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- p preliminary
- r revised
- x suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the *Statistics Act*
- E use with caution
- F too unreliable to be published

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Highlights

- On average, each Canadian household spent \$71,360 in 2008, up 2.0% from 2007. This was slightly below the rate of inflation of 2.3% as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Introduction

This publication is based on data from the 2008 Survey of Household Spending. Data were collected by personal interviews conducted from January to April 2009 from a sample of more than 15,400 private households in all provinces. The survey gathered detailed information on spending patterns, dwelling characteristics, and household equipment in 2008.

This 2008 edition of “Spending Patterns in Canada” is the third year the data were collected by computer assisted personal interview (CAPI) using a laptop personal computer. The publication is downloadable from the Statistics Canada website (www.statcan.gc.ca) in either electronic HTML format, or in printable PDF format.

“Spending Patterns in Canada” contains summary level spending data, household equipment, and housing conditions for Canada, the provinces and territories and selected major municipalities. Detailed spending data by geography, income, household type, and tenure can be ordered from Statistics Canada for a fee. For ordering information, see the section Related products of this publication.

Since 1999, the SHS has included households in the northern territories in every odd numbered year. The Canada level averages for 2001, 2003, 2005 and 2007 represent data for the ten provinces and the territories. The 2002, 2004, 2006, and 2008 data for Canada include the ten provinces only.

The average spending for a category is calculated for all households, including those with and those without expenditures for the category. Average spending also includes sales taxes.

The expenditures in this release are not adjusted for inflation. The rate of inflation for selected items is mentioned where it affects the analysis of year-to-year changes in spending.

Where data is analyzed by income level, households are divided into five groups or quintiles based on income. Each quintile represents one-fifth of all households. They are created by ranking households in ascending order of total household income, and organizing them into five groups of equal number. Households in the lowest income group are from the lowest quintile, and have 1.5 members on average, one third the size of households in the highest income quintile, which average 3.4 members.

Due to introduction of the new electronic CAPI questionnaire for the 2006 survey, changes were made to the data processing and quality control steps. Automatic edits built into the electronic questionnaire replaced the balanced edit and regional office editing performed in previous years. For 2007 and 2008 reference year balance edit checks were re-instated.

To streamline and simplify data collection, there were important changes in the methodology for 2006. SHS data for 2008 were also collected in the similar manner. The reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipments are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. Spending data were collected on a full-year basis for every household member at the time of the interview, including those who joined the household in 2008 or 2009 regardless whether the previous household existed or the person was living alone. As a result, an important difference between the 2006-2008 SHS and previous SHS methodology is the elimination of the distinction between “part-year” and “full-year” members and households.

Since the data prior to 2006 were based on full-year households only, in order to maintain comparability, data for the 1997-2005 have been revised to include both full-year and part-year households.

The sample size for 2008 survey is smaller than 2007 survey by 28%. The reduction of the sample size compared with previous years will have an impact on the data quality. The sample was reduced for budgetary reasons, to free up resources to develop the new Survey of Household Spending Redesign which will eventually replace the existing survey design. The current plan is to have one more survey of the same design for reference year 2009, and beginning with reference year 2010 the new survey design will replace the existing survey. Also, users should note that due to unreliability of the data which was the result of low sample size, the data for Québec City, Ottawa and Victoria for 2008 were suppressed.

For more details, see the Data quality, concepts and methodology — Definitions section of this publication, or consult the SHS User Guide, available for free on the Statistics Canada website.

Analysis

On average, each Canadian household spent \$71,360 in 2008, up 2.0% from 2007. This was slightly below the rate of inflation of 2.3% as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Households in Alberta reported the highest average spending, \$86,910, followed by those in Ontario, where average spending amounted to \$77,310.

The largest increase in average spending per household was in Saskatchewan, where it rose 6.8% to \$68,280.

Households in Newfoundland and Labrador reported the lowest average spending (\$57,710). This was up 4.9% over 2007, which was above the national average of 2.0%.

Basics still account for largest shares

Personal taxes accounted for 20.5% of the average household's budget in 2008, while shelter represented 19.9%, transportation 13.6% and food 10.4%. These shares changed only slightly from 2007.

Average personal taxes amounted to \$14,600 in 2008, up 1.1% from 2007. However, as a share of total spending this was below the peak of 22% in 1996.

Households in Alberta spent the largest share on personal taxes (21.9%) while also having lower provincial income tax rates than other provinces. This is because in Alberta there are proportionally many more households reporting incomes above the national average than the other provinces. Households in Prince Edward Island spent the lowest share on personal taxes (16.2%).

Spending on shelter rose 4.0% to \$14,180. This increase was driven by a 10.5% rise in average spending for rental accommodation.

Households in Ontario spent the largest share on shelter (21.2%). They were followed by households in British Columbia (20.8%). Households in Newfoundland and Labrador had the lowest share (16.5%).

Households spent an average of \$9,720 on transportation in 2008, up 3.5%. Average spending on purchase of automobiles and trucks was up 6.7%, while spending on gasoline and other fuels increased by 0.5% to \$2,230. Average spending on public transportation was \$1,020, up 5.3%.

On average, households spent \$7,440 on food in 2008, up 1.8% from 2007. In the 1960s, food represented the largest proportion of household expenditure, accounting for 18.7% of total spending. However, this proportion has declined constantly to just over 10% of total spending.

Provincially, the proportion spent on food was highest in Quebec (12.2%) and lowest in Alberta (8.9%).

Food, shelter, clothing account for over half of spending by lowest income households

The one-fifth of Canadian households with the lowest income spent an average of \$22,860 in 2008. Of this, almost 52% went to food, shelter and clothing. Personal taxes represented 3% of their budget.

In contrast, the top fifth of households spent an average of \$146,060. They allocated about 28% of their budgets to food, shelter and clothing, while 29% went to personal taxes. These proportions were similar to 2007.

Spending on cell phones, wireless services still rising

Average household spending on cell phone and other wireless services was up 6.1% from 2007 to \$550. At the same time, household spending on conventional landline telephone service continued to fall, dropping 5.1% to \$580.

Households in Newfoundland and Labrador spent an average of \$700 on conventional landline telephone service, the highest in the country. Alberta had the highest average spending on cell phones, \$840. Alberta households were also the most likely to report having a cell phone (83.5%).

Nearly four in five households (79.4%) reported owning a computer in 2008; up slightly from the previous year, while 74.6% reported having access to the Internet at home. Spending for computer hardware was down slightly, but spending for Internet access was up 6.1%. The vast majority (97.0%) of the highest income households had a computer, and 96.7% had Internet access. In comparison, 49.8% of households in the lowest income group had a computer, while 42.9% had home access to the Internet.

Households in British Columbia had the highest proportion (82.1%) that reported having access to the Internet at home, but Alberta reported the highest average spending for Internet services (\$340).

More than 86.4% of households reported having a digital video disc (DVD) player, making it the most commonly reported new technology device. DVD ownership is very evenly distributed, with the highest reporting province, Alberta (89.0%) not much higher than the lowest reporting province, Newfoundland and Labrador (82.2%). Canadian households are more likely to have a DVD player than a computer (79.4%), Internet (74.6%), cell phone (73.2%), cable TV (65.3%), or satellite TV (23.7%).

Just over one-half (53%) of households in Alberta owned a digital video disc (DVD) writer, the highest share among the provinces.

Reduced spending on books, newspapers and magazines

Average household spending on reading materials decreased 2.7% to \$250. This reflected declines for magazines and periodicals (-9.6%), books (-0.9%) and newspapers (-2.3%).

The highest average spending on reading and other printed material was in Alberta at \$290 per household, and the second highest in Ontario at \$270.

Average spending on maps has dropped 25% over the last two years after many years of steady increases. This could reflect the adoption of new GPS technology and the widespread use of Internet-based driving direction maps.

Text table 1
Average expenditures by household type, 2008

	Canada	Couples with children	Lone parent female	One person	Senior couples, both 65+	Home owners	Renters	Urban households	Rural households
dollars									
Total expenditure	71,364	103,410	54,912	37,904	50,840	85,789	42,989	72,488	63,248
Total current consumption	51,068	71,531	43,931	28,665	39,866	59,800	33,694	51,716	46,392
Food	7,435	10,240	6,963	4,212	6,819	8,460	5,560	7,490	7,037
Shelter	14,183	19,504	12,814	9,413	9,836	16,312	9,665	14,630	10,962
Household operation	3,345	4,858	3,238	1,872	2,361	3,976	2,169	3,346	3,336
Household furnishings and equipment	1,967	2,798	1,333	961	1,602	2,363	1,044	1,970	1,945
Clothing	2,856	4,196	2,767	1,318	1,781	3,300	1,978	2,960	2,110
Transportation	9,722	14,208	7,303	4,332	8,271	11,798	5,542	9,588	10,687
Health care	2,044	2,253	1,420	1,452	2,917	2,411	1,371	2,028	2,159
Personal care	1,189	1,670	1,206	642	858	1,350	879	1,226	921
Recreation	4,066	6,065	3,002	1,916	2,771	4,977	2,301	4,115	3,711
Reading materials and other printed matter	253	290	185	172	293	307	153	260	201
Education	1,179	2,461	1,355	261	81	1,412	767	1,274	492
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,495	1,555	1,097	1,144	936	1,551	1,406	1,482	1,591
Games of chance (net)	260	195	162	238	401	270	245	263	237
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,075	1,237	1,086	731	940	1,315	614	1,085	1,004
Personal taxes	14,599	23,833	7,725	6,288	6,879	18,993	6,273	15,013	11,604
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	4,023	6,621	2,750	1,548	1,167	5,033	2,059	4,037	3,916
Gifts of money and contributions	1,674	1,425	507	1,403	2,927	1,963	964	1,721	1,336

Text table 2
Average expenditures by income level, 2008

	Canada	Lowest quintile	Second quintile	Third quintile	Fourth quintile	Highest quintile
dollars						
Total expenditure	71,364	22,858	40,826	60,187	86,890	146,057
Total current consumption	51,068	21,269	34,272	46,374	62,171	91,254
Food	7,435	3,842	5,729	7,225	8,838	11,539
Shelter	14,183	7,051	9,862	12,943	17,294	23,768
Household operation	3,345	1,537	2,315	3,022	3,860	5,989
Household furnishings and equipment	1,967	684	1,213	1,667	2,356	3,917
Clothing	2,856	1,033	1,602	2,556	3,331	5,760
Transportation	9,722	2,785	6,069	8,782	12,539	18,435
Health care	2,044	1,045	1,700	1,890	2,335	3,249
Personal care	1,189	535	796	1,129	1,415	2,068
Recreation	4,066	1,070	2,172	3,351	5,176	8,560
Reading materials and other printed matter	253	109	170	232	282	470
Education	1,179	415	450	776	1,359	2,894
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,495	704	1,196	1,530	1,817	2,229
Games of chance (net)	260	136	317	267	247	332
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,075	325	681	1,003	1,323	2,043
Personal taxes	14,599	659	3,705	8,943	17,070	42,616
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	4,023	435	1,622	3,295	5,845	8,916
Gifts of money and contributions	1,674	496	1,227	1,574	1,803	3,271

Text table 3
Revised estimated number of full and part year households, based on 2001 Census weights

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 ¹	2007	2008
Canada	11,982,470	12,189,300	12,343,330	12,586,770	12,755,570	12,985,140	13,164,370
Newfoundland and Labrador	193,630	196,030	197,950	199,520	200,200	201,330	204,160
Prince Edward Island	51,910	52,610	53,130	53,560	54,070	54,670	55,590
Nova Scotia	366,610	370,590	373,980	376,980	379,610	382,900	387,870
New Brunswick	290,550	293,210	296,120	298,940	300,490	303,860	307,570
Quebec	3,075,940	3,121,100	3,169,700	3,220,660	3,267,660	3,307,090	3,351,040
Ontario	4,450,240	4,519,010	4,590,990	4,673,540	4,736,820	4,802,270	4,878,300
Manitoba	434,060	438,840	443,470	446,610	450,090	455,580	462,550
Saskatchewan	373,090	374,670	376,680	377,820	378,190	384,780	393,670
Alberta	1,153,560	1,175,680	1,198,680	1,231,350	1,280,840	1,317,330	1,346,580
British Columbia	1,592,880	1,615,500	1,642,620	1,675,850	1,707,600	1,740,970	1,777,040
Yukon Territory	..	11,150	..	11,840	..	11,850	..
Northwest Territories	..	13,620	..	14,250	..	15,100	..
Nunavut	..	7,280	..	5,860	..	7,390	..

1. There is no longer distinction between part-year and full-year households.

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203-0004	Survey of household spending (SHS), household spending on household operation, by province and territory, annual

203-0005	Survey of household spending (SHS), household spending on furnishings and equipment, by province and territory, annual
203-0006	Survey of household spending (SHS), household spending on clothing, by province and territory, annual
203-0007	Survey of household spending (SHS), household spending on transportation, by province and territory, annual
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203-0019	Survey of household spending (SHS), dwelling characteristics at December 31, by province, territory and selected metropolitan areas, annual
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Selected summary tables from Statistics Canada

- *Selected dwelling characteristics and household equipment*
- *Average household expenditures, by selected metropolitan area*
- *Average household expenditures, by province and territory*

Statistical tables

Table 1
Expenditures per household, Canada ¹

	2008				
	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	71,364	100.0	71,360	100.0	58,241
Food	7,435	100.0	7,440	10.4	6,580
Shelter	14,183	99.8	14,210	19.9	10,980
Principal accommodation	13,026	99.7	13,070	18.3	10,000
Rented living quarters	2,968	36.0	8,240	4.2	7,416
Owned living quarters	7,803	66.7	11,700	10.9	8,956
Water, fuel and electricity for principal accommodation	2,256	86.7	2,600	3.2	2,490
Other accommodation	1,157	51.7	2,240	1.6	900
Household operation	3,345	99.9	3,350	4.7	2,540
Communications	1,507	99.3	1,520	2.1	1,274
Child care expenses	342	10.6	3,230	0.5	1,820
Pet expenses	439	49.3	890	0.6	520
Other	1,057	...	...	1.5	...
Household furnishings and equipment	1,967	93.9	2,090	2.8	1,120
Clothing	2,856	99.1	2,880	4.0	1,910
Transportation	9,722	98.5	9,870	13.6	6,325
Private transportation	8,702	87.4	9,960	12.2	6,169
Public transportation	1,020	70.0	1,460	1.4	800
Health care	2,044	98.0	2,090	2.9	1,335
Personal care	1,189	99.8	1,190	1.7	900
Recreation	4,066	97.5	4,170	5.7	2,440
Reading materials and other printed matter	253	73.1	350	0.4	250
Education	1,179	35.5	3,320	1.7	1,200
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,495	83.6	1,790	2.1	1,000
Tobacco products and smokers' supplies	588	32.5	1,810	0.8	1,210
Alcoholic beverages	907	78.4	1,160	1.3	601
Games of chance (net)	260	70.4	370	0.4	120
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,075	91.9	1,170	1.5	517
Total current consumption	51,068	100.0	51,070	71.6	44,118
Personal taxes	14,599	93.9	15,550	20.5	8,850
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	4,023	83.2	4,840	5.6	3,667
Gifts of money and contributions	1,674	74.7	2,240	2.3	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.

Table 2
Average expenditure per household, Canada, provinces and territories

	2008						
	Canada ¹	Newfoundland and Labrador	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
	dollars						
Total expenditure	71,364	57,713	58,707	60,328	58,435	60,478	77,311
Food	7,435	6,740	6,738	6,827	6,548	7,396	7,523
Shelter	14,183	9,529	11,126	11,200	10,073	11,169	16,410
Principal accommodation	13,026	8,895	10,484	10,534	9,364	10,393	14,967
Rented living quarters	2,968	1,320	1,955	2,027	1,312	3,202	3,222
Owned living quarters	7,803	4,858	5,363	5,834	5,414	5,621	9,240
Water, fuel and electricity for principal accommodation	2,256	2,716	3,166	2,673	2,638	1,570	2,505
Other accommodation	1,157	634	642	665	709	776	1,443
Household operation	3,345	3,113	3,532	3,341	3,163	2,653	3,670
Communications	1,507	1,516	1,531	1,530	1,316	1,137	1,607
Child care expenses	342	252	523	272	327	277	435
Pet expenses	439	351	396	491	451	271	497
Other	1,057	994	1,082	1,048	1,069	968	1,131
Household furnishings and equipment	1,967	1,957	1,650	1,712	1,623	1,578	2,127
Clothing	2,856	2,692	2,131	2,213	2,071	2,368	3,227
Transportation	9,722	9,008	8,913	8,848	9,925	7,997	10,148
Private transportation	8,702	8,210	8,311	8,172	9,509	7,334	8,981
Public transportation	1,020	799	602	676	416	663	1,167
Health care	2,044	1,572	2,040	1,795	1,980	2,084	1,847
Personal care	1,189	1,066	997	1,021	978	1,078	1,276
Recreation	4,066	3,792	3,104	3,512	3,407	3,304	4,098
Reading materials and other printed matter	253	178	260	222	228	231	268
Education	1,179	614	935	914	713	641	1,614
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,495	1,553	1,424	1,422	1,344	1,416	1,454
Tobacco products and smokers' supplies	588	810	708	683	692	546	529
Alcoholic beverages	907	744	716	740	652	870	925
Games of chance (net)	260	265	223	230	255	228	272
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,075	650	763	1,080	764	965	1,068
Total current consumption	51,068	42,728	43,836	44,336	43,073	43,108	55,002
Personal taxes	14,599	10,362	9,505	10,814	10,419	12,423	16,378
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	4,023	3,493	3,681	3,558	3,655	3,848	4,127
Gifts of money and contributions	1,674	1,130	1,685	1,620	1,290	1,100	1,804

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 2 – continued

Average expenditure per household, Canada, provinces and territories

	2008						
	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon	Northwest Territories	Nunavut
	dollars						
Total expenditure	63,514	68,279	86,911	73,119	..	..	..
Food	6,493	6,301	7,713	7,938	..	..	..
Shelter	11,564	11,727	16,525	15,201	..	..	..
Principal accommodation	10,604	10,739	15,098	13,965	..	..	..
Rented living quarters	2,229	2,025	2,881	3,007	..	..	..
Owned living quarters	6,234	5,952	9,213	8,982	..	..	..
Water, fuel and electricity for principal accommodation	2,141	2,763	3,004	1,976	..	..	..
Other accommodation	960	988	1,427	1,235	..	..	..
Household operation	3,023	3,177	3,977	3,451	..	..	..
Communications	1,458	1,599	1,901	1,651	..	..	..
Child care expenses	183	263	397	253	..	..	..
Pet expenses	399	368	548	541	..	..	..
Other	983	947	1,131	1,006	..	..	..
Household furnishings and equipment	1,967	2,097	2,328	2,086	..	..	..
Clothing	2,453	2,612	3,301	2,900	..	..	..
Transportation	9,057	10,945	12,182	10,107	..	..	..
Private transportation	8,286	10,367	10,859	8,665	..	..	..
Public transportation	772	579	1,323	1,443	..	..	..
Health care	1,938	1,752	2,492	2,382	..	..	..
Personal care	1,095	1,111	1,380	1,148	..	..	..
Recreation	3,915	4,720	5,522	4,500	..	..	..
Reading materials and other printed matter	266	245	290	241	..	..	..
Education	820	963	1,300	1,259	..	..	..
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,295	1,515	1,867	1,562	..	..	..
Tobacco products and smokers' supplies	632	720	894	487	..	..	..
Alcoholic beverages	663	795	973	1,075	..	..	..
Games of chance (net)	313	360	305	224	..	..	..
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,004	1,286	1,462	1,090	..	..	..
Total current consumption	45,202	48,810	60,643	54,089	..	..	..
Personal taxes	11,949	13,057	19,052	13,668	..	..	..
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	4,199	4,344	4,579	3,763
Gifts of money and contributions	2,163	2,067	2,636	1,599

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Table 3
Average expenditure per household, Canada and selected metropolitan areas

	2008									
	Canada	St. John's	Charlottetown and Summerside	Halifax	Saint John	Québec	Montréal	Ottawa-Gatineau	Toronto	
	dollars									
Total expenditure	71,364	70,318	62,965	70,389	74,467	F	63,794	F	85,059	
Food	7,435	7,087	6,957	7,417	6,974	F	7,568	F	8,132	
Shelter	14,183	12,029	12,491	13,383	12,055	F	12,361	F	18,901	
Household operation	3,345	3,499	3,714	3,408	3,585	F	2,673	F	3,892	
Household furnishings and equipment	1,967	2,318	1,648	1,815	1,612	F	1,535	F	1,967	
Clothing	2,856	3,127	2,362	2,647	2,459	F	2,562	F	3,832	
Transportation	9,722	10,430	8,672	9,956	11,924	F	7,332	F	10,229	
Health care	2,044	1,789	1,990	1,813	1,859	F	2,150	F	2,115	
Personal care	1,189	1,247	1,044	1,161	1,022	F	1,142	F	1,366	
Recreation	4,066	4,523	3,384	4,167	4,095	F	3,095	F	4,141	
Reading materials and other printed matter	253	269	269	246	273	F	239	F	272	
Education	1,179	1,124	1,150	1,305	1,337	F	873	F	2,009	
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,495	1,612	1,488	1,480	1,647	F	1,423	F	1,537	
Games of chance (net)	260	283	213	220	267	F	195	F	268	
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,075	919	784	1,279	938	F	1,052	F	1,171	
Total current consumption	51,068	50,257	46,166	50,295	50,048	F	44,201	F	59,831	
Personal taxes	14,599	14,235	10,941	14,119	18,364	F	14,392	F	19,365	
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	4,023	4,742	3,884	4,212	4,668	F	3,662	F	4,254	
Gifts of money and contributions	1,674	1,085	1,974	1,763	1,388	F	1,539	F	1,609	
	Winnipeg	Regina	Saskatoon	Calgary	Edmonton	Vancouver	Victoria	Whitehorse	Yellowknife	
	dollars									
Total expenditure	65,074	80,073	75,649	89,578	91,475	75,029	F	..	..
Food	6,553	7,358	7,194	8,083	7,861	8,252	F	..	..
Shelter	12,458	14,316	14,255	17,968	16,768	16,279	F	..	..
Household operation	3,004	3,148	3,465	3,803	3,960	3,185	F	..	..
Household furnishings and equipment	1,818	2,670	2,123	2,181	2,243	1,712	F	..	..
Clothing	2,573	2,868	3,167	3,680	3,461	3,066	F	..	..
Transportation	8,702	12,884	11,091	12,216	13,903	9,932	F	..	..
Health care	1,829	1,628	1,750	2,623	2,337	2,165	F	..	..
Personal care	1,157	1,336	1,255	1,436	1,396	1,182	F	..	..
Recreation	3,693	5,588	4,778	5,144	5,528	3,960	F	..	..
Reading materials and other printed matter	279	294	292	324	315	197	F	..	..
Education	998	1,366	1,814	1,456	1,235	1,531	F	..	..
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,325	1,661	1,311	1,807	1,705	1,419	F	..	..
Games of chance (net)	324	414	285	266	313	231	F	..	..
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,060	1,221	1,403	1,745	1,110	899	F	..	..
Total current consumption	45,774	56,754	54,184	62,732	62,135	54,009	F	..	..
Personal taxes	12,830	14,959	15,259	20,125	21,792	15,665	F	..	..
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	4,429	5,443	4,389	4,451	5,224	4,037	F	
Gifts of money and contributions	2,041	2,917	1,817	2,270	2,324	1,318	F	

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Table 4-1
Average expenditure per household, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Canada¹

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	62,464	65,575	67,736	69,946	71,364
Food	6,772	6,978	7,046	7,305	7,435
Shelter	11,987	12,376	12,986	13,643	14,183
Principal accommodation	11,223	11,527	11,998	12,670	13,026
Rented living quarters	2,509	2,483	2,736	2,668	2,968
Owned living quarters	6,731	6,961	7,148	7,799	7,803
Water, fuel and electricity for principal accommodation	1,983	2,083	2,114	2,203	2,256
Other accommodation	764	849	987	973	1,157
Household operation	2,864	3,027	3,251	3,287	3,345
Communications	1,291	1,368	1,457	1,488	1,507
Child care expenses	289	288	329	330	342
Pet expenses	345	370	395	432	439
Other	939	1,001	1,070	1,037	1,057
Household furnishings and equipment	1,871	1,954	2,131	1,964	1,967
Clothing	2,470	2,538	2,870	2,948	2,856
Transportation	8,476	8,914	9,240	9,395	9,722
Private transportation	7,677	8,088	8,273	8,426	8,702
Public transportation	799	826	967	969	1,020
Health care	1,653	1,755	1,867	1,932	2,044
Personal care	882	1,071	1,158	1,167	1,189
Recreation	3,619	3,850	3,975	3,976	4,066
Reading materials and other printed matter	278	278	264	260	253
Education	1,067	1,214	1,157	1,017	1,179
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,480	1,398	1,475	1,536	1,495
Tobacco products and smokers' supplies	684	607	608	621	588
Alcoholic beverages	796	791	866	915	907
Games of chance (net)	258	271	258	251	260
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,000	987	1,087	1,081	1,075
Total current consumption	44,678	46,610	48,765	49,766	51,068
Personal taxes	12,601	13,350	13,634	14,447	14,599
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,567	3,831	3,832	3,946	4,023
Gifts of money and contributions	1,619	1,784	1,505	1,788	1,674

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Table 4-2
Average expenditure per household, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Newfoundland and Labrador

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	49,126	52,306	53,939	55,007	57,713
Food	6,075	6,206	6,322	6,463	6,740
Shelter	8,145	8,399	8,605	8,985	9,529
Principal accommodation	7,561	7,703	8,026	8,354	8,895
Rented living quarters	1,224	1,061	1,239	1,197	1,320
Owned living quarters	4,041	4,226	4,360	4,416	4,858
Water, fuel and electricity for principal accommodation	2,297	2,416	2,427	2,741	2,716
Other accommodation	584	696	579	632	634
Household operation	2,651	2,714	2,973	2,968	3,113
Communications	1,218	1,236	1,392	1,427	1,516
Child care expenses	249	257	250	212	252
Pet expenses	280	268	285	357	351
Other	904	953	1,046	972	994
Household furnishings and equipment	1,617	1,832	1,831	1,719	1,957
Clothing	2,265	2,311	2,622	2,588	2,692
Transportation	7,242	7,598	7,824	8,392	9,008
Private transportation	6,724	6,944	7,194	7,785	8,210
Public transportation	518	655	630	608	799
Health care	1,420	1,503	1,510	1,582	1,572
Personal care	729	987	1,021	1,008	1,066
Recreation	3,203	3,239	3,350	3,305	3,792
Reading materials and other printed matter	181	197	199	179	178
Education	725	855	705	579	614
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,371	1,329	1,628	1,636	1,553
Tobacco products and smokers' supplies	720	699	827	890	810
Alcoholic beverages	651	630	800	746	744
Games of chance (net)	264	267	280	247	265
Miscellaneous expenditures	622	603	652	681	650
Total current consumption	36,510	38,040	39,520	40,332	42,728
Personal taxes	8,523	10,066	10,074	10,466	10,362
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	2,920	3,077	3,202	3,171	3,493
Gifts of money and contributions	1,174	1,123	1,143	1,038	1,130

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.

Table 4-3
Average expenditure per household, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Prince Edward Island

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	50,311	52,566	54,689	55,574	58,707
Food	6,010	6,184	6,557	6,629	6,738
Shelter	9,137	9,557	9,966	10,137	11,126
Principal accommodation	8,334	8,952	9,244	9,507	10,484
Rented living quarters	1,605	1,909	1,850	1,838	1,955
Owned living quarters	4,404	4,557	4,872	4,870	5,363
Water, fuel and electricity for principal accommodation	2,325	2,487	2,522	2,799	3,166
Other accommodation	803	605	723	630	642
Household operation	2,668	2,863	3,045	3,097	3,532
Communications	1,102	1,251	1,328	1,366	1,531
Child care expenses	336	334	312	270	523
Pet expenses	325	323	391	432	396
Other	905	955	1,014	1,029	1,082
Household furnishings and equipment	1,522	1,605	1,789	1,424	1,650
Clothing	1,998	2,053	2,215	2,112	2,131
Transportation	7,675	7,154	8,145	8,039	8,913
Private transportation	7,327	6,695	7,690	7,541	8,311
Public transportation	348	458	455	498	602
Health care	1,727	1,800	1,981	1,994	2,040
Personal care	746	951	1,018	1,027	997
Recreation	3,097	2,802	3,128	3,019	3,104
Reading materials and other printed matter	255	265	261	250	260
Education	826	979	915	797	935
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,313	1,459	1,714	1,474	1,424
Tobacco products and smokers' supplies	745	894	977	833	708
Alcoholic beverages	568	564	737	641	716
Games of chance (net)	280	269	246	195	223
Miscellaneous expenditures	846	666	719	727	763
Total current consumption	38,098	38,607	41,700	40,922	43,836
Personal taxes	7,943	9,246	8,046	9,504	9,505
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,107	3,307	3,661	3,694	3,681
Gifts of money and contributions	1,163	1,406	1,282	1,454	1,685

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.

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

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	53,374	54,800	56,319	59,987	60,328
Food	6,037	6,243	6,210	6,640	6,827
Shelter	9,430	9,901	10,234	10,815	11,200
Principal accommodation	8,834	9,290	9,523	10,119	10,534
Rented living quarters	1,807	1,803	2,096	1,920	2,027
Owned living quarters	4,847	5,130	5,099	5,649	5,834
Water, fuel and electricity for principal accommodation	2,179	2,357	2,328	2,549	2,673
Other accommodation	596	611	711	697	665
Household operation	2,912	3,001	3,206	3,304	3,341
Communications	1,212	1,269	1,389	1,455	1,530
Child care expenses	295	336	301	293	272
Pet expenses	392	436	471	494	491
Other	1,013	960	1,045	1,062	1,048
Household furnishings and equipment	1,570	1,573	1,876	1,784	1,712
Clothing	1,998	2,043	2,323	2,412	2,213
Transportation	7,516	7,710	7,951	8,820	8,848
Private transportation	7,029	7,161	7,359	8,127	8,172
Public transportation	487	549	592	692	676
Health care	1,566	1,646	1,695	1,868	1,795
Personal care	744	941	1,040	1,048	1,021
Recreation	3,162	3,144	3,066	3,329	3,512
Reading materials and other printed matter	275	256	246	249	222
Education	892	1,044	1,064	1,055	914
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,464	1,448	1,567	1,628	1,422
Tobacco products and smokers' supplies	831	816	858	854	683
Alcoholic beverages	633	631	709	774	740
Games of chance (net)	280	310	251	253	230
Miscellaneous expenditures	754	883	885	939	1,080
Total current consumption	38,600	40,145	41,613	44,145	44,336
Personal taxes	10,374	9,922	10,074	10,585	10,814
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,089	3,304	3,325	3,550	3,558
Gifts of money and contributions	1,311	1,429	1,308	1,708	1,620

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.

Table 4-5
Average expenditure per household, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — New Brunswick

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	50,671	52,748	54,101	58,205	58,435
Food	5,943	6,000	6,082	6,602	6,548
Shelter	8,680	8,945	9,093	10,031	10,073
Principal accommodation	8,020	8,363	8,441	9,283	9,364
Rented living quarters	1,242	1,330	1,309	1,466	1,312
Owned living quarters	4,536	4,621	4,689	5,162	5,414
Water, fuel and electricity for principal accommodation	2,242	2,411	2,443	2,655	2,638
Other accommodation	661	582	652	748	709
Household operation	2,675	2,876	2,872	2,945	3,163
Communications	1,068	1,144	1,194	1,263	1,316
Child care expenses	295	307	293	342	327
Pet expenses	357	377	378	387	451
Other	955	1,048	1,007	953	1,069
Household furnishings and equipment	1,608	1,629	1,615	1,567	1,623
Clothing	1,956	2,001	2,193	2,312	2,071
Transportation	7,597	8,189	8,571	9,137	9,925
Private transportation	7,261	7,790	8,150	8,689	9,509
Public transportation	336	399	421	448	416
Health care	1,578	1,733	1,724	1,817	1,980
Personal care	745	901	969	1,000	978
Recreation	3,028	3,241	3,082	3,215	3,407
Reading materials and other printed matter	248	226	216	234	228
Education	817	763	946	1,005	713
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,251	1,333	1,246	1,426	1,344
Tobacco products and smokers' supplies	670	757	648	757	692
Alcoholic beverages	581	575	598	669	652
Games of chance (net)	242	235	243	191	255
Miscellaneous expenditures	662	676	825	804	764
Total current consumption	37,030	38,748	39,675	42,285	43,073
Personal taxes	9,223	9,615	9,590	10,610	10,419
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,258	3,243	3,489	3,811	3,655
Gifts of money and contributions	1,158	1,142	1,346	1,499	1,290

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.

Table 4-6
Average expenditure per household, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Quebec

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	53,770	54,546	56,559	57,308	60,478
Food	6,756	6,777	6,935	7,321	7,396
Shelter	9,299	9,581	10,048	10,167	11,169
Principal accommodation	8,731	9,093	9,416	9,504	10,393
Rented living quarters	2,674	2,578	2,896	2,731	3,202
Owned living quarters	4,588	5,004	5,024	5,203	5,621
Water, fuel and electricity for principal accommodation	1,469	1,512	1,496	1,570	1,570
Other accommodation	569	488	633	663	776
Household operation	2,346	2,383	2,616	2,601	2,653
Communications	1,010	1,036	1,117	1,111	1,137
Child care expenses	279	234	280	286	277
Pet expenses	237	261	261	301	271
Other	820	852	958	903	968
Household furnishings and equipment	1,421	1,622	1,834	1,543	1,578
Clothing	2,163	2,164	2,401	2,368	2,368
Transportation	7,069	7,054	7,536	7,542	7,997
Private transportation	6,576	6,544	6,865	6,929	7,334
Public transportation	493	509	671	613	663
Health care	1,680	1,829	1,946	2,067	2,084
Personal care	889	1,004	1,072	1,089	1,078
Recreation	3,081	3,194	3,275	3,055	3,304
Reading materials and other printed matter	244	230	238	245	231
Education	629	668	665	633	641
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,457	1,347	1,441	1,354	1,416
Tobacco products and smokers' supplies	711	556	590	536	546
Alcoholic beverages	746	791	851	818	870
Games of chance (net)	254	225	235	178	228
Miscellaneous expenditures	798	833	881	936	965
Total current consumption	38,086	38,910	41,122	41,100	43,108
Personal taxes	11,462	11,222	11,218	11,739	12,423
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,311	3,569	3,453	3,595	3,848
Gifts of money and contributions	912	845	765	874	1,100

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Table 4-7
Average expenditure per household, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Ontario

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	70,143	74,155	73,318	76,654	77,311
Food	6,966	7,240	7,331	7,383	7,523
Shelter	14,419	14,785	15,163	16,341	16,410
Principal accommodation	13,458	13,636	13,936	15,186	14,967
Rented living quarters	2,776	2,687	3,034	2,856	3,222
Owned living quarters	8,455	8,595	8,510	9,835	9,240
Water, fuel and electricity for principal accommodation	2,227	2,354	2,392	2,496	2,505
Other accommodation	961	1,149	1,227	1,155	1,443
Household operation	3,204	3,370	3,529	3,666	3,670
Communications	1,445	1,496	1,557	1,625	1,607
Child care expenses	323	339	382	375	435
Pet expenses	396	412	440	505	497
Other	1,040	1,123	1,150	1,161	1,131
Household furnishings and equipment	2,282	2,134	2,234	2,136	2,127
Clothing	2,788	2,865	3,185	3,420	3,227
Transportation	9,666	10,091	9,645	9,600	10,148
Private transportation	8,656	9,056	8,525	8,476	8,981
Public transportation	1,010	1,035	1,119	1,124	1,167
Health care	1,440	1,540	1,609	1,721	1,847
Personal care	944	1,137	1,233	1,239	1,276
Recreation	3,810	4,001	4,232	4,133	4,098
Reading materials and other printed matter	306	317	268	281	268
Education	1,355	1,593	1,402	1,220	1,614
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,512	1,261	1,391	1,459	1,454
Tobacco products and smokers' supplies	668	542	537	535	529
Alcoholic beverages	844	719	853	924	925
Games of chance (net)	270	291	262	283	272
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,169	1,071	1,180	1,055	1,068
Total current consumption	50,130	51,696	52,664	53,938	55,002
Personal taxes	14,208	15,819	14,869	16,403	16,378
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,858	4,271	3,977	4,177	4,127
Gifts of money and contributions	1,946	2,370	1,808	2,137	1,804

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Table 4-8
Average expenditure per household, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Manitoba

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	55,130	58,659	59,230	63,303	63,514
Food	6,238	6,182	6,101	6,518	6,493
Shelter	9,387	9,762	10,176	10,852	11,564
Principal accommodation	8,710	9,000	9,388	10,023	10,604
Rented living quarters	1,765	1,587	1,979	2,041	2,229
Owned living quarters	5,019	5,480	5,362	5,923	6,234
Water, fuel and electricity for principal accommodation	1,926	1,932	2,047	2,059	2,141
Other accommodation	677	762	788	829	960
Household operation	2,690	2,734	2,782	3,063	3,023
Communications	1,204	1,293	1,320	1,442	1,458
Child care expenses	280	222	200	256	183
Pet expenses	330	320	346	388	399
Other	876	899	916	977	983
Household furnishings and equipment	1,591	1,680	1,696	1,715	1,967
Clothing	2,221	2,132	2,346	2,482	2,453
Transportation	7,569	8,091	8,113	9,651	9,057
Private transportation	6,918	7,391	7,350	8,870	8,286
Public transportation	651	699	763	781	772
Health care	1,421	1,509	1,728	1,786	1,938
Personal care	751	952	1,017	1,102	1,095
Recreation	3,327	3,774	3,287	3,607	3,915
Reading materials and other printed matter	265	272	257	267	266
Education	721	947	909	869	820
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,480	1,274	1,382	1,441	1,295
Tobacco products and smokers' supplies	800	633	670	718	632
Alcoholic beverages	680	642	712	724	663
Games of chance (net)	337	349	300	311	313
Miscellaneous expenditures	864	967	907	1,037	1,004
Total current consumption	38,861	40,623	41,001	44,701	45,202
Personal taxes	10,667	12,190	12,282	12,411	11,949
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,588	3,711	3,700	4,003	4,199
Gifts of money and contributions	2,014	2,134	2,248	2,188	2,163

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Table 4-9
Average expenditure per household, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Saskatchewan

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	52,378	56,088	59,364	63,944	68,279
Food	5,563	5,665	5,765	6,073	6,301
Shelter	9,316	9,666	10,333	10,711	11,727
Principal accommodation	8,716	8,928	9,402	9,798	10,739
Rented living quarters	1,408	1,426	1,706	1,675	2,025
Owned living quarters	4,785	4,889	5,009	5,460	5,952
Water, fuel and electricity for principal accommodation	2,523	2,613	2,687	2,663	2,763
Other accommodation	600	739	932	913	988
Household operation	2,698	2,792	2,928	3,161	3,177
Communications	1,285	1,367	1,439	1,507	1,599
Child care expenses	248	219	257	349	263
Pet expenses	287	294	322	350	368
Other	878	912	910	955	947
Household furnishings and equipment	1,785	1,768	1,900	1,873	2,097
Clothing	2,103	2,167	2,366	2,434	2,612
Transportation	7,303	8,172	8,730	10,412	10,945
Private transportation	6,854	7,674	8,176	9,857	10,367
Public transportation	448	498	553	555	579
Health care	1,557	1,646	1,724	1,738	1,752
Personal care	775	960	1,031	1,082	1,111
Recreation	3,437	3,879	3,580	4,387	4,720
Reading materials and other printed matter	241	237	238	218	245
Education	844	840	855	804	963
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,275	1,308	1,490	1,615	1,515
Tobacco products and smokers' supplies	685	704	733	855	720
Alcoholic beverages	590	605	756	760	795
Games of chance (net)	251	243	272	286	360
Miscellaneous expenditures	852	891	1,031	1,293	1,286
Total current consumption	37,998	40,234	42,244	46,089	48,810
Personal taxes	9,339	10,405	11,920	12,215	13,057
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,335	3,615	3,609	3,923	4,344
Gifts of money and contributions	1,706	1,835	1,592	1,716	2,067

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Table 4-10
Average expenditure per household, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Alberta

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	69,817	74,196	85,236	85,912	86,911
Food	6,939	7,252	7,449	7,491	7,713
Shelter	12,971	12,912	14,690	14,955	16,525
Principal accommodation	12,194	11,961	13,455	13,748	15,098
Rented living quarters	2,220	2,162	2,236	2,655	2,881
Owned living quarters	7,518	7,182	8,506	8,266	9,213
Water, fuel and electricity for principal accommodation	2,456	2,617	2,712	2,827	3,004
Other accommodation	776	951	1,236	1,207	1,427
Household operation	3,225	3,501	3,984	3,768	3,977
Communications	1,491	1,653	1,902	1,853	1,901
Child care expenses	312	321	411	371	397
Pet expenses	411	451	505	462	548
Other	1,011	1,076	1,166	1,082	1,131
Household furnishings and equipment	2,122	2,430	3,036	2,608	2,328
Clothing	2,792	2,838	3,588	3,548	3,301
Transportation	9,123	10,253	12,162	12,678	12,182
Private transportation	8,182	9,315	10,904	11,418	10,859
Public transportation	941	938	1,258	1,260	1,323
Health care	2,080	2,085	2,435	2,259	2,492
Personal care	923	1,217	1,374	1,288	1,380
Recreation	4,565	5,031	5,890	5,387	5,522
Reading materials and other printed matter	312	298	323	291	290
Education	1,140	1,336	1,341	1,176	1,300
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,659	1,727	1,837	2,124	1,867
Tobacco products and smokers' supplies	832	800	839	945	894
Alcoholic beverages	827	927	999	1,179	973
Games of chance (net)	263	292	280	340	305
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,160	1,111	1,347	1,374	1,462
Total current consumption	49,273	52,284	59,736	59,288	60,643
Personal taxes	14,751	15,789	18,616	19,766	19,052
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,841	3,973	4,851	4,331	4,579
Gifts of money and contributions	1,952	2,150	2,032	2,527	2,636

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

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	62,904	67,017	71,580	72,621	73,119
Food	6,985	7,348	7,156	7,745	7,938
Shelter	12,708	13,647	14,521	15,056	15,201
Principal accommodation	11,987	12,846	13,467	13,980	13,965
Rented living quarters	2,684	2,971	3,004	2,982	3,007
Owned living quarters	7,609	8,118	8,649	9,199	8,982
Water, fuel and electricity for principal accommodation	1,694	1,757	1,814	1,800	1,976
Other accommodation	720	801	1,054	1,076	1,235
Household operation	2,793	3,160	3,453	3,357	3,451
Communications	1,352	1,540	1,608	1,612	1,651
Child care expenses	214	245	285	295	253
Pet expenses	374	426	473	486	541
Other	853	949	1,087	964	1,006
Household furnishings and equipment	1,663	2,026	2,095	2,036	2,086
Clothing	2,329	2,558	2,896	2,818	2,900
Transportation	8,459	9,223	10,200	9,896	10,107
Private transportation	7,439	8,192	8,927	8,567	8,665
Public transportation	1,019	1,032	1,273	1,328	1,443
Health care	2,033	2,131	2,178	2,177	2,382
Personal care	804	1,038	1,098	1,135	1,148
Recreation	3,833	4,175	3,894	4,577	4,500
Reading materials and other printed matter	272	282	291	233	241
Education	1,332	1,456	1,529	1,215	1,259
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,415	1,670	1,515	1,624	1,562
Tobacco products and smokers' supplies	500	604	525	567	487
Alcoholic beverages	916	1,065	991	1,058	1,075
Games of chance (net)	207	266	260	223	224
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,039	1,123	1,246	1,303	1,090
Total current consumption	45,871	50,103	52,334	53,394	54,089
Personal taxes	11,764	11,636	13,929	13,297	13,668
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,351	3,404	3,725	3,850	3,763
Gifts of money and contributions	1,918	1,875	1,592	2,080	1,599

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Table 4-12
Average expenditure per household, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Yukon

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	..	64,013	..	76,997	..
Food	..	7,283	..	7,078	..
Shelter	..	11,365	..	14,058	..
Principal accommodation	..	10,382	..	12,899	..
Rented living quarters	..	2,730	..	2,324	..
Owned living quarters	..	4,967	..	7,403	..
Water, fuel and electricity for principal accommodation	..	2,685	..	3,172	..
Other accommodation	..	983	..	1,159	..
Household operation	..	2,993	..	3,831	..
Communications	..	1,405	..	1,717	..
Child care expenses	..	163	..	F	..
Pet expenses	..	540	..	613	..
Other	..	885	..	F	..
Household furnishings and equipment	..	1,566	..	2,707	..
Clothing	..	2,105	..	2,915	..
Transportation	..	9,382	..	10,775	..
Private transportation	..	7,833	..	9,237	..
Public transportation	..	1,549	..	1,537	..
Health care	..	945	..	1,603	..
Personal care	..	872	..	1,193	..
Recreation	..	4,851	..	4,860	..
Reading materials and other printed matter	..	359	..	415	..
Education	..	481	..	739	..
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	..	2,161	..	2,236	..
Tobacco products and smokers' supplies	..	976	..	1,074	..
Alcoholic beverages	..	1,185	..	1,162	..
Games of chance (net)	..	324	..	308	..
Miscellaneous expenditures	..	716	..	1,212	..
Total current consumption	..	45,402	..	53,929	..
Personal taxes	..	13,250	..	16,437	..
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	..	3,824	..	4,961	..
Gifts of money and contributions	..	1,536	..	1,670	..

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.

Table 4-13
Average expenditure per household, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Northwest Territories

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	..	89,284	..	89,075	..
Food	..	9,971	..	9,096	..
Shelter	..	17,599	..	18,249	..
Principal accommodation	..	16,346	..	16,705	..
Rented living quarters	..	3,722	..	3,779	..
Owned living quarters	..	8,331	..	8,688	..
Water, fuel and electricity for principal accommodation	..	4,293	..	4,238	..
Other accommodation	..	1,253	..	1,544	..
Household operation	..	3,803	..	4,110	..
Communications	..	1,728	..	1,863	..
Child care expenses	..	529	..	613	..
Pet expenses	..	387	..	466	..
Other	..	1,159	..	1,168	..
Household furnishings and equipment	..	1,946	..	2,466	..
Clothing	..	3,556	..	3,844	..
Transportation	..	10,438	..	11,439	..
Private transportation	..	8,572	..	9,477	..
Public transportation	..	1,865	..	1,962	..
Health care	..	1,365	..	1,306	..
Personal care	..	1,271	..	1,351	..
Recreation	..	6,137	..	6,132	..
Reading materials and other printed matter	..	325	..	312	..
Education	..	587	..	503	..
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	..	3,171	..	2,792	..
Tobacco products and smokers' supplies	..	1,513	..	1,460	..
Alcoholic beverages	..	1,657	..	1,332	..
Games of chance (net)	..	633	..	653	..
Miscellaneous expenditures	..	1,117	..	1,116	..
Total current consumption	..	61,917	..	63,369	..
Personal taxes	..	20,823	..	17,751	..
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	..	5,270	..	6,228	..
Gifts of money and contributions	..	1,275	..	1,727	..

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.

Table 4-14
Average expenditure per household, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Nunavut

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	..	63,123	..	73,747	..
Food	..	12,572	..	14,057	..
Shelter	..	9,811	..	11,547	..
Principal accommodation	..	8,792	..	10,421	..
Rented living quarters	..	4,743	..	4,118	..
Owned living quarters	..	F	..	3,780	..
Water, fuel and electricity for principal accommodation	..	1,676	..	2,522	..
Other accommodation	..	1,019	..	1,127	..
Household operation	..	3,043	..	3,445	..
Communications	..	1,247	..	1,484	..
Child care expenses	..	F	..	F	..
Pet expenses	..	277	..	323	..
Other	..	F	..	F	..
Household furnishings and equipment	..	1,879	..	2,082	..
Clothing	..	2,714	..	3,345	..
Transportation	..	4,612	..	5,456	..
Private transportation	..	2,362	..	3,021	..
Public transportation	..	2,251	..	2,434	..
Health care	..	732	..	874	..
Personal care	..	891	..	1,123	..
Recreation	..	5,271	..	6,855	..
Reading materials and other printed matter	..	136	..	201	..
Education	..	230	..	F	..
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	..	2,719	..	3,506	..
Tobacco products and smokers' supplies	..	2,121	..	2,596	..
Alcoholic beverages	..	598	..	911	..
Games of chance (net)	..	397	..	465	..
Miscellaneous expenditures	..	596	..	1,144	..
Total current consumption	..	45,605	..	54,400	..
Personal taxes	..	13,173	..	13,312	..
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	..	3,186	..	4,742	..
Gifts of money and contributions	..	1,159	..	1,293	..

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.

Table 5-1
Average expenditure per household, Canada and selected metropolitan areas, recent years — Canada

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	62,464	65,575	67,736	69,946	71,364
Food	6,772	6,978	7,046	7,305	7,435
Shelter	11,987	12,376	12,986	13,643	14,183
Household operation	2,864	3,027	3,251	3,287	3,345
Household furnishings and equipment	1,871	1,954	2,131	1,964	1,967
Clothing	2,470	2,538	2,870	2,948	2,856
Transportation	8,476	8,914	9,240	9,395	9,722
Health care	1,653	1,755	1,867	1,932	2,044
Personal care	882	1,071	1,158	1,167	1,189
Recreation	3,619	3,850	3,975	3,976	4,066
Reading materials and other printed matter	278	278	264	260	253
Education	1,067	1,214	1,157	1,017	1,179
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,480	1,398	1,475	1,536	1,495
Games of chance (net)	258	271	258	251	260
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,000	987	1,087	1,081	1,075
Total current consumption	44,678	46,610	48,765	49,766	51,068
Personal taxes	12,601	13,350	13,634	14,447	14,599
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,567	3,831	3,832	3,946	4,023
Gifts of money and contributions	1,619	1,784	1,505	1,788	1,674

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.

Table 5-2
Average expenditure per household, Canada and selected metropolitan areas, recent years — St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	59,333	61,745	66,432	67,276	70,318
Food	6,591	6,470	6,969	6,904	7,087
Shelter	10,547	10,804	11,246	11,732	12,029
Household operation	2,962	2,947	3,397	3,347	3,499
Household furnishings and equipment	1,813	2,280	1,994	2,034	2,318
Clothing	2,513	2,650	3,061	3,054	3,127
Transportation	7,931	7,691	9,468	9,640	10,430
Health care	1,612	1,642	1,668	1,669	1,789
Personal care	874	1,127	1,259	1,279	1,247
Recreation	3,659	3,437	3,440	3,828	4,523
Reading materials and other printed matter	260	288	286	260	269
Education	1,056	1,156	1,164	968	1,124
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,544	1,499	1,903	1,672	1,612
Games of chance (net)	238	246	264	292	283
Miscellaneous expenditures	827	736	851	820	919
Total current consumption	42,426	42,972	46,971	47,499	50,257
Personal taxes	11,841	13,570	14,218	14,660	14,235
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,793	4,033	4,177	4,197	4,742
Gifts of money and contributions	1,273	1,170	1,066	920	1,085

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.

Table 5-3
Average expenditure per household, Canada and selected metropolitan areas, recent years — Charlottetown and Summerside, Prince Edward Island

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	56,677	54,096	57,729	59,716	62,965
Food	6,219	6,075	6,591	6,792	6,957
Shelter	10,415	10,475	11,139	11,348	12,491
Household operation	2,730	2,932	3,064	3,049	3,714
Household furnishings and equipment	1,581	1,578	1,857	1,532	1,648
Clothing	2,238	2,129	2,383	2,432	2,362
Transportation	7,992	6,297	7,955	8,135	8,672
Health care	1,756	1,748	1,989	2,073	1,990
Personal care	845	993	1,052	1,133	1,044
Recreation	3,632	2,949	3,428	3,044	3,384
Reading materials and other printed matter	288	275	287	265	269
Education	1,011	1,085	1,143	1,030	1,150
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,338	1,447	1,669	1,450	1,488
Games of chance (net)	236	245	273	213	213
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,099	754	686	768	784
Total current consumption	41,379	38,983	43,517	43,263	46,166
Personal taxes	10,081	10,143	8,877	10,736	10,941
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,833	3,575	4,099	4,172	3,884
Gifts of money and contributions	1,384	1,396	1,236	1,545	1,974

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.

