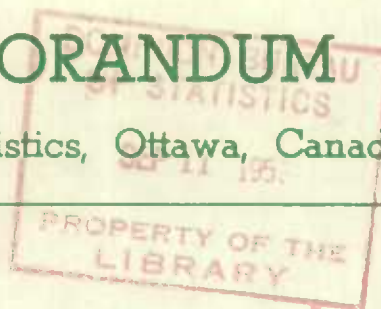


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The Dominion Bureau of Statistics is conducting small monthly surveys of family expenditures on selected items in the family budget. This report contains the results for food expenditures of the first four monthly surveys. Similar results will be published as the data become available. A brief description of the survey is presented below.

The first monthly survey was made in September, 1952. The sample is restricted to families of two adults, two adults and one to four children, three adults, three adults and one child, and four adults with an annual income between \$1,800 and \$6,500.

The families included in the sample were selected by systematic random methods from the list of families previously interviewed for the Labour Force Survey*.

A total of approximately 200 schedules was obtained each month from the Census Metropolitan Areas of Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

The average response rate for the first four monthly surveys was 81 p.c.

The tables which follow contain detailed information on food expenditures.

* A description of the Labour Force Survey will be found in Reference Paper No. 35. The Labour Force, November, 1945-1952.

Average Food Expenditures per Person per Week* (by Families of two to six Persons
with Incomes between \$1800 and \$6,500 per Year, for five cities combined,
for September, October, November and December, 1952)

Item		September	October	November	December
1.	Number of Schedules	185	184	216	180
2.	Number of Persons	552	588	697	592
3.	Average Family Size	2.98	3.20	3.23	3.29
		\$	\$	\$	\$
4.	1. DAIRY PRODUCTS-TOTAL	.84	.79	.81	.77
5.	a. Fresh milk	.52	.50	.50	.49
6.	b. Buttermilk, etc.	.02	.02	.02	.02
7.	c. Canned and powdered milk	.07	.03	.05	.04
8.	d. Cheese, all kinds	.11	.13	.14	.13
9.	e. Cream, all kinds	.06	.07	.06	.05
10.	f. Ice Cream	.06	.04	.04	.04
11.	2. EGGS-TOTAL	.29	.30	.32	.27
12.	3. BAKERY PRODUCTS-TOTAL	.59	.59	.59	.56
13.	a. Bread	.32	.32	.31	.29
14.	b. Rolls and buns	.05	.04	.04	.04
15.	c. Cakes, cookies, etc.	.19	.20	.21	.19
16.	d. Other bakery products	.03	.03	.03	.04
17.	4. CEREAL PRODUCTS-TOTAL (Prepared)	.21	.21	.23	.23
18.	a. Breakfast cereal (To be cooked)	.06	.05	.05	.05
19.	b. Breakfast cereal	.03	.03	.04	.03
20.	c. Macaroni, etc.	.03	.03	.03	.03
21.	d. Baby cereal	.01	.01	.01	.01
22.	e. Flour, all kinds	.05	.05	.06	.07
23.	f. Mixes, cake/pastry	.02	.04	.04	.04
24.	g. Other cereal products	.01	0	0	0

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Five Cities** Combined	Halifax	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Vancouver	
765	78	243	245	100	99	1.
2,429	270	780	736	318	325	2.
3.18	3.46	3.21	3.00	3.18	3.28	3.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
.80	.76	.75	.84	.84	.85	4.
.50	.50	.49	.53	.52	.47	5.
.02	.02	0	.03	.02	.02	6.
.05	.07	.02	.04	.04	.10	7.
.13	.09	.13	.15	.11	.13	8.
.06	.02	.07	.05	.10	.06	9.
.04	.06	.04	.04	.05	.07	10.
.29	.30	.27	.31	.28	.32	11.
.58	.49	.61	.61	.57	.55	12.
.31	.28	.32	.31	.32	.30	13.
.04	.03	.03	.06	.06	.03	14.
.19	.15	.23	.19	.15	.19	15.
.04	.03	.03	.05	.04	.03	16.
.22	.23	.22	.21	.22	.23	17.
.05	.05	.05	.06	.05	.06	18.
.03	.03	.02	.03	.04	.05	19.
.03	.02	.05	.03	.03	.02	20.
.01	.01	.01	.01	.01	.01	21.
.06	.08	.06	.04	.06	.06	22.
.03	.04	.03	.04	.02	.03	23.
.01	0	0	0	.01	0	24.

