

Table 3024. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Surveys, 2022-2023

Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston	Tampa
Number of consumer units (in thousands) a/	52,539	2,669	905	2,635	2,447	2,880	2,913	1,221
<b>Consumer unit characteristics:</b>								
Income before taxes	\$86,615	\$142,847	\$114,492	\$112,352	\$92,337	\$112,497	\$88,749	\$93,716
Age of reference person	51.9	51.7	52.7	49.3	50.7	48.8	48.6	53.9
Average number in consumer unit:								
People	2.4	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.2
Children under 18	.5	.7	.6	.7	.5	.7	.8	.4
Adults 65 and older	.4	.5	.5	.3	.4	.3	.3	.5
Earners	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.2
Vehicles	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.7
Percent homeowner	67	67	61	67	49	56	64	68
<b>Average annual expenditures</b>	<b>\$67,020</b>	<b>\$102,604</b>	<b>\$87,163</b>	<b>\$81,563</b>	<b>\$71,378</b>	<b>\$76,888</b>	<b>\$80,170</b>	<b>\$72,956</b>
Food	8,649	12,157	11,282	10,388	8,183	9,549	8,267	8,293
Food at home	5,262	6,483	6,612	6,497	5,839	5,291	4,400	4,932
Cereals and bakery products	681	805	903	818	758	631	544	689
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	1,109	1,248	1,374	1,614	1,317	1,253	992	947
Dairy products	495	663	573	588	573	485	390	509
Fruits and vegetables	885	1,249	1,195	1,207	1,095	875	797	810
Other food at home	2,091	2,518	2,568	2,271	2,096	2,047	1,677	1,977
Food away from home	3,388	5,675	4,671	3,891	2,344	4,258	3,867	3,361
Alcoholic beverages	522	1,016	847	632	715	718	626	516
Housing	21,912	34,498	28,273	27,298	26,661	27,214	26,352	25,308
Shelter	12,712	22,391	17,348	16,603	18,284	17,113	16,242	15,955
Owned dwellings	7,154	12,981	9,015	9,388	6,942	9,016	9,090	8,998
Rented dwellings	4,521	7,164	6,703	5,446	10,538	7,257	5,688	5,662
Other lodging	1,037	2,245	1,630	1,769	804	840	1,464	1,294
Utilities, fuels, and public services	4,465	5,137	4,491	4,757	3,880	5,093	4,855	4,239
Household operations	1,726	3,132	2,107	2,440	1,539	1,827	2,063	1,687
Housekeeping supplies	752	952	910	1,129	723	797	786	620
Household furnishings and equipment	2,257	2,886	3,417	2,368	2,234	2,383	2,406	2,807
Apparel and services	1,795	3,325	2,345	3,362	1,826	2,029	1,641	972
Transportation	12,093	14,771	14,364	13,466	14,424	12,294	16,159	13,314
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	4,901	5,993	5,951	5,089	6,236	4,532	7,421	5,044
Gasoline and other fuels	2,912	2,652	2,930	2,998	2,779	2,919	3,372	2,479
Other vehicle expenses	3,585	4,124	4,104	4,515	4,307	4,126	4,419	4,577
Public and other transportation	687	1,991	1,371	861	1,099	708	938	1,207
Healthcare	5,536	7,917	6,275	5,913	4,246	6,024	5,076	6,112
Entertainment	2,939	4,546	4,107	3,030	3,353	3,331	3,580	4,449
Personal care products and services	830	1,666	1,282	1,321	798	1,191	928	764
Reading	78	253	142	96	73	113	82	59
Education	1,159	3,110	1,943	1,994	692	758	977	1,372
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	384	242	263	215	55 b/	205	381	317
Miscellaneous	908	2,099	956	952	682	834	1,104	944
Cash contributions	2,381	4,324	3,762	2,249	1,312	2,301	7,135	1,429
Personal insurance and pensions	7,833	12,679	11,322	10,646	8,357	10,328	7,862	9,107
Life and other personal insurance	475	771	616	566	408	488	277	489
Pensions and Social Security	7,359	11,909	10,706	10,081	7,949	9,841	7,585	8,618

a Data are rounded to the nearest thousands.

b Data are likely to have large sampling errors.

Source: Consumer Expenditure Surveys, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September, 2024