

Table 3014. Selected midwestern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2014-2015

Item	All consumer units in the Midwest	Chicago	Detroit	Minneapolis-St. Paul
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	28,079	3,791	1,836	1,592
Consumer unit characteristics:				
Income before taxes	\$66,754	\$85,418	\$79,443	\$87,576
Age of reference person	50.0	49.5	49.9	50.2
Average number in consumer unit:				
People	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.4
Children under 186	.6	.6	.6
Adults 65 and older3	.3	.3	.3
Earners	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4
Vehicles	2.0	1.7	2.1	2.4
Percent homeowner	65	63	69	69
Average annual expenditures	\$53,425	\$63,697	\$60,485	\$69,967
Food	6,993	7,926	7,356	7,843
Food at home	4,137	4,586	4,132	4,427
Cereals and bakery products	540	595	521	549
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	914	1,043	993	772
Dairy products	456	453	431	448
Fruits and vegetables	755	917	786	865
Other food at home	1,472	1,578	1,400	1,792
Food away from home	2,856	3,339	3,225	3,416
Alcoholic beverages	516	630	515	774
Housing	16,728	21,964	18,356	22,526
Shelter	9,471	14,063	10,308	14,219
Owned dwellings	6,028	8,918	6,358	8,819
Rented dwellings	2,742	4,230	2,665	4,045
Other lodging	702	914	1,285	1,355
Utilities, fuels, and public services	3,737	3,894	4,305	3,702
Household operations	1,064	1,378	1,384	1,340
Housekeeping supplies	703	661	668	819
Household furnishings and equipment	1,753	1,968	1,691	2,446
Apparel and services	1,804	2,283	2,165	1,973
Transportation	9,184	9,908	11,357	11,652
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	3,630	3,910	2,926	5,003
Gasoline and motor oil	2,244	2,276	2,643	2,502
Other vehicle expenses	2,776	2,783	5,009	3,340
Public and other transportation	534	939	780	807
Healthcare	4,508	4,843	4,334	5,672
Entertainment	2,812	3,138	3,596	3,715
Personal care products and services	662	806	788	924
Reading	128	124	132	204
Education	1,237	1,795	1,412	2,337
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	394	334	375	320
Miscellaneous	837	957	900	759
Cash contributions	1,682	1,632	1,943	3,081
Personal insurance and pensions	5,940	7,357	7,254	8,189
Life and other personal insurance	331	425	408	471
Pensions and Social Security	5,609	6,932	6,846	7,718

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, August, 2016