

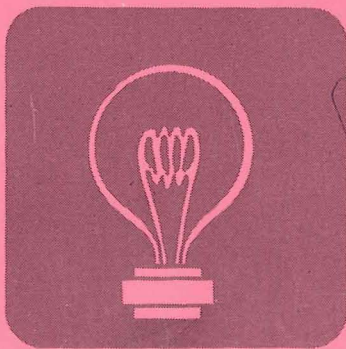
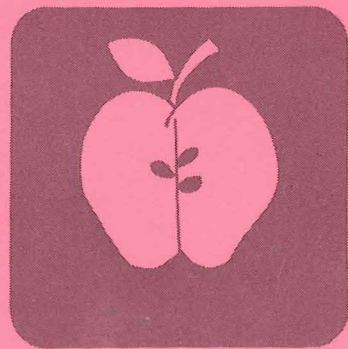
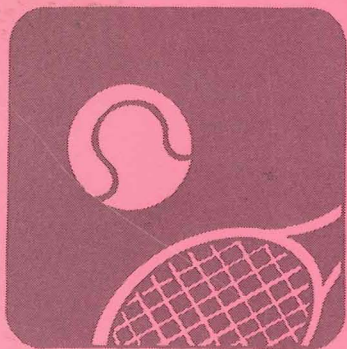
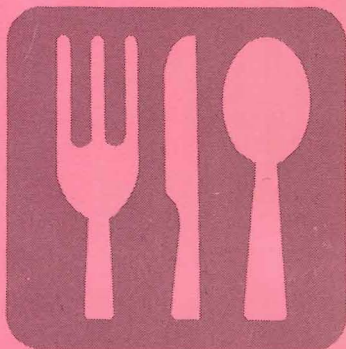
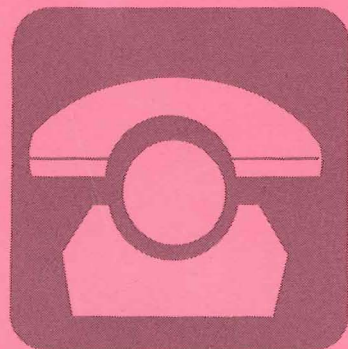
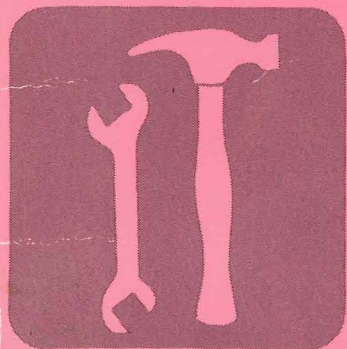
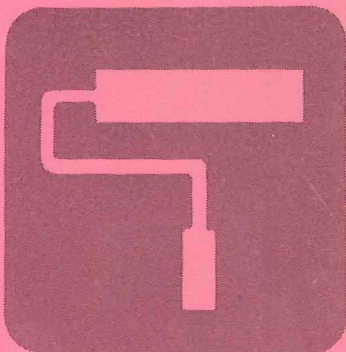
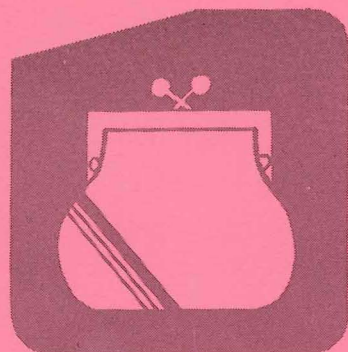
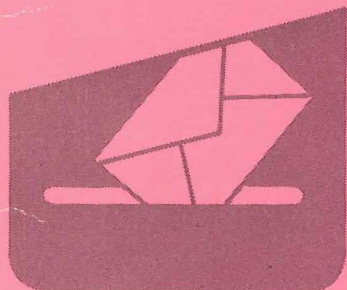
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EXPLANATORY NOTESIntroduction

This publication presents results (relating to Queensland) from the 1984 Household Expenditure Survey (HES).

2. The statistics in this publication are intended to present a broad overview of data items collected during the 1984 HES. Emphasis has been given to highlighting the differing household expenditure patterns and levels revealed when average weekly household expenditure is cross-classified by various household characteristics (e.g. income levels and sources, geographic location, and family composition of the household).

Scope and Coverage

3. Dwellings. Houses, flats, home units, garages, tents, and any other structures used as private places of residence were included in the survey. However, hotels, boarding houses, hospitals, etc. were regarded as 'special dwellings' and outside the scope of the survey.

4. Households. Information was collected on a household basis (see paragraph 14 for the definition) rather than for selected individuals in the population, because many items of expenditure such as food, accommodation, and household goods and appliances relate to the household as a unit.

5. The following households and individuals were excluded from the survey:

- (a) foreign diplomatic households and foreign diplomatic staff households;
- (b) foreign defence force staff households;
- (c) visitors staying with a household for less than 6 weeks after the initial interview;
- (d) households with one or more usual members who were spenders but who could not be interviewed within 14 days after the initial approach; and
- (e) households with one or more usual members who were present at the initial interview but who expected to be absent at the end of diary-keeping.

Data Collection Method

6. Trained interviewers were used to conduct personal interviews to collect information on expenditure items which occur infrequently (e.g. purchase of vehicles and property and the payment of household bills such as electricity and gas) and to collect details of income from all household members aged 15 years or over. In addition, household members were asked to record all payments made during a specified period in a diary provided to each of them. The diary-keeping period was 2 weeks for the majority of households but in rural areas the period was 4 weeks. Consequently, each household was involved in the survey for either 2 or 4 weeks, although the sample of households was spread evenly over the 12 month survey period from January to December 1984.

Definitions

7. Expenditure. The 1984 HES was based on an 'acquisitions' approach. This means that the expenditure related to goods and services acquired during the reference period, whether or not those goods were paid for or consumed, e.g. goods purchased by Bankcard were counted as expenditure at the time they were acquired rather than at the time the Bankcard bill was paid. Expenditure is net of refunds or expected refunds, e.g. payments for doctors' visits are the net expense after any refunds received or expected from Medicare. Information about most types of expenditure was obtained from the diary, although some infrequently reported items of expenditure were collected on a 'recall' or last payment basis. The length of the recall period ranged from 2 years for house purchases to 3 months for health expenses.

8. For a comprehensive list of items of expenditure collected in the 1984 HES and the composition of a particular broad expenditure group, reference should be made to Appendix 2.0 of the 1984 HES Information Paper (Catalogue No. 6527.0).

9. The classification of expenditure in the survey - the Household Expenditure Survey Commodity Code List (HESCCCL) - has two major divisions, i.e. expenditure on 'commodities and services' (the first 13 broad expen-

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diture groups) and on 'other selected payments'. Other selected payments are composed mostly of capital items such as capital housing costs, superannuation, and life insurance, but also includes income tax. This division differentiates between consumption type items, which were the major focus of the survey, and those which were not necessarily 'consumed' by the household, e.g. life insurance payments can be thought of as savings rather than spending.

10. Income is defined as gross weekly income from all sources, i.e. before deductions for income tax, superannuation, etc., at the time of the interview. Details of income were collected from all household members. The main components of income are:

- (a) current usual wages and salaries;
- (b) income derived from self-employment;
- (c) government direct benefits (including benefits received from an overseas government - note that educational grants are included in (e) below);
- (d) income from investments (including interest, dividends, royalties and rent); and
- (e) other regular income (including educational grants and private and government scholarships received in 'cash', superannuation, Workers' Compensation, alimony or maintenance, and any other allowances regularly received).

11. Although most information about income was obtained on a current basis, some was obtained in respect of the previous financial year.

12. In general, income is regarded as all receipts which are received regularly and are of a recurring nature. Certain receipts such as the following were not considered to conform to this criterion and were therefore treated as being outside the scope of the survey:

- (a) maturity payments on insurance policies, superannuation, etc. as these lump-sum receipts were regarded as maturity of an investment rather than income;
- (b) lump-sum compensation for injury and legal damages received;
- (c) windfall gains such as gambling and lottery winnings;
- (d) lump-sum inheritances and other lump-sum receipts;
- (e) withdrawals from savings;
- (f) loans and credit obtained;
- (g) profit from buying and selling of stocks, shares, and other capital goods, unless as a business (even if these profits are taxable);
- (h) value of home-produced goods where the economic activity of the household was not associated with the production of these goods;
- (i) monetary gifts if not regularly received, and the value of non-monetary gifts from another household;
- (j) loans being repaid to a member of the household by a third party;

- (k) receipts from sale of household effects, e.g. furniture, television sets, refrigerators;
- (l) income derived from the 'cash economy' and not reported; and
- (m) employer contributions to superannuation funds and/or life assurance policies.

13. The survey does not collect all funds available for expenditure and therefore does not purport to be an income-expenditure balance sheet. The collection of income data in the survey is primarily undertaken to allow households to be classified into groups for expenditure analysis. It is not expected that income and expenditure will balance either for an individual household or even when averaged over a group of households. The difference between expenditure and income is therefore not necessarily a measure of savings or dissavings.

14. A household is defined as a group of people who live together in a single dwelling as a single unit in the sense that they have common house-keeping arrangements, i.e. they have some common provision for food and other essentials of living. Persons living in the same dwelling but having separate catering arrangements constitute separate households.

15. Quintile groups are the five 20 per cent groupings of households when they are ranked in ascending order according to total gross weekly income.

16. Age is classified according to the person's age at last birthday.

17. Employed persons comprise all those aged 15 years and over who, during the survey week:

- (a) worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission, or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (including employees, employers, and self-employed persons); or
- (b) worked for 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helpers); or
- (c) were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than 4 weeks up to the end of the survey week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than 4 weeks up to the end of the survey week; on strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or
- (d) were employers or self-employed persons who had a job, business, or farm, but were not at work.

18. The principal source or income for each household (or household head) is derived using a classification of two levels. The first level of the classification differentiates between total Government pensions and 'cash' benefits and total regular income from other sources (mostly private income). At the next level, income is classified according to 21 individual sources of income and from this the principal source of income

EXPLANATORY NOTES (continued)

Definitions (continued)

for each household (or household head) was derived. Childrens' income earned or unearned, was allocated to the nominated household head's income.

19. The nature of housing occupancy is determined according to whether the selected dwelling is owned outright, in the process of being bought, being rented privately or through the Government (either furnished or unfurnished), or occupied rent free.

20. Family composition of the household classification is divided into three broad groupings; single families, multiple families, and households with only unrelated persons present, including single person households. Additional categories are formed according to the number of dependent offspring, i.e. all persons aged less than 15 years and those aged 15-20 years who are full-time students, non-dependent offspring, the presence of non-family individuals, the number of unrelated persons, and the identification of single parent families within the household.

21. Selected population groups are defined as follows:

- (a) Pensioner households are those where the principle source of household income is an age, invalid, or widows pension.
- (b) Low income households are those households where the gross weekly household income from all sources is less than or equal to \$168.00.
- (c) Single parent households is self explanatory but does exclude those single parent families who reside in a multiple family household.
- (d) Unemployed and sickness benefit households are those where the principle source of income of the household head is either benefit.
- (e) Migrant households are those where the head of the household arrived in Australia in the 10 year period prior to the survey, 1975 to 1984.

22. Regions are those used for labour force regional estimates and are based on statistical divisions so that the total population size is above 200,000. Maps delineating the regions are included on pages 45 and 46.

Reliability of the Estimates

23. The estimates provided in this publication are subject to two types of error.

24. Sampling error is the difference which would be expected between the estimate and the corresponding figure that would have been obtained from a collection based on the whole population, using the same questionnaires and procedures. A measure of the sampling error for a given estimate is provided by the standard error expressed as a percentage of the estimate (relative standard error). In this publication, estimates with a relative standard error between 30 and 50 per cent are preceded by *. Estimates with a relative standard error greater than 50 per cent are suppressed and replaced by **.

25. For technical notes regarding the estimation procedures and, for a discussion of sampling error as well as details for calculating the percentage standard error for selected estimates in this publication, refer to the publication 'Household Expenditure Survey, Australia, Summary of Results' (Catalogue No. 6530.0).

26. Non-sampling error can occur whether the estimates are derived from a sample or from a complete enumeration. Three major sources of non-sampling error are:

- (a) Inability to obtain comprehensive data from all households included in the sample. These errors arise because of differences which exist between the characteristics and patterns of expenditure and income between responding and non-responding households.
- (b) errors in reporting on the part of both respondents and interviewers. These reporting errors may arise through inappropriate wording of questions, misunderstanding of what data are required, inability or unwillingness to provide accurate information, and mistakes in answers to questions.
- (c) errors arising during processing of the survey data. These processing errors may arise through mistakes in coding and data recording as well as errors arising from incorrect classification of individual payments to some of the more detailed expenditure categories.

27. Non-sampling errors are difficult to measure in any collection, however, every effort was made to minimise these errors. In particular, the effect of the reporting and processing errors described above were minimised by careful questionnaire design, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, asking respondents to refer to records whenever possible, and extensive editing and quality control checking at all stages of data processing.

28. The error due to incomplete response was minimised by call-backs to initially non-responding households in order to explain the importance of their co-operation to the project, and by adjustment to the 'weights' (the factors used to expand the sample data to obtain population estimates). The weights were allocated to the responding households in order to allow for households with similar characteristics from which comprehensive data was not obtained.

29. Because of the extended collection period of the survey, changes in money values and changes in the relative prices of goods and services during the period have some implications for the interpretation of the results. The reference periods of data items differed firstly because households were approached at different dates over the duration of the survey, and secondly, because data items were obtained in respect of varying reference periods (e.g. medical expenses in respect of the previous 3 months, and purchase of motor vehicles in the previous 12 months). These factors should be borne in mind in interpreting the results.

EXPLANATORY NOTES (continued)Related Publications

30. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:

- 'Household Expenditure Survey, Information Paper' (6527.0) - Irregular - Latest Issue: 1984
- 'Household Expenditure Survey, Preliminary' (6529.0) - Irregular - Latest Issue: 1984
- 'Household Expenditure Survey, Summary of Results' (6530.0) - Irregular - Latest Issue: 1984
- 'Household Expenditure Survey, States and Territories' (6533.0) - Irregular - Latest Issue: 1984 (\$2.60)
- 'Household Expenditure Survey, Detailed Expenditure Items' (6535.0) - Irregular - Latest Issue: 1984 (\$2.40)
- 'Household Expenditure Survey, Effects of Government Benefits and Taxes' (6537.0) - Irregular - Latest Issue: 1984 (\$4.20)

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INTRODUCTION

In this publication, reference is made to some of the more readily observed relationships shown by the survey results, and to some of the factors which should be taken into account when interpreting the estimates.

The tables have been chosen to present a broad overview of Queensland data from the 1984 Household Expenditure Survey. They present data on the relationship between average weekly household expenditure and some of the major household characteristics, selected population groups, and, where possible, regional comparisons.

Accompanying each table is an explanatory section which highlights some of the main features of the table both graphically and in written comment. However, the reader will be able to extract much more information from the table itself. The explanatory comments are included as a guide to the interpretation of the data.

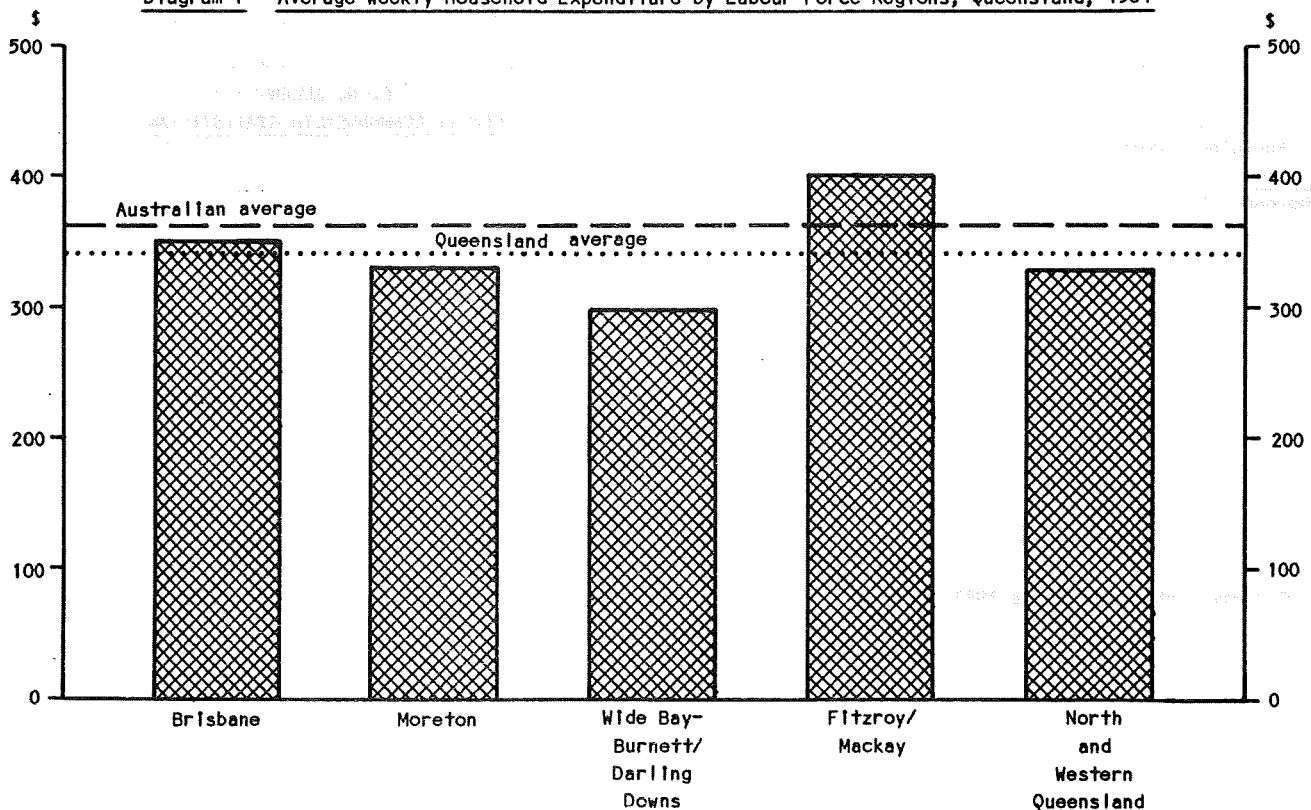
Each table features two separate but interconnected sections depicting:

- (a) average weekly household expenditure, and
- (b) household characteristics (e.g. average weekly household income, the number and age of household members, and the family composition of the household) which help to explain the patterns of expenditure apparent in the first section.

Clearly, many of the household characteristics are interrelated and their influence on household expenditure operates both directly and/or through their close relationship with one another.

