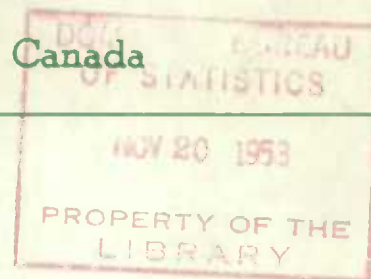


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The Dominion Bureau of Statistics is conducting small monthly surveys of family expenditures on selected items in the family budget. This report is the second release\* containing data on food expenditures and refers to the period, January-June, 1953.

A brief description of the survey follows, together with a note on an important difference between the results in this report and the first one.

The first monthly survey was made in September, 1952. The sample was 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 six monthly surveys (January-June, 1953) was 83 p. c.

The tables below contain detailed information on per capita food expenditures.

The major difference in the results of the two reports is the decline in per capita weekly expenditures during the first six months of 1953 (\$6.78) compared to the last four months of 1952 (\$7.52). This decline should not be interpreted as a fall in expenditures in 1953 as compared to 1952. It indicates, to an important extent, a seasonal decline and is consistent with comparable retail trade statistics. Seasonality and related problems of variability in food expenditures will be analyzed in the final report on this survey.

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\* The first report, covering the period September-December, 1952, was released in July, 1953.

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

Average Food Expenditures per Person per Week\* (by Families of two to six Persons with Incomes between \$1800 and \$6500 per Year, for five cities combined, for January, February, March, April, May and June, 1953).

No.	Item	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
1	Number of Schedules	191	208	244	249	228	215
2	Number of Persons	591	689	800	844	739	710
3	Average Family Size	3.09	3.31	3.28	3.39	3.24	3.30
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
4	1. DAIRY PRODUCTS-TOTAL	.85	.76	.82	.76	.80	.81
5	a. Fresh milk	.53	.49	.53	.48	.49	.50
6	b. Buttermilk, etc.	.02	.02	.01	.02	.02	.01
7	c. Canned and Powdered Milk	.05	.05	.04	.05	.05	.05
8	d. Cheese, all kinds	.14	.11	.13	.12	.12	.12
9	e. Cream, all kinds	.07	.06	.06	.05	.06	.07
10	f. Ice Cream	.04	.03	.05	.04	.06	.06
11	2. EGGS-TOTAL	.28	.26	.25	.28	.29	.27
12	3. BAKERY PRODUCTS-TOTAL	.58	.55	.55	.52	.58	.58
13	a. Bread	.32	.29	.28	.28	.30	.30
14	b. Rolls and buns	.04	.04	.04	.04	.04	.04
15	c. Cakes, cookies, etc.	.20	.18	.19	.18	.20	.20
16	d. Other bakery products	.02	.04	.04	.02	.04	.04
17	4. CEREAL PRODUCTS-TOTAL (Prepared)	.20	.20	.22	.18	.21	.21
18	a. Breakfast cereal (To be cooked)	.04	.05	.05	.04	.06	.06
19	b. Breakfast cereal	.03	.03	.04	.02	.02	.02
20	c. Macaroni, etc.	.04	.03	.03	.03	.03	.04
21	d. Baby cereal	.01	.01	.01	.01	.01	.01
22	e. Flour, all kinds	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.04
23	f. Mixes, cake/pastry	.03	.03	.03	.03	.04	.04
24	g. Other cereal products	0	0	.01	0	0	0

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The data were collected during approximately the first two and a half weeks of the month.

