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Number of consumer units (in thousands) .....	59,428	25,306	29,381	5,763	15,166	8,452	4,741	7,225	52,190
Consumer unit characteristics:									
Income before taxes .....	\$82,195	\$73,032	\$89,351	\$81,372	\$89,792	\$93,999	\$86,765	\$34,852	\$39,422
Income after taxes .....	78,787	69,350	86,064	77,848	86,807	90,334	84,065	34,632	37,795
Age of reference person .....	48.8	56.8	42.0	32.1	40.2	52.0	48.1	38.3	50.1
Average number in consumer unit:									
Persons .....	3.2	2.0	3.9	3.5	4.1	3.9	5.0	2.9	1.6
Children under 18 .....	.9	n.a.	1.6	1.5	2.1	.6	1.5	1.7	.2
Persons 65 and over .....	.3	.6	.1	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )	.2	.5	( <sup>1</sup> )	.3
Earners .....	1.7	1.2	2.0	1.6	1.8	2.5	2.3	1.0	1.0
Vehicles .....	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.1	2.6	3.2	2.7	1.2	1.3
Percent distribution:									
Sex of reference person:									
Male .....	53	55	51	54	49	51	52	14	43
Female .....	47	45	49	46	51	49	48	86	57
Housing tenure:									
Homeowner .....	83	87	81	73	80	87	78	43	53
With mortgage .....	58	46	67	68	70	62	59	34	28
Without mortgage .....	26	41	14	5	10	25	19	9	25
Renter .....	17	13	19	27	20	13	22	57	47
Race of reference person:									
Black or African-American .....	8	6	8	7	8	10	14	34	14
White, Asian, and all other races .....	92	94	92	93	92	90	86	66	86
Hispanic or Latino origin of reference person:									
Hispanic or Latino .....	12	6	16	15	16	15	27	14	10
Not Hispanic or Latino .....	88	94	84	85	84	85	73	86	90
Education of reference person:									
Elementary (1-8) .....	4	4	4	3	4	6	9	3	6
High school (9-12) .....	34	35	31	23	31	35	44	42	38
College .....	62	61	65	73	66	58	47	55	56
Never attended and other .....	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
At least one vehicle owned or leased .....	97	96	97	95	98	97	96	78	79
Average annual expenditures .....	\$62,503	\$55,631	\$68,354	\$63,416	\$69,157	\$70,234	\$63,614	\$35,491	\$33,997
Food .....	7,920	6,745	8,864	7,121	9,211	9,356	8,836	5,139	4,114
Food at home .....	4,423	3,571	5,032	4,053	5,088	5,578	5,571	3,046	2,279
Cereals and bakery products .....	580	461	674	509	708	715	681	412	294
Cereals and cereal products .....	184	135	220	167	230	235	235	152	93
Bakery products .....	396	325	454	342	478	480	446	259	201
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	1,031	816	1,152	788	1,150	1,401	1,535	725	531
Beef .....	310	250	335	245	324	416	516	205	153
Pork .....	202	156	222	146	219	278	356	142	106
Other meats .....	136	103	161	101	166	192	168	102	69
Poultry .....	180	135	214	154	216	250	226	137	95
Fish and seafood .....	158	135	173	108	176	211	197	108	81
Eggs .....	45	37	48	34	49	54	72	31	28
Dairy products .....	483	385	556	518	573	548	590	315	241
Fresh milk and cream .....	181	126	219	216	230	199	255	135	93
Other dairy products .....	302	259	337	302	343	349	334	180	148
Fruits and vegetables .....	780	650	869	737	868	957	990	446	390
Fresh fruits .....	260	218	288	260	286	312	322	132	128
Fresh vegetables .....	259	215	289	216	286	344	326	123	125
Processed fruits .....	138	112	159	155	157	164	164	99	76
Processed vegetables .....	123	104	132	106	139	137	178	92	61

