

**Table 4-11**  
**Average expenditure per household, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — British Columbia**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	dollars				
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>67,017</b>	<b>71,580</b>	<b>72,621</b>	<b>73,119</b>	<b>73,571</b>
Food	7,348	7,156	7,745	7,938	7,570
<b>Shelter</b>	<b>13,647</b>	<b>14,521</b>	<b>15,056</b>	<b>15,201</b>	<b>16,336</b>
Principal accommodation	12,846	13,467	13,980	13,965	15,198
Rented living quarters	2,971	3,004	2,982	3,007	3,687
Owned living quarters	8,118	8,649	9,199	8,982	9,714
Water, fuel and electricity for principal accommodation	1,757	1,814	1,800	1,976	1,797
Other accommodation	801	1,054	1,076	1,235	1,138
<b>Household operation</b>	<b>3,160</b>	<b>3,453</b>	<b>3,357</b>	<b>3,451</b>	<b>3,483</b>
Communications	1,540	1,608	1,612	1,651	1,667
Child care expenses	245	285	295	253	327
Pet expenses	426	473	486	541	489
Other	949	1,087	964	1,006	1,000
Household furnishings and equipment	2,026	2,095	2,036	2,086	2,017
Clothing	2,558	2,896	2,818	2,900	2,878
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>9,223</b>	<b>10,200</b>	<b>9,896</b>	<b>10,107</b>	<b>9,318</b>
Private transportation	8,192	8,927	8,567	8,665	8,074
Public transportation	1,032	1,273	1,328	1,443	1,244
Health care	2,131	2,178	2,177	2,382	2,455
Personal care	1,038	1,098	1,135	1,148	1,160
Recreation	4,175	3,894	4,577	4,500	4,561
Reading materials and other printed matter	282	291	233	241	214
Education	1,456	1,529	1,215	1,259	1,760
<b>Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>1,624</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>1,630</b>
Tobacco products and smokers' supplies	604	525	567	487	533
Alcoholic beverages	1,065	991	1,058	1,075	1,097
Games of chance (net)	266	260	223	224	200
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,123	1,246	1,303	1,090	1,426
<b>Total current consumption</b>	<b>50,103</b>	<b>52,334</b>	<b>53,394</b>	<b>54,089</b>	<b>55,010</b>
Personal taxes	11,636	13,929	13,297	13,668	13,157
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,404	3,725	3,850	3,763	3,482
Gifts of money and contributions	1,875	1,592	2,080	1,599	1,922

**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.