

Table 42. Consumer units of single females by age of reference person: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1996-97

Item	All single females	Under 25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	17,171	2,251	1,761	1,628	2,129	1,939	7,463
Consumer unit characteristics:							
Income before taxes ¹	\$18,280	\$9,327	\$27,255	\$28,769	\$28,503	\$18,449	\$13,579
Income after taxes ¹	16,815	8,926	24,062	25,634	25,599	16,816	13,015
Age of reference person	55.7	20.7	29.2	39.7	49.5	59.4	76.7
Average number in consumer unit:							
Persons	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Children under 18	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Persons 65 and over .....	.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.0
Earners .....	.5	.8	.9	.9	.8	.6	.1
Vehicles .....	.8	.6	.9	1.0	1.1	.9	.7
Percent distribution:							
Sex of reference person:							
Female	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Housing tenure:							
Homeowner	50	3	23	37	60	57	69
With mortgage	17	2	17	29	42	26	10
Without mortgage	33	2	5	9	18	31	59
Renter	50	97	77	63	40	43	31
Race of reference person:							
Black	11	8	10	16	18	15	9
White and other	89	92	90	84	82	85	91
Education of reference person:							
Elementary (1-8)	11	1	1	1	3	11	20
High school (9-12)	38	17	19	28	33	49	50
College	51	82	81	71	63	40	29
Never attended and other	(²)	(²)	(³)	(⁴)	(³)	(²)	1
At least one vehicle owned	69	54	80	80	81	74	63
Average annual expenditures	\$19,069	\$12,647	\$24,513	\$25,122	\$25,664	\$20,646	\$16,165
Food	2,390	1,903	2,583	2,879	2,803	3,323	2,029
Food at home	1,485	898	1,223	1,530	1,601	2,027	1,525
Cereals and bakery products	232	149	215	222	219	285	250
Cereals and cereal products	78	59	92	70	69	97	80
Bakery products	154	90	123	152	150	189	170
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	333	140	193	314	372	512	366
Beef	87	20	55	78	112	126	99
Pork	76	24	28	70	77	155	82
Other meats	41	22	24	36	41	60	45
Poultry	68	42	44	67	73	87	74
Fish and seafood	43	22	30	47	52	59	45
Eggs	18	9	12	15	18	25	22
Dairy products	168	120	138	162	180	214	174
Fresh milk and cream	64	43	47	53	65	84	70
Other dairy products	104	77	91	109	115	131	105
Fruits and vegetables	287	171	287	269	300	357	301
Fresh fruits	95	58	96	99	101	111	99
Fresh vegetables	88	55	80	76	98	112	93
Processed fruits	62	38	79	56	53	74	65
Processed vegetables	42	19	33	39	48	59	45

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Table 42. Consumer units of single females by age of reference person: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1996-97 — Continued

