AVERAGE ANNUAL EXPENDITURES (2015)

Item	One	Two	Three	Four	Five or
	Person	people	people	people	More
					people
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

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