

Table 60. Number of earners in consumer unit: Shares of annual aggregate expenditures and sources of income, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2008

(Aggregates in millions of dollars, unless otherwise indicated)

Item	Aggregate	Single consumers		Consumer units of two or more persons			
		No earner	One earner	No earner	One earner	Two earners	Three or more earners
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	120,770	13,365	21,699	10,762	25,011	40,395	9,540
Percent distribution of consumer units	100.0	11.1	18.0	8.9	20.7	33.4	7.9
Consumer unit characteristics (mean values):							
Income before taxes	\$63,563	\$17,682	\$42,426	\$31,513	\$58,601	\$92,124	\$104,141
Income after taxes	61,774	17,720	40,455	31,711	57,562	89,071	101,349
Age of reference person	49.1	69.0	42.4	65.3	47.5	43.3	46.4
Average number in consumer unit:							
Persons	2.5	1.0	1.0	2.3	3.0	3.1	4.4
Children under 18 .....	.6	n.a.	n.a.	.3	1.0	.9	1.0
Persons 65 and older .....	.3	.7	.1	1.2	.3	.1	.1
Earners	1.3	n.a.	1.0	n.a.	1.0	2.0	3.3
Vehicles	2.0	.9	1.2	1.8	1.9	2.5	3.2
Percent distribution:							
Sex of reference person:							
Male	47	34	54	50	39	51	47
Female	53	66	46	50	61	49	53
Housing tenure:							
Homeowner	66	58	44	77	67	75	80
With mortgage	42	13	30	19	44	59	63
Without mortgage	24	45	13	58	23	17	17
Renter	34	42	56	23	33	25	20
Race of reference person:							
Black or African-American	12	14	13	13	15	9	11
White, Asian, and all other races	88	86	87	87	85	91	89
Hispanic or Latino origin of reference person:							
Hispanic or Latino	12	5	9	8	16	12	18
Not Hispanic or Latino	88	95	91	92	84	88	82
Education of reference person:							
Elementary (1-8)	5	10	2	9	6	2	6
High school (9-12)	35	48	26	45	37	31	37
College	60	41	72	46	56	66	57
Never attended and other	(¹)	1	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	1
At least one vehicle owned or leased	89	67	82	87	91	96	96
Annual aggregate expenditures	\$6,094,697	4.8	12.5	6.8	20.8	43.9	11.3
Food	776,825	4.7	11.5	7.9	22.0	42.1	11.8
Food at home	451,454	5.5	9.6	9.5	24.0	39.9	11.5
Cereals and bakery products	61,119	5.8	9.0	9.4	24.5	39.5	11.8
Cereals and cereal products	20,448	5.1	8.5	9.0	25.3	40.1	11.9
Bakery products	40,671	6.2	9.3	9.6	24.0	39.2	11.7
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	102,033	5.2	9.1	9.7	24.9	39.3	11.7
Beef	28,799	4.8	8.5	9.1	24.9	40.4	12.4
Pork	19,649	5.3	8.4	10.8	25.4	38.0	12.1
Other meats	12,837	4.9	9.2	10.5	23.8	39.5	12.0
Poultry	19,175	4.4	9.6	9.0	25.8	39.4	11.8
Fish and seafood	15,417	6.8	10.0	9.1	24.3	39.6	10.1
Eggs	6,156	5.9	10.4	10.2	25.1	37.6	10.8
Dairy products	51,786	5.8	9.9	9.6	23.7	40.4	10.7
Fresh milk and cream	20,269	6.0	9.6	8.8	25.1	40.1	10.4
Other dairy products	31,518	5.6	10.1	10.1	22.8	40.5	10.9