Item	All single females	Under 25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over
Other food at home	\$465	\$319	\$391	\$563	\$530	\$659	\$434
Sugar and other sweets	62	36	37	68	84	77	64
Fats and oils	46	22	31	41	40	72	52
Miscellaneous foods	201	148	172	243	220	290	185
Nonalcoholic beverages	131	91	110	180	153	196	115
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips	25	22	41	31	34	23	19
Food away from home	905	1,004	1,360	1,350	1,202	1,297	504
Alcoholic beverages	150	206	273	279	201	167	64
Housing	7,211	4,053	8,910	9,900	9,787	7,305	6,422
Shelter	4,297	2,593	5,782	6,769	6,186	4,084	3,438
Owned dwellings	1,925	107	1,428	2,902	3,531	2,008	1,898
Mortgage interest and charges	774	⁵ 58	954	1,683	2,119	849	347
Property taxes	567	37	243	666	711	622	725
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	584	⁵ 11	230	553	702	536	826
Rented dwellings	2,194	2,226	4,182	3,697	2,364	1,954	1,401
Other lodging	178	261	173	169	291	122	138
Utilities, fuels, and public services	1,584	716	1,597	1,739	1,943	1,728	1,670
Natural gas	205	40	140	211	219	200	267
Electricity	574	192	518	566	754	669	629
Fuel oil and other fuels	73	⁵ 5	43	57	57	63	112
Telephone services	565	454	816	752	704	616	445
Water and other public services	167	25	80	152	209	180	218
Household operations	320	31	159	252	351	271	465
Personal services	87	⁵ 0	⁵ 50	⁵ 31	⁵ 50	⁵ 40	156
Other household expenses	233	30	109	221	301	231	309
Housekeeping supplies	269	173	214	297	321	339	270
Laundry and cleaning supplies	60	29	44	63	76	80	62
Other household products	112	53	79	155	126	145	114
Postage and stationery	97	90	91	79	119	113	94
Household furnishings and equipment	741	540	1,157	843	986	884	578
Household textiles	56	42	67	57	81	46	52
Furniture	204	146	510	257	223	203	133
Floor coverings	22	⁵ 11	⁵ 23	⁵ 27	⁵ 23	⁵ 25	23
Major appliances	86	23	94	98	99	119	88
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	62	45	76	68	117	67	49
Miscellaneous household equipment	311	272	388	336	444	423	234
Apparel and services	1,032	1,233	1,398	1,372	1,271	1,281	704
Men and boys	53	33	52	46	86	76	48
Men, 16 and over	41	⁵ 31	47	38	⁵ 1	50	38
Boys, 2 to 15	13	⁵ 2	5	8	35	26	10
Women and girls	651	848	983	864	830	700	422
Women, 16 and over	631	840	970	836	781	656	414
Girls, 2 to 15	19	⁵ 7	13	28	49	45	9
Children under 2	17	⁵ 10	⁵ 8	⁵ 9	13	50	14
Footwear	171	234	218	179	147	214	137
Other apparel products and services	140	109	139	275	194	240	83
Transportation	2,639	1,701	5,157	3,548	4,423	2,721	1,599
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	916	553	2,493	1,115	1,735	⁵ 806	404
Cars and trucks, new	514	⁵ 220	1,519	⁵ 616	1,056	⁵ 206	269
Cars and trucks, used	396	333	917	500	678	600	136
Other vehicles	⁵ 6	(³)	556	(³)	(³)	(³)	(³)
Gasoline and motor oil	457	451	679	633	638	527	297

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Table 42. Consumer units of single females by age of reference person: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1996-97 — Continued

Item	All single females	Under 25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over
Other vehicle expenses	\$980	\$530	\$1,602	\$1,404	\$1,680	\$1,122	\$641
Vehicle finance charges	79	65	208	151	141	94	15
Maintenance and repairs	323	181	381	434	539	393	249
Vehicle insurance	371	181	546	534	563	399	290
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	207	103	467	285	437	235	87
Public transportation	286	166	383	395	370	266	257
Health care	1,375	253	809	1,236	1,186	1,416	1,919
Health insurance	638	72	287	326	502	560	1,018
Medical services	364	84	364	642	383	448	361
Drugs	298	60	100	207	236	339	441
Medical supplies	75	37	59	60	65	68	99
Entertainment	813	698	1,205	1,150	1,095	867	593
Fees and admissions	217	207	309	321	278	191	164
Television, radios, sound equipment	327	287	483	411	385	302	275
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	187	121	282	297	317	222	119
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services	82	84	132	122	115	152	35
Personal care products and services	370	297	441	475	488	373	324
Reading	125	60	118	157	169	141	122
Education	341	1,351	617	296	231	53	88
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	118	88	89	193	215	183	74
Miscellaneous	572	228	487	707	699	898	546
Cash contributions	744	72	186	394	405	438	1,331
Personal insurance and pensions	1,189	503	2,239	2,537	2,691	1,480	350
Life and other personal insurance	137	17	109	162	234	200	131
Pensions and Social Security	1,052	487	2,130	2,375	2,457	1,280	219
Sources of income and personal taxes: ¹							
Money income before taxes	18,280	9,327	27,255	28,769	28,503	18,449	13,579
Wages and salaries	10,954	7,392	25,654	25,155	25,845	13,455	803
Self-employment income	424	⁵ 158	197	1,781	681	239	234
Social Security, private and government retirement	5,337	⁵ 81	⁵ 117	562	827	3,365	10,732
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	823	56	270	411	307	493	1,471
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	102	⁵ 63	98	⁵ 252	110	269	42
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	210	39	197	356	264	383	174
Regular contributions for support	252	800	514	186	366	160	42
Other income	178	737	208	65	103	84	82
Personal taxes	1,465	401	3,193	3,135	2,904	1,633	565
Federal income taxes	1,107	305	2,440	2,440	2,216	1,268	389
State and local income taxes	287	94	736	645	585	289	77
Other taxes	71	⁵ 1	16	50	103	76	99
Income after taxes	16,815	8,926	24,062	25,634	25,599	16,816	13,015

