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(All urban and rural families and single consumers, 1972-73 Consumer Expenditure Survey)

Item	All families	Region			
		Northeast	North Central	South	West
Number of families in universe (000 's) .....	71,220	17,138	19,543	21,582	12,953
Selected family characteristics					
Average					
Family size .....	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.7
Family income before taxes .....	\$11,419	\$11,503	\$11,915	\$10,348	\$12,019
Family income after taxes .....	\$9,731	\$9,697	\$10,052	\$8,936	\$10,294
Age of head .....	48	49	47	48	47
Number of children under 18 .....	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	.9
Number of persons 65 and over .....	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3
Number of automobiles owned .....	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.4
Percent <sup>1</sup>					
Housing tenure					
Homeowner .....	58.8	55.1	63.8	60.1	53.9
With mortgage .....	33.4	31.1	35.9	32.1	35.0
Without mortgage .....	25.3	23.8	27.8	28.0	18.9
Mortgage not reported .....	.1	.1	.1	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Renter .....	36.8	41.7	31.8	35.1	40.8
Other, including not reported .....	4.4	3.3	4.3	4.8	5.3
Race of head					
White .....	88.5	90.7	92.1	82.2	90.9
Black .....	10.1	8.0	7.5	17.3	4.8
Other .....	1.3	1.2	.4	.5	4.3
Education of family head					
1 to 8 years .....	21.2	20.2	21.4	26.3	13.8
9 years, not more than 12 years .....	45.2	45.6	49.2	42.1	44.1
More than 12 years .....	27.5	28.5	24.1	24.9	35.6
Not reported or no school .....	6.0	5.7	5.3	6.6	6.6
Automobile ownership					
At least one automobile owned .....	80.1	74.9	83.0	79.9	82.8

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<b>Expenditure categories</b>					
Current consumption expenses, total .....	\$8,270.48	\$8,878.35	\$8,240.35	\$7,592.93	\$8,647.86
Food, total .....	1,595.57	1,799.54	1,590.44	1,459.68	1,566.91
Food at home, total .....	1,154.53	1,314.02	1,148.70	1,081.32	1,078.41
Cereals and cereal products .....	34.56	34.52	32.72	36.26	34.52
Bakery products .....	103.58	126.24	105.96	92.19	89.54
Beef .....	179.11	213.96	187.15	151.69	167.75
Pork .....	101.87	97.69	107.15	108.98	87.06
Other meats .....	44.92	63.28	46.23	33.49	38.28
Poultry .....	53.90	68.52	45.85	53.59	47.48
Fish and seafood .....	31.97	44.75	25.03	29.61	29.84
Eggs .....	28.12	29.63	24.78	30.46	27.25
Fresh milk and cream .....	94.67	101.90	95.10	91.58	89.79
Other dairy products .....	64.72	77.88	64.89	54.53	64.53
Fresh fruits .....	44.45	54.77	42.80	35.68	48.37
Fresh vegetables .....	50.24	61.44	45.19	46.12	50.26
Processed fruits .....	35.09	40.61	34.10	30.65	36.91
Processed vegetables .....	38.50	42.63	36.03	40.19	33.95
Sugar and other sweets .....	34.72	34.41	37.08	33.60	33.41
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	87.73	96.45	85.65	90.67	74.41
Fats and oils .....	30.70	28.95	30.32	32.89	29.82
Miscellaneous prepared foods, condiments, and seasonings .....	95.69	96.40	102.67	89.13	95.25
Food away from home .....	422.22	461.66	424.89	361.30	470.41
Meals as pay .....	18.82	23.86	16.85	17.07	18.09
Alcoholic beverages .....	110.43	124.49	105.56	81.44	148.99
Tobacco products and smoking supplies .....	129.91	158.94	129.11	125.75	99.63

