

# Your Spending Summary

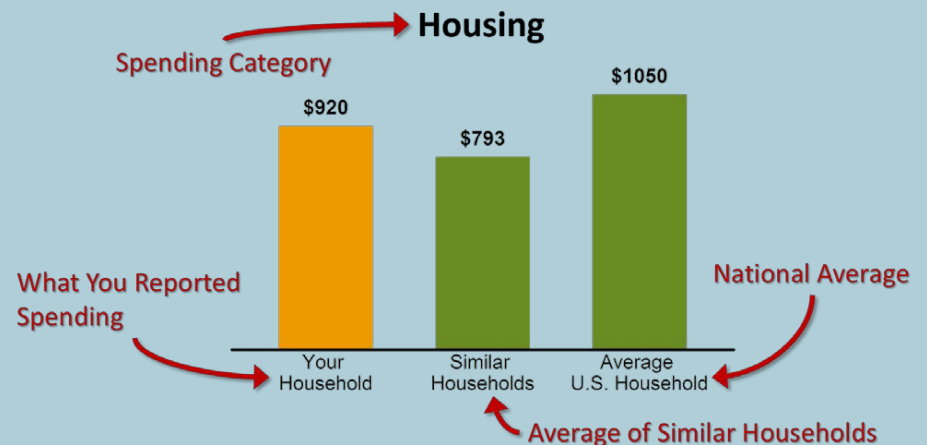


Thank you for participating in the Consumer Expenditure Survey. The information you provided will help us better understand how the economy is doing in the United States and in your area. Your answers, and answers from thousands of others, will be used to calculate the rate of inflation, or the change in cost of goods and services. The inflation rate is used by local, state, and federal governments as well as private companies to adjust payments and wages.

To show our appreciation for your time and effort, we would like to show you how your expenses fit in with households like yours in your region and across the country.

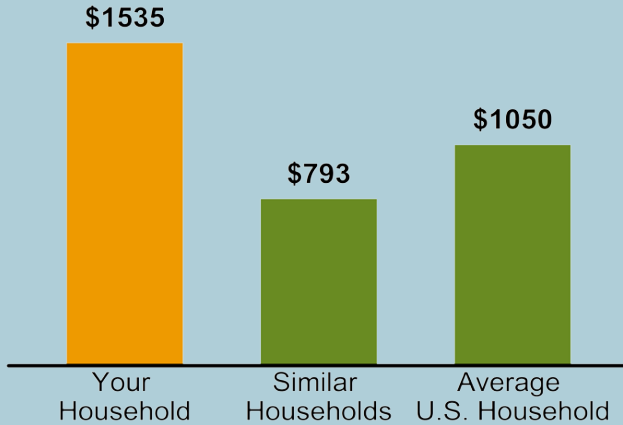
## How to Read the Charts

In order to make this spending summary as useful as possible, we will show you the average monthly expense you shared with us in a previous interview alongside spending for households similar to yours. Specifically, we will show you average monthly spending for **people who rent their homes, live in a 1 person household, and live in the Northeastern region of the U.S.** These factors have been shown to be related to overall household spending.



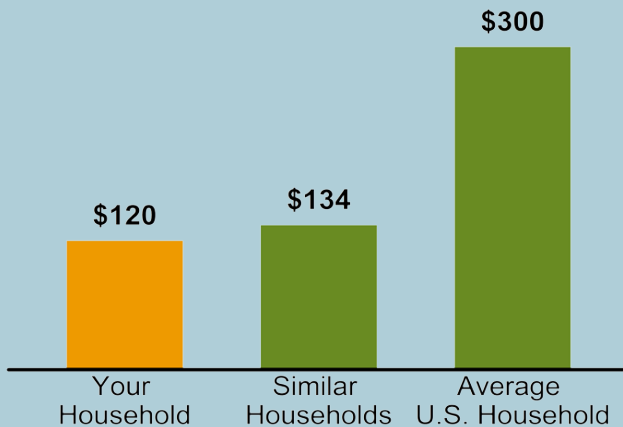
## Housing

Housing makes up 27% of all spending in households similar to yours. Housing expenses includes rent or mortgage payments.



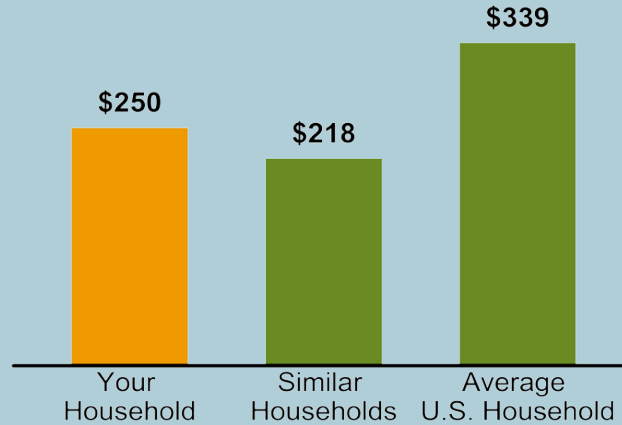
## Utilities

Utilities account for 7% of all spending in households similar to yours. Utilities includes electricity, natural gas, fuel oil, and water/sewer.



