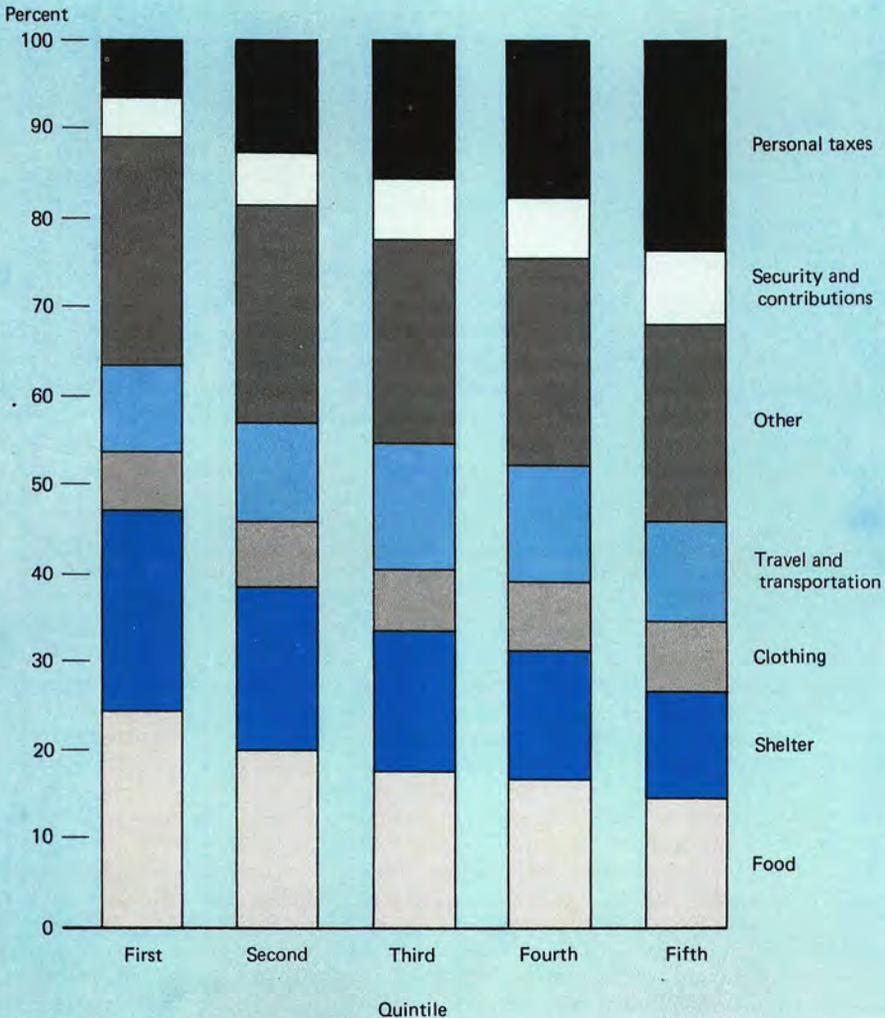


Patterns of family expenditure by family income quintile, 1972



6.2.2 Family expenditure patterns

In addition to trend comparisons it is useful to classify the expenditure patterns of families by a number of related variables (e.g. family income, size of family, sex and age of family head, and so on) to determine the influence and effects of these various factors on family spending habits. Such classifications are available in the report *Urban family expenditure, 1972* (Catalogue No. 62-541). This Section provides a brief trend comparison of expenditure patterns for 1969-72 and a classification of family expenditures in 1972 by income levels, the latter being the most influential of all factors bearing on most items of family spending.

Expenditure trends, 1969-72. While the average net income of survey families of two or more persons in eight Canadian cities rose from \$10,560 in 1969 to \$12,549 in 1972, Table 6.9 indicates that there were no significant shifts in the over-all expenditure patterns of these families during this period. The one possible exception arises from the foregoing increase in average incomes which resulted in personal income taxes forming 17.6% of total family expenditure in