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Current consumption expenses, total (continued)					
Housing, total .....	\$2,550.87	\$2,854.67	\$2,495.69	\$2,246.26	\$2,737.45
Shelter, total .....	1,311.24	1,536.23	1,240.45	1,058.43	1,541.22
Rented dwellings .....	571.90	697.99	475.28	458.41	740.12
Owned dwellings .....	718.51	814.93	738.50	583.48	785.21
Other lodging, excluding vacation .....	20.83	23.32	26.66	16.53	15.90
Fuel and utilities, total .....	409.01	450.82	435.66	393.26	339.61
Gas, total .....	92.86	85.44	135.86	74.99	67.49
Gas, delivered in mains .....	77.64	78.71	111.91	56.76	59.24
Gas, bottled or tank .....	15.22	6.74	23.95	18.23	8.25
Electricity .....	156.80	146.81	154.96	191.63	114.67
Gas and electricity, combined bills .....	40.47	56.33	37.52	19.81	58.36
Fuel oil and kerosene .....	51.19	113.37	43.07	28.06	19.71
Other fuels, coal, and wood .....	4.97	4.85	3.92	6.38	4.35
Water, garbage, sewerage, trash, and other .....	62.73	44.02	60.32	72.40	75.02
Household operations, total .....	443.47	472.47	424.01	429.97	457.17
Telephone .....	178.02	188.01	174.03	171.56	181.59
Housekeeping and laundry supplies, total .....	130.56	144.49	134.57	117.72	127.99
Laundry and cleaning supplies .....	47.09	50.03	48.97	45.94	42.32
Other household products .....	45.83	53.96	45.31	41.45	43.38
Postage and stationery .....	37.63	40.50	40.29	30.33	42.29
Domestic and other household services .....	134.90	139.96	115.42	140.70	147.59
Housefurnishings and equipment, total .....	387.14	395.15	395.57	364.60	399.45
Household textiles .....	50.82	53.63	49.03	46.27	57.35
Furniture .....	131.73	145.13	128.29	126.08	128.63
Floor coverings .....	42.21	43.84	47.97	34.27	44.16
Major appliances .....	89.50	79.33	94.40	93.25	89.36
Small appliances .....	9.77	9.00	10.36	9.19	10.80
Housewares .....	9.29	8.67	8.94	8.13	12.59
Miscellaneous .....	53.81	55.54	56.58	47.41	56.56

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Current consumption expenses, total (continued)					
Clothing, total .....	\$565.38	\$607.53	\$550.78	\$540.73	\$572.71
Male's, 2 and over .....	216.09	231.84	210.80	206.32	219.36
Female's, 2 and over .....	308.08	337.61	299.32	292.54	308.24
Children's, under 2 years .....	14.47	17.38	14.64	13.30	12.32
Materials, repairs, alterations and services .....	26.74	20.70	26.02	28.57	32.79
Dry cleaning and laundry .....	81.98	96.84	73.26	80.37	78.14
Transportation, total .....	1,597.16	1,531.96	1,683.11	1,544.36	1,642.23
Vehicle purchases (net outlay) .....	704.55	625.64	770.10	703.89	711.43
Vehicle finance charges .....	79.65	65.20	96.25	72.88	85.00
Vehicle operations, total .....	750.17	727.88	764.01	730.23	791.94
Gasoline and fuels .....	347.61	311.75	359.40	359.60	357.35
Other .....	402.55	416.13	404.61	370.63	434.60
Other transportation .....	62.79	113.24	52.75	37.36	53.86
Health care, total .....	527.55	509.29	517.65	535.24	553.75
Health insurance .....	195.81	176.47	200.95	209.70	190.45
Expenses not covered by insurance .....	277.47	280.90	260.15	271.08	309.74
Nonprescription drugs and medical supplies .....	54.27	51.91	56.54	54.45	53.56
Personal care .....	165.21	165.00	163.02	164.74	169.80
Recreation, total .....	707.95	754.66	696.30	605.36	834.88
Owned vacation home .....	9.96	17.15	9.99	4.68	9.19
Vacation and pleasure trips, total .....	249.93	308.22	236.64	187.48	297.01
Food .....	57.32	61.45	57.03	46.27	70.73
Alcoholic beverages .....	6.96	8.20	7.13	4.67	8.89
Lodging .....	41.15	58.28	38.45	30.76	39.91
Transportation, total .....	86.50	93.63	83.81	67.19	113.33
Gasoline .....	32.03	22.31	37.74	29.89	39.85
Other transportation .....	54.47	71.32	46.07	37.30	73.48
All expense tours .....	35.08	62.63	28.71	20.38	32.76
Other vacation expenses .....	22.92	24.04	21.51	18.23	31.39
Boats, aircraft, and wheel goods .....	83.59	69.35	85.45	79.97	105.67
Other recreation, total .....	364.47	359.94	364.22	333.22	423.01
Television .....	46.54	43.13	45.22	46.87	52.52
Other .....	317.93	316.81	319.00	286.36	370.49
Pets, toys, and games .....	71.62	78.10	68.62	63.00	82.43
All other recreation expenses .....	246.31	238.71	250.38	223.35	288.06