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Table 42. Consumer units of single females by age of reference person: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1996-97 — Continued

Item	All single females	Under 25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over
Addenda:							
Net change in total assets and liabilities	\$-1,281	\$-148	\$-4,530	\$-694	\$-1,974	\$2,769	\$-1,839
Net change in total assets	857	691	1,438	4,427	1,988	4,458	-1,267
Net change in total liabilities	2,138	839	5,969	5,121	3,962	1,689	572
Other financial information:							
Other money receipts	342	266	125	112	327	196	509
Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-364	⁵ -19	-224	-579	-1,178	-474	-194
Estimated market value of owned home	46,216	3,135	20,637	36,006	56,368	58,604	61,357
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home ..	343	20	176	307	428	404	447
Gifts of goods and services	808	660	719	884	1,212	1,037	693
Food	35	31	35	82	85	31	13
Housing	214	206	237	191	329	261	176
Housekeeping supplies	38	33	47	50	52	48	28
Household textiles	10	4	9	9	19	8	11
Appliances and miscellaneous							
housewares	31	⁵ 17	48	⁵ 14	47	54	26
Major appliances	6	⁵ 0	⁵ 1	⁵ 2	⁵ 4	⁵ 18	7
Small appliances and miscellaneous							
housewares	25	⁵ 17	47	⁵ 12	44	36	18
Miscellaneous household equipment	57	40	79	75	95	92	36
Other housing	78	111	54	42	116	59	75
Apparel and services	201	172	135	241	294	430	135
Males, 2 and over	53	33	50	46	86	76	46
Females, 2 and over	83	90	50	98	148	167	51
Children under 2	17	⁵ 10	7	⁵ 9	13	50	14
Other apparel products and services	48	⁵ 40	⁵ 28	⁵ 88	⁵ 46	137	24
Jewelry and watches	29	⁵ 29	⁵ 18	⁵ 64	⁵ 21	⁵ 96	⁵ 9
All other apparel products and services	19	⁵ 10	⁵ 10	⁵ 24	⁵ 25	⁵ 42	15
Transportation	51	56	33	75	28	34	59
Health care	41	⁵ 1	⁵ 6	⁵ 7	⁵ 20	⁵ 93	62
Entertainment	81	33	140	96	136	56	70
Toys, games, hobbies, and tricycles	32	⁵ 9	⁵ 56	⁵ 50	⁵ 83	⁵ 29	18
Other entertainment	49	23	84	47	52	27	52
Education	82	119	⁵ 20	⁵ 85	163	⁵ 16	80
All other gifts	103	42	114	107	157	117	99

¹ Components of income and taxes are derived from "complete income reporters" only; see glossary.

² Value less than 0.5.

³ No data reported.

⁴ Value less than 0.05.

⁵ Data are likely to have large sampling errors.

n.a. Not applicable