



Consumer Expenditure Telephone Survey

Information Booklet

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Helping You Make Informed Decisions

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Hispanic Origin

- 1 – Mexican
- 2 – Mexican-American
- 3 – Chicano
- 4 – Puerto Rican
- 5 – Cuban
- 6 – Cuban-American
- 7 – Central or South American
- 8 – Other

Race

(Please choose one or more)

- 1 – White
- 2 – Black or African American
- 3 – American Indian or Alaska Native
- 4 – Asian
- 5 – Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Asian Origin

- 1 – Chinese
- 2 – Filipino
- 3 – Japanese
- 4 – Korean
- 5 – Vietnamese
- 6 – Asian Indian
- 7 – Other group not listed



Education

- 0** – Never attended, preschool, kindergarten
- 1 - 11** – 1st grade through 11th grade
- 38** – 12th grade, no diploma
- 39** – High school graduate – high school diploma, or the equivalent (For example: GED)
- 40** – Some college but no degree
- 41** – Associate degree in college – Occupational/Vocational
- 42** – Associate degree in college – Academic program
- 43** – Bachelor's degree (For example: BA, AB, BS)
- 44** – Master's degree (For example: MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA)
- 45** – Professional School Degree (For example: MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)
- 46** – Doctorate degree (For example: PhD, EdD)

Armed Forces

A person is considered to be in the armed forces if he or she serves in any branch of the U.S. military. This includes the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard, their Reserve components, and the Air and Army National Guard.



APPLIANCES, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OTHER SELECTED ITEMS

Part A – Major Household Appliances

- 1 – Microwave oven
- 2 – Cooking stove, range, or oven
(including convection oven)
- 3 – Range hood
- 4 – Refrigerator or home freezer
- 5 – Built-in dishwasher
- 6 – Portable dishwasher
- 7 – Garbage disposal
- 8 – Clothes washer
(including washer/dryer combinations)
- 9 – Clothes dryer

APPLIANCES, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OTHER SELECTED ITEMS (continued)

Part B – Household Appliances and Other Selected Items

SMALL HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES

1 – Small electrical kitchen appliances, including –

blender	electric frying pan	mixer
breadmaker	electric iron	pizza oven
coffee grinder	electric knife	popcorn maker
coffee maker	electric timer	rice cooker
crockpot	electric wine chiller	sandwich grill
deep fryer	electric wok	slow cooker
electric barbecue	food processor	smoothie maker
electric can opener	hot plate	toaster
electric grill	ice cream maker	toaster oven
electric fondue set	juicer	waffle iron

2 – Electrical personal care appliances, including –

curling iron	electric toothbrush	make-up mirror
denture cleaner	facial sauna	massager
electric hair trimmer	foot bath	Waterpik
electric razor	hair dryer	
digital scale	heating pad	

3 – Smoke detectors, including –

wired	battery operated	ionization chamber type	photo-cell type
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4 – Electrical floor cleaning equipment, including –

vacuum cleaner	hand vacuum	rug shampooer	floor polisher
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5 – Other household appliances, including –

trash compactor	home security device (burglar alarm) including
air purifier	console, control modules, burglar alarm console,
water filters	door and window transmitters
carbon monoxide detector	

6 – Sewing machines (with or without cabinet)

7 – Other office machines including fax machines and calculators, also including –

typewriters	copy machines
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8 – Personal Digital Assistant or PDAs, including -

Palm	iPaq
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APPLIANCES, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT
AND OTHER SELECTED ITEMS
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APPLIANCES, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OTHER SELECTED ITEMS (continued)

Part B – Household Appliances and Other Selected Items (continued)

9 – Computers, computer systems, and related hardware for non-business use, including -

CD/DVD drive	cables	home computers with or without monitors
computer printers	fax modems	external hard drive
keyboards	scanner	CD/DVD burner
modems	memory	mouse
monitors	Micro PC	laptops

10 – Computer software, including computer games, or accessories, for non-business use, including -

PC games	printer cartridges	mouse pads
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11 – Video game hardware, video games, or accessories, including -

Nintendo Wii	Gamecube	Nintendo DS	PSP
Gameboy	Playstation	Xbox	

12 – Telephones or accessories, including –

telephones	headsets	cordless telephones	car chargers
beepers	chargers	cell phone covers	cell phones
phone jacks and cords	pagers	Bluetooth accessories	

13 – Telephone answering machines, including – combinations of telephone/answering machines

14 – Photographic equipment, including –

camera	filter	projection screen	battery pack for camera flash
digital camera	winder	electro flash	motor driven film advancer
lens	enlarger	strobe light	
tripod	projector	(for photographs)	

Do not include film, film processing, or other photographic supplies.