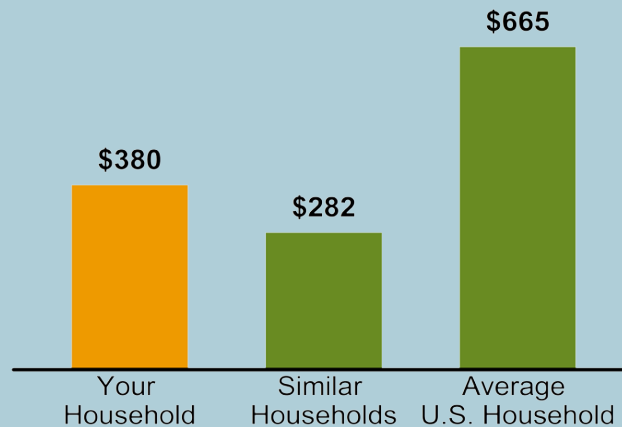
## Food and Beverages at Home

Spending on groceries and other food consumed at home accounts for 11% of all spending in households similar to yours.



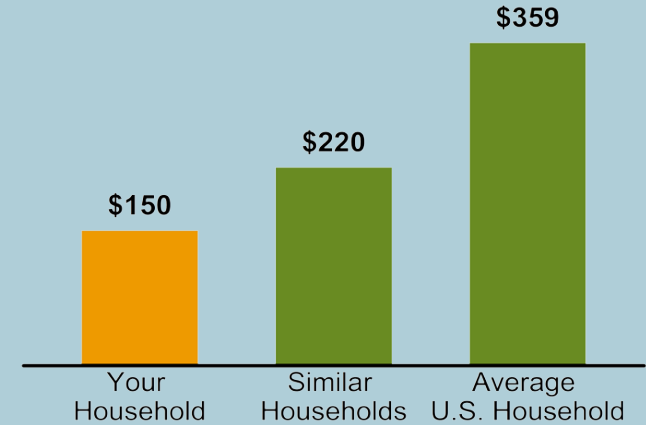
## Transportation

Transportation makes up XX% of all spending in households similar to yours. Transportation include vehicle payments, car insurance, gasoline, and maintenance.



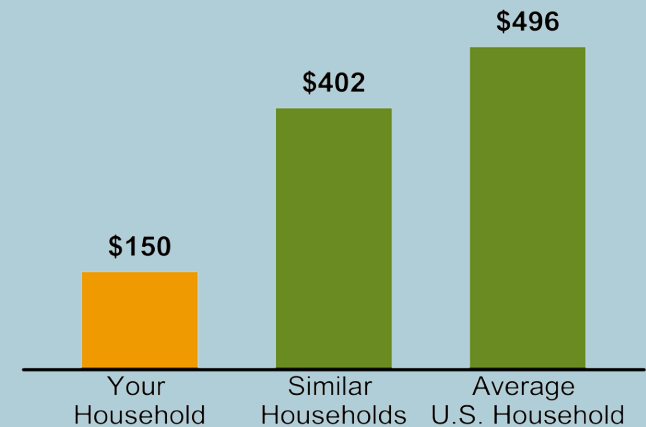
## Healthcare

Healthcare expenses make up 7% of all spending in households similar to yours. Healthcare includes health insurance, medical services, drugs, and medical supplies.



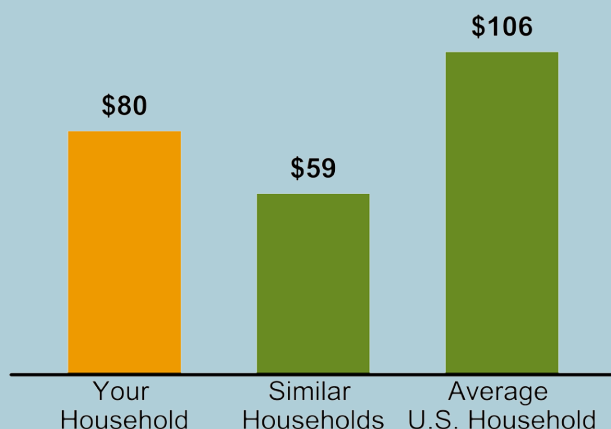
## Education

Education make up 18% of all spending in households similar to yours. Education spending includes tuition, books and fees, and fees for recreational lessons or other instructions



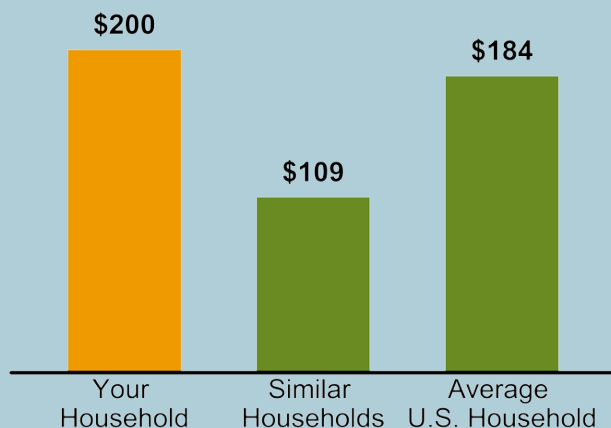
## Cellular Phone Service

Cell phone service makes up XX% of all spending in households similar to yours. This includes only the cost of service itself, and not the cost of the phone.



