

interested reader for excellent descriptions of the various transfer programs.<sup>3</sup> Instead, our focus has been on the implications of the existing system for regional economic development.

## Transfers to Individuals

A wide array of federally-sponsored programs (see Table 11-1) affect individual Canadians directly, ranging from the Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security to Family Allowance, from home insulation programs to personal income tax allowances.

**Table 11-1**  
**Benefit Expenditure by all Levels of Government and Personal**  
**Income by Province**  
**(Income Security Programs, 1977-78)**

Jurisdictions	Total Benefit Expenditures (\$millions)	Personal Income (\$millions)	Benefit Expenditures % of Personal Income	Benefit Expenditures Per Capita (\$)
British Columbia	\$ 1,900	\$ 20,332	9.4%	\$ 771
Alberta	1,032	14,654	6.9%	534
Saskatchewan	610	6,650	9.4%	651
Manitoba	671	7,076	9.5%	652
Ontario	5,626	67,853	8.3%	674
Quebec	4,878	43,017	11.3%	776
New Brunswick	657	3,829	17.1%	956
Nova Scotia	651	4,900	13.2%	779
Prince Edward Island	113.2	604	18.7%	942
Newfoundland	497	2,839	17.5%	883
Northwest Territories	19.3	—	—	—
Yukon	10.8	—	—	—
TOTAL	16,718.6*	\$172,370	-	
AVERAGE			9.6%	\$ 710

\* Includes 53.3 million not attributed by province.

Source: *The Income Security System in Canada: Report for the Interprovincial Conference of Ministers Responsible for Social Services*, The Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat, September 1980, p. 47.

Most of these programs are geographically neutral; benefits to individuals and the application of the program do not vary according to place of residence (although some regions benefit in total more than other regions due to demographic and other features) or occupation. However, some programs are decidedly not neutral in this way; the benefits available to and received by individuals vary according to where they live and/or what they do.

<sup>3</sup> See *Fiscal Federalism in Canada*, Parliamentary Task Force on Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements (House of Commons, 1981).