Table 5-4
Average expenditure per household, Canada and selected metropolitan areas, recent years — Halifax, Nova Scotia

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	59,960	65,074	65,439	70,961	70,389
Food	6,158	6,621	6,626	7,198	7,417
Shelter	11,062	12,211	12,239	13,337	13,383
Household operation	2,915	3,213	3,368	3,547	3,408
Household furnishings and equipment	1,560	1,763	2,058	2,055	1,815
Clothing	2,236	2,402	2,772	2,936	2,647
Transportation	7,710	8,011	8,281	9,357	9,956
Health care	1,502	1,806	1,764	1,903	1,813
Personal care	807	1,041	1,170	1,232	1,161
Recreation	3,583	3,697	3,400	3,989	4,167
Reading materials and other printed matter	312	316	261	277	246
Education	1,220	1,386	1,629	1,605	1,305
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,607	1,463	1,770	1,692	1,480
Games of chance (net)	244	396	231	232	220
Miscellaneous expenditures	782	1,042	930	1,071	1,279
Total current consumption	41,698	45,368	46,498	50,432	50,295
Personal taxes	13,632	14,133	13,496	13,848	14,119
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,415	3,979	3,990	4,236	4,212
Gifts of money and contributions	1,216	1,593	1,454	2,446	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.

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

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	54,118	61,511	53,683	67,250	74,467
Food	6,023	6,459	5,834	7,073	6,974
Shelter	9,988	10,359	9,813	11,745	12,055
Household operation	2,756	3,220	2,811	3,138	3,585
Household furnishings and equipment	1,484	1,649	1,503	1,541	1,612
Clothing	2,098	2,531	2,092	2,717	2,459
Transportation	8,329	8,886	7,621	10,745	11,924
Health care	1,363	1,708	1,480	2,044	1,859
Personal care	689	1,040	914	1,011	1,022
Recreation	3,000	3,437	2,682	3,458	4,095
Reading materials and other printed matter	230	272	221	224	273
Education	1,285	1,172	935	981	1,337
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,180	1,436	1,205	1,471	1,647
Games of chance (net)	218	223	244	157	267
Miscellaneous expenditures	740	681	716	1,007	938
Total current consumption	39,383	43,073	38,071	47,313	50,048
Personal taxes	10,131	13,565	10,959	14,198	18,364
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,287	3,408	3,539	4,351	4,668
Gifts of money and contributions	1,317	1,465	1,114	1,388	1,388

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Table 5-6
Average expenditure per household, Canada and selected metropolitan areas, recent years — Québec, Quebec

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	57,266	56,072	55,702	64,053	F
Food	6,653	6,902	6,856	7,369	F
Shelter	9,490	9,463	10,203	10,127	F
Household operation	2,218	2,052	2,315	2,666	F
Household furnishings and equipment	1,494	1,634	1,591	1,644	F
Clothing	2,102	2,112	2,118	2,776	F
Transportation	7,730	7,498	7,707	9,451	F
Health care	1,826	1,886	2,211	2,673	F
Personal care	911	1,023	1,078	1,193	F
Recreation	3,204	3,797	2,760	3,391	F
Reading materials and other printed matter	246	249	222	275	F
Education	687	735	589	557	F
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,745	1,245	1,500	1,439	F
Games of chance (net)	245	123	220	94	F
Miscellaneous expenditures	693	726	672	893	F
Total current consumption	39,244	39,444	40,042	44,549	F
Personal taxes	13,265	11,565	11,100	13,027	F
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,953	4,024	3,637	4,934	F
Gifts of money and contributions	805	1,038	923	1,544	F

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Table 5-7
Average expenditure per household, Canada and selected metropolitan areas, recent years — Montréal, Quebec

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	56,400	56,318	58,712	59,554	63,794
Food	6,904	6,798	7,092	7,558	7,568
Shelter	10,360	10,372	11,121	11,416	12,361
Household operation	2,490	2,403	2,718	2,611	2,673
Household furnishings and equipment	1,460	1,675	1,802	1,577	1,535
Clothing	2,255	2,283	2,629	2,509	2,562
Transportation	6,645	6,506	6,882	6,861	7,332
Health care	1,616	1,785	1,850	1,962	2,150
Personal care	979	1,033	1,110	1,121	1,142
Recreation	2,972	3,049	3,159	3,036	3,095
Reading materials and other printed matter	272	237	276	274	239
Education	816	834	847	811	873
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,363	1,232	1,409	1,310	1,423
Games of chance (net)	255	233	236	167	195
Miscellaneous expenditures	874	866	893	960	1,052
Total current consumption	39,261	39,307	42,025	42,173	44,201
Personal taxes	12,733	12,683	12,436	13,103	14,392
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,358	3,451	3,371	3,320	3,662
Gifts of money and contributions	1,047	876	880	957	1,539

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Table 5-8
Average expenditure per household, Canada and selected metropolitan areas, recent years — Ottawa-Gatineau, Ontario part, Ontario/Quebec

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	77,795	86,116	78,463	F	F
Food	7,647	7,684	7,800	F	F
Shelter	15,353	16,021	14,932	F	F
Household operation	3,443	3,872	3,438	F	F
Household furnishings and equipment	2,655	2,756	2,715	F	F
Clothing	3,090	2,990	2,921	F	F
Transportation	9,643	11,359	9,324	F	F
Health care	1,742	2,053	1,893	F	F
Personal care	957	1,272	1,261	F	F
Recreation	5,237	5,062	5,078	F	F
Reading materials and other printed matter	503	419	353	F	F
Education	1,444	2,502	1,699	F	F
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,303	1,539	1,280	F	F
Games of chance (net)	248	192	210	F	F
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,762	1,755	1,512	F	F
Total current consumption	55,028	59,476	54,414	F	F
Personal taxes	16,829	18,165	17,302	F	F
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	4,030	5,721	5,149	F	F
Gifts of money and contributions	1,908	2,755	1,597	F	F

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. Due to unreliability of the data which was the result of low sample size, the data for Québec, Ottawa and Victoria for 2008 were suppressed.

Table 5-9
Average expenditure per household, Canada and selected metropolitan areas, recent years — Toronto, Ontario

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	77,733	83,932	81,046	87,168	85,059
Food	7,490	7,898	8,067	7,943	8,132
Shelter	16,259	17,491	17,049	18,688	18,901
Household operation	3,442	3,522	3,669	3,909	3,892
Household furnishings and equipment	2,642	2,153	2,245	2,157	1,967
Clothing	3,271	3,356	3,922	4,245	3,832
Transportation	10,265	10,650	9,910	10,086	10,229
Health care	1,591	1,653	1,746	1,617	2,115
Personal care	1,076	1,283	1,421	1,402	1,366
Recreation	3,864	3,932	4,238	4,405	4,141
Reading materials and other printed matter	301	310	272	295	272
Education	1,722	1,911	1,945	1,550	2,009
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,309	1,160	1,309	1,392	1,537
Games of chance (net)	237	291	252	226	268
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,188	1,181	1,184	1,191	1,171
Total current consumption	54,657	56,791	57,228	59,108	59,831
Personal taxes	16,801	19,702	17,437	21,036	19,365
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	4,017	4,390	4,205	4,688	4,254
Gifts of money and contributions	2,259	3,049	2,176	2,336	1,609

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Table 5-10
Average expenditure per household, Canada and selected metropolitan areas, recent years — Winnipeg, Manitoba

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	57,928	62,473	63,871	67,029	65,074
Food	6,462	6,417	6,344	6,847	6,553
Shelter	10,233	10,607	11,271	11,897	12,458
Household operation	2,714	2,716	2,802	3,198	3,004
Household furnishings and equipment	1,601	1,740	1,724	1,847	1,818
Clothing	2,355	2,326	2,562	2,820	2,573
Transportation	7,699	8,169	8,070	9,603	8,702
Health care	1,407	1,509	1,711	1,696	1,829
Personal care	785	1,022	1,088	1,209	1,157
Recreation	3,414	3,757	3,368	3,747	3,693
Reading materials and other printed matter	290	299	293	295	279
Education	933	1,219	1,168	1,086	998
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,424	1,243	1,421	1,532	1,325
Games of chance (net)	335	368	316	305	324
Miscellaneous expenditures	941	1,004	960	1,163	1,060
Total current consumption	40,593	42,396	43,101	47,243	45,774
Personal taxes	11,691	14,080	14,382	13,589	12,830
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,709	3,937	4,066	4,234	4,429
Gifts of money and contributions	1,935	2,059	2,321	1,962	2,041

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.

Table 5-11
Average expenditure per household, Canada and selected metropolitan areas, recent years — Regina, Saskatchewan

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	55,243	61,284	66,040	71,070	80,073
Food	5,513	6,182	5,771	6,324	7,358
Shelter	10,458	11,452	12,015	12,036	14,316
Household operation	2,531	2,924	2,963	3,340	3,148
Household furnishings and equipment	1,533	2,045	2,253	2,019	2,670
Clothing	2,147	2,470	2,690	2,854	2,868
Transportation	6,921	8,636	8,956	11,295	12,884
Health care	1,193	1,496	1,661	1,700	1,628
Personal care	816	1,155	1,129	1,262	1,336
Recreation	3,349	3,757	3,769	4,278	5,588
Reading materials and other printed matter	248	277	290	275	294
Education	1,032	976	884	1,143	1,366
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,295	1,383	1,460	1,531	1,661
Games of chance (net)	309	257	239	301	414
Miscellaneous expenditures	914	771	1,026	1,328	1,221
Total current consumption	38,259	43,779	45,105	49,686	56,754
Personal taxes	11,501	11,729	15,628	15,372	14,959
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,840	4,282	4,019	4,609	5,443
Gifts of money and contributions	1,643	1,495	1,287	1,404	2,917

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.

Table 5-12
Average expenditure per household, Canada and selected metropolitan areas, recent years — Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	60,191	61,956	64,739	72,592	75,649
Food	6,068	5,827	6,282	6,425	7,194
Shelter	11,457	11,330	12,214	13,447	14,255
Household operation	3,064	3,048	3,247	3,468	3,465
Household furnishings and equipment	1,909	1,927	2,003	2,341	2,123
Clothing	2,469	2,403	2,694	2,618	3,167
Transportation	8,360	7,907	8,879	11,260	11,091
Health care	1,475	1,629	1,582	1,605	1,750
Personal care	932	1,088	1,198	1,240	1,255
Recreation	3,901	3,983	3,989	5,568	4,778
Reading materials and other printed matter	292	302	251	273	292
Education	1,478	1,252	1,398	1,350	1,814
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,215	1,223	1,482	1,530	1,311
Games of chance (net)	181	171	222	231	285
Miscellaneous expenditures	924	1,052	1,193	1,427	1,403
Total current consumption	43,725	43,140	46,634	52,783	54,184
Personal taxes	11,160	12,996	12,725	13,591	15,259
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,669	4,089	3,840	4,370	4,389
Gifts of money and contributions	1,638	1,730	1,540	1,848	1,817

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.

Table 5-13
Average expenditure per household, Canada and selected metropolitan areas, recent years — Calgary, Alberta

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	75,836	83,689	97,483	94,371	89,578
Food	7,435	7,901	8,092	7,815	8,083
Shelter	14,725	14,982	16,794	16,391	17,968
Household operation	3,274	3,672	4,198	3,807	3,803
Household furnishings and equipment	2,118	3,001	3,464	2,375	2,181
Clothing	3,049	3,395	4,256	3,878	3,680
Transportation	8,589	9,885	13,598	13,458	12,216
Health care	2,113	2,199	2,488	2,187	2,623
Personal care	980	1,362	1,537	1,357	1,436
Recreation	4,812	5,241	6,069	5,245	5,144
Reading materials and other printed matter	360	330	384	323	324
Education	1,386	1,725	1,415	1,509	1,456
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,566	1,842	1,960	1,709	1,807
Games of chance (net)	236	274	281	216	266
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,361	1,299	1,571	1,363	1,745
Total current consumption	52,004	57,108	66,107	61,633	62,732
Personal taxes	17,918	19,874	23,851	25,800	20,125
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	4,216	4,423	5,249	4,445	4,451
Gifts of money and contributions	1,697	2,285	2,276	2,493	2,270

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.

Table 5-14
Average expenditure per household, Canada and selected metropolitan areas, recent years — Edmonton, Alberta

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	67,563	70,952	78,194	85,749	91,475
Food	7,040	7,446	7,276	7,491	7,861
Shelter	12,066	12,449	13,551	14,686	16,768
Household operation	3,199	3,325	3,830	3,867	3,960
Household furnishings and equipment	1,835	2,082	2,757	2,658	2,243
Clothing	2,842	2,836	3,576	3,732	3,461
Transportation	8,827	9,613	10,470	12,443	13,903
Health care	2,004	1,892	2,269	2,208	2,337
Personal care	1,025	1,168	1,426	1,347	1,396
Recreation	4,017	4,501	6,084	5,293	5,528
Reading materials and other printed matter	311	312	310	321	315
Education	1,367	1,471	1,732	1,231	1,235
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,733	1,518	1,684	1,909	1,705
Games of chance (net)	282	272	229	432	313
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,187	1,002	1,194	1,569	1,110
Total current consumption	47,735	49,887	56,388	59,187	62,135
Personal taxes	13,396	15,237	14,934	19,675	21,792
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,658	4,148	5,004	4,644	5,224
Gifts of money and contributions	2,773	1,680	1,867	2,243	2,324

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.

Table 5-15
Average expenditure per household, Canada and selected metropolitan areas, recent years — Vancouver, British Columbia

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	67,861	71,346	76,348	74,460	75,029
Food	7,646	7,811	7,685	8,267	8,252
Shelter	13,918	14,946	15,800	15,918	16,279
Household operation	2,961	3,216	3,557	3,248	3,185
Household furnishings and equipment	1,562	1,925	1,978	1,639	1,712
Clothing	2,659	2,877	3,145	3,066	3,066
Transportation	9,079	9,268	10,586	9,486	9,932
Health care	2,081	2,241	2,235	1,921	2,165
Personal care	881	1,125	1,160	1,202	1,182
Recreation	3,834	4,084	3,692	4,017	3,960
Reading materials and other printed matter	264	305	287	213	197
Education	1,716	2,012	1,789	1,346	1,531
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,349	1,738	1,360	1,355	1,419
Games of chance (net)	227	314	247	189	231
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,015	1,198	1,272	1,241	899
Total current consumption	49,191	53,061	54,793	53,108	54,009
Personal taxes	13,703	13,074	15,985	15,157	15,665
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,459	3,581	4,103	3,810	4,037
Gifts of money and contributions	1,507	1,631	1,467	2,386	1,318

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.

Table 5-16
Average expenditure per household, Canada and selected metropolitan areas, recent years — Victoria, British Columbia

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	62,082	59,950	71,457	84,515	F
Food	6,468	6,524	7,758	8,414	F
Shelter	13,408	12,987	14,013	16,991	F
Household operation	2,673	3,220	3,398	3,656	F
Household furnishings and equipment	1,665	2,161	2,399	3,454	F
Clothing	1,980	2,322	3,320	3,042	F
Transportation	6,430	7,946	8,483	8,624	F
Health care	2,436	1,680	2,492	2,889	F
Personal care	870	1,025	1,107	1,287	F
Recreation	4,079	4,013	4,320	8,457	F
Reading materials and other printed matter	329	272	405	384	F
Education	968	1,135	1,519	2,288	F
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,641	1,343	1,905	1,756	F
Games of chance (net)	240	157	360	312	F
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,158	904	1,203	1,216	F
Total current consumption	44,344	45,690	52,682	62,770	F
Personal taxes	11,277	9,690	13,684	13,622	F
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	3,532	3,252	3,449	6,346	F
Gifts of money and contributions	2,929	1,319	1,641	1,778	F

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. Due to unreliability of the data which was the result of low sample size, the data for Québec, Ottawa and Victoria for 2008 were suppressed.

Table 5-17
Average expenditure per household, Canada and selected metropolitan areas, recent years — Whitehorse, Yukon

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	..	66,839	..	78,884	..
Food	..	7,557	..	7,133	..
Shelter	..	12,936	..	15,213	..
Household operation	..	3,057	..	3,937	..
Household furnishings and equipment	..	1,708	..	2,671	..
Clothing	..	2,097	..	2,813	..
Transportation	..	9,818	..	10,100	..
Health care	..	1,002	..	1,647	..
Personal care	..	882	..	1,209	..
Recreation	..	4,902	..	4,994	..
Reading materials and other printed matter	..	371	..	459	..
Education	..	593	..	822	..
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	..	1,861	..	2,123	..
Games of chance (net)	..	296	..	248	..
Miscellaneous expenditures	..	704	..	1,146	..
Total current consumption	..	47,783	..	54,514	..
Personal taxes	..	13,942	..	17,627	..
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	..	3,776	..	5,173	..
Gifts of money and contributions	..	1,338	..	1,571	..

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.

Table 5-18
Average expenditure per household, Canada and selected metropolitan areas, recent years — Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	dollars				
Total expenditure	..	101,061	..	103,762	..
Food	..	10,178	..	9,060	..
Shelter	..	22,232	..	23,192	..
Household operation	..	4,397	..	4,763	..
Household furnishings and equipment	..	2,124	..	3,043	..
Clothing	..	3,866	..	4,796	..
Transportation	..	10,232	..	12,040	..
Health care	..	1,626	..	1,782	..
Personal care	..	1,347	..	1,631	..
Recreation	..	6,445	..	6,843	..
Reading materials and other printed matter	..	389	..	376	..
Education	..	652	..	795	..
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	..	2,822	..	2,695	..
Games of chance (net)	..	387	..	533	..
Miscellaneous expenditures	..	1,349	..	1,494	..
Total current consumption	..	68,048	..	73,041	..
Personal taxes	..	25,413	..	21,318	..
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	..	6,230	..	7,633	..
Gifts of money and contributions	..	1,371	..	1,769	..

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.

Table 6
Household equipment at the time of interview, Canada¹, provinces and territories

	2008						
	Canada	Newfoundland and Labrador	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
	percent						
Households having:							
Washing machine	81.5	92.3	86.7	83.6	88.7	85.1	76.4
Clothes dryer	80.5	91.5	86.0	80.9	88.3	82.9	75.8
Dishwasher	59.8	47.8	59.5	49.1	55.0	55.5	56.7
Refrigerator	99.8	100.0	99.9	100.0	99.9	99.5	100.0
1	73.8	79.3	87.2	82.0	83.2	74.5	72.9
2 or more	26.1	20.7	12.7	18.0	16.7	25.0	27.1
Freezer	54.0	77.2	67.8	63.7	69.1	48.8	50.0
Microwave oven	94.4	97.4	96.9	97.5	95.9	93.6	94.1
Air conditioning	49.8	4.1	13.9	16.4	29.3	41.8	77.1
Window-type	18.2	F	11.2	13.0	22.7	25.6	19.4
Central air	31.6	F	F	3.3	6.6	16.3	57.8
With a telephone (regular or cellular)	99.1	99.2	99.3	99.7	99.4	99.0	99.2
Telephones (includes business use)	91.6	95.8	93.8	94.6	95.9	92.2	92.6
1	27.7	20.2	21.6	24.6	24.7	26.3	27.1
2	24.5	26.9	30.3	24.6	33.5	27.3	23.6
3 or more	39.4	48.7	41.9	45.3	37.7	38.6	41.9
Cellular telephone	73.2	68.5	71.4	71.7	63.0	63.3	75.0
CD player	80.8	80.9	82.6	82.0	81.6	78.7	80.3
Cablevision	65.3	62.8	54.4	65.7	54.6	63.8	65.4
Satellite dish	23.7	32.6	40.7	25.5	36.9	22.5	24.1
DVD player	86.4	82.2	82.7	86.5	82.9	84.1	87.3
CD writer	52.5	49.2	51.6	51.6	47.9	44.7	53.3
DVD writer	42.2	40.9	40.2	41.4	37.5	36.3	42.0
Video cassette recorders	73.8	75.8	77.5	76.0	75.3	73.6	73.3
Home computer	79.4	69.9	71.9	75.4	72.5	74.2	81.1
Internet use from home	74.6	65.5	67.9	69.9	65.4	67.1	77.4
Colour televisions	98.8	99.5	99.2	99.6	98.7	99.0	98.8
1	33.9	24.4	26.2	27.0	29.3	38.0	32.2
2	34.6	31.9	33.2	36.1	38.0	34.7	35.8
3 or more	30.3	43.2	39.8	36.5	31.5	26.3	30.9
With a vehicle (owned or leased)	82.4	82.8	89.8	85.2	87.8	79.9	80.2
Owned vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	77.3	72.7	86.5	79.7	82.2	72.1	75.1
1	41.7	42.8	44.0	45.7	43.9	45.0	41.3
2 or more	35.6	30.0	42.5	33.9	38.3	27.1	33.8
Owned automobiles	59.8	51.5	71.1	62.3	61.5	60.3	57.9
1	44.7	42.8	54.1	50.9	48.5	44.2	42.4
2 or more	15.1	8.7	17.0	11.4	12.9	16.0	15.4
Owned trucks and/or vans	37.8	40.3	44.0	40.2	44.0	25.2	35.9
1	29.8	34.3	34.6	34.3	35.0	22.5	29.6
2 or more	8.0	6.0	9.4	5.8	9.0	2.7	6.2
Leased vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	10.8	14.8	8.5	10.7	11.7	15.3	10.9
1	9.1	12.6	8.2	9.5	10.6	13.5	8.5
2 or more	1.6	F	F	F	F	F	2.4

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 6 – continued

Household equipment at the time of interview, Canada 1, provinces and territories

	2008						
	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon	Northwest Territories	Nunavut
	percent						
Households having:							
Washing machine	78.0	85.3	87.1	81.3	..	..	..
Clothes dryer	79.2	86.6	86.8	79.9	..	..	..
Dishwasher	56.0	63.3	75.1	69.5	..	..	..
Refrigerator	99.9	99.8	100.0	99.9	..	..	..
1	68.5	64.3	71.5	75.3	..	..	..
2 or more	31.4	35.6	28.5	24.6	..	..	..
Freezer	71.1	75.8	65.0	49.1	..	..	..
Microwave oven	94.5	96.5	97.3	92.4	..	..	..
Air conditioning	74.0	57.2	21.4	20.5	..	..	..
Window-type	24.9	19.5	7.5	9.7	..	..	..
Central air	49.2	37.7	13.9	10.8	..	..	..
With a telephone (regular or cellular)	98.7	99.8	99.2	98.6	..	..	..
Telephones (includes business use)	91.0	94.8	89.6	86.7	..	..	..
1	29.4	24.7	33.1	30.7	..	..	..
2	26.7	27.2	18.8	22.4	..	..	..
3 or more	34.9	42.9	37.7	33.7	..	..	..
Cellular telephone	72.1	78.7	83.5	80.8	..	..	..
CD player	78.2	82.8	85.9	82.0	..	..	..
Cablevision	66.9	53.7	64.2	73.5	..	..	..
Satellite dish	24.2	36.6	25.7	16.3	..	..	..
DVD player	84.5	84.8	89.0	88.1	..	..	..
CD writer	53.3	53.6	61.1	59.5	..	..	..
DVD writer	42.3	43.4	53.0	46.3	..	..	..
Video cassette recorders	74.7	73.6	73.9	73.9	..	..	..
Home computer	74.6	77.0	85.6	85.0	..	..	..
Internet use from home	67.3	72.7	81.3	82.1	..	..	..
Colour televisions	98.9	98.5	98.7	98.1	..	..	..
1	29.8	33.4	29.5	38.9	..	..	..
2	36.5	31.8	33.8	31.1	..	..	..
3 or more	32.6	33.2	35.4	28.0	..	..	..
With a vehicle (owned or leased)	83.2	89.3	88.7	85.1	..	..	..
Owned vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	79.3	87.4	86.3	82.3	..	..	..
1	41.9	39.0	36.1	39.9	..	..	..
2 or more	37.3	48.3	50.2	42.5	..	..	..
Owned automobiles	58.1	63.8	59.8	63.2	..	..	..
1	44.4	48.8	44.6	48.7	..	..	..
2 or more	13.7	15.0	15.2	14.5	..	..	..
Owned trucks and/or vans	43.4	55.6	56.2	45.3	..	..	..
1	31.5	39.0	36.8	33.8	..	..	..
2 or more	11.9	16.6	19.3	11.4	..	..	..
Leased vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	7.4	6.0	6.7	6.2	..	..	..
1	6.9	5.1	5.8	5.6	..	..	..
2 or more	F	F	F	F	..	..	..

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.

