# Developments in Consumption Measurement in the PSID 

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## Overview

- PSID is frequently used to study consumption
- 187 entries in the PSID bibliography under keyword "expenditures"
- Food expenditures have been most widely used expenditures data in the PSID
- Efforts to exapnd the expenditures data have been undertaken in recent years
- Much broader set of data has been collected since 1999
- Goal today:
- Provide information on the broader set of data
- Receive feedback on plans for additional questions


## Expenditures Data Collected in the PSID: 1968-2001

| Domain | Question in 2001 | Years Available |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Food |  |  |
| Food at home | F17 \& F18: In addition to what you buy with food stamps, do [you and anyone else in your family/you] spend any money on food that you use at home? How much do you spend on that food in an average week? | 1968-2001, except '73, '88, '89 |
| Food delivered | F19 \& F20: Do you have any food delivered to the door which isn't included in that? How much do you spend on that food? | 1968, 1994-2001 |
| Food out | F21: About how much do [you and everyone else in your family/you] spend eating out? | 1969-2001, except '73, '88, '89 |
| Health care |  |  |
| Nursing \& Hospital |  | 1999-2001 |
|  | H64: About how much did you pay out-of-pocket for nursing home and hospital bills in 1999 and 2000 combined? UNFOLDING BRACKETS |  |
| Doctor | H70: About how much did you pay out-of-pocket for doctor, outpatient surgery, dental bills in 1999 and 2000 combined? UNFOLDING BRACKETS | 1999-2001 |
| Prescription | H76: About how much did you pay out-of-pocket for prescriptions, in-home medical care, special facilities, and other services in 1999 and 2000 combined? UNFOLDING BRACKETS | 1999-2001 |
| Insurance | H63: Altogether, how much did [you/your family] pay for health insurance premiums, in 1999 and 2000 combined, for (all of) the health insurance or health care coverage(s) you just mentioned? Please include amounts that you had automatically deducted from your pay, as well as amounts you paid directly. | 1999-2001 |

## Expenditures Data Collected in the PSID: 1968-2001

| Domain | Question in 2001 | Years Available |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Housing |  |  |
| Mortgage | A25: How much are your monthly mortgage payments? <br> A30: Do your payments include insurance premiums? <br> A29: Do your payments include property tax? | $\begin{gathered} 1968-2001, \text { except '73, '74, '75, } \\ \text { '82, '88, '89 } \end{gathered}$ |
| Property tax | A21: About how much are your total yearly property taxes, including city, county, and school taxes? | 1968-2001, except '78, '88, '89 |
| Insurance | A22: How much is your total yearly homeowner's insurance premium? | 1991-2001 |
| Rent | A31: About how much rent do you pay a month? | 1968-2001, except '88, '89 |
| Electricity | A48: The next few questions are about amounts paid for utilities, such as electricity and water. How much [do you/does your family] usually pay for electricity per month on average? | 1981-1983, 1999, 2001 |
| Heat | A49: How much for gas or other types of heating fuel per month | 1981-1983, 1999, 2001 |
| Water and sewage | A50: How much [do you/does your family] usually pay) for water and sewer per month | 1981-1983, 1999, 2001 |
| Other | A51, A52, \& A53: And do you have any other utility expenses? What were those other utilities expenses? On average, how much are these other utility expenses per month? Cable, gabage, phone, sewer |  |


| Domain | Question in 2001 | Years Available |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Transportation |  |  |
| Vehicle loan | V20: How much are your payments and how often are they made? | 1968, 1999, 2001 |
| Down payment | V17: How much did you put down in cash? | 1999, 2001 |
| Vehicle lease | V24: How much was your initial outlay for that lease -- including your down payment and any fees? | 1999, 2001 |
|  | V25: How much are your payments and how often are they made? |  |
| Insurance | X1: How much do [you/you and your family living there] pay for car insurance [per year/for all your vehicles per year]? | 1968, 1999, 2001 |
| Repairs and maintenance | X4: In 2000 how much did [you/you and your family living there] pay for each of these transportation related expenses... | 1999-2001 |
| Gasoline | X4: | 1999-2001 |
| Parking and carpool | X4: | 1999-2001 |
| Bus fares and train fares | X4: | 1999-2001 |
| Taxicabs | X4: | 1999-2001 |
| Other | X4: | 1999-2001 |
| Additional payments | X3(Other than the car payments you already told me about,) how much did you pay in car payments | 1999-2001 |

