



Survey of Household Spending, 2019

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In 2019, Whitehorse¹ households spent an average of \$76,196 on goods and services; the national average (not including territorial capitals¹) was \$68,980.

In Whitehorse¹, household spending on shelter accounted for the largest share of current consumption at 28.5%, followed by transportation (17.4%) and food (15.4%). In Canada (not including territorial capitals¹), these shares were 29.3%, 18.5% and 14.9%, respectively.

Average spending and shares of spending for major categories, Canada, provinces and territorial capitals, 2019

	Average spending on goods and services	Shelter	Trans- portation	Food
	----\$----	shares of spending on goods and services (%)		
Canada	68,980	29.3	18.5	14.9
Newfoundland and Labrador	58,768	24.5	21.2	16.1
Prince Edward Island	56,662	24.8	21.0	16.3
Nova Scotia	59,763	26.8	18.9	15.2
New Brunswick	58,191	23.5	21.6	16.3
Quebec	58,208	27.2	18.0	16.9
Ontario	71,876	31.1	17.8	14.5
Manitoba	65,288	26.7	20.2	15.3
Saskatchewan	71,323	27.3	19.7	14.6
Alberta	79,849	28.3	19.6	14.2
British Columbia	77,511	30.8	18.4	13.7
Whitehorse¹	76,196	28.5	17.4	15.4
Yellowknife	98,614	31.8	17.0	14.2
Iqaluit	97,127	28.3	18.0	15.8

¹ The survey is conducted only in the capitals of the territories.

Note to readers:

The 2019 Survey of Household Spending was conducted from January to December 2019. Information was gathered from a sample of 10,890 households in the provinces and 590 households in the three territorial capitals. The data collected include detailed household expenditures, as well as information on dwelling characteristics, household demographics and household equipment.

Estimates for some expenditure categories in 2019 may no longer be directly comparable to those from previous years due to changes implemented to the survey in 2019.

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Average household expenditure by summary-level category,
Canada and Whitehorse¹, 2019

	<u>Canada</u>	<u>Whitehorse¹</u>
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Total expenditure	93,724	102,680
Total current consumption	68,980	76,196
Food expenditures	10,311	11,764
Shelter	20,200	21,695
Household operations	5,448	6,826
Household furnishings and equipment	2,486	2,727
Clothing and accessories	3,344	2,968
Transportation	12,737	13,231
Health care	2,780	2,589
Personal care	1,384	1,188
Recreation	4,624	6,315
Education	1,691	1,145
Reading materials and other printed matter	165	348
Tobacco products, alcoholic beverages and cannabis for non-medical use	1,785	2,734
Games of chance	186	F
Miscellaneous expenditures	1,838	2,281
Income taxes	17,167	15,766
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	5,297	8,533
Gifts of money, support payments and charitable contributions	2,280	2,185

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F = too unreliable to be published

Note to readers:

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 the 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.

For more information about survey methodology, data quality, variable definitions and data products, see the [User guide for the Survey of Household Spending, 2019](#) on the Statistics Canada website: