



Appendix

The **Survey of Household Spending** gathers detailed information on spending patterns, dwelling characteristics, and household equipment from a sample of approximately 18,000 households in all provinces. Average spending for a specific good is calculated for all households, including those with and without expenditures in the category. Average spending includes sales taxes.

The main spending categories are:

Food purchased from stores and from restaurants (excluding alcohol)

Shelter including costs related to a principal accommodation, vacation home, and/or shelter while travelling. This could include rent, mortgage, parking, repairs and maintenance, condo fees, property taxes, legal fees, mortgage premiums, utilities (water, fuel, electricity), and all other fees related to owned or rented property.

Household expenses (operations, furnishings and equipment) including communications (telephone, internet, online services), child care, cleaning services, cleaning supplies and equipment, pet expenses, garden supplies and services, furnishings and equipment, maintenance of furnishings and equipment, and other services.

Clothing and accessories including clothing, footwear, diapers, jewellery, watches, fabric and clothing services.

Transportation including purchase of automobiles, vans, and trucks, related fees, accessories, fees for leased or rental vehicles, maintenance and operation costs, fuel, parking, driving licenses, and public transportation.

Health and personal care including direct (out-of-pocket) costs to the household, public and private health insurance premiums, eye care goods and services, hair products, makeup, personal care supplies and other services such as massages.

Recreation including sports equipment and services, toys, video game systems, arts and crafts, computer equipment and supplies, home entertainment equipment and services, photographic supplies and services, entertainment such as movies, use of recreational facilities, children's camps, and recreational vehicles.

Education and Reading including tuition, course material and supplies, and printed matter such as newspapers, maps, etc.

Other spending including insurance and pension contributions, alcohol and tobacco, gifts of money, alimony and charitable contributions, financial services, games of chance, and other miscellaneous goods and services.

Income tax, that is, the sum of federal and provincial income taxes, including taxes on income, capital gains, and RRSP withdrawals, after taking into account exemptions, deductions, non-refundable tax credits, and the refundable Quebec abatement.

Average Expenditures by Quintile, All Households, 2011

Items	All households	Poorest 20%	Richest 20%
Total expenditure	\$ 73,457	\$ 29,129	\$ 143,519
Food expenditures	7,795	4,112	11,934
Food from stores	5,588	3,134	8,133
Food from restaurants	2,207	979	3,801
Shelter	15,198	9,257	23,491
Household operations	4,135	2,154	6,790
Communications	1,825	1,121	2,527
Child care	433	55	969
Furnishings and equipment	2,027	807	3,732
Household furnishings	864	320	1,662
Household equipment	1,041	417	1,851
Clothing and accessories	3,360	1,333	6,118
Transportation	11,229	4,595	18,912
Private transportation	10,152	3,953	16,963
Public transportation	1,077	642	1,949
Health care	2,211	1,186	3,155
Direct health care costs	1,584	935	2,234
Health insurance premiums	626	251	921
Personal care	1,082	609	1,805
Recreation	3,711	1,354	6,865

Items	All households	Poorest 20%	Richest 20%
Education	1,216	738	2,402
Tuition fees	1,191	686	2,377
Textbooks and school supplies	24	F	F
Reading materials	221	117	427
Tobacco and alcohol	1,199	595	1,879
Games of chance	166	107	222
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,602	680	3,154
Income taxes	12,442	348	39,960
Personal insurance + pension contributions	4,191	437	9,423
EI and QPPP	611	69	1,196
Retirement payments	2,998	206	7,137
Gifts of money	1,673	699	3,250
Money and support payments	1,070	506	2,068
Gifts of money to persons in Canada	625	358	1,017
Gifts of money to persons outside Canada	125	78	184
Alimony and child support	319	71	867
Contributions to charity	602	193	1,183

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Survey of Household Spending, CANSIM Table 203-0022