

**7.38 Patterns of expenditure for families of two or more persons, by family income quintiles<sup>1</sup>, based on survey of eight Canadian cities, 1976**

Item		First quintile	Second quintile	Third quintile	Fourth quintile	Fifth quintile	All classes
<b>Family characteristics</b>							
Average family size	No.	2.68	3.07	3.40	3.57	3.88	3.32
Children under 5	"	0.20	0.33	0.34	0.25	0.14	0.25
Children 5-15	"	0.53	0.62	0.78	0.79	0.80	0.71
Adults 16-17	"	0.07	0.09	0.14	0.18	0.21	0.14
Adults 18-64	"	1.31	1.99	2.14	2.32	2.67	2.09
Adults 65 and over	"	0.64	0.12	0.09	0.08	0.12	0.21
Full-time earners	"	0.30	0.87	1.10	1.36	1.54	1.03
Age of head	yr	51.1	40.8	40.1	41.6	45.2	43.8
Income before taxes	\$	7,906	14,367	19,048	24,469	38,072	20,772
Other money receipts	\$	340	709	415	560	1,054	615
Net change in assets and liabilities	\$	-363	415	788	1,339	4,127	1,261
<b>Percentage</b>							
Home owners		35.4	43.4	56.1	68.5	82.4	57.2
Car or truck owners		46.9	80.2	85.7	92.6	93.6	79.8
Average total expenditure	\$	8,641	14,710	18,573	23,391	34,619	19,987
<b>Percentage of total expenditure</b>							
Food		23.8	18.5	17.3	15.7	12.9	16.1
Shelter		22.1	16.8	16.1	14.8	12.2	15.1
Rented living quarters		12.5	7.9	5.6	3.5	1.7	4.7
Owned living quarters		5.1	5.5	7.3	8.1	7.4	7.1
Other housing		4.1	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.1	0.8
Water and fuel		4.1	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.0	2.5
Household operation		5.3	4.3	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.8
Furnishings and equipment		4.8	5.0	5.1	4.6	5.0	4.9
Furniture		1.5	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.7
Household appliances		1.1	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.1
Other		2.1	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.3	2.2
Clothing		7.3	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2
Personal care		2.1	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.6
Medical and health care		2.5	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.6	2.0
Smoking and alcoholic beverages		4.5	3.6	3.4	3.2	2.6	3.2
Travel and transportation		9.8	13.6	12.8	12.6	12.5	12.5
Automobile and truck		7.2	11.3	10.3	10.1	9.7	9.9
Purchase		2.4	5.0	4.1	4.2	4.8	4.3
Operation		4.7	6.3	6.2	5.9	4.9	5.6
Other		2.6	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.6
Recreation		3.7	3.5	3.5	4.1	3.9	3.8
Reading		0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Education		0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.7
Miscellaneous expenses		2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.0	2.2
Total current consumption		89.5	79.7	76.4	72.8	66.0	73.6
Personal taxes		6.1	14.3	17.0	19.7	25.1	19.1
Security		2.1	4.2	4.8	5.5	6.4	5.2
Gifts and contributions		2.3	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.5	2.1
Total expenditure		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

<sup>1</sup>Weighted survey records of families are arranged in ascending order by size of total income and divided into five equal groups, or quintiles. Thus, each group, or quintile, represents a weighted 20% of families.