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Other food at home .....	\$1,549	\$1,260	\$1,782	\$1,500	\$1,788	\$1,957	\$1,775	\$1,148	\$824
Sugar and other sweets .....	160	139	176	131	180	200	184	97	86
Fats and oils .....	111	95	121	88	119	147	143	69	58
Miscellaneous foods .....	804	621	955	863	958	1,011	916	611	419
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	413	341	470	362	474	536	476	346	235
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips .....	61	64	59	55	58	63	57	25	25
Food away from home .....	3,497	3,175	3,831	3,068	4,123	3,777	3,265	2,093	1,835
Alcoholic beverages .....	562	628	500	476	506	502	581	232	456
Housing .....	20,283	17,652	22,502	24,837	22,728	20,522	20,599	13,840	12,233
Shelter .....	11,635	10,116	12,957	14,092	13,493	11,221	11,548	8,055	7,664
Owned dwellings .....	9,094	7,838	10,260	11,083	10,681	8,943	8,579	3,926	3,939
Mortgage interest and charges .....	5,326	3,881	6,568	7,644	6,872	5,287	5,338	2,414	2,147
Property taxes .....	2,277	2,216	2,371	2,324	2,474	2,217	2,026	909	1,036
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses .....	1,492	1,741	1,321	1,114	1,335	1,438	1,215	603	757
Rented dwellings .....	1,702	1,303	1,939	2,483	2,100	1,281	2,364	3,938	3,414
Other lodging .....	839	976	758	527	713	997	605	190	311
Utilities, fuels, and public services .....	4,139	3,680	4,432	3,731	4,488	4,811	4,776	3,331	2,561
Natural gas .....	613	542	665	606	674	690	668	492	392
Electricity .....	1,545	1,405	1,620	1,355	1,645	1,755	1,830	1,282	946
Fuel oil and other fuels .....	176	179	176	133	191	179	151	60	106
Telephone services .....	1,299	1,095	1,438	1,195	1,425	1,627	1,534	1,152	836
Water and other public services .....	506	458	533	442	553	559	593	345	281
Household operations .....	1,334	816	1,793	3,485	1,585	1,013	1,245	969	505
Personal services .....	625	43	1,122	2,829	869	410	649	642	94
Other household expenses .....	709	773	671	656	715	603	596	327	411
Housekeeping supplies .....	863	793	926	754	942	1,011	871	423	404
Laundry and cleaning supplies .....	201	167	226	203	221	253	239	150	93
Other household products .....	457	401	510	379	534	547	451	177	200
Postage and stationery .....	205	225	190	172	187	210	181	96	112
Household furnishings and equipment .....	2,312	2,246	2,392	2,775	2,219	2,466	2,158	1,063	1,099
Household textiles .....	206	224	193	192	151	278	188	101	100
Furniture .....	606	550	666	964	629	529	534	305	323
Floor coverings .....	69	73	69	68	72	64	50	11	28
Major appliances .....	345	320	357	368	312	435	408	113	140
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares .....	147	148	135	102	122	184	215	69	69
Miscellaneous household equipment .....	939	931	972	1,082	933	976	764	465	440
Apparel and services .....	2,381	1,878	2,805	2,666	2,852	2,828	2,607	1,863	1,281
Men and boys .....	589	419	735	589	781	755	638	329	288
Men, 16 and over .....	459	393	518	436	467	677	474	115	259
Boys, 2 to 15 .....	130	27	217	153	314	78	164	214	29
Women and girls .....	977	807	1,127	936	1,150	1,222	994	812	477
Women, 16 and over .....	797	760	829	748	734	1,078	804	533	443
Girls, 2 to 15 .....	180	47	298	188	417	144	191	279	34
Children under 2 .....	136	56	188	552	122	71	279	110	46
Footwear .....	359	253	445	327	471	472	430	447	220
Other apparel products and services .....	320	342	310	263	328	309	266	164	250