15 – Musical instruments, supplies, and accessories, including –

piano	sheet music	saxophone	music books
guitar	strings for musical instruments	music stand	trumpet
woodwinds		clarinet	any other musical accessories
brass instruments	stringed instruments	picks	carrying case
trombone		rosin	Keyboards
reeds	valve oil	drums	

Do not include music lessons.

APPLIANCES, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OTHER SELECTED ITEMS (continued)

Part B – Household Appliances and Other Selected Items (continued)

16 – Lawn mowing machinery and other yard equipment, including -

lawn mowers	motorized tiller	snow blower	shovel
tractor (farm, garden, etc.)	wheelbarrow	electric lawn trimmer	spreader
	rake		

TOOLS FOR HOME USE

17 – Power tools, including –

electric drill	sander	cordless circular saw
electric saw	lathe	electric swimming pool cleaning equipment
router	electric plane	air compressor
cordless drill	electric polisher	

18 – Non-power tools including –

wrench	axe	saw	drill
socket	screwdriver	level	trouble light
hammer	pliers	plane	caulking gun

HEATING AND COOLING EQUIPMENT

19 – Window air conditioners

20 – Portable cooling and heating equipment, including –

space heater	dehumidifier	humidifier	fan
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APPLIANCES, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT
AND OTHER SELECTED ITEMS
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APPLIANCES, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OTHER SELECTED ITEMS (continued)

Part B – Household Appliances and Other Selected Items (continued)

TELEVISIONS, RADIOS, VIDEO AND SOUND EQUIPMENT (not installed on vehicles)

21 – Televisions, all types including combinations of TVs with DVD/video players, including –
flat screen TV plasma TV high definition TV

22 – DVD players, VCRs, DVRs, or video cameras, including –
TiVo unit digital TV converter box
Blu-ray disc player video tape recorder/player
high definition disc player video laser disc player
combination of VCR/DVD player video cassette recorder/player

23 – Satellite dishes, receivers, or accessories

24 – Handheld personal music players, including –
iPod personal mp3 players

25 – Radio, all types, including –
CB (not permanently clock radio short-wave transistor/portable
mounted in an console walky-talky Walkman (radio only)
automobile)

26 – Tape recorders or players (not permanently mounted in an automobile), including –
audio tape decks audio cassette players/recorders
reel-to-reel tape decks Walkman (cassette/radio combination or cassette only)

27 – Sound components, component systems, or compact disc sound systems, including –
speakers amplifier tape deck (not specified)
mixer turntable compact disc players
stereo receiver stereo rack system
tuner equalizer

28 – Other sound or video equipment, including –
earphones/headphones battery packs adapter for sound equipment
power converter power booster base station CB antenna
antenna (TV, radio, etc.) headset microphone

29 – Portable memory, such as flash drives, memory cards, and recordable discs and tapes, including –
thumb drives blank DVDs blank CDs
zip drives memory stick USB flash drive

APPLIANCES, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OTHER SELECTED ITEMS (continued)

Part B – Household Appliances and Other Selected Items (continued)

SPORTS, RECREATION, AND EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

30 – General sports equipment, including –

roller blades	baseball bat	table tennis	badminton set
sports uniform	football	equipment	soccer ball
sports shoes	basketball	lawn games	sports protective
tennis racket	racquetball	frisbee	equipment/gear
bowling ball	racquetball racket	boxing equipment	golf clubs
baseball glove	volleyball	karate equipment	basketball hoop
skateboard	golf shoes	golf cart (non-riding)	

Include specialized athletic shoes such as for football, baseball, soccer, biking, and bowling, except if included in the rental or activity fee for the sport.

