

Table 3024. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Surveys, 2020-2021

Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston	Tampa
Number of consumer units (in thousands) ¹	51,191	2,705	873	2,072	2,477	2,883	2,103	954
Consumer unit characteristics:								
Income before taxes.....	\$78,620	\$128,621	\$115,638	\$91,387	\$68,514	\$91,585	\$86,831	\$82,698
Age of reference person.....	51.7	49.2	51.8	50.5	52.8	49.3	48.4	52.9
Average number in consumer unit:								
People.....	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.2	2.7	2.7	2.4
Children under 18.....	.6	.6	.6	.8	.4	.6	.8	.5
Adults 65 and older.....	.4	.3	.3	.4	.4	.4	.3	.4
Earners.....	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.3
Vehicles.....	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.8	1.6	1.8
Percent homeowner.....	67	64	70	67	56	60	63	66
Average annual expenditures.....	\$58,682	\$88,767	\$76,216	\$66,620	\$51,704	\$62,672	\$62,183	\$60,875
Food.....	7,053	10,609	8,606	9,238	6,241	6,027	5,811	7,037
Food at home.....	4,549	6,584	5,447	5,713	4,713	3,506	3,142	4,473
Cereals and bakery products.....	579	873	731	690	587	400	379	603
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	1,012	1,436	1,194	1,192	1,246	857	740	970
Dairy products.....	415	626	498	475	435	301	254	474
Fruits and vegetables.....	867	1,314	1,167	1,201	1,054	617	665	843
Other food at home.....	1,676	2,335	1,857	2,156	1,391	1,331	1,103	1,583
Food away from home.....	2,504	4,025	3,160	3,524	1,528	2,521	2,668	2,564
Alcoholic beverages.....	419	639	540	725	407	450	422	507
Housing.....	19,682	33,242	25,274	23,885	20,630	22,896	23,148	22,070
Shelter.....	11,097	21,705	15,663	13,734	14,171	14,321	13,337	12,778
Owned dwellings.....	6,648	13,376	10,238	8,605	6,111	7,597	7,736	7,202
Rented dwellings.....	3,751	6,141	4,538	4,262	7,464	6,022	5,002	5,131
Other lodging.....	697	2,188	887	867	596	702	599	446
Utilities, fuels, and public services.....	4,160	4,458	4,376	4,517	3,370	4,543	4,424	4,190
Household operations.....	1,477	2,262	1,687	1,912	1,134	1,249	1,873	1,623
Housekeeping supplies.....	750	1,019	924	825	502	614	640	668
Household furnishings and equipment.....	2,198	3,799	2,623	2,896	1,452	2,169	2,873	2,812
Apparel and services.....	1,326	2,111	1,703	1,825	1,480	1,449	1,001	1,567
Transportation.....	10,483	9,295	13,637	10,258	8,664	10,943	10,984	11,077
Vehicle purchases (net outlay).....	5,087	2,968	7,820	3,994	3,104	5,209	5,049	4,759
Gasoline, other fuels, and motor oil.....	1,869	1,628	1,831	2,144	1,756	1,933	1,929	1,848
Other vehicle expenses.....	3,280	3,968	3,704	3,797	3,502	3,490	3,616	4,028
Public and other transportation.....	247	731	282	322	302	311	389	442
Healthcare.....	5,103	6,482	5,602	5,356	3,597	5,087	5,198	5,985
Entertainment.....	2,763	3,862	3,022	2,737	1,610	3,003	2,749	2,031
Personal care products and services.....	623	1,011	657	718	590	679	680	537
Reading.....	97	313	137	39	52	68	86	249
Education.....	1,051	2,508	1,450	1,214	801	1,660	1,303	739
Tobacco products and smoking supplies.....	341	178	269	163	139	197	371	312
Miscellaneous.....	833	1,277	1,005	744	525	612	987	800
Cash contributions.....	2,174	4,558	3,714	1,597	882	1,583	2,042	1,267
Personal insurance and pensions.....	6,735	12,683	10,600	8,122	6,087	8,018	7,400	6,897
Life and other personal insurance.....	463	577	598	467	372	322	518	386
Pensions and Social Security.....	6,272	12,106	10,002	7,655	5,715	7,695	6,882	6,510

¹ Data are rounded to the nearest thousands.
² Data are likely to have large sampling errors.