

**Table 41. Consumer units of single males by age of reference person: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1996-97**

Item	All single males	Under 25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over
Number of consumer units (in thousands) .....	12,742	2,309	2,850	2,711	1,824	922	2,126
Consumer unit characteristics:							
Income before taxes <sup>1</sup> .....	\$25,682	\$10,948	\$27,705	\$34,651	\$36,657	\$28,123	\$17,687
Income after taxes <sup>1</sup> .....	23,147	10,224	24,767	30,607	32,685	25,323	16,889
Age of reference person .....	42.5	21.0	29.1	39.2	49.1	59.2	75.3
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 .....	.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.0
Earners .....	.8	.9	.9	.9	.9	.6	.2
Vehicles .....	1.2	.8	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.1
Percent distribution:							
Sex of reference person:							
Male .....	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Housing tenure:							
Homeowner .....	38	4	24	46	55	54	64
With mortgage .....	20	3	18	33	38	26	9
Without mortgage .....	18	1	5	14	17	28	55
Renter .....	62	96	76	54	45	46	36
Race of reference person:							
Black .....	10	8	9	10	11	11	12
White and other .....	90	92	91	90	89	89	88
Education of reference person:							
Elementary (1-8) .....	7	( <sup>2</sup> )	2	2	3	10	28
High school (9-12) .....	33	25	26	38	32	42	39
College .....	60	75	72	60	65	47	31
Never attended and other .....	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	1	2
At least one vehicle owned .....	75	62	77	82	81	76	75
Average annual expenditures .....	\$22,448	\$14,528	\$24,116	\$26,404	\$27,732	\$24,384	\$18,258
Food .....	2,855	1,915	3,241	3,213	2,816	3,354	2,616
Food at home .....	1,303	658	1,299	1,399	1,305	1,861	1,513
Cereals and bakery products .....	201	113	223	195	192	272	230
Cereals and cereal products .....	71	53	75	65	61	97	82
Bakery products .....	130	60	148	130	132	176	148
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	326	138	292	386	340	505	379
Beef .....	92	41	85	105	97	154	100
Pork .....	75	27	61	94	68	114	103
Other meats .....	47	25	40	61	50	73	48
Poultry .....	58	29	62	60	67	82	59
Fish and seafood .....	38	10	31	48	44	58	48
Eggs .....	15	6	13	18	14	24	21
Dairy products .....	139	74	124	152	140	200	170
Fresh milk and cream .....	59	37	55	59	58	73	78
Other dairy products .....	80	37	69	93	82	127	93
Fruits and vegetables .....	208	91	195	209	201	311	283
Fresh fruits .....	70	31	62	76	61	90	105
Fresh vegetables .....	56	16	51	61	60	96	71
Processed fruits .....	51	28	52	47	41	82	68
Processed vegetables .....	31	15	31	25	38	44	39