SECTION 1. REGIONAL SUMMARY

Diagram 1 - Average Weekly Household Expenditure by Labour Force Regions, Queensland, 1984



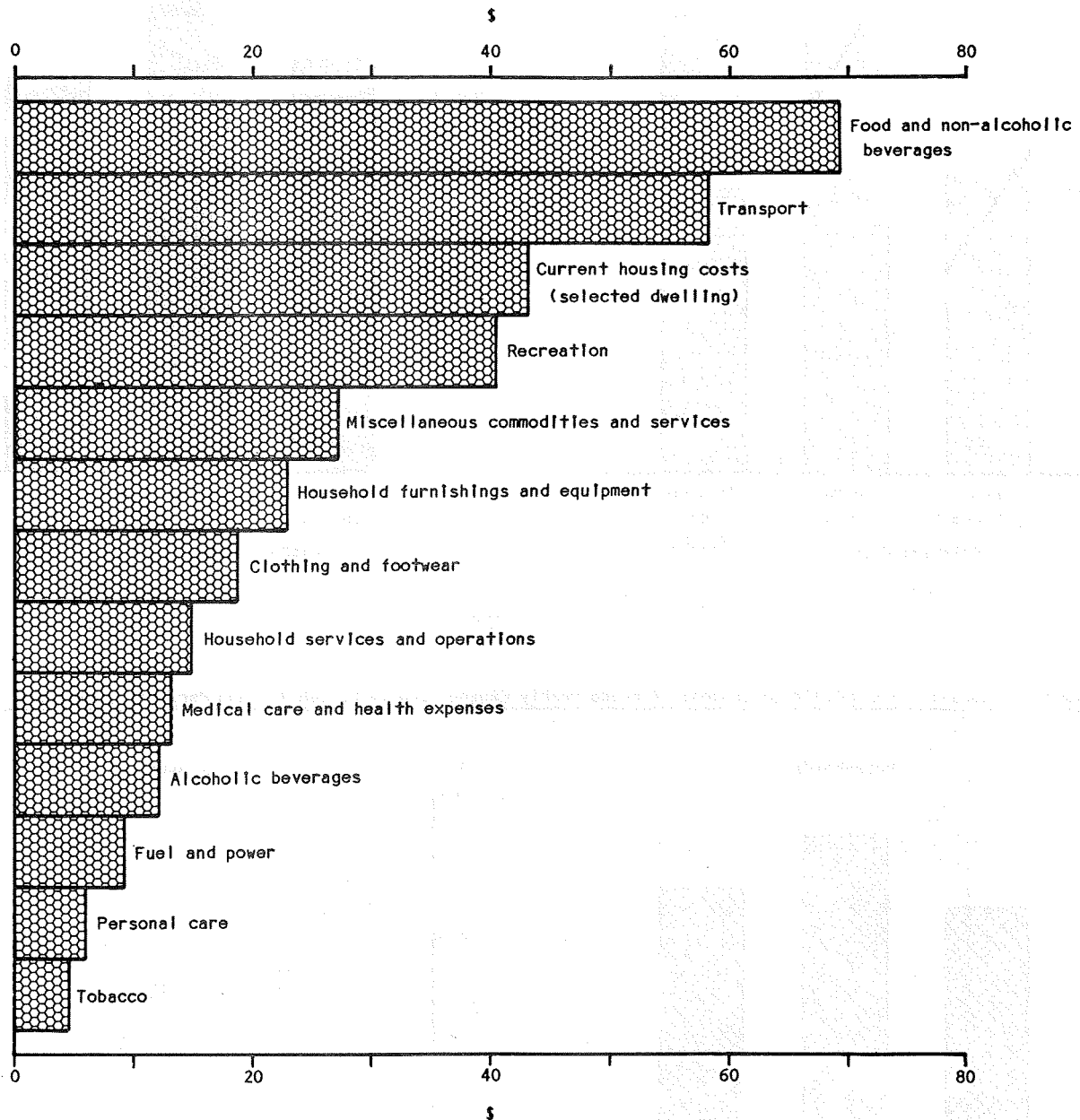
Average weekly household expenditure varied according to the region of Queensland. The Fitzroy/Mackay Region had by far the highest expenditure with \$404.30 a week, whereas the Wide Bay-Burnett/Darling Downs Region had the lowest with \$296.59 a week. The Queensland and Australian weekly averages were \$340.58 and \$361.84, respectively.

Expenditure on food and non-alcoholic beverages accounted for the highest proportion of total expenditure for all regions of Queensland. Of note is that whilst the Wide Bay-Burnett/Darling Downs Region had the lowest total expenditure of all regions, it had the second highest proportion of expenditure on food and non-alcoholic beverages, 21.55 per cent. The Fitzroy/Mackay Region had the highest with 23.78 per cent.

Expenditure on transport had the next highest proportion, with the Moreton Region having the largest with 19.94 per cent. Medical care and health expenses ranged from 3.10 per cent to 5.29 per cent of total expenditure across the regions.

Diagram 2 shows the distribution of average weekly household expenditure by commodity or service for Queensland. Expenditure on food and non-alcoholic beverages was \$69.32 or 20.35 per cent of total expenditure on commodities and services. Transport and current housing costs were the next highest expenditure groups with \$58.24 (17.10 per cent) and \$43.17 (12.68 per cent), respectively. Much less significant was expenditure on personal care and tobacco with \$6.01 (1.76 per cent) and \$4.63 (1.36 per cent), respectively.

Diagram 2 - Average Weekly Household Expenditure by Commodities and Services, Queensland, 1984



Diagrams 3, 4, and 5 show the interrelationship between average weekly household expenditure, average weekly household income, and the average number of persons per household for different areas of the Brisbane Statistical Division (B.S.D.).

The Brisbane City Inner Suburbs and Balance of B.S.D. had similar average weekly household incomes but the Inner Suburbs had a lower average weekly household expenditure on food and non-alcoholic beverages as there were fewer persons per household.

On the other hand, the Brisbane City Outer Suburbs had a similar number of persons per household as the Balance of B.S.D. but had a considerably higher level of average weekly household income, which is reflected in a higher average weekly expenditure on food and non-alcoholic beverages.

Also notable from Diagrams 3 and 5 for these contiguous and reasonably homogeneous areas is that as the average number of persons per household increased, the average weekly expenditure per person on food and non-alcoholic beverages decreased.

Diagram 3 - Average Number of Persons per Household, Queensland, 1984

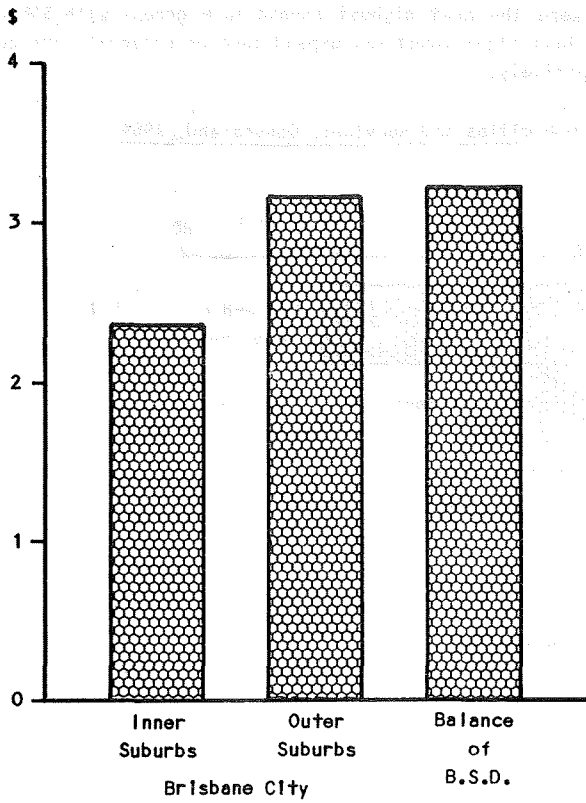


Diagram 4 - Average Weekly Household Income, Queensland, 1984

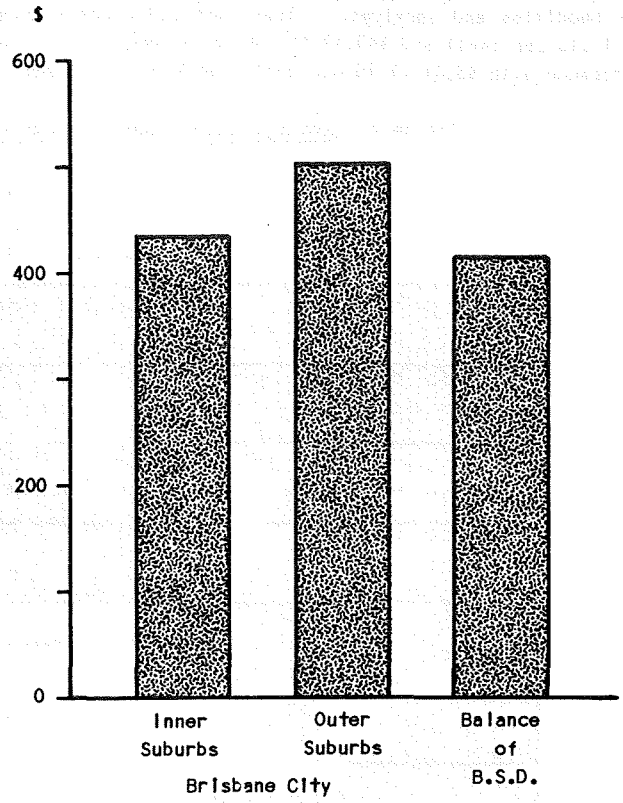


Diagram 5 - Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages: Average Weekly Expenditure by Households and Persons, Queensland, 1984

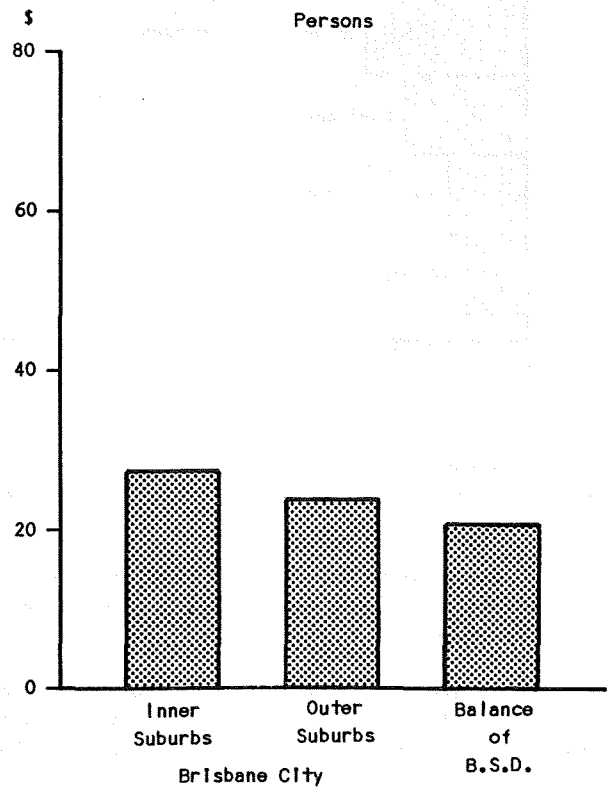
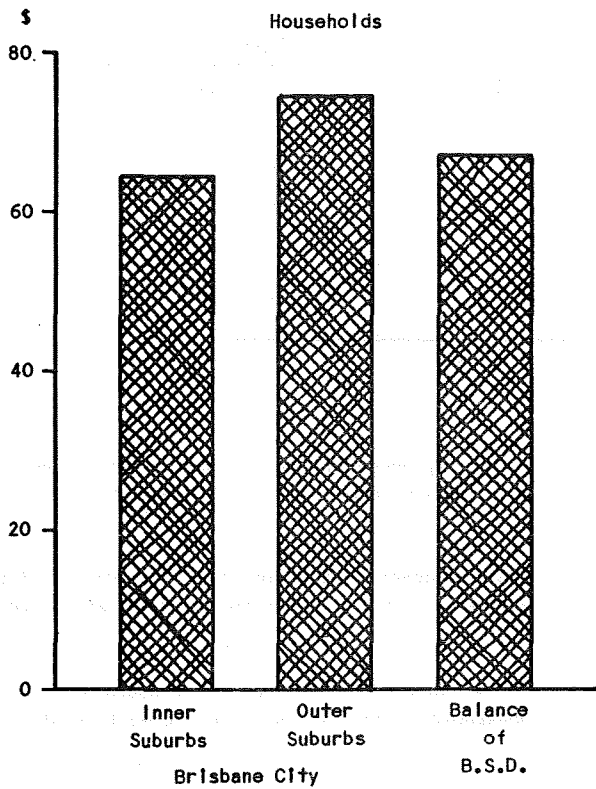


Diagram 6 shows that the average weekly household expenditure on current housing costs was markedly lower in the Wide Bay-Burnett/Darling Downs Region than in the Brisbane Region. A significant factor causing this was that a much higher percentage of homes were owned outright in the former area (57.67 per cent and 38.84 per cent, respectively).

Although the Brisbane Region expended more on housing (\$48.86 a week) than the Fitzroy/Mackay Region (\$40.72 a week), the extent of outright home ownership was practically the same. However, Table 1 reveals that in the Brisbane Region there were more persons buying, fewer renting, and fewer living rent-free, and this differing distribution would have an effect on the expenditure figures.

Diagram 6 - Current Housing Costs (Selected Dwelling): Average Weekly Household Expenditure by Labour Force Regions, Queensland, 1984

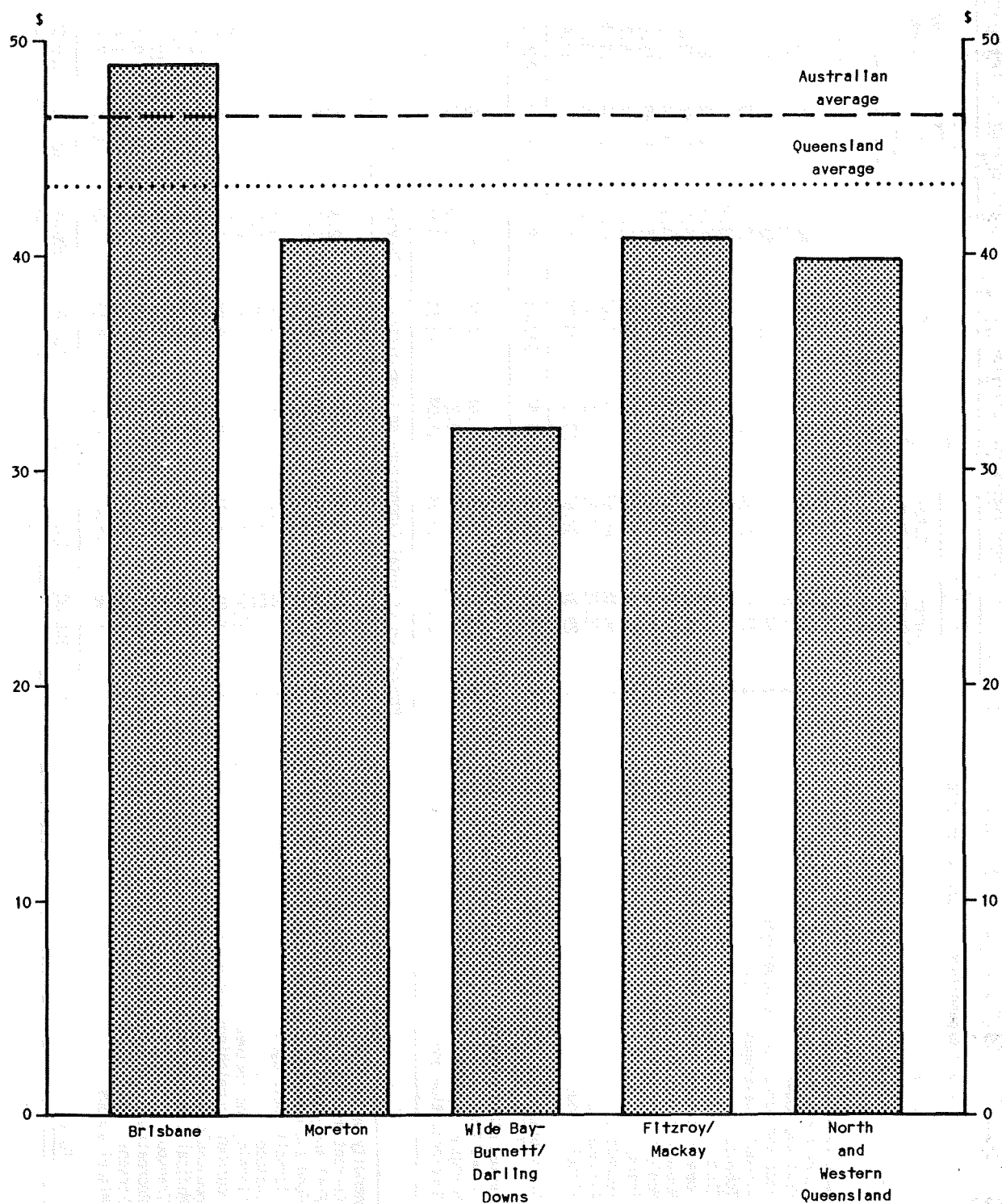


Table 1 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Labour Force Region, Queensland and Australia, 1984 (continued)

Household expenditure and characteristics	Brisbane Statistical Division										Balance of Queensland					Total Australia
	Brisbane City			Balance of B.S.D.		Total	Moreton	Wide Bay-Burnett/Darling Downs	Fitzroy/Mackay	North and Western Queensland	Total Queensland	Total Queensland	Total Australia			
	Inner Suburbs	Outer Suburbs	Total	Inner Suburbs	Outer Suburbs											
Average weekly household income (b)	\$	435.51	501.60	413.58	448.41	354.70	360.39	488.12	437.20	424.07	453.60					
Proportion of total income being:	%	69.80	75.15	78.17	74.18	55.14	61.27	72.17	68.95	69.27	71.62					
Own business	%	8.82	7.03	4.79	6.98	14.60	12.98	9.25	14.04	9.93	8.45					
Government pensions and benefits	%	11.34	9.36	11.76	10.79	19.03	15.79	10.51	9.31	12.18	11.29					
Other	%	10.04	8.46	5.28	8.04	11.23	9.96	8.07	7.70	8.62	8.63					
Total	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00					
Average number of persons per household	No.	0.50	1.08	1.23	0.92	0.89	1.00	1.19	0.94	0.95	0.86					
Under 18 years	No.	1.52	1.82	1.75	1.69	1.57	1.66	1.84	1.76	1.69	1.70					
18 to 64 years	No.	0.34	0.26	0.24	0.28	0.40	0.35	0.25	0.14	0.29	0.27					
65 years and over	No.	2.36	3.16	3.22	2.89	2.85	3.01	3.28	2.85	2.93	2.84					
Proportion of households with nature of housing occupancy being:	%	38.24	43.37	35.33	38.84	45.60	57.67	38.88	39.86	42.66	39.42					
Owed outright	%	19.10	39.69	44.79	33.90	24.80	25.37	22.89	22.30	28.66	32.08					
Being bought	%	4.02	5.22	4.67	4.60	2.53	~	3.77	7.23	3.94	5.71					
Renting: Government	%	35.94	10.80	13.56	20.84	21.08	12.40	31.10	24.97	21.23	19.49					
Private	%	2.70	0.93	1.65	1.81	5.99	4.56	3.36	5.63	3.51	3.31					
Occupied rent free	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00					
Total	%	1.08	1.34	1.22	1.21	1.06	1.22	1.17	1.17	1.18	1.20					
Average number of employed persons in household	No.	21.39	20.64	22.09	21.40	32.66	24.89	22.79	24.84	24.19	23.91					
Proportion of households with family composition being:	%	17.04	35.71	45.63	32.22	26.08	31.89	39.30	31.84	31.84	29.68					
Married couple:	%	9.49	15.76	9.48	11.40	10.72	16.34	18.33	12.92	12.86	13.54					
Only With dependent children	%	5.23	4.28	5.06	4.88	4.43	1.67	3.58	2.45	3.89	4.99					
Other	%	29.42	14.56	11.51	18.94	15.59	16.33	13.74	21.57	17.96	19.08					
Single parent one family household	%	17.43	9.05	6.21	11.15	10.52	8.89	2.26	6.58	9.26	8.80					
Other (c)	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00					
Total	%	329	285	315	929	161	154	103	157	1,504	9,571					
Households in sample	No.	136.6	114.8	124.8	376.3	118.5	112.6	74.2	112.9	794.5	5,039.2					
Estimated total population of:	'000	323.1	362.7	402.0	1,087.8	338.2	338.6	243.1	322.0	2,329.8	14,290.9					
Households	'000															
Persons	'000															

(a) The total estimated expenditure for a particular broad expenditure group divided by the estimated number of households within the scope of the survey in the relevant region.
 (b) The sum of the gross weekly income of all household members.
 (c) Including married couple and single parent families living in multiple family households.

