

Composite Indicator: Economic Security  
 Intermediate Indicator: Spending patterns

Primary Indicator: **Average expenditures of families with children under age 18, Canada, 2002**

Expenditure area	Average \$ amount	% of total expenditures
Food	\$8,157	11.2%
Shelter	\$13,798	18.9%
Household operations	\$3,738	5.1%
Child care expenses	\$842	1.2%
Household furnishings & equipment	\$2,243	3.1%
Clothing	\$3,170	4.3%
Transportation	\$9,816	13.4%
Health care	\$1,594	2.2%
Personal care	\$1,038	1.4%
Recreation	\$4,674	6.4%
Reading materials & other printed materials	\$287	0.4%
Education	\$1,464	2.0%
Education supplies	\$254	included above
Tuition	\$927	included above
Tobacco & alcohol	\$1,422	1.9%
Miscellaneous expenditures	\$946	1.3%
Personal taxes	\$15,254	20.9%
Personal insurance	\$4,245	5.8%
Life insurance	\$489	included above
Employment insurance	\$897	included above
Pension contributions & funds	\$2,859	included above
Gifts	\$401	0.5%
<b>TOTAL expenditures</b>	<b>\$73,020</b>	<b>100.1%</b>

**Top four family expenditures, by level of household income, 2002**

	Low income	Middle income	High income
Shelter	24.2%	21.0%	16.2%
Food	16.0%	12.5%	9.1%
Transportation	15.3%	13.7%	12.7%
Personal taxes	6.5%	15.9%	27.8%

Source: Calculations by the Canadian Council on Social Development using data from Statistics Canada's *Survey of Household Spending*, 2002.