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Item	All single males	Under 25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over
Other food at home .....	\$429	\$243	\$465	\$457	\$432	\$572	\$450
Sugar and other sweets .....	45	24	61	35	41	52	54
Fats and oils .....	32	16	31	35	31	51	38
Miscellaneous foods .....	191	102	212	207	183	250	206
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	127	76	122	148	126	177	133
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips .....	34	25	40	32	52	42	18
Food away from home .....	1,552	1,257	1,942	1,814	1,511	1,494	1,103
Alcoholic beverages .....	392	343	533	438	395	347	234
Housing .....	7,524	4,242	7,974	9,081	9,077	8,928	6,529
Shelter .....	4,941	2,957	5,436	6,059	5,833	6,035	3,763
Owned dwellings .....	1,969	261	1,480	2,951	3,103	3,039	1,789
Mortgage interest and charges .....	1,054	150	954	1,781	1,788	1,507	419
Property taxes .....	509	90	301	607	742	928	736
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses .....	405	22	225	563	573	605	633
Rented dwellings .....	2,635	2,276	3,711	2,833	2,351	2,555	1,612
Other lodging .....	336	420	245	275	379	441	363
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	1,447	686	1,430	1,670	1,822	1,662	1,596
Natural gas .....	172	45	152	200	226	222	233
Electricity .....	520	223	477	607	653	612	636
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	58	49	22	75	54	102	123
Telephone services .....	563	382	678	639	700	549	397
Water and other public services .....	134	27	102	149	189	178	207
Household operations .....	188	45	149	198	288	174	302
Personal services .....	28	41	425	37	439	45	449
Other household expenses .....	160	44	124	161	249	169	254
Housekeeping supplies .....	155	52	155	179	138	186	215
Laundry and cleaning supplies .....	40	20	50	42	34	43	47
Other household products .....	67	18	58	68	66	98	107
Postage and stationery .....	47	14	47	69	38	45	61
Household furnishings and equipment .....	794	502	805	975	996	870	651
Household textiles .....	38	22	33	28	56	51	51
Furniture .....	228	99	216	259	389	169	233
Floor coverings .....	31	41	441	447	443	451	413
Major appliances .....	63	21	69	74	99	53	63
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares .....	38	25	34	50	50	40	31
Miscellaneous household equipment .....	395	335	410	517	359	506	259
Apparel and services .....	667	664	967	703	539	571	404
Men and boys .....	379	400	543	392	300	266	257
Men, 16 and over .....	371	400	529	378	291	252	255
Boys, 2 to 15 .....	9	40	14	14	410	414	41
Women and girls .....	47	33	25	76	43	82	43
Women, 16 and over .....	39	432	419	60	440	67	436
Girls, 2 to 15 .....	8	41	6	16	42	415	47
Children under 2 .....	5	44	47	43	42	47	47
Footwear .....	129	175	168	139	493	4111	467
Other apparel products and services .....	107	52	223	93	101	104	30
Transportation .....	4,000	3,045	4,506	4,649	5,584	3,545	2,362
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	1,623	1,410	1,656	2,041	2,742	4909	4625
Cars and trucks, new .....	646	4366	600	4675	1,301	4619	4422
Cars and trucks, used .....	937	1,039	1,014	1,261	1,390	290	202
Other vehicles .....	40	45	42	4105	451	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )
Gasoline and motor oil .....	733	574	794	889	859	788	496

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Item	All single males	Under 25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over
Other vehicle expenses .....	\$1,343	\$848	\$1,701	\$1,426	\$1,694	\$1,405	\$960
Vehicle finance charges .....	131	68	219	160	171	52	43
Maintenance and repairs .....	471	344	531	494	597	515	366
Vehicle insurance .....	440	269	563	464	502	494	355
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges .....	301	168	388	307	424	343	195
Public transportation .....	301	213	355	293	288	444	282
Health care .....	970	200	562	777	835	1,253	2,566
Health insurance .....	428	88	271	360	428	466	1,079
Medical services .....	346	61	174	285	221	514	995
Drugs .....	137	30	64	87	122	177	389
Medical supplies .....	59	21	54	45	63	96	104
Entertainment .....	1,268	1,144	1,484	1,276	1,346	1,219	1,042
Fees and admissions .....	379	346	450	385	334	342	364
Television, radios, sound equipment .....	474	462	525	490	488	399	404
Pets, toys, and playground equipment .....	131	107	116	179	96	146	138
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services .....	284	228	393	222	428	333	136
Personal care products and services .....	201	140	289	199	183	169	173
Reading .....	115	64	119	124	146	155	112
Education .....	551	1,592	811	163	231	<sup>4</sup> 118	<sup>4</sup> 32
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	235	146	251	314	289	275	147
Miscellaneous .....	842	202	678	1,085	1,329	1,301	825
Cash contributions .....	797	56	488	1,288	1,571	843	708
Personal insurance and pensions .....	2,030	773	2,214	3,092	3,392	2,306	507
Life and other personal insurance .....	180	58	94	185	271	266	307
Pensions and Social Security .....	1,850	715	2,120	2,908	3,122	2,040	200
Sources of income and personal taxes: <sup>1</sup>							
Money income before taxes .....	25,682	10,948	27,705	34,651	36,657	28,123	17,687
Wages and salaries .....	19,621	9,144	25,083	30,882	29,854	18,034	2,134
Self-employment income .....	1,581	<sup>4</sup> 297	1,216	2,235	4,291	1,652	<sup>4</sup> 222
Social Security, private and government retirement .....	2,934	<sup>4</sup> 59	160	539	1,163	5,256	12,901
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income .....	654	229	135	264	657	1,881	1,767
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits .....	198	<sup>4</sup> 21	151	237	252	750	142
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps .....	156	<sup>4</sup> 24	101	162	216	406	210
Regular contributions for support .....	261	648	487	<sup>4</sup> 126	<sup>4</sup> 14	<sup>(3)</sup>	<sup>4</sup> 32
Other income .....	276	527	373	206	211	<sup>4</sup> 144	<sup>4</sup> 79
Personal taxes .....	2,535	725	2,938	4,044	3,972	2,800	798
Federal income taxes .....	1,978	598	2,259	3,133	3,213	2,095	609
State and local income taxes .....	502	126	646	850	708	554	94
Other taxes .....	55	<sup>4</sup> 0	34	62	51	151	95
Income after taxes .....	23,147	10,224	24,767	30,607	32,685	25,323	16,889