Transportation .....	11,388	9,674	12,787	11,188	12,769	13,909	11,868	5,504	5,644
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	4,745	3,803	5,553	5,211	5,587	5,725	4,764	1,917	2,121
Cars and trucks, new .....	2,665	2,392	2,978	3,065	3,078	2,738	2,177	553	984
Cars and trucks, used .....	2,001	1,344	2,492	2,131	2,414	2,876	2,473	1,353	1,105
Other vehicles .....	79	67	83	316	94	311	314	312	32
Gasoline and motor oil .....	2,901	2,419	3,246	2,609	3,246	3,680	3,331	1,697	1,534

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Other vehicle expenses .....	\$3,087	\$2,733	\$3,381	\$2,909	\$3,326	\$3,800	\$3,155	\$1,628	\$1,621
Vehicle finance charges .....	419	323	497	519	494	486	444	193	175
Maintenance and repairs .....	882	790	958	646	995	1,102	903	467	498
Vehicle insurance .....	1,132	994	1,235	947	1,137	1,606	1,229	666	638
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, and other charges .....	654	626	691	797	699	605	579	303	311
Public transportation .....	655	718	608	459	610	705	618	261	367
Healthcare .....	3,713	4,435	3,133	2,726	3,038	3,583	3,446	1,306	1,887
Health insurance .....	1,976	2,416	1,623	1,449	1,570	1,839	1,809	644	997
Medical services .....	924	1,000	871	855	864	894	853	383	421
Drugs .....	653	839	492	336	448	679	638	209	395
Medical supplies .....	161	180	146	86	156	171	146	70	74
Entertainment .....	3,124	2,938	3,378	2,879	3,738	3,064	2,552	1,859	1,590
Fees and admissions .....	845	745	976	573	1,229	797	569	402	362
Audio and visual equipment and services .....	1,092	973	1,195	1,081	1,241	1,186	1,098	819	706
Pets, toys, hobbies, and playground equipment .....	540	519	573	591	579	551	442	288	282
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services .....	647	701	635	633	689	531	443	350	240
Personal care products and services .....	749	685	813	747	783	921	727	460	410
Reading .....	149	172	137	105	144	146	101	63	88
Education .....	1,236	646	1,769	570	1,633	2,826	1,086	754	510
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	332	315	311	215	319	361	559	259	330
Miscellaneous .....	969	915	944	774	964	1,026	1,413	644	733
Cash contributions .....	2,312	2,681	2,083	1,347	2,116	2,525	1,764	733	1,521
Personal insurance and pensions .....	7,383	6,266	8,330	7,766	8,356	8,666	7,475	2,835	3,201
Life and other personal insurance .....	487	475	501	363	522	557	468	150	158
Pensions and Social Security .....	6,895	5,790	7,829	7,403	7,834	8,109	7,007	2,686	3,043
Sources of income and personal taxes:									
Money income before taxes .....	82,195	73,032	89,351	81,372	89,792	93,999	86,765	34,852	39,422
Wages and salaries .....	66,873	51,354	79,481	74,976	80,189	81,282	71,579	27,335	29,642
Self-employment income .....	5,426	5,018	5,663	5,005	6,287	4,992	6,130	1,602	1,814
Social Security, private and government retirement .....	7,186	13,407	1,849	3,216	850	4,754	7,052	1,311	5,615
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income .....	1,838	2,646	1,336	624	1,482	1,560	639	311	1,248
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits .....	260	244	267	171	242	378	297	129	158
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps .....	211	112	223	131	231	271	668	1,275	358
Regular contributions for support .....	195	97	268	100	348	239	267	2,514	362
Other income .....	206	154	263	148	163	522	132	374	225
