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Number of consumer units (in thousands)	94,862	9,297	17,274	9,443	17,872	30,868	10,108
Number of sample interviews	37,073	3,519	6,706	3,501	6,732	12,397	4,218
Consumer unit characteristics:							
Income before taxes ¹	\$28,540	\$8,825	\$19,757	\$15,876	\$26,511	\$38,742	\$46,963
Income after taxes ¹	26,149	8,630	17,595	15,302	24,601	35,198	43,095
Average number of persons in consumer unit	2.6	1	1	2.5	3	3.1	4.4
Age of reference person	47	68.9	37.8	62.8	47.7	40.6	46.2
Average number in consumer unit:							
Earners	1.4	NA	1	NA	1	2	3.4
Vehicles	2	0.7	1.2	1.5	1.9	2.6	3.5
Children under 18	0.7	0	0	0.6	1	1	1.2
Persons 65 and over	0.3	0.8	0.1	1.2	0.4	0.1	0.1
Percent distribution:							
Sex of reference person:							
Male	67	27	54	66	68	81	79
Female	33	73	46	34	32	19	21
Housing tenure:							
Homeowner with mortgage	38	9	20	14	39	54	64
Homeowner without mortgage	24	48	11	53	27	16	17
Renter	38	43	69	33	34	30	19
Race of reference person:							
Black	11	14	9	18	12	8	9
White and other	89	86	91	82	88	92	91
Education of reference person:							
Elementary (1-8)	11	28	4	24	12	6	7
High school (9-12)	45	47	34	54	47	45	46
College	44	24	62	21	39	49	46
Never attended and other	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
At least one vehicle owned	86	55	81	77	88	96	97
Average annual expenditures:							
Food	3,748	1,637	2,318	2,811	3,861	4,534	6,077
Food at home	2,136	1,080	943	2,049	2,468	2,521	3,374

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Cereals and bakery products	312	160	134	311	355	364	510
Cereals and cereal products	109	54	43	107	135	126	179
Bakery products	203	106	91	204	221	238	332
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	551	264	217	570	660	638	896
Beef	182	79	61	184	220	215	311
Pork	110	51	36	146	135	124	173
Other meats	82	38	38	78	99	95	130
Poultry	84	46	33	84	93	100	139
Fish and seafood	65	33	37	51	80	73	101
Eggs	28	17	13	27	34	31	42
Dairy products	274	140	121	249	320	327	428
Fresh milk and cream	134	70	58	128	163	153	212
Other dairy products	141	70	63	121	157	173	216
Fruits and vegetables	373	231	168	389	428	430	559
Fresh fruits	121	78	56	128	134	139	181
Fresh vegetables	110	71	47	121	131	126	160
Processed fruits	85	54	41	85	95	98	128
Processed vegetables	57	29	25	56	68	67	90
Other food at home	625	284	302	529	705	762	980
Sugar and other sweets	78	38	32	72	89	96	123
Fats and oils	55	32	21	56	69	62	84
Miscellaneous foods	264	112	123	213	301	330	403
Nonalcoholic beverages	199	96	107	162	220	237	314
Food prep by cu, out-of-town trips	30	6	19	27	27	38	57
Food away from home	1,612	558	1,375	762	1,393	2,014	2,703
Alcoholic beverages	269	105	365	121	205	317	312
Housing	8,079	4,034	6,033	5,658	8,236	10,231	10,629
Shelter	4,493	2,174	4,003	2,796	4,413	5,680	5,562
Owned dwellings	2,569	874	1,304	1,265	2,592	3,755	3,844
Mortgage interest and charges	1,569	191	798	226	1,471	2,605	2,419
Property taxes	504	297	243	513	558	601	736
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	496	386	263	526	563	549	688
Rented dwellings	1,468	1,195	2,336	1,024	1,416	1,391	977
Other lodging	456	105	363	508	405	535	742
Utilities, fuels, and public services	1,747	1,116	1,067	1,612	1,907	2,015	2,519
Natural gas	234	171	128	256	256	257	342
Electricity	709	417	383	648	804	843	1,012
Fuel oil and other fuels	98	95	36	130	101	106	143
Telephone services	537	324	455	414	553	604	756
Water and other public services	170	110	65	163	193	205	266
Household operations	394	270	127	229	401	616	427
Personal services	171	74	14	25	165	352	125
Other household expenses	223	197	114	204	235	265	302