SECTION 2. HOUSEHOLD INCOME QUINTILE GROUPS BY LABOUR FORCE REGION

One feature that emerges from Tables 2 to 10 is that average weekly household expenditure, as measured in HES, exceeded the measured household income for households in the lower income groups. This should not be taken to be an indication of savings or dissavings. Factors which influence the income/expenditure relationship include:

- (a) the extent of consumer credit availability;
- (b) the under-measurement of income (particularly where the principal source of household income was from own business);
- (c) that expenditure was based on an acquisitions approach, i.e. expenditure was recorded even though payment may not have been made (see paragraph 7 of the Explanatory Notes);
- (d) that the relatively small residual derived by taking the difference between two large variables, each containing sampling and non-sampling errors, was itself subject to errors which may be larger than the residual; and
- (e) the unknown characteristics of non-responding households.

Diagram 7 - Average Weekly Household Expenditure by Household Income Quintile Groups, Queensland, 1984

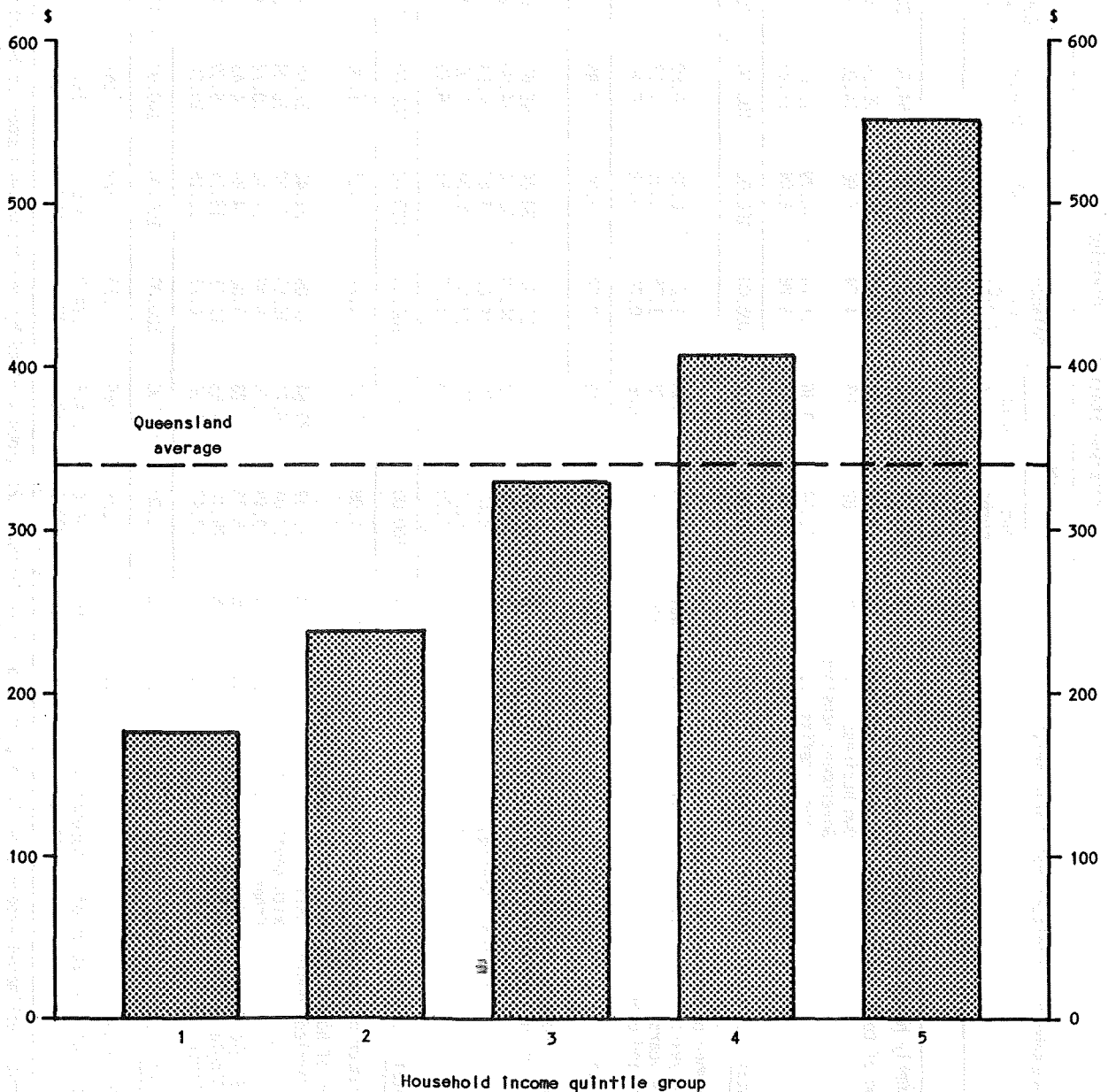
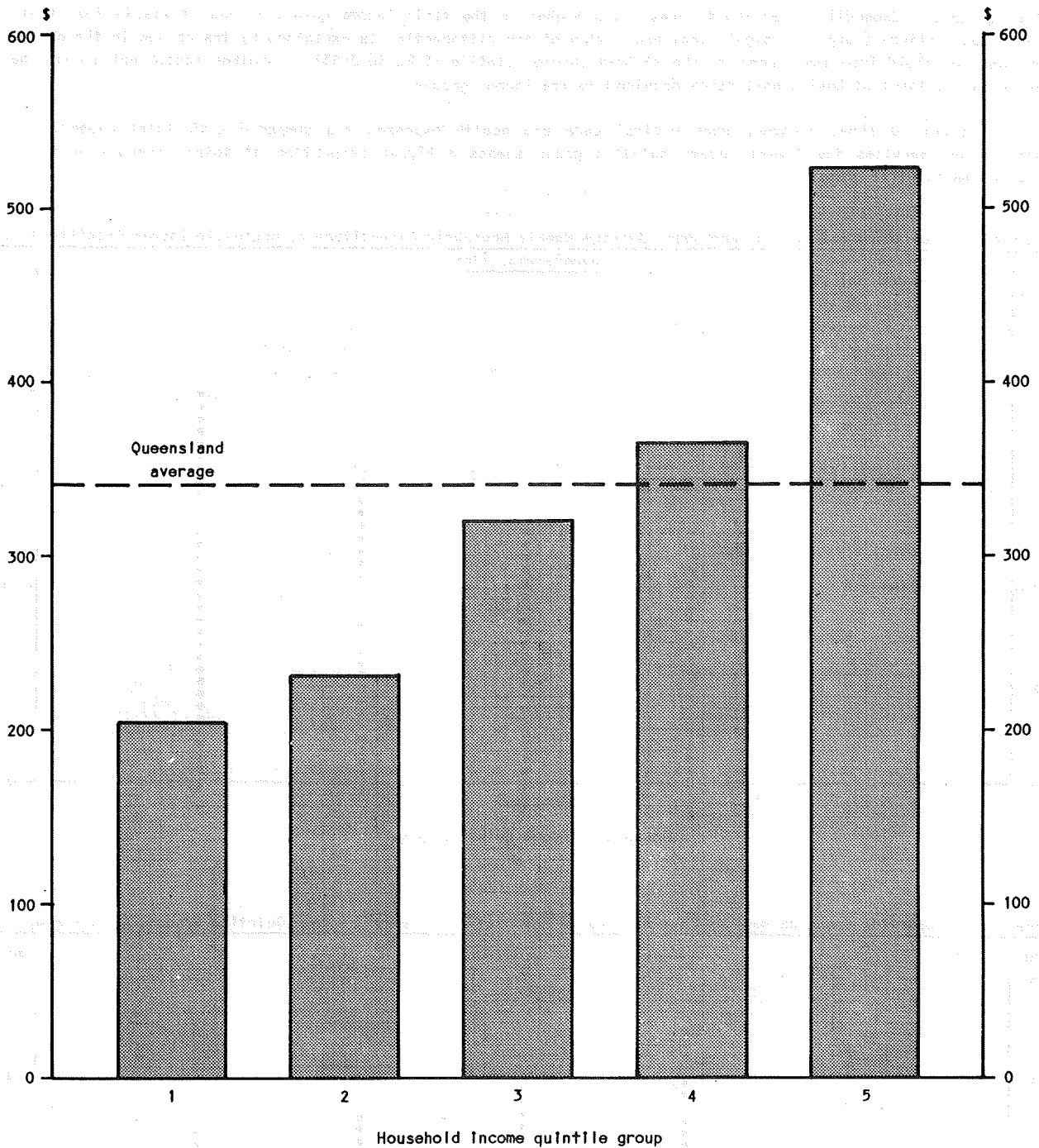


Diagram 8 - Average Weekly Household Expenditure by Household Income Quintile Groups, Moreton Region, Queensland, 1984



Diagrams 7 and 8 show how average weekly household expenditure varies according to household income for both total Queensland and the Moreton Region. It should be noted that income ranges for each quintile varies between regions. For Queensland, the lowest income quintile is \$0-\$166 showing only a slight difference from Moreton (\$0-\$160). However, for the highest income quintile the difference is significant with the ranges being over \$634 and over \$522, respectively. This difference should be taken into account if comparing the data between regions.

For both regions, average weekly household expenditure is an increasing function of household income. For Moreton, expenditure by households in the highest income quintile was about two and a half times that of households in the lowest. The respective ratio for Queensland was more than three times.

When Moreton is compared to total Queensland for the lowest income quintile (for which the income range is approximately the same), it shows Moreton to have a higher average weekly household expenditure (\$204.31) than total Queensland (\$176.57). For all other quintiles, Moreton has lower expenditure than total Queensland but as stated before, the income ranges for these quintiles are also much lower.

Diagram 9 indicates a strong and steady increase on medical care and health expenses over the five income quintile groups. Expenditure was about three times higher in the fifth income quintile than it was in the first for this broad expenditure group. A significant proportion of the differential is explained by the change in the number of persons per household from the lowest to the highest income quintile (1.82 to 3.63). Another factor which could be of influence is the level of health assistance provided to low income groups.

Diagram 10 shows however, when medical care and health expenses are compared with total expenditure on commodities and services the lowest income quintile group spends a higher proportion of total expenditure than the highest income quintile groups.

Diagram 9 - Medical Care and Health Expenses: Average Weekly Household Expenditure by Household Income Quintile Groups, Queensland, 1984

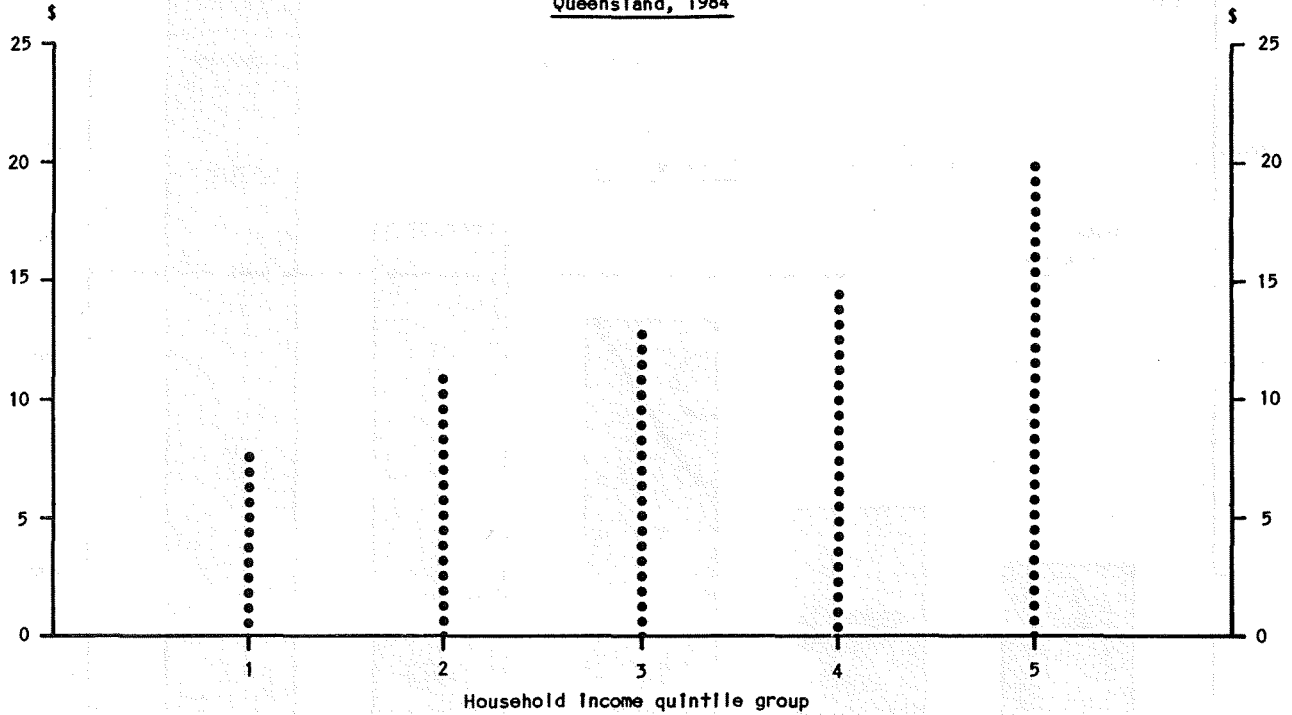
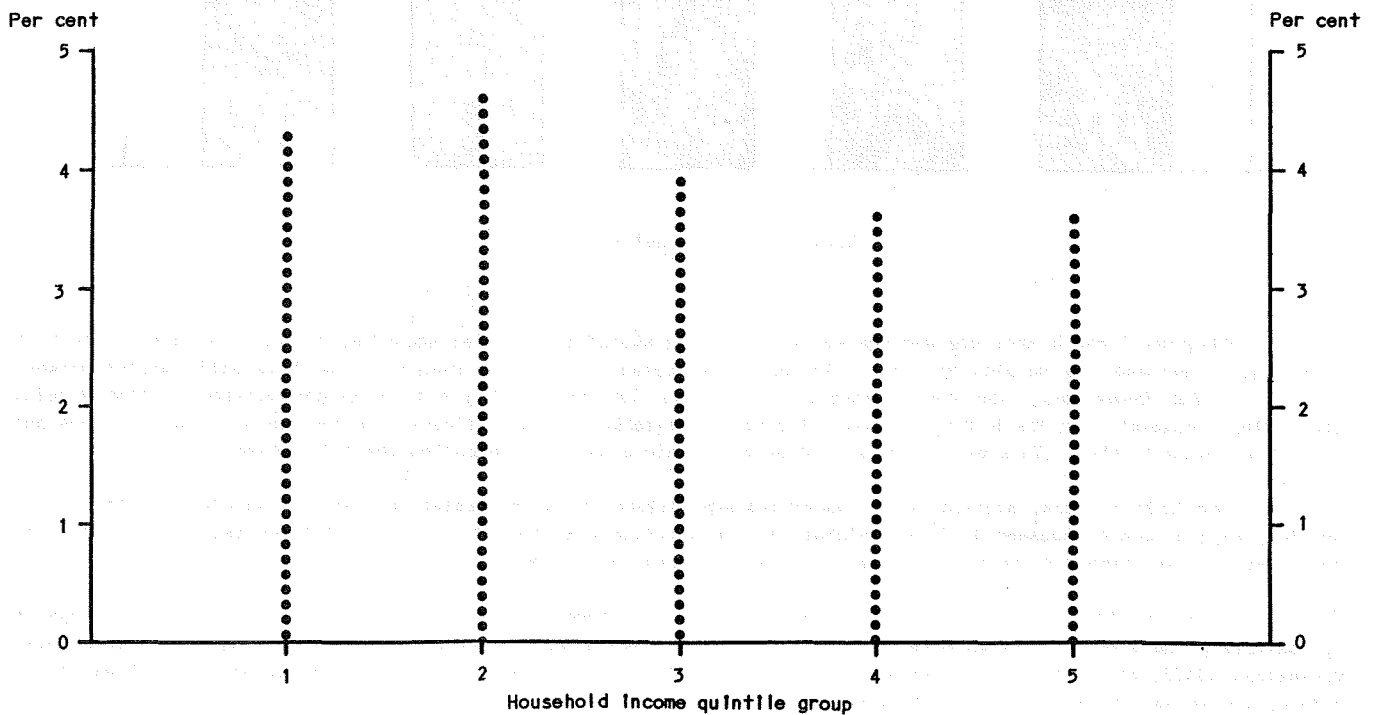


Diagram 10 - Proportion Spent on Medical Care and Health Expenses by Household Income Quintile Groups, Queensland, 1984



The main determinant of most household spending is obviously the level of household income. Tables 2 to 10 show how average weekly expenditure levels and patterns vary with the level of household income. The higher proportion of spending on the essentials of living, such as housing costs and food, by the lower income group was in contrast to the lower proportions spent at the higher level of income. Expenditures on transport and recreation by the higher income earning households show a proportionate increase. These features are represented in Diagram 11.

Household income levels alone cannot explain the changing patterns of expenditure evident in Tables 2 to 10. Other important variables are shown in the third part of each table.

For example, average weekly expenditure on food more than doubled (\$45.92 to \$99.68) from the lowest to the highest income group for Queensland. This increase cannot be solely attributed to a higher disposable income, however, as the average number of persons per household was 1.82 for the lowest income group and 3.63 for the highest.

Similarly, Table 2 shows that the average current housing costs were \$24.86 a week for the lowest income group and \$58.98 a week for the highest. Again, this does not simply reflect variation in household incomes, but is explained, at least in part, by relationships given in the third part of Table 2. The lowest income group was mostly pensioners (78.72 per cent of total household income was derived from Government pensions and benefits) and, as would be expected, contained the highest proportion of outright home owners. Current housing costs would be lower for home owners and for those in subsidised housing.

