

Table 3024. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2017-2018

Item	All consumer units in the South	Washington D.C.	Baltimore	Atlanta	Miami	Dallas-Fort Worth	Houston	Tampa
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	50,215	2,536	1,033	2,012	2,294	2,829	2,431	1,263
Consumer unit characteristics:								
Income before taxes.....	\$69,315	\$115,585	\$98,945	\$98,429	\$79,436	\$78,854	\$90,691	\$55,693
Age of reference person.....	50.8	48.8	51.6	50.2	53.5	46.9	46.9	54.6
Average number in consumer unit:								
People	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.3
Children under 186	.7	.5	.6	.5	.7	.8	.5
Adults 65 and older.....	.4	.3	.4	.3	.4	.2	.3	.5
Earners.....	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.1
Vehicles.....	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.6
Percent homeowner.....	65	63	70	64	59	54	60	56
Average annual expenditures	\$55,700	\$91,118	\$74,174	\$64,719	\$57,555	\$66,282	\$69,153	\$50,386
Food	7,235	11,211	8,813	7,475	6,763	7,330	8,182	7,218
Food at home.....	4,059	5,582	4,528	3,779	4,001	3,861	4,275	4,169
Cereals and bakery products.....	520	664	562	491	427	452	574	488
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	916	1,276	1,035	900	1,086	917	996	1,032
Dairy products.....	388	562	451	350	420	330	377	463
Fruits and vegetables	753	1,104	975	666	912	758	836	749
Other food at home.....	1,482	1,977	1,503	1,371	1,157	1,403	1,491	1,437
Food away from home	3,177	5,629	4,285	3,696	2,761	3,469	3,906	3,049
Alcoholic beverages	477	1,111	546	512	530	766	608	555
Housing	17,947	30,872	23,957	21,208	21,450	24,339	23,550	17,871
Shelter	10,096	20,502	14,959	12,019	13,960	15,292	13,630	10,695
Owned dwellings.....	5,858	12,712	9,586	6,867	7,007	7,699	7,703	5,209
Rented dwellings	3,560	6,153	4,391	4,074	6,250	6,802	5,073	5,045
Other lodging	677	1,637	981	1,078	703	791	854	440
Utilities, fuels, and public services.....	3,937	4,164	3,905	4,559	3,857	4,395	4,324	3,377
Household operations	1,378	3,289	2,129	1,714	1,245	1,478	1,929	1,399
Housekeeping supplies.....	726	901	841	992	724	806	802	803
Household furnishings and equipment	1,810	2,017	2,122	1,923	1,664	2,368	2,864	1,598
Apparel and services.....	1,669	2,754	1,870	1,979	1,690	2,352	2,698	1,064
Transportation	9,570	13,095	11,741	10,557	8,820	11,140	10,984	7,694
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	4,309	5,703	6,325	4,015	2,843	4,655	4,316	3,461
Gasoline, other fuels, and motor oil.....	2,034	2,040	2,081	2,585	2,284	2,211	2,371	1,545
Other vehicle expenses	2,648	3,253	2,217	2,983	3,061	3,588	3,197	2,229
Public and other transportation.....	579	2,099	1,118	974	631	688	1,101	459
Healthcare	4,724	6,301	5,425	5,189	4,554	4,954	4,909	3,810
Entertainment.....	2,804	4,191	3,695	2,823	2,064	3,075	3,620	2,215
Personal care products and services.....	711	1,271	796	763	978	857	879	523
Reading	89	151	156	100	65	85	82	32
Education	1,166	2,566	3,154	1,497	909	1,954	1,690	1,075
Tobacco products and smoking supplies.....	346	147	236	195	211	174	247	307
Miscellaneous.....	886	1,846	972	775	1,289	859	1,022	1,764
Cash contributions	1,760	2,672	1,775	2,185	773	1,561	2,906	1,186
Personal insurance and pensions.....	6,315	12,930	11,039	9,461	7,458	6,836	7,777	5,072
Life and other personal insurance	432	660	579	460	334	300	499	338
Pensions and Social Security	5,883	12,270	10,460	9,001	7,124	6,535	7,278	4,733

¹ Data are likely to have large sampling errors.