

**Table 21. Selected Northeastern Metropolitan Statistical Areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1990-91**

Item	All consumer units in the Northeast	New York	Philadelphia	Boston	Pittsburgh	Buffalo
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	20,330	6,552	2,028	1,781	969	553
<b>Consumer unit characteristics:</b>						
<b>Income before taxes <sup>1</sup></b>	\$36,243	\$41,448	\$41,450	\$42,042	\$36,499	\$30,022
<b>Income after taxes <sup>1</sup></b>	32,809	37,858	36,592	39,053	29,744	29,671
<b>Age of reference person</b>	48.3	49	48.5	45.7	49.5	48.5
<b>Average number in consumer unit:</b>						
Persons	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.5
Children under 18	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7
Persons 65 and over	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Earners	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.3
Vehicles	1.6	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5
<b>Percent Distribution:</b>						
<b>Sex of reference person:</b>						
Male	63	57	63	63	64	66
Female	37	43	37	37	36	34
<b>Housing tenure:</b>						
Homeowner	60	53	67	58	70	61
With mortgage	35	33	36	41	33	35
Without mortgage	25	20	30	16	37	26
Renter	40	47	33	42	30	39
<b>Race of reference person:</b>						
Black	10	16	20	5	7	10
White and other	90	84	80	95	93	90
<b>Education of reference person:</b>						
Elementary (1-8)	9	11	6	4	11	10
High school (9-12)	47	45	49	42	50	43
College	44	44	45	53	40	47
Never attended and other	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>At least one vehicle owned</b>	78	69	79	81	77	80
<b>Average annual expenditures:</b>						
<b>Food</b>	4,564	5,131	4,526	4,183	4,458	4,556
Food at home	2,636	2,725	2,586	2,169	2,783	3,012
Cereals and bakery products	421	438	416	377	422	454
Cereals and cereal products	136	141	140	107	139	148
Bakery products	285	297	276	270	283	307

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Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	757	850	759	590	740	899
Beef	230	243	232	204	214	274
Pork	131	131	131	71	166	202
Other meats	114	119	120	81	106	141
Poultry	146	179	144	132	139	142
Fish and seafood	105	143	93	77	87	107
Eggs	32	34	38	25	29	32
Dairy products	307	308	313	257	322	299
Fresh milk and cream	141	145	138	136	143	123
Other dairy products	166	163	176	122	179	176
Fruits and vegetables	445	490	430	394	432	478
Fresh fruits	137	157	121	123	135	143
Fresh vegetables	132	145	127	125	126	133
Processed fruits	107	117	111	102	97	113
Processed vegetables	69	71	69	45	74	88
Other food at home	705	639	668	551	867	881
Sugar and other sweets	90	80	93	68	108	122
Fats and oils	64	56	59	50	86	91
Miscellaneous foods	303	262	283	223	391	426
Nonalcoholic beverages	211	208	194	168	236	231
Food prep by cu, out-of-town trips	37	33	38	43	46	10
Food away from home	1,928	2,406	1,941	2,014	1,674	1,544
<b>Alcoholic beverages</b>	343	412	338	429	220	369
<b>Housing</b>	9,973	12,121	10,350	11,341	9,104	8,006
Shelter	5,962	7,770	5,710	7,582	4,254	4,569
Owned dwellings	3,613	4,522	3,697	4,531	2,775	2,745
Mortgage interest and charges	1,986	2,573	1,855	2,837	1,267	1,347
Property taxes	1,042	1,243	1,135	1,154	860	960
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	584	706	707	540	648	438
Rented dwellings	1,842	2,613	1,705	2,264	1,032	1,442
Other lodging	507	635	308	787	447	382
Utilities, fuels, and public services	2,043	2,240	2,224	1,952	2,130	1,931
Natural gas	288	368	340	293	599	678
Electricity	715	720	850	644	727	572
Fuel oil and other fuels	262	242	170	281	39	28
Telephone services	605	770	622	584	500	539
Water and other public services	173	139	242	150	265	114
Household operations	411	526	423	405	487	199
Personal services	187	215	240	199	178	78
Other household expenses	224	311	183	206	309	122
Housekeeping supplies	411	413	518	364	391	299
Laundry and cleaning supplies	114	113	147	94	110	87
Other household products	171	164	262	133	145	98

