

Table 3023. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2012-2013

Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington, D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	46,625	2,219	988	2,350	1,729	2,566	2,051
Consumer unit characteristics:							
Income before taxes	\$59,416	\$115,597	\$90,429	\$69,026	\$56,094	\$72,870	\$79,661
Age of reference person	50.3	48.1	51.6	48.0	51.3	48.5	46.4
Average number in consumer unit:							
People	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.7
Children under 186	.7	.6	.6	.6	.7	.8
Adults 65 and older3	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3	.2
Earners	1.2	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.4
Vehicles	1.8	2.1	1.8	1.7	1.3	1.9	1.8
Percent homeowner	66	70	68	62	57	61	64
Average annual expenditures	\$46,878	\$80,452	\$62,012	\$50,782	\$40,604	\$56,827	\$59,724
Food	6,106	8,762	6,807	6,374	5,695	7,177	7,155
Food at home	3,629	4,639	3,574	3,826	3,479	3,928	3,974
Cereals and bakery products	490	590	529	518	498	527	491
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	837	1,043	778	839	931	902	817
Dairy products	368	478	328	330	363	394	364
Fruits and vegetables	636	940	671	815	709	657	740
Other food at home	1,299	1,589	1,268	1,323	977	1,447	1,562
Food away from home	2,477	4,123	3,232	2,548	2,216	3,249	3,180
Alcoholic beverages	367	681	519	401	264	505	519
Housing	15,148	28,416	20,165	16,975	16,212	19,033	19,747
Shelter	8,313	17,883	12,238	9,828	10,983	10,902	11,180
Owned dwellings	5,144	11,726	7,291	5,745	5,838	6,628	7,141
Rented dwellings	2,643	4,723	4,148	3,478	4,631	3,750	3,200
Other lodging	526	1,434	799	605	515	523	839
Utilities, fuels, and public services	3,738	4,457	3,930	3,983	3,219	4,278	4,151
Household operations	1,016	2,528	1,672	1,187	700	1,370	1,392
Housekeeping supplies	597	827	675	535	578	643	873
Household furnishings and equipment	1,484	2,722	1,649	1,443	732	1,841	2,152
Apparel and services	1,563	2,454	1,944	1,856	1,219	2,405	1,776
Transportation	8,876	13,450	9,589	8,682	6,573	10,196	12,560
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,317	5,298	2,395	3,193	¹ 1,089	3,588	5,355
Gasoline and motor oil	2,794	2,973	3,045	3,025	2,562	3,060	3,404
Other vehicle expenses	2,414	3,949	3,338	2,018	2,533	2,956	3,229
Public and other transportation	350	1,230	812	446	389	592	572
Healthcare	3,265	4,450	3,722	3,147	2,204	3,744	3,174
Entertainment	2,298	3,513	3,103	2,204	1,352	3,032	3,012
Personal care products and services	591	901	875	615	666	743	828
Reading	81	211	154	78	48	87	93
Education	789	2,160	2,131	1,642	586	883	954
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	354	300	170	175	162	296	311
Miscellaneous	626	1,371	872	514	446	632	858
Cash contributions	1,691	2,751	2,263	1,932	446	1,755	1,988
Personal insurance and pensions	5,123	11,030	9,700	6,187	4,731	6,338	6,747
Life and other personal insurance	352	980	449	350	270	293	599
Pensions and Social Security	4,771	10,050	9,251	5,837	4,461	6,046	6,149

¹ Data are likely to have large sampling errors.