

Survey of Household Spending, 2023

September 18, 2026

In 2023, Whitehorse¹ households spent an average of \$92,447 on the consumption of goods and services, which was \$16,301, or 21.4%, higher than the national average² of \$76,146.

Compared to all provinces and territorial capitals, Whitehorse households had the third highest average household spending in 2023, following Yellowknife (\$103,956) and Iqaluit (\$95,367) households.

In 2023, as a proportion of total consumption, Whitehorse¹ households on average spent:

- 30.7% on Shelter, the fourth highest nationally and 1.5 percentage points below the national average (32.2%);
- 16.8% on Transportation, the seventh highest nationally and 1.1 percentage point above the national average (15.8%);
- 13.9% on Food, the lowest nationally, and 1.7% percentage points below the national average (15.7%);
- 8.6% on Household operations, the fifth highest nationally, and 0.7 percentage points above the national average (7.8%); and
- 30.0% on Other consumption expenditures³, the second highest nationally, and 1.5 percentage points above the national average (28.5%).

Average consumption spending per household and consumption by major categories, Canada, provinces and territories¹ (revised estimates) 2023

	Total consumption	Food	Shelter	Transportation	Household operations	Other consumption expenditures ³
	----- \$ -----	----- proportion of total consumption (%) -----				-----
Canada²	76,146	15.7%	32.2%	15.8%	7.8%	28.5%
Newfoundland and Labrador	66,808	19.9%	23.7%	19.7%	8.7%	28.0%
Prince Edward Island	66,059	18.3%	27.5%	16.8%	9.5%	27.8%
Nova Scotia	64,609	16.5%	28.0%	17.6%	9.0%	28.9%
New Brunswick	64,277	17.4%	25.4%	18.4%	9.4%	29.4%
Quebec	64,557	17.2%	27.3%	16.8%	7.8%	30.9%
Ontario	81,593	14.4%	35.7%	14.6%	7.8%	27.5%
Manitoba	69,223	18.3%	27.5%	17.3%	8.4%	28.5%
Saskatchewan	70,384	18.1%	28.1%	18.3%	8.5%	27.1%
Alberta	85,585	16.4%	30.6%	16.5%	7.7%	28.9%
British Columbia	82,715	14.7%	34.9%	15.2%	7.4%	27.8%
Whitehorse¹	92,447	13.9%	30.7%	16.8%	8.6%	30.0%
Yellowknife ¹	103,956	15.2%	34.2%	18.0%	8.4%	24.2%
Iqaluit ¹	95,367	18.3%	30.7%	14.0%	8.0%	29.0%

Source: Statistics Canada. Tables: 11-10-0222-01 and 11-10-0223-01. Released on September 18, 2026.

Average consumption spending per household and consumption by major categories, Whitehorse¹, 2019 to 2023

	2019	2021	2023 ^r	2019 to 2023 ^r	2021 to 2023 ^r
	proportion of total consumption (%)			change in proportion (percentage points)	
Total current consumption	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	...	...
Food	15.4%	15.1%	13.9%	-1.5	-1.2
Shelter	28.5%	28.6%	30.7%	2.2	2.1
Household operations	9.0%	8.8%	8.6%	-0.4	-0.2
Household furnishings and equipment	3.6%	5.0%	4.6%	1.0	-0.4
Clothing and accessories	3.9%	3.5%	3.4%	-0.5	-0.1
Transportation	17.4%	16.7%	16.8%	-0.6	0.1
Health care	3.4%	3.4%	3.2%	-0.2	-0.2
Personal care	1.6%	2.2%	2.0%	0.4	-0.2
Recreation	8.3%	9.0%	8.9%	0.6	-0.1
Education	1.5%	1.7%	2.1%	0.6	0.4
Reading materials and other printed matter	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	-0.1	0.0
Tobacco products, alcoholic beverages and cannabis for non-medical use	3.6%	2.9%	2.8%	-0.8	-0.1
Games of chance	F	0.3%	F	..	..
Miscellaneous expenditures	3.0%	2.3%	2.2%	-0.8	-0.1

Source: Statistics Canada. Table: 11-10-0223-01. Released on September 18, 2026.

^r = revised

F = too unreliable to publish

.. = not available

... = not applicable

¹ The Survey of Household Spending is only conducted in the capitals of the territories. Data for Yukon are not available.

² The national average does not include data from the territorial capitals.

³ Other consumption expenditures include *Household furnishings and equipment*; *Clothing and accessories*; *Health care*; *Personal care*; *Recreation*; *Education*; *Reading materials and other printed matter*; *Tobacco products, alcoholic beverages and cannabis for non-medical use*; *Games of chance*; and *Miscellaneous expenditures*.

Note to readers:

- The 2023 Survey of Household Spending (SHS) was conducted from January to December 2023. Information was gathered from a sample of 9,991 households in the provinces and 732 households in the territorial capitals (Whitehorse, Yellowknife and Iqaluit). The data collected include detailed household expenditures, as well as information on dwelling characteristics, household demographics and household equipment.
- Data from the 2023 Survey of Household Spending were previously released on May 21, 2025, using survey weights based on the 2016 Census of Population. The survey weights in this release have been updated and are now calibrated to demographic projections based on the 2021 Census of Population.
- Average household spending estimates are in current dollars (not adjusted for inflation).
- The increase in average spending by Canadian households in 2023 (up 14.3% from 2021) was the largest two-year increase observed since the series began in 2010. Amid recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, the rise in household spending was partly attributed to consumer inflation, where the Consumer Price Index increased by 10.9% from 2021 to 2023.
- Average spending for a specific good or service is calculated for all households, including those with and those without expenditures for the category, unless otherwise specified. Average spending includes sales taxes.
- Total current consumption refers to the sum of current expenditures for food, shelter, household operations, household furnishings and equipment, clothing and accessories, transportation, health care, personal care, recreation, education, reading materials and other printed matter, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages and cannabis for non-medical use, games of chance and miscellaneous expenditures.