## Expenditures Data Collected in the PSID: 1968-2001

| Domain | Question in 2001 | Years Available |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Education |  | 1999-2001 |
|  | X6 \& X7: In 2000, did [you/you and your family living there] have any schoolrelated expenses such as: <br> - Purchase or rental of books, supplies, uniforms, or equipment including computers and software; <br> - Tuition or tutoring not including any amounts for day care or nursery school. I will ask you about those later; <br> - Room and board for a family member who is away at school? How much in total were these expenses? <br> X8, X9, \& X10: In 2000, were there any other school-related expenses not already covered in the previous question? What other types of school-related expenses did you have? Altogether, how much were these other expenses? |  |
| Child Care | F7: How much did [you and your family living there/you] pay for child care in 2000? | $\begin{gathered} \text { 1970, '71, '72, '76, '77, '79, '85, } \\ 1988-2001 \end{gathered}$ |

## HRS: Consumption and Activities Mail Survey (CAMS), 2001 and 2003

- Durable goods purchases
- Housing
- Taxes, utilities, insurance
- Vehicles
- Payments, insurance, gasoline, maintenance
- Health care
- Insurance, drugs, services, supplies
- Clothing
- Trips \& vacations
- Entertainment \& hobbies

For the items on this page and the next two pages, we have included various time periods so that you can estimate your spending in a way that is easiest for you for each category: the amount you spent last week, or the amount you spent last month, or the amount you spent in the last twelve months. For example, if it is easiest for you to think about what you spend on groceries in monthly terms, then please report how much you spent last month.

Again, if you did not spend money on a specific item or service in the last 12 months, then check the "No money spent on this in last 12 months" box. If you bought an item only occasionally or on an as-needed basis, then please give your best estimate of what you spent in the last 12 months.

|  | Amount spent last week |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Amount } \\ \text { spent } \\ \text { last } \\ \text { month } \end{gathered}$ |  | Amount spent in last 12 months |  | No money spent on this in last 12 months |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| B18. Housekeeping and yard supplies: cleaning supplies, lawn and garden products | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B19. Home repairs and maintenance: materials plus any costs for hiring a professional | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B20. Food and beverages: food and drinks, including alcoholic, that you buy in grocery or other stores | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B21. Dining/ drinking out: items in restaurants, cafes, and diners, including take-out food | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |

## Example of question series in CAMS

Table 1. Average Expenditures by Category, CEX \& PSID
Source: Based on work conducted by Kerwin Charles, Geng Li, and Bob Schoeni at the University of Michigan

|  | CEX 2000 | PSID 2000 | PSID/CEX |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Food |  |  |  |
| Food at home | 3742 | 3975 | 1.06 |
| Food out | 1423 | 1828 | 1.28 |
| Food delivered | NA | 105 |  |
| Alcohol | 295 | NA |  |
| Total food | 5459 | 5905 | 1.08 |
| Health care |  |  |  |
| Nursing home \& hospital | 123 | 358 | 2.91 |
| Doctor | 410 | 427 | 1.04 |
| Prescription drugs | 364 | 339 | 0.93 |
| Insurance premiums | 983 | 1060 | 1.08 |
| Total health care | 1880 | 2184 | 1.16 |
| Housing |  |  |  |
| Net mortgage | 3875 | 4825 | 1.25 |
| Property tax | 1190 | 1308 | 1.10 |
| Insurance | 246 | 395 | 1.61 |
| Rent | 1978 | 2132 | 1.08 |
| Utility | 1612 | 2124 | 1.32 |
| Telephone | 877 | NA |  |
| Total housing | 9779 | 10871 | 1.11 |
| Transportation |  |  |  |
| Vehicle loan \& downpayment | 3720 | 3988 | 1.07 |
| Vehicle lease payment | 349 | 337 | 0.97 |
| Insurance | 778 | 1160 | 1.49 |
| Gasoline | 1280 | 1342 | 1.05 |
| Repair | 600 | 110 | 0.18 |
| Parking | 29 | 46 | 1.59 |
| Bus \& train | 18 | 42 | 2.33 |
| Taxicabs | 16 | 15 | 0.94 |
| Other | NA | 257 |  |
| Public transportation | 390 | NA |  |
| Total transportation | 7180 | 7297 | 1.02 |
| Education | 914 | 1160 | 1.27 |
| Child Care | 273 | 341 | 1.25 |
| Total | 25547 | 27758 | 1.09 |

