

**Table 5-5**
**Average expenditure per household, Canada and selected metropolitan areas, recent years — Saint John, New Brunswick**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	dollars				
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>61,511</b>	<b>53,683</b>	<b>67,250</b>	<b>74,467</b>	<b>71,049</b>
Food	6,459	5,834	7,073	6,974	6,893
Shelter	10,359	9,813	11,745	12,055	11,405
Household operation	3,220	2,811	3,138	3,585	4,239
Household furnishings and equipment	1,649	1,503	1,541	1,612	1,525
Clothing	2,531	2,092	2,717	2,459	2,422
Transportation	8,886	7,621	10,745	11,924	10,571
Health care	1,708	1,480	2,044	1,859	3,018
Personal care	1,040	914	1,011	1,022	947
Recreation	3,437	2,682	3,458	4,095	6,313
Reading materials and other printed matter	272	221	224	273	296
Education	1,172	935	981	1,337	956
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,436	1,205	1,471	1,647	1,363
Games of chance (net)	223	244	157	267	216
Miscellaneous expenditures	681	716	1,007	938	1,098
<b>Total current consumption</b>	<b>43,073</b>	<b>38,071</b>	<b>47,313</b>	<b>50,048</b>	<b>51,262</b>
Personal taxes	13,565	10,959	14,198	18,364	14,355
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,408	3,539	4,351	4,668	3,771
Gifts of money and contributions	1,465	1,114	1,388	1,388	1,661

**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.