31 – Health and exercise equipment, including –

trampoline	exercise mat	weight bench
weights	home gym	treadmill
rowing machine	exercycle	pedometer

32 – Camping equipment, including –

tent	sleeping bag	camping stove
kerosene lamp	sleeping pad	camping cookware
frame packs and	air mattress	portable heater
other camping packs	canteen	

33 – Hunting and fishing equipment, including –

fishing rod and tackle	knife	BB/pellet gun
bow and arrow	rifle	ammunition
crossbow	shotgun	scopes (not specified)

34 – Winter sports equipment, including –

snow skis	ski poles	toboggan
ski boots	ice skates	sled
snowboard	ice boat	
snowboard equipment	sledding equipment	

APPLIANCES, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT
AND OTHER SELECTED ITEMS
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APPLIANCES, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OTHER SELECTED ITEMS (continued)

Part B – Household Appliances and Other Selected Items (continued)

35 – Water sports equipment, including –

water skis	snorkel	surf board
life jacket	water ski vest	raft
wake board	diving equipment	wind surf board

36 – Outboard motors

37 – Bicycles, including –

bicycle helmets	stand	tires	tubes
bicycle parts	locks	rack	supplies

38 – Tricycles or battery powered riders, including – big wheels

39 – Playground equipment, including –

portable swimming pool	swing set	sand box	gym set
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40 – Other sports or recreation equipment, including –

telescope	metal detector
paintball equipment	

CLOTHING

Clothing

1 – Coats, jackets, and furs, including -

shawl	raincoat	fur coat	winter coat
windbreaker	down vest	outerwear jacket	

2 – Sport coats and tailored jackets, including blazers

3 – Suits, including –

woman's suit (of two or more pieces)	formal suit
man's suit (of two or more pieces)	

4 – Vests (purchased separately, not with a suit), excluding sweater vests and down vests

5 – Sweaters and sweater sets, including –

cardigan	pullover	V-neck sweater
sweater vest	ski sweater	

6 – Pants, slacks, or shorts, including –

jump suit	blue jeans	maternity pants	dress slacks
dress pants	overalls	short sets	casual pants

Do not include any athletic shorts.

7 – Dresses, including –

two-piece dresses	wedding gown	maternity dresses	formals or semi-formals
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8 – Skirts, including skorts

Do not include any tennis skirts, golf skirts, or other athletic skirts.

9 – Shirts, blouses, and tops, including –

sport shirts	tops	maternity tops
dress shirts	knit blouses	T-shirts

Do not include any sweat shirts or athletic shirts.

10 – Undergarments, including –

bras	undershirts	slips
shapewear	underwear	thermal underwear

11 – Hosiery, including –

socks	knee-highs	tights	pantyhose
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12 – Nightwear and loungewear, including –

pajamas	night shirt	night gown
robe	house coat	thermal sleeping garments

CLOTHING
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CLOTHING (continued)

Clothing (continued)

13 – Accessories, including -

umbrellas	gloves	apron	fold-up rain accessories
belts	mittens	ear muffs	bandannas
ties	purse	handkerchiefs	hair accessories
scarves	wallet	bridal headpiece	non-prescription sunglasses

14 – Swimsuits or warm-up or ski suits, including –

athletic shorts	tennis outfit	sweatshirt	swimwear accessories
athletic shirt	jogging suit	swimwear	snow and ski suit
hunting wear	leotards		

Do not include any sports uniforms.

15 – Uniforms, other than sport, for which the cost is not reimbursed, including shirts, pants, suits, service apparel, such as: medical, barber, boy or girl scout, mechanic, waiter/waitress, plumber and lab smocks, and military apparel

16 – Costumes, including costumes for dance, ballet, Halloween, etc.

17 – Footwear, including –

dress shoes	sandals	bedroom slippers
casual shoes	boots	sneakers, jogging, aerobic, basketball, tennis shoes

Do not include specialized athletic shoes such as for football, soccer, bowling, biking, or baseball.