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<b>Current consumption expenses, total (continued)</b>					
Reading .....	\$47.72	\$44.14	\$45.36	\$46.36	\$58.29
Education, total .....	105.52	154.14	109.79	83.94	70.65
Private .....	62.05	110.54	56.67	43.38	37.15
Public .....	40.48	42.41	46.08	38.33	33.07
Day and summer camp .....	2.99	1.18	7.04	2.23	.43
Miscellaneous .....	85.23	77.17	80.27	78.70	114.45
Personal insurance, retirement, and pensions, total .....	734.18	720.62	774.96	700.38	746.79
Life, endowment, annuities, and income insurance .....	249.11	245.25	248.00	256.03	244.37
Other personal insurance .....	7.72	4.97	4.91	8.03	15.10
Retirement and pensions .....	477.35	470.40	522.05	436.32	487.32
Gifts and contributions .....	507.67	533.79	477.05	469.36	581.48
<b>Sources of income and personal taxes</b>					
Money income before taxes .....	11,419.05	11,502.58	11,915.16	10,347.66	12,018.54
Wages and salaries, total .....	8,539.60	8,814.42	9,054.46	7,596.69	8,642.72
Money wages and salaries, civilians .....	8,475.92	8,800.08	9,049.63	7,462.98	8,541.58
Union dues .....	-17.53	-19.64	-25.69	-9.85	-15.24
Other occupational expenses .....	-33.57	-23.35	-39.70	-28.95	-45.53
Rent received as pay .....	9.78	7.87	8.38	9.94	14.16
Meals received as pay .....	18.82	23.86	16.85	17.07	18.09
Money wages and salaries, armed forces .....	70.86	18.94	35.93	121.33	108.19
Quarters and subsistence .....	15.32	6.65	9.06	24.18	21.47
Self-employment income, total .....	875.24	574.63	1,019.37	869.77	1,064.92
Net income from own business .....	613.59	471.22	568.59	703.93	719.57
Net income from own farm .....	261.64	103.41	450.78	165.85	345.35
Social security and railroad retirement .....	577.61	642.46	575.44	545.36	548.98
Government retirement, veteran's payments, and unemployment compensation .....	292.65	269.95	183.37	346.62	397.75
Estates, trusts, dividends, rental income, royalties, income from roomers and boarders, total .....	533.25	554.74	500.26	488.38	628.93
Rental income, royalties, income from roomers and boarders .....	120.87	115.97	93.36	141.76	133.54
Income from interest, dividends, estates and trusts .....	412.38	438.77	406.90	346.61	495.39

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<b>Money income before taxes (continued)</b>					
Income from all other sources, total .....	\$600.81	\$646.37	\$582.27	\$500.84	\$735.24
Welfare and public assistance .....	107.30	152.30	91.73	76.50	122.63
Private pensions .....	129.00	161.73	125.94	103.23	133.30
Regular contributions for support .....	70.38	72.04	57.99	65.77	94.60
Other income, including workers' compensation .....	294.12	260.31	306.61	255.34	384.71
Personal taxes, total .....	-1,687.93	-1,805.46	-1,863.41	-1,411.68	-1,724.21
Federal income taxes .....	-1,399.11	-1,457.94	-1,538.71	-1,206.01	-1,428.54
State and local income taxes .....	-234.05	-306.55	-260.48	-151.09	-236.54
Personal property and other personal taxes .....	-54.77	-40.96	-64.22	-54.58	-59.12
<b>Other financial information</b>					
Other money receipts .....	219.41	197.33	256.13	172.68	271.16
Net change in assets and liabilities <sup>3</sup> .....	824.23	794.98	755.54	751.91	1,086.47
Net change in assets .....	1,463.88	1,324.10	1,461.34	1,449.83	1,675.77
Net change in liabilities .....	639.65	529.12	705.81	697.92	589.30
Goods and services received without direct expense .....	132.45	115.44	130.27	148.14	132.13
Market value of financial assets .....	7,094.13	7,128.44	7,163.72	6,392.18	8,114.99
Mortgage principal paid on owned property .....	-301.46	-225.64	-306.66	-251.84	-476.51
Estimated market value of owned home <sup>4</sup> .....	14,283.12	15,344.63	14,943.75	12,423.48	14,968.59
Estimated monthly rental value of owned home <sup>4</sup> .....	100.19	105.19	104.19	88.30	107.23

<sup>1</sup> Percents may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> Value less than 0.05.

<sup>3</sup> Data represent end-of-year values.

<sup>4</sup> Estimates made at the beginning of the survey year.