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for September, October, November and December, 1952) - continued

Item		September	October	November	December
		\$	\$	\$	\$
25.	5. MEAT-TOTAL	1.66	1.68	1.70	1.66
26.	a. Beef, roasts	.28	.33	.39	.34
27.	b. Beef, steaks	.24	.23	.23	.25
28.	c. Beef, stewing	.06	.06	.07	.05
29.	d. Hamburger	.10	.08	.09	.08
30.	e. Other fresh beef	.04	.03	.04	.04
31.	f. Pork, roasts/chops	.19	.18	.16	.21
32.	g. Other fresh pork	.04	.03	.03	.04
33.	h. Bacon, all kinds	.14	.11	.14	.13
34.	i. Ham, all kinds	.15	.17	.16	.13
35.	j. Other cured pork	.01	.02	.01	.02
36.	k. Sausages	.06	.07	.08	.08
37.	l. Bologna/weiners	.07	.06	.06	.05
38.	m. Veal, all cuts	.10	.13	.08	.09
39.	n. Lamb/mutton	.06	.08	.07	.06
40.	o. Other fresh meat	.07	.06	.05	.05
41.	p. Canned meats	.05	.04	.04	.04
42.	6. POULTRY AND FISH-TOTAL	.47	.55	.41	.37
43.	a. Chicken	.26	.27	.20	.19
44.	b. Other fresh poultry	.02	.09	.02	.01
45.	c. Fish, fresh and cured	.09	.09	.09	.09
46.	d. Canned salmon	.08	.08	.08	.06
47.	e. Other canned fish	.02	.02	.02	.02

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Average Food Expenditures per Person per Week* (by Families of two to six Persons with Incomes between \$1800 to \$6500 per Year, for Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver during September - December, 1952) - continued

Five Cities** Combined	Halifax	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Vancouver
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1.68	1.22	2.20	1.52	1.25	1.57 25.
.34	.23	.42	.34	.19	.36 26.
.24	.15	.40	.18	.11	.15 27.
.06	.06	.05	.06	.05	.09 28.
.09	.07	.11	.08	.08	.07 29.
.04	.04	.05	.03	.02	.03 30.
.18	.15	.21	.18	.15	.19 31.
.03	.02	.03	.04	.04	.02 32.
.13	.09	.11	.16	.12	.14 33.
.16	.12	.26	.12	.09	.09 34.
.01	.03	.01	.02	.01	0 35.
.07	.03	.09	.07	.07	.09 36.
.06	.07	.03	.07	.09	.09 37.
.10	.02	.21	.04	.10	.03 38.
.07	.04	.10	.05	.03	.08 39.
.06	.05	.08	.05	.06	.05 40.
.04	.05	.04	.03	.04	.09 41.
.45	.39	.51	.45	.35	.42 42.
.23	.15	.30	.23	.19	.15 43.
.04	.02	.03	.04	.02	.05 44.
.09	.16	.09	.07	.07	.09 45.
.07	.04	.06	.09	.06	.10 46.
.02	.02	.03	.02	.01	.03 47.

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Item		September	October	November	December
		\$	\$	\$	\$
48.	7. FATS AND OILS-TOTAL	.42	.44	.43	.43
49.	a. Butter	.29	.32	.31	.31
50.	b. Margarine	.06	.05	.06	.05
51.	c. Vegetable shortening	.04	.04	.04	.05
52.	d. Lard	.01	.02	.01	.01
53.	e. Other fats and oils	.02	.01	.01	.01
54.	8. OTHER FOODS-TOTAL	.95	.93	.99	1.00
55.	a. Sugar, all kinds	.13	.11	.11	.11
56.	b. Molasses, etc.	.02	.04	.03	.03
57.	c. Preserves, jam, etc.	.05	.04	.04	.04
58.	d. Peanut butter, etc.	.02	.03	.03	.03
59.	e. Pickles, etc.	.04	.04	.05	.07
60.	f. Salad dressing, etc.	.03	.03	.02	.03
61.	g. Soup	.08	.09	.10	.10
62.	h. Baby food, canned	.03	.02	.03	.03
63.	i. Desserts, packaged	.03	.03	.04	.04
64.	j. Candy, gum, etc.	.06	.09	.10	.09
65.	k. Soft drinks	.12	.10	.09	.10
66.	l. Tea	.13	.12	.14	.13
67.	m. Coffee	.15	.15	.15	.14
68.	n. Other beverages	.01	.01	.01	.01
69.	o. Salt, spices, etc.	.03	.01	.02	.02
70.	p. Baking supplies	.02	.02	.03	.03

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Five Cities** Combined	Halifax	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Vancouver	
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
.43	.39	.47	.42	.42	.42	48.
.31	.23	.39	.29	.30	.25	49.
.05	.09	0	.06	.07	.11	50.
.04	.06	.05	.04	.02	.04	51.
.01	.01	.01	.01	.01	.01	52.
.02	0	.02	.02	.02	.01	53.
.97	.79	1.02	.96	.94	1.06	54.
.12	.11	.11	.11	.15	.13	55.
.03	.02	.04	.02	.02	.04	56.
.04	.03	.05	.04	.04	.05	57.
.03	.02	.03	.03	.03	.03	58.
.05	.04	.06	.05	.04	.04	59.
.03	.02	.03	.02	.02	.04	60.
.09	.07	.09	.09	.10	.10	61.
.03	.03	.02	.03	.03	.04	62.
.03	.03	.04	.03	.03	.04	63.
.09	.08	.10	.09	.07	.08	64.
.10	.07	.14	.09	.11	.05	65.
.13	.15	.11	.16	.09	.15	66.
.15	.06	.14	.15	.16	.21	67.
.01	.01	.01	.01	.01	.01	68.
.02	.02	.02	.02	.02	.02	69.
.02	.03	.03	.02	.02	.03	70.