VEHICLE OPERATING EXPENSES

Vehicle Maintenance and Repair, Parts, and Equipment

1 – Oil change, lubrication, and oil filter

(Include oil only if purchased for an oil change)

2 – Motor tune-up, including –

air/fuel filters	computer sensor	ignition wires	ignition timing or mixture
distributor cap, rotor	PCV valve	valve adjustment	adjustment
emission controls	spark plugs		breather/vapor/air filter element

3 – Brake work, including –

anti-lock brakes	hydraulic system	shoes or pads	bleed brake system
master cylinder	wheel calipers	wheel cylinder	machine drums/rotors
brake adjustment	parking brake		

4 – Battery purchase and installation

5 – Tire purchase and mounting

6 – Tire repairs

7 – Front end alignment, wheel balancing, wheel rotation

8 – Steering or front-end work, including –

axel bearing/seals	bushings	studs/lug nuts	power steering fluid/filter
axle shafts	CV joints/boots	tie rods	idler arms
rack and pinion	wheel hubs	ball joints	steering box/linkage

9 – Electrical system work, including –

alternator belt	car computer	ignition system	voltage regulator
alternator/generator	coil	starter motor	gauges/instruments
battery charge	switches	wiring	

10 – Engine repair or replacement, including –

carburetor	fuel injector	motor mounts	timing chain/gears or belt
fuel pump/lines/filter	turbo charge	pistons/rods	oil pump/cooler/hoses
crankshaft bearings	gaskets	choke	

11 – Air conditioning work, including –

compressor	condenser	motor/switch	recharging
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12 – Engine cooling system work, including –

coolant or filter	heater core	radiator	fan or water pump belt
hoses	thermostat	water pump	cooling fan/controls
pressure cap	cooling fan relay	fan switch or belt	

VEHICLE OPERATING EXPENSES
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VEHICLE OPERATING EXPENSES (continued)

Vehicle Maintenance and Repair, Parts, and Equipment (continued)

13 – Exhaust system work, including –

catalytic converter	hanger/clamps	muffler	resonator
exhaust pipe	manifold gasket		

14 – Clutch or transmission work, including –

clutch cable	hydraulic system	rebuilt transmission	transaxle
clutch fork	master cylinder	safety switch	transmission filter
flywheel	pilot bearing	shaft seal	

15 – Body work and painting, including –

convertible top	doors	T-roof	crash repairs
glass replacement	vinyl top	rust proofing	window repair/replacement
sanding			

16 – Shock absorber replacement, including MacPherson struts

17 – Drive shaft or rear-end work, including –

axle fluid	CV joints	rear axle	suspension
differential	tie rods	grommet	rear wheel axle seal
rear wheel bearings	universal joint	coil or leaf springs	axle mounts/bushings

18 – Video equipment and installation, including –

televisions and combinations of TVs with VCRs and/or DVD players Video game consoles	GPS navigational system with screen satellite receiver, In-Motion satellite receiver
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19 – Audio equipment and installation, including –

antenna	CB radio	speakers	tape player
CB antenna	radio	stereo equipment	satellite radio equipment

20 – Vehicle accessories and customizing, including –

alarm system	carpeting	running boards	steering wheel covers
bike/ski racks	fender skirts	seat covers	spoilers
bumper guards	luggage rack		

21 – Vehicle cleaning services and cleaning supplies, including –

car washes	vacuuming	cleaning mitts	vehicle detailing services
waxes	upholstery sprays	protective coating	wheel cleaning supplies
boat cleaning services			

22 – Other Vehicle Services, parts, or equipment, including –

battery cables	vent filters	jack	charcoal canister-filters
gas cable/cap/can	brake lights	gasket sets	windshield wipers
light bulbs	wheel lugs	headlights	speedometer cable
wheels/rims	hub caps	heater repair	tire/wheel combination
upholstery work			

INSURANCE OTHER THAN HEALTH

1 – Long term care insurance

2 – Life insurance or other policies which provide benefits in case of death or disability, including –

term insurance	income or disability insurance
whole-life insurance	group-life insurance
cash benefits	straight-life insurance
mortgage insurance	flight insurance
veterans insurance	life endowments
annuities	burial insurance

HOME INSURANCE

Insurance protecting your home, furniture, personal effects, or other property against fire, theft, loss, natural disasters, or damage from other means.