Table 7
Household equipment at the time of interview, Canada ¹ and selected metropolitan areas

	2008								
	Canada	St. John's	Charlottetown and Summerside	Halifax	Saint John	Québec	Montréal	Ottawa-Gatineau	Toronto
	percent								
Households having:									
Washing machine	81.5	85.8	81.3	75.7	83.8	F	79.3	F	69.2
Clothes dryer	80.5	86.3	79.4	73.3	84.2	F	74.4	F	69.5
Dishwasher	59.8	56.0	58.8	55.6	55.2	F	53.3	F	54.0
Refrigerator	99.8	100.0	99.8	100.0	100.0	F	99.4	F	100.0
1	73.8	80.4	87.7	82.6	83.6	F	77.2	F	79.0
2 or more	26.1	19.6	12.1	17.4	F	F	22.3	F	21.0
Freezer	54.0	69.3	59.3	56.2	73.2	F	37.4	F	34.4
Microwave oven	94.4	97.6	96.6	97.0	96.6	F	90.6	F	93.1
Air conditioning	49.8	F	13.4	14.9	F	F	54.6	F	82.3
Window-type	18.2	F	9.8	9.9	F	F	32.4	F	16.6
Central air	31.6	F	F	F	F	F	22.2	F	65.7
With a telephone (regular or cellular)	99.1	99.8	98.8	100.0	100.0	F	99.1	F	99.5
Telephones (includes business use)	91.6	93.9	94.0	94.8	97.3	F	91.1	F	91.0
1	27.7	15.1	19.4	20.3	24.2	F	30.2	F	34.0
2	24.5	26.2	30.2	24.0	31.8	F	25.9	F	22.3
3 or more	39.4	52.6	44.4	50.4	41.3	F	35.0	F	34.7
Cellular telephone	73.2	73.2	71.8	77.3	72.5	F	67.1	F	80.8
CD player	80.8	79.9	84.0	87.0	84.3	F	77.2	F	79.4
Cablevision	65.3	79.0	74.6	79.6	59.6	F	67.3	F	76.8
Satellite dish	23.7	15.2	22.3	12.8	31.8	F	14.9	F	15.1
DVD player	86.4	86.5	82.8	89.4	89.2	F	83.8	F	87.1
CD writer	52.5	60.3	53.4	58.8	60.2	F	44.8	F	54.0
DVD writer	42.2	50.6	41.5	49.4	45.1	F	34.5	F	45.0
Video cassette recorders	73.8	73.3	79.7	76.9	76.3	F	71.7	F	67.4
Home computer	79.4	82.3	76.7	83.9	81.4	F	78.7	F	83.6
Internet use from home	74.6	79.8	73.1	77.7	74.4	F	73.4	F	80.3
Colour televisions	98.8	99.1	99.6	99.7	98.4	F	98.3	F	98.8
1	33.9	20.8	23.4	21.9	19.6	F	40.2	F	35.6
2	34.6	31.3	32.7	34.9	39.0	F	32.8	F	37.7
3 or more	30.3	46.9	43.5	42.9	39.8	F	25.3	F	25.6
With a vehicle (owned or leased)	82.4	84.1	89.4	82.3	84.8	F	71.6	F	74.9
Owned vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	77.3	69.3	84.6	73.1	78.0	F	63.8	F	70.8
1	41.7	39.9	47.3	49.0	39.2	F	43.6	F	40.6
2 or more	35.6	29.4	37.3	24.2	38.8	F	20.2	F	30.2
Owned automobiles	59.8	52.9	70.6	58.0	61.2	F	54.7	F	57.1
1	44.7	39.4	54.7	48.6	45.3	F	40.9	F	40.3
2 or more	15.1	13.5	15.9	9.4	F	F	13.8	F	16.8
Owned trucks and/or vans	37.8	32.5	36.1	30.6	40.9	F	17.1	F	27.7
1	29.8	28.5	27.9	27.3	35.6	F	15.7	F	24.0
2 or more	8.0	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Leased vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	10.8	19.3	10.3	16.8	F	F	14.3	F	9.8
1	9.1	14.1	10.3	14.4	F	F	12.6	F	8.1
2 or more	1.6	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 7 – continued

Household equipment at the time of interview, Canada 1 and selected metropolitan areas

	2008								
	Winnipeg	Regina	Saskatoon	Calgary	Edmonton	Vancouver	Victoria	Whitehorse	Yellowknife
	percent								
Households having:									
Washing machine	70.0	79.5	79.2	86.8	82.1	75.4	F	..	..
Clothes dryer	71.0	82.8	79.8	86.7	81.3	72.7	F	..	..
Dishwasher	56.2	68.0	70.1	77.3	76.4	67.6	F	..	..
Refrigerator	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.8	F	..	..
1	72.0	63.5	72.3	77.0	69.7	79.1	F	..	..
2 or more	28.0	36.5	27.7	23.0	30.3	20.7	F	..	..
Freezer	62.2	67.3	65.3	53.8	61.7	34.4	F	..	..
Microwave oven	93.6	97.8	95.6	98.2	94.9	91.9	F	..	..
Air conditioning	77.7	77.2	60.5	16.5	18.0	7.4	F	..	..
Window-type	23.9	19.4	20.9	F	F	5.0	F	..	..
Central air	53.8	57.8	39.7	11.1	10.2	F	F	..	..
With a telephone (regular or cellular)	97.9	100.0	100.0	99.0	99.4	98.5	F	..	..
Telephones (includes business use)									
1	89.3	93.3	94.2	91.1	90.4	82.4	F	..	..
2	32.6	25.9	27.4	32.5	36.1	32.0	F	..	..
3 or more	22.3	24.1	18.5	17.0	17.3	22.6	F	..	..
Cellular telephone	34.4	43.4	48.3	41.6	37.0	27.7	F	..	..
	70.8	80.6	82.8	82.0	85.4	83.8	F	..	..
CD player	77.2	83.7	87.1	87.3	86.0	79.3	F	..	..
Cablevision	82.3	82.7	68.2	76.6	73.3	81.7	F	..	..
Satellite dish	12.0	21.9	17.4	15.3	16.8	9.1	F	..	..
DVD player	86.1	87.1	88.0	89.9	89.2	85.9	F	..	..
CD writer	57.9	67.1	68.0	57.7	69.3	60.1	F	..	..
DVD writer	45.9	55.7	55.7	52.1	59.1	50.7	F	..	..
Video cassette recorders	72.9	69.3	71.1	71.2	70.3	70.2	F	..	..
Home computer	76.4	85.4	86.9	85.9	87.2	84.1	F	..	..
Internet use from home	71.4	82.8	83.2	84.5	84.0	81.7	F	..	..
Colour televisions	99.0	98.7	97.6	98.5	98.9	97.7	F	..	..
1	28.2	24.4	34.7	33.3	25.2	42.6	F	..	..
2	36.6	27.6	33.2	34.6	31.2	31.1	F	..	..
3 or more	34.2	46.7	29.7	30.6	42.5	24.0	F	..	..
With a vehicle (owned or leased)	78.6	88.0	88.2	85.8	83.9	79.5	F	..	..
Owned vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)									
1	73.9	86.3	86.6	81.4	81.6	76.2	F	..	..
2 or more	40.9	33.3	38.7	35.9	31.8	41.1	F	..	..
Owned automobiles	33.0	53.0	47.8	45.5	49.8	35.1	F	..	..
1	56.8	67.8	65.6	62.9	56.6	62.4	F	..	..
2 or more	42.7	43.8	48.6	46.5	40.5	46.6	F	..	..
Owned trucks and/or vans	14.1	24.0	17.1	16.4	16.1	15.8	F	..	..
1	35.6	53.6	50.6	44.3	52.7	33.8	F	..	..
2 or more	28.1	38.4	34.0	28.4	35.6	28.9	F	..	..
Leased vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	7.6	15.2	16.7	15.9	17.1	4.8	F	..	..
1	8.6	F	F	F	F	7.0	F	..	..
2 or more	8.1	F	F	F	F	6.1	F	..	..
	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	..	..

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. Due to unreliability of the data which was the result of low sample size, the data for Québec, Ottawa and Victoria for 2008 were suppressed.

**Table 8-1
Household equipment at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Canada ¹**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Households having:					
Washing machine	81.9	82.2	81.3	82.2	81.5
Clothes dryer	79.5	80.4	80.8	81.8	80.5
Dishwasher	56.0	57.2	57.7	59.4	59.8
Refrigerator	99.8	99.7	99.8	99.9	99.8
1	74.0	74.3	73.5	73.1	73.8
2 or more	25.8	25.4	26.3	26.8	26.1
Freezer	55.2	56.3	53.9	53.0	54.0
Microwave oven	93.8	94.1	93.9	93.5	94.4
Air conditioning	41.7	44.2	48.1	48.4	49.8
Window-type	14.5	15.8	18.0	18.8	18.2
Central air	27.2	28.4	30.2	29.6	31.6
With a telephone (regular or cellular)	98.9	98.9	99.2	99.1	99.1
Telephones (includes business use)	96.2	94.4	94.1	92.2	91.6
1	21.2	24.3	26.3	26.2	27.7
2	33.4	30.4	28.4	26.0	24.5
3 or more	41.6	39.6	39.4	40.0	39.4
Cellular telephone	58.9	64.2	67.7	71.4	73.2
CD player	79.7	80.4	81.6	81.6	80.8
Cablevision	66.3	65.4	65.2	64.9	65.3
Satellite dish	22.0	22.6	24.1	23.8	23.7
DVD player	68.3	77.1	83.0	85.3	86.4
CD writer	38.3	43.5	47.9	51.8	52.5
DVD writer	16.0	24.5	31.7	39.4	42.2
Video cassette recorders	90.0	89.1	82.0	79.0	73.8
Home computer	68.7	72.0	75.4	78.4	79.4
Internet use from home	59.8	64.3	68.1	72.7	74.6
Colour televisions	99.2	99.0	99.0	98.9	98.8
1	36.3	35.4	33.4	32.4	33.9
2	35.6	36.1	34.8	36.3	34.6
3 or more	27.3	27.6	30.8	30.1	30.3
With a vehicle (owned or leased)	83.8	83.6	82.5	83.1	82.4
Owned vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	79.1	79.0	77.3	77.6	77.3
1	43.4	43.5	42.6	41.6	41.7
2 or more	35.7	35.5	34.7	36.1	35.6
Owned automobiles	62.1	61.7	59.7	60.0	59.8
1	46.3	45.9	44.8	45.5	44.7
2 or more	15.8	15.8	14.9	14.5	15.1
Owned trucks and/or vans	36.8	36.9	36.9	39.0	37.8
1	29.8	29.8	29.4	31.1	29.8
2 or more	7.0	7.1	7.5	7.9	8.0
Leased vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	9.9	10.1	10.8	10.8	10.8
1	8.6	8.6	9.6	9.6	9.1
2 or more	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.6

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 reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Table 8-2
Household equipment at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Newfoundland and Labrador

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Households having:					
Washing machine	92.8	92.8	93.3	93.6	92.3
Clothes dryer	89.0	89.9	92.0	91.0	91.5
Dishwasher	40.7	43.7	45.2	46.2	47.8
Refrigerator	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1	82.7	84.4	79.6	82.0	79.3
2 or more	17.3	15.6	20.4	18.0	20.7
Freezer	78.6	80.3	78.7	79.6	77.2
Microwave oven	95.6	97.0	95.9	96.7	97.4
Air conditioning	2.8	2.7	4.6	3.4	4.1
Window-type	F	F	F	F	F
Central air	F	F	2.7	F	F
With a telephone (regular or cellular)	98.7	98.7	97.7	99.1	99.2
Telephones (includes business use)	96.0	97.0	95.4	94.8	95.8
1	16.4	19.3	19.4	22.0	20.2
2	32.5	29.4	27.5	27.1	26.9
3 or more	47.0	48.3	48.6	45.7	48.7
Cellular telephone	53.1	58.8	64.4	66.8	68.5
CD player	77.5	81.9	82.6	80.2	80.9
Cablevision	70.5	70.6	66.3	65.3	62.8
Satellite dish	21.7	25.6	27.8	27.5	32.6
DVD player	58.5	71.2	77.4	79.7	82.2
CD writer	33.0	40.0	46.8	47.6	49.2
DVD writer	11.1	21.2	31.2	36.5	40.9
Video cassette recorders	89.5	89.4	85.2	79.9	75.8
Home computer	55.2	60.8	66.0	65.9	69.9
Internet use from home	44.6	52.1	57.9	60.2	65.5
Colour televisions	99.5	99.6	99.6	99.7	99.5
1	27.6	24.1	22.1	22.0	24.4
2	33.5	34.2	34.1	33.4	31.9
3 or more	38.5	41.2	43.5	44.3	43.2
With a vehicle (owned or leased)	80.2	82.8	80.8	79.7	82.8
Owned vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	71.9	73.9	73.6	71.4	72.7
1	45.3	46.0	46.0	41.5	42.8
2 or more	26.7	27.9	27.6	29.9	30.0
Owned automobiles	50.7	53.0	53.0	51.5	51.5
1	43.4	43.8	44.0	43.0	42.8
2 or more	7.4	9.1	9.1	8.5	8.7
Owned trucks and/or vans	39.5	38.9	38.2	38.0	40.3
1	35.0	33.5	31.9	31.5	34.3
2 or more	4.4	5.5	6.3	6.4	6.0
Leased vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	12.9	14.4	13.9	12.3	14.8
1	12.1	13.5	12.7	11.5	12.6
2 or more	F	F	F	F	F

Note(s): Beginning with 2006, the reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Table 8-3
Household equipment at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Prince Edward Island

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Households having:					
Washing machine	87.3	85.1	85.2	87.0	86.7
Clothes dryer	85.2	81.4	83.5	85.6	86.0
Dishwasher	49.2	51.1	54.8	55.9	59.5
Refrigerator	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9
1	88.1	83.8	83.7	84.6	87.2
2 or more	11.7	16.2	16.3	15.4	12.7
Freezer	66.7	69.7	68.4	68.6	67.8
Microwave oven	94.4	96.1	95.8	94.9	96.9
Air conditioning	7.0	8.4	10.3	15.0	13.9
Window-type	5.6	6.9	7.9	10.6	11.2
Central air	F	F	F	F	F
With a telephone (regular or cellular)	99.8	99.3	99.1	98.7	99.3
Telephones (includes business use)	98.3	96.2	93.8	93.3	93.8
1	21.6	18.5	18.7	17.4	21.6
2	36.6	33.9	34.5	34.1	30.3
3 or more	40.1	43.8	40.6	41.8	41.9
Cellular telephone	47.1	59.1	65.5	64.7	71.4
CD player	74.8	79.7	85.5	82.4	82.6
Cablevision	55.9	58.9	53.6	54.7	54.4
Satellite dish	32.5	34.1	36.6	37.0	40.7
DVD player	58.0	70.8	81.3	81.9	82.7
CD writer	31.7	35.7	47.7	49.1	51.6
DVD writer	11.9	15.6	29.2	30.4	40.2
Video cassette recorders	86.6	86.7	76.0	81.3	77.5
Home computer	63.3	65.6	69.2	72.2	71.9
Internet use from home	51.5	58.0	62.3	64.7	67.9
Colour televisions	99.5	100.0	99.2	99.3	99.2
1	30.4	27.6	27.7	24.9	26.2
2	37.1	35.7	33.4	34.4	33.2
3 or more	32.1	36.7	38.1	40.0	39.8
With a vehicle (owned or leased)	89.1	88.9	89.6	89.7	89.8
Owned vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	85.7	84.1	84.8	85.1	86.5
1	43.6	42.5	43.1	42.5	44.0
2 or more	42.2	41.6	41.7	42.5	42.5
Owned automobiles	69.8	67.4	67.6	66.6	71.1
1	52.0	51.3	48.8	48.5	54.1
2 or more	17.8	16.1	18.7	18.1	17.0
Owned trucks and/or vans	42.6	40.8	41.2	44.1	44.0
1	32.3	31.4	33.8	34.2	34.6
2 or more	10.3	9.4	7.5	9.9	9.4
Leased vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	7.5	9.2	10.0	8.9	8.5
1	6.9	8.4	9.6	8.7	8.2
2 or more	F	F	F	F	F

Note(s): Beginning with 2006, the reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Table 8-4
Household equipment at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Nova Scotia

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Households having:					
Washing machine	83.5	83.7	81.9	83.5	83.6
Clothes dryer	79.4	80.8	80.0	82.0	80.9
Dishwasher	45.6	49.0	47.2	49.1	49.1
Refrigerator	99.9	99.9	99.7	99.8	100.0
1	83.4	82.8	83.4	82.3	82.0
2 or more	16.6	17.1	16.3	17.5	18.0
Freezer	63.8	64.6	63.2	65.3	63.7
Microwave oven	95.2	95.8	95.4	96.2	97.5
Air conditioning	10.1	11.5	13.1	17.1	16.4
Window-type	8.5	9.2	10.6	13.3	13.0
Central air	F	F	2.4	3.8	3.3
With a telephone (regular or cellular)	99.2	98.6	98.8	98.9	99.7
Telephones (includes business use)	96.1	94.9	94.5	93.2	94.6
1	17.8	19.7	22.8	22.1	24.6
2	33.1	33.0	30.3	26.8	24.6
3 or more	45.2	42.2	41.5	44.2	45.3
Cellular telephone	53.7	60.7	66.1	68.9	71.7
CD player	77.5	79.5	82.2	82.7	82.0
Cablevision	64.6	66.5	61.0	63.2	65.7
Satellite dish	26.6	25.6	28.0	28.0	25.5
DVD player	62.6	75.8	82.5	82.1	86.5
CD writer	35.8	40.9	45.6	50.4	51.6
DVD writer	13.5	21.7	28.9	35.4	41.4
Video cassette recorders	88.4	86.4	81.6	79.5	76.0
Home computer	63.5	66.8	71.0	73.0	75.4
Internet use from home	55.4	59.3	63.6	66.5	69.9
Colour televisions	99.4	99.5	99.6	99.2	99.6
1	31.2	28.8	25.5	25.3	27.0
2	35.4	36.5	36.6	34.9	36.1
3 or more	32.8	34.2	37.4	39.1	36.5
With a vehicle (owned or leased)	83.5	83.3	83.9	80.1	85.2
Owned vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	79.7	78.4	78.8	75.5	79.7
1	44.4	43.3	45.0	41.0	45.7
2 or more	35.3	35.1	33.8	34.5	33.9
Owned automobiles	65.7	62.6	62.4	62.5	62.3
1	51.3	47.5	48.3	47.7	50.9
2 or more	14.4	15.1	14.1	14.8	11.4
Owned trucks and/or vans	35.7	36.1	36.7	34.9	40.2
1	31.0	29.4	30.5	29.6	34.3
2 or more	4.8	6.6	6.1	5.3	5.8
Leased vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	7.6	8.3	9.2	9.3	10.7
1	7.1	7.6	8.3	8.5	9.5
2 or more	F	F	F	F	F

Note(s): Beginning with 2006, the reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Table 8-5
Household equipment at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — New Brunswick

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Households having:					
Washing machine	89.0	88.0	89.7	89.2	88.7
Clothes dryer	87.2	86.0	89.1	88.3	88.3
Dishwasher	50.2	48.0	50.4	51.8	55.0
Refrigerator	99.9	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.9
1	83.1	82.9	80.6	80.7	83.2
2 or more	16.7	17.1	19.3	19.3	16.7
Freezer	71.6	68.7	68.8	67.0	69.1
Microwave oven	95.1	96.6	95.8	96.7	95.9
Air conditioning	19.6	22.7	24.6	27.3	29.3
Window-type	14.7	17.7	18.4	21.4	22.7
Central air	4.9	5.0	6.2	6.0	6.6
With a telephone (regular or cellular)	98.4	98.9	99.3	99.0	99.4
Telephones (includes business use)	97.1	95.3	95.4	93.9	95.9
1	19.7	22.7	22.5	24.7	24.7
2	36.7	34.2	33.6	29.7	33.5
3 or more	40.7	38.4	39.2	39.5	37.7
Cellular telephone	47.7	52.6	59.6	64.5	63.0
CD player	78.2	81.3	78.8	83.4	81.6
Cablevision	57.9	53.3	57.5	51.7	54.6
Satellite dish	31.1	35.5	32.9	40.3	36.9
DVD player	61.0	74.3	78.8	84.1	82.9
CD writer	30.0	32.3	40.5	46.4	47.9
DVD writer	12.2	16.7	26.6	35.6	37.5
Video cassette recorders	88.7	86.1	83.8	79.5	75.3
Home computer	57.9	61.8	67.7	70.0	72.5
Internet use from home	47.1	52.7	58.4	62.9	65.4
Colour televisions	99.5	99.2	99.0	99.6	98.7
1	31.1	32.8	27.1	28.2	29.3
2	37.7	38.2	37.9	38.9	38.0
3 or more	30.7	28.1	34.0	32.5	31.5
With a vehicle (owned or leased)	85.0	87.2	87.6	86.8	87.8
Owned vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	80.3	83.9	81.7	80.5	82.2
1	42.6	46.5	44.2	41.8	43.9
2 or more	37.7	37.4	37.6	38.7	38.3
Owned automobiles	62.9	63.4	62.9	60.4	61.5
1	49.2	51.4	49.7	46.4	48.5
2 or more	13.7	12.1	13.2	14.1	12.9
Owned trucks and/or vans	39.9	43.0	41.2	42.5	44.0
1	32.8	34.3	33.1	34.1	35.0
2 or more	7.1	8.7	8.2	8.4	9.0
Leased vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	9.5	8.3	10.5	11.3	11.7
1	9.0	7.5	9.6	10.0	10.6
2 or more	F	F	F	F	F

Note(s): Beginning with 2006, the reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Table 8-6
Household equipment at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Quebec

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Households having:					
Washing machine	87.2	87.0	87.2	87.2	85.1
Clothes dryer	83.5	84.4	85.3	85.4	82.9
Dishwasher	53.8	54.1	57.5	55.9	55.5
Refrigerator	99.8	99.9	99.7	99.9	99.5
1	77.4	76.9	76.4	74.2	74.5
2 or more	22.5	23.0	23.3	25.7	25.0
Freezer	47.1	49.9	46.7	47.5	48.8
Microwave oven	93.5	93.6	92.9	93.3	93.6
Air conditioning	31.6	36.4	40.6	42.4	41.8
Window-type	20.0	23.1	24.4	28.3	25.6
Central air	11.6	13.2	16.2	14.1	16.3
With a telephone (regular or cellular)	98.7	99.0	99.0	98.4	99.0
Telephones (includes business use)	96.4	94.4	94.2	91.7	92.2
1	23.2	25.0	23.5	22.6	26.3
2	37.3	33.8	33.6	30.4	27.3
3 or more	36.0	35.5	37.1	38.7	38.6
Cellular telephone	47.4	53.0	56.4	61.1	63.3
CD player	77.2	77.0	81.2	79.8	78.7
Cablevision	59.3	59.3	60.4	62.3	63.8
Satellite dish	22.5	21.4	22.8	20.6	22.5
DVD player	63.6	71.3	80.7	82.3	84.1
CD writer	30.9	35.1	41.6	40.4	44.7
DVD writer	12.8	19.7	27.4	31.6	36.3
Video cassette recorders	87.5	88.9	81.9	79.8	73.6
Home computer	61.4	65.7	69.2	70.9	74.2
Internet use from home	50.0	55.5	59.8	63.6	67.1
Colour televisions	99.3	99.4	98.9	99.1	99.0
1	36.8	38.1	34.7	35.0	38.0
2	39.1	39.0	37.9	38.8	34.7
3 or more	23.4	22.3	26.3	25.3	26.3
With a vehicle (owned or leased)	81.3	80.7	79.9	80.4	79.9
Owned vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	73.8	74.9	72.2	73.3	72.1
1	44.8	46.7	44.0	45.3	45.0
2 or more	29.0	28.3	28.2	28.0	27.1
Owned automobiles	62.3	62.9	60.0	61.5	60.3
1	46.4	46.2	44.6	46.9	44.2
2 or more	16.0	16.8	15.4	14.5	16.0
Owned trucks and/or vans	24.8	24.7	26.4	26.8	25.2
1	21.4	22.1	23.3	23.6	22.5
2 or more	3.3	2.6	3.2	3.2	2.7
Leased vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	13.5	12.3	12.9	13.3	15.3
1	11.7	10.6	11.2	12.2	13.5
2 or more	1.8	1.7	1.7	F	F

Note(s): Beginning with 2006, the reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Table 8-7
Household equipment at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Ontario

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Households having:					
Washing machine	77.4	77.1	75.4	76.9	76.4
Clothes dryer	75.1	75.2	75.4	77.1	75.8
Dishwasher	53.3	53.8	53.4	58.7	56.7
Refrigerator	99.7	99.6	99.8	99.9	100.0
1	69.7	71.9	70.5	70.5	72.9
2 or more	30.0	27.7	29.3	29.4	27.1
Freezer	51.6	53.5	50.1	48.2	50.0
Microwave oven	93.4	93.8	93.7	92.8	94.1
Air conditioning	69.4	71.4	76.0	75.1	77.1
Window-type	17.2	17.7	20.8	20.1	19.4
Central air	52.2	53.7	55.2	55.1	57.8
With a telephone (regular or cellular)	99.2	99.2	99.3	99.2	99.2
Telephones (includes business use)	96.9	95.4	94.9	93.8	92.6
1	19.0	23.2	27.0	27.2	27.1
2	32.0	29.5	25.8	23.7	23.6
3 or more	45.9	42.8	42.1	42.8	41.9
Cellular telephone	64.9	69.5	71.5	75.1	75.0
CD player	80.2	80.9	80.8	82.7	80.3
Cablevision	70.6	68.0	67.3	66.4	65.4
Satellite dish	20.8	22.6	24.9	24.5	24.1
DVD player	71.0	79.8	83.8	87.1	87.3
CD writer	40.9	46.0	48.0	54.7	53.3
DVD writer	17.8	25.5	31.5	41.4	42.0
Video cassette recorders	90.9	90.3	81.9	78.3	73.3
Home computer	72.6	75.8	78.3	82.7	81.1
Internet use from home	65.0	69.4	72.0	78.1	77.4
Colour televisions	99.1	99.0	99.5	99.1	98.8
1	35.3	34.2	33.5	30.0	32.2
2	34.8	35.2	34.2	36.6	35.8
3 or more	29.0	29.6	31.9	32.4	30.9
With a vehicle (owned or leased)	83.4	83.0	80.7	82.2	80.2
Owned vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	78.9	77.9	75.5	76.2	75.1
1	43.5	42.5	42.9	40.2	41.3
2 or more	35.4	35.4	32.6	35.9	33.8
Owned automobiles	62.4	60.7	58.0	58.4	57.9
1	45.2	44.0	43.1	43.4	42.4
2 or more	17.2	16.7	14.9	15.1	15.4
Owned trucks and/or vans	35.5	35.7	34.5	39.0	35.9
1	29.4	29.0	28.0	32.1	29.6
2 or more	6.1	6.7	6.6	6.9	6.2
Leased vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	11.0	12.0	12.0	11.9	10.9
1	9.2	9.7	10.8	10.3	8.5
2 or more	1.7	2.2	1.3	F	2.4

Note(s): Beginning with 2006, the reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Table 8-8
Household equipment at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Manitoba

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Households having:					
Washing machine	77.0	79.3	78.3	80.3	78.0
Clothes dryer	77.1	78.3	79.3	81.3	79.2
Dishwasher	51.1	53.8	52.4	54.6	56.0
Refrigerator	99.8	99.9	99.8	100.0	99.9
1	71.3	70.4	72.0	69.4	68.5
2 or more	28.6	29.5	27.8	30.6	31.4
Freezer	70.8	72.3	68.2	69.7	71.1
Microwave oven	95.5	95.1	94.1	96.3	94.5
Air conditioning	66.7	69.1	70.4	74.8	74.0
Window-type	21.4	23.1	23.2	25.7	24.9
Central air	45.4	46.0	47.1	49.1	49.2
With a telephone (regular or cellular)	98.2	97.7	98.4	99.5	98.7
Telephones (includes business use)	95.4	93.2	92.6	91.9	91.0
1	24.3	25.0	28.9	25.7	29.4
2	32.0	29.2	28.8	28.1	26.7
3 or more	39.0	38.9	34.8	38.1	34.9
Cellular telephone	52.9	59.2	60.2	69.3	72.1
CD player	77.9	80.3	78.9	82.3	78.2
Cablevision	66.9	64.4	63.4	64.6	66.9
Satellite dish	21.7	22.9	23.4	25.1	24.2
DVD player	66.2	74.2	79.3	83.1	84.5
CD writer	35.5	41.3	43.4	50.7	53.3
DVD writer	15.4	24.8	29.9	38.0	42.3
Video cassette recorders	90.2	86.0	82.0	80.3	74.7
Home computer	65.1	65.5	69.5	74.6	74.6
Internet use from home	54.6	57.6	60.6	66.2	67.3
Colour televisions	99.0	98.6	98.0	98.5	98.9
1	36.9	33.0	33.1	29.7	29.8
2	34.7	35.6	33.2	35.7	36.5
3 or more	27.4	30.0	31.6	33.1	32.6
With a vehicle (owned or leased)	82.6	83.2	82.4	84.2	83.2
Owned vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	80.3	80.1	78.5	81.2	79.3
1	42.4	43.4	42.2	42.3	41.9
2 or more	37.9	36.7	36.2	38.9	37.3
Owned automobiles	60.1	59.3	56.9	61.3	58.1
1	44.3	45.6	44.0	47.1	44.4
2 or more	15.8	13.8	13.0	14.2	13.7
Owned trucks and/or vans	42.8	43.5	43.8	43.6	43.4
1	34.0	34.8	35.1	33.3	31.5
2 or more	8.8	8.7	8.7	10.3	11.9
Leased vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	5.9	6.6	7.9	7.1	7.4
1	5.3	6.1	6.9	6.6	6.9
2 or more	F	F	F	F	F