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Five Cities** Combined	Halifax	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Vancouver	No.
1,335	86	439	415	157	238	1
4,373	302	1,466	1,344	498	763	2
3.28	3.51	3.34	3.24	3.17	3.20	3
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
.80	.77	.74	.83	.84	.84	4
.50	.51	.47	.54	.52	.48	5
.02	.01	0	.04	.01	.02	6
.05	.07	.03	.05	.04	.08	7
.12	.08	.13	.12	.11	.14	8
.06	.03	.07	.03	.10	.07	9
.05	.07	.04	.05	.06	.05	10
.27	.26	.24	.29	.26	.33	11
.56	.51	.62	.57	.52	.48	12
.29	.30	.30	.29	.30	.30	13
.04	.03	.03	.05	.05	.04	14
.19	.15	.26	.18	.13	.12	15
.04	.03	.03	.05	.04	.02	16
.20	.19	.20	.20	.18	.24	17
.05	.05	.05	.06	.04	.05	18
.03	.02	.03	.02	.03	.04	19
.03	.02	.04	.03	.02	.02	20
.01	.01	.01	.02	.01	.01	21
.04	.06	.04	.03	.05	.07	22
.03	.03	.03	.03	.02	.04	23
.01	0	0	.01	.01	.01	24

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\*\*Averages for the five cities combined were obtained by dividing the total number of persons in the sample into total expenditures.



Average Food Expenditures per Person per Week\* (by Families of two to six Persons with Incomes between \$1800 and \$6500 per Year, for five cities combined, for January, February, March, April, May and June, 1953). - Continued.

No.	Item	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
25 5.	MEAT-TOTAL	1.65	1.53	1.47	1.43	1.55	1.47
26	a. Beef, roasts	.33	.32	.31	.21	.29	.28
27	b. Beef, steaks	.26	.25	.23	.20	.26	.21
28	c. Beef, stewing	.06	.06	.05	.05	.04	.06
29	d. Hamburger	.11	.08	.08	.06	.09	.08
30	e. Other fresh beef	.03	.04	.05	.03	.03	.04
31	f. Pork, roasts/chops	.16	.18	.15	.15	.14	.11
32	g. Other fresh pork	.06	.04	.05	.04	.05	.04
33	h. Bacon, all kinds	.12	.12	.12	.11	.14	.14
34	i. Ham, all kinds	.19	.12	.12	.28	.17	.15
35	j. Other cured pork	.01	0	.01	.01	.01	.01
36	k. Sausages	.08	.07	.08	.06	.07	.07
37	l. Bologna/weiners	.06	.06	.05	.05	.07	.08
38	m. Veal, all cuts	.06	.05	.06	.07	.08	.08
39	n. Lamb/mutton	.03	.05	.02	.03	.03	.02
40	o. Other fresh meat	.06	.06	.05	.04	.04	.05
41	p. Canned meats	.03	.03	.04	.04	.04	.05
42 6.	POULTRY AND FISH-TOTAL	.64	.37	.35	.34	.36	.32
43	a. Chicken	.23	.17	.17	.15	.18	.17
44	b. Other fresh poultry	.24	.03	0	.03	.02	0
45	c. Fish, fresh and cured	.09	.09	.10	.08	.08	.07
46	d. Canned salmon	.06	.05	.06	.06	.06	.06
47	e. Other canned fish	.02	.03	.02	.02	.02	.02

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Five Cities** Combined	Halifax	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Vancouver	No.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
1.51	1.27	1.81	1.38	1.18	1.45	25
.29	.24	.26	.30	.21	.36	26
.23	.16	.42	.16	.09	.11	27
.05	.05	.05	.05	.04	.07	28
.08	.06	.11	.06	.08	.09	29
.04	.04	.05	.03	.02	.03	30
.15	.11	.16	.15	.13	.14	31
.04	.04	.05	.05	.05	.03	32
.13	.10	.10	.15	.11	.14	33
.17	.13	.27	.12	.13	.13	34
.01	.04	.01	.01	0	.01	35
.07	.05	.08	.07	.08	.08	36
.06	.08	.04	.08	.08	.06	37
.07	.02	.11	.04	.07	.03	38
.03	.04	.02	.03	0	.05	39
.05	.06	.05	.05	.04	.06	40
.04	.05	.03	.03	.05	.06	41
.39	.45	.47	.36	.27	.32	42
.18	.16	.23	.17	.13	.12	43
.05	.04	.08	.03	0	.03	44
.08	.17	.09	.07	.07	.08	45
.06	.04	.05	.07	.05	.07	46
.02	.04	.02	.02	.02	.02	47

