

Table 4-4
Average expenditure per household, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Nova Scotia

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	dollars				
Total expenditure	54,800	56,319	59,987	60,328	60,867
Food	6,243	6,210	6,640	6,827	6,682
Shelter	9,901	10,234	10,815	11,200	11,524
Principal accommodation	9,290	9,523	10,119	10,534	10,649
Rented living quarters	1,803	2,096	1,920	2,027	2,589
Owned living quarters	5,130	5,099	5,649	5,834	5,600
Water, fuel and electricity for principal accommodation	2,357	2,328	2,549	2,673	2,459
Other accommodation	611	711	697	665	876
Household operation	3,001	3,206	3,304	3,341	3,448
Communications	1,269	1,389	1,455	1,530	1,541
Child care expenses	336	301	293	272	304
Pet expenses	436	471	494	491	572
Other	960	1,045	1,062	1,048	1,031
Household furnishings and equipment	1,573	1,876	1,784	1,712	1,708
Clothing	2,043	2,323	2,412	2,213	2,170
Transportation	7,710	7,951	8,820	8,848	8,870
Private transportation	7,161	7,359	8,127	8,172	8,205
Public transportation	549	592	692	676	665
Health care	1,646	1,695	1,868	1,795	1,800
Personal care	941	1,040	1,048	1,021	1,031
Recreation	3,144	3,066	3,329	3,512	3,378
Reading materials and other printed matter	256	246	249	222	228
Education	1,044	1,064	1,055	914	964
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,448	1,567	1,628	1,422	1,671
Tobacco products and smokers' supplies	816	858	854	683	881
Alcoholic beverages	631	709	774	740	790
Games of chance (net)	310	251	253	230	281
Miscellaneous expenditures	883	885	939	1,080	881
Total current consumption	40,145	41,613	44,145	44,336	44,634
Personal taxes	9,922	10,074	10,585	10,814	11,090
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,304	3,325	3,550	3,558	3,681
Gifts of money and contributions	1,429	1,308	1,708	1,620	1,462

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.