## AVERAGE ANNUAL EXPENDITURES (2015)

| Item | One <br> Person | Two <br> people | Three <br> people | Four <br> people | Five or <br> More <br> people |
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| EXPENSES: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Food | $\$ 3,989$ | $\$ 7,085$ | $\$ 8,526$ | $\$ 9,771$ | $\$ 10,015$ |
| Food at home | $\$ 2,185$ | $\$ 3,964$ | $\$ 4,929$ | $\$ 5,624$ | $\$ 6,180$ |
| Food away from home | $\$ 1,805$ | $\$ 3,121$ | $\$ 3,597$ | $\$ 4,148$ | $\$ 3,835$ |
| Housing | $\$ 12,393$ | $\$ 19,059$ | $\$ 21,268$ | $\$ 24,044$ | $\$ 22,504$ |
| Utilities, fuels, \& public services | $\$ 2,348$ | $\$ 4,062$ | $\$ 4,580$ | $\$ 5,026$ | $\$ 5,353$ |
| Household operations | $\$ 650$ | $\$ 1,156$ | $\$ 1,796$ | $\$ 2,371$ | $\$ 1,667$ |
| Housekeeping supplies | $\$ 375$ | $\$ 754$ | $\$ 764$ | $\$ 749$ | $\$ 857$ |
| Clothing | $\$ 957$ | $\$ 1,596$ | $\$ 2,230$ | $\$ 3,390$ | $\$ 2,766$ |
| Transportation | $\$ 4,960$ | $\$ 9,669$ | $\$ 12,216$ | $\$ 13,687$ | $\$ 12,951$ |
| Healthcare | $\$ 2,638$ | $\$ 5,406$ | $\$ 4,728$ | $\$ 4,943$ | $\$ 4,406$ |
| Other expenditures* | $\$ 1,711$ | $\$ 3,312$ | $\$ 3,219$ | $\$ 3,468$ | $\$ 3,229$ |
| Personal insurance \& pensions | $\$ 2,897$ | $\$ 6,594$ | $\$ 8,662$ | $\$ 9,413$ | $\$ 8,288$ |
| INCOME: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Money before taxes | $\$ 35,522$ | $\$ 74,527$ | $\$ 88,483$ | $\$ 95,886$ | $\$ 91,889$ |

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Expenditures in 2015 http://www.bls.gov/cex/tables.htm\#annual

* Other expenditures include: entertainment, personal care products and services, reading, education, tobacco products and smoking supplies, miscellaneous, and cash contributions.

This table can provide some guidance with sample expenditures for the Career Choices budget exercises (Chapter 4).
Columns do not total because there are various small, incidental expenses not listed.

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