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Postage and stationery	127	137	109	137	135	113
Household furnishings and equipment	1,146	1,172	1,474	1,037	1,842	1,009
Household textiles	95	122	108	77	87	108
Furniture	315	313	564	308	353	233
Floor coverings	112	68	72	58	886	194
Major appliances	136	122	202	139	141	154
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	69	77	81	63	62	65
Miscellaneous household equipment	419	470	448	392	312	254
<b>Apparel and services</b>	1,843	2,366	2,103	1,855	1,886	1,351
Men and boys	414	521	550	451	362	395
Men, 16 and over	342	450	453	344	285	260
Boys, 2 to 15	72	71	98	107	77	135
Women and girls	778	922	934	715	929	632
Women, 16 and over	677	812	848	595	834	571
Girls, 2 to 15	101	111	86	120	95	61
Children under 2	76	95	83	74	52	60
Footwear	293	427	203	361	275	158
Other apparel products and services	283	401	333	255	268	105
<b>Transportation</b>	4,833	4,873	4,832	4,696	4,699	4,521
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	1,866	1,560	1,747	1,739	1,941	1,940
Cars and trucks, new	1,136	998	1,341	1,257	1,168	1,293
Cars and trucks, used	719	561	404	482	757	646
Other vehicles	11	1	2	0	17	1
Gasoline and motor oil	876	784	863	881	819	768
Other vehicle expenses	1,649	1,688	1,922	1,715	1,656	1,580
Vehicle finance charges	230	177	160	321	241	272
Maintenance and repairs	537	513	718	470	545	637
Vehicle insurance	666	726	794	708	572	518
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	215	272	250	216	299	152
Public transportation	443	841	299	360	282	233
<b>Health care</b>	1,450	1,533	1,648	1,498	1,290	1,149
Health insurance	611	531	753	735	552	565
Medical services	543	737	594	461	389	365
Drugs	214	196	202	199	265	142
Medical supplies	82	70	98	103	84	76
<b>Entertainment</b>	1,400	1,560	1,452	1,341	1,482	1,090
Fees and admissions	407	508	404	410	517	293
Television, radios, sound equipment	444	458	466	456	419	408
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	268	254	237	296	333	204
Other supplies, equipment, and services	282	340	345	179	213	186
<b>Personal care products and services</b>	389	482	422	340	355	360
<b>Reading</b>	180	178	200	204	164	151

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<b>Education</b>	599	601	650	814	752	373
<b>Tobacco products and smoking supplies</b>	285	299	256	262	229	250
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	860	968	993	653	879	725
<b>Cash contributions</b>	758	950	905	434	545	681
<b>Personal insurance and pensions</b>	2,787	3,108	3,119	2,787	2,563	1,538
Life and other personal insurance	369	422	398	360	396	273
Pensions and Social Security	2,418	2,686	2,721	2,428	2,167	1,265
<b>Sources of income and taxes: <sup>1</sup></b>						
<b>Money income before taxes</b>	36,243	41,448	41,450	42,042	36,499	30,022
Wages and salaries	27,602	31,971	31,690	33,275	24,172	24,160
Self-employment income	2,798	3,999	3,269	3,857	3,201	774
Social Security, private and government retirement	3,653	3,628	4,040	2,693	3,675	3,361
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	1,162	982	1,468	730	4,207	1,072
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	307	192	324	364	258	130
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	379	466	271	415	434	391
Regular contributions for support	208	112	278	182	472	96
Other income	135	98	109	526	79	39
<b>Personal taxes <sup>1</sup></b>	3,434	3,590	4,858	2,989	6,755	352
Federal income taxes	2,594	2,787	3,634	2,187	5,811	203
State and local income taxes	728	771	1,014	789	924	149
Other taxes	112	32	210	13	20	0
<b>Income after taxes <sup>1</sup></b>	32,809	37,858	36,592	39,053	29,744	29,671
<b>Addenda:</b>						
<b>Net change in total assets and liabilities</b>	438	-48	3,685	2,597	265	-13
Net change in total assets	2,622	2,704	5,338	7,387	814	699
Net change in total liabilities	2,184	2,752	1,653	4,790	549	713
<b>Other financial information</b>						
Other money receipts	300	391	255	440	188	0
Mortgage principal paid, owned property	-576	-667	-426	-824	-398	-372
Estimated market value of owned home	85,902	109,396	84,249	108,071	58,108	77,445
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	482	601	477	635	330	345

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Item	All consumer units in the Northeast	New York	Philadelphia	Boston	Pittsburgh	Buffalo
<b>Gifts of goods and services</b>	1,171	1,316	1,359	1,226	864	770
Food	121	142	54	166	84	72
Housing	297	301	278	255	199	215
Housekeeping supplies	39	30	37	35	37	26
Household textiles	11	12	14	2	7	22
Appliances and miscellaneous housewares	24	17	56	28	13	10
Major appliances	6	3	13	5	1	2
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares	18	15	43	22	12	7
Miscellaneous household equipment	75	65	76	82	64	20
Other housing	149	177	95	108	79	137
Apparel and services	287	334	317	385	266	253
Males, 2 and over	71	81	67	81	49	53
Females, 2 and over	118	123	163	161	123	123
Children under 2	38	51	44	40	21	30
Other apparel products and services	59	78	42	103	72	47
Jewelry and watches	27	42	12	16	35	2
All other apparel products and services	32	36	30	87	37	45
Transportation	57	121	16	8	17	2
Health care	32	16	186	16	4	7
Entertainment	71	71	78	63	58	66
Toys, games, hobbies, and tricycles	27	29	17	30	28	45
Other entertainment	44	43	61	33	30	21
Education	179	150	242	262	146	70
All other gifts	127	181	187	72	90	85

<sup>1</sup> Components of income and taxes are derived from "complete income reporters" only; see glossary at <http://stats.bls.gov/csxgloss.htm>

**Note:** All values have been rounded, and therefore some rounded values equal zero. When data are not reported or are not applicable (i.e., missing values), values are set to zero.

**Note:** Some data are likely to have large sampling errors