



2009 Dutchess County Cost of Living

New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island CMSA	2007 - 2008 Average Expenditures	2009 Estimated Expenditures *	2008-2009 % Chg in CPI **
Total Annual Expenditures	\$59,185	\$59,577	0.7%
Food	\$7,223	\$7,534	4.3%
Food at home	\$3,892	\$4,070	4.6%
Cereal and bakery products	\$535	(\$560)	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	\$986	(\$1031)	
Dairy	\$414	(\$433)	
Fruits, vegetables	\$755	(\$790)	
Other food at home	\$1,203	(\$1258)	
Food away from home	\$3,331	\$3,464	4.0%
Alcoholic beverages	\$516	\$533	3.3%
Housing	\$23,441	\$23,869	1.8%
Shelter	\$15,472	\$15,916	2.9%
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence	\$9,760	\$10,081	3.3%
Rent of primary residence	\$4,387	\$4,617	5.2%
Fuels and utilities	\$4,146	\$3,976	-4.1%
Household operations	\$1,365	\$1,350	-1.1%
Household furnishings and equipment	\$1,848	\$1,828	-1.1%
Apparel and services	\$2,535	\$2,600	2.6%
Transportation	\$8,249	\$7,409	-10.2%
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	\$2,102	\$1,871	-11.0%
Gasoline and motor oil	\$2,051	\$1,271	-38.0%
Other transportation	\$2,928	(\$2630)	
Public transportation	\$1,168	(\$1049)	
Entertainment	\$2,763	\$2,763	
Personal care and services	\$699	\$719	2.9%
Reading	\$113		
Education	\$1,795	\$1,874	4.4%
Miscellaneous	\$964	N/A	3.7%
Personal insurance and pensions	\$6,386	N/A	
Life and other personal insurance	\$396	N/A	
Pensions and Social Security	\$5,990	N/A	

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Expenditure Survey Table 21 for New York City MSA

* The 2009 expenditures shown in parentheses were estimated from the relevant major category rate of inflation.

** The annual inflation rate was determined from half-year 2008 to 2009 consumer price index.