Diagram 11 - Proportion Spent on Selected Commodities and Services by the Lowest and Highest Household Income Quintile Groups, Queensland, 1984

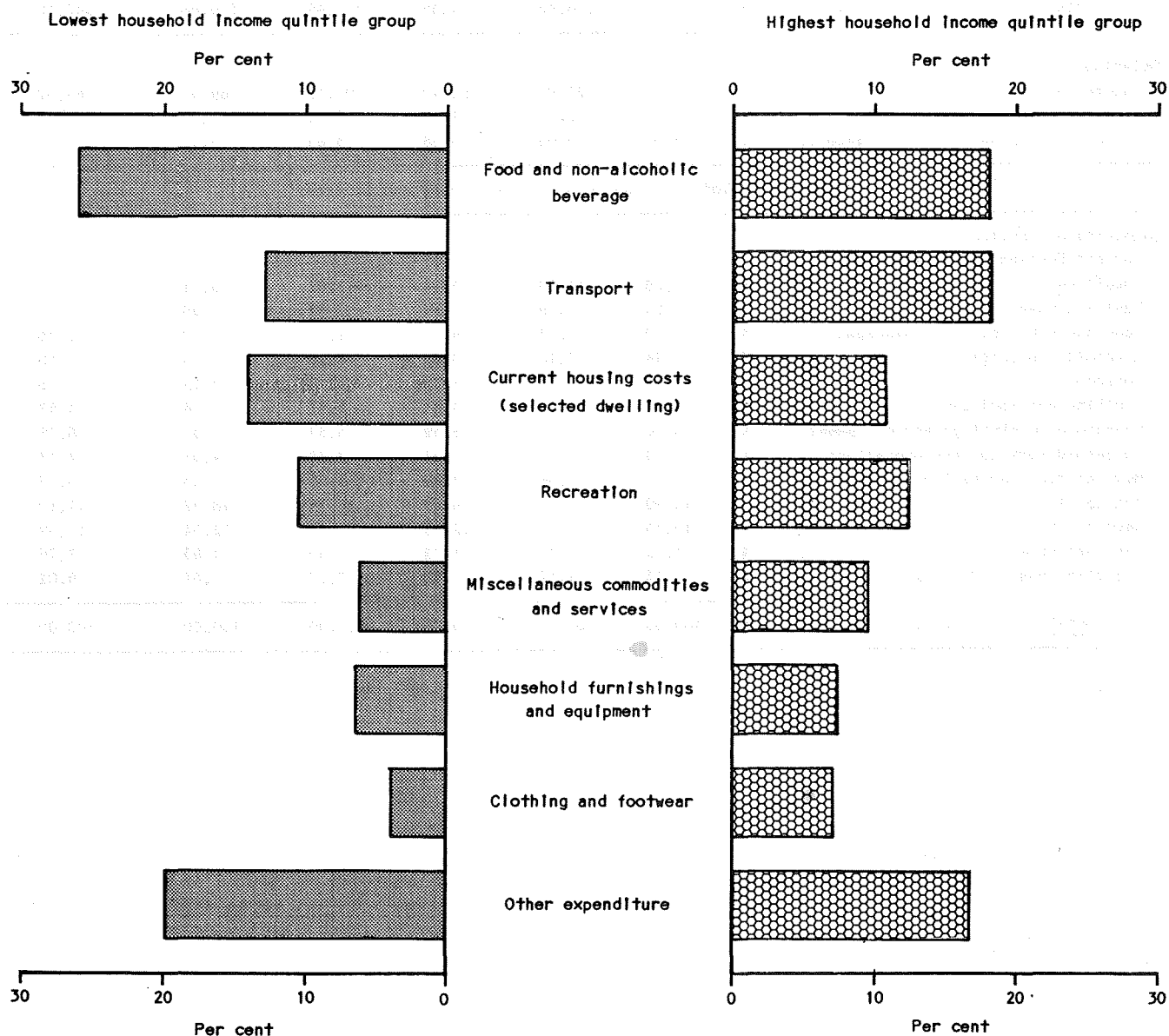


Table 2 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Household Income Quintile Groups (a), Queensland, 1984

Household expenditure and characteristics	Household income quintile group					Total Queensland
	First (\$0-\$166)	Second (\$167-\$291)	Third (\$292-\$442)	Fourth (\$443-\$634)	Fifth (\$635 or more)	
Average Weekly Household Expenditure (b)						
Commodity or service						
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	\$ 24.86	33.85	45.92	52.22	58.98	43.17
Fuel and power	\$ 6.87	8.33	9.18	10.53	11.43	9.27
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	\$ 45.92	56.45	64.61	79.92	99.68	69.32
Alcoholic beverages	\$ 4.84	5.15	12.15	17.05	21.83	12.21
Tobacco	\$ 2.34	3.54	5.09	5.62	6.54	4.63
Clothing and footwear	\$ 7.03	10.00	15.85	22.30	38.79	18.80
Household furnishings and equipment	\$ 11.48	14.15	21.06	28.01	40.46	23.04
Household services and operations	\$ 10.31	11.81	14.20	16.21	22.06	14.92
Medical care and health expenses	\$ 7.65	10.93	12.81	14.49	19.97	13.17
Transport	\$ 22.78	39.92	54.11	74.00	100.34	58.24
Recreation	\$ 18.59	26.16	39.79	49.86	67.96	40.48
Personal care	\$ 3.06	3.61	5.71	7.55	10.09	6.01
Miscellaneous	\$ 10.84	14.60	28.92	29.71	52.53	27.33
Total	\$ 176.57	238.48	329.38	407.49	550.66	340.58
Selected other payments						
Income tax	\$ 6.85	20.98	56.49	92.15	169.98	69.32
Mortgage payments - principal	\$ 3.14	2.85	7.18	7.41	11.59	6.43
Superannuation and life insurance	\$ 1.57	3.66	9.68	15.65	25.13	11.14
Proportion of Total Expenditure on Commodities and Services						
Commodity or service						
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	% 14.08	14.19	13.94	12.82	10.71	12.68
Fuel and power	% 3.89	3.49	2.79	2.58	2.08	2.72
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	% 26.00	23.67	19.62	19.61	18.10	20.36
Alcoholic beverages	% 2.74	2.16	3.69	4.18	3.96	3.58
Tobacco	% 1.33	1.48	1.55	1.38	1.19	1.36
Clothing and footwear	% 3.98	4.19	4.81	5.47	7.04	5.52
Household furnishings and equipment	% 6.50	5.93	6.39	6.87	7.35	6.76
Household services and operations	% 5.84	4.95	4.31	3.98	4.01	4.38
Medical care and health expenses	% 4.33	4.58	3.89	3.56	3.63	3.87
Transport	% 12.90	16.74	16.43	18.16	18.22	17.10
Recreation	% 10.53	10.97	12.08	12.24	12.34	11.89
Personal care	% 1.73	1.51	1.73	1.85	1.83	1.76
Miscellaneous	% 6.14	6.12	8.78	7.29	9.54	8.02
Total	% 100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table 2 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Household Income Quintile Groups (a), Queensland, 1984
(continued)

Household expenditure and characteristics	Household income quintile group					Total Queensland	
	First (\$0-\$166)	Second (\$167-\$291)	Third (\$292-\$442)	Fourth (\$443-\$634)	Fifth (\$635 or more)		
Household Characteristics							
Average weekly household income (c) ..	\$	110.86	222.92	365.63	534.49	885.67	424.07
Proportion of total income being							
Wages and salaries	%	3.75	32.42	74.69	81.54	77.11	69.27
Own business	%	5.82	8.21	7.16	7.28	13.60	9.93
Government pensions and benefits ..	%	78.72	42.61	7.34	5.27	2.36	12.18
Other	%	11.71	16.76	10.81	5.91	6.93	8.62
Total	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average number of persons per household							
Under 18 years	No.	0.37	0.85	1.20	1.25	1.10	0.95
18 to 64 years	No.	0.79	1.38	1.76	2.04	2.49	1.69
65 years and over	No.	0.66	0.49	0.14	0.11	0.04	0.29
Total	No.	1.82	2.72	3.09	3.40	3.63	2.93
Proportion of households with nature of housing occupancy being							
Owned outright	%	62.03	53.62	33.32	32.27	32.07	42.66
Being bought	%	11.33	17.69	35.25	34.14	44.86	28.66
Renting: Government	%	2.87	4.89	6.96	4.05	0.92	3.94
Private	%	16.55	19.04	22.59	26.97	21.00	21.23
Occupied rent free	%	*7.22	*4.76	*1.88	*2.56	*1.15	3.51
Total	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average number of employed persons in household							
	No.	0.29	0.59	1.21	1.60	2.20	1.18
Proportion of households with family composition being							
Married couple: Only	%	26.73	34.82	18.83	19.44	21.11	24.19
With dependent children	%	11.82	28.38	43.33	44.81	30.88	31.84
Other	%	2.22	6.79	9.07	17.35	28.86	12.86
Single parent one family	%	5.56	6.00	4.24	1.93	1.72	3.89
Single person household	%	49.59	16.40	16.62	4.76	2.46	17.96
Other (d)	%	4.07	7.62	7.91	11.71	14.97	9.26
Total	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Households in sample	No.	287	281	313	306	317	1,504
Estimated total population of							
Households	'000	158.8	159.2	158.8	158.4	159.3	794.5
Persons	'000	288.7	432.3	491.3	539.1	578.4	2,329.8

(a) Quintile groups are 20 per cent groupings of households for the relevant region, when households are ranked in ascending order according to total gross weekly income. (b) The total estimated expenditure for a particular broad expenditure group divided by the estimated number of households within the scope of the survey in the relevant quintile group. (c) The sum of the gross weekly income of all household members. (d) Including married couple and single parent families living in multiple family households.

Table 3 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Household Income Quintile Groups (a), Brisbane City - Inner Suburbs Region, Queensland, 1984

Household expenditure and characteristics	Household income quintile group					Total Brisbane City - Inner Suburbs
	First (\$0-\$167)	Second (\$168-\$291)	Third (\$292-\$452)	Fourth (\$453-\$625)	Fifth (\$626 or more)	
Average Weekly Household Expenditure (b)						
Commodity or service						
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	\$ 23.36	39.05	45.70	54.04	73.28	47.11
Fuel and power	\$ 5.86	6.91	8.74	8.95	10.63	8.22
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	\$ 34.28	45.72	57.52	79.05	105.90	64.53
Alcoholic beverages	\$ 4.48	4.29	12.14	20.46	25.62	13.41
Tobacco	\$ 3.28	4.25	6.48	5.52	5.41	4.98
Clothing and footwear	\$ 6.22	8.28	18.60	19.62	44.90	19.54
Household furnishings and equipment	\$ 8.88	10.24	17.42	18.10	43.56	19.66
Household services and operations	\$ 10.21	10.15	13.67	15.44	19.91	13.88
Medical care and health expenses	\$ 6.51	6.81	14.05	14.33	21.71	12.68
Transport	\$ 13.31	26.81	50.24	60.00	83.89	46.86
Recreation	\$ 15.88	22.12	44.71	36.78	81.36	40.18
Personal care	\$ 3.09	3.29	5.81	7.85	13.71	6.75
Miscellaneous	\$ 6.76	11.96	31.68	29.82	66.57	29.37
Total	\$ 142.13	199.89	326.74	369.96	596.45	327.15
Selected other payments						
Income tax	\$ 14.54	22.25	58.55	103.23	192.83	78.37
Mortgage payments - principal	\$ *0.06	*1.68	*5.28	*3.33	*8.13	3.69
Superannuation and life insurance	\$ 0.46	1.59	10.16	13.02	26.31	10.31
Proportion of Total Expenditure on Commodities and Services						
Commodity or service						
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	% 16.44	19.54	13.99	14.61	12.29	14.40
Fuel and power	% 4.13	3.45	2.67	2.42	1.78	2.51
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	% 24.12	22.87	17.60	21.37	17.75	19.72
Alcoholic beverages	% 3.15	2.15	3.72	5.53	4.30	4.10
Tobacco	% 2.31	2.13	1.98	1.49	0.91	1.52
Clothing and footwear	% 4.38	4.14	5.69	5.30	7.53	5.97
Household furnishings and equipment	% 6.25	5.12	5.33	4.89	7.30	6.01
Household services and operations	% 7.18	5.08	4.18	4.17	3.34	4.24
Medical care and health expenses	% 4.58	3.41	4.30	3.87	3.64	3.88
Transport	% 9.37	13.41	15.38	16.22	14.07	14.32
Recreation	% 11.17	11.07	13.68	9.94	13.64	12.28
Personal care	% 2.18	1.65	1.78	2.12	2.30	2.06
Miscellaneous	% 4.76	5.98	9.70	8.06	11.16	8.98
Total	% 100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table 3 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Household Income Quintile Groups (a), Brisbane City - Inner Suburbs Region, Queensland, 1984 (continued)

Household expenditure and characteristics	Household Income quintile group					Total Brisbane City - Inner Suburbs
	First (\$0-\$167)	Second (\$168-\$291)	Third (\$292-\$452)	Fourth (\$453-\$625)	Fifth (\$626 or more)	
Household Characteristics						
Average weekly household income (c) ..	\$ 109.43	221.28	368.42	534.26	942.23	435.51
Proportion of total income being						
Wages and salaries	% 2.22	38.09	77.82	71.03	81.28	69.80
Own business	% 0.16	2.24	5.81	12.07	10.69	8.82
Government pensions and benefits ..	% 81.00	42.25	4.11	6.22	1.71	11.34
Other	% *16.62	*17.43	*12.26	*10.68	*6.32	10.04
<u>Total</u>	% 100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average number of persons per household						
Under 18 years	No. 0.13	0.50	0.59	0.76	0.53	0.50
18 to 64 years	No. 0.67	1.08	1.50	1.87	2.49	1.52
65 years and over	No. *0.68	*0.54	*0.15	*0.22	*0.11	0.34
<u>Total</u>	No. 1.48	2.12	2.24	2.85	3.12	2.36
Proportion of households with nature of housing occupancy being						
Owned outright	% 57.37	42.58	27.98	34.65	28.55	38.24
Being bought	% 2.40	8.34	27.98	16.44	40.37	19.10
Renting: Government	% *5.25	*5.75	*6.55	*2.58	*	4.02
Private	% *25.64	41.62	*37.50	43.88	31.08	35.94
Occupied rent free	% **	**	**	**	**	*2.70
<u>Total</u>	% 100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average number of employed persons in household	No. 0.04	0.48	1.14	1.48	2.26	1.08
Proportion of households with family composition being						
Married couple: Only	% 21.02	27.73	16.71	20.01	21.43	21.39
With dependent children	% 3.91	11.64	26.89	29.71	13.17	17.04
Other	% *1.60	*2.86	*5.88	*12.13	*24.92	9.49
Single parent one family	% *5.28	*10.03	*3.09	*1.91	*5.78	5.23
Single person household	% *61.72	*35.92	*38.14	*8.87	*2.66	29.42
Other (d)	% **	**	**	**	**	17.43
<u>Total</u>	% 100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Households in sample	No. 64	65	64	67	69	329
Estimated total population of						
Households	'000 27.3	27.5	27.0	27.3	27.4	136.6
Persons	'000 40.3	58.4	60.7	78.0	85.7	323.1

(a) Quintile groups are 20 per cent groupings of households for the relevant region, when households are ranked in ascending order according to total gross weekly income. (b) The total estimated expenditure for a particular broad expenditure group divided by the estimated number of households within the scope of the survey in the relevant quintile group. (c) The sum of the gross weekly income of all household members. (d) Including married couple and single parent families living in multiple family households.

Table 4 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Household Income Quintile Groups (a), Brisbane City - Outer Suburbs Region, Queensland, 1984

Household expenditure and characteristics	Household Income quintile group					Total Brisbane City - Outer Suburbs	
	First (\$0-\$169)	Second (\$170-\$349)	Third (\$350-\$532)	Fourth (\$533-\$734)	Fifth (\$735 or more)		
Average Weekly Household Expenditure (b)							
Commodity or service							
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	\$ 29.87	41.47	67.40	54.87	52.40	49.21	
Fuel and power	\$ 8.24	8.09	9.85	10.52	12.31	9.81	
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	\$ 39.77	59.33	72.35	87.30	114.38	74.68	
Alcoholic beverages	\$ 4.34	7.09	14.08	14.39	17.92	11.58	
Tobacco	\$ 3.23	2.91	5.77	5.37	5.58	4.57	
Clothing and footwear	\$ 5.94	12.80	19.66	16.53	49.69	20.98	
Household furnishings and equipment	\$ 10.21	15.21	24.93	34.59	36.70	24.35	
Household services and operations	\$ 9.78	11.41	13.69	20.42	25.29	16.13	
Medical care and health expenses	\$ 5.54	12.16	13.38	12.56	21.84	13.11	
Transport	\$ 29.99	48.01	74.06	85.65	134.02	74.46	
Recreation	\$ 17.03	25.54	43.68	63.40	78.23	45.63	
Personal care	\$ 3.76	4.67	5.88	8.26	13.38	7.20	
Miscellaneous	\$ 10.00	20.08	29.55	34.18	69.08	32.65	
Total	\$ 177.71	268.75	394.29	448.06	630.80	384.36	
Selected other payments							
Income tax	\$ 3.04	37.36	72.51	111.18	213.68	87.78	
Mortgage payments - principal	\$ *2.69	*4.35	*8.30	*11.02	*13.12	7.90	
Superannuation and life insurance	\$ 0.51	6.41	13.69	21.64	36.26	15.74	
Proportion of Total Expenditure on Commodities and Services							
Commodity or service							
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	% 16.81	15.43	17.09	12.25	8.31	12.80	
Fuel and power	% 4.64	3.01	2.50	2.35	1.95	2.55	
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	% 22.38	22.08	18.35	19.48	18.13	19.43	
Alcoholic beverages	% 2.44	2.64	3.57	3.21	2.84	3.01	
Tobacco	% 1.82	1.08	1.46	1.20	0.88	1.19	
Clothing and footwear	% 3.34	4.76	4.99	3.69	7.88	5.46	
Household furnishings and equipment	% 5.75	5.66	6.32	7.72	5.82	6.33	
Household services and operations	% 5.50	4.24	3.47	4.56	4.01	4.20	
Medical care and health expenses	% 3.12	4.52	3.39	2.80	3.46	3.41	
Transport	% 16.87	17.86	18.78	19.12	21.25	19.37	
Recreation	% 9.59	9.50	11.08	14.15	12.40	11.87	
Personal care	% 2.11	1.74	1.49	1.84	2.12	1.87	
Miscellaneous	% 5.63	7.47	7.50	7.63	10.95	8.49	
Total	% 100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	

Table 4 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Household Income Quintile Groups (a), Brisbane City - Outer Suburbs Region, Queensland, 1984 (continued)

Household expenditure and characteristics	Household income quintile group					Total Brisbane City - Outer Suburbs	
	First (\$0-\$169)	Second (\$170-\$349)	Third (\$350-\$532)	Fourth (\$533-\$734)	Fifth (\$735 or more)		
Household Characteristics							
Average weekly household income (c) ..	\$	126.12	280.14	445.15	623.11	1,028.86	501.60
Proportion of total income being							
Wages and salaries	%	2.01	65.93	77.37	84.34	80.09	75.15
Own business	%	6.35	1.05	6.29	4.74	10.39	7.03
Government pensions and benefits ..	%	80.77	22.61	6.93	3.88	1.44	9.36
Other	%	**	**	**	**	**	8.46
Total	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average number of persons per household							
Under 18 years	No.	0.24	1.18	1.48	1.29	1.19	1.08
18 to 64 years	No.	0.79	1.52	1.93	2.09	2.76	1.82
65 years and over	No.	*0.76	*0.29	*0.15	*0.13	*	0.26
Total	No.	1.79	2.99	3.56	3.50	3.95	3.16
Proportion of households with nature of housing occupancy being							
Owned outright	%	62.46	43.47	36.99	33.31	40.53	43.37
Being bought	%	17.94	38.58	38.93	49.71	53.28	39.69
Renting: Government	%	**	**	*3.53	*3.07	*	5.22
Private	%	*10.07	*4.74	*20.55	*12.40	*6.19	10.80
Occupied rent free	%	**	**	**	**	**	**
Total	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average number of employed persons in household							
.. ..	No.	0.17	0.79	1.39	1.75	2.59	1.34
Proportion of households with family composition being							
Married couple: Only	%	32.31	23.48	15.22	15.23	16.97	20.64
With dependent children	%	8.53	36.04	47.35	54.61	32.24	35.71
Other	%	*2.88	*4.31	*14.92	*13.62	*42.78	15.76
Single parent one family	%	**	**	*4.55	*1.67	*	4.28
Single person household	%	*41.98	*18.46	*9.04	*3.31	*	14.56
Other (d)	%	**	**	**	**	**	9.05
Total	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Households in sample	No.	55	54	59	58	59	285
Estimated total population of							
Households	'000	23.1	22.7	23.0	22.9	23.2	114.8
Persons	'000	41.2	67.9	81.9	80.0	91.6	362.7

(a) Quintile groups are 20 per cent groupings of households for the relevant region, when households are ranked in ascending order according to total gross weekly income. (b) The total estimated expenditure for a particular broad expenditure group divided by the estimated number of households within the scope of the survey in the relevant quintile group. (c) The sum of the gross weekly income of all household members. (d) Including married couple and single parent families living in multiple family households.