## Major Spending Categories Not Collected in the PSID

- PSID misses roughly $\$ 7,500$ (23\%) of total spending
- Average total spending measured in CEX
- ~\$33,000
- Excludes cash contributions, pensions, personal insurance
- CEX's estimate of spending on categories collected in PSID
- \$25,547
- Major categories not included
- Home repairs \& maintenance: $\$ 1,200$ in CEX
- Household furnishings \& equipment: $\$ 1,400$ in CEX
- Clothing \& apparel: \$1,300 in CEX
- Trips \& vacations: $\$ 1,300$ in CEX
- Recreation \& entertainment: \$1,200 in CEX


## PSID 2005 Pretest Specifications for New Consumption Questions

A47. Next, let me ask you about some other household expenses. Please indicate to the best of your ability, the amount spent on each of these items altogether during 2003. Or, if you prefer, the amont you spent in an average week or month in 2003.

How much did you [and your family living there] spend altogether in 2003 on home repairs and mintenance, including materials plus any costs for hiring a professional?
\$[TDOLlar4z] A47Per USES TPERMD, A47PerSpec IS OPEN END]
GO TO A48
DON' T KNOW [ 9998]
REFUSED [ 9999]


Unfolding bracket break-points are the $25^{\text {th }}, 50^{\text {th }}$, and $75^{\text {th }}$ percentiles of the distribution as estimated in the CEX

A48. (How much did you [and your fanily living there] spend al toget her in 2003, ) on household furnishings and equipment, including household textiles, furniture, floor coverings, major appliances, small appliances and miscellaneous house wares?


A49. How much (did you [and your family living there] spend) altogether in 2003 on clothing and apparel, including footwear, out erwear, and products such as watches or jewelry?
\$[TDOllar4z] A49Per USES TPERMD, A49PerSpec IS OPEN END] GO TO A50


REFUSED [ 9999]


A50. (How much did you [and your family living there] spend altogether in 2003,) on trips and vacations, including transportation, accommodations, and recreational expenses on trips?


A51. How much (did you [and your family living there] spend) altogether in 2003 on recreation and entertainment, including tickets to movies, sporting events, and performing arts and hobbies including exercise, bicycles, trailers, camping, photography, and reading materials? Do not include costs associate with the trips and vacations you mentioned above.

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    $[TDollar4z] A51Per USES TPERMO, A51PerSpec IS OPEN END]
        GO TO END
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A44. (How much do you [and your family living there] usually pay) for telephone, cable TV and internet service per month?
[ THREE VARS: A44 USES TDollar4z, A44Per USES TPERMD, A44PerSpec IS OPEN END|

Table 1: PSID 2001 Data Collection Instrument Section Lengths (Minutes)

| Section | Components | Minutes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A-L Core | Housing, employment, housework/child care/food, income, marriage/fertility history, new head/wife background, including education | 28.0 |
| F Food | Food stamps, food security, reduced cost meals and WIC | 2.0 |
| ROff-year <br> income/work <br> and welfare <br> reform | T-2 Employment/income receipt <br> Welfare reform | $\begin{aligned} & 3.0 \\ & 0.8 \end{aligned}$ |
| V Transportation | Vehicle inventory <br> Expenses | $\begin{aligned} & 3.5 \\ & 1.3 \end{aligned}$ |
| X Expenses | Education and utilities | 1.7 |
| H Health | Health status <br> 30-day emotional distress scale <br> Health insurance coverage and costs <br> Health care costs | $\begin{aligned} & 4.2 \\ & 1.5 \\ & 1.7 \\ & 1.9 \end{aligned}$ |
| P Pensions | Head's pension - current employer <br> Head's pension - former employer <br> Wife/"wife" pension - current employer <br> Wife/"wife" pension - former employer | $\begin{aligned} & 2.8 \\ & 0.6 \\ & 1.3 \\ & 0.3 \end{aligned}$ |
| W Wealth | Wealth and active savings | 5.4 |
| T Philanthropy | Philanthropic giving and volunteering | 5.0 |
|  | TOTAL | 65.0 |

