

Online Appendix Table 2. Item nonresponse and timeframe of reporting in PSID

Expenditure Category	1999 – 2003									2005 – 2009						
	Valid responses (percent)	Unfolding brackets used?	Timeframe asked in the survey	Timeframe reported by respondent (percent)					Valid responses (percent)	Unfolding brackets used?	Timeframe asked in the survey (2009)	Timeframe reported by respondent (percent)				
				weekly	biweekly	monthly	annually	other				weekly	biweekly	monthly	annually	other
Food																
At home	98.7	No	average week	89.4	2.1	7.9	0.5	0.0	98.2	No	average week	88.7	1.5	8.8	1.0	0.0
Delivered	99.1	No	not specified	68.3	2.2	27.7	1.7	0.0	99.0	No	not specified	68.0	1.9	28.4	1.6	0.1
Away from home	99.9	No	not specified	48.0	6.9	41.3	3.7	0.0	99.9	No	not specified	48.4	6.3	41.1	4.2	0.0
Housing																
Mortgage & loan payments	99.3	No	monthly	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	99.1	No	monthly	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Rent	99.0	No	monthly	0.4	0.1	99.3	0.3	0.0	98.6	No	monthly	0.5	0.2	98.8	0.5	0.0
Property tax	93.9	No	annual	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	93.9	No	annual	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Insurance	91.7	No	annual	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	90.5	No	annual	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Utilities																
Gas	95.2	No	monthly	0.0	0.0	91.3	8.0	0.8	95.5	No	monthly	0.0	0.0	90.1	9.8	0.0
Electricity	96.6	No	monthly	0.0	0.0	99.2	0.7	0.1	95.8	No	monthly	0.0	0.0	97.8	2.2	0.0
Water and sewer	96.0	No	monthly	0.0	0.0	86.7	9.8	3.4	95.6	No	monthly	0.0	0.0	87.8	12.0	0.2
Other utilities	99.8	No	monthly	0.0	0.0	97.2	2.2	0.6	99.6	No	monthly	0.0	0.0	81.3	16.0	2.7
Telecommunication (*)									98.1	No	monthly	0.0	0.0	98.9	1.1	0.0
Home repairs & maintenance (*)									99.4	Yes	last year	0.0	0.0	3.3	96.6	0.2
Household furnishings & equipment (*)									99.5	Yes	last year	0.0	0.0	2.6	97.3	0.1
Transportation																
Vehicle loan payment	99.1	No	monthly	0.0	0.0	96.2	0.4	3.4	97.5	No	not specified	0.0	0.1	96.1	0.3	3.5
Vehicle down payment	98.1	No	annual	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	97.1	No	not specified	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Vehicle lease payment	99.9	No	monthly	0.0	0.0	98.8	0.1	1.1	99.1	No	not specified	0.0	0.2	93.8	0.3	5.7
Insurance	92.9	No	annual	0.0	0.0	22.1	77.9	0.0	90.4	No	not specified	0.0	0.0	43.7	49.7	6.6
Other vehicle expenditures	99.1	No	monthly	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	98.9	No	last month	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Repairs and maintenance	99.0	No	monthly	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	98.8	No	last month	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Gasoline	97.8	No	monthly	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	97.5	No	last month	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Parking and carpool	99.6	No	monthly	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	99.6	No	last month	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Bus fares and train fares	99.7	No	monthly	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	99.6	No	last month	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Taxicabs	99.8	No	monthly	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	99.7	No	last month	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Other transportation	99.8	No	monthly	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	99.7	No	last month	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Education	99.2	No	annual	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	99.0	No	last year	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Child Care	99.3	No	annual	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	99.2	No	last year	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Health care																
Hospital & nursing home	99.6	Yes	last 2 years	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	99.1	Yes	last 2 years	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Doctor	99.3	Yes	last 2 years	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	98.8	Yes	last 2 years	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Prescription drugs	99.3	Yes	last 2 years	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	98.7	Yes	last 2 years	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Insurance	88.8	Yes	last 2 years	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	91.2	Yes	last 2 years	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Clothing & apparel (*)									99.2	Yes	last year	0.0	0.0	5.8	94.0	0.2
Trips & vacations (*)									99.7	Yes	last year	0.0	0.0	1.4	98.5	0.1
Recreation & entertainment (*)									99.4	Yes	last year	0.0	0.0	5.4	94.3	0.3

(*) New categories