Table 5 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Household Income Quintile Groups (a), Balance of Brisbane Statistical Division Region, Queensland, 1984

Household expenditure and characteristics	Household income quintile group					Total Balance of B.S.D.	
	First (\$0-\$194)	Second (\$195-\$326)	Third (\$327-\$433)	Fourth (\$434-\$586)	Fifth (\$587 or more)		
Average Weekly Household Expenditure (b)							
Commodity or service							
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	\$ 27.10	59.16	45.69	51.79	68.85	50.46	
Fuel and power	\$ 7.35	8.15	10.18	10.19	11.18	9.41	
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	\$ 38.56	55.21	70.43	74.59	96.59	67.02	
Alcoholic beverages	\$ 2.89	6.50	10.64	13.32	16.68	10.00	
Tobacco	\$ 1.66	4.04	4.90	4.98	7.28	4.57	
Clothing and footwear	\$ 6.49	8.72	17.02	17.96	30.33	16.09	
Household furnishings and equipment	\$ 10.84	19.31	27.69	27.60	53.81	27.81	
Household services and operations	\$ 10.17	11.76	16.96	17.30	20.75	15.38	
Medical care and health expenses	\$ 3.65	7.58	12.17	16.17	15.91	11.09	
Transport	\$ 20.13	41.47	61.02	61.92	120.31	60.87	
Recreation	\$ 13.96	25.88	40.64	45.48	64.97	38.14	
Personal care	\$ 3.04	4.75	6.09	7.62	10.10	6.31	
Miscellaneous	\$ 7.98	10.65	20.38	24.80	52.73	23.28	
Total	\$ 153.82	263.20	343.78	373.74	569.50	340.40	
Selected other payments							
Income tax	\$ 6.35	34.61	68.65	90.28	135.82	67.04	
Mortgage payments - principal	\$ *2.41	*4.61	*9.67	*11.72	*18.02	9.27	
Superannuation and life insurance	\$ 2.37	4.63	11.73	16.86	24.69	12.04	
Proportion of Total Expenditure on Commodities and Services							
Commodity or service							
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	% 17.62	22.48	13.29	13.86	12.09	14.82	
Fuel and power	% 4.78	3.10	2.96	2.73	1.96	2.76	
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	% 25.07	20.98	20.49	19.96	16.96	19.69	
Alcoholic beverages	% 1.88	2.47	3.09	3.56	2.93	2.94	
Tobacco	% 1.08	1.54	1.43	1.33	1.28	1.34	
Clothing and footwear	% 4.22	3.31	4.95	4.81	5.33	4.73	
Household furnishings and equipment	% 7.05	7.34	8.05	7.38	9.45	8.17	
Household services and operations	% 6.61	4.47	4.93	4.63	3.64	4.52	
Medical care and health expenses	% 2.37	2.88	3.54	4.33	2.79	3.26	
Transport	% 13.08	15.76	17.75	16.57	21.13	17.88	
Recreation	% 9.07	9.83	11.82	12.17	11.41	11.20	
Personal care	% 1.97	1.80	1.77	2.04	1.77	1.85	
Miscellaneous	% 5.19	4.05	5.93	6.64	9.26	6.84	
Total	% 100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	

Table 5 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Household Income Quintile Groups (a), Balance of Brisbane Statistical Division Region, Queensland, 1984 (continued)

Household expenditure and characteristics	Household income quintile group					Total Balance of B.S.D.	
	First (\$0-\$194)	Second (\$195-\$326)	Third (\$327-\$433)	Fourth (\$434-\$586)	Fifth (\$587 or more)		
Household Characteristics							
Average weekly household income (c) ..	\$	124.28	260.60	379.91	507.07	798.41	413.58
Proportion of total income being							
Wages and salaries ..	%	2.72	57.24	76.46	89.45	90.45	78.17
Own business ..	%	7.80	6.73	10.05	3.65	1.94	4.79
Government pensions and benefits ..	%	78.20	26.41	7.85	4.59	2.95	11.76
Other ..	%	*11.28	**	*5.65	**	*4.66	5.28
Total ..	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average number of persons per household							
Under 18 years ..	No.	0.43	1.37	1.44	1.58	1.33	1.23
18 to 64 years ..	No.	0.78	1.54	1.91	2.07	2.49	1.75
65 years and over ..	No.	*0.72	*0.30	*0.12	*0.02	*0.01	0.24
Total ..	No.	1.94	3.22	3.47	3.66	3.84	3.22
Proportion of households with nature of housing occupancy being							
Owned outright ..	%	69.51	39.73	28.58	20.91	17.58	35.33
Being bought ..	%	13.83	33.56	53.72	56.83	66.32	44.79
Renting: Government ..	%	*3.25	*4.78	*5.06	*8.98	*1.27	4.67
Private ..	%	*10.02	*20.01	*11.25	*11.77	*14.83	13.56
Occupied rent free ..	%	**	**	**	**	**	1.65
Total ..	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average number of employed persons in household ..							
	No.	0.26	0.82	1.22	1.56	2.25	1.22
Proportion of households with family composition being							
Married couple: Only ..	%	29.75	27.47	17.85	12.41	22.98	22.09
With dependent children ..	%	15.41	46.43	66.02	60.35	40.32	45.63
Other ..	%	*-	*3.97	*5.82	*13.19	*24.50	9.48
Single parent one family ..	%	*7.78	*10.31	*4.41	*1.52	*1.29	5.06
Single person household ..	%	*42.14	*9.17	*1.47	*3.01	*1.39	11.51
Other (d) ..	%	**	**	**	**	**	6.21
Total ..	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Households in sample ..	No.	64	60	66	61	64	315
Estimated total population of							
Households ..	'000	25.2	24.8	24.8	25.1	24.9	124.8
Persons ..	'000	48.8	79.8	86.0	92.0	95.4	402.0

(a) Quintile groups are 20 per cent groupings of households for the relevant region, when households are ranked in ascending order according to total gross weekly income. (b) The total estimated expenditure for a particular broad expenditure group divided by the estimated number of households within the scope of the survey in the relevant quintile group. (c) The sum of the gross weekly income of all household members. (d) Including married couple and single parent families living in multiple family households.

Table 6 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Household Income Quintile Groups (a), Brisbane Statistical Division, Queensland, 1984

Household expenditure and characteristics	Household income quintile group					Total Brisbane Statistical Division
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	
	(\$0-\$177)	(\$178-\$326)	(\$327-\$465)	(\$466-\$649)	(\$650 or more)	
Average Weekly Household Expenditure (b)						
Commodity or service						
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	\$ 26.94	44.97	52.37	55.05	65.08	48.86
Fuel and power	\$ 6.96	7.77	9.37	9.91	11.48	9.10
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	\$ 37.22	53.33	66.17	82.22	103.56	68.45
Alcoholic beverages	\$ 4.07	6.22	11.45	16.83	20.06	11.72
Tobacco	\$ 2.82	3.93	5.15	5.87	5.84	4.72
Clothing and footwear	\$ 5.65	10.83	15.69	21.98	40.11	18.83
Household furnishings and equipment	\$ 10.46	13.12	22.76	27.62	45.07	23.79
Household services and operations	\$ 10.01	10.86	15.36	15.95	23.16	15.06
Medical care and health expenses	\$ 5.45	8.88	14.01	13.30	19.78	12.28
Transport	\$ 20.29	37.88	57.82	71.59	112.30	59.93
Recreation	\$ 15.72	24.55	42.81	49.03	73.85	41.17
Personal care	\$ 3.27	4.15	6.17	7.70	12.44	6.74
Miscellaneous	\$ 7.91	13.82	26.85	30.41	62.86	28.35
Total	\$ 156.76	240.32	345.99	407.46	595.59	349.01
Selected other payments						
Income tax	\$ 8.27	30.31	67.15	100.48	181.67	77.48
Mortgage payments - principal	\$ 1.43	3.72	6.90	9.81	12.32	6.83
Superannuation and life insurance	\$ 1.00	3.83	12.11	16.42	29.42	12.54
Proportion of Total Expenditure on Commodities and Services						
Commodity or service						
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	% 17.18	18.71	15.14	13.51	10.93	14.00
Fuel and power	% 4.44	3.23	2.71	2.43	1.93	2.61
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	% 23.74	22.19	19.13	20.18	17.39	19.61
Alcoholic beverages	% 2.60	2.59	3.31	4.13	3.37	3.36
Tobacco	% 1.80	1.63	1.49	1.44	0.98	1.35
Clothing and footwear	% 3.60	4.51	4.53	5.39	6.73	5.40
Household furnishings and equipment	% 6.67	5.46	6.58	6.78	7.57	6.82
Household services and operations	% 6.38	4.52	4.44	3.91	3.89	4.32
Medical care and health expenses	% 3.48	3.70	4.05	3.27	3.32	3.52
Transport	% 12.94	15.76	16.71	17.57	18.86	17.17
Recreation	% 10.03	10.22	12.37	12.03	12.40	11.80
Personal care	% 2.09	1.73	1.78	1.89	2.09	1.93
Miscellaneous	% 5.04	5.75	7.76	7.46	10.55	8.12
Total	% 100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table 6 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Household Income Quintile Groups (a), Brisbane Statistical Division, Queensland, 1984 (continued)

Household expenditure and characteristics	Household income quintile group					Total Brisbane Statistical Division	
	First (\$0-\$177)	Second (\$178-\$326)	Third (\$327-\$465)	Fourth (\$466-\$649)	Fifth (\$650 or more)		
Household Characteristics							
Average weekly household income (c) ..	\$	118.84	250.68	392.95	552.75	929.04	448.41
Proportion of total income being							
Wages and salaries ..	%	2.34	53.82	75.56	83.25	82.96	74.18
Own business ..	%	3.44	4.06	9.51	4.61	8.54	6.98
Government pensions and benefits ..	%	81.15	28.92	6.71	5.59	1.68	10.79
Other ..	%	*13.07	*13.20	*8.22	*6.55	*6.82	8.04
<u>Total ..</u>	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average number of persons per household							
Under 18 years ..	No.	0.27	0.93	1.18	1.24	0.98	0.92
18 to 64 years ..	No.	0.75	1.34	1.77	2.03	2.56	1.69
65 years and over ..	No.	0.70	0.40	0.14	0.12	0.05	0.28
<u>Total ..</u>	No.	1.71	2.68	3.08	3.39	3.59	2.89
Proportion of households with nature of housing occupancy being							
Owned outright ..	%	62.10	41.21	31.94	28.77	30.05	38.84
Being bought ..	%	10.45	26.33	38.60	42.44	51.80	33.90
Renting: Government ..	%	*5.44	*6.33	*7.42	*2.94	*0.85	4.60
Private ..	%	17.11	24.29	21.58	23.98	17.30	20.84
Occupied rent free ..	%	*4.89	*1.84	*0.45	*1.87	-	1.81
<u>Total ..</u>	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average number of employed persons in household ..	No.	0.14	0.71	1.21	1.64	2.34	1.21
Proportion of households with family composition being							
Married couple: Only ..	%	27.11	25.51	17.47	15.38	21.48	21.40
With dependent children ..	%	8.66	31.56	46.36	45.70	28.93	32.22
Other ..	%	1.46	3.66	8.32	14.40	29.25	11.40
Single parent one family ..	%	7.45	8.22	4.67	1.51	2.53	4.88
Single person household ..	%	49.19	23.40	15.77	4.72	1.43	18.94
Other (d) ..	%	*6.13	*7.65	*7.40	*18.30	*16.37	11.15
<u>Total ..</u>	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Households in sample ..	No.	181	180	189	186	193	929
Estimated total population of							
Households ..	'000	75.6	75.1	75.7	74.7	75.2	376.3
Persons ..	'000	129.5	201.3	233.5	253.5	270.0	1,087.8

(a) Quintile groups are 20 per cent groupings of households for the relevant region, when households are ranked in ascending order according to total gross weekly income. (b) The total estimated expenditure for a particular broad expenditure group divided by the estimated number of households within the scope of the survey in the relevant quintile group. (c) The sum of the gross weekly income of all household members. (d) Including married couple and single parent families living in multiple family households.

Table 7 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Household Income Quintile Groups (a), Moreton Region, Queensland, 1984

Household expenditure and characteristics	Household Income quintile group					Total Moreton
	First (\$0-\$160)	Second (\$161-\$230)	Third (\$231-\$372)	Fourth (\$373-\$522)	Fifth (\$523 or more)	
Average Weekly Household Expenditure (b)						
Commodity or service						
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	\$ 23.43	20.14	42.72	59.27	57.50	40.63
Fuel and power	\$ 6.54	7.71	10.25	9.26	10.52	8.86
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	\$ 41.50	49.93	68.65	68.00	85.71	62.74
Alcoholic beverages	\$ 5.90	5.73	8.02	15.57	15.52	10.13
Tobacco	\$ 2.26	3.77	4.11	3.26	6.42	3.95
Clothing and footwear	\$ 8.87	11.18	7.48	21.97	33.96	16.60
Household furnishings and equipment	\$ *21.73	*16.87	*16.48	*21.98	*22.82	19.98
Household services and operations	\$ 11.47	14.44	13.41	12.57	22.99	14.94
Medical care and health expenses	\$ 9.28	13.87	17.33	12.58	23.76	15.35
Transport	\$ 30.14	43.25	70.61	58.79	124.80	65.46
Recreation	\$ 16.61	34.10	24.29	54.83	67.63	39.24
Personal care	\$ 3.37	2.67	3.39	8.31	8.47	5.23
Miscellaneous	\$ 23.23	7.66	32.90	18.14	42.92	25.13
Total	\$ 204.31	231.32	319.64	364.54	523.02	328.24
Selected other payments						
Income tax	\$ 3.96	3.79	31.17	64.54	106.95	41.96
Mortgage payments - principal	\$ *0.77	*0.81	*7.18	*9.21	*7.28	5.06
Superannuation and life insurance	\$ 2.37	1.19	6.64	9.88	14.86	6.99
Proportion of Total Expenditure on Commodities and Services						
Commodity or service						
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	% 11.47	8.71	13.37	16.26	10.99	12.38
Fuel and power	% 3.20	3.33	3.21	2.54	2.01	2.70
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	% 20.31	21.58	21.48	18.65	16.39	19.11
Alcoholic beverages	% 2.89	2.48	2.51	4.27	2.97	3.09
Tobacco	% 1.11	1.63	1.28	0.90	1.23	1.20
Clothing and footwear	% 4.34	4.83	2.34	6.03	6.49	5.06
Household furnishings and equipment	% *10.63	*7.29	*5.16	*6.03	*4.36	6.09
Household services and operations	% 5.61	6.24	4.19	3.45	4.40	4.55
Medical care and health expenses	% 4.54	6.00	5.42	3.45	4.54	4.68
Transport	% 14.75	18.70	22.09	16.13	23.86	19.94
Recreation	% 8.13	14.74	7.60	15.04	12.93	11.95
Personal care	% 1.65	1.15	1.06	2.28	1.62	1.59
Miscellaneous	% 11.37	3.31	10.29	4.98	8.21	7.66
Total	% 100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table 7 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Household Income Quintile Groups (a), Moreton Region, Queensland, 1984 (continued)

Household expenditure and characteristics	Household income quintile group					Total Moreton
	First (\$0-\$160)	Second (\$161-\$230)	Third (\$231-\$372)	Fourth (\$373-\$522)	Fifth (\$523 or more)	
Household Characteristics						
Average weekly household income (c) ..	\$ 117.83	190.86	295.85	443.16	731.36	354.70
Proportion of total income being						
Wages and salaries ..	% 6.27	7.03	61.02	69.62	64.22	55.14
Own business ..	% *8.69	*0.11	*8.51	*15.37	*21.36	14.60
Government pensions and benefits ..	% 74.16	69.62	20.04	5.46	4.83	19.03
Other ..	% **	**	**	**	**	*11.23
Total ..	% 100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average number of persons per household						
Under 18 years ..	No. 0.29	0.30	1.52	0.99	1.32	0.89
18 to 64 years ..	No. 0.77	0.75	1.92	1.88	2.49	1.57
65 years and over ..	No. *0.60	*1.13	*0.10	*0.18	*0.02	0.40
Total ..	No. 1.66	2.17	3.54	3.05	3.83	2.85
Proportion of households with nature of housing occupancy being						
Owned outright ..	% 70.89	65.42	27.89	20.91	43.29	45.60
Being bought ..	% 4.92	*14.70	34.04	39.17	31.17	24.80
Renting: Government ..	% **	**	**	**	**	*2.53
Private ..	% *19.23	*9.99	*23.47	*34.61	*17.78	21.08
Occupied rent free ..	% **	**	**	**	**	*5.99
Total ..	% 100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average number of employed persons in household ..	No. 0.38	0.26	1.15	1.43	2.08	1.06
Proportion of households with family composition being						
Married couple: Only ..	% *23.54	*62.26	*23.57	*31.75	*23.79	32.66
With dependent children ..	% 5.94	11.07	50.32	33.81	28.51	26.08
Other ..	% **	**	**	**	**	10.72
Single parent one family ..	% **	**	**	**	**	4.43
Single person household ..	% *55.68	*9.19	*9.20	*2.55	*	15.59
Other (d) ..	% **	**	**	**	**	10.52
Total ..	% 100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Households in sample ..	No. 32	30	34	31	34	161
Estimated total population of						
Households ..	'000 24.3	22.8	24.5	23.5	23.5	118.5
Persons ..	'000 40.4	49.5	86.5	71.7	90.1	338.2

(a) Quintile groups are 20 per cent groupings of households for the relevant region, when households are ranked in ascending order according to total gross weekly income. (b) The total estimated expenditure for a particular broad expenditure group divided by the estimated number of households within the scope of the survey in the relevant quintile group. (c) The sum of the gross weekly income of all household members. (d) Including married couple and single parent families living in multiple family households.