Personal taxes .....	3,408	3,682	3,287	3,524	2,986	3,665	2,701	220	1,627
Federal income taxes .....	2,402	2,689	2,261	2,477	2,037	2,518	1,736	-118	1,178
State and local income taxes .....	725	657	794	854	736	858	653	214	327
Other taxes .....	282	335	231	194	213	289	311	124	122
Income after taxes .....	78,787	69,350	86,064	77,848	86,807	90,334	84,065	34,632	37,795

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Addenda:									
Net change in total assets and liabilities .....	- \$7,912	- \$1,830	- \$12,301	- \$14,161	- \$8,633	- \$17,615	- \$13,179	- \$6,515	- \$6,150
Net change in total assets .....	15,300	14,666	15,957	29,195	17,392	4,354	14,617	7,159	6,908
Net change in total liabilities .....	23,213	16,496	28,258	43,356	26,025	21,969	27,796	13,674	13,058
Other financial information:									
Other money receipts .....	810	1,173	585	270	381	1,167	265	571	394
Mortgage principal paid on owned property .....	-3,075	-2,522	-3,552	-3,250	-3,751	-3,399	-3,075	-1,033	-1,091
Estimated market value of owned home .....	255,657	265,134	252,004	227,942	250,355	271,370	227,713	82,834	114,614
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home .....	1,164	1,151	1,186	1,120	1,194	1,215	1,101	476	596
Gifts of goods and services .....	1,531	1,904	1,286	904	1,438	1,287	1,017	484	811
Food .....	174	274	98	84	102	104	113	61	58
Alcoholic beverages .....	16	11	19	20	18	22	22	6	21
Housing .....	385	395	410	226	531	320	169	110	145
Housekeeping supplies .....	36	44	30	36	23	38	22	20	20
Household textiles .....	17	27	11	<sup>36</sup>	10	16	<sup>33</sup>	<sup>35</sup>	6
Appliances and miscellaneous housewares .....	35	47	25	27	22	30	<sup>325</sup>	<sup>32</sup>	18
Major appliances .....	13	16	12	<sup>33</sup>	12	17	<sup>310</sup>	( <sup>2</sup> )	6
Small appliances and miscellaneous housewares .....	21	30	14	24	10	13	<sup>315</sup>	<sup>32</sup>	11
Miscellaneous household equipment .....	67	81	59	64	55	63	44	20	32
Other housing .....	231	196	285	93	422	173	76	62	70
Apparel and services .....	313	385	241	296	211	262	360	140	183
Males, 2 and over .....	78	107	54	55	57	46	68	32	41
Females, 2 and over .....	124	175	79	59	70	108	119	22	44
Children under 2 .....	71	55	80	152	63	65	116	36	32
Other apparel products and services .....	39	48	28	29	20	44	56	51	66
Jewelry and watches .....	14	18	11	<sup>35</sup>	6	26	<sup>36</sup>	23	40
All other apparel products and services .....	25	30	17	<sup>324</sup>	14	<sup>318</sup>	<sup>350</sup>	<sup>328</sup>	26
Transportation .....	75	97	63	11	80	69	32	13	73
Health care .....	21	22	22	<sup>34</sup>	24	31	<sup>315</sup>	<sup>38</sup>	67
Entertainment .....	98	124	78	148	60	61	82	25	58
Toys, games, arts and crafts, and tricycles .....	30	44	17	18	15	19	38	<sup>36</sup>	19
Other entertainment .....	68	80	61	129	45	42	44	20	39
Personal care products and services .....	25	33	20	37	13	23	<sup>313</sup>	11	6
Reading .....	1	2	1	<sup>31</sup>	( <sup>2</sup> )	1	<sup>31</sup>	( <sup>2</sup> )	1
Education .....	322	425	263	<sup>312</sup>	337	302	138	71	102
All other gifts .....	99	137	72	65	64	92	72	39	96

<sup>1</sup> Value less than 0.05.

<sup>2</sup> Value less than or equal to 0.5.

<sup>3</sup> Data are likely to have large sampling errors.  
n.a. Not applicable.