

FOOD EXPENDITURES

U.S. Food Expenditures by families and individuals, selected years, 1929-2001

Year	Disposable personal income	Expenditures for food					
		At home ¹		Away from home ²		Total ³	
	<i>Billion dollars</i>	<i>Billion dollars</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Billion dollars</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Billion dollars</i>	<i>Percent</i>
1929	83.2	16.9	20.3	2.6	3.1	19.5	23.5
1934	52.7	11.1	21.1	1.7	3.2	12.8	24.3
1939	71.4	13.0	18.1	2.3	3.2	15.2	21.3
1944	148.3	22.1	14.9	5.1	3.4	27.2	18.4
1949	191.1	34.3	17.9	7.8	4.1	42.0	22.0
1954	264.5	42.4	16.0	9.3	3.5	51.7	19.5
1959	351.2	50.1	14.3	12.1	3.5	62.3	17.7
1964	463.0	55.5	12.0	15.7	3.4	71.2	15.4
1969	675.0	69.0	10.2	23.4	3.5	92.3	13.7
1974	1,072.3	107.3	10.0	38.5	3.6	145.8	13.6
1979	1,808.2	164.0	9.1	76.9	4.3	240.9	13.3
1984	2,887.6	224.0	7.8	121.9	4.2	345.8	12.0
1989	4,016.3	285.1	7.1	175.2	4.4	460.3	11.5
1994	5,165.4	339.1	6.6	217.2	4.2	556.3	10.8
1999	6,618.0	412.3	6.2	270.6	4.1	682.9	10.3
2001	7,417.3	440.4	5.9	298.4	4.0	738.9	10.0

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 to 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: Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.