

5.27 Average incomes of families in current and constant (1985) dollars, selected years

Province	Current dollars							
	1971	1975	1977	1979	1981	1983	1984	1985
Newfoundland	7,470	13,216	16,456	18,947	25,464	26,894	28,003	29,629
Prince Edward Island	6,750	12,362	16,050	18,792	23,163	28,675	29,183	30,943
Nova Scotia	8,132	13,526	16,505	19,976	24,662	29,997	30,820	34,349
New Brunswick	8,239	13,752	16,888	19,559	24,305	27,861	30,191	31,473
Quebec	9,919	15,438	19,056	23,400	28,124	31,937	33,991	35,068
Ontario	11,483	18,040	21,600	25,298	32,170	37,465	38,464	41,775
Manitoba	9,216	14,974	18,421	21,916	28,189	34,436	33,783	34,829
Saskatchewan	7,776	15,867	17,960	22,874	28,743	33,186	33,090	34,866
Alberta	10,221	16,996	21,251	25,884	34,546	37,219	37,670	40,736
British Columbia	11,212	17,734	21,040	26,644	32,835	36,034	35,944	37,968
Canada	10,368	16,604	20,101	24,245	30,440	34,748	35,767	38,059
	Constant dollars							
	1971	1975	1977	1979	1981	1983	1984	1985
Newfoundland	22,519	28,730	30,833	29,861	32,390	29,189	29,125	29,629
Prince Edward Island	20,349	26,873	30,072	29,616	29,463	31,122	30,352	30,943
Nova Scotia	24,515	29,403	30,925	31,482	31,370	32,556	32,055	34,349
New Brunswick	24,838	29,895	31,642	30,825	30,916	30,238	31,401	31,473
Quebec	29,902	33,560	35,704	36,879	35,774	34,662	35,353	35,068
Ontario	34,617	39,216	40,471	39,870	40,920	40,662	40,005	41,775
Manitoba	27,783	32,551	34,515	34,540	35,856	37,374	35,137	34,829
Saskatchewan	23,442	34,492	33,651	36,050	36,561	36,018	34,416	34,866
Alberta	30,813	36,947	39,817	40,793	43,943	40,395	39,179	40,736
British Columbia	33,800	38,551	39,422	41,991	41,766	39,109	37,384	37,968
Canada	31,256	36,095	37,662	38,210	38,720	37,713	37,200	38,059

5.28 Percentage distribution of families, showing average and median¹ incomes, in constant (1985) dollars, selected years

Income group	1971	1975	1977	1979	1981	1983	1984	1985	
Under \$10,000	11.4	6.9	7.1	6.6	5.6	5.9	6.5	5.8	
\$10,000-\$14,999	8.8	8.8	7.8	8.3	8.0	8.8	9.0	8.7	
15,000 - 19,999	10.0	7.9	7.0	7.0	7.8	9.2	9.5	9.5	
20,000 - 24,999	11.6	9.3	8.2	8.3	8.7	9.2	8.7	8.9	
25,000 - 29,999	12.4	11.0	9.8	9.3	9.4	9.9	9.6	9.3	
30,000 - 34,999	12.0	11.1	10.4	10.2	9.7	10.0	9.6	9.6	
35,000 - 44,999	16.3	18.3	18.3	18.4	18.4	16.9	17.8	17.0	
45,000 and over	17.4	26.7	31.3	31.9	32.6	30.1	29.2	31.1	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Average income	\$	31,255	36,095	37,662	38,210	38,720	37,712	37,200	38,059
Median income	\$	28,137	32,729	34,795	35,158	35,450	33,454	33,431	34,076
Standard error of average income	\$	249	234	223	244	219	256	231	258

¹ Median income refers to the middle or central value when incomes are ranged in order of magnitude. Median income is lower than average income in these tables since it is not as affected by a few abnormally large values in the distribution.