## 2003 Section A: Housing

A21. About how much are [your/their] total yearly property taxes, including city, county, and school taxes?
[TDollar5z, 5 DIGITS 0...99999]

A22. How much is [your/their] total yearly homeowner's insurance premium?
[TDollar4z, 4 DIGITS 0...9999]

A24. About how much is the remaining principal on this mortgage? [TDollar7z]

A25. How much are [your/there] monthly mortgage payments? [TDollar5z]

A25a. What is the current interest rate on that loan? [TWO 2-DIGIT VARS]
A25a WHOLE NUMBER PORTION [TRange 0...99]
A25b CODE BUILT FROM A25a AND FRACTIONAL PORTION AS FOLLOWS:

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0= [A25a].0 5= [A25a] 5/8 OR [A25a].625
1= [A25a] 1/8 OR [A25a].125 6= [A25a] 3/4 OR [A25a]. }7
2= [A25a] 1/4 OR [A25a].25 7= [A25a] 7/8 OR [A25a].875
3= [A25a] 3/8 OR [A25a].375 8= OTHER
4= [A25a] 1/2 OR [A25a].5
A25bSpec [OPEN-END]
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A29. Do your mortgage payments include property taxes?


A31. About how much rent do you pay a month?
[THREE VARS: A31 TDollar5, A31Per TPERWK, and A31Per_OS when A31Per= Other]

A42. How much do you [and your family living there] usually pay for electricity per month on average?
\{WHEN HU/HUCS PRESENT:\} Remind R not to include amounts paid by HU or HUCS people
[THREE VARS: A42 USES TDollar4z, A42Per USES TPERMO, A42Per_OS IS OPENEND]

A43. (How much) for gas or other types of heating fuel per month?
\{WHEN HU/HUCS PRESENT:\} Remind R not to include amounts paid by HU or HUCS people]
[THREE VARS: A43 USES TDollar4z, A43Per USES TPERMO, A43Per_OS IS OPENEND]

A44. (How much do you [and your family living there] usually pay) for water and sewer per month?
\{WHEN HU/HUCS PRESENT:\} Remind R not to include amounts paid by HU or HUCS people]
[THREE VARS: A44 USES TDollar4z, A44Per USES TPERMO, A44Per_OS IS OPENEND]

A45. And do you have any other utility expenses?


A46. What were those other utilities expenses? [OPENEND]
A47. On average, how much are these other utility expenses per month?
[THREE VARS: A47 USES TDollar4z , A47Per USES TPERMO, A47Per_OS IS OPENEND]
\{New Expenditure Questions being pretested in 2004 for inclusion in PSID 2005\}

A44. (How much do you [and your family living there] usually pay) for telephone, cable or satellite TV, and internet service per month?
[THREE VARS: A44 USES TDollar4z, A44Per USES TPERMO, A44PerSpec IS OPEN END]

A47. Next, let me ask you about some other household expenses. Please indicate to the best of your ability, the amount spent on each of these items altogether during 2003. Or, if you prefer, the amount you spent in an average week or month in 2003.

How much did you [and your family living there] spend altogether in 2003 on home repairs and maintenance, including materials plus any costs for hiring a professional?


A48. (How much did you [and your family living there] spend altogether in 2003,) on household furnishings and equipment, including household textiles, furniture, floor coverings, major appliances, small appliances and miscellaneous house wares?


A49. How much (did you [and your family living there] spend) altogether in 2003 on clothing and apparel, including footwear, outerwear, and products such as watches or jewelry?


A50. (How much did you [and your family living there] spend altogether in 2003,) on trips and vacations, including transportation, accommodations, and recreational expenses on trips?
\$[TDollar4z] A50Per USES TPERMO, A50PerSpec IS OPEN END] NEXT PAGE, A51


A50a. Would it amount to $\$ 600$ or more?


A50b. \$2000 or more?


NEXT PAGE, A51


A50c. $\$ 200$ or more?


NEXT PAGE, A51

A51. How much (did you [and your family living there] spend) altogether in 2003 on recreation and entertainment, including tickets to movies, sporting events, and performing arts and hobbies including exercise, bicycles, trailers, camping, photography, and reading materials? Do not include costs associate with the trips and vacations you mentioned above.
\$[TDollar4z] A51Per USES TPERMO, A51PerSpec IS OPEN END] GO TO END
DON'T KNOW [9998]


A51a. Would it amount to $\$ 300$ or more?