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Item	Aggregate	Single consumers		Consumer units of two or more persons			
		No earner	One earner	No earner	One earner	Two earners	Three or more earners
Fruits and vegetables	\$79,194	6.0	10.0	9.8	24.3	39.0	11.0
Fresh fruits	26,756	6.2	9.5	9.6	25.0	39.0	10.7
Fresh vegetables	25,542	5.9	10.1	9.5	24.6	39.2	10.8
Processed fruits	14,032	6.3	10.6	9.8	22.9	38.7	11.6
Processed vegetables	12,864	5.2	10.0	10.8	23.5	38.9	11.6
Other food at home	157,321	5.3	9.9	9.2	23.2	40.7	11.7
Sugar and other sweets	15,580	6.1	9.0	9.5	23.4	39.3	12.7
Fats and oils	12,595	6.0	9.6	11.5	23.9	37.5	11.5
Miscellaneous foods	81,963	5.2	10.2	8.7	23.1	41.6	11.3
Nonalcoholic beverages	41,289	5.1	9.9	9.1	23.2	40.2	12.5
Food prepared by consumer unit on out-of-town trips	5,894	4.8	9.9	10.8	22.2	41.6	10.8
Food away from home	325,371	3.5	14.1	5.8	19.3	45.1	12.2
Alcoholic beverages	53,558	3.6	20.6	6.0	16.9	43.1	9.8
Housing	2,065,912	6.2	13.3	6.7	21.9	42.0	9.9
Shelter	1,229,818	6.1	15.4	5.8	21.4	41.9	9.5
Owned dwellings	816,456	4.3	11.5	5.8	21.7	46.1	10.6
Mortgage interest and charges	462,120	2.1	11.7	2.7	21.9	50.8	10.9
Property taxes	212,347	6.6	10.4	8.6	21.8	42.4	10.3
Maintenance, repairs, insurance, other expenses	141,988	8.3	12.6	12.1	20.8	36.2	9.9
Rented dwellings	329,033	11.0	26.0	4.9	20.9	30.7	6.4
Other lodging	84,330	3.3	11.0	8.8	20.3	46.0	10.5
Utilities, fuels, and public services	440,720	6.9	11.1	8.8	22.2	39.5	11.5
Natural gas	64,158	7.7	10.8	8.7	22.2	39.4	11.1
Electricity	163,444	7.1	10.7	9.2	22.7	39.3	10.9
Fuel oil and other fuels	23,163	9.3	10.5	12.9	21.6	35.9	9.8
Telephone services	136,089	5.9	12.2	7.3	21.6	40.3	12.7
Water and other public services	53,865	7.0	9.9	9.3	22.6	39.6	11.6
Household operations	120,468	7.0	7.8	6.8	22.5	48.7	7.1
Personal services	46,280	4.5	21.1	4.4	24.5	60.8	4.8
Other household expenses	74,189	8.6	12.0	8.4	21.3	41.1	8.5
Housekeeping supplies	78,880	5.7	9.6	10.2	24.3	38.5	11.8
Laundry and cleaning supplies	17,821	5.6	9.4	9.8	26.2	38.4	10.6
Other household products	42,224	5.0	7.9	9.9	24.0	39.0	14.3
Postage and stationery	18,834	7.4	13.5	11.2	23.2	37.4	7.2
Household furnishings and equipment	196,026	4.8	10.7	6.8	22.9	44.8	10.0
Household textiles	15,234	5.9	7.8	7.7	25.2	42.6	10.8
Furniture	46,812	4.4	11.3	5.5	24.3	46.0	8.6
Floor coverings	5,383	4.7	6.2	9.4	25.6	46.6	7.4
Major appliances	24,651	4.2	9.0	8.2	21.0	46.6	11.1
Small appliances, miscellaneous housewares ..	13,616	6.9	12.8	8.2	20.1	42.2	9.8
Miscellaneous household equipment	90,330	4.7	11.3	6.5	22.7	44.4	10.4
Apparel and services	217,176	3.8	11.0	5.8	22.8	46.0	10.7
Men and boys	51,483	1.7	11.7	6.4	22.0	46.9	11.3
Men, 16 and over	41,502	2.0	13.7	6.7	19.1	46.4	12.1
Boys, 2 to 15	9,981	.6	3.1	5.3	34.4	48.6	7.9
Women and girls	86,595	5.0	10.4	6.1	21.9	45.2	11.4
Women, 16 and over	71,960	5.8	11.8	6.5	20.3	44.0	11.6
Girls, 2 to 15	14,635	1.1	3.3	4.0	30.1	51.0	10.4
Children under 2	11,185	1.4	3.7	4.2	30.8	51.3	8.5
Footwear	37,909	3.6	10.8	5.1	25.4	45.3	9.6
Other apparel products and services	30,004	4.7	14.4	5.0	20.2	45.5	10.1