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Table 8-9
Household equipment at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Saskatchewan

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Households having:					
Washing machine	86.8	85.4	86.4	87.4	85.3
Clothes dryer	86.4	85.7	88.2	89.7	86.6
Dishwasher	59.8	60.8	59.4	57.1	63.3
Refrigerator	99.8	99.8	99.9	100.0	99.8
1	66.1	63.3	63.9	67.0	64.3
2 or more	33.7	36.6	36.1	33.0	35.6
Freezer	79.5	78.7	76.5	75.3	75.8
Microwave oven	96.5	95.9	95.8	95.6	96.5
Air conditioning	48.3	48.6	50.6	53.8	57.2
Window-type	14.9	14.0	16.1	16.7	19.5
Central air	33.3	34.6	34.5	37.2	37.7
With a telephone (regular or cellular)	98.7	98.6	98.7	99.3	99.8
Telephones (includes business use)	97.7	95.7	94.6	94.3	94.8
1	22.5	22.7	26.6	24.9	24.7
2	38.3	33.8	31.1	31.3	27.2
3 or more	36.9	39.3	37.0	38.1	42.9
Cellular telephone	58.6	63.1	70.4	72.1	78.7
CD player	74.0	79.1	79.0	78.1	82.8
Cablevision	53.4	52.4	54.2	53.7	53.7
Satellite dish	33.4	35.3	34.5	35.7	36.6
DVD player	62.5	74.6	78.4	82.6	84.8
CD writer	33.8	43.3	46.3	50.2	53.6
DVD writer	11.9	22.4	28.2	37.7	43.4
Video cassette recorders	88.8	86.5	81.4	77.0	73.6
Home computer	63.3	68.9	68.8	72.3	77.0
Internet use from home	54.7	61.7	61.0	66.2	72.7
Colour televisions	99.3	99.1	99.2	98.7	98.5
1	37.2	32.8	30.1	32.0	33.4
2	34.1	35.1	35.7	35.8	31.8
3 or more	27.9	31.3	33.4	30.9	33.2
With a vehicle (owned or leased)	86.5	88.2	89.2	88.6	89.3
Owned vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	85.0	86.0	86.7	86.6	87.4
1	39.1	41.2	40.2	40.6	39.0
2 or more	45.9	44.8	46.5	46.0	48.3
Owned automobiles	64.1	63.2	63.0	62.1	63.8
1	48.3	48.1	47.2	48.0	48.8
2 or more	15.8	15.1	15.8	14.1	15.0
Owned trucks and/or vans	49.2	51.4	52.3	54.0	55.6
1	36.3	37.6	37.0	38.7	39.0
2 or more	12.8	13.8	15.3	15.3	16.6
Leased vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	4.1	5.7	6.5	7.1	6.0
1	3.5	4.8	6.0	6.8	5.1
2 or more	F	F	F	F	F

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Table 8-10
Household equipment at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Alberta

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Households having:					
Washing machine	85.3	87.2	85.2	86.9	87.1
Clothes dryer	84.6	86.7	86.2	87.5	86.8
Dishwasher	70.4	72.4	71.4	72.2	75.1
Refrigerator	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.0
1	73.9	72.6	72.4	73.0	71.5
2 or more	26.1	27.4	27.5	26.9	28.5
Freezer	67.0	65.6	66.1	63.3	65.0
Microwave oven	95.1	96.6	95.8	95.8	97.3
Air conditioning	11.9	12.4	19.5	18.5	21.4
Window-type	3.4	4.2	6.7	5.6	7.5
Central air	8.4	8.2	12.7	12.9	13.9
With a telephone (regular or cellular)	99.3	99.5	99.7	99.9	99.2
Telephones (includes business use)	96.0	93.4	93.6	91.3	89.6
1	18.0	24.0	27.1	26.4	33.1
2	31.7	27.0	23.3	21.9	18.8
3 or more	46.2	42.3	43.2	43.0	37.7
Cellular telephone	68.5	74.6	80.7	82.6	83.5
CD player	84.3	84.8	84.7	82.6	85.9
Cablevision	62.0	64.0	61.2	60.0	64.2
Satellite dish	27.5	26.5	29.1	29.0	25.7
DVD player	76.8	83.7	88.5	88.0	89.0
CD writer	45.9	50.3	57.8	61.9	61.1
DVD writer	19.6	29.1	37.3	48.6	53.0
Video cassette recorders	93.6	88.9	83.5	79.6	73.9
Home computer	73.5	76.8	83.4	82.9	85.6
Internet use from home	66.0	69.2	76.5	77.9	81.3
Colour televisions	99.3	98.6	98.5	98.4	98.7
1	34.0	32.0	29.3	29.8	29.5
2	34.3	36.2	32.5	35.8	33.8
3 or more	31.1	30.5	36.7	32.8	35.4
With a vehicle (owned or leased)	88.2	89.4	88.1	89.3	88.7
Owned vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	86.0	86.6	84.4	86.2	86.3
1	39.0	38.9	38.4	36.5	36.1
2 or more	47.0	47.7	46.0	49.8	50.2
Owned automobiles	60.7	62.8	60.5	62.9	59.8
1	45.2	47.6	46.3	48.7	44.6
2 or more	15.5	15.2	14.2	14.2	15.2
Owned trucks and/or vans	53.9	53.5	52.8	55.7	56.2
1	40.6	38.8	37.0	39.1	36.8
2 or more	13.3	14.7	15.9	16.5	19.3
Leased vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	6.6	7.0	9.7	8.2	6.7
1	6.0	6.3	8.8	7.3	5.8
2 or more	F	F	F	F	F

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Table 8-11
Household equipment at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — British Columbia

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Households having:					
Washing machine	79.1	80.7	80.3	80.0	81.3
Clothes dryer	77.2	79.6	79.4	79.5	79.9
Dishwasher	63.2	67.1	66.2	65.7	69.5
Refrigerator	99.9	99.2	99.8	100.0	99.9
1	76.7	75.5	75.3	75.2	75.3
2 or more	23.1	23.7	24.5	24.8	24.6
Freezer	54.3	52.7	52.0	50.6	49.1
Microwave oven	92.6	92.6	93.4	91.6	92.4
Air conditioning	14.1	17.4	18.7	18.2	20.5
Window-type	5.9	6.9	8.8	9.4	9.7
Central air	8.2	10.6	9.8	8.8	10.8
With a telephone (regular or cellular)	98.5	98.0	99.2	99.5	98.6
Telephones (includes business use)	93.9	91.9	92.1	88.6	86.7
1	26.3	28.6	30.9	32.1	30.7
2	30.0	27.4	27.4	24.2	22.4
3 or more	37.6	36.0	33.8	32.3	33.7
Cellular telephone	63.0	69.0	73.0	75.7	80.8
CD player	82.9	82.4	83.7	81.5	82.0
Cablevision	75.5	75.5	76.7	75.7	73.5
Satellite dish	14.7	15.3	15.7	16.5	16.3
DVD player	69.9	79.0	84.6	86.9	88.1
CD writer	44.3	51.3	56.0	60.1	59.5
DVD writer	17.1	30.7	39.3	44.5	46.3
Video cassette recorders	90.7	88.9	81.3	79.1	73.9
Home computer	75.2	76.8	79.9	84.1	85.0
Internet use from home	67.5	70.5	74.2	79.3	82.1
Colour televisions	98.7	98.6	98.3	98.2	98.1
1	42.7	40.6	39.3	40.7	38.9
2	32.3	32.9	31.9	31.8	31.1
3 or more	23.7	25.1	27.2	25.7	28.0
With a vehicle (owned or leased)	86.2	85.2	85.9	84.9	85.1
Owned vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	83.7	82.4	82.9	81.2	82.3
1	44.7	43.8	41.5	42.3	39.9
2 or more	39.0	38.6	41.5	38.9	42.5
Owned automobiles	61.9	62.5	62.7	59.3	63.2
1	48.5	48.2	47.2	45.2	48.7
2 or more	13.4	14.3	15.5	14.1	14.5
Owned trucks and/or vans	45.7	44.5	45.4	45.1	45.3
1	35.2	35.6	35.0	33.9	33.8
2 or more	10.5	8.9	10.4	11.2	11.4
Leased vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	5.1	5.3	6.1	6.8	6.2
1	4.7	4.6	5.6	6.2	5.6
2 or more	F	F	F	F	F

Note(s): Beginning with 2006, the reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Table 8-12
Household equipment at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Yukon

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Households having:					
Washing machine	..	78.3	..	82.8	..
Clothes dryer	..	76.3	..	81.7	..
Dishwasher	..	42.3	..	55.6	..
Refrigerator	..	98.0	..	99.6	..
1	..	84.1	..	87.8	..
2 or more	..	14.0	..	F	..
Freezer	..	59.0	..	60.2	..
Microwave oven	..	92.3	..	91.3	..
Air conditioning	..	F	..	F	..
Window-type	..	F	..	F	..
Central air	..	F	..	F	..
With a telephone (regular or cellular)	..	92.8	..	96.6	..
Telephones (includes business use)	..	89.8	..	91.3	..
1	..	28.6	..	35.3	..
2	..	27.2	..	22.2	..
3 or more	..	33.9	..	33.8	..
Cellular telephone	..	35.6	..	50.1	..
CD player	..	82.6	..	89.2	..
Cablevision	..	48.6	..	45.3	..
Satellite dish	..	26.0	..	35.0	..
DVD player	..	82.6	..	89.3	..
CD writer	..	43.5	..	62.7	..
DVD writer	..	23.8	..	46.2	..
Video cassette recorders	..	86.5	..	77.7	..
Home computer	..	70.7	..	80.6	..
Internet use from home	..	63.4	..	71.2	..
Colour televisions	..	99.1	..	98.7	..
1	..	45.3	..	38.7	..
2	..	33.4	..	32.5	..
3 or more	..	20.4	..	27.5	..
With a vehicle (owned or leased)	..	85.1	..	87.4	..
Owned vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	..	84.4	..	85.8	..
1	..	40.6	..	42.2	..
2 or more	..	43.8	..	43.6	..
Owned automobiles	..	46.8	..	49.8	..
1	..	36.0	..	41.5	..
2 or more	..	F	..	F	..
Owned trucks and/or vans	..	63.8	..	59.7	..
1	..	43.0	..	36.5	..
2 or more	..	20.8	..	23.2	..
Leased vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	..	F	..	F	..
1	..	F	..	F	..
2 or more	..	F	..	F	..

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Table 8-13
Household equipment at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Northwest Territories

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Households having:					
Washing machine	..	89.9	..	82.6	..
Clothes dryer	..	84.9	..	84.1	..
Dishwasher	..	54.2	..	47.0	..
Refrigerator	..	99.5	..	100.0	..
1	..	88.8	..	87.4	..
2 or more	..	10.7	..	12.6	..
Freezer	..	60.6	..	50.8	..
Microwave oven	..	94.9	..	88.8	..
Air conditioning	..	F	..	F	..
Window-type	..	F	..	F	..
Central air	..	F	..	F	..
With a telephone (regular or cellular)	..	96.8	..	95.6	..
Telephones (includes business use)	..	95.5	..	88.6	..
1	..	41.2	..	40.2	..
2	..	31.2	..	27.0	..
3 or more	..	23.1	..	21.5	..
Cellular telephone	..	50.5	..	58.1	..
CD player	..	82.9	..	83.1	..
Cablevision	..	48.3	..	52.3	..
Satellite dish	..	44.0	..	34.2	..
DVD player	..	85.9	..	87.6	..
CD writer	..	55.0	..	55.7	..
DVD writer	..	37.9	..	48.4	..
Video cassette recorders	..	89.0	..	69.1	..
Home computer	..	72.3	..	76.5	..
Internet use from home	..	63.2	..	67.0	..
Colour televisions	..	99.6	..	96.5	..
1	..	41.0	..	37.2	..
2	..	28.4	..	26.5	..
3 or more	..	30.3	..	32.8	..
With a vehicle (owned or leased)	..	79.6	..	72.5	..
Owned vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	..	77.3	..	69.1	..
1	..	46.4	..	40.2	..
2 or more	..	31.0	..	28.9	..
Owned automobiles	..	30.8	..	32.6	..
1	..	27.6	..	28.4	..
2 or more	..	F	..	F	..
Owned trucks and/or vans	..	62.8	..	51.6	..
1	..	45.8	..	37.8	..
2 or more	..	17.1	..	13.8	..
Leased vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	..	F	..	F	..
1	..	F	..	F	..
2 or more	..	F	..	F	..

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Table 8-14
Household equipment at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Nunavut

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Households having:					
Washing machine	..	85.9	..	88.7	..
Clothes dryer	..	87.9	..	89.3	..
Dishwasher	..	17.8	..	23.9	..
Refrigerator	..	100.0	..	100.0	..
1	..	97.3	..	95.2	..
2 or more	..	F	..	F	..
Freezer	..	42.7	..	44.3	..
Microwave oven	..	82.0	..	81.9	..
Air conditioning	..	F	..	F	..
Window-type	..	F	..	F	..
Central air	..	F	..	F	..
With a telephone (regular or cellular)	..	81.4	..	80.1	..
Telephones (includes business use)	..	81.4	..	80.1	..
1	..	41.8	..	31.2	..
2	..	26.7	..	32.0	..
3 or more	..	F	..	F	..
Cellular telephone	..	F	..	17.7	..
CD player	..	71.9	..	93.5	..
Cablevision	..	66.6	..	66.1	..
Satellite dish	..	22.6	..	18.1	..
DVD player	..	65.7	..	80.4	..
CD writer	..	29.5	..	42.2	..
DVD writer	..	21.3	..	35.9	..
Video cassette recorders	..	71.8	..	61.0	..
Home computer	..	48.3	..	57.2	..
Internet use from home	..	35.1	..	52.4	..
Colour televisions	..	96.3	..	98.3	..
1	..	50.8	..	41.2	..
2	..	28.7	..	37.7	..
3 or more	..	16.8	..	19.4	..
With a vehicle (owned or leased)	..	29.9	..	28.9	..
Owned vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	..	29.9	..	26.8	..
1	..	27.2	..	21.7	..
2 or more	..	F	..	F	..
Owned automobiles	..	F	..	F	..
1	..	F	..	F	..
2 or more	..	F	..	F	..
Owned trucks and/or vans	..	21.4	..	24.0	..
1	..	19.3	..	19.6	..
2 or more	..	F	..	F	..
Leased vehicles (automobiles, trucks, vans)	..	F	..	F	..
1	..	F	..	F	..
2 or more	..	F	..	F	..

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Table 9
Dwelling characteristics at the time of interview, Canada ¹, provinces and territories

	2008						
	Canada	Newfoundland and Labrador	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
	percent						
Single detached	57.0	77.3	69.6	66.6	74.4	44.1	58.5
Single attached	10.5	10.2	6.2	7.4	4.7	9.1	13.3
Apartment	30.6	11.9	17.3	22.6	16.8	46.1	27.7
Other type of dwelling	1.9	F	6.8	3.5	4.1	F	F
Dwellings needing major repairs	10.2	13.4	11.1	14.2	14.9	10.1	10.7
Dwellings needing minor repairs	15.5	15.9	17.1	18.6	17.7	16.8	15.2
Dwellings needing no repairs	74.3	70.6	71.9	67.2	67.5	73.1	74.1
Owned dwelling	65.9	76.8	71.0	71.4	78.3	56.8	67.1
With mortgage(s)	35.5	32.7	35.0	35.2	39.7	31.4	37.3
Without mortgage	30.4	44.1	36.1	36.2	38.6	25.4	29.8
Rented dwelling	34.1	23.2	29.0	28.6	21.7	43.2	32.9
Dwellings with 1 to 4 rooms	27.3	12.4	21.7	22.4	20.4	38.0	22.7
Dwellings with 5 rooms	16.7	16.9	16.2	17.2	21.9	18.7	15.6
Dwellings with 6 rooms	14.7	21.7	22.4	18.2	15.5	11.7	16.6
Dwellings with 7 or more rooms	41.3	49.0	39.7	42.1	42.2	31.6	45.1
Bathrooms	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.7	99.9
1	57.7	71.8	71.0	70.5	71.1	72.3	54.7
2 or more	42.1	28.2	29.0	29.5	28.9	27.4	45.2
Principal heating equipment							
Steam or hot water furnace	12.5	9.9	58.4	33.2	5.8	8.7	11.5
Hot air furnace	51.8	21.2	24.3	33.6	25.0	12.3	72.9
Other hot air furnace	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Heating stove	4.1	11.2	12.3	10.8	13.9	6.7	F
Electric heating	31.4	57.6	F	21.9	55.2	72.1	13.3
Other	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Age of principal heating equipment							
5 years old and under	25.4	22.7	34.2	27.5	27.4	19.2	29.0
6 to 10 years old	14.6	15.4	20.5	20.9	16.9	9.9	18.8
Over 10 years old	60.1	61.9	45.3	51.6	55.6	70.9	52.2
Principal heating fuel							
Oil or other liquid fuel	7.9	23.5	75.8	58.9	14.6	9.0	5.7
Natural gas	50.8	F	F	F	3.9	5.7	74.6
Bottled gas	1.0	F	F	F	F	F	F
Electricity	35.3	60.1	F	23.5	60.5	77.6	15.9
Wood	4.4	16.1	18.2	14.9	20.2	6.9	F
Other	0.6	F	F	F	F	F	F
Principal heating fuel for hot water							
Oil or other liquid fuel	3.6	10.9	71.8	45.6	4.1	3.2	F
Natural gas	50.5	F	F	F	3.8	5.2	73.7
Electricity	44.7	88.5	23.2	50.8	91.1	90.7	23.1
Other	1.2	F	F	F	F	F	F
Principal cooking fuel							
Natural gas	8.7	F	F	F	F	F	14.6
Electricity	90.4	98.1	94.0	95.3	97.7	97.7	84.8
Other	0.8	F	F	4.3	F	F	F

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 9 – continued

Dwelling characteristics at the time of interview, Canada 1, provinces and territories

	2008						
	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon	Northwest Territories	Nunavut
	percent						
Single detached	66.4	74.0	64.6	57.4	..	..	..
Single attached	6.2	4.9	10.7	9.4	..	..	..
Apartment	24.6	18.7	19.8	28.0	..	..	..
Other type of dwelling	F	F	5.0	5.2	..	..	..
Dwellings needing major repairs	11.5	12.6	7.9	7.7	..	..	..
Dwellings needing minor repairs	17.7	19.9	14.8	11.6	..	..	..
Dwellings needing no repairs	70.7	67.5	77.3	80.7	..	..	..
Owned dwelling	68.4	71.8	72.5	68.1	..	..	..
With mortgage(s)	35.8	34.2	40.6	34.2	..	..	..
Without mortgage	32.6	37.6	31.9	33.9	..	..	..
Rented dwelling	31.6	28.2	27.5	31.9	..	..	..
Dwellings with 1 to 4 rooms	28.8	21.3	20.7	29.9	..	..	..
Dwellings with 5 rooms	15.0	15.0	14.0	17.9	..	..	..
Dwellings with 6 rooms	16.7	14.6	13.6	13.3	..	..	..
Dwellings with 7 or more rooms	39.5	49.2	51.7	38.9	..	..	..
Bathrooms	99.9	100.0	100.0	99.3	..	..	..
1	62.5	52.0	42.7	42.9	..	..	..
2 or more	37.5	48.0	57.3	56.4	..	..	..
Principal heating equipment							
Steam or hot water furnace	9.4	15.4	14.9	16.1	..	..	..
Hot air furnace	64.7	78.9	80.2	50.3	..	..	..
Other hot air furnace	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Heating stove	F	F	F	4.6	..	..	..
Electric heating	24.6	4.6	F	28.7	..	..	..
Other	F	F	F	F	..	..	..
Age of principal heating equipment							
5 years old and under	27.3	28.3	26.2	24.5	..	..	..
6 to 10 years old	13.0	14.6	13.7	10.6	..	..	..
Over 10 years old	59.8	57.0	60.1	64.9	..	..	..
Principal heating fuel							
Oil or other liquid fuel	F	F	F	4.2	..	..	..
Natural gas	56.3	86.5	92.1	56.0	..	..	..
Bottled gas	F	F	F	F	..	..	..
Electricity	39.3	7.4	4.5	33.8	..	..	..
Wood	F	F	F	4.2	..	..	..
Other	F	F	F	F	..	..	..
Principal heating fuel for hot water							
Oil or other liquid fuel	F	F	F	F	..	..	..
Natural gas	50.0	81.2	90.6	61.3	..	..	..
Electricity	48.3	17.5	7.3	36.7	..	..	..
Other	F	F	F	F	..	..	..
Principal cooking fuel							
Natural gas	3.2	3.6	10.6	12.1	..	..	..
Electricity	96.7	95.7	89.1	87.1	..	..	..
Other	F	F	F	F	..	..	..

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 reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Table 10
Dwelling characteristics at the time of interview, Canada ¹ and selected metropolitan areas

	2008								
	Canada	St. John's	Charlottetown and Summerside	Halifax	Saint John	Québec	Montréal	Ottawa-Gatineau	Toronto
	percent								
Single detached	57.0	62.6	57.5	51.9	66.6	F	29.5	F	47.2
Single attached	10.5	13.8	10.1	13.2	F	F	10.7	F	15.5
Apartment	30.6	23.5	25.6	32.7	21.4	F	59.6	F	37.1
Other type of dwelling	1.9	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Dwellings needing major repairs	10.2	F	F	12.6	F	F	8.1	F	6.9
Dwellings needing minor repairs	15.5	14.2	14.7	16.6	21.8	F	16.9	F	14.7
Dwellings needing no repairs	74.3	76.5	76.5	70.8	67.6	F	75.0	F	78.4
Owned dwelling	65.9	67.9	62.0	66.7	77.2	F	48.3	F	63.0
With mortgage(s)	35.5	42.6	36.3	38.0	38.8	F	27.9	F	36.5
Without mortgage	30.4	25.3	25.7	28.7	38.4	F	20.4	F	26.4
Rented dwelling	34.1	32.1	38.0	33.3	22.8	F	51.7	F	37.0
Dwellings with 1 to 4 rooms	27.3	16.8	25.7	25.5	F	F	42.8	F	28.7
Dwellings with 5 rooms	16.7	14.6	15.2	16.8	F	F	21.4	F	13.5
Dwellings with 6 rooms	14.7	16.1	21.2	16.2	F	F	9.4	F	14.6
Dwellings with 7 or more rooms	41.3	52.5	37.9	41.5	48.1	F	26.4	F	43.3
Bathrooms	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	F	100.0	F	100.0
1	57.7	61.7	71.1	63.9	66.0	F	72.4	F	50.6
2 or more	42.1	38.3	28.9	36.1	34.0	F	27.6	F	49.4
Principal heating equipment									
Steam or hot water furnace	12.5	11.4	71.8	43.8	F	F	12.3	F	16.8
Hot air furnace	51.8	9.2	20.2	24.1	F	F	9.6	F	74.3
Other hot air furnace	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Heating stove	4.1	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Electric heating	31.4	77.9	F	26.1	64.7	F	77.0	F	7.8
Other	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Age of principal heating equipment									
5 years old and under	25.4	26.1	33.8	29.2	F	F	16.9	F	28.0
6 to 10 years old	14.6	9.1	19.3	18.9	21.6	F	9.9	F	16.0
Over 10 years old	60.1	64.8	46.9	51.9	62.5	F	73.2	F	56.1
Principal heating fuel									
Oil or other liquid fuel	7.9	19.3	88.8	64.3	F	F	9.6	F	F
Natural gas	50.8	F	F	F	F	F	7.4	F	85.5
Bottled gas	1.0	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Electricity	35.3	79.8	F	28.0	69.8	F	82.2	F	11.5
Wood	4.4	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Other	0.6	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Principal heating fuel for hot water									
Oil or other liquid fuel	3.6	13.2	76.7	60.5	F	F	F	F	F
Natural gas	50.5	F	F	F	F	F	6.5	F	83.9
Electricity	44.7	86.4	19.1	36.9	88.0	F	88.4	F	14.8
Other	1.2	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Principal cooking fuel									
Natural gas	8.7	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	13.7
Electricity	90.4	96.6	97.1	97.6	96.6	F	97.1	F	86.2
Other	0.8	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 10 – continued

 Dwelling characteristics at the time of interview, Canada¹ and selected metropolitan areas

	2008								
	Winnipeg	Regina	Saskatoon	Calgary	Edmonton	Vancouver	Victoria	Whitehorse	Yellowknife
	percent								
Single detached	59.8	69.1	59.2	62.8	59.0	49.3	F	..	..
Single attached	6.6	F	F	12.8	13.8	10.9	F	..	..
Apartment	33.6	23.3	32.8	22.5	27.0	38.1	F	..	..
Other type of dwelling	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	..	..
Dwellings needing major repairs	10.9	F	F	F	F	5.4	F	..	..
Dwellings needing minor repairs	17.3	F	16.3	14.6	10.3	9.4	F	..	..
Dwellings needing no repairs	71.8	73.5	75.7	80.3	83.7	85.2	F	..	..
Owned dwelling	59.5	69.3	57.5	72.7	68.3	59.9	F	..	..
With mortgage(s)	32.2	38.1	35.4	43.0	42.3	30.4	F	..	..
Without mortgage	27.3	31.2	22.0	29.7	26.0	29.5	F	..	..
Rented dwelling	40.5	30.7	42.5	27.3	31.7	40.1	F	..	..
Dwellings with 1 to 4 rooms	33.7	28.4	26.3	20.9	24.2	36.7	F	..	..
Dwellings with 5 rooms	13.1	F	15.4	10.9	14.1	16.3	F	..	..
Dwellings with 6 rooms	14.2	F	F	15.8	F	12.6	F	..	..
Dwellings with 7 or more rooms	39.0	50.6	47.0	52.5	52.7	34.4	F	..	..
Bathrooms	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.6	F	..	..
1	62.8	48.8	53.1	38.6	45.2	42.2	F	..	..
2 or more	37.0	51.2	46.9	61.4	54.8	56.4	F	..	..
Principal heating equipment									
Steam or hot water furnace	13.0	20.0	22.2	F	22.0	24.5	F	..	..
Hot air furnace	64.9	78.6	69.6	80.9	76.3	50.1	F	..	..
Other hot air furnace	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Heating stove	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	..	..
Electric heating	21.9	F	F	F	F	24.4	F	..	..
Other	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	..	..
Age of principal heating equipment									
5 years old and under	29.6	33.3	33.5	26.1	22.2	19.6	F	..	..
6 to 10 years old	11.8	16.3	17.9	15.9	17.2	8.9	F	..	..
Over 10 years old	58.6	50.3	48.6	58.0	60.6	71.5	F	..	..
Principal heating fuel									
Oil or other liquid fuel	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	..	..
Natural gas	70.5	95.8	87.4	89.4	95.3	70.8	F	..	..
Bottled gas	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	..	..
Electricity	25.9	F	F	F	F	27.6	F	..	..
Wood	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	..	..
Other	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	..	..
Principal heating fuel for hot water									
Oil or other liquid fuel	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	..	..
Natural gas	63.5	94.0	89.1	88.5	95.6	82.2	F	..	..
Electricity	33.9	F	F	11.5	F	16.8	F	..	..
Other	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	..	..
Principal cooking fuel									
Natural gas	F	F	F	9.3	11.2	17.1	F	..	..
Electricity	96.4	97.4	95.3	90.7	88.8	82.1	F	..	..
Other	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	..	..