3 – Homeowners' insurance, including any insurance covered in mortgage payments or flood insurance

flood insurance	fire and extended coverage
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4 – Renters' insurance

5 – Automobile or other vehicle insurance, including –

liability insurance	bodily injury insurance
collision insurance	property damage insurance
comprehensive insurance	no-fault insurance

6 – Other types of non-health insurance, including –

- credit card insurance
- personal liability insurance
- mortgage guarantee insurance
- ambulance
- umbrella policies

Do not include malpractice insurance.

HOSPITALIZATION AND HEALTH INSURANCE

1 – Health Maintenance Organization

Expenses usually covered in full, or there may be a modest co-payment at the time of your visit.

- Group/staff type: You go to a central facility (group health center) to receive care.
- Independent practice association (IPA): Providers work from their individual offices (and are referred to as primary care physicians).

2 – Fee for Service Plan

You or your insurance company are generally billed after each visit.

- Traditional fee for service plan: You may go to any doctor or hospital you choose.
- Preferred Provider Organization (PPO): You are given a list of doctors from which to choose. If you go to a doctor on the PPO list, more expenses are covered than if you go to a doctor not on the list.

3 – Commercial Medicare Supplement

Voluntary contributory private insurance plan available to Medicare recipients. Covers the costs of deductibles, co-insurance, physician services, and other medical and health services.

4 – Special Purpose Plan

Covers only specific health needs. Examples of special purpose health insurance plans are:

dental insurance

vision insurance

prescription drug insurance

mental health insurance

dread disease policy

Do not include Medicare Prescription Drug plans.

EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES

1 – Recreational lessons or other instructions, including –

golf	dancing	driving	tennis
music	photography	skiing	painting
sailing	swimming	sewing	instructional day camps
skydiving	needlepoint	cooking	self defense
driving lessons	horseback riding		

2 – Nursery school or child day care centers, including non-instructional day camps

3 – Tuition, including –

college or university	business school	elementary school	high school
secretarial school	parochial school	seminary	technical school
adult education	vocational school	preparatory school	middle/junior high school

*Include only those expenses paid directly to the school or to other educational facility.
Do not report student loans.*

4 – Housing while attending school, including –

student dormitory	sorority	fraternity	housing for married students
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Include only those expenses paid directly to the school or to other educational facility.

5 – Food or board while attending school

Include only those expenses paid directly to the school or to other educational facility.

6 – Private school bus

7 – Test preparation or tutoring services

8 – Purchase of any school books, supplies, or equipment, which has not already been reported, including –

text books	ruler	drafting equipment	laboratory equipment
microscopes	art supplies	technical books	cap and gown

9 – Other school related expenses not already reported, including the rental of any school books or expenses

laboratory fees	matriculation fees	transportation fees	conferences and seminars
registration fees	health fees	student union fees	
laundry fees	athletic fees	rental of school books	
cap and gown rentals	administration fees	rental of school equipment	

Do not report student loans.

SUBSCRIPTIONS, MEMBERSHIPS, BOOKS, AND ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES

Part A – Subscriptions and Memberships

- 1** – Subscriptions to newspapers, magazines, or periodicals. Include online subscriptions
- 2** – Books purchased from book club
- 3** – Season tickets to theater, concert series, opera, other musical series, or amusement parks
- 4** – Season tickets to sporting events
- 5** – Encyclopedias or other sets of reference books
- 6** – Golf courses, country clubs and other social organizations
- 7** – Health clubs, fitness centers, swimming pools, weight loss centers, or other sports and recreational organizations
- 8** – Vacation clubs
- 9** – Civic, service, or fraternal organization
- 10** – Credit card membership fees
- 11** – Shopping club memberships such as COSTCO and SAM'S
- 12** – Services that use Global Positioning Systems (GPS) such as OnStar, not already reported
- 13** – Direct or online dating services

SUBSCRIPTIONS, MEMBERSHIPS, BOOKS, AND ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES (continued)

Part B – Books and Entertainment Expenses

Fees for participation in sports, including –

tennis golf bowling swimming
billiards

Single admissions to spectator sporting events, including –

football baseball hockey soccer
auto racing basketball

Single admissions to performances, including –

movies operas plays concerts

Single admissions to other entertainment activities, including –

museums zoos state parks amusement parks
historic sites

Books not purchased through book clubs, including –

paperbacks hardcover audio digital books

Exclude reference books or school books.

