



tions of family income are presented here relating to age and sex of head, education of head, and income recipients, data on all variables listed above may be found in the annual report *Income distributions by size in Canada*, Catalogue No. 13-207.

Incomes by age and sex of family head. Table 6.6 shows that family incomes averaged \$13,204 for families with male heads as compared to \$7,413 for about 9% of families which had female heads. The difference was most pronounced at the younger age levels and it gradually lessened with advancing age to the point where incomes of families with female heads 65 years of age and over averaged higher than those headed by males in the same age bracket.

Incomes of families with male heads increased at each successive age group to reach a peak at the 45-54 age range and then fell sharply at the 65-and-over age levels. From an average of \$9,979 for families with male heads under 25, family incomes rose to an average \$15,746 for those with heads 45 to 54 and dropped back to \$7,528 for those 70 years and over. Incomes of families with female heads showed a gradual rise from \$3,563 in the under-25 range to \$9,421 for the 55-64 group. Families whose female heads were 65 years of age and over received on the average \$8,927 in 1973.

Incomes by education of family head. Education of the family head is another factor which exerts a marked influence on family income. For example, Table 6.7 shows that the average family income in 1973 of families whose heads had a university degree was nearly two and a half times that of families whose heads had four years of schooling or less. The differences in income distributions underlying these averages are such that 87.6% of families whose heads had a degree showed incomes in 1973 of \$10,000 or more, and 23.4% attained \$25,000 or more. This compares with fewer than 33% reaching the \$10,000 mark and fewer than 3% the \$25,000 level for families whose heads had no more than four years of elementary education.

Recipients of family income. The family composition or economic activities of the family members are other factors that affect the size of family income. Table 6.8 provides a summary