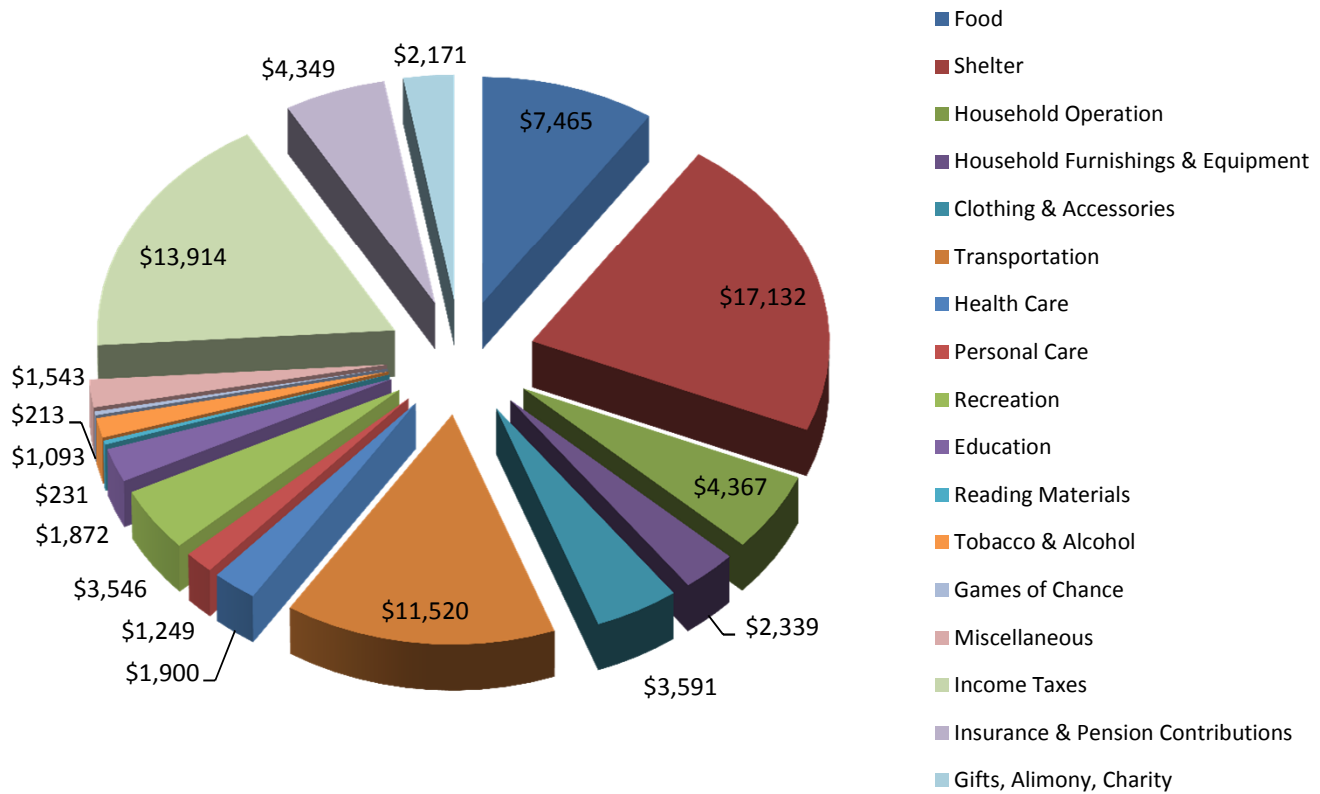


2013 Average Household Spending in Ontario

Key Points

- Several household expenditures are **fixed** regardless of the number of members in a household. The standard **joint and 60% survivor pension** would **not** provide enough income to cover all of the fixed expenses for the average surviving spouse.
- Average annual household expenditures total **\$78,495**. Average health care expenditures of **\$1,900** are 2.4% of total expenditures. This amount does not include health premiums that are collected through income taxes.
- The Medical Expense Tax Credit (METC) threshold for an individual or family was **\$2,152**, or 3% of one's net income, in 2013. This threshold is **higher** than the average household's health care expenditures and therefore no METC is available for the average family.



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