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 reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed. Due to unreliability of the data which was the result of low sample size, the data for Québec, Ottawa and Victoria for 2008 were suppressed.

Table 11-1
Dwelling characteristics at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Canada ¹

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Single detached	56.6	56.9	56.7	56.0	57.0
Single attached	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.9	10.5
Apartment	31.5	31.1	31.5	31.3	30.6
Other type of dwelling	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.9
Dwellings needing major repairs	7.2	7.0	9.7	9.9	10.2
Dwellings needing minor repairs	15.8	16.1	16.4	16.0	15.5
Dwellings needing no repairs	77.0	76.9	73.9	74.1	74.3
Owned dwelling	65.8	67.1	65.7	67.3	65.9
With mortgage(s)	36.2	36.3	35.7	36.7	35.5
Without mortgage	29.7	30.8	30.0	30.6	30.4
Rented dwelling	34.2	32.9	34.3	32.7	34.1
Dwellings with 1 to 4 rooms	28.6	27.5	27.3	26.3	27.3
Dwellings with 5 rooms	16.3	15.0	16.2	16.5	16.7
Dwellings with 6 rooms	15.1	16.4	14.6	15.7	14.7
Dwellings with 7 or more rooms	40.0	41.2	41.8	41.4	41.3
Bathrooms	99.9	99.8	100.0	99.9	99.8
1	60.1	57.9	59.4	58.8	57.7
2 or more	39.8	41.9	40.6	41.1	42.1
Principal heating equipment					
Steam or hot water furnace	13.1	13.2	12.7	13.8	12.5
Hot air furnace	52.7	52.4	52.8	52.7	51.8
Other hot air furnace	..	..	..	..	..
Heating stove	4.5	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.1
Electric heating	29.4	30.2	30.1	29.0	31.4
Other	0.3	F	F	F	F
Age of principal heating equipment					
5 years old and under	21.7	21.1	23.7	23.6	25.4
6 to 10 years old	14.1	16.3	14.5	14.9	14.6
Over 10 years old	64.2	62.6	61.8	61.5	60.1
Principal heating fuel					
Oil or other liquid fuel	10.4	9.6	9.5	9.5	7.9
Natural gas	49.6	50.4	49.4	50.5	50.8
Bottled gas	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.0
Electricity	33.6	34.2	34.8	34.0	35.3
Wood	4.8	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.4
Other	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.6
Principal heating fuel for hot water					
Oil or other liquid fuel	4.5	3.9	4.2	4.4	3.6
Natural gas	48.9	49.6	48.4	49.7	50.5
Electricity	45.3	45.4	46.1	44.8	44.7
Other	1.4	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.2
Principal cooking fuel					
Natural gas	6.4	7.1	8.0	8.2	8.7
Electricity	92.6	92.1	91.1	91.1	90.4
Other	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8

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 reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Table 11-2
Dwelling characteristics at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Newfoundland and Labrador

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Single detached	77.1	77.4	75.6	75.8	77.3
Single attached	8.5	8.2	10.0	8.7	10.2
Apartment	12.1	13.0	12.7	13.6	11.9
Other type of dwelling	2.2	F	F	F	F
Dwellings needing major repairs	6.7	7.6	11.9	11.3	13.4
Dwellings needing minor repairs	13.9	14.4	15.2	15.9	15.9
Dwellings needing no repairs	79.5	78.1	72.9	72.9	70.6
Owned dwelling	76.6	79.6	78.9	77.1	76.8
With mortgage(s)	32.2	33.9	32.5	31.3	32.7
Without mortgage	44.4	45.8	46.4	45.8	44.1
Rented dwelling	23.4	20.4	21.1	22.9	23.2
Dwellings with 1 to 4 rooms	13.9	13.5	12.2	14.3	12.4
Dwellings with 5 rooms	16.4	16.2	17.5	18.1	16.9
Dwellings with 6 rooms	21.6	22.3	20.5	21.6	21.7
Dwellings with 7 or more rooms	48.1	48.0	49.8	46.0	49.0
Bathrooms	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0
1	75.3	72.1	73.2	71.8	71.8
2 or more	24.7	27.9	26.7	28.2	28.2
Principal heating equipment					
Steam or hot water furnace	12.1	10.7	10.4	9.7	9.9
Hot air furnace	26.5	27.7	25.9	24.6	21.2
Other hot air furnace	..	..	..	..	..
Heating stove	10.5	8.8	10.1	9.5	11.2
Electric heating	50.9	52.8	53.6	56.2	57.6
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Age of principal heating equipment					
5 years old and under	20.8	21.1	20.4	22.0	22.7
6 to 10 years old	18.8	17.5	17.6	16.5	15.4
Over 10 years old	60.4	61.5	62.0	61.4	61.9
Principal heating fuel					
Oil or other liquid fuel	31.5	31.7	28.7	28.8	23.5
Natural gas	F	F	F	F	F
Bottled gas	F	F	F	F	F
Electricity	52.5	53.8	55.8	57.5	60.1
Wood	15.7	14.0	15.1	13.5	16.1
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Principal heating fuel for hot water					
Oil or other liquid fuel	14.3	12.5	12.4	10.0	10.9
Natural gas	F	F	F	F	F
Electricity	84.8	86.0	86.6	89.1	88.5
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Principal cooking fuel					
Natural gas	F	F	F	F	F
Electricity	98.3	98.1	97.3	97.9	98.1
Other	F	F	F	F	F

Note(s): Beginning with 2006, the reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Table 11-3
Dwelling characteristics at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Prince Edward Island

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Single detached	71.0	66.7	70.5	68.4	69.6
Single attached	F	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.2
Apartment	20.2	22.2	17.2	17.6	17.3
Other type of dwelling	4.9	F	5.8	7.2	6.8
Dwellings needing major repairs	9.1	8.5	9.8	12.5	11.1
Dwellings needing minor repairs	15.3	16.5	14.0	10.4	17.1
Dwellings needing no repairs	75.6	75.0	76.2	77.1	71.9
Owned dwelling	72.7	68.5	70.5	72.3	71.0
With mortgage(s)	36.9	36.7	37.4	37.4	35.0
Without mortgage	35.8	31.8	33.1	34.9	36.1
Rented dwelling	27.3	31.5	29.5	27.7	29.0
Dwellings with 1 to 4 rooms	19.4	23.5	22.9	18.5	21.7
Dwellings with 5 rooms	22.8	16.0	16.6	19.7	16.2
Dwellings with 6 rooms	15.6	20.3	19.3	18.1	22.4
Dwellings with 7 or more rooms	42.1	40.2	41.2	43.8	39.7
Bathrooms	99.9	100.0	100.0	99.8	100.0
1	76.1	75.0	71.4	73.0	71.0
2 or more	23.7	25.0	28.6	26.9	29.0
Principal heating equipment					
Steam or hot water furnace	55.2	63.0	60.6	61.5	58.4
Hot air furnace	33.2	26.7	27.1	26.5	24.3
Other hot air furnace	..	..	..	..	..
Heating stove	7.7	5.4	7.1	7.6	12.3
Electric heating	F	F	F	F	F
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Age of principal heating equipment					
5 years old and under	28.6	24.6	33.1	31.4	34.2
6 to 10 years old	22.0	24.6	23.7	16.7	20.5
Over 10 years old	49.4	50.8	43.2	51.9	45.3
Principal heating fuel					
Oil or other liquid fuel	79.9	81.0	80.4	80.5	75.8
Natural gas	F	F	F	F	F
Bottled gas	F	F	F	F	F
Electricity	F	F	F	5.4	F
Wood	15.4	12.1	13.7	13.4	18.2
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Principal heating fuel for hot water					
Oil or other liquid fuel	76.3	78.5	77.7	74.6	71.8
Natural gas	F	F	F	F	F
Electricity	18.8	17.4	18.2	19.5	23.2
Other	4.9	F	F	5.8	F
Principal cooking fuel					
Natural gas	F	F	F	F	F
Electricity	93.2	94.4	96.9	94.0	94.0
Other	6.8	5.6	F	6.0	F

Note(s): Beginning with 2006, the reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Table 11-4
Dwelling characteristics at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Nova Scotia

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Single detached	66.7	66.8	65.5	68.3	66.6
Single attached	6.1	4.9	6.3	6.7	7.4
Apartment	22.0	23.5	22.9	21.3	22.6
Other type of dwelling	5.1	4.8	5.3	3.7	3.5
Dwellings needing major repairs	10.5	12.2	11.7	13.0	14.2
Dwellings needing minor repairs	17.3	19.6	18.8	18.1	18.6
Dwellings needing no repairs	72.1	68.2	69.5	69.0	67.2
Owned dwelling	71.1	71.2	69.2	72.3	71.4
With mortgage(s)	34.9	35.2	34.4	36.2	35.2
Without mortgage	36.2	36.0	34.8	36.0	36.2
Rented dwelling	28.9	28.8	30.8	27.7	28.6
Dwellings with 1 to 4 rooms	22.0	20.6	22.4	21.9	22.4
Dwellings with 5 rooms	19.1	18.9	17.8	17.5	17.2
Dwellings with 6 rooms	18.8	18.3	17.9	17.2	18.2
Dwellings with 7 or more rooms	40.0	42.1	41.9	43.4	42.1
Bathrooms	99.8	99.5	99.9	99.3	100.0
1	75.6	70.0	74.5	71.4	70.5
2 or more	24.2	29.4	25.4	27.9	29.5
Principal heating equipment					
Steam or hot water furnace	32.3	35.4	35.6	33.9	33.2
Hot air furnace	34.0	32.8	31.7	32.8	33.6
Other hot air furnace	..	..	..	..	..
Heating stove	8.5	9.0	8.5	8.6	10.8
Electric heating	25.1	22.4	23.9	24.6	21.9
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Age of principal heating equipment					
5 years old and under	21.4	26.1	26.7	27.5	27.5
6 to 10 years old	21.3	22.9	20.2	18.7	20.9
Over 10 years old	57.3	51.1	53.1	53.8	51.6
Principal heating fuel					
Oil or other liquid fuel	60.3	62.7	59.9	60.0	58.9
Natural gas	F	F	F	F	F
Bottled gas	F	F	F	F	F
Electricity	25.9	23.1	25.2	25.9	23.5
Wood	11.9	13.1	12.8	12.9	14.9
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Principal heating fuel for hot water					
Oil or other liquid fuel	43.7	47.7	45.9	44.4	45.6
Natural gas	F	F	F	F	F
Electricity	52.9	49.0	51.7	52.7	50.8
Other	3.3	3.4	2.4	2.9	F
Principal cooking fuel					
Natural gas	F	F	F	F	F
Electricity	95.4	95.7	97.0	96.3	95.3
Other	4.6	4.3	3.0	3.7	4.3

Note(s): Beginning with 2006, the reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Table 11-5
Dwelling characteristics at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — New Brunswick

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Single detached	75.4	70.6	74.7	71.9	74.4
Single attached	3.8	3.4	4.6	4.3	4.7
Apartment	17.4	19.6	15.9	18.1	16.8
Other type of dwelling	3.4	6.4	4.8	5.7	4.1
Dwellings needing major repairs	10.0	12.9	13.7	13.0	14.9
Dwellings needing minor repairs	20.8	16.6	16.7	16.6	17.7
Dwellings needing no repairs	69.2	70.5	69.6	70.4	67.5
Owned dwelling	76.9	76.8	76.6	75.5	78.3
With mortgage(s)	38.2	36.1	38.1	37.8	39.7
Without mortgage	38.8	40.7	38.5	37.8	38.6
Rented dwelling	23.1	23.2	23.4	24.5	21.7
Dwellings with 1 to 4 rooms	21.8	23.1	19.4	22.6	20.4
Dwellings with 5 rooms	19.7	18.7	21.1	19.5	21.9
Dwellings with 6 rooms	15.0	17.7	17.8	16.9	15.5
Dwellings with 7 or more rooms	43.6	40.5	41.7	41.0	42.2
Bathrooms	99.8	99.9	99.9	99.8	100.0
1	71.4	72.1	70.5	70.0	71.1
2 or more	28.4	27.8	29.4	29.9	28.9
Principal heating equipment					
Steam or hot water furnace	9.0	8.8	8.9	6.7	5.8
Hot air furnace	24.3	27.6	23.4	23.5	25.0
Other hot air furnace	..	..	..	..	..
Heating stove	11.2	12.3	14.5	13.5	13.9
Electric heating	55.3	51.3	53.2	56.3	55.2
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Age of principal heating equipment					
5 years old and under	20.8	21.2	24.1	23.7	27.4
6 to 10 years old	16.8	17.5	13.8	14.0	16.9
Over 10 years old	62.4	61.3	62.1	62.4	55.6
Principal heating fuel					
Oil or other liquid fuel	21.0	21.4	19.8	16.1	14.6
Natural gas	F	F	F	F	3.9
Bottled gas	F	F	2.8	F	F
Electricity	60.0	57.1	58.6	63.0	60.5
Wood	17.9	21.0	18.7	18.6	20.2
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Principal heating fuel for hot water					
Oil or other liquid fuel	7.8	7.6	8.2	6.3	4.1
Natural gas	F	F	F	F	3.8
Electricity	91.0	91.2	88.2	91.1	91.1
Other	F	F	3.6	2.6	F
Principal cooking fuel					
Natural gas	F	F	F	F	F
Electricity	99.0	98.5	98.0	98.4	97.7
Other	F	F	F	F	F

Note(s): Beginning with 2006, the reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Table 11-6
Dwelling characteristics at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Quebec

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Single detached	43.6	47.5	46.0	44.1	44.1
Single attached	8.2	6.6	7.1	10.3	9.1
Apartment	46.5	44.8	46.2	44.6	46.1
Other type of dwelling	1.7	F	F	F	F
Dwellings needing major repairs	7.5	7.6	10.0	9.7	10.1
Dwellings needing minor repairs	16.2	16.0	15.9	17.7	16.8
Dwellings needing no repairs	76.3	76.4	74.1	72.6	73.1
Owned dwelling	56.6	59.2	56.8	58.7	56.8
With mortgage(s)	31.1	32.6	31.1	32.9	31.4
Without mortgage	25.5	26.5	25.8	25.8	25.4
Rented dwelling	43.4	40.8	43.2	41.3	43.2
Dwellings with 1 to 4 rooms	38.2	36.4	37.3	35.4	38.0
Dwellings with 5 rooms	19.4	17.3	17.3	19.1	18.7
Dwellings with 6 rooms	12.5	14.8	14.0	14.7	11.7
Dwellings with 7 or more rooms	29.9	31.5	31.4	30.8	31.6
Bathrooms	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0	99.7
1	72.7	71.8	73.0	73.9	72.3
2 or more	27.2	28.1	27.0	26.0	27.4
Principal heating equipment					
Steam or hot water furnace	11.0	9.7	10.0	11.3	8.7
Hot air furnace	14.7	15.2	13.8	14.3	12.3
Other hot air furnace	..	..	..	..	..
Heating stove	7.8	6.9	7.4	7.3	6.7
Electric heating	66.5	68.1	68.8	67.2	72.1
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Age of principal heating equipment					
5 years old and under	15.4	14.0	17.9	16.0	19.2
6 to 10 years old	8.5	9.7	9.5	10.9	9.9
Over 10 years old	76.1	76.3	72.6	73.1	70.9
Principal heating fuel					
Oil or other liquid fuel	12.9	12.1	10.8	11.7	9.0
Natural gas	5.8	5.6	5.3	5.5	5.7
Bottled gas	F	F	F	F	F
Electricity	73.8	75.5	76.1	74.9	77.6
Wood	6.9	6.4	7.2	7.3	6.9
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Principal heating fuel for hot water					
Oil or other liquid fuel	4.1	3.7	3.2	3.8	3.2
Natural gas	5.8	5.4	5.9	5.4	5.2
Electricity	89.9	90.5	90.6	90.5	90.7
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Principal cooking fuel					
Natural gas	F	1.9	F	F	F
Electricity	98.0	97.8	98.1	98.4	97.7
Other	F	F	F	F	F

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Table 11-7
Dwelling characteristics at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Ontario

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Single detached	57.3	57.0	57.0	56.5	58.5
Single attached	12.8	14.6	13.7	14.0	13.3
Apartment	29.4	28.1	29.1	29.3	27.7
Other type of dwelling	F	F	F	F	F
Dwellings needing major repairs	6.8	5.4	9.6	9.5	10.7
Dwellings needing minor repairs	15.5	15.5	16.9	14.4	15.2
Dwellings needing no repairs	77.8	79.1	73.4	76.1	74.1
Owned dwelling	67.6	68.8	66.7	69.3	67.1
With mortgage(s)	38.0	38.1	37.3	38.9	37.3
Without mortgage	29.6	30.6	29.5	30.3	29.8
Rented dwelling	32.4	31.2	33.3	30.7	32.9
Dwellings with 1 to 4 rooms	25.9	23.6	24.2	22.6	22.7
Dwellings with 5 rooms	14.9	13.1	15.2	14.5	15.6
Dwellings with 6 rooms	15.9	17.8	15.1	16.5	16.6
Dwellings with 7 or more rooms	43.3	45.4	45.6	46.4	45.1
Bathrooms	100.0	99.8	100.0	99.9	99.9
1	58.1	54.3	57.3	54.5	54.7
2 or more	41.8	45.5	42.7	45.3	45.2
Principal heating equipment					
Steam or hot water furnace	13.1	12.8	11.0	12.4	11.5
Hot air furnace	72.0	70.3	73.7	72.8	72.9
Other hot air furnace	..	..	..	..	..
Heating stove	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.3	F
Electric heating	12.6	14.4	12.9	12.3	13.3
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Age of principal heating equipment					
5 years old and under	26.6	24.3	27.1	28.3	29.0
6 to 10 years old	15.6	20.9	16.6	17.8	18.8
Over 10 years old	57.8	54.8	56.3	53.9	52.2
Principal heating fuel					
Oil or other liquid fuel	7.7	6.4	7.6	6.9	5.7
Natural gas	72.1	72.4	71.0	73.6	74.6
Bottled gas	F	F	F	F	F
Electricity	15.6	17.1	16.7	16.1	15.9
Wood	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.4	F
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Principal heating fuel for hot water					
Oil or other liquid fuel	3.0	1.6	2.8	3.1	F
Natural gas	71.0	72.3	69.0	70.9	73.7
Electricity	24.0	25.2	26.4	25.0	23.1
Other	2.0	F	1.7	F	F
Principal cooking fuel					
Natural gas	10.4	10.6	12.3	14.6	14.6
Electricity	88.4	88.9	86.9	85.0	84.8
Other	F	F	F	F	F

Note(s): Beginning with 2006, the reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Table 11-8
Dwelling characteristics at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Manitoba

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Single detached	68.2	69.1	68.2	67.9	66.4
Single attached	4.9	5.3	3.8	5.3	6.2
Apartment	25.2	22.6	25.2	23.4	24.6
Other type of dwelling	F	3.1	2.7	3.4	F
Dwellings needing major repairs	9.6	9.2	10.5	11.0	11.5
Dwellings needing minor repairs	19.4	17.7	17.2	18.7	17.7
Dwellings needing no repairs	71.0	73.1	72.3	70.3	70.7
Owned dwelling	68.9	73.0	69.2	71.2	68.4
With mortgage(s)	36.2	37.2	34.3	38.2	35.8
Without mortgage	32.8	35.8	34.9	33.1	32.6
Rented dwelling	31.1	27.0	30.8	28.8	31.6
Dwellings with 1 to 4 rooms	27.0	25.1	27.0	25.9	28.8
Dwellings with 5 rooms	17.2	16.5	18.3	17.9	15.0
Dwellings with 6 rooms	19.7	18.0	15.8	18.2	16.7
Dwellings with 7 or more rooms	36.1	40.3	38.8	38.0	39.5
Bathrooms	99.6	99.8	100.0	99.7	99.9
1	62.0	58.6	62.1	61.4	62.5
2 or more	37.5	41.2	37.9	38.3	37.5
Principal heating equipment					
Steam or hot water furnace	9.6	9.5	10.3	10.8	9.4
Hot air furnace	65.0	66.2	65.5	66.7	64.7
Other hot air furnace	..	..	..	..	..
Heating stove	F	F	F	F	F
Electric heating	22.9	22.9	22.3	20.6	24.6
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Age of principal heating equipment					
5 years old and under	17.1	19.4	23.7	25.5	27.3
6 to 10 years old	13.6	13.5	14.3	13.5	13.0
Over 10 years old	69.3	67.1	62.1	61.0	59.8
Principal heating fuel					
Oil or other liquid fuel	F	F	F	F	F
Natural gas	61.8	59.3	58.5	59.3	56.3
Bottled gas	F	F	F	F	F
Electricity	32.7	36.1	34.8	35.9	39.3
Wood	3.0	F	3.2	F	F
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Principal heating fuel for hot water					
Oil or other liquid fuel	F	F	F	F	F
Natural gas	54.2	52.8	51.9	52.9	50.0
Electricity	44.4	46.1	47.1	45.0	48.3
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Principal cooking fuel					
Natural gas	2.5	3.3	2.7	3.2	3.2
Electricity	97.1	96.6	97.3	96.6	96.7
Other	F	F	F	F	F

Note(s): Beginning with 2006, the reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Table 11-9
Dwelling characteristics at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Saskatchewan

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Single detached	76.0	76.5	74.1	75.7	74.0
Single attached	5.5	4.7	4.6	6.7	4.9
Apartment	16.1	16.8	19.1	15.4	18.7
Other type of dwelling	2.5	F	F	F	F
Dwellings needing major repairs	7.5	8.0	9.2	11.0	12.6
Dwellings needing minor repairs	23.3	19.3	21.9	25.3	19.9
Dwellings needing no repairs	69.3	72.8	68.9	63.7	67.5
Owned dwelling	73.9	74.5	72.5	74.8	71.8
With mortgage(s)	33.9	32.5	31.4	33.8	34.2
Without mortgage	40.0	42.0	41.1	41.0	37.6
Rented dwelling	26.1	25.5	27.5	25.2	28.2
Dwellings with 1 to 4 rooms	20.8	19.3	20.9	19.6	21.3
Dwellings with 5 rooms	18.1	14.4	16.0	17.8	15.0
Dwellings with 6 rooms	15.3	17.9	13.3	15.7	14.6
Dwellings with 7 or more rooms	45.7	48.4	49.8	46.9	49.2
Bathrooms	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0
1	53.7	49.0	53.8	54.6	52.0
2 or more	46.3	51.0	46.1	45.4	48.0
Principal heating equipment					
Steam or hot water furnace	13.5	13.5	13.8	12.0	15.4
Hot air furnace	80.4	82.2	81.2	82.2	78.9
Other hot air furnace	..	..	..	..	..
Heating stove	F	F	F	F	F
Electric heating	4.2	3.4	3.1	3.3	4.6
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Age of principal heating equipment					
5 years old and under	21.2	22.9	28.3	30.0	28.3
6 to 10 years old	13.2	13.8	13.2	14.2	14.6
Over 10 years old	65.6	63.3	58.5	55.8	57.0
Principal heating fuel					
Oil or other liquid fuel	4.3	3.0	3.2	3.3	F
Natural gas	86.0	89.6	86.3	85.5	86.5
Bottled gas	F	F	F	F	F
Electricity	5.5	4.9	5.2	5.7	7.4
Wood	F	F	2.3	F	F
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Principal heating fuel for hot water					
Oil or other liquid fuel	F	F	F	F	F
Natural gas	79.4	79.2	79.4	81.4	81.2
Electricity	19.5	19.7	18.8	17.1	17.5
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Principal cooking fuel					
Natural gas	3.9	4.2	8.1	4.9	3.6
Electricity	96.0	95.5	91.7	94.8	95.7
Other	F	F	F	F	F

Note(s): Beginning with 2006, the reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Table 11-10
Dwelling characteristics at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Alberta