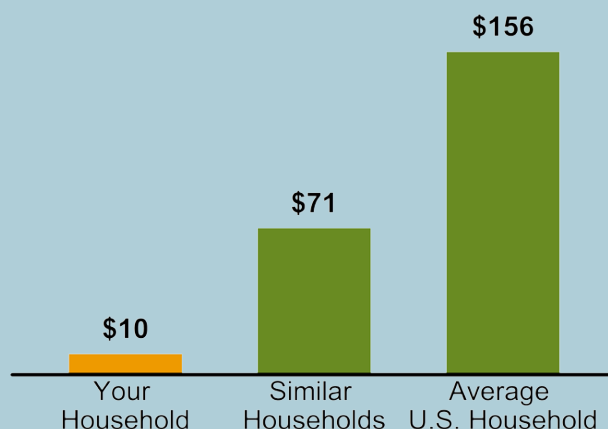
## Entertainment

Entertainment makes up 5% of all spending in households similar to yours. This can include admission fees, home electronics, pets, toys, hobbies, and more.



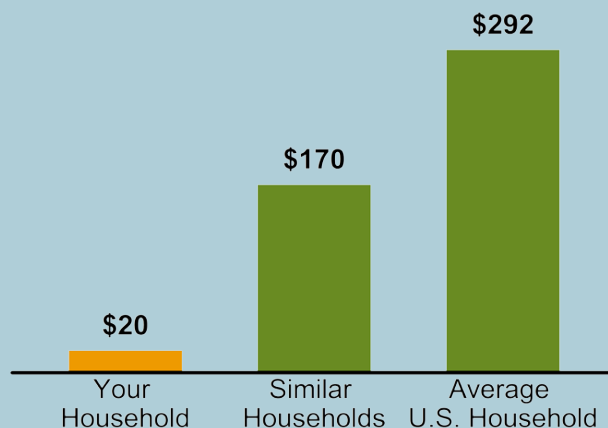
## Clothing

Clothing make up XX% of all spending in households similar to yours. This category includes clothing, footwear, jewelry, and clothing accessories.



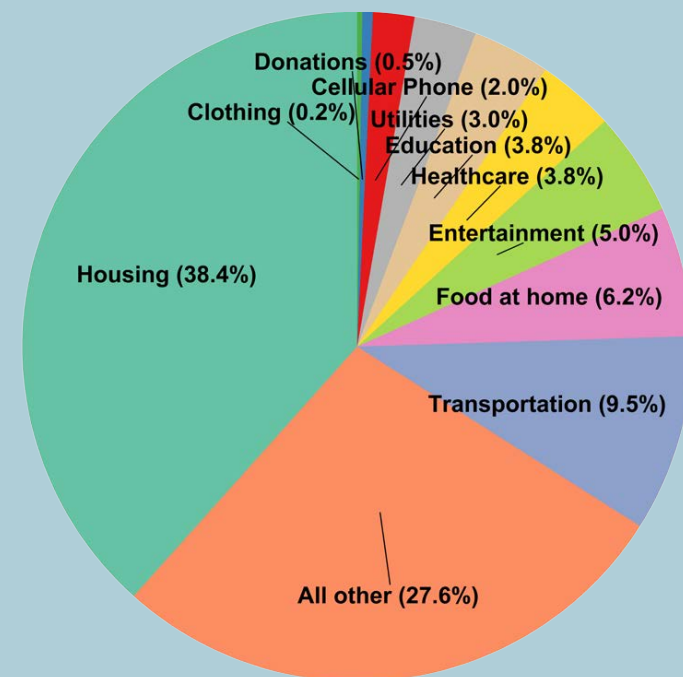
## Donations

Donations make up XX% of all spending in households similar to yours. This includes donations to charitable, political, and social organizations.



## Total Spending

This graph shows the division of household spending across all categories.



## Other Resources

### Government information and services

- <http://www.usa.gov/>
- Health, housing, jobs and unemployment, money and shopping, travel and immigration, and more.

### Consumer Finance Protection Bureau

- <http://www.consumerfinance.gov/askcfpb/>
- Mortgages, reverse mortgages, housing counseling, debt collection, money transfer, credit cards, loans, and more.

### Food Safety

- <http://www.foodsafety.gov/>

### Consumer Product Safety Commission

- <http://www.cpsc.gov>

Comparison data come from the 2016 [Consumer Expenditure Surveys](#)