



Student worksheet 4: Family profile 4

Names of group members:

Family characteristics	Details and <i>Canada Year Book</i> references	Data for decisions (\$)
Residence	Springhill, Nova Scotia	
Family members	Father, mother and four children, ages 3, 5, 8 and 13.	
Occupations	Father is a coal miner. Mother stays at home with the children.	
Amount of family income from all sources, weekly	Father's wages: see page 360, Table 7 in the <i>Canada Year Book 1937</i> . Calculate the weekly wage for one employee. Mother's allowance: see text that accompanies Table 31 on page 780, <i>Canada Year Book 1937</i> .	
Rent, mortgage and debts	See page 800, Table 9 in the <i>Canada Year Book 1937</i> . Create a realistic family budget for the family.	
Expenditures on basic necessities (list with prices)	For food, you must decide on quantities needed to feed the family. Consider that a ton of coal and a gallon of coal oil will last a month. What other incidental or emergency expenditures might the family incur? For incidental things, make educated guesses based on the information about prices of other things in 1936.	

<p>Challenges and problems</p>	<p>The father is hurt on the job and spends a week in the hospital and three weeks at home recuperating.</p> <p>See page 805, Table 13, in the <i>Canada Year Book 1937</i> for health costs. Include charges for public ward stay and operating room. Use Table 9, page 745 in the <i>Canada Year Book 1937</i> for workers' compensation. Divide the total compensation by the number of accidents compensated. Then divide this by 12 for the one month that he was off work.</p>	
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Options for solutions

Final decisions

What would you have liked to do or buy in 1936 but couldn't?

How would living in the Great Depression have affected your dreams and goals in life?

What did you learn from this activity?