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Single detached	66.0	64.5	63.6	64.6	64.6
Single attached	11.7	9.3	10.9	8.9	10.7
Apartment	19.2	21.4	21.2	22.1	19.8
Other type of dwelling	3.1	4.7	4.3	4.4	5.0
Dwellings needing major repairs	4.9	5.0	7.0	9.6	7.9
Dwellings needing minor repairs	14.4	17.3	16.5	16.4	14.8
Dwellings needing no repairs	80.7	77.7	76.5	73.9	77.3
Owned dwelling	72.2	74.0	74.1	72.9	72.5
With mortgage(s)	42.6	40.5	43.3	41.2	40.6
Without mortgage	29.5	33.5	30.8	31.7	31.9
Rented dwelling	27.8	26.0	25.9	27.1	27.5
Dwellings with 1 to 4 rooms	22.1	22.2	19.8	20.2	20.7
Dwellings with 5 rooms	13.2	13.8	16.3	16.8	14.0
Dwellings with 6 rooms	15.2	16.9	15.1	14.2	13.6
Dwellings with 7 or more rooms	49.5	47.1	48.7	48.9	51.7
Bathrooms	99.9	99.9	100.0	99.8	100.0
1	41.9	40.7	41.2	41.9	42.7
2 or more	58.0	59.2	58.8	57.9	57.3
Principal heating equipment					
Steam or hot water furnace	12.8	15.2	15.4	14.2	14.9
Hot air furnace	84.5	82.7	80.8	82.2	80.2
Other hot air furnace	..	..	..	..	..
Heating stove	F	F	F	F	F
Electric heating	F	F	2.5	F	F
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Age of principal heating equipment					
5 years old and under	30.5	27.9	29.4	27.1	26.2
6 to 10 years old	15.5	16.7	18.4	16.3	13.7
Over 10 years old	54.0	55.4	52.2	56.5	60.1
Principal heating fuel					
Oil or other liquid fuel	F	F	F	F	F
Natural gas	94.6	96.2	91.0	92.0	92.1
Bottled gas	F	F	F	F	F
Electricity	2.8	2.0	4.0	2.4	4.5
Wood	F	F	F	F	F
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Principal heating fuel for hot water					
Oil or other liquid fuel	F	F	F	F	F
Natural gas	93.0	94.2	88.6	91.0	90.6
Electricity	5.8	5.1	9.7	5.9	7.3
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Principal cooking fuel					
Natural gas	7.7	10.1	11.7	9.1	10.6
Electricity	92.0	89.7	88.2	90.5	89.1
Other	F	F	F	F	F

Note(s): Beginning with 2006, the reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Table 11-11
Dwelling characteristics at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — British Columbia

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Single detached	56.6	54.3	56.3	55.1	57.4
Single attached	9.3	9.7	10.2	9.7	9.4
Apartment	30.3	31.9	29.3	30.9	28.0
Other type of dwelling	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.3	5.2
Dwellings needing major repairs	7.1	8.6	9.4	9.7	7.7
Dwellings needing minor repairs	13.7	15.2	14.2	13.4	11.6
Dwellings needing no repairs	79.2	76.2	76.3	77.0	80.7
Owned dwelling	66.6	65.3	66.9	67.8	68.1
With mortgage(s)	36.8	36.5	35.9	34.8	34.2
Without mortgage	29.7	28.8	31.1	32.9	33.9
Rented dwelling	33.4	34.7	33.1	32.2	31.9
Dwellings with 1 to 4 rooms	29.8	31.4	28.6	28.8	29.9
Dwellings with 5 rooms	14.7	14.7	15.1	15.5	17.9
Dwellings with 6 rooms	14.7	12.6	12.0	14.7	13.3
Dwellings with 7 or more rooms	40.9	41.3	44.3	41.0	38.9
Bathrooms	99.5	99.4	100.0	99.9	99.3
1	47.3	48.1	46.4	47.9	42.9
2 or more	52.2	51.3	53.6	52.0	56.4
Principal heating equipment					
Steam or hot water furnace	13.2	14.7	15.5	18.9	16.1
Hot air furnace	52.6	53.6	52.1	51.0	50.3
Other hot air furnace	..	..	..	..	..
Heating stove	5.4	4.6	4.2	4.4	4.6
Electric heating	27.3	26.7	28.1	25.5	28.7
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Age of principal heating equipment					
5 years old and under	15.4	19.4	19.3	19.5	24.5
6 to 10 years old	17.3	15.0	14.4	13.3	10.6
Over 10 years old	67.3	65.6	66.3	67.1	64.9
Principal heating fuel					
Oil or other liquid fuel	6.0	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2
Natural gas	54.8	59.3	58.9	59.5	56.0
Bottled gas	F	F	F	F	F
Electricity	31.5	29.7	31.9	30.8	33.8
Wood	5.2	4.2	3.5	4.0	4.2
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Principal heating fuel for hot water					
Oil or other liquid fuel	F	F	F	F	F
Natural gas	56.9	59.8	61.2	64.3	61.3
Electricity	39.9	37.2	36.2	33.9	36.7
Other	F	F	F	F	F
Principal cooking fuel					
Natural gas	9.2	10.5	12.5	10.3	12.1
Electricity	89.6	87.3	86.6	88.8	87.1
Other	F	2.2	F	F	F

Note(s): Beginning with 2006, the reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Table 11-12
Dwelling characteristics at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Yukon

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Single detached	..	62.6	..	66.4	..
Single attached	..	8.9	..	F	..
Apartment	..	18.5	..	18.2	..
Other type of dwelling	..	10.0	..	F	..
Dwellings needing major repairs	..	18.1	..	F	..
Dwellings needing minor repairs	..	18.4	..	12.8	..
Dwellings needing no repairs	..	63.5	..	76.9	..
Owned dwelling	..	62.1	..	62.1	..
With mortgage(s)	..	33.8	..	39.2	..
Without mortgage	..	28.3	..	22.9	..
Rented dwelling	..	37.9	..	37.9	..
Dwellings with 1 to 4 rooms	..	32.3	..	17.4	..
Dwellings with 5 rooms	..	14.9	..	20.6	..
Dwellings with 6 rooms	..	21.0	..	18.2	..
Dwellings with 7 or more rooms	..	31.8	..	43.8	..
Bathrooms	..	96.2	..	99.6	..
1	..	63.4	..	64.9	..
2 or more	..	32.7	..	34.6	..
Principal heating equipment
Steam or hot water furnace	..	13.7	..	14.3	..
Hot air furnace	..	54.1	..	60.6	..
Other hot air furnace
Heating stove	..	19.5	..	F	..
Electric heating	..	12.6	..	11.7	..
Other	..	F	..	F	..
Age of principal heating equipment
5 years old and under	..	14.9	..	19.2	..
6 to 10 years old	..	19.7	..	F	..
Over 10 years old	..	65.4	..	70.1	..
Principal heating fuel
Oil or other liquid fuel	..	64.4	..	60.3	..
Natural gas	..	F	..	F	..
Bottled gas	..	F	..	F	..
Electricity	..	12.9	..	15.1	..
Wood	..	17.7	..	F	..
Other	..	F	..	F	..
Principal heating fuel for hot water
Oil or other liquid fuel	..	14.2	..	11.1	..
Natural gas	..	F	..	F	..
Electricity	..	76.0	..	79.2	..
Other	..	F	..	F	..
Principal cooking fuel
Natural gas	..	F	..	F	..
Electricity	..	91.3	..	93.7	..
Other	..	F	..	F	..

Note(s): Beginning with 2006, the reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Table 11-13
Dwelling characteristics at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Northwest Territories

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Single detached	..	56.8	..	49.8	..
Single attached	..	12.6	..	16.7	..
Apartment	..	18.2	..	19.7	..
Other type of dwelling	..	12.4	..	13.9	..
Dwellings needing major repairs	..	F	..	17.4	..
Dwellings needing minor repairs	..	18.4	..	29.6	..
Dwellings needing no repairs	..	74.3	..	52.9	..
Owned dwelling	..	60.9	..	59.1	..
With mortgage(s)	..	41.8	..	38.1	..
Without mortgage	..	19.1	..	21.0	..
Rented dwelling	..	39.1	..	40.9	..
Dwellings with 1 to 4 rooms	..	30.1	..	38.4	..
Dwellings with 5 rooms	..	25.0	..	16.5	..
Dwellings with 6 rooms	..	19.3	..	22.2	..
Dwellings with 7 or more rooms	..	25.6	..	22.9	..
Bathrooms	..	99.4	..	100.0	..
1	..	61.1	..	65.9	..
2 or more	..	38.3	..	34.1	..
Principal heating equipment					
Steam or hot water furnace	..	28.2	..	35.1	..
Hot air furnace	..	61.0	..	58.1	..
Other hot air furnace
Heating stove	..	F	..	F	..
Electric heating	..	F	..	F	..
Other	..	F	..	F	..
Age of principal heating equipment					
5 years old and under	..	32.7	..	35.1	..
6 to 10 years old	..	13.8	..	12.5	..
Over 10 years old	..	53.5	..	52.4	..
Principal heating fuel					
Oil or other liquid fuel	..	72.6	..	72.6	..
Natural gas	..	F	..	F	..
Bottled gas	..	17.4	..	16.1	..
Electricity	..	F	..	F	..
Wood	..	F	..	F	..
Other	..	F	..	F	..
Principal heating fuel for hot water					
Oil or other liquid fuel	..	29.7	..	32.0	..
Natural gas	..	F	..	F	..
Electricity	..	54.2	..	48.9	..
Other	..	16.1	..	19.2	..
Principal cooking fuel					
Natural gas	..	F	..	F	..
Electricity	..	94.5	..	91.8	..
Other	..	F	..	F	..

Note(s): Beginning with 2006, the reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Table 11-14
Dwelling characteristics at the time of interview, Canada, provinces and territories, recent years — Nunavut

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	percent				
Single detached	..	46.5	..	56.0	..
Single attached	..	26.1	..	27.6	..
Apartment	..	27.4	..	F	..
Other type of dwelling	..	F	..	F	..
Dwellings needing major repairs	..	F	..	19.8	..
Dwellings needing minor repairs	..	26.9	..	28.1	..
Dwellings needing no repairs	..	59.8	..	52.1	..
Owned dwelling	..	F	..	23.2	..
With mortgage(s)	..	F	..	F	..
Without mortgage	..	F	..	F	..
Rented dwelling	..	85.2	..	76.8	..
Dwellings with 1 to 4 rooms	..	41.3	..	41.5	..
Dwellings with 5 rooms	..	26.0	..	24.6	..
Dwellings with 6 rooms	..	F	..	17.7	..
Dwellings with 7 or more rooms	..	20.1	..	16.2	..
Bathrooms	..	100.0	..	100.0	..
1	..	93.9	..	91.4	..
2 or more	..	F	..	F	..
Principal heating equipment					
Steam or hot water furnace	..	52.5	..	40.6	..
Hot air furnace	..	41.7	..	55.6	..
Other hot air furnace
Heating stove	..	F	..	F	..
Electric heating	..	F	..	F	..
Other	..	F	..	F	..
Age of principal heating equipment					
5 years old and under	..	19.3	..	32.5	..
6 to 10 years old	..	31.5	..	F	..
Over 10 years old	..	49.2	..	57.9	..
Principal heating fuel					
Oil or other liquid fuel	..	93.9	..	82.4	..
Natural gas	..	F	..	F	..
Bottled gas	..	F	..	F	..
Electricity	..	F	..	F	..
Wood	..	F	..	F	..
Other	..	F	..	F	..
Principal heating fuel for hot water					
Oil or other liquid fuel	..	58.1	..	60.1	..
Natural gas	..	F	..	F	..
Electricity	..	41.5	..	38.8	..
Other	..	F	..	F	..
Principal cooking fuel					
Natural gas	..	F	..	F	..
Electricity	..	100.0	..	99.1	..
Other	..	F	..	F	..

Note(s): Beginning with 2006, the reference date for household composition, tenure, dwelling characteristics and household equipment are as of the time of the interview instead of December 31st of the reference year. The distinction between full-year and part-year members and households has been removed.

Survey methodology

The survey universe

The 2008 Survey of Household Spending was carried out in private households in Canada's 10 provinces.¹

The following groups were excluded from the survey:

- those living on Indian reserves and crown lands (with the exception of the territories);
- official representatives of foreign countries living in Canada and their families;
- members of religious and other communal colonies;
- members of the Canadian Forces living in military camps; and
- persons living full time in institutions: for example, inmates of penal institutions and chronic care patients living in hospitals and nursing homes.

The survey covers about 98% of the population in the 10 provinces.

Similar to the 2006 and 2007 surveys, spending data were collected for every household member at the time of the interview, including those who joined the household in 2008 and 2009 regardless of whether the previous household existed or the person was living alone. Data were not collected for those who left the household in 2008 or 2009.

As a result, an important difference between the 2006-2008 Survey of Household spending and previous years methodology is the elimination of the distinction between "part-year" and "full-year" members and households.

Persons temporarily living away from their families (for example, students at university) were included in the household to avoid double counting.

Survey content and reference period

Detailed information was collected about household expenditures for consumer goods and services, changes in assets, mortgages and other loans, and annual income. This information was collected for the calendar year 2008 (the survey reference year).

Information was also collected about dwelling characteristics (e.g., type, age and tenure of the dwelling) and household equipment (e.g. appliances, communications equipment, etc.). The reference date for this information was the time of the interview.

Because the Survey of Household Spending is designed principally to provide detailed information on non-food expenditures, only an overall estimate of food expenditure is recorded. Detailed information on food expenditure is provided by the Food Expenditure Survey which was last conducted in 2001. In February 2003, the results were published in **Food Expenditure in Canada, 2001**, Catalogue no. 62-554-X.

1. In order to reduce response burden for northern households, the Survey of Household Spending is conducted in the north only for odd-numbered reference years, starting with 1999.

The sample

The sample size for the 2008 Survey of Household Spending was 15,443 eligible households. This is a smaller sample than previous years and in comparison with 2007 it is smaller by 28%. The reduction of the sample size compared with previous years will have an impact on the data quality, in particular the variance will in most cases be larger than before. The sample was reduced for budgetary reasons, to free up resources to develop the new Survey of Household Spending Redesign which will eventually replace the existing survey design. The current plan is to have one more survey of the old design for reference year 2009, and beginning with reference year 2010 the new survey design will replace the existing survey.

The Survey of Household Spending sample was a stratified, multi-stage sample selected from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) sampling frame. Sample selection comprised two main steps: the selection of clusters (small geographic areas) from the LFS frame and the selection of dwellings within these selected clusters. The current LFS sampling frame is based on 2001 Census geography and 2001 Census population counts.²

Data collection

The 2008 Survey of Household Spending was conducted from January to April 2009. Data were collected by computer assisted personal interview (CAPI) using a lap-top personal computer. A copy of this questionnaire is available on the Statistics Canada website.

Data processing and quality control

Due to the introduction of the new electronic CAPI questionnaire beginning in the reference year 2006, changes were made to the data processing and quality control steps.

Similar to the past two years surveys, for the Survey of Household Spending for 2008, the interviewers recorded the information provided by the respondents using a laptop and performed the initial editing at the same time. For example, the range edit provided a minimum and maximum amount for certain purchases and was triggered if the amount entered by the interviewer was unusual. Other edits indicated inconsistencies in responses, e.g. if the household tenure was “renter” but no rent was paid. In addition to automatic edits built into the electronic questionnaire, a balance edit comparing total revenues, expenses and changes in assets and liabilities performed by the interviewer acted as a check on data quality.

The next stage of editing was done in the head office to verify unusual or high values and inconsistencies, and to correct invalid responses.

If a household indicated that it had an expense but could not provide the amount, these missing responses were imputed using the nearest neighbour method. Statistics Canada's Canadian Census Edit and Imputation System (CANCEIS) was used to insert values from donor records having similar characteristics, chosen specifically to fit the variable. For example, total household income was used for most variables; dwelling type, household size and province were also frequently used to identify suitable donor records.

Tabulation of the 2008 Survey of Household Spending results was completed using a PC/client server-based system. This system provides tools (database querying, searching, and viewing capabilities) for spotting systematic errors.

2. A detailed description of the previous Labour Force Survey sampling frame can be found in **Methodology of the Canadian Labour Force Survey**, Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. 71-526-X.

Weighting, re-weighting, and census historical revision of Survey of Household Spending

Users should note that the estimates for the SHS reference years 1997 to 2003 have been revised. These revisions were published along with the 2005 survey results in December 2006.

The estimation of population characteristics from a sample survey is based on the idea that each sampled household represents a certain number of other households in addition to itself. These numbers are called the survey weights of the sample. To improve the representativity of the sample, the weights are adjusted so that the estimates from the sample are in line with population totals, or benchmarks, from other independent sources of information that are considered reliable. This is called weight calibration.

SHS uses two sources for calibration. The first source is the Census of Population which provides demographic benchmarks. From 1997 to 2003, SHS used benchmarks derived from the 1996 Census. Beginning with the 2004 reference year, the SHS uses survey weights which take into account new population projections from the 2001 Census. In order to make these estimates comparable over time, the weights for all previous SHS have been revised using the new 2001 Census data.

The second source used for adjusting the survey weights for SHS are T4 data from the Canada Revenue Agency, which ensures that the estimated distribution of earners in the survey matches the one in the Canadian population.

The current calibration strategy is as follows:

- Age
At the provincial level there are controls for 8 age groups (0-6, 7-17, 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+).
At the CMA level: two age groups (0-17, 18+).
- There are controls for three size of household categories (one person, two persons, 3+).
- T4 adjustments are made to the weights of the population for income from wages and salaries (0-25th percentile, 25th-50th, 50th-65th, 65th-75th, 75th-95th, 95th-100th).

Due to their smaller population, only two age groups are used for the three northern territories: number of persons under 18 and number of persons 18 and older. The weights are also calibrated to the totals for one-person households, two-person households and households with three or more persons. Before the historical re-weighting the calibration strategy varied slightly between the territories and between survey years. The northern calibration is now consistent across all three territories and over time.

The weights and calibration strategy were implemented for the Survey of Household Spending for the years 1997 and onward resulting in revised estimates of household spending for each year up to 2003. Users of SHS data should take care to make comparisons using the re-weighted data.

Text table 1
Original estimated number of full and part-year households, based on 1996 Census weights

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
	numbers						
Canada ¹	11,221,227	11,385,222	11,552,977	11,699,362	11,896,557	12,021,013	12,214,126
Newfoundland and Labrador	189,138	190,030	191,891	193,692	194,998	196,453	197,677
Prince Edward Island	49,339	50,019	51,006	51,799	52,448	53,250	53,969
Nova Scotia	349,091	352,961	357,353	361,659	364,324	366,848	369,239
New Brunswick	277,031	279,682	283,184	286,263	288,366	290,091	291,673
Quebec	2,902,845	2,938,854	2,977,261	3,018,523	3,053,742	3,082,905	3,116,623
Ontario	4,115,761	4,181,203	4,254,506	4,334,014	4,412,794	4,487,227	4,559,915
Manitoba	413,666	416,425	419,719	422,423	423,636	424,291	427,622
Saskatchewan	375,557	378,968	380,244	381,204	380,959	380,171	380,143
Alberta	1,024,900	1,051,985	1,072,212	1,093,188	1,116,318	1,139,820	1,162,794
British Columbia	1,500,180	1,517,346	1,537,226	1,556,597	1,578,460	1,599,957	1,623,170
Yukon Territory ^{2, 5}	9,196	9,292	9,313	..	10,322	..	10,509
Northwest Territories ^{3, 4, 5}	14,523	11,318	11,685	..	13,155	..	13,785
Nunavut ^{4, 5}	..	7,139	7,377	..	7,035	..	7,007

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.
2. In 1997, survey coverage in the Yukon Territory corresponded to 78% of the population.
3. In 1997, survey coverage in the Northwest Territories corresponded to 70% of the population.
4. The 1997 estimates for the Northwest Territories include Nunavut.
5. Data for the territories were collected in 1997, 1998, 1999, and every second year starting with 2001.

Text table 2
Revised estimated number of full and part-year households, based on 2001 Census weights

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
	number						
Canada ¹	11,150,530	11,320,550	11,474,790	11,621,740	11,837,380	11,982,470	12,189,300
Newfoundland and Labrador	187,790	188,250	189,420	190,480	191,590	193,630	196,030
Prince Edward Island	49,130	49,630	50,240	50,720	51,260	51,910	52,610
Nova Scotia	348,410	351,710	355,850	359,470	362,640	366,610	370,590
New Brunswick	276,880	279,280	282,380	285,080	287,480	290,550	293,210
Quebec	2,884,120	2,916,170	2,951,180	2,991,170	3,033,140	3,075,940	3,121,100
Ontario	4,094,120	4,148,230	4,211,840	4,290,900	4,374,750	4,450,240	4,519,010
Manitoba	415,090	418,400	422,420	426,500	429,710	434,060	438,840
Saskatchewan	372,980	374,300	373,890	373,260	372,730	373,090	374,670
Alberta	1,027,060	1,053,210	1,077,070	1,103,530	1,130,480	1,153,560	1,175,680
British Columbia	1,494,960	1,512,300	1,531,080	1,550,630	1,573,290	1,592,880	1,615,500
Yukon Territory ^{2, 5}	10,620	10,540	10,560	..	10,710	..	11,150
Northwest Territories ^{3, 4, 5}	18,390	12,350	12,450	..	12,770	..	13,620
Nunavut ^{4, 5}	..	6,180	6,430	..	6,840	..	7,280

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5. Data for the territories were collected in 1997, 1998, 1999, and every second year starting with 2001.

Data quality

Sampling error

Sampling errors occur because inferences about the entire population are based on information obtained from only a sample of the population. The sample design, the variability of the data, and the sample size determine the size of the sampling error. In addition, for a given sample design, different methods of estimation will result in different sampling errors.

The design for the 2008 Survey of Household Spending was a stratified multi-stage sampling scheme. The sampling errors for multi-stage sampling are usually higher than for a simple random sample of the same size. However, the operational advantages outweigh this disadvantage, and the fact that the sample is also stratified improves the precision of estimates.

Data variability is the difference between members of the population with respect to spending on a specific item or the presence of a specific dwelling characteristic or piece of household equipment. In general, the greater these differences are, the larger the sampling error will be. In addition, the larger the sample size, the smaller the sampling error.

Standard error and coefficient of variation

A common measure of sampling error is the standard error (SE). Standard error is the degree of variation in the estimates as a result of selecting one particular sample rather than another of the same size and design. It has been shown that the “true” value of the characteristic of interest lies within a range of +/- 1 standard error of the estimate for 68% of all samples, and +/- 2 standard errors for 95% of all samples.

The coefficient of variation (CV) is the standard error expressed as a percentage of the estimate. It is used to indicate the degree of uncertainty associated with an estimate. For example, if the estimate of the number of households having a given dwelling characteristic is 10,000 households, and the corresponding CV is 5%, then the true value is between 9,500 and 10,500 households, 68% of the time and between 9,000 and 11,000 households, 95% of the time.

Standard errors for the 2008 Survey of Household Spending were estimated using the “bootstrap” method. This method is suitable for variance estimation of non-smooth statistics such as quintiles. For more information on standard errors and coefficients of variation, refer to the Statistics Canada publication, **Methodology of the Canadian Labour Force Survey**, Catalogue no. 71-526-X.

Users should note that the variance of the estimates for the 2008 survey, and hence the CV's, are in general larger than in previous years due to the reduced sample size.

Data Suppression

For reliability reasons, estimates with CVs greater than 33% are suppressed. Since CVs are not calculated for all estimates, data suppression for the Survey of Household Spending is based on a relationship between the CV and the number of households reporting expenditure on an item. Analysis of past survey results indicates that CVs usually reach 33% when the number of households reporting an item drops to about 30. Therefore, data are suppressed for spending on items reported by fewer than 30 households.

However, data for suppressed items do contribute to summary level variables. For example, the expenditure for a particular category of clothing might be suppressed but this amount forms part of the total estimate for clothing expenditure.

Again, because of the reduced sample size, there will be more cells suppressed than in previous years, particularly for small areas such as Metro Areas.

Non-sampling error

Non-sampling errors occur because certain factors make it difficult to obtain accurate responses or responses that retain their accuracy throughout processing. Unlike sampling error, non-sampling error is not readily quantified. Four sources of non-sampling error can be identified: coverage error, response error, non-response error, and processing error.

Coverage error

Coverage error results from inadequate representation of the intended population. This error may occur during sample design or selection, or during data collection and processing.

Response error

Response error may be due to many factors, including faulty design of the questionnaire, interviewers' or respondents' misinterpretation of questions, or respondents' faulty reporting.

Several features of the survey help respondents recall their expenditures as accurately as possible. First, the survey period is the calendar year because it is probably more clearly defined in people's minds than any other period of similar length. Second, expenditure on food can be estimated as either weekly or monthly expenses depending on the respondent's purchasing habits. Third, expenses on smaller items purchased at regular intervals are usually estimated on the basis of amount and frequency of purchase. Purchases of large items (automobiles, for example) are recalled fairly easily, as are expenditures on rent, property taxes, and monthly payments on mortgages. However, even with these items, the accuracy of data depends on the respondent's ability to remember and willingness to consult records.

In the Survey of Household Spending, the difference between receipts and disbursements is calculated as a check on respondents' recall. This important quality control tool involves the balancing of receipts (income and other money received by the household) and disbursements (total expenditure plus the variable Money flows—assets, loans, and other debts) for each questionnaire. If the difference is greater than 30% of the larger of receipts or disbursements, the record is considered unusable and therefore will not be used.

In 2007, in order to reduce respondent's burden, new screening questions were added to the questionnaire for some categories. Since the answers to these questions were 'yes' or 'no', where the response was negative, the interviewer would skip the remaining parts of the question and would go to the next one. This would result in saving time and a shorter interview.

The addition of the screening questions did not change the reporting percentage for most categories. However we have noted that for the 2007 survey in a few categories, it resulted in a lower than expected percentage reporting and therefore lower averages for that category. These screening questions were modified for the 2008 survey questionnaire. The modifications have resulted in higher percentage reporting and higher averages for 2008 in these categories which seem to have restored a normal level of response and average spending similar to the years prior to 2007. The following is a list of the categories where the screening questions affected the response rate in the 2007 survey:

- Cooking equipment

- Microwave ovens
- Sewing machines, vacuum cleaners
- Home and workshop tools and equipment
- Other lawn, garden/and snow removal tools
- Use of recreational facilities
- Maps, sheet music and other printed matter
- Education, (supplies, textbooks, text books for post-secondary, tuition fees for post secondary and other educational services)
- Games of chance

Users should therefore be aware that for these categories, decreases between 2006 and 2007 and increases between 2007 and 2008 are likely the result of the way the question was asked in 2007 and should discount these changes. The exception appears to be “Maps”, where the decrease has persisted and may represent a real change in purchase patterns because of new GPS technology.

Non-response error

Non-response error occurs in sample surveys because not all potential respondents provide complete information.

Total non-response occurs when the interviewer is unable to contact the respondent, no member of the household is able to provide information, or the respondent refuses to participate in the survey. Total non-response is handled by adjusting the basic survey weight for responding households to compensate for non-responding households. For the 2008 Survey of Household Spending, the overall response rate of usable questionnaires was 63.4% See “Table 1” for provincial response rates.

This was the lowest response rate yet obtained for this survey since it began in 1997. Most surveys in Canada and in most western nations have been observing declining response rates for many years now, and the Survey of Household Spending has not been exempt from this trend.

In most cases, partial non-response occurs when the respondent does not understand or misinterprets a question, refuses to answer a question, or is unable to recall the requested information. Imputing missing values compensates for this partial non-response.

