

Table 3.2
Consumption by Expenditure Category

Expenditure Category	Low-Income Families	Middle- and High-Income Families
Percentage of Total Consumer Expenditures		
Shelter	27.4	17.0
Food	25.1	14.5
Sub-total	52.5	31.5
Household Operation	6.3	4.0
Health and Personal Care	5.0	3.7
Clothing	6.3	5.7
Transportation	9.6	12.0
Household Furnishings and Equipment	3.4	3.5
Recreation	4.3	4.6
Tobacco Products and Alcoholic Beverages	4.3	4.1
Other Expenditures*	8.3	30.9

* Other expenditures include legal services, lottery tickets, personal taxes, life insurance and annuities, gifts and contributions and other miscellaneous expenditures.

Source: Statistics Canada, Detailed Average Expenditure by Family Low-Income Groups, Canada, 1982. Table 90A91.