

Consumer Expenditure Records Study Categories

Please gather receipts or records for the following expenses that you or someone in your household had in the last three months. Receipts and records can include point of purchase receipts, electronic receipts, credit card or bank statements, or any other record that shows the cost of the item and the date of the expense.

A. Rent/mortgage payments for your home

B. Utilities, fuels, and services, including:

- Electricity
- Natural or utility gas
- Fuel oil
- Bottled or tank gas
- Other fuels including wood
- Piped-in water
- Sewerage maintenance
- Trash/garbage collection
- Water softening service
- Septic tank cleaning

C. Telephone expenses, including:

- Residential
- Mobile/Cellular
- VOIP
- Prepaid telephone cards or minutes
- Prepaid cellular minutes
- Public pay phones

D. Internet service expenses, including:

- Cable/Satellite TV
- Satellite radio services
- Internet connection
- Web cafes
- Listening to or downloading music
- Viewing or downloading videos
- Online games or internet entertainment sites

E. Household Appliances, including:

- Microwave oven
- Cooking stove, range, or oven
- Refrigerator or freezer
- Dishwasher
- Garbage disposal
- Clothes washer/dryer

F. Household items, including:

- Small appliances
- Smoke detectors
- Sewing machines
- Office machines
- Computers
- Computer software
- Video game hardware, games, or accessories
- Telephones
- Musical instruments
- Power tools
- Televisions
- Sporting equipment

G. Home furnishings, including:

- Furniture purchases, rental/leasing, or repair
- Patio, porch, or outdoor furniture
- Ping-pong or pool tables
- Mattresses or box springs
- Household decorative items
- Barbeque grills
- Dinnerware
- Linens
- Blinds, shades, or other window coverings
- Travel items, including luggage

H. Clothing and accessories, including:

- Coats, jackets, or furs
- Suits
- Pants, jeans, or shorts
- Shirts, blouses or tops
- Undergarments
- Nightwear or loungewear
- Accessories
- Swimsuits or warm-up or ski suits
- Footwear
- Costumes
- Infants' clothing
- Watches
- Jewelry
- Hairpieces
- Clothing/jewelry repair
- Sewing materials
- Clothing rental

I. Hospitalization and health insurance payments

J. Subscriptions and memberships, including:

- Subscriptions to magazines/newspapers
- Season tickets
- Golf courses, country clubs, and other social organizations
- Civic, service, or fraternal organizations
- Credit card membership fees
- Shopping club memberships such as COSTCO and Sam's
- Services that use Global Positioning System (GPS), such as OnStar
- Direct or online dating services
- Health clubs, fitness centers, swimming pools, weight loss centers, or other sports/recreational organizations

K. Miscellaneous expenses, including:

- Purchase of pets, pet supplies, or medicine for pets
- Veterinarian expenses
- Toys or games
- Arts or craft kits
- Live entertainment
- Food and beverage catered affairs
- Funerals, burials, or cremations
- Purchase or upkeep of cemetery lots or vaults
- Payments or contributions to persons outside your household

L. Income, including:

- Wages and salary for last pay period
- Wages and salary for past 12 months