

Table 8.3
Average Annual Expenditures of Households by Income, 2008^a

	All households	Income before taxes			
		Less than \$5,000	\$5,000–\$9,999	\$10,000–\$14,999	\$15,000–\$19,999
Total expenditures	\$50,486	\$23,036	\$19,125	\$21,120	\$25,536
		Percentage of total expenditures ^b			
Food ^c	12.8%	16.8%	16.6%	15.7%	13.9%
Housing	33.9%	39.2%	39.9%	41.0%	39.5%
Apparel and services	3.6%	4.4%	4.4%	4.7%	3.6%
Transportation	17.0%	13.4%	15.3%	14.1%	17.5%
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	5.5%	1.9%	4.2%	2.9%	5.3%
Gasoline and motor oil	5.4%	5.3%	5.7%	5.6%	5.7%
Other vehicle expenditures	5.2%	4.9%	3.9%	4.8%	5.9%
Public transportation	1.0%	1.3%	1.4%	0.9%	0.6%
Health care	5.9%	6.0%	6.3%	7.9%	8.3%
Entertainment	5.6%	6.0%	4.8%	4.6%	4.6%
Personal Insurance & pensions	11.1%	1.7%	1.6%	2.2%	3.4%
Others ^d	9.2%	11.3%	10.1%	8.9%	8.7%
Households ^e (thousands)	120,770	4,463	5,340	7,883	7,625
Percentage of households	100%	3.7%	4.4%	6.5%	6.3%
Average number of vehicles in HH	2.0	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.2

	Income before taxes				
	\$20,000–\$29,999	\$30,000–\$39,999	\$40,000–\$49,999	\$50,000–\$69,999	\$70,000 and over
Total expenditures	\$30,367	\$35,778	\$40,527	\$50,465	\$83,700
		Percentage of total expenditures ^b			
Food ^c	13.9%	14.3%	13.4%	12.7%	11.8%
Housing	37.0%	35.1%	36.0%	33.8%	32.0%
Apparel and services	3.6%	3.9%	3.1%	3.4%	3.5%
Transportation	18.4%	18.0%	17.8%	18.5%	16.5%
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	5.8%	5.8%	5.2%	6.1%	5.5%
Gasoline and motor oil	6.3%	6.5%	6.5%	6.0%	4.7%
Other vehicle expenditures	5.6%	5.0%	5.5%	5.6%	5.0%
Public transportation	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%	0.8%	1.2%
Health care	7.9%	7.5%	6.8%	6.4%	4.9%
Entertainment	5.4%	5.2%	5.2%	5.8%	5.8%
Personal Insurance & pensions	5.2%	6.7%	8.5%	10.3%	14.6%
Others ^d	7.6%	8.3%	8.1%	8.2%	10.0%
Households ^e (thousands)	14,700	12,198	11,287	18,287	38,987
Percentage of households	12.2%	10.1%	9.3%	15.1%	32.3%
Average number of vehicles in HH	1.5	1.7	1.9	2.2	2.7

Source:

U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Web site: www.bls.gov/cex/2008/share/income.pdf, October 2009. (Additional resources: www.bls.gov)

^a Public assistance monies are included in reported income. Data for those reporting income.

^b Percentages may not sum to totals due to rounding.

^c Includes alcoholic beverages.

^d Includes personal care, reading, education, tobacco and smoking supplies, cash contributions, and miscellaneous items.

^e The term household refers to a “consumer unit,” which is defined differently than households on Table 8.1.

