

5.38 Patterns of expenditure for families, by income quintile groups¹, 1978

Item		First quintile	Second quintile	Third quintile	Fourth quintile	Fifth quintile	All classes
Family characteristics							
Average family size	No.	2.60	3.22	3.51	3.62	3.82	3.35
Children under 5	"	0.19	0.36	0.37	0.32	0.17	0.28
Children 5-15	"	0.40	0.67	0.82	0.82	0.80	0.70
Adults 16-17	"	0.09	0.11	0.14	0.16	0.23	0.14
Adults 18-64	"	1.23	1.97	2.15	2.29	2.60	2.05
Adults 65 and over	"	0.75	0.22	0.11	0.10	0.08	0.25
Full-time earners	"	0.19	0.68	0.97	1.17	1.45	0.98
Age of head	yr	54.9	44.0	40.6	41.0	44.3	44.9
Income before taxes	\$	7,866.3	14,653.3	19,886.6	25,897.1	40,165.2	21,693.7
Other money receipts	\$	502.6	579.8	781.1	682.4	1,052.5	719.7
Net change in assets and liabilities	\$	-633.2	-98.2	791.8	1,663.6	5,190.4	1,382.9
Percentage							
Homeowners		56.9	61.9	70.2	77.0	86.6	70.5
Car or truck owners		65.4	86.0	91.4	95.0	93.9	86.3
Average total expenditure	\$	9,072.6	15,471.1	20,006.9	24,877.0	35,696.3	21,024.8
Percentage of total expenditure							
Food		24.7	19.7	17.5	16.1	13.7	16.8
Shelter		21.5	17.5	16.6	15.1	13.0	15.6
Rented living quarters		8.7	5.7	3.8	2.7	1.5	3.4
Owned living quarters		6.3	7.3	8.6	8.7	7.8	8.0
Other housing		0.4	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.2	0.8
Water, fuel and electricity		6.1	3.9	3.5	3.0	2.5	3.3
Household operation		5.6	4.5	4.2	3.9	3.5	4.1
Furnishings and equipment		4.9	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.3	4.6
Furniture		1.3	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.5
Household appliances		1.3	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.0
Other		2.3	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1
Clothing		6.4	6.6	7.0	7.0	7.2	7.0
Personal care		1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.6
Medical and health care		2.4	2.3	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.9
Smoking and alcoholic beverages		3.9	3.8	3.3	3.1	2.7	3.2
Travel and transportation		13.0	14.1	13.3	13.2	12.1	13.0
Automobile and truck		11.5	13.0	12.1	12.1	10.8	11.7
Purchase		4.8	5.8	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.5
Operation		6.7	7.2	6.7	6.4	5.3	6.2
Other		1.5	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.2
Recreation		3.6	4.6	4.9	5.2	5.4	5.0
Reading		0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Education		0.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.7
Miscellaneous expenses		2.3	2.8	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.4
Total current consumption		91.6	83.4	78.8	75.3	68.7	76.3
Personal taxes		3.4	10.9	15.0	18.1	23.8	17.1
Security		1.7	3.7	4.1	4.4	5.1	4.2
Gifts and contributions		3.3	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.3
Total expenditure		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹Weighted 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.

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