A51c. \$100 or more?


## Child Care

F7. How much did you (and your family living there) pay for child care in 2002? \$ [TDollar6z, 0-999999] IN 2002

F7g. How much did you pay for that adult day care (center) in 2002? \$ [TDollar6z, 0-999999]IN 2002

## Food

F18F22. How much do you (and everyone else in your family) spend on food that you use at home in an average week? [IF R LIVES WITH NON-FU MEMBERS, PROBE: Is that only your (FU's) share of the food?]
[ F18F22=TDollar5cz, $0.00-99999.99$; F18F22PER=TPERMO, Month, Year, Other]
F19F23. Do you have any food delivered to the door which isn't included in that?


F20F24. How much do you spend on that food?
[ F20F24=TDollar5c, 1.00 - 99999.99; F20F24PER=TPERWK, Week, Two Weeks, Month, Year, Other]

F21F25. About how much do you (and everyone else in your family) spend eating out?
[ F21F25=TDollar5cz, $0.00-99999.99$; F21F25PER= TPERWK, Week, Two Weeks, Month, Year, Other]

Vehicle Consumption (three newest vehicles) and Transportation Related Expenses

## Bought Vehicle

F64(V17) ${ }^{1}$. How much did you pay down in cash? [TDollar6z, 0 - 999999]

F67(V20). How much are your payments and how often are they made? [F67 USES TDollar6, 1-999999; F67PER IS TPERMO]

## Leased Vehicle

F71(V24). (And for your [DESCRIPTION OF CAR],) how much was your initial outlay for that lease -- including your down payment and any fees? [TDollar6, 1 - 999999]

F72(V25). How much are your payments and how often are they made? [F72 USES TDollar6; F72PER USES TPERMO]

Car Insurance
F77(X1). How much do (you/your family living there) pay for car insurance (for all of your vehicles) per year?
[IF NECESSARY: Please give me your best estimate.] [F77 USES TDollar6z; F77PER USES TPERMO]

Other Car Payments
F79(X3). (Other than the car payments you already told me about,) how much did (you/your family living there) pay in car payments in (LAST MONTH)?
[INCLUDE VEHICLE PURCHASE AND LEASE PAYMENTS NOT ALREADY COVERED] [F79 USES TDollar6z; 79PER USES TPERMO\}

[^0]F80(X4a). Altogether for the month of [LAST MONTH], how much did (you/your family living there) pay for each of these transportation related expenses? [ENTER TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR. IF NONE, ENTER "0".]
a. Car repairs or maintenance? [VARNAME=F80A USES TDollar5z, 0-99999]
b. Gasoline? [VARNAME=F80B USES TDollar5z, 0-99999]
c. Parking and car pool? [VARNAME=F80C USES TDollar5z, 0-99999]

F81(X4d). Altogether for the month of [LAST MONTH], how much did (you/your family living there) pay for each of these transportation related expenses... [ENTER TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR. IF NONE, ENTER "0".]
a. Bus fares and train fares? [VARNAME=F81A USES TDollar5z, 0-99999]
b. Taxicabs? [VARNAME=F81B USES TDollar5z, 0-99999]
c. Other transportation costs? [VARNAME=F8IC USES TDollar5z, 0-99999]

F81(X5). [IF ITEM F81c IS GT 0] What were those other costs? (OPENEND)

## Education Expenses

F82(X6). In 2002, did (you/your family living there) have any school-related expenses such as:
a. Purchase or rental of books, supplies, uniforms, or equipment including computers and software;
b. Tuition or tutoring (not including any amounts already mentioned for day care or nursery school);
c. Room and board for a family member who is away at school?
d.


F83(X7). How much in total were these expenses? [TDollar6]
F84(X8). In 2002, were there any other school-related expenses not already covered in the previous question?