**Table 8 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Household Income Quintile Groups (a), Wide Bay-Burnett/
Darling Downs Region, Queensland, 1984**

Household expenditure and characteristics	Household Income quintile group					Total Wide Bay-Burnett/ Darling Downs
	First (\$0-\$141)	Second (\$142-\$226)	Third (\$227-\$364)	Fourth (\$365-\$614)	Fifth (\$615 or more)	
Average Weekly Household Expenditure (b)						
Commodity or service						
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	\$ 18.81	26.37	28.72	40.10	45.13	31.88
Fuel and power	\$ 5.91	8.90	8.85	13.28	14.07	10.22
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	\$ 48.65	52.71	58.45	77.83	81.42	63.91
Alcoholic beverages	\$ 3.60	4.16	2.08	13.18	18.51	8.37
Tobacco	\$ 1.68	2.62	2.09	7.38	4.99	3.77
Clothing and footwear	\$ 8.11	6.12	17.05	26.08	25.50	16.62
Household furnishings and equipment	\$ *11.81	*15.58	*18.07	*22.92	*24.15	18.53
Household services and operations	\$ 10.23	13.04	14.52	19.74	18.09	15.14
Medical care and health expenses	\$ 10.59	10.83	12.72	22.48	21.61	15.69
Transport	\$ 24.97	21.13	32.92	61.98	65.55	41.47
Recreation	\$ 30.87	14.74	26.97	54.72	60.94	37.84
Personal care	\$ 2.79	3.42	3.93	9.00	7.71	5.39
Miscellaneous	\$ 10.80	10.58	13.15	61.86	41.50	27.76
Total	\$ 188.81	190.20	239.53	430.54	429.15	296.59
Selected other payments						
Income tax	\$ 7.58	4.22	32.37	69.31	111.93	45.40
Mortgage payments - principal	\$ *10.70	*6.31	*5.17	*8.91	*14.08	9.07
Superannuation and life insurance	\$ 3.14	1.96	4.31	13.18	16.14	7.80
Proportion of Total Expenditure on Commodities and Services						
Commodity or service						
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	% 9.96	13.87	11.99	9.31	10.52	10.75
Fuel and power	% 3.13	4.68	3.70	3.09	3.28	3.45
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	% 25.77	27.71	24.40	18.08	18.97	21.55
Alcoholic beverages	% 1.91	2.19	0.87	3.06	4.31	2.82
Tobacco	% 0.89	1.38	0.87	1.71	1.16	1.27
Clothing and footwear	% 4.29	3.22	7.12	6.06	5.94	5.61
Household furnishings and equipment	% *6.25	*8.19	*7.54	*5.32	*5.63	6.25
Household services and operations	% 5.42	6.86	6.06	4.59	4.22	5.10
Medical care and health expenses	% 5.61	5.69	5.31	5.22	5.03	5.29
Transport	% 13.22	11.11	13.75	14.40	15.27	13.98
Recreation	% 16.35	7.75	11.26	12.71	14.20	12.76
Personal care	% 1.48	1.80	1.64	2.09	1.80	1.82
Miscellaneous	% 5.72	5.56	5.49	14.37	9.67	9.36
Total	% 100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

**Table 8 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Household Income Quintile Groups (a), Wide Bay-Burnett/
Darling Downs Region, Queensland, 1984 (continued)**

Household expenditure and characteristics	Household Income quintile group					Total Wide Bay-Burnett/ Darling Downs
	First (\$0-\$141)	Second (\$142-\$226)	Third (\$227-\$364)	Fourth (\$365-\$614)	Fifth (\$615 or more)	
Household Characteristics						
Average weekly household income (c) ..	\$ 88.40	175.39	299.34	478.77	752.68	360.39
Proportion of total income being						
Wages and salaries	% 9.20	10.11	50.25	76.02	73.86	61.27
Own business	% *10.56	*13.37	*7.11	*8.40	*18.35	12.98
Government pensions and benefits ..	% 63.82	60.00	22.84	7.12	2.92	15.79
Other	% **	**	**	**	**	*9.96
Total	% 100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average number of persons per household						
Under 18 years	No. 0.55	0.53	1.11	1.67	1.12	1.00
18 to 64 years	No. 0.95	1.08	1.58	2.22	2.45	1.66
65 years and over	No. *0.55	*0.72	**	*0.07	*-	0.35
Total	No. 2.06	2.34	3.10	3.96	3.57	3.01
Proportion of households with nature of housing occupancy being						
Owned outright	% 60.48	71.40	60.90	47.07	48.94	57.67
Being bought	% 22.20	15.31	*14.73	34.59	*39.42	25.37
Renting: Government	% **	**	**	**	**	**
Private	% *2.63	*10.93	*18.61	*18.35	*11.64	12.40
Occupied rent free	% **	**	**	**	**	*4.56
Total	% 100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average number of employed persons in household	No. 0.57	0.53	1.00	1.64	2.30	1.22
Proportion of households with family composition being						
Married couple: Only	% *25.51	*46.77	*32.24	*7.52	*13.20	24.89
With dependent children	% 22.73	21.36	36.34	40.23	38.64	31.89
Other	% **	**	**	**	**	16.34
Single parent one family	% **	**	**	**	**	1.67
Single person household	% *46.82	*19.61	**	*-	*3.13	16.33
Other (d)	% **	**	**	**	**	8.89
Total	% 100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Households in sample	No. 33	32	26	33	30	154
Estimated total population of						
Households	'000 22.7	22.2	22.0	22.8	22.8	112.6
Persons	'000 46.8	52.0	68.4	90.1	81.1	338.6

(a) Quintile groups are 20 per cent groupings of households for the relevant region, when households are ranked in ascending order according to total gross weekly income. (b) The total estimated expenditure for a particular broad expenditure group divided by the estimated number of households within the scope of the survey in the relevant quintile group. (c) The sum of the gross weekly income of all household members. (d) Including married couple and single parent families living in multiple family households.

Table 9 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Household Income Quintile Groups (a), Fitzroy/Mackay Region, Queensland, 1984

Household expenditure and characteristics	Household Income quintile group					Total Fitzroy/Mackay	
	First (\$0-\$186)	Second (\$187-\$352)	Third (\$353-\$502)	Fourth (\$503-\$723)	Fifth (\$724 or more)		
Average Weekly Household Expenditure (b)							
Commodity or service							
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	\$ 21.42	49.43	42.47	45.32	45.32	40.72	
Fuel and power	\$ 8.42	9.93	9.07	9.58	12.63	9.92	
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	\$ 142.73	59.81	62.00	84.36	130.75	96.14	
Alcoholic beverages	\$ *3.81	*6.94	18.01	*17.96	*31.87	15.76	
Tobacco	\$ *2.67	*6.69	*4.50	*9.02	*8.58	6.28	
Clothing and footwear	\$ *13.99	*9.93	*18.57	*17.59	*68.01	25.69	
Household furnishings and equipment	\$ *11.28	*23.25	*18.63	*37.27	*39.37	25.93	
Household services and operations	\$ 10.43	20.12	11.57	14.67	23.98	16.11	
Medical care and health expenses	\$ 11.89	9.58	12.94	9.52	18.64	12.54	
Transport	\$ 53.59	80.66	52.66	105.99	106.28	79.71	
Recreation	\$ 7.39	29.42	39.42	49.90	70.60	39.36	
Personal care	\$ 2.70	3.77	5.40	4.92	11.86	5.74	
Miscellaneous	\$ *17.89	*18.70	*30.06	*31.20	*53.87	30.40	
Total	\$ 308.21	328.25	325.30	437.29	621.78	404.30	
Selected other payments							
Income tax	\$ 9.73	41.01	70.10	102.57	212.57	87.34	
Mortgage payments - principal	\$ **	**	**	**	**	4.49	
Superannuation and life insurance	\$ *3.99	*6.55	*9.98	*14.82	*29.32	12.95	
Proportion of Total Expenditure on Commodities and Services							
Commodity or service							
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	% 6.95	15.06	13.06	10.36	7.29	10.07	
Fuel and power	% 2.73	3.02	2.79	2.19	2.03	2.45	
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	% 46.31	18.22	19.06	19.29	21.03	23.78	
Alcoholic beverages	% *1.24	*2.11	5.54	*4.11	*5.13	3.90	
Tobacco	% *0.87	*2.04	*1.38	*2.06	*1.38	1.55	
Clothing and footwear	% *4.54	*3.02	*5.71	*4.02	*10.94	6.35	
Household furnishings and equipment	% *3.66	*7.08	*5.73	*8.52	*6.33	6.41	
Household services and operations	% 3.39	6.13	3.56	3.35	3.86	3.99	
Medical care and health expenses	% 3.86	2.29	3.98	2.18	3.00	3.10	
Transport	% 17.39	24.57	16.19	24.24	17.09	19.71	
Recreation	% 2.40	8.96	12.12	11.41	11.35	9.74	
Personal care	% 0.87	1.15	1.66	1.13	1.91	1.42	
Miscellaneous	% *5.80	*5.70	*9.24	*7.13	*8.66	7.52	
Total	% 100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	

Table 9 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Household Income Quintile Groups (a), Fitzroy/Mackay Region, Queensland, 1984 (continued)

Household expenditure and characteristics	Household income quintile group					Total Fitzroy/ Mackay	
	First (\$0-\$186)	Second (\$187-\$352)	Third (\$353-\$502)	Fourth (\$503-\$723)	Fifth (\$724 or more)		
Household Characteristics							
Average weekly household income (c) ..	\$	121.54	260.97	434.98	600.22	1,019.14	488.12
Proportion of total income being							
Wages and salaries	%	8.39	44.53	78.69	94.77	70.61	72.17
Own business	%	*8.72	*8.47	*1.00	*-	*18.48	9.25
Government pensions and benefits ..	%	72.90	37.98	5.82	4.11	2.00	10.51
Other	%	**	**	**	**	**	8.07
<u>Total</u>	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average number of persons per household							
Under 18 years	No.	0.64	1.30	0.90	1.80	1.34	1.19
18 to 64 years	No.	1.14	1.78	1.72	2.15	2.39	1.84
65 years and over	No.	**	**	**	**	**	0.25
<u>Total</u>	No.	2.43	3.35	2.84	3.96	3.82	3.28
Proportion of households with nature of housing occupancy being							
Owned outright	%	*77.15	*39.85	*45.00	*12.82	*19.15	38.88
Being bought	%	*9.79	*25.45	*16.17	*24.68	*38.60	22.89
Renting: Government	%	**	**	**	**	**	3.77
Private	%	**	**	**	**	**	31.10
Occupied rent free	%	**	**	**	**	**	3.36
<u>Total</u>	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average number of employed persons in household							
	No.	0.59	0.53	1.14	1.41	2.17	1.17
Proportion of households with family composition being							
Married couple: Only	%	*26.10	*15.40	*21.93	*22.22	*28.04	22.79
With dependent children	%	*25.38	*42.95	*42.57	*52.36	*33.47	39.30
Other	%	**	**	**	**	**	18.33
Single parent one family	%	**	**	**	**	**	3.58
Single person household	%	**	**	**	**	**	13.74
Other (d)	%	**	**	**	**	**	2.26
<u>Total</u>	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Households in sample	No.	21	20	22	20	20	103
Estimated total population of							
Households	'000	15.0	14.4	15.1	14.8	14.9	74.2
Persons	'000	36.4	48.3	42.9	58.6	56.9	243.1

(a) Quintile groups are 20 per cent groupings of households for the relevant region, when households are ranked in ascending order according to total gross weekly income. (b) The total estimated expenditure for a particular broad expenditure group divided by the estimated number of households within the scope of the survey in the relevant quintile group. (c) The sum of the gross weekly income of all household members. (d) Including married couple and single parent families living in multiple family households.

Table 10 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Household Income Quintile Groups (a), North and Western Queensland Region, 1984

Household expenditure and characteristics	Household Income quintile group					Total North and Western Queensland
	First (\$0-\$163)	Second (\$164-\$285)	Third (\$286-\$458)	Fourth (\$459-\$684)	Fifth (\$685 or more)	
Average Weekly Household Expenditure (b)						
Commodity or service						
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	\$ 21.30	24.57	43.77	58.09	50.69	39.73
Fuel and power	\$ 7.28	7.63	8.56	10.04	10.95	8.90
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	\$ 37.99	56.90	65.01	85.05	89.67	66.92
Alcoholic beverages	\$ 8.57	6.21	23.91	22.06	26.55	17.50
Tobacco	\$ 2.05	2.99	5.86	5.38	7.62	4.78
Clothing and footwear	\$ 7.54	9.31	13.84	33.20	29.17	18.64
Household furnishings and equipment	\$ *7.77	*9.28	*23.30	*36.42	*54.64	26.33
Household services and operations	\$ 8.12	8.54	11.93	20.97	17.45	13.42
Medical care and health expenses	\$ 6.72	10.16	11.18	15.13	15.63	11.76
Transport	\$ 16.96	27.31	37.48	78.43	77.77	47.64
Recreation	\$ 26.86	36.05	41.61	61.27	48.48	42.86
Personal care	\$ 3.10	3.91	4.08	6.13	8.52	5.15
Miscellaneous	\$ 11.73	15.79	18.11	43.10	30.03	23.78
Total	\$ 166.00	218.64	308.64	475.28	467.15	327.40
Selected other payments						
Income tax	\$ 5.47	34.25	66.28	102.34	205.72	82.87
Mortgage payments - principal	\$ *1.16	*2.74	*4.47	*6.31	*11.34	5.21
Superannuation and life insurance	\$ 1.08	5.02	11.61	19.22	27.90	12.98
Proportion of Total Expenditure on Commodities and Services						
Commodity or service						
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	% 12.83	11.24	14.18	12.22	10.85	12.14
Fuel and power	% 4.39	3.49	2.77	2.11	2.34	2.72
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	% 22.88	26.02	21.06	17.90	19.20	20.44
Alcoholic beverages	% 5.16	2.84	7.75	4.64	5.68	5.35
Tobacco	% 1.24	1.37	1.90	1.13	1.63	1.46
Clothing and footwear	% 4.54	4.26	4.49	6.99	6.24	5.69
Household furnishings and equipment	% *4.68	*4.24	*7.55	*7.66	*11.70	8.04
Household services and operations	% 4.89	3.91	3.86	4.41	3.74	4.10
Medical care and health expenses	% 4.05	4.64	3.62	3.18	3.34	3.59
Transport	% 10.22	12.49	12.14	16.50	16.65	14.55
Recreation	% 16.18	16.49	13.48	12.89	10.38	13.09
Personal care	% 1.87	1.79	1.32	1.29	1.82	1.57
Miscellaneous	% 7.07	7.22	5.87	9.07	6.43	7.26
Total	% 100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table 10 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Household Income Quintile Groups (a), North and Western Queensland Region, 1984 (continued)

Household expenditure and characteristics	Household income quintile group					Total North and Western Queensland	
	First (\$0-\$163)	Second (\$164-\$285)	Third (\$286-\$458)	Fourth (\$459-\$684)	Fifth (\$685 or more)		
Household Characteristics							
Average weekly household income (c) ..	\$	105.25	227.25	368.95	580.79	902.19	437.20
Proportion of total income being							
Wages and salaries ..	%	2.76	39.15	75.43	86.56	70.05	68.95
Own business ..	%	*4.06	*19.37	*8.82	*5.18	*21.77	14.04
Government pensions and benefits ..	%	82.71	27.59	4.59	1.89	2.89	9.31
Other ..	%	**	**	**	**	**	7.70
<u>Total ..</u>	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average number of persons per household							
Under 18 years ..	No.	0.60	0.97	0.87	0.93	1.36	0.94
18 to 64 years ..	No.	0.89	1.81	1.72	1.99	2.42	1.76
65 years and over ..	No.	*0.47	*0.11	*0.08	*0.05	*	0.14
<u>Total ..</u>	No.	1.96	2.89	2.67	2.97	3.78	2.85
Proportion of households with nature of housing occupancy being							
Owned outright ..	%	43.94	52.71	49.24	27.36	26.37	39.86
Being bought ..	%	*7.91	*11.36	22.50	25.21	44.42	22.30
Renting: Government ..	%	**	**	**	**	**	7.23
Private ..	%	*28.94	*15.86	*21.50	*37.11	*21.11	24.97
Occupied rent free ..	%	**	**	**	**	**	5.63
<u>Total ..</u>	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average number of employed persons in household ..							
..	No.	0.30	0.78	1.07	1.69	2.02	1.17
Proportion of households with family composition being							
Married couple: Only ..	%	*18.78	*36.33	*21.30	*32.32	*15.83	24.84
With dependent children ..	%	17.22	23.60	35.47	42.10	39.70	31.64
Other ..	%	**	**	**	**	**	12.92
Single parent one family ..	%	**	**	**	**	**	2.45
Single person household ..	%	*49.24	*17.21	*27.68	*6.70	*6.58	21.57
Other (d) ..	%	**	**	**	**	**	6.58
<u>Total ..</u>	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Households in sample ..	No.	30	30	33	32	32	157
Estimated total population of							
Households ..	'000	22.9	22.0	22.7	22.7	22.6	112.9
Persons ..	'000	44.8	63.7	60.6	67.4	85.5	322.0

(a) Quintile groups are 20 per cent groupings of households for the relevant region, when households are ranked in ascending order according to total gross weekly income. (b) The total estimated expenditure for a particular broad expenditure group divided by the estimated number of households within the scope of the survey in the relevant quintile group. (c) The sum of the gross weekly income of all household members. (d) Including married couple and single parent families living in multiple family households.

SECTION 3. PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Table 11 reveals the close relationship which exists between the level of household expenditure and the principal source of household income. Households where the principal income source was wages and salaries had the highest level of average weekly household expenditure on commodities and services (\$417.81). This is in contrast to age, invalid, and wife's pension households where the average expenditure was approximately one-third of that of the wage and salary earner households, (\$147.08). This feature is one which might be expected, especially when the other characteristics of the households comprising these groups are examined.

The age, invalid, and wife's pension households had fewer members (1.7 vs 3.3) and lower average weekly household income (\$141.08 vs \$552.13) than wage and salary earner households. They also had lower current housing costs because of a higher proportion of home ownership (76.52 per cent vs 27.89 per cent), a higher proportion in subsidised Government housing, and they are older, on average, indicating lower average mortgage payments for those still buying their home.

Diagram 12 - Average Weekly Household Expenditure by Selected Principal Source of Household Income, Queensland, 1984

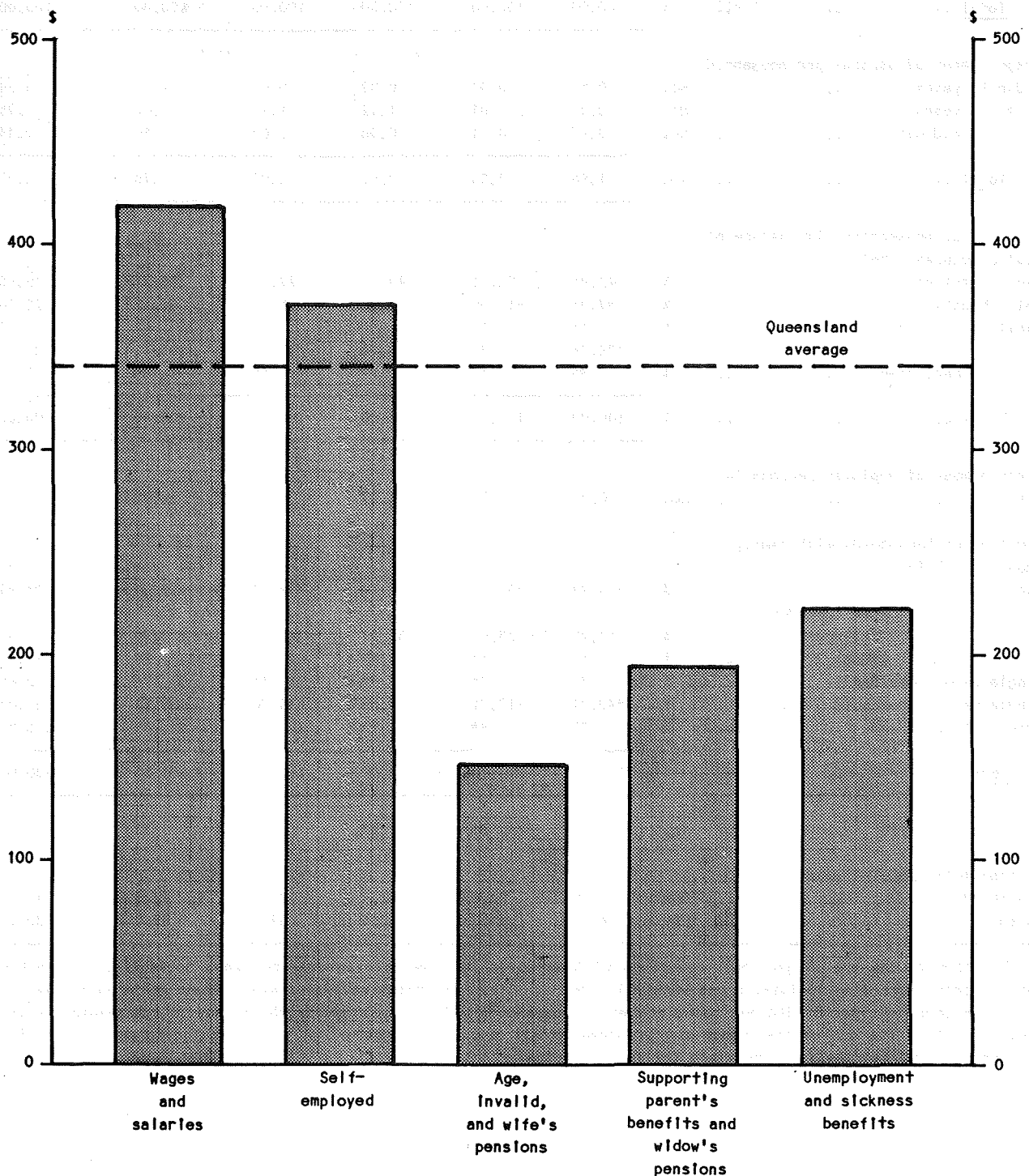
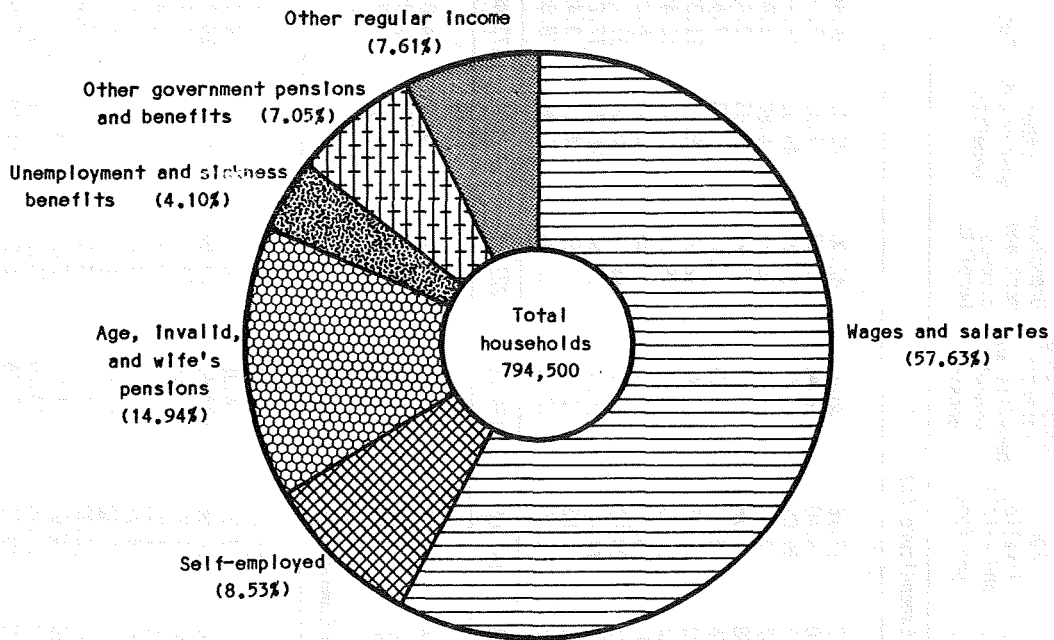


Diagram 13 below shows the proportion of households in each of the principal source of household income categories. This highlights the importance of the wages and salaries group in Table 11. Approximately 6 out of 10 households fell into this group.

