

7. GENERAL CITY DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

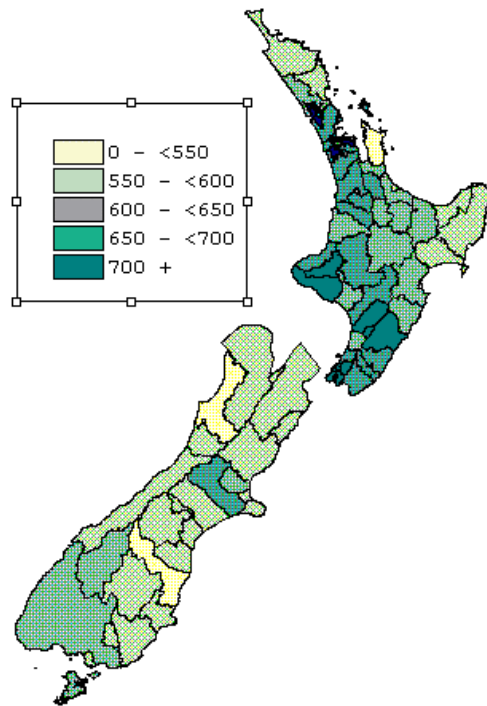
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<p>Corporate Plan Output: Various</p>	

HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE

In the year to March 1998, households in Christchurch City spent on average an estimated \$597.63 per week. This was 7.5% lower than the national average of \$646.24 per week for the same period.

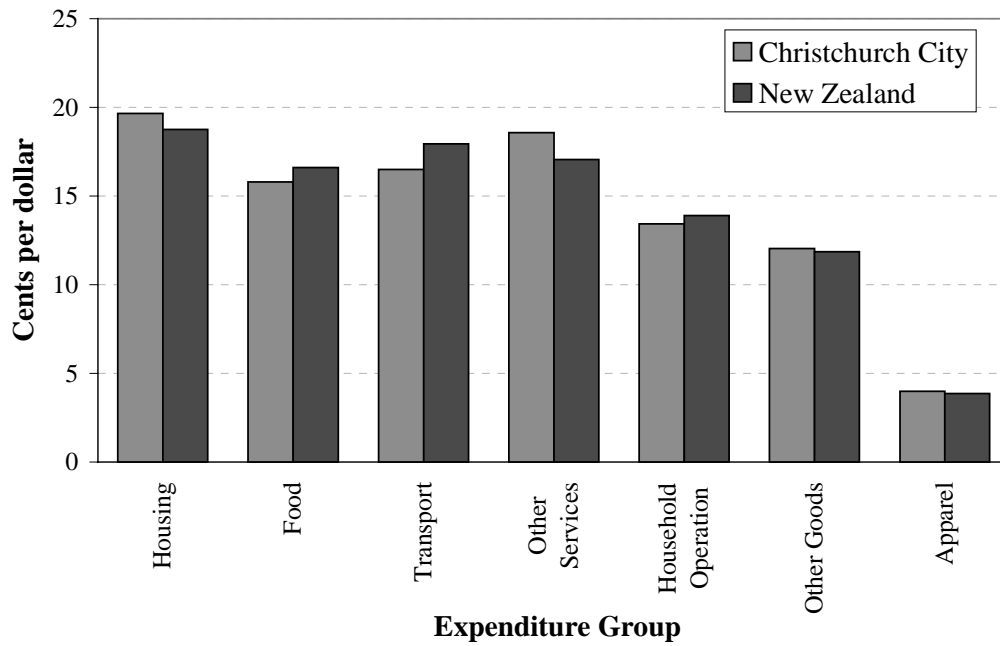
Average Total Weekly Household Expenditure
Year Ended March 1998



Expenditure on housing contributed most to average household expenditure in Christchurch City during the year