The importance of the non-response error is unknown but in general this error is significant when a group of people with particular characteristics in common refuse to cooperate and where those characteristics are important determinants of survey results.

Text table 1
Response rates, 2008

	Eligible households ¹	Non-contacts	Refusals	Unusables ²	Usables	Response rate ³
	number					percent
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,356	98	254	37	967	71.3
Prince Edward Island	786	44	189	17	536	68.2
Nova Scotia	1,466	144	351	61	910	62.1
New Brunswick	1,307	138	262	45	862	66.0
Quebec	1,948	143	505	48	1,252	64.3
Ontario	2,338	283	614	89	1,352	57.8
Manitoba	1,479	222	302	37	918	62.1
Saskatchewan	1,453	156	285	26	986	67.9
Alberta	1,521	197	368	86	870	57.2
British Columbia	1,789	216	363	76	1,134	63.4
Canada	15,443	1,641	3,493	522	9,787	63.4

1. There is no longer distinction between part-year and full-year households.
2. Rejected at the editing stage.
3. Usable/eligible*100

Processing error

Processing errors may occur in any of the data processing stages, for example, during data entry, editing, weighting, and tabulation. See “Data processing and quality control” for a description of the steps taken to reduce processing error.

The effect of large values

For any sample, estimates can be affected by the presence or absence of extreme values from the population. These extreme values are most likely to arise from positively skewed populations. The nature of the subject matter of the SHS lends itself to such extreme values. Estimates of totals, averages and standard errors may be greatly influenced by the presence or absence of these extremes.

Comparability over time

Conducted since 1997, the Survey of Household Spending integrates most of the content found in the Family Expenditure Survey and the Household Facilities and Equipment Survey. Many variables from these two surveys are comparable to those in the Survey of Household Spending. However, some differences related to the methodology, to data quality and to definitions must be considered before making comparisons.

For more information, refer to **Note to Former Users of Data from the Family Expenditure Survey** and **Note to Former Users of Data from the Household Facilities and Equipment Survey**, Catalogue no. 62F0026M. Both documents are available free of charge on the Statistics Canada web site www.statcan.gc.ca.

Historical data from the 1997 to the 2003 surveys of household spending have been re-weighted using the weighting methodology described in the section “Weighting”. Historical comparisons between data from those surveys and data from recent years of the Survey of Household Spending should generally be made with re-weighted data, although the differences between survey estimates from the old and new methodologies appear to be minimal at a summary level. Certain populations or variables, however, may be more strongly affected.

Starting with the 1997 Survey of Household Spending, “Tenant’s maintenance, repair and alterations” and “Insurance premiums” were reduced by the proportion of rent charged to business. This may affect comparisons with data from previous years.

For the 2001 and 2005 reference year, extra questions were included for use in the weighting of the Consumer Price Index. This change may affect some historical comparisons. For example, in 2001 and 2005, questions were added under “Personal care” to collect extra information about hair care products, makeup, fragrances, deodorants and oral hygiene products. As a result of these extra questions, respondents may have given more precise information and the increase in the estimated expenditures for Personal care in those years may have been caused by an improvement in respondent recall. The effect of additional questions on estimates is difficult to quantify. However, in 2002, when the extra questions were removed, the estimate for Personal care spending decreased again. For the 2006 SHS and subsequent years the extra questions of 2005 were retained.

The section of the questionnaire which covers “Repairs and improvements of owned principal residences” was extensively revised in 2004. From 1997 to 2003, this section had three broad questions: “Additions, renovations and other alterations”; “Replacement or new installation of built-in equipment, appliances and fixtures”; and “Repairs and maintenance”. Starting with the 2004 Survey of Household Spending, there were fourteen detailed questions and two columns, giving respondents the opportunity to split the costs for each question between “Repairs and maintenance” and “Improvements and alterations”.

Beginning with the 2006 Survey, computer assisted personal interviews (CAPI) replaced the previous paper questionnaire. The household members, dwelling characteristics and household facilities and equipment are all as of the time of the interview, instead of as of December 31st as in previous years. Household spending were collected for the reference year for all members of the household as of the time of the interview, eliminating the distinction between part-year and full-year members and households. Since the CANSIM tables prior to 2006 were based on full-year households only, in order to maintain the comparability with prior years, the data for 1997-2005 have been revised to include both full-year and part-year.

Definitions

General concepts

Survey universe

The 2008 Survey of Household Spending has two reference periods and therefore two survey universes. Expenditure data are collected for the calendar year 2008. Household members, dwelling characteristics and data about household equipment are collected as of the date of the interview from January until April 2009.

Household

A person or group of persons occupying one dwelling unit is defined as a “household”. The number of households, therefore, equals the number of occupied dwellings. Distinction between full-year and part-year has been dropped beginning in the 2006 reference year.

Household member

Household member was a member of the household at the time of the interview.

Reference person

The household member being interviewed chooses which household member should be listed as the reference person after hearing the following definition. “The household reference person is the member of the household mainly responsible for its financial maintenance (e.g., pays the rent, mortgage, property taxes, and electricity). This person can be either male or female. When all members of the household share equally, any member may be shown as the reference person.” This person must be a member of the household at the time of the interview.

Reimbursed expenditures

These are excluded from the tabulations (e.g., work-related expenses or expenditures covered by insurance).

Expenses attributable to a business

These are excluded from the tabulations.

Negative expenditures

Certain values (Separate sale of automobiles and trucks, winnings from games of chance, and tax refunds) are presented in the data tables as “negative expenditures” since they represent a flow of money into the household instead of out of it.

Expenditures collected

With some minor exceptions, the survey includes spending on all goods and services **received** in 2008 whether paid for before or after 2008 (such as on an installment plan).

Taxes included

All expenditures include the Goods and Services Tax, provincial retail sales taxes, tips, customs, duties and any other additional charges or taxes.

Gifts

Any expenditure may include gifts given to persons outside the household. Only the value of gifts of clothing is reported separately, as well as being included in the summary clothing category. See also the definition of “Gifts of money and contributions”.

Insurance settlements

Where an insurance settlement was used to repair or replace property, the survey includes only the deductible amount paid for an item.

Trade-ins

Where a trade in is used to lower the price of an item, most commonly a vehicle, the expenditure amount is the total cost after the trade in. Real estate transactions are excepted.

Household characteristics

Presented in the same order as they appear on the data tables

Number of households in sample refers to the number of households used for data estimation, which includes the number of households sampled, minus vacant dwellings, ineligible households, households that interviewers were unable to contact, households that refused to be interviewed, and households whose questionnaires did not pass editing procedures.

Caution should be exercised when making year-to-year comparisons since changes may not be statistically significant. In order to determine whether a change is statistically significant, please refer to the section “Data quality” in the User Guide, where information about sampling error as well as coefficients of variation and how to use them is available. Special caution is necessary when using estimates from small sub-groups (such as certain metropolitan areas) where the sample size is less than 200.

Estimated number of households

The estimated (weighted) number of private households on December 31st of the reference year. See “Household” under General concepts.

Average household size

This is the average number of people in a household. In this context, household size is defined as the number of persons who were members of the household at the time of the interview.

Average household income before tax

This includes total household income received in the reference year, income from wages and salaries, self-employment, net rentals, interest and dividends, all pensions, workers' compensation and employment insurance benefits, social assistance and income supplements, child tax benefits, goods and services tax credits, harmonized sales tax credits, provincial tax credits and miscellaneous regular income receipts.

Other money receipts

Refers to other receipts not included in income such as cash gifts, inheritance, or life insurance settlements. Winnings from games of chance are also included if they exceed the amount spent on games of chance.

Money flows—assets, loans and other debts

Includes net changes during the reference year (calendar year 2008) in bank balances; money on hand; money owed to the household; money owed by the household; purchase and sale of stocks and bonds, personal property, and real estate; expenditures on home improvements and alterations; and contributions to and withdrawals from registered retirement savings plans.

The Family Expenditure Survey, last conducted in 1996, had a similar variable called Average net change in assets and liabilities. For a complete description of the differences between the two variables, see **Note to Former Users of Data from the Family Expenditure Survey** (Catalogue no. 62F0026M) available free on the Statistics Canada website (www.statcan.gc.ca).

Percentage homeowners (at the time of the interview)

The percentage of households living in a dwelling owned (with or without a mortgage) by a member of the household at the time of the interview.

Average age of reference person

Acts as a general age indicator for the household and uses the reference year minus the reference person's year of birth. Prior to 1996, in the Family Expenditure Survey, the age of the husband was used for couple households and the age of the reference person for all other households. See "Reference person" under General Concepts.

Selected household expenditures

Presented in the same order as they appear on the data tables

All expenditures are total expenses for the reference year.

Total expenditure

Includes Total current consumption, Personal taxes, Personal insurance payments and pension contributions, and Gifts of money and contributions.

Caution should be used when comparing total expenditure to total expenditure from 1996 and earlier. See **Note to Former Users of Data from the Family Expenditure Survey** (Catalogue no. 62F0026M) available free on the Statistics Canada website (www.statcan.gc.ca).

Total current consumption

Shows the expenses incurred during the reference year for food, shelter, household operations, household furnishings and equipment, clothing, transportation, health care, personal care, recreation, reading materials, education, tobacco products and alcoholic beverages, games of chance, and a miscellaneous group of items.

Caution should be used when comparing total current consumption to total current consumption from 1996 and earlier. Prior to 1997, expenditures for gifts were not included in total current consumption. Starting in 1997, these expenditures are reported in the appropriate spending category and therefore contribute to total current consumption. See also “Shelter” and “Miscellaneous expenditures”.

Food purchased from stores

“Stores” also includes frozen food provisioners, outdoor farmers’ markets and stands, and all other non service establishments.

Food purchased from restaurants

“Restaurants” also includes refreshment stands, snack bars, vending machines, mobile canteens, caterers and coffee wagons.

Shelter

Includes expenditures on principal accommodation (either owned or rented) and on other accommodation such as vacation homes or accommodation while travelling.

Expenditure on owned principal accommodation includes regular mortgage payments, if any. This definition of shelter differs from that of the Family Expenditure Survey last conducted in 1996. See **Note to Former Users of Data from the Family Expenditure Survey** (Catalogue no. 62F0026M) available free on the Statistics Canada website (www.statcan.gc.ca).

Rent

Refers to the net household expense for rent after adjusting for rebates and for any use of the dwelling for business. No adjustment for partial subletting to non household members is made. Receipts from this activity are considered part of household income.

Tenants’ insurance/Homeowners’ insurance

The premiums paid in 2008 for fire and comprehensive policies. Premiums covering more than the reference year were not prorated.

Repairs and maintenance (owned living quarters)

Covers expenditures for labour and materials for all types of repairs and maintenance. This variable includes expenditures to repair and maintain built-in equipment, appliances and fixtures. Money spent on alterations and improvements is considered to contribute to an increase in assets and is included in Money flows—assets, loans and other debts.

An annual data series from 1987 to 2002 (with the exception of 2000) showing household expenditures on repairs and renovations is available from the Homeowner Repair and Renovation Survey (HRRS). However, this survey was cancelled permanently in 2003. The HRRS had been an annual source of detailed estimates of repairs and renovations expenses. See **Homeowner Repair and Renovation Expenditure**, Catalogue no. 62-201 and **Estimating homeowners' expenses on repairs and renovations: recent changes in approach**, Catalogue no. 62F0026M.

Property taxes and sewage charges

Refers to the amount billed, excluding any rebates. Special service charges (e.g., garbage, sewage), local improvements, and water charges are included if these are part of the property tax bill. Property taxes that are included in condominium charges are excluded.

Electricity

Respondents sometimes report household electricity payments together with their water and sewage payments. This affects estimates of average household expenditure and percentage reporting for "Electricity" and "Water and sewage". The summary category "Water, fuel and electricity" is unaffected.

Traveller accommodation

Excludes accommodation that was part of a travel tour (which is included in Package travel tours).

Household appliances

Refers to the net purchase price after deducting trade-in allowance and any discount. This variable excludes appliances included in the purchase of a home and built-in appliances. Expenditures for the purchase and installation of built-in household equipment, appliances and fixtures (e.g., built-in appliances and wall-to-wall-carpeting) are included with home improvements and alterations.

Purchase of automobiles and trucks

Refers to the net purchase price, including extra equipment, accessories, and warranties bought when the vehicle was purchased, after deducting any trade-in allowance or separate sales. (Separate sales occur when a vehicle is sold independently by the owner, e.g., not traded in when purchasing or leasing another vehicle.)

Health care

Includes direct (out-of-pocket) costs and expenditures on insurance premiums. The distinction between premiums for private health insurance plans and publicly funded (provincial) plans is not always clear to respondents. Interviewers are trained to assist, but the variations in coverage and administration among the various provincial health care regimes makes this a difficult task. For this reason, more confidence can be placed in the overall estimate for Health insurance premiums than in the components: Public hospital, medical and drug plans and Private health insurance plans.

Package travel tours

This includes at least two components such as transportation and accommodation, or accommodation with food and beverages.

Tobacco and smokers' supplies

This includes cigarettes, tobacco, cigars, matches, pipes, lighters, ashtrays, cigarette papers and tubes, etc.

Alcoholic beverages

This includes those purchased from stores and restaurants. Also included are expenditures on supplies and fees for self-made beer, wine or liquor. Purchases of alcoholic beverages may be under-reported.

Games of chance (net)

Equal the sum of expenditures on all types of games of chance minus the sum of winnings from all types of games of chance. If total winnings are greater than total expenditures, the amount to be subtracted from expenditures is set to \$1 less than the expenditures and the value of the remaining winnings is moved to the variable "Other money receipts".

Miscellaneous expenditures

Expenses on other owned property (not principal accommodation or vacation home), legal services not related to dwellings, financial services, dues to unions and professional associations, contributions and dues for social clubs and other organizations, forfeits of deposits, fines, money lost or stolen, the purchase of tools and equipment for work, and other miscellaneous goods and services.

Caution should be used when comparing current data for Miscellaneous expenditures to data from the Family Expenditure Survey (1996 or earlier). For a complete description of the differences between the two variables, see **Note to Former Users of Data from the Family Expenditure Survey** (62F0026MIE2000002) available free on the Statistics Canada website (www.statcan.gc.ca).

Personal taxes

Income taxes paid in the reference year on both the reference year and previous years' incomes plus other personal taxes (e.g., gift taxes, Newfoundland and Labrador school tax) minus income tax refunds received in the reference year. Tax credits, such as child tax benefits, goods and services tax credits and provincial tax credits, are included in Average household income before taxes.

Personal insurance payments and pension contributions

Payments for life insurance, annuities, employment insurance, public and private pension plans, and similar items. For certain uses of the data, some of these items might be regarded as savings, although the relationship between the expenditure and any increase in savings may not be easily determined. This category of expenditure was called Security prior to the 1996 survey. (Registered retirement savings plan (RRSP) contributions are included in Money flows—assets, loans and other debts.)

Gifts of money and contributions

This includes money and support payments given to persons outside the household or to charity. This does not include money spent on gifts to persons outside the household as was the case in the Family Expenditure Survey.

Dwelling characteristics

Dwelling characteristics are collected as of the date of the interview.

Type of dwelling

This describes the type of dwelling in which the household resided at the time of interview. A dwelling is a structurally separate set of living premises with a private entrance from outside the building or from a common hall or stairway.

- A **single detached** dwelling contains only one dwelling unit and is completely separated by open space on all sides from any other structure, except its own garage or shed.
- A **single detached** dwelling is a double or semi-detached unit (side-by-side) or a row or terrace unit.
- The classification **apartment** includes duplexes (two dwellings, situated one above the other), triplexes, quadruplexes or apartment buildings.
- **Other** dwellings include mobile homes, motor homes, tents, railroad cars or houseboats, which are used as permanent residences and are capable of being moved on short notice.

Repairs needed

This variable indicates the respondent's perception of the repairs the dwelling needed at the time of the interview to restore it to its original condition. Remodelling, additions, conversions, or energy improvements that would upgrade the dwelling over and above its original condition are not included.

- **Major repairs** include serious deficiencies in the structural condition of the dwelling, as well as the plumbing, electrical and heating systems. Examples include corroded pipes, damaged electrical wiring, sagging floors, bulging walls, damp walls and ceilings, and crumbling foundation.
- **Minor repairs** include deficiencies in the surface or covering materials of the dwelling and less serious deficiencies in the plumbing, electrical and heating systems. Examples include small cracks in interior walls and ceilings, broken light fixtures and switches, cracked or broken panes, leaking sinks, missing shingles or siding, and peeling paint.
- **Regular maintenance** includes painting, fixing leaking faucets, clogged gutters or eavestroughs, etc.

Tenure

This variable gives the housing status of the household at the time of the interview. Note that housing tenure for expenditures refers to the entire reference year. See "Housing tenure" under Classification categories for standard tables.

- **Owned with mortgage** indicates that the dwelling was owned by a household member and that there was a mortgage at the time of the interview.
- **Owned without mortgage** indicates that the dwelling was owned by a household member and that there was no mortgage at the time of the interview.
- **Rented** indicates that the dwelling was rented by the household for the entire reference year or occupied rent-free at the time of the interview.
- **Mixed tenure** includes those households that both owned and rented during the reference year. Used in expenditure tables only.

Year of move

Refers to the year the household moved into the dwelling. If the dwelling was occupied by previous generations, the first year of residence for the household member who has occupied the dwelling the longest is recorded.

Period of construction (for dwelling occupied at the time of the interview)

This gives the year or period in which the original building was constructed.

Number of rooms (for dwelling occupied at the time of the interview)

This includes the kitchen, bedrooms, and finished rooms in the attic or basement. It excludes bathrooms, halls, vestibules and rooms used solely for business purposes.

Number of bathrooms (for dwelling occupied at the time of the interview)

This indicates the number of rooms in the dwelling with an installed bathtub and/or shower.

Principal heating equipment (for dwelling occupied at the time of the interview)

This indicates the type of heating equipment chiefly used to heat the dwelling in winter.

- **Steam or hot water systems** distribute central heating through radiators located throughout the house and connected by pressure pipes.
- **Hot air furnaces** distribute central heating by a motor-driven fan through vents located throughout the dwelling. (This is the most common central heating system.) Furnaces with a pump are included in this category.
- **Heating stoves** are localized heating units with no central distribution system to other parts of the house (e.g., oil space heater, gas space heater, wood stoves).
- **Electric heating** includes permanently installed baseboard electric heating and other types such as floor or ceiling heating wires in all or most rooms.
- **Other** heating includes cookstoves and any other type of heating equipment not listed above.

Age of principal heating equipment installed (for dwelling occupied at the time of the interview)

This indicates how long ago the principal heating equipment was installed.

Principal heating fuel (for dwelling occupied at the time of the interview)

Refers to the winter fuel used in the principal heating equipment (e.g., oil or other liquid fuel, natural gas, propane, electricity, wood or other fuels).

Principal heating fuel for hot water (for dwelling occupied at the time of the interview)

Indicates the type of fuel used for the running hot water supply (e.g., oil or other liquid fuel, natural gas, propane, electricity or other fuels such as wood).

Principal cooking fuel (for dwelling occupied at the time of the interview)

Indicates the main fuel for the range or stove on which the household does most of the cooking (e.g., natural gas, propane, electricity or other cooking fuels). "Other" includes oil or other liquid fuel and wood.

Household equipment

In general, appliances and equipment are included if they are in working order or will soon be repaired, and are located within the dwelling occupied at the time of the interview. They must be owned or leased for the exclusive use of the household.

Washing machine

Washing machines located outside the dwelling and shared with other households are excluded.

Clothes dryer

Dryers may be electric or gas. Clothes dryers located outside the dwelling and shared with other households are excluded.

Dishwasher

Dishwashers may be built-in or portable.

Freezer

A freezer is an individual piece of equipment and not part of a refrigeration unit such as the freezer in a refrigerator.

Air conditioner

A central air conditioner is designed to cool the air in the entire building and may be located either inside or outside the dwelling unit, for example, in the basement of an apartment block. A window-type air conditioner is installed in a window or through a wall to cool the air in a room.

Telephone (includes business use)

Telephones used for business are included if the business is conducted in the dwelling. Cordless phones are included. Cellular telephones are excluded.

Cellular telephone

Handheld text messaging devices with cell phone capability are included. Cordless phones are excluded.

Compact disc player

A compact disc player may be a separate unit, part of a component or built in (as in a receiver/cassette recorder/compact disc combination unit).

Video cassette recorder

Video cassette recorders (VCRs) are units which play videocassettes when attached to a television or monitor.

Home computer

Computers used exclusively for business purposes are not included.

Internet use from home

This indicates whether the household accesses the Internet via a computer in the house. It also includes cases where a home computer is used to link to a business computer located outside the dwelling for access to the Internet. Excluded are cases where the Internet is accessed directly through a computer located outside the dwelling (e.g., work).

Type of Internet connection

“Other type of connection” includes telephone line connected to a television and wireless (e.g., cellular telephone, personal digital appliance).

Owned vehicles

Gives the number of vehicles (car, van/mini-van, truck/sport utility vehicle) owned by members of the household on December 31st completely or partially for private use, excluding those leased.

Owned automobiles

Gives the number of automobiles owned by members of the household on December 31st completely or partially for private use, excluding those leased.

Owned vans or trucks

Gives the number of vans, minivans, trucks and sport utility vehicles owned by members of the household on December 31st completely or partially for private use, excluding those leased.

Classification categories for standard tables

Canada

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.

Province/territory

Refers to the major political divisions of Canada. Data for territories are available for 1997 (coverage insufficient for inclusion in Canada-level statistics), 1998, 1999 and every second year thereafter starting with 2001.

Metropolitan areas

The overall concept for delineating metropolitan areas is one of a large urban area together with adjacent urban and rural areas that have a high degree of social and economic integration with this urban area (See the **2001 Census Dictionary**, p. 208, Catalogue no. 92-378-X.)

For the Survey of Household Spending, data are tabulated based on the 2001 census metropolitan area (CMA) boundaries. In the Survey of Household Spending, only data for the Ontario part of the Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ottawa) are tabulated for the metropolitan area. The data for the Quebec part (Gatineau) are included in the data tabulated for the province of Quebec and Canada.

The metropolitan areas for which the data are tabulated are: St. John's, Charlottetown-Summerside, Halifax, Saint John, Québec, Montréal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria.

Income

Readers requiring official income statistics are directed to the publication **Income in Canada**, Catalogue no. 75-202.1

Household income quintiles

Income groupings obtained by ranking households in ascending order of total household income and partitioning the households into five groups such that the estimated number of households in each group is the same.

In a quintile table, the number of households in the sample for "All classes" can be up to four households higher than the actual number of households in the sample. This is because a sampled household which falls on the threshold between two quintiles, represents a number of households, some of which would be allocated to the lower quintile and some to the higher so it is assigned to both quintiles. Since there are four thresholds between quintiles, the number of households in the sample for All classes in a quintile table may increase by up to four.

Housing tenure

Whether a household member owned, rented, or both owned and rented (Mixed tenure) the dwelling(s) in which the household lived during the reference year. See also "Tenure" under Dwelling characteristics.

- **All owners** refers to households living for the entire reference year in a dwelling owned (with or without mortgage) by a household member. See also "Percentage homeowners (at the time of the interview)" under Household characteristics.
- **Owners without mortgage** owned the dwelling for the entire reference year and had no mortgage at the time of the interview.
- **Owners with mortgage** owned the dwelling for the entire reference year and had a mortgage at the time of the interview.
- **Renters** rented a dwelling for the entire reference year (as a regular tenant, rent free, or with reduced rent)
- **Mixed tenure** includes those households that both owned and rented during the reference year.

Household type

Households are divided into the following types:

- **One-person households** are the households where the dwelling is occupied by only one person.
- **Couple households** are households where the married or common law spouse of the reference person was a member of the household at the time of the interview. This household type may be further broken down into couple households without children (without additional persons), with children (without additional persons), and with additional persons. "Children" are never-married sons, daughters, or foster children of the reference person and may be any age. "Additional persons" include sons, daughters and foster children whose marital status is other than "single, never-married", other relatives by birth or marriage, and unrelated persons.

1. Traditionally, the Survey of Consumer Finances (SCF) had been the source of Statistics Canada's annual income estimates. Starting with data for the 1998 reference year, the Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics (SLID) became the major source of annual cross-sectional income estimates, in addition to producing longitudinal income data.

- **Lone-parent households** households where no spouse of the reference person is present and there is at least one child (never-married son, daughter, or foster child of the reference person). The lone-parent households for which data are presented in this publication do not include any additional persons.
- **Other households** may be broken down into households composed of relatives only and households having at least one household member who is unrelated to the reference person (e.g., lodger, roommate, employee). Relatives may include:
 - person whose marital status is other than single, never-married;
 - relatives of the reference person by birth or marriage (not spouse, son, daughter, or foster child);
 - spouse of the reference person who was not present in the household at the time of the interview

Size of area of residence

Sampled dwellings are assigned to the following groups depending on the 2001 population size (according to the 2001 census boundaries) of the metropolitan area, municipality, or area in which they are located.

Urban
1,000,000 and over
500,000–999,999
250,000–499,999
100,000–249,999
30,000–99,999
under 30,000
Rural

Urban area

For the Survey of Household Spending (based on the LFS sampling frame), urban areas include:

- all large metropolitan areas (even though they do contain some rural areas);
- most small metropolitan areas (also called census agglomerations). In some cases, where a census agglomeration contains a large rural population, only the urban portion is considered urban;
- urban areas based on the census definition: “Urban areas have minimum population concentrations of 1,000 and a population density of at least 400 per square kilometre, based on the previous census population counts.”

Rural area

All territory outside urban areas is considered rural. Taken together, urban and rural areas cover all of Canada.

Statistics presented in the standard tables

Average expenditure per household

This is equal to the estimated total expenditures of all households divided by the estimated number of households. The average is based on all households in a column, including households that reported a zero value.

Percentage reporting

The percentage of households that reported purchasing an item. These percentages cannot be added together to form sub-totals.

Average expenditure per household reporting

This is calculated for those households that reported the expenditure, i.e., without zero values. Average expenditure per household reporting was calculated using unrounded data. Note also that expenditures in this column do not add to sub-totals.

Percentage of total expenditure

This is calculated by expressing the average expenditure per household as a percentage of total expenditure. This statistic is also known as “budget share”.

Median expenditure per household

Expenditure groupings are obtained by ranking households in ascending order of the expenditure on a given item and partitioning the households into two groups such that the estimated number of households in each group is the same. The expenditure reported by the highest ranked case in the first group would be the median. Estimates for individual expenditure items in a given column of a table do not add up to the sub-totals or totals. Households reporting zero expenditures are included.

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