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No.	Item	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
48 7.	FATS AND OILS-TOTAL	.43	.43	.41	.39	.40	.39
49	a. Butter	.32	.30	.30	.28	.29	.27
50	b. Margarine	.04	.07	.05	.06	.06	.06
51	c. Vegetable shortening	.04	.03	.03	.03	.03	.03
52	d. Lard	.01	.01	.01	.01	.01	.01
53	e. Other fats and oils	.02	.02	.02	.01	.01	.02
54 8.	OTHER FOODS-TOTAL	1.02	.93	.89	.90	.92	.90
55	a. Sugar, all kinds	.09	.09	.10	.08	.09	.08
56	b. Molasses, etc.	.03	.03	.03	.06	.03	.02
57	c. Preserves, jam, etc.	.05	.04	.04	.04	.05	.05
58	d. Peanut butter, etc.	.03	.03	.03	.02	.03	.03
59	e. Pickles, etc.	.08	.05	.05	.04	.06	.05
60	f. Salad dressing, etc.	.03	.03	.03	.02	.03	.04
61	g. Soup	.09	.10	.10	.08	.08	.08
62	h. Baby food, canned	.03	.03	.04	.05	.04	.04
63	i. Desserts, packaged	.04	.04	.04	.04	.04	.04
64	j. Candy, gum, etc.	.08	.09	.06	.12	.07	.07
65	k. Soft drinks	.12	.08	.08	.08	.10	.10
66	l. Tea	.14	.13	.12	.11	.13	.11
67	m. Coffee	.16	.15	.12	.13	.13	.14
68	n. Other beverages	.01	.01	.01	.01	.01	.01
69	o. Salt, spices, etc.	.02	.01	.02	.01	.01	.02
70	p. Baking supplies	.02	.02	.02	.01	.02	.02

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Five Cities** Combined	Halifax	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Vancouver	No.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
.41	.38	.44	.38	.38	.40	48
.29	.22	.37	.26	.28	.22	49
.06	.10	0	.06	.06	.13	50
.03	.05	.04	.03	.02	.03	51
.01	.01	.01	.01	.01	.01	52
.02	0	.02	.02	.01	.01	53
.93	.81	.99	.89	.83	.96	54
.09	.09	.08	.08	.10	.10	55
.04	.02	.05	.02	.02	.04	56
.04	.05	.05	.04	.04	.05	57
.03	.03	.03	.03	.02	.04	58
.05	.05	.07	.05	.04	.04	59
.03	.02	.03	.03	.03	.05	60
.09	.07	.08	.11	.10	.09	61
.04	.02	.02	.07	.02	.04	62
.04	.04	.04	.04	.04	.03	63
.08	.09	.11	.07	.06	.06	64
.09	.06	.14	.07	.10	.04	65
.12	.15	.10	.12	.10	.15	66
.14	.07	.15	.12	.13	.18	67
.01	0	.01	.01	.01	.01	68
.02	.02	.02	.01	.01	.01	69
.02	.03	.01	.02	.01	.03	70

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No.	Item	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
71	9. CANNED AND DRIED FRUIT-TOTAL	.16	.16	.17	.15	.17	.17
72	a. Dried fruits, dates	.03	.03	.03	.02	.02	.03
73	b. Canned peaches	.03	.03	.04	.03	.04	.04
74	c. Other canned fruit	.05	.05	.05	.05	.06	.05
75	d. Canned fruit juice	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05
76	10. CANNED AND DRIED VEGETABLES-TOTAL	.19	.18	.18	.15	.17	.19
77	a. Dried vegetables (peas)	.01	.01	.01	0	0	0
78	b. Canned peas	.05	.05	.04	.04	.04	.05
79	c. Canned tomatoes	.03	.02	.02	.02	.02	.03
80	d. Other canned vegetables	.06	.06	.07	.06	.07	.07
81	e. Canned vegetable juice	.04	.04	.04	.03	.04	.04
82	11. FRESH FRUITS-TOTAL	.35	.31	.30	.30	.30	.36
83	a. Apples	.12	.09	.08	.07	.06	.04
84	b. Oranges	.10	.10	.09	.10	.09	.10
85	c. Grapefruit	.03	.03	.03	.03	.04	.02
86	d. Bananas	.07	.07	.08	.08	.08	.11
87	e. Berries	0	0	0	.01	.01	.04
88	f. Other fresh fruit	.03	.02	.02	.01	.02	.05
89	12. FRESH VEGETABLES-TOTAL	.41	.39	.36	.36	.42	.43
90	a. Tomatoes	.05	.05	.05	.06	.08	.09
91	b. Cabbage	.02	.02	.02	.02	.02	.02
92	c. Spinach	.01	.02	.02	.01	.01	.01