Single copies of newspapers, magazines, periodicals (non-subscription)

Compact discs, audio tapes, or records

Do not include blank or recordable CDs or blank or recordable audio tapes.

Photographic film, including disposable cameras

Photo processing, including -

digital photo processing video film processing

Purchase of video tapes or DVDs other than through a mail-order club

Do not include blank or recordable DVDs or blank or recordable video tapes.

Rental of video tapes or DVDs, including –

mail delivery DVD rentals

SUBSCRIPTIONS, MEMBERSHIPS, BOOKS, AND ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES (continued)

Part C – Summary Questions

Subscriptions, Books, and Magazines

Subscriptions to newspapers, magazines, or periodicals. Include online subscriptions

Single copies of newspapers, magazines, periodicals (non-subscription)

Books purchased from book club

Books not purchased through book clubs, including –

paperbacks

hardcover

Audio

digital books

Exclude reference books or school books.

Encyclopedias or other sets of reference books

Tickets/Admission for Movies, Concerts, and Sporting Events

Season tickets to theater, concert series, opera, other musical series, or amusement parks

Season tickets to sporting events

Single admissions to spectator sporting events, including

Football

baseball

Hockey

soccer

auto racing

basketball

Single admissions to performances, including

Movies

operas

plays

concerts

Single admissions to other entertainment activities, including –

museums

zoos

state parks

amusement parks

historic sites

SUBSCRIPTIONS, MEMBERSHIPS, BOOKS, AND ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES (continued)

Part C – Summary Questions (continued)

Membership Fees, including

Golf courses, country clubs and other social organizations

Health clubs, fitness centers, swimming pools, weight loss centers, or other sports and recreational organizations

Fees for participation in sports, including –

tennis golf bowling swimming
billiards

Vacation clubs

Civic, service, or fraternal organization

Credit card membership fees

Shopping club memberships such as COSTCO and SAM'S

DVDs, Photographic Film, and Audio Recordings, including

Purchase of video tapes or DVDs other than through a mail-order club

Do not include blank or recordable DVDs or blank or recordable video tapes.

Rental of video tapes or DVDs, including –

mail delivery DVD rentals

Photographic film, including disposable cameras

Photo processing, including -

digital photo processing video film processing

Compact discs, audio tapes, or records

Do not include blank or recordable CDs or blank or recordable audio tapes.

TRIPS AND VACATIONS

Types of Trips

- 1 – Visit friends or relatives
- 2 – Business trips
- 3 – Recreational trips, such as –
 - Sightseeing
 - Sports events
 - Club or organizational meetings
 - Outdoor recreation
- 4 – Any other trips that occur overnight or longer
- 5 – Any day trips to a place at least 75 miles away

Types of Transportation

COMMERCIAL

- 1 – local (taxi, etc.)
- 2 – airplane
- 3 – train
- 4 – bus
- 5 – ship

RENTED

- 6 – automobile
- 7 – truck, van
- 8 – motorcycle, moped
- 9 – private plane
- 10 – boat, trailer
- 11 – camper
- 12 – other vehicles

PRIVATE

- 13 – automobiles or other vehicles privately owned or leased by the household
- 14 – vehicle owned by someone else
- 15 – other transport

TRIPS AND VACATIONS (continued)

Rental of Sports Equipment

- Golf clubs
- Skis/snowboards
- Fishing equipment
- Boat
- Scuba/snorkeling equipment
- Other sports equipment

Fees for Playing Sports

- Golf
- Fishing
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Skiing/snowboarding
- Bowling
- Exercise classes
- Scuba/snorkeling
- Other sports

Entertainment or Admissions

- Movies
- Theater
- Concerts
- Museums
- Tours
- Sports events
- Other entertainment events

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the Consumer Expenditure Surveys for the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor under title 29, United States Code. The survey's purpose is to obtain information on what Americans are purchasing in order to update the Consumer Price Index (CPI). All survey information will be used for statistical purposes only.

Any information you provide for this survey is confidential, by law, under title 13, United States Code. Participation in this survey is voluntary and there are no penalties for refusing to answer any question(s). However, your cooperation is extremely important to help ensure the completeness and accuracy of these data.