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Item	All single males	Under 25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over
Addenda:							
Net change in total assets and liabilities .....	\$396	\$-445	\$1,074	\$2,430	\$-572	\$-2,369	\$-161
Net change in total assets .....	3,023	574	4,003	5,964	3,783	2,211	317
Net change in total liabilities .....	2,626	1,019	2,930	3,534	4,355	4,580	478
Other financial information:							
Other money receipts .....	278	290	315	438	246	<sup>4</sup> 220	65
Mortgage principal paid on owned property .....	-527	-55	-258	-835	-1,378	-646	-227
Estimated market value of owned home .....	38,669	9,003	21,312	46,151	52,662	61,883	62,534
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home ..	282	30	171	353	415	452	425
Gifts of goods and services .....	888	692	775	871	1,287	918	926
Food .....	43	61	27	61	56	40	17
Housing .....	188	192	145	184	244	288	159
Housekeeping supplies .....	15	<sup>4</sup> 13	8	37	49	48	47
Household textiles .....	3	41	41	41	46	<sup>4</sup> 14	40
Appliances and miscellaneous							
housewares .....	12	43	46	<sup>4</sup> 16	<sup>4</sup> 19	<sup>4</sup> 14	417
Major appliances .....	5	41	42	44	46	41	414
Small appliances and miscellaneous							
housewares .....	7	42	44	<sup>4</sup> 12	<sup>4</sup> 14	<sup>4</sup> 12	44
Miscellaneous household equipment .....	47	36	52	52	49	80	29
Other housing .....	112	139	77	79	161	172	104
Apparel and services .....	149	75	227	174	201	100	80
Males, 2 and over .....	32	<sup>4</sup> 26	38	34	59	25	<sup>4</sup> 11
Females, 2 and over .....	45	33	25	76	43	60	43
Children under 2 .....	5	44	47	43	42	47	47
Other apparel products and services .....	68	<sup>4</sup> 13	<sup>4</sup> 157	461	497	48	<sup>4</sup> 19
Jewelry and watches .....	<sup>4</sup> 42	( <sup>3</sup> )	<sup>4</sup> 125	441	427	( <sup>3</sup> )	48
All other apparel products and services .....	25	<sup>4</sup> 13	433	420	470	48	<sup>4</sup> 11
Transportation .....	52	40	32	33	144	68	33
Health care .....	63	41	410	28	57	<sup>4</sup> 70	248
Entertainment .....	108	50	67	124	166	91	152
Toys, games, hobbies, and tricycles .....	20	<sup>4</sup> 13	<sup>4</sup> 16	<sup>4</sup> 37	49	<sup>4</sup> 27	<sup>4</sup> 19
Other entertainment .....	88	36	52	87	157	65	133
Education .....	91	220	421	59	<sup>4</sup> 169	<sup>4</sup> 106	<sup>4</sup> 15
All other gifts .....	194	54	247	208	249	154	223

<sup>1</sup> Components of income and taxes are derived from "complete income reporters" only; see glossary.  
<sup>2</sup> Value less than 0.5.

<sup>3</sup> No data reported.  
<sup>4</sup> Data are likely to have large sampling errors.  
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