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Transportation	\$1,038,811	3.3	11.7	7.1	19.2	45.6	13.1
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	332,698	1.8	11.0	7.2	17.8	48.7	13.5
Cars and trucks, new	157,600	² 2.1	10.2	7.6	16.8	53.1	10.2
Cars and trucks, used	158,872	1.2	12.1	6.6	18.9	44.5	16.6
Other vehicles	16,225	² 3.9	8.9	² 9.1	16.5	46.3	15.3
Gasoline and motor oil	327,872	3.4	11.4	6.5	20.9	44.3	13.6
Other vehicle expenses	316,280	4.5	12.3	7.3	19.0	44.1	12.9
Vehicle finance charges	37,717	1.3	9.9	3.8	19.7	50.7	14.6
Maintenance and repairs	88,214	4.8	12.8	7.1	19.7	41.9	13.7
Vehicle insurance	134,230	5.3	12.8	9.0	17.7	42.0	13.2
Vehicle rental, leases, licenses, and other charges	56,120	4.1	12.1	5.8	20.5	47.8	9.7
Public transportation	61,961	4.5	13.2	9.0	19.3	44.1	9.9
Healthcare	359,365	9.1	8.7	15.0	22.2	35.6	9.5
Health insurance	199,678	10.6	8.2	15.6	21.9	34.9	8.8
Medical services	87,755	5.8	9.7	12.0	22.2	39.6	10.7
Drugs	58,197	8.7	9.0	17.8	23.4	31.5	9.6
Medical supplies	13,734	8.8	8.1	15.3	20.7	36.0	10.9
Entertainment	342,185	4.4	12.5	6.7	20.2	46.6	9.5
Fees and admissions	74,337	3.0	12.2	6.1	21.5	47.0	10.3
Audio and visual equipment and services	125,111	5.8	13.6	7.3	20.0	43.0	10.3
Pets, toys, hobbies, and playground equipment ..	84,872	4.4	13.0	6.0	19.5	48.4	8.6
Other entertainment supplies, equipment, and services	57,865	3.0	9.8	7.5	20.2	51.4	8.1
Personal care products and services	74,300	6.1	12.1	7.7	20.7	42.3	11.2
Reading	14,030	8.2	13.7	10.8	19.8	37.9	9.5
Education	126,275	3.5	13.2	2.7	17.6	46.1	16.9
Tobacco products and smoking supplies	38,244	5.3	14.4	7.8	21.5	38.2	12.9
Miscellaneous	101,374	4.2	15.1	6.4	19.9	45.8	8.6
Cash contributions	209,721	7.5	14.4	9.4	21.8	36.9	9.9
Personal insurance and pensions	676,923	.3	13.3	.9	18.1	53.6	13.9
Life and other personal insurance	38,264	3.6	6.3	7.3	25.6	45.3	11.9
Pensions and Social Security	638,659	² .1	13.7	.5	17.6	54.1	14.0
Sources of income and personal taxes:							
Money income before taxes	7,676,460	3.1	12.0	4.4	19.1	48.5	12.9
Wages and salaries	6,160,177	(³)	13.0	(³)	18.3	53.9	14.8
Self-employment income	388,778	(³)	13.0	(³)	21.0	53.9	12.1
Social Security, private and government retirement	794,300	23.4	4.2	34.5	22.5	13.0	2.4
Interest, dividends, rental income, other property income	182,259	16.2	9.6	20.0	20.0	30.4	3.8
Unemployment and workers' compensation, veterans' benefits	27,198	6.9	12.2	11.7	18.7	43.0	7.5
Public assistance, supplemental security income, food stamps	44,800	19.2	3.1	29.3	31.2	12.3	4.9
Regular contributions for support	53,864	12.0	15.4	17.9	30.3	19.4	5.1
Other income	25,084	15.5	21.1	9.5	22.0	25.2	6.8

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Personal taxes	\$216,057	-2	19.8	-1.0	12.0	57.1	12.3
Federal income taxes	219,443	.8	17.5	1.1	14.0	54.1	12.5
2008 Tax stimulus (new UCC Q20082)	-94,645	4.3	9.2	7.2	22.1	44.9	12.3
State and local income taxes	65,485	.4	15.0	.5	16.9	54.6	12.6
Other taxes	25,774	5.9	12.4	7.7	19.4	43.9	10.6
Income after taxes	7,460,402	3.2	11.8	4.6	19.3	48.2	13.0

¹ Value less than or equal to 0.5.

² Data are likely to have large sampling errors.

³ No data reported.