				
Income before taxes	\$90,625	\$103,011	\$98,206	\$104,623
Age of reference person	52.8	52.1	53.3	52.3
Average number in consumer unit:				
People.....	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.3
Children under 18.....	.5	.5	.6	.4
Adults 65 and older.....	.4	.4	.4	.4
Earners	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4
Vehicles	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.6
Percent homeowner.....	61	49	65	56
Average annual expenditures	\$67,668	\$73,806	\$72,460	\$83,297
Food.....	8,683	9,843	8,813	9,979
Food at home	5,018	5,352	4,786	5,858
Cereals and bakery products	681	710	679	841
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1,108	1,323	996	1,086
Dairy products	515	539	483	552
Fruits and vegetables.....	997	1,145	928	1,231
Other food at home	1,716	1,635	1,701	2,148
Food away from home.....	3,665	4,491	4,026	4,121
Alcoholic beverages.....	653	670	756	925
Housing	23,586	28,040	25,569	30,043
Shelter	14,587	19,344	15,015	19,188
Owned dwellings	8,302	9,868	8,482	10,081
Rented dwellings	5,243	8,443	4,925	7,967
Other lodging.....	1,042	1,033	1,608	1,140
Utilities, fuels, and public services	4,249	4,110	4,392	4,480
Household operations	1,672	1,771	2,324	2,399
Housekeeping supplies	771	776	1,010	905
Household furnishings and equipment.....	2,307	2,039	2,829	3,070
Apparel and services	2,211	2,801	2,908	2,128
Transportation.....	10,141	9,255	11,136	11,779
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,638	2,219	4,037	4,941
Gasoline, other fuels, and motor oil	1,817	1,521	1,908	1,857
Other vehicle expenses.....	3,608	3,641	3,911	3,584
Public and other transportation	1,077	1,874	1,280	1,398
Healthcare.....	5,100	4,728	5,609	6,470
Entertainment	3,146	3,005	3,403	3,768
Personal care products and services	823	913	1,014	911
Reading.....	114	86	97	227
Education	2,370	2,711	1,618	4,681
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	327	213	248	218
Miscellaneous	1,107	1,200	1,098	1,404
Cash contributions	1,613	1,685	2,025	2,057
Personal insurance and pensions	7,792	8,658	8,168	8,707
Life and other personal insurance.....	570	635	610	487
Pensions and Social Security.....	7,222	8,023	7,558	8,220

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September, 2020