Diagram 13 - All Income Recipients: Proportion of Households by Principal Source of Household Income, Queensland, 1984



Although wages and salaries were the predominant source of income in Queensland, Diagram 14 shows how the proportion of total income from this source fell while that from 'self-employed' rose from metropolitan to other urban and then rural areas.

Diagram 14 - Proportion of Total Household Income from Selected Principal Source of Household Income by Broad Geographical Areas, Queensland, 1984



Table 11 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Principal Source of Household Income, Queensland, 1984 (continued)

Household expenditure and characteristics	Principal source of household income										Total all sources (b)	
	Earned income		Government pensions and benefits						Total	Other regular income (a)		
	Wages and salaries	Self-employed	Total	Age, invalid, and wife's pensions	Supporting parent's benefits and widow's pension	Unemployment and sickness benefits	Other government benefits					
Household Characteristics												
Average weekly household income (d)	..	\$	552.13	533.60	549.74	141.08	173.37	175.04	151.56	272.42	424.07	
Average number of persons per household	..	No.	1.15	1.41	1.18	0.05	1.93	1.72	0.42	0.44	0.95	
Under 18 years	..	No.	2.10	2.01	2.09	0.48	1.29	1.75	1.06	1.14	1.69	
18 to 64 years	..	No.	0.04	0.12	0.05	1.15	**	..	0.72	0.61	0.29	
65 years and over	..	No.	3.28	3.55	3.32	1.67	3.21	3.47	2.21	2.19	2.93	
Total	..	%	27.89	54.45	31.31	76.52	33.04	24.19	70.68	69.78	42.66	
Proportion of households with nature of housing occupancy being:	..	%	39.47	28.52	38.05	5.60	6.19	10.85	16.54	10.33	28.66	
Owned outright	..	%	4.35	*1.23	3.95	2.30	**	*11.72	*3.24	4.90	3.94	
Being bought	..	%	25.91	15.26	24.54	8.68	*39.32	*43.02	6.87	16.17	21.23	
Renting: Government	..	%	2.39	**	2.15	*6.91	**	**	**	8.60	8.60	
Private	..	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Occupied rent free	..	%	1.68	1.68	1.68	0.06	0.10	0.15	0.32	0.46	1.18	
Total	..	No.	18.57	18.11	18.51	39.71	**	11.87	46.68	41.04	24.19	
Average number of employed persons in household	..	No.	40.28	47.02	41.15	1.44	-	48.23	20.79	18.05	31.84	
Proportion of households with family composition being:	..	%	16.61	18.33	16.83	5.57	**	*9.83	*3.95	*3.81	12.86	
Married couple:	..	%	3.10	*2.42	3.01	**	**	**	**	*3.99	3.89	
Only	..	%	10.00	9.27	9.91	44.82	*12.30	*25.89	*24.23	28.16	17.96	
With dependent children:	..	%	11.44	*4.84	10.58	*8.46	**	**	*4.35	7.19	9.26	
Other	..	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Total	..	%	239.4	23.5	262.9	52.3	8.0	12.9	16.6	23.2	376.3	
Estimated number of households being in:	..	'000	171.3	*28.4	199.8	53.1	**	**	*18.4	*29.0	323.2	
Metropolitan area	..	'000	47.1	15.9	63.0	13.3	*1.6	*4.3	4.5	8.3	95.1	
Other urban areas	..	'000	457.9	67.8	525.7	118.7	16.5	32.6	39.5	60.5	794.5	
Rural areas	..	'000	905	119	1,024	213	31	58	72	104	1,504	
Total	..	'000	457.9	67.8	525.7	118.7	16.5	32.6	39.5	60.5	794.5	
Households in sample	..	No.	1,504.1	240.4	1,744.5	198.1	52.9	113.3	87.2	132.3	2,329.8	
Estimated total population of:	..	'000	1,504.1	240.4	1,744.5	198.1	52.9	113.3	87.2	132.3	2,329.8	
Households	..	'000	1,504.1	240.4	1,744.5	198.1	52.9	113.3	87.2	132.3	2,329.8	
Persons	..	'000	1,504.1	240.4	1,744.5	198.1	52.9	113.3	87.2	132.3	2,329.8	

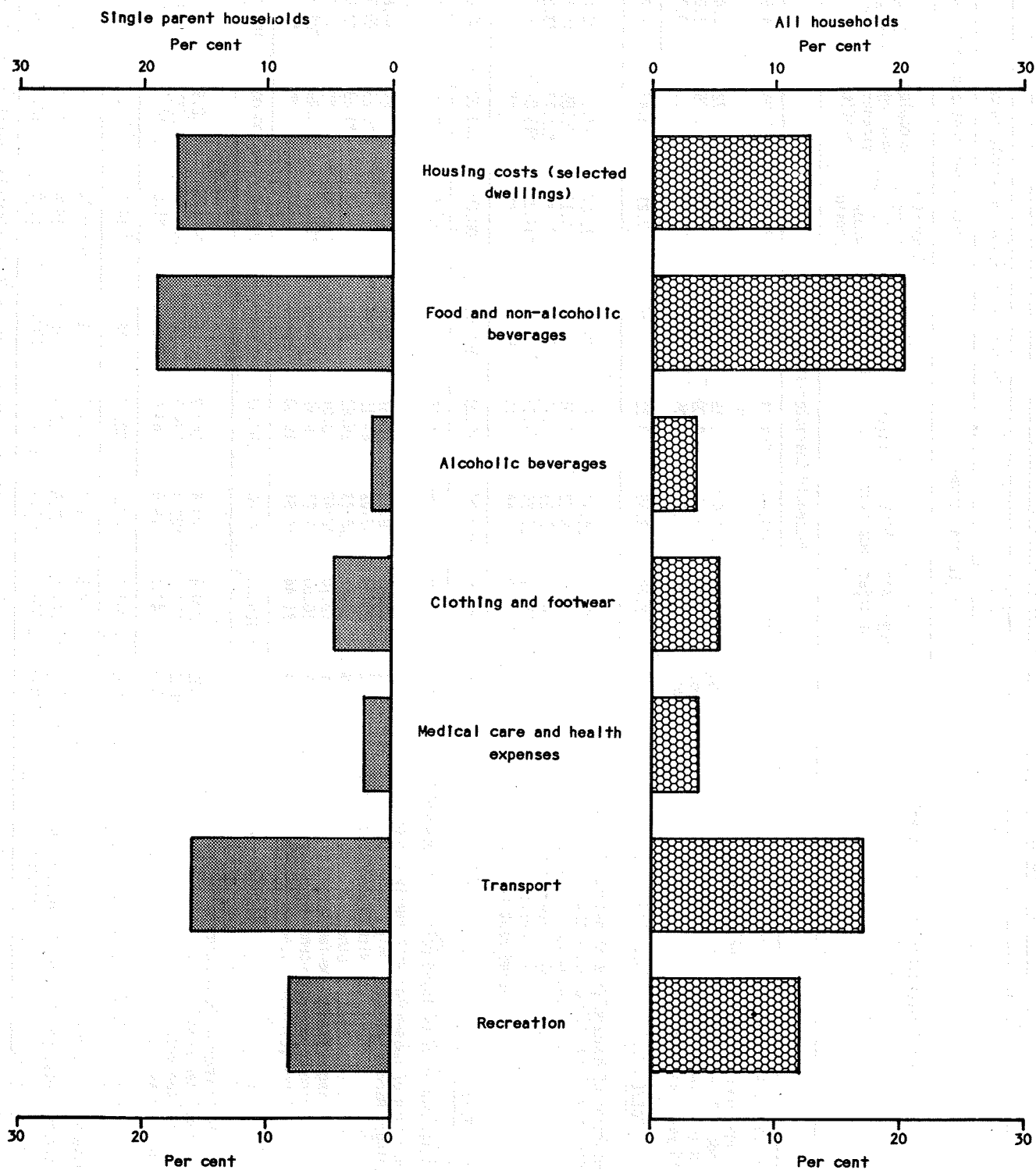
(a) Including households where the principal source of income was superannuation or annuity; interest on financial institution accounts, investments or property rent; scholarship, study allowance, or T.E.A.S.; workers' compensation, maintenance, or alimony; or regular income, n.e.c. (b) Including households who reported no income. (c) Total estimated expenditure for a particular broad expenditure group divided by the estimated number of households within the scope of the survey. (d) The sum of the gross weekly income of all household members. (e) Including married couple and single parent families living in multiple family households.

SECTION 4. SELECTED POPULATION GROUPS

In Table 12 expenditure is shown at a finer level to allow a more detailed analysis of differences between a particular population group and the Queensland total.

Diagram 15 shows a comparison of the proportion of average weekly expenditure on selected items between single parent households and all households in Queensland. Expenditure on food and non-alcoholic beverages and clothing and footwear shows only marginal differences between the population groups. However, single parent households have significantly lower expenditure on alcoholic beverages and recreation.

Diagram 15 - Proportion Spent on Selected Commodities and Services: Comparison between Single Parent Households and All Households, Queensland, 1984



The selected population groups in Diagram 16 are not mutually exclusive, e.g. a significant number of low income households and also pensioner and migrant households could belong to any one of the groups. This does not allow easy comparison between groups but the data does show some interesting differences between individual population groups and the Queensland average.

Whilst many factors affect average weekly household expenditure (household income, average number of persons per household, etc.), the differences in expenditure show a significant variation. Pensioner household expenditure was about two and a half times lower than the Queensland average with generally less expenditure on all items. Some significant differences in expenditure on commodities and services were current housing costs (\$17.16 and \$43.17) and food and non-alcoholic beverages (\$39.09 and \$69.32). Migrant households expenditure was about 12 per cent higher than the Queensland average. Much of the difference was explained by higher current housing costs (\$75.07 and \$43.17) and higher expenditure on household furnishings and equipment (\$31.32 and \$23.04).

Diagram 16 - Average Weekly Household Expenditure by Selected Population Groups, Queensland, 1984

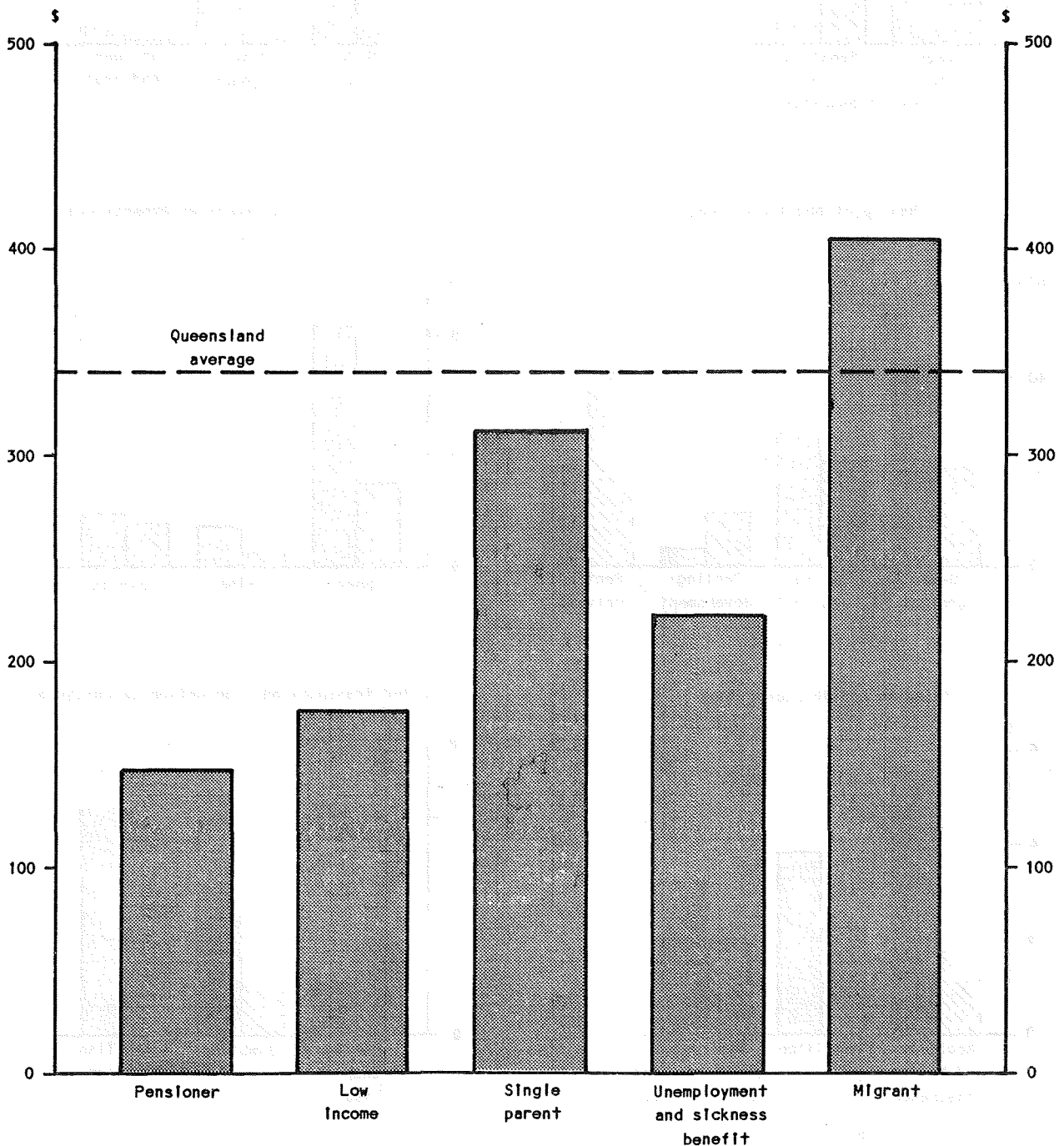


Diagram 17 displays some selected household characteristics that help explain the different expenditure pattern of the single parent household and all households in Queensland. It also shows some selected items of expenditure for these two groups.

Diagram 17 - Selected Household Expenditure and Characteristics: Comparison between Single Parent Households and All Households, Queensland, 1984

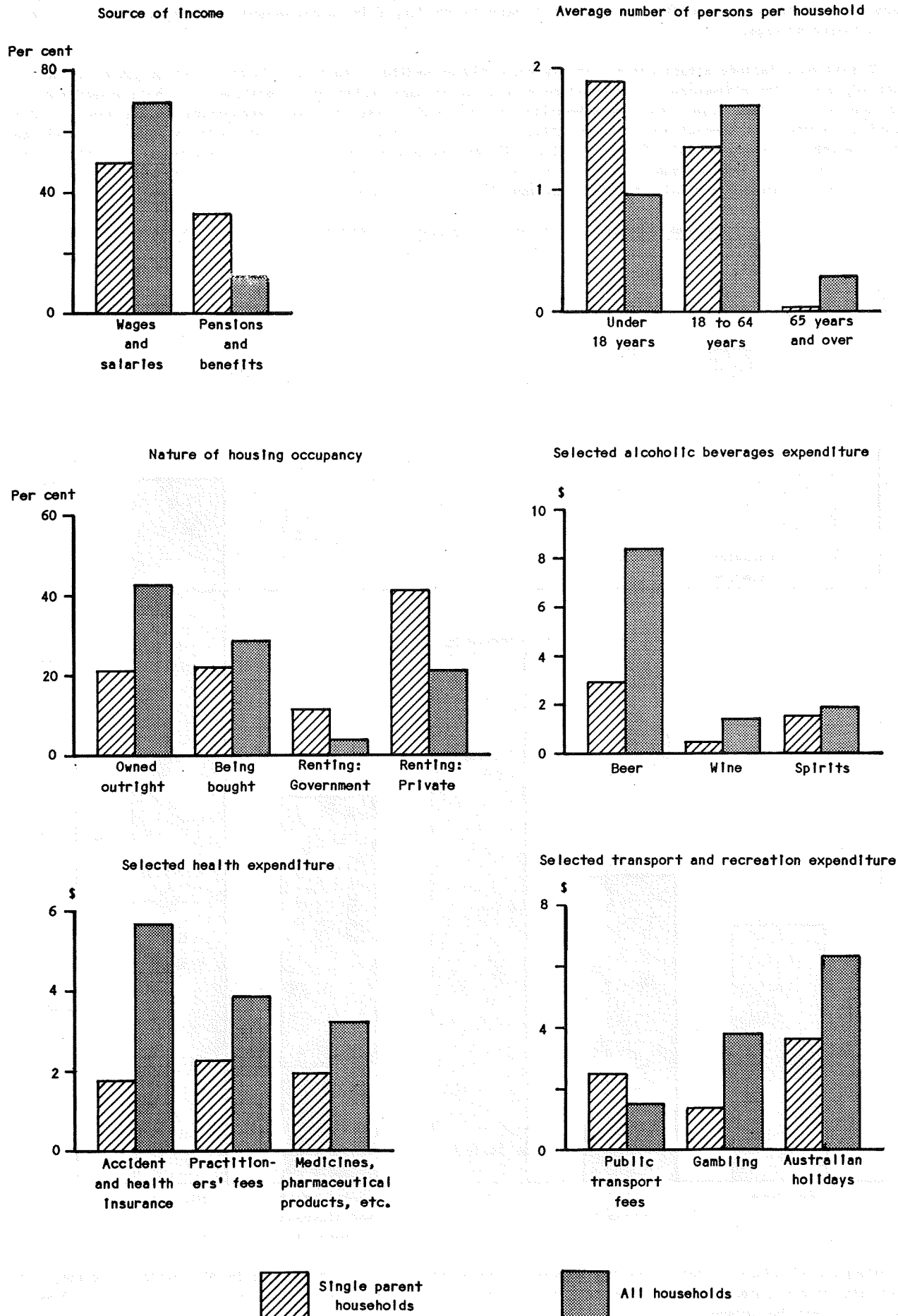


Table 12 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Selected Population Groups, Queensland and Australia, 1984

