



Tracking How Americans Spend Their Money

- ▶ *Food*
- ▶ *Housing*
- ▶ *Apparel*
- ▶ *Transportation*
- ▶ *Health Care*
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Consumer Expenditure Surveys

Internet Sites

Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov>

Bureau of Labor Statistics, CE Survey

<http://www.bls.gov/cex/>

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About the U.S. Census Bureau

Our Nation is constantly changing, and Americans change with it. We grow in number, we move, and we develop new patterns of living and working. The Census Bureau measures these changes. Policy makers use this information to make decisions which affect our future.

Our data includes:

Population	Industry	Housing	Construction
Transportation	Income	Health	Agriculture

About this Survey

We are conducting this survey to get a picture of how Americans spend their money and how the percentage devoted to different spending categories changes over time.

Using Consumer Expenditure (CE) data, users can:

- Track changes in housing costs as a percentage of the average American household's income.
- Compare transportation costs for young, middle-aged, and older households.
- Track changes in health insurance costs for the average American household.

The CE data are also used to update the market basket of goods and services for the Consumer Price Index (CPI).