

Table 3004. Selected northeastern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Surveys, 2020-2021

Item	All consumer units in the Northeast	New York	Philadelphia	Boston
Number of consumer units (in thousands) ¹	23,059	7,710	2,103	1,761
Consumer unit characteristics:				
Income before taxes	\$97,726	\$107,878	\$111,479	\$120,333
Age of reference person	53.3	51.5	53.6	52.5
Average number in consumer unit:				
People	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.3
Children under 185	.6	.5	.5
Adults 65 and older4	.4	.5	.4
Earners	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.2
Vehicles	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.6
Percent homeowner	62	49	73	62
Average annual expenditures	\$70,681	\$77,204	\$81,188	\$90,723
Food	8,814	9,393	9,415	11,156
Food at home	5,966	6,334	5,800	7,416
Cereals and bakery products	818	798	754	1,077
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1,285	1,475	1,137	1,509
Dairy products	585	635	568	655
Fruits and vegetables	1,245	1,433	1,111	1,602
Other food at home	2,032	1,994	2,230	2,573
Food away from home	2,848	3,060	3,615	3,740
Alcoholic beverages	624	626	692	874
Housing	25,402	30,560	27,813	30,999
Shelter	15,534	19,990	16,449	20,190
Owned dwellings	8,911	9,879	10,863	11,300
Rented dwellings	5,468	8,928	3,851	6,852
Other lodging	1,155	1,182	1,736	2,038
Utilities, fuels, and public services	4,470	4,340	4,971	4,762
Household operations	1,698	1,764	2,120	2,241
Housekeeping supplies	883	937	1,000	976
Household furnishings and equipment	2,816	3,530	3,274	2,830
Apparel and services	1,943	2,403	3,051	1,985
Transportation	9,478	9,014	9,405	9,611
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,667	3,029	3,332	3,828
Gasoline, other fuels, and motor oil	1,595	1,294	1,776	1,500
Other vehicle expenses	3,697	3,738	3,830	3,695
Public and other transportation	519	953	467	587
Healthcare	5,385	4,834	6,454	6,922
Entertainment	3,303	3,346	4,160	4,148
Personal care products and services	740	803	881	936
Reading	129	123	243	186
Education	2,103	2,748	3,340	2,975
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	318	166	349	206
Miscellaneous	1,110	966	1,474	1,275
Cash contributions	2,545	2,687	3,212	7,696
Personal insurance and pensions	8,790	9,536	10,699	11,752
Life and other personal insurance	583	645	846	659
Pensions and Social Security	8,206	8,891	9,852	11,093

¹ Data are rounded to the nearest thousands.