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# Expenditures on Children by Families 2001 Annual Report



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**Table ES-1. Estimated annual expenditures\* on a child by husband-wife families, overall United States, 2001**

Age of Child	Total	Housing	Food	Trans- portation	Clothing	Health care	Child care and education	Miscel- laneous†
Before-tax income: Less than \$39,100 (Average = \$24,400)								
0 - 2	\$6,490	\$2,500	\$910	\$780	\$370	\$460	\$840	\$630
3 - 5	6,630	2,470	1,010	750	360	440	950	650
6 - 8	6,710	2,380	1,300	880	400	510	560	680
9 - 11	6,730	2,150	1,560	950	450	560	340	720
12 - 14	7,560	2,400	1,640	1,070	750	560	240	900
15 - 17	7,480	1,940	1,780	1,440	660	600	400	660
Total	\$124,800	\$41,520	\$24,600	\$17,610	\$8,970	\$9,390	\$9,990	\$12,720
Before-tax income: \$39,100 to \$65,800 (Average = \$52,100)								
0 - 2	\$9,030	\$3,380	\$1,090	\$1,160	\$430	\$610	\$1,380	\$980
3 - 5	9,260	3,350	1,260	1,130	420	580	1,530	990
6 - 8	9,260	3,260	1,600	1,260	470	660	980	1,030
9 - 11	9,190	3,030	1,890	1,330	520	720	640	1,060
12 - 14	9,940	3,280	1,900	1,450	870	720	470	1,250
15 - 17	10,140	2,820	2,110	1,840	780	770	810	1,010
Total	\$170,460	\$57,360	\$29,550	\$24,510	\$10,470	\$12,180	\$17,430	\$18,960
Before-tax income: More than \$65,800 (Average = \$98,600)								
0 - 2	\$13,430	\$5,370	\$1,440	\$1,630	\$570	\$700	\$2,090	\$1,630
3 - 5	13,720	5,340	1,630	1,600	560	670	2,270	1,650
6 - 8	13,570	5,250	1,970	1,720	610	770	1,560	1,690
9 - 11	13,410	5,020	2,290	1,800	670	820	1,090	1,720
12 - 14	14,260	5,270	2,400	1,920	1,100	830	840	1,900
15 - 17	14,670	4,810	2,530	2,330	1,000	870	1,470	1,660
Total	\$249,180	\$93,180	\$36,780	\$33,000	\$13,530	\$13,980	\$27,960	\$30,750

\*Estimates are based on 1990-92 Consumer Expenditure Survey data updated to 2001 dollars using the Consumer Price Index. For each age category, the expense estimates represent average child-rearing expenditures for each age (e.g., the expense for the 3-5 age category, on average, applies to the 3-year-old, the 4-year-old, or the 5-year-old). The figures represent estimated expenses on the younger child in a two-child family. Estimates are about the same for the older child, so to calculate expenses for two children, figures should be summed for the appropriate age categories. To estimate expenses for an only child, multiply the total expense for the appropriate age category by 1.24. To estimate expenses for each child in a family with three or more children, multiply the total expense for each appropriate age category by 0.77. For expenses on all children in a family, these totals should be summed.

†Miscellaneous expenses include personal care items, entertainment, and reading materials.