F85(X9). What other types of school-related expenses did you have? (OPENEND)
F86(X10). Altogether, how much were these other expenses? [TDollar6])

## 2003 Section H: Health and Healthcare Costs

H63. Altogether, how much were the health insurance premiums, in 2001 and 2002 combined, for (all of) the health insurance or health care coverage (s) you just mentioned? Please include amounts that were automatically deducted from pay, as well as amounts paid directly.
[TDollar6z, 0-999999]
H64. About how much did [you/you and your family] pay out-of-pocket for nursing home and hospital bills in 2001 and 2002 combined?

| S[TDOllar6z] |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| GO TO H70 | DON'T KNOW <br> [999998] |



H70. About how much did [you/you and your family] pay out-of-pocket for doctor, outpatient surgery, and dental bills in 2001 and 2002 combined?

| S[TDOllar7z] <br> NEXT PAGE, H76 | DON'T KNOW <br> [9999998] |
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H76. About how much did [you/you and your family] pay out-of-pocket for prescriptions, in-home medical care, special facilities, and other services in 2001 and 2002 combined?

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| DON'T KNOW |
| :--- |
| [9999998] |

REFUSED
[9999999]


H82. Could you give me your best estimate of the total cost of all medical care for [you/ you and your family living there] in 2001 and 2002 combined? That is, the total of your out-of-pocket costs you just gave me, plus the costs covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or other health insurance? [IF NECESSARY: The costs we talked about were for hospital and nursing home stays, doctor and clinic visits, outpatient surgery, dental visits, prescriptions, and in-home medical care.]

| S[TDOLlar8z] <br> GO TO END SEC H | DON'T KNOW <br> [99999998] |
| :---: | :---: |



The Consumption and Activities Mail Survey (CAMS) used by the Health and Retirement Study in 2003

## Section B:

We would like to know how families spend their income. Please indicate whether your household made any of these purchases in the past 12 months, and, to the best of your ability, provide the purchase price. If you can't remember the exact amount, please give us your best estimate.

If you bought more than one item in a category, please indicate the total amount you spent on all items in that category. Please include purchases by all members of your household, that is, by you or anyone living with you.

B1. In the past twelve months, has your household leased or purchased an automobile or truck? (If it was a lease, we are asking about new long-term leases).
$\ldots$ Yes $\quad$ No $\rightarrow$ Go to Question B2
If so, what were the make, model, year and price of the vehicle(s) you purchased or leased?
(Car 1) : $\qquad$ $\overline{\text { Model }} \frac{}{\text { Year }}$
\$

(Car 2) : $\qquad$ Model Year
\$

(Car 3) : $\qquad$ Model
Year
\$ $\qquad$

B2. In the past twelve months, has your household purchased a refrigerator?
$\longrightarrow$ Yes $\rightarrow$ About how much was the purchase price? \$ $\qquad$ No

B3. In the past twelve months, has your household purchased a washing machine and/or dryer?
$\longrightarrow$ Yes $\rightarrow$ About how much was the purchase price? \$ $\qquad$
$\square$ No

B4. In the past twelve months, has your household purchased a dishwasher?
$\qquad$ Yes $\rightarrow$ About how much was the purchase price? \$ $\qquad$

B5. In the past twelve months, has your household purchased a television?
Yes $\rightarrow$ About how much was the purchase price? \$ $\qquad$ No

B6. In the past twelve months, has your household purchased a computer?
Yes $\rightarrow$ About how much was the purchase price? \$ $\qquad$ No

We'd also like you to provide your best estimate of your household spending for the following categories. For the items on this page, please write either your monthly or your annual costs, whichever is easier for you to estimate. For example, if it is easiest for you to think about what you spend on electricity in monthly terms, then please report how much you spent each month. If you did not spend money on a specific item or service in the last 12 months, then check the "No money spent on this in last 12 months" box.

|  | Amount spent monthly |  | Amount spent yearly |  | No money spent on this in last 12 months |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| B7. Mortgage | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B8. Homeowner's or renter's insurance | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B9. Property taxes | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B10. Rent | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B11. Electricity | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B12. Water | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B13. Heating fuel for the home | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B14. Telephone, cable, internet | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B15. Vehicle finance charges | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B16. Vehicle insurance | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B17. Health insurance: out-of-pocket, including Medicare supplemental insurance | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| B18. Housekeeping and yard supplies: cleaning supplies, lawn and garden products | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B19. Home repairs and maintenance: materials plus any costs for hiring a professional | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B20. Food and beverages: food and drinks, including alcoholic, that you buy in grocery or other stores | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B21. Dining/ drinking out: items in restaurants, cafes, and diners, including take-out food | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |


|  | Amount spent last week |  | Amount spent last month |  | Amount spent in last 12 months |  | No money spent on this in last 12 months |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| B22. Clothing and apparel: including footware, outerware, and products such as watches or jewelry | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B23. Gasoline | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B24. Vehicle maintenance: parts, repairs, and servicing | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B25. Prescription and nonprescription medications: out-of-pocket cost, not including what's covered by insurance | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B26. Health care services: out-ofpocket cost of hospital care, doctor services, lab tests, eye, dental, and nursing home care | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B27. Medical supplies: out-ofpocket cost, not including what's covered by insurance | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |


|  | Amount spent last week |  | Amount spent last month |  | Amount spent in last 12 months |  | No money spent on this in last 12 months |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| B28. Trips and vacations: including transportation, accommodations, and recreational expenses, on trips | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B29. Tickets to movies, sporting events, and performing arts | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B30. Hobbies: including exercise, bicycles, trailers, camping, photography, reading materials | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B31. Contributions to religious, educational, charitable, or political organizations | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |
| B32. Cash or gifts to family and friends outside your household: including alimony and child support payments | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | \$ | OR | $\square$ |

Now think of your household's TOTAL spending last year. Please do NOT include any money that you saved or that you invested, including real estate investments, like home purchases.
Compare this amount spent with your total household income. In your household income, include any earnings from work, any interest or dividends, any pension, annuity or Social Security income, and any other money that your household may have received.

B33. Last year, my household spent? (Check one.)
$\longrightarrow$ More than its income $\rightarrow$ About how much more? $\$$ $\qquad$ Less than its income $\rightarrow$ About how much less \$ $\qquad$ About the same as its income Uncertain, can't say

B34. Suppose next year you were to find your household with $20 \%$ more income than normal, what would you do with the extra income? (Check one.)

## $\ldots$ Save or invest all of it $\rightarrow$ Go to Question B36

-_Spend or donate all of it Spend and save some. $\rightarrow$ I would spend $\qquad$ \% \& save $\qquad$ \% of it Uncertain, can't say $\rightarrow$ Go to Question B36

B35. If you chose to spend all or part of it, what would you spend the extra income on? (Check all that apply.)
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Trips, travel or vacations
Clothing
Eating out / food and beverages
New home, home repairs or household items
Entertainment, sports and hobbies
Automobile expenses
B36. Now imagine that next year you were to find yourself with $20 \%$ less household income. What would you do? (Check one.)

Not cut my spending at all $\rightarrow$ Go to Question B38
Cut my spending by the whole $20 \%$
Cut my spending by some, but not the whole $20 \% \rightarrow$ By what percent would you cut spending? $\qquad$ \%
Uncertain, can't say $\rightarrow$ Go to Question B38

B37. If you chose to spend less, then on what items would you spend less? (Check all that apply.)
__ Trips, travel or vacations
Clothing
___ Eating out / food and beverages
___ New home, home repairs or household items
Entertainment, sports and hobbies
Automobile expenses
B38. We would like to understand more about spending in retirement. Are you retired?
$\ldots$ Yes $\rightarrow$ Complete BOX A
No $\rightarrow$ Complete BOX B

## BOX A - Retired:

a. How did your TOTAL spending change with retirement?
$\longrightarrow$ Stayed the same $\rightarrow$ Go to c
$\qquad$ Increased
$\square$ Decreased
b. By how much?
$\qquad$ \%
c. For the items below, check $(\checkmark)$ whether the spending increased, decreased or stayed the same in retirement:

## BOX B - Not Retired:

d. How do you expect your TOTAL spending to change with retirement?
$\longrightarrow$ Stay the same $\rightarrow$ Go to $\mathbf{f}$ Increase
$\qquad$ Decrease
e. By how much?
$\qquad$ \%
f. For the items below, check $(\checkmark)$ whether you expect spending to increase, decrease or stay the same in retirement:

| B39. | Increase(d) | Decrease(d) | Stay(ed) <br> the same |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| a. Trips, travel, or vacations |  |  |  |
| b. Clothing |  |  |  |
| c. Eating out / food and beverages |  |  |  |
| d. New home, home repairs, or household items |  |  |  |
| e. Entertainment, sports, and hobbies |  |  |  |
| f. Automobile expenses |  |  |  |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Variable name used in 2001 in parentheses.

