

Table 21. Selected northeastern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1993-94

Item	All consumer units in the Northeast	New York	Philadelphia	Boston	Pittsburgh	Buffalo
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	20,465	6,405	2,132	1,775	1,026	548
<b>Consumer unit characteristics:</b>						
Income before taxes <sup>1</sup>	\$38,269	\$42,534	\$38,401	\$50,080	\$34,229	\$28,740
Age of reference person	49.2	49.9	48.7	46.7	52.0	51.3
<b>Average number in consumer unit:</b>						
Persons	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.4	2.3	2.2
Children under 18	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5
Persons 65 and over	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4
Earners	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.1
Vehicles	1.6	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.4
Percent homeowner	59	53	68	54	72	63
<b>Average annual expenditures:</b>						
<b>Food</b>	\$32,089	\$36,107	\$33,809	\$35,369	\$29,739	\$24,253
Food at home	4,709	5,378	4,675	4,403	4,087	4,436
Cereals and bakery products	2,959	3,411	2,931	2,322	2,601	3,225
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	485	559	460	395	430	487
Dairy products	846	1,048	846	632	697	1,023
Fruits and vegetables	325	359	335	258	268	310
Other food at home	506	613	470	445	401	502
Other food at home	797	833	820	592	805	903
Food away from home	1,750	1,967	1,744	2,081	1,486	1,211
<b>Alcoholic beverages</b>	314	397	220	321	295	235
<b>Housing</b>	11,042	13,388	11,570	13,210	9,113	8,563
Shelter	6,544	8,452	6,466	8,149	4,349	4,649
Owned dwellings	3,950	4,838	4,345	4,737	2,861	2,988
Rented dwellings	2,130	3,068	1,668	2,732	1,126	1,352
Other lodging	465	546	454	680	362	309
Utilities, fuels, and public services	2,271	2,547	2,283	2,363	2,304	2,179
Household operations	501	640	494	708	690	207
Housekeeping supplies	404	437	476	400	395	198
Household furnishings and equipment	1,322	1,313	1,850	1,590	1,375	1,331
<b>Apparel and services</b>	1,874	2,367	2,158	1,998	1,958	1,220
<b>Transportation</b>	5,051	4,942	5,271	5,637	5,676	3,941
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	1,848	1,274	1,649	2,261	2,798	1,421
Gasoline and motor oil	837	799	801	904	758	719
Other vehicle expenses	1,867	2,047	2,379	1,861	1,732	1,553
Public transportation	499	822	442	612	388	248
<b>Health care</b>	1,705	1,727	1,724	1,713	1,653	1,296

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 21. Selected northeastern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1993-94- Continued

Item	All consumer units in the Northeast	New York	Philadelphia	Boston	Pittsburgh	Buffalo
Entertainment	1,543	1,604	1,621	2,053	1,351	1,121
Personal care products and services	387	484	519	390	359	232
Reading	192	179	213	232	154	159
Education	519	713	459	877	582	314
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	261	266	306	248	245	202
Miscellaneous	657	731	533	719	794	446
Cash contributions	947	897	1,256	726	878	483
Personal insurance and pensions	2,889	3,033	3,284	2,842	2,593	1,605
Life and other personal insurance	384	377	575	374	334	324
Pensions and Social Security	2,505	2,656	2,709	2,468	2,259	1,281

<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.