

Table 99--Food expenditures by families and individuals as a share of disposable personal income, 1970-97

Year	Disposable personal income	Expenditures for food					
		At home 1/		Away from home 2/		Total 3/	
	----- Billion dollars -----		Pct.	Bil. dol.	Pct.	Bil. dol.	Pct.
1970	727.1	74.2	10.2	26.4	3.6	100.6	13.8
1971	790.2	78.1	9.9	28.1	3.6	106.2	13.4
1972	855.3	84.4	9.9	31.3	3.7	115.8	13.5
1973	965.0	93.1	9.7	34.9	3.6	128.0	13.3
1974	1,054.2	105.4	10.0	38.5	3.7	143.9	13.7
1975	1,159.2	115.2	9.9	45.9	4.0	161.1	13.9
1976	1,273.0	123.1	9.7	52.6	4.1	175.7	13.8
1977	1,401.4	131.8	9.4	58.5	4.2	190.3	13.6
1978	1,580.1	145.3	9.2	67.5	4.3	212.8	13.5
1979	1,769.5	162.2	9.2	76.9	4.3	239.1	13.5
1980	1,973.3	179.1	9.1	85.2	4.3	264.4	13.4
1981	2,200.2	191.0	8.7	95.8	4.4	286.8	13.0
1982	2,347.3	198.4	8.5	104.5	4.5	302.9	12.9
1983	2,522.4	209.0	8.3	113.7	4.5	322.7	12.8
1984	2,810.0	220.9	7.9	121.9	4.3	342.8	12.2
1985	3,002.0	230.7	7.7	128.6	4.3	359.3	12.0
1986	3,187.6	239.3	7.5	137.9	4.3	377.2	11.8
1987	3,363.1	249.0	7.4	146.3	4.3	395.3	11.8
1988	3,640.8	261.9	7.2	157.6	4.3	419.5	11.5
1989	3,894.5	280.9	7.2	165.5	4.3	446.4	11.5
1990	4,166.8	306.0	7.3	177.6	4.3	483.6	11.6
1991	4,343.7	319.5	7.4	183.1	4.2	502.6	11.6
1992	4,626.7	321.6	7.0	192.0	4.2	513.6	11.1
1993	4,829.3	327.7	6.8	204.9	4.2	532.6	11.0
1994	5,052.7	344.6	6.8	214.7	4.2	559.3	11.1
1995	5,355.7	360.4	6.7	222.6	4.2	583.1	10.9
1996	5,608.3	376.0	6.7	230.1	4.1	606.2	10.8
1997	5,885.2	390.3	6.6	239.1	4.1	629.4	10.7

1/ Food purchases from grocery stores and other retail outlets, including purchases with food stamps and WIC vouchers and food produced and consumed on farms (valued at farm prices) because the value of these foods is included in personal income. Excludes government-donated foods.

2/ Purchases of meals and snacks by families and individuals, and food furnished employees since it is included in personal income. Excludes food paid for by government and business, such as donated foods to schools, meals in prisons and other institutions, and expense-account meals.

3/ Total may not add due to rounding.

Source: USDA/Economic Research Service.

Table 100--Household expenditures for food in relation to income, after taxes, by income group, 1996 1/

Income group	Percentage of total households	Average number of persons in household	Food expenditures as a percentage of income after taxes
	Percent 2/	Number	Percent
Under \$5,000 3/	5.6	1.7	132.8
\$5,000 - 9,999	11.2	1.7	34.2
\$10,000 - 14,999	10.9	2.1	26.7
\$15,000 - 19,999	9.3	2.3	21.3
\$20,000 - 29,999	15.2	2.5	17.7
\$30,000 - 39,999	11.9	2.7	15.4
\$40,000 - 49,999	9.1	2.9	13.7
\$50,000 - 69,999	13.0	3.1	12.0
\$70,000 and over	13.8	3.1	8.7
Total households	100.0	2.5	14.1

1/ Data are only for those households who reported at least one major source of income and thus were designated as complete income reporters. However, households may not have provided a full accounting of all income from all sources and nonmoney income is not included in the Consumer Expenditure Survey but is included in disposable personal income (table 99). Under-reporting of income would cause an upward bias in the estimate of the percentage of income spent on food. 2/ Total may not add due to rounding. 3/ Includes negative incomes of households reporting business losses.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor/Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Prices, "Consumer Expenditure Survey." Percentages computed by USDA.