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Item		September	October	November	December
		\$	\$	\$	\$
71.	9. CANNED AND DRIED FRUIT-TOTAL	.13	.16	.17	.21
72.	a. Dried fruits, dates	.02	.03	.03	.07
73.	b. Canned peaches	.03	.04	.03	.04
74.	c. Other canned fruit	.04	.05	.06	.06
75.	d. Canned fruit juice	.04	.04	.05	.04
76.	10. CANNED AND DRIED VEGETABLES-TOTAL	.13	.17	.17	.19
77.	a. Dried vegetables (peas)	0	0	0	.01
78.	b. Canned peas	.04	.04	.05	.05
79.	c. Canned tomatoes	.01	.03	.02	.02
80.	d. Other canned vegetables	.05	.06	.06	.07
81.	e. Canned vegetable juice	.03	.04	.04	.04
82.	11. FRESH FRUITS-TOTAL	.44	.39	.35	.34
83.	a. Apples	.05	.11	.12	.10
84.	b. Oranges	.09	.08	.09	.11
85.	c. Grapefruit	.02	.02	.03	.03
86.	d. Bananas	.07	.07	.07	.06
87.	e. Berries	.01	.01	0	0
88.	f. Other fresh fruit	.20	.10	.04	.04
89.	12. FRESH VEGETABLES-TOTAL	.48	.47	.43	.40
90.	a. Tomatoes	.07	.04	.04	.05
91.	b. Cabbage	.02	.02	.02	.02
92.	c. Spinach	.01	.01	.01	.01

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\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
.17	.15	.19	.15	.16	.18	71.
.04	.04	.03	.04	.06	.05	72.
.03	.03	.05	.02	.02	.03	73.
.05	.04	.07	.04	.04	.04	74.
.05	.04	.04	.05	.04	.06	75.
.17	.15	.22	.14	.12	.15	76.
.01	.01	0	0	0	.01	77.
.05	.05	.05	.05	.03	.04	78.
.02	.01	.04	.01	.01	.02	79.
.06	.06	.07	.05	.06	.06	80.
.03	.02	.06	.03	.02	.02	81.
.38	.30	.40	.38	.46	.31	82.
.10	.10	.11	.10	.13	.07	83.
.09	.10	.10	.08	.09	.09	84.
.02	.02	.03	.03	.01	.02	85.
.07	.04	.08	.06	.07	.07	86.
.01	0	.01	0	0	0	87.
.09	.04	.07	.11	.16	.06	88.
.44	.35	.48	.48	.42	.39	89.
.05	.03	.06	.06	.04	.05	90.
.02	.02	.02	.02	.03	.01	91.
.01	0	.01	.02	0	.01	92.

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	Item	September	October	November	December
		\$	\$	\$	\$
	FRESH VEGETABLES - cont'd				
93.	d. Celery	.02	.02	.03	.03
94.	e. Lettuce	.03	.02	.03	.04
95.	f. Potatoes	.17	.22	.18	.14
96.	g. Carrots	.03	.03	.03	.03
97.	h. Onions	.04	.04	.03	.03
98.	i. Other fresh vegetables	.09	.07	.06	.05
99.	13. FROZEN FOODS-TOTAL	.02	.03	.03	.02
100.	a. Frozen fruit/juice	.01	.01	.02	.01
101.	b. Frozen vegetables	0	.01	.01	.01
102.	c. Other frozen foods	.01	.01	0	0
103.	14. MISCELLANEOUS FOODS nuts (all kinds), yeast, vinegar, etc.	.05	.04	.05	.06
104.	15. FOOD EATEN IN SNACK BARS, RESTAURANT, etc.	.88	.73	.82	.61
105.	16. COST OF FOOD AWAY FROM HOME:				
	17. At school; on a job; on holidays	.28	.14	.01	.02
106.	17. TOTAL FOOD EXPENDITURE	7.84	7.62	7.51	7.14

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Five Cities** Combined	Halifax	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Vancouver	
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
.03	.01	.03	.03	.02	.02	93.
.03	.01	.04	.03	.02	.03	94.
.17	.16	.19	.16	.19	.16	95.
.03	.03	.04	.03	.02	.02	96.
.03	.04	.04	.03	.04	.03	97.
.07	.05	.05	.10	.06	.06	98.
.02	.01	.01	.04	.01	.04	99.
.01	.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	100.
.01	0	0	.01	0	.02	101.
0	0	0	.01	0	.01	102.
.05	.04	.04	.05	.05	.07	103.
.76	.39	.95	.86	.51	.60	104.
.11	.13	.09	.17	.06	.03	105.
7.52	6.09	8.43	7.59	6.66	7.19	106.

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