

**Table 3024. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2016-2017**

Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston	Tampa
Number of consumer units (in thousands) .....	49,841	2,303	995	1,966	2,222	2,765	2,533	1,199
Consumer unit characteristics:								
Income before taxes.....	\$67,297	\$113,834	\$91,988	\$90,502	\$86,655	\$78,842	\$80,250	\$60,340
Age of reference person.....	50.7	49.1	52.1	47.7	54.2	46.9	46.8	54.4
Average number in consumer unit:								
People .....	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.8	2.2
Children under 18 .....	.6	.6	.6	.8	.4	.6	.8	.5
Adults 65 and older.....	.4	.3	.4	.3	.4	.2	.3	.5
Earners.....	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.1
Vehicles.....	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.5
Percent homeowner .....	64	62	70	61	58	53	59	57
Average annual expenditures .....	\$53,740	\$79,921	\$69,126	\$62,250	\$59,947	\$63,207	\$67,304	\$48,654
Food .....	6,921	9,188	8,964	6,683	7,040	6,571	9,153	6,289
Food at home.....	3,892	4,703	4,443	3,699	4,118	3,433	4,491	3,615
Cereals and bakery products.....	500	556	551	443	524	393	568	462
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	884	1,042	956	890	1,126	846	1,087	933
Dairy products.....	376	463	428	344	378	299	373	388
Fruits and vegetables .....	724	941	1,008	672	880	665	905	650
Other food at home.....	1,407	1,701	1,499	1,351	1,210	1,230	1,558	1,182
Food away from home .....	3,030	4,485	4,521	2,984	2,922	3,139	4,662	2,675
Alcoholic beverages .....	421	662	724	385	487	576	650	417
Housing .....	17,383	29,101	23,247	20,965	22,620	22,350	21,818	17,131
Shelter .....	9,797	19,571	14,800	12,346	14,759	13,869	12,823	10,220
Owned dwellings.....	5,659	12,153	9,582	7,292	7,416	6,646	7,138	5,107
Rented dwellings .....	3,463	5,679	4,200	4,177	6,095	6,506	4,915	4,821
Other lodging .....	675	1,739	1,018	877	1,248	717	771	293
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	3,864	4,154	4,021	4,363	3,845	4,182	4,226	3,365
Household operations .....	1,339	2,776	1,864	1,728	1,746	1,460	1,526	1,773
Housekeeping supplies.....	674	750	654	624	564	736	808	633
Household furnishings and equipment .....	1,709	1,851	1,908	1,904	1,706	2,103	2,436	1,140
Apparel and services.....	1,691	2,668	1,914	1,874	2,602	2,353	2,606	1,346
Transportation .....	9,323	10,748	11,049	11,747	7,963	10,507	12,232	8,307
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	4,204	4,069	5,491	5,287	2,179	4,482	5,469	3,697
Gasoline, other fuels, and motor oil.....	1,949	1,894	2,117	2,494	2,160	2,117	2,241	1,555
Other vehicle expenses .....	2,688	3,149	2,590	3,307	2,837	3,336	3,732	2,752
Public and other transportation.....	482	1,636	851	660	786	572	790	304
Healthcare .....	4,473	5,594	4,926	4,447	4,405	4,479	4,517	3,782
Entertainment.....	2,741	3,778	3,068	3,000	2,245	3,333	3,413	2,100
Personal care products and services.....	668	1,018	861	670	866	778	844	612
Reading .....	95	195	160	87	56	110	93	127
Education .....	1,088	2,033	1,617	1,319	563	1,662	1,474	658
Tobacco products and smoking supplies.....	336	192	270	222	166	230	260	268
Miscellaneous.....	779	1,558	913	771	1,263	1,150	974	944
Cash contributions .....	1,773	2,426	1,502	1,945	933	1,517	2,093	996
Personal insurance and pensions.....	6,047	10,760	9,910	8,136	8,739	7,592	7,177	5,776
Life and other personal insurance .....	350	511	472	327	272	245	252	249
Pensions and Social Security .....	5,697	10,249	9,439	7,808	8,467	7,348	6,926	5,527

<sup>1</sup> Data are likely to have large sampling errors.