

Indicator 44. Spending of Young Adults

Average annual expenditures of urban households, by age of head: 1984 to 1993

Expenditure	Annual expenditures per household, 1993		Percent of expenditures							
			All ages				Under 25 ¹			
	All ages	Under 25 ¹	1984	1987	1990	1993	1984	1987	1990	1993
Total annual expenditure	\$30,692	\$17,468	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Food	4,399	2,631	15.0	15.0	15.1	14.3	15.5	15.3	16.7	15.1
Food at home	2,735	1,339	9.0	8.6	8.8	8.9	7.8	7.3	7.8	7.7
Food away from home	1,664	1,293	6.0	6.4	6.4	5.4	7.7	8.1	8.9	7.4
Alcoholic beverages	268	304	1.3	1.2	1.0	0.9	2.0	2.2	1.9	1.7
Housing	9,636	5,297	30.4	31.0	31.3	31.4	27.9	30.0	29.3	30.3
Shelter	5,415	3,297	15.9	17.0	17.7	17.6	16.9	18.8	18.3	18.9
Fuels, utilities, and public service	2,112	1,082	7.5	6.8	6.7	6.9	5.3	5.7	5.5	6.2
Household operations	469	156	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.5	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
House furnishings and equipment	1,230	600	4.2	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.4
Apparel and services	1,676	1,198	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.5	7.0	6.2	6.3	6.9
Men and boys	426	274	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.8	1.3	1.9	1.6
Women and girls	658	332	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.1	2.5	2.3	1.9	1.9
Children under 2 years old	79	104	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6
Other clothing products and services	264	241	1.8	1.8	0.9	0.9	2.2	2.0	1.4	1.4
Transportation	5,453	3,948	19.6	18.8	18.1	17.8	24.6	23.7	21.2	22.6
Health care	1,776	349	4.8	4.6	5.2	5.8	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.0
Entertainment	1,626	910	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.3	4.9	5.2	5.0	5.2
Personal care	385	228	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3
Reading	166	72	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
Education	455	907	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	4.2	4.3	4.9	5.2
Tobacco and smoking supplies	268	202	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.2
Miscellaneous	715	266	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.3	1.8	1.7	2.3	1.5
Cash contributions	961	95	3.2	3.0	2.9	3.1	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.5
Personal insurance and pensions	2,908	1,061	8.6	8.9	9.1	9.5	5.8	5.8	5.9	6.1

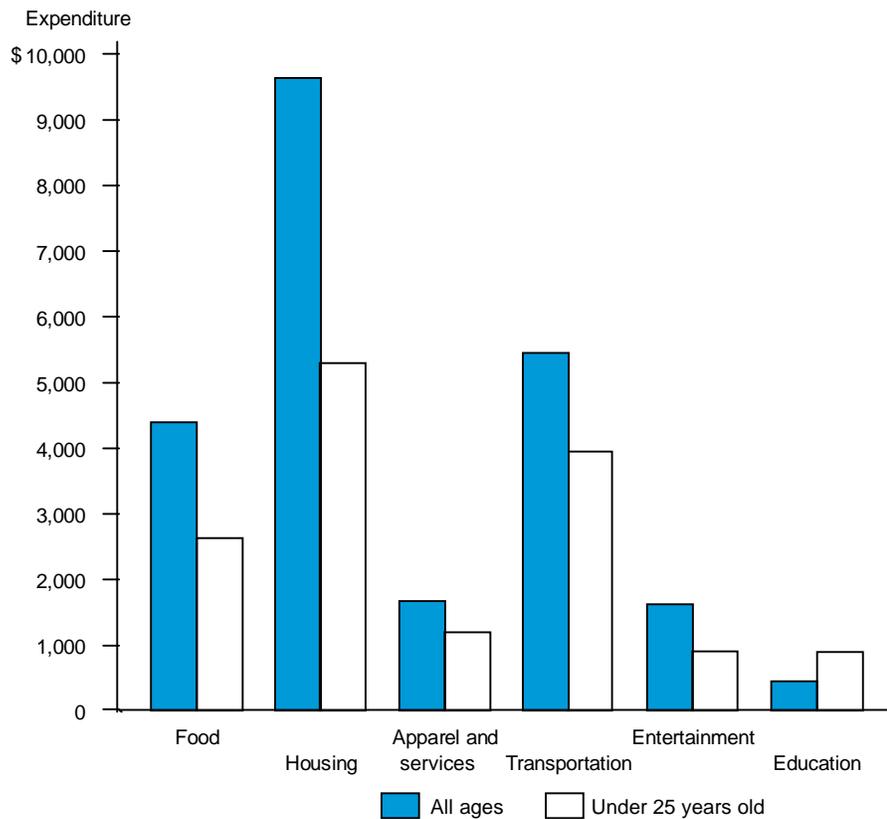
¹ The age of the reference person. The reference person is the first member mentioned by the respondent when asked to, "Start with the name of the person or one of the persons who owns or rents the home." It is with respect to this person that the relationship of other household members is determined.

NOTE: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Consumer Expenditure Survey: Integrated Survey*, 1984, 1987, 1989, 1990, and unpublished data.

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Average annual expenditures of urban households, by type of expenditure and age of head: 1993



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As might be expected with their lower incomes, urban households headed by young adults under 25 spent less than the average household in almost every category in 1993. Young adults spent a higher proportion of their money on apparel and services, transportation, and education than others. By contrast, they spent a lower percentage of their funds on cash contributions, health care, and insurance and pensions than the average household.