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Housekeeping supplies	361	196	194	335	401	430	522
Laundry and cleaning supplies	101	39	42	91	114	125	163
Other household products	147	90	75	126	169	171	223
Postage and stationery	113	67	78	119	118	133	136
Household furnishings and equipment	1,083	277	641	686	1,114	1,490	1,599
Household textiles	94	35	50	89	98	114	155
Furniture	326	51	224	156	366	461	432
Floor coverings	65	11	24	38	56	98	121
Major appliances	169	73	85	143	192	222	220
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares	60	18	33	50	60	75	111
Miscellaneous household equipment	369	89	226	210	343	521	560
Apparel and services	1,489	563	1,065	760	1,345	1,901	2,571
Men and boys	388	80	274	174	322	516	724
Men, 16 and over	311	75	261	138	209	415	579
Boys, 2 to 15	77	5	13	36	113	101	145
Women and girls	587	305	365	307	562	718	1,051
Women, 16 and over	492	299	351	266	411	578	927
Girls, 2 to 15	95	6	14	41	151	140	123
Children under 2	62	7	13	36	91	99	58
Footwear	196	92	160	137	158	229	343
Other apparel products and services	257	79	252	106	213	340	394
Transportation	5,093	1,384	3,467	2,576	4,631	6,803	9,215
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	2,361	517	1,412	972	2,095	3,356	4,404
Cars and trucks, new	1,355	357	966	608	1,246	1,967	1,961
Cars and trucks, used	982	160	425	364	835	1,367	2,352
Other vehicles	23	0	21	0	14	22	91
Gasoline and motor oil	932	288	642	559	889	1,185	1,672
Other vehicle expenses	1,521	437	1,130	854	1,357	1,973	2,712
Vehicle finance charges	284	22	183	77	232	417	574
Maintenance and repairs	553	199	425	376	506	690	912
Vehicle insurance	508	171	359	319	467	625	963
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, other charges	177	46	164	82	152	240	263
Public transportation	279	142	284	191	291	289	427
Health care	1,298	1,231	621	1,964	1,344	1,403	1,493
Health insurance	474	537	210	795	539	464	487
Medical services	529	424	285	661	450	651	688
Drugs	223	221	90	407	286	208	221
Medical supplies	71	50	37	101	69	80	96
Entertainment	1,329	334	1,070	737	1,230	1,788	1,990
Fees and admissions	353	95	329	175	321	437	599
Television, radios, sound equipment	416	141	357	246	390	524	634
Pets, toys, and playground equipment	230	70	122	128	259	331	289

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Other supplies, equipment, and services	330	27	262	187	261	496	467
Personal care products and services	334	148	228	250	315	405	549
Reading	150	82	128	122	144	179	198
Education	342	107	323	94	208	365	988
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	242	98	162	188	242	303	376
Miscellaneous	578	198	451	459	496	736	911
Cash contributions	693	296	566	855	749	667	1,107
Personal insurance and pensions	2,249	110	1,723	350	1,898	3,379	4,061
Life and other personal insurance	314	80	126	329	311	414	537
Pensions and Social Security	1,935	31	1,596	20	1,587	2,965	3,524
Sources of income and taxes: ¹							
Money income before taxes	28,540	8,825	19,757	15,876	26,511	38,742	46,963
Wages and salaries	21,779	-	16,653	-	18,631	33,606	41,262
Self-employment income	1,790	-	1,208	-	1,691	2,808	3,260
Social Security, private and government retirement	3,063	6,752	628	11,252	3,912	1,003	1,008
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	1,016	1,319	738	2,471	1,248	622	642
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	241	127	74	330	301	323	200
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	308	349	36	1,529	353	99	141
Regular contributions for support	258	248	269	268	305	191	364
Other income	85	31	151	26	70	90	86
Personal taxes ¹	2,391	195	2,161	574	1,910	3,544	3,868
Federal income taxes	1,891	151	1,766	426	1,492	2,799	3,035
State and local income taxes	445	16	371	90	360	673	759
Other taxes	55	27	24	58	58	73	74
Income after taxes ¹	26,149	8,630	17,595	15,302	24,601	35,198	43,095
Addenda:							
Net change in total assets	4,102	255	2,952	-400	4,353	7,136	4,105
Net change in total liabilities	3,510	242	2,068	58	2,481	6,942	3,541

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Other financial information							
Other money receipts	398	341	324	1,045	328	327	319
Mortgage principal paid on owned property	-480	-63	-228	-223	-455	-712	-867
Estimated market value of owned home	57,935	37,320	26,488	55,304	63,890	69,048	88,628
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home	356	234	169	342	378	433	526
Gifts of:							
Clothing, males 2 and over	70	27	50	45	56	99	87
Clothing, females 2 and over	80	43	73	28	88	87	125
Clothing, infants less than 2	27	7	13	17	34	37	34
Jewelry and watches	26	12	64	5	12	22	27
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares	17	6	10	7	18	24	21
Household textiles	10	3	3	8	11	14	12
All other gifts	611	358	549	424	456	762	918

¹ Components of income and taxes are derived from "complete income reporters" only; see glossary at <http://stats.bls.gov/csxgloss.htm>

Note: All values have been rounded, and therefore some rounded values equal zero. When data are not reported or are not applicable (i.e., missing values), values are set to zero.

Note: Some data are likely to have large sampling errors