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Five Cities** Combined	Halifax	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Vancouver	No.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
.16	.14	.17	.15	.13	.19	71
.03	.02	.02	.02	.02	.04	72
.03	.03	.05	.03	.02	.03	73
.05	.05	.06	.05	.04	.05	74
.05	.04	.04	.05	.05	.07	75
.17	.17	.18	.16	.15	.19	76
0	.01	0	.01	0	0	77
.04	.04	.04	.04	.04	.05	78
.02	.01	.03	.02	.01	.03	79
.07	.09	.06	.06	.06	.08	80
.04	.02	.05	.03	.04	.03	81
.32	.26	.35	.32	.30	.29	82
.08	.06	.09	.07	.07	.06	83
.10	.11	.10	.10	.11	.09	84
.03	.02	.03	.03	.02	.03	85
.08	.06	.10	.07	.07	.08	86
.01	0	.01	.02	.01	.01	87
.02	.01	.02	.03	.02	.02	88
.39	.35	.41	.40	.32	.39	89
.06	.05	.07	.05	.07	.06	90
.02	.02	.02	.02	.02	.02	91
.01	.01	.01	.02	0	.01	92

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No.	Item	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	FRESH VEGETABLES - cont'd						
93	d. Celery	.04	.03	.03	.03	.03	.04
94	e. Lettuce	.04	.03	.03	.03	.05	.05
95	f. Potatoes	.13	.13	.10	.09	.10	.10
96	g. Carrots	.04	.04	.04	.04	.04	.04
97	h. Onions	.03	.03	.03	.02	.03	.02
98	i. Other fresh vegetables	.05	.04	.04	.06	.06	.06
99	13. FROZEN FOODS-TOTAL	.03	.03	.03	.03	.03	.03
100	a. Frozen fruit/juice	.02	.02	.01	.02	.01	.02
101	b. Frozen vegetables	.01	.01	.01	.01	.01	.01
102	c. Other frozen foods	0	0	.01	0	.01	0
103	14. MISCELLANEOUS FOODS nuts (all kinds), yeast, vinegar, etc.	.05	.04	.03	.03	.03	.03
104	15. FOOD EATEN IN SNACK BARS, RESTAURANT, etc.	.64	.66	.54	.43	.62	.71
105	16. COST OF FOOD AWAY FROM HOME:						
	At school; on a job; on holidays	.02	.03	.02	.01	.04	.03
106	17. TOTAL FOOD EXPENDITURE	7.50	6.83	6.59	6.26	6.89	6.90

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Five Cities** Combined	Halifax	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Vancouver	No.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
.03	.01	.04	.03	.02	.03	93
.04	.02	.04	.03	.04	.04	94
.11	.13	.12	.10	.08	.10	95
.04	.05	.04	.04	.03	.05	96
.03	.02	.03	.03	.02	.03	97
.05	.04	.04	.08	.04	.05	98
.03	.01	.02	.05	.03	.05	99
.02	.01	.01	.03	.02	.01	100
.01	0	.01	.01	.01	.03	101
0	0	0	.01	0	.01	102
.03	.04	.03	.04	.04	.03	103
.59	.18	.84	.47	.66	.42	104
.02	0	.02	.02	.11	.01	105
6.78	5.79	7.53	6.51	6.20	6.59	106

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