

Table 1
Expenditures per household, Canada ¹

	2009				
	Average expenditure	Percent of households reporting	Average expenditure per household reporting	Percentage of total expenditure	Median expenditure per household reporting
	dollars	percent	dollars	percent	dollars
Total expenditure	71,117	100.0	71,120	100.0	58,324
Food	7,262	100.0	7,260	10.2	6,350
Shelter	14,095	99.8	14,120	19.8	11,211
Principal accommodation	13,120	99.7	13,160	18.4	10,250
Rented living quarters	3,146	37.0	8,500	4.4	7,800
Owned living quarters	7,770	66.0	11,770	10.9	9,250
Water, fuel and electricity for principal accommodation	2,204	85.8	2,570	3.1	2,424
Other accommodation	975	50.9	1,920	1.4	800
Household operation	3,428	100.0	3,430	4.8	2,625
Communications	1,583	99.5	1,590	2.2	1,340
Child care expenses	393	10.4	3,780	0.6	2,100
Pet expenses	420	48.5	870	0.6	547
Other	1,032	1.5	...
Household furnishings and equipment	1,896	92.2	2,060	2.7	1,100
Clothing	2,841	98.9	2,870	4.0	1,910
Transportation	9,753	98.1	9,940	13.7	6,152
Private transportation	8,797	88.1	9,990	12.4	5,910
Public transportation	956	68.4	1,400	1.3	780
Health care	2,004	97.2	2,060	2.8	1,377
Personal care	1,200	99.7	1,200	1.7	899
Recreation	3,843	97.4	3,950	5.4	2,395
Reading materials and other printed matter	232	68.7	340	0.3	240
Education	1,238	33.1	3,740	1.7	1,300
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,506	82.6	1,820	2.1	1,000
Tobacco products and smokers' supplies	601	32.2	1,870	0.8	1,300
Alcoholic beverages	905	77.9	1,160	1.3	600
Games of chance (net)	255	67.2	380	0.4	130
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,180	91.5	1,290	1.7	520
Total current consumption	50,734	100.0	50,730	71.3	43,873
Personal taxes	14,399	93.4	15,420	20.2	8,500
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	4,269	83.7	5,100	6.0	3,460
Gifts of money and contributions	1,715	72.6	2,360	2.4	600

1. In 1998, 1999, and every second year thereafter starting with 2001, statistics for Canada include the territories. For the other years, Canada-level statistics include the 10 provinces only.

Note(s): Beginning with 2006, the distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed. Spending data are collected for the reference year for all members of the household at the time of the interview. Since the data for the 1997-2005 were based on full-year members only, to maintain the comparability with prior years, the data for 1997-2005 have been revised to include both full-year and part-year households.