

Table 5-4

## Average expenditure per household, Canada and selected metropolitan areas, recent years — Halifax, Nova Scotia

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	dollars				
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>65,074</b>	<b>65,439</b>	<b>70,961</b>	<b>70,389</b>	<b>69,550</b>
Food	6,621	6,626	7,198	7,417	7,157
Shelter	12,211	12,239	13,337	13,383	13,567
Household operation	3,213	3,368	3,547	3,408	3,876
Household furnishings and equipment	1,763	2,058	2,055	1,815	1,881
Clothing	2,402	2,772	2,936	2,647	2,595
Transportation	8,011	8,281	9,357	9,956	8,749
Health care	1,806	1,764	1,903	1,813	1,692
Personal care	1,041	1,170	1,232	1,161	1,143
Recreation	3,697	3,400	3,989	4,167	3,706
Reading materials and other printed matter	316	261	277	246	249
Education	1,386	1,629	1,605	1,305	1,463
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,463	1,770	1,692	1,480	1,865
Games of chance (net)	396	231	232	220	287
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,042	930	1,071	1,279	996
<b>Total current consumption</b>	<b>45,368</b>	<b>46,498</b>	<b>50,432</b>	<b>50,295</b>	<b>49,226</b>
Personal taxes	14,133	13,496	13,848	14,119	14,109
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,979	3,990	4,236	4,212	4,452
Gifts of money and contributions	1,593	1,454	2,446	1,763	1,763

**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.