Household expenditure and characteristics	Selected population group					Total Queensland	Total Australia
	Pensioner	Low Income	Single parent	Unemployment and sickness benefit	Migrant		
Average Weekly Household Expenditure (a)							
Commodity or service							
Current housing costs (selected dwelling) \$	17.16	24.65	54.09	42.90	75.07	43.17	46.46
Rent \$	4.02	8.33	37.60	30.22	35.00	15.01	14.72
Mortgage payments - Interest component \$	0.68	3.53	5.62	6.87	29.42	13.25	14.97
Rates \$	5.80	5.41	4.25	3.08	4.54	6.48	7.12
House and contents insurance .. \$	2.25	2.09	1.59	1.10	1.88	2.62	2.77
Repairs and maintenance .. \$	*4.31	4.84	**	**	*3.85	5.15	5.82
Other \$	*0.10	*0.44	**	**	**	0.66	1.06
Fuel and power \$	6.40	6.87	9.81	9.13	8.89	9.27	10.56
Electricity \$	5.52	5.98	8.94	7.13	8.02	8.34	8.03
Gas \$	0.56	0.63	0.83	1.84	0.78	0.75	1.96
Other fuels \$	**	*0.26	**	**	**	0.18	0.57
Food and non-alcoholic beverages .. \$	39.09	45.74	59.17	50.92	71.39	69.32	71.22
Bread, cakes, and cereals .. \$	5.69	5.21	7.25	6.86	8.64	7.68	8.09
Bread \$	2.24	2.18	3.26	3.23	3.80	3.21	3.38
Flour \$	0.22	0.18	0.15	0.23	0.26	0.21	0.21
Cakes, biscuits, etc. .. \$	2.37	1.98	2.80	2.06	3.12	2.95	3.22
Breakfast and other cereals .. \$	0.86	0.87	1.03	1.34	1.46	1.32	1.28
Meat and fish \$	9.98	15.62	11.61	9.89	13.59	16.83	15.66
Processed meat \$	3.00	3.06	3.91	3.38	4.75	4.87	4.55
Beef and veal \$	3.24	8.89	3.13	2.32	2.51	6.19	4.21
Mutton and lamb \$	1.05	1.02	2.05	0.80	1.23	1.56	2.23
Pork (excluding bacon and ham) \$	0.54	0.50	*0.62	*0.71	*1.24	0.91	0.78
Poultry and game \$	0.77	1.00	0.82	0.87	1.92	1.29	1.68
Other meat and meat undefined .. \$	0.44	0.43	*0.53	*1.19	*0.44	0.81	0.73
Fish and other seafood \$	0.93	0.72	0.56	0.61	1.50	1.20	1.48
Dairy products, oils, and fats .. \$	6.49	6.36	8.37	9.57	11.79	9.41	8.84
Fresh eggs \$	0.94	0.86	0.95	1.06	1.49	1.05	0.95
Fresh milk and cream \$	2.65	2.73	4.26	4.56	5.66	4.59	3.94
Cheese \$	0.77	0.84	1.23	1.29	1.83	1.38	1.53
Butter \$	0.57	0.54	0.38	0.46	0.69	0.59	0.53
Other dairy products and eggs (other than fresh) \$	0.62	0.57	0.61	0.93	0.67	0.68	0.66
Margarine \$	0.67	0.60	0.71	0.79	0.85	0.73	0.82
Edible oils and fats, n.e.c. .. \$	0.26	0.24	*0.24	*0.49	0.60	0.39	0.41
Fruit and vegetables \$	6.62	6.57	8.47	7.46	11.52	9.62	9.40
Fresh fruit \$	2.59	2.46	3.76	2.59	4.54	3.56	3.24
Canned, frozen, and bottled fruit \$	0.29	0.25	0.14	0.35	0.44	0.38	0.39
Dried fruit and nuts \$	0.66	0.66	0.58	0.40	0.81	0.93	0.78
Fresh potatoes \$	0.54	0.54	0.72	0.80	1.00	0.79	0.81
Other fresh vegetables \$	1.76	1.95	2.47	2.60	3.48	2.79	2.97
Frozen vegetables \$	0.34	0.26	0.39	0.29	0.56	0.51	0.55
Other processed vegetables and vegetables undefined \$	0.44	0.45	0.41	0.42	0.70	0.66	0.66
Miscellaneous food \$	5.58	5.05	8.69	6.75	9.72	8.66	9.19
Sugar \$	0.42	0.34	0.39	0.55	0.31	0.36	0.38
Syrups, honey, jams, and jellies \$	0.53	0.35	0.34	0.40	0.44	0.39	0.37
Savoury confectionery \$	0.06	0.15	0.47	0.41	0.52	0.43	0.52
Chocolate confectionery \$	0.51	0.42	1.12	0.69	0.77	0.98	1.21
Iced and other confectionery .. \$	1.05	0.93	1.83	1.17	1.97	1.98	2.01
Tea (packaged) \$	0.53	0.40	0.25	0.34	0.40	0.42	0.50
Coffee (packaged) \$	0.59	0.56	0.61	0.91	1.05	0.79	0.92

Table 12 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Selected Population Groups, Queensland and Australia, 1984
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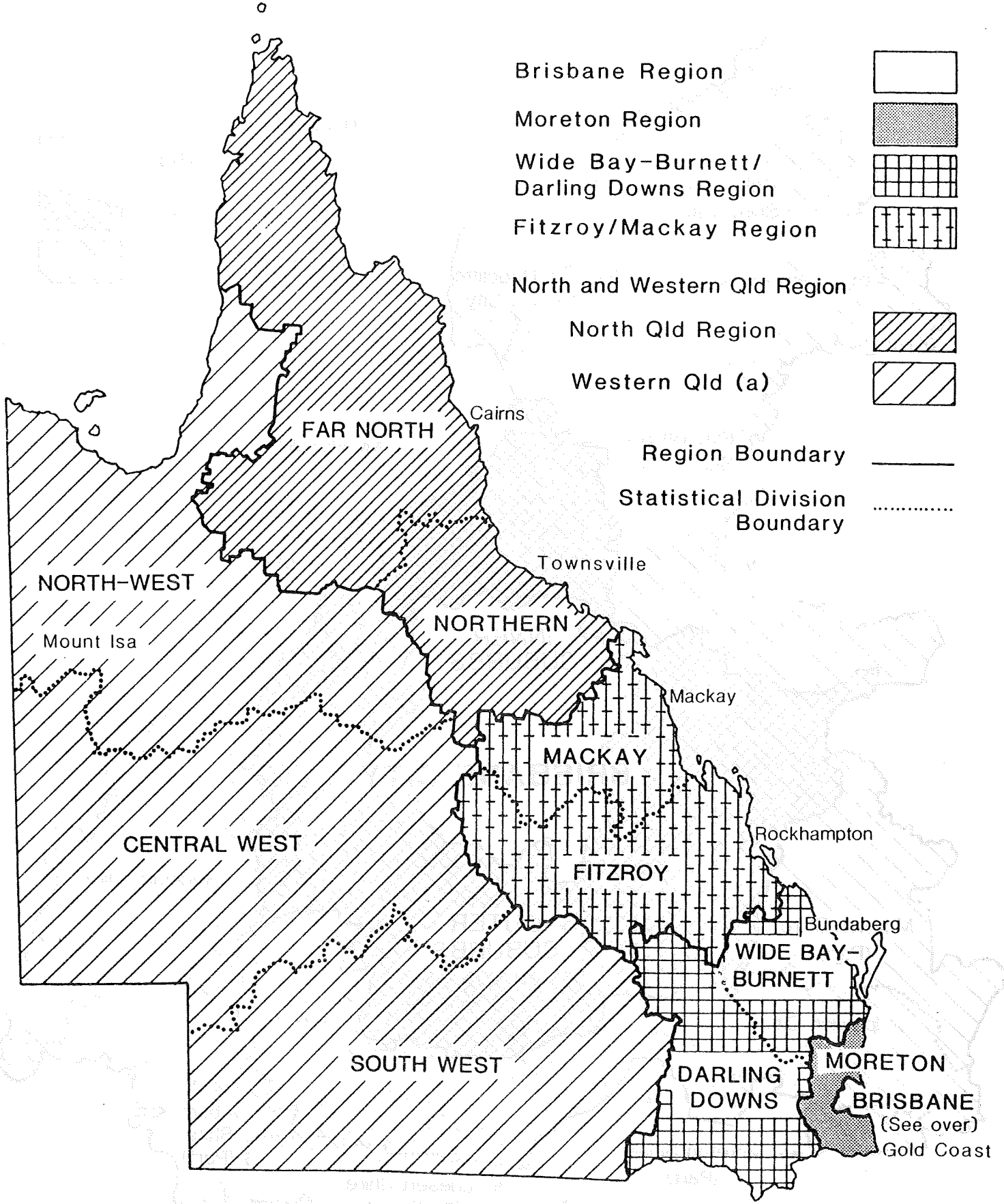
Household expenditure and characteristics	Selected population group					Total Queensland	Total Australia
	Pensioner	Low Income	Single parent	Unemployment and sickness benefit	Migrant		
Average Weekly Household Expenditure (a) (continued)							
Commodity or service (continued)							
Food and non-alcoholic beverages (continued)							
Miscellaneous food (continued)							
Other food drinks	\$ 0.27	0.27	0.58	0.33	0.29	0.44	0.47
Other food and food undefined ..	\$ 1.61	1.64	3.11	1.94	3.98	2.87	2.81
Non-alcoholic beverages ..	\$ 1.27	1.98	5.12	3.22	4.89	4.58	4.66
Soft drinks and aerated waters	\$ 0.71	0.95	2.37	1.96	2.17	2.40	2.44
Fruit and vegetable juice ..	\$ 0.34	0.64	1.84	0.50	1.78	1.34	1.40
Other	\$ 0.21	0.38	0.92	0.75	0.94	0.84	0.82
Meals out and take-away ..	\$ 3.47	4.93	9.65	7.19	11.25	12.55	15.40
Alcoholic beverages	\$ 2.87	4.82	5.04	5.35	11.18	12.21	12.30
Beer	\$ 1.73	3.29	2.94	3.79	7.68	8.38	7.47
Wine	\$ 0.53	0.57	0.45	*0.23	1.32	1.42	2.26
Spirits	\$ 0.54	0.79	*1.55	*0.62	*1.64	1.89	2.01
Other	\$ *0.07	*0.18	**	**	**	0.51	0.56
Tobacco	\$ 1.78	2.30	4.65	4.93	4.91	4.63	5.73
Clothing and footwear	\$ 6.93	6.97	14.00	5.40	17.80	18.80	23.46
Men's clothing	\$ 1.56	1.18	*1.80	*1.01	*2.16	4.23	4.99
Women's clothing	\$ 2.53	1.90	4.75	*2.23	7.38	6.32	7.87
Children's and infants' clothing	\$ 0.10	0.60	*1.32	*0.52	*2.65	2.05	2.63
Headwear, hosiery, clothing accessories, and clothing materials	\$ 1.05	1.13	2.81	0.31	1.80	2.30	3.07
Footwear	\$ 1.42	1.92	2.75	*1.11	2.94	3.42	4.10
Clothing and footwear services ..	\$ 0.26	0.23	*0.56	*0.21	*0.87	0.47	0.80
Household furnishings and equipment	\$ 10.77	11.62	21.44	12.90	31.32	23.04	27.69
Furniture and floor coverings ..	\$ 4.78	5.24	*10.97	*4.07	*11.44	8.59	11.13
Blankets, travelling rugs, household linen, and household furnishings	\$ 1.76	1.93	*1.46	*1.62	*3.78	3.45	4.68
Household appliances	\$ 2.85	2.92	*7.17	*6.13	*10.82	6.54	6.50
Glass, tableware, and household utensils	\$ 0.94	0.81	*1.15	*0.50	*1.05	1.88	2.45
Tools and other household durables	\$ 0.43	0.71	*0.69	*0.59	*4.23	2.58	2.94
Household services and operations ..	\$ 10.19	10.51	16.32	9.64	17.47	14.92	15.70
Household non-durables	\$ 4.37	4.28	4.33	4.67	6.12	5.97	6.29
Postal charges	\$ 0.67	0.51	0.51	0.64	1.61	0.70	0.69
Telephone and telegram charges ..	\$ 3.87	4.37	7.04	4.27	8.89	5.89	5.91
Household services	\$ *0.61	*0.64	**	**	**	0.90	0.94
Child care service	\$ **	*0.04	**	**	**	0.58	0.79
Other household hire and maintenance	\$ *0.66	*0.67	**	**	**	0.88	1.08
Medical care and health expenses ..	\$ 6.78	7.70	6.52	5.83	7.33	13.17	14.07
Accident and health insurance ..	\$ 3.41	3.06	1.77	2.34	2.50	5.66	7.04
Practitioners' fees	\$ 0.93	1.96	2.26	1.31	2.53	3.85	3.73
Medicines, pharmaceutical products, and therapeutical appliances, and equipment	\$ 1.73	2.04	1.92	1.79	2.19	3.23	2.81
Other health charges	\$ **	**	**	**	**	0.43	0.48
Transport	\$ 20.81	22.60	50.00	45.79	79.72	58.24	59.00
Motor vehicle purchase	\$ 5.23	6.58	*22.45	*12.16	*35.17	19.40	18.38
Other vehicle purchase	\$ **	**	0.25	**	**	0.03	0.43
Motor vehicle fuel, lubricants, and additives	\$ 6.26	7.41	12.60	16.85	19.50	16.93	17.59

Table 12 - Household Expenditure and Characteristics by Selected Population Groups, Queensland and Australia, 1984
(continued)

Household expenditure and characteristics	Selected population group					Total Queensland	Total Australia	
	Pensioner	Low income	Single parent	Unemployment and sickness benefit	Migrant			
Household Characteristics (continued)								
Average number of persons per household								
Under 18 years	No.	0.05	0.36	1.89	1.72	1.39	0.95	0.86
18 to 64 years	No.	0.48	0.80	1.35	1.75	2.01	1.69	1.70
65 years and over	No.	1.15	0.67	*0.03	**	*0.04	0.29	0.27
Total	No.	1.67	1.83	3.27	3.47	3.44	2.93	2.84
Proportion of households with nature of housing occupancy being								
Owned outright	%	76.52	62.67	21.10	24.19	12.44	42.66	39.42
Being bought	%	5.60	11.07	22.06	10.85	39.19	28.66	32.08
Renting: Government	%	2.30	2.81	*11.60	11.72	*0.90	3.94	5.71
Private	%	8.68	16.41	*41.38	*43.02	46.27	21.23	19.49
Occupied rent free	%	*6.91	*7.05	**	**	**	3.51	3.31
Total	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average number of employed persons in household								
	No.	0.06	0.28	0.79	0.15	1.41	1.18	1.20
Proportion of households with family composition being								
Married couple: Only	%	39.71	27.98	..	11.87	12.27	24.19	23.91
With dependent children	%	1.44	11.98	..	48.23	51.41	31.84	29.68
Other	%	*5.57	2.17	..	*9.83	*10.49	12.86	13.54
Single parent one family	%	-	5.43	100.00	**	*3.51	3.89	4.99
Single person household	%	44.82	48.45	..	*25.89	10.81	17.96	19.08
Other (c)	%	8.46	3.98	..	**	*11.51	9.26	8.80
Total	%	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Estimated number of households being in								
Metropolitan area	'000	52.3	68.7	18.4	12.9	22.5	376.3	3,279.9
Other urban areas	'000	53.1	68.2	*10.9	**	*12.2	323.2	1,340.1
Rural areas	'000	13.3	25.6	*1.6	*4.3	5.1	95.1	419.2
Total	'000	118.7	162.5	30.9	32.6	39.8	794.5	5,039.2
Households in sample								
	No.	213	293	63	58	78	1,504	9,571
Estimated total population of								
Households	'000	118.7	162.5	30.9	32.6	39.8	794.5	5,039.2
Persons	'000	198.1	296.9	101.2	113.3	137.2	2,329.8	14,290.9

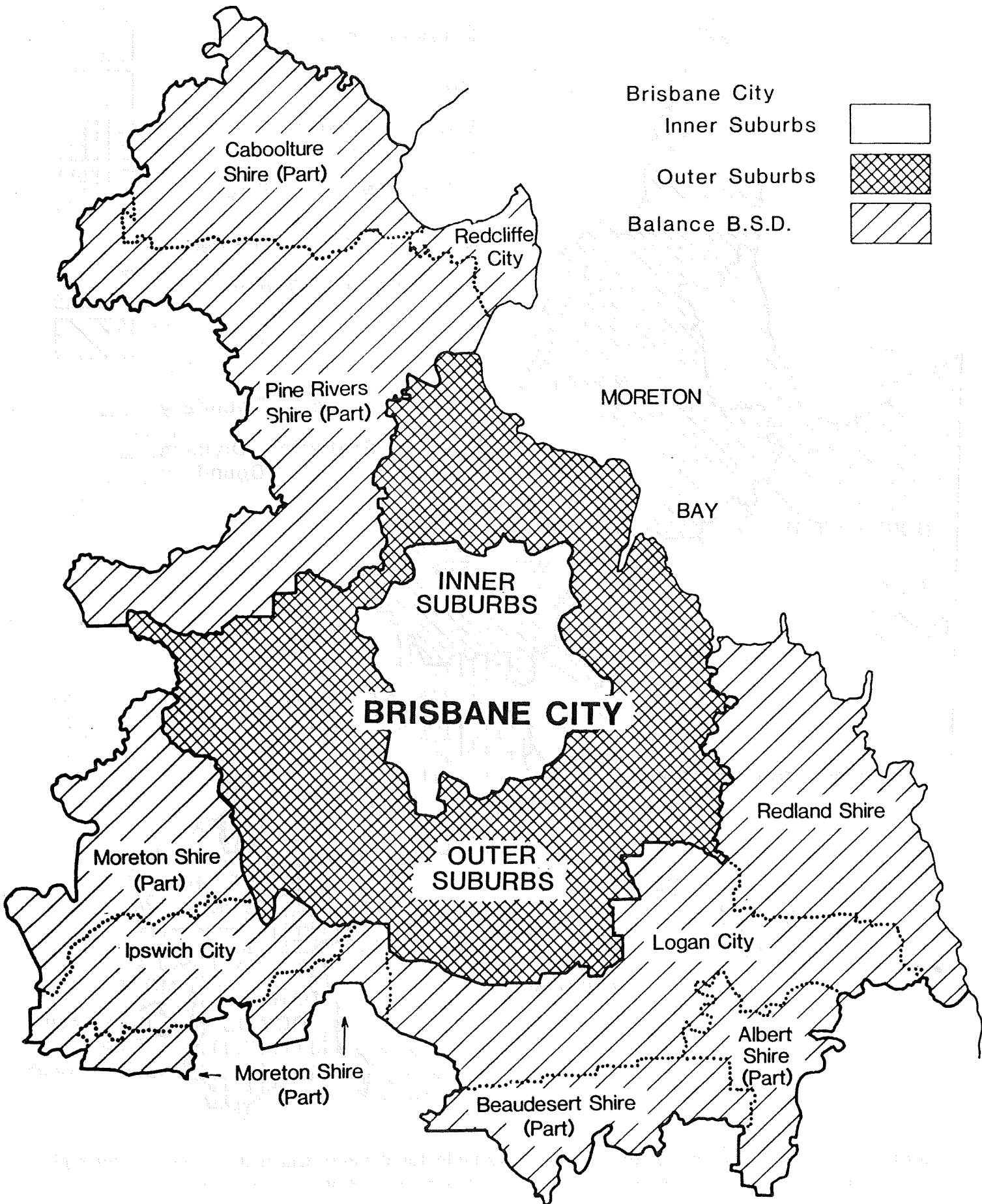
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