



and transportation (12.4%) and most other major items of expenditure were all within 1% of the proportions which they consumed of the family budget in the earlier 1969 survey year.

**Expenditure patterns by family income quintile, 1974.** Table 6.10 shows the expenditure patterns in 1974 of survey families of two or more persons arranged by income quintiles (families ranked in ascending order of income size and then divided into five equal groups). For example, the average net income before taxes of the 20% of all families comprising the lowest quintile was \$6,187 as compared to an average of \$29,676 for the 20% of families forming the highest quintile.

As might be expected the percentages of total expenditure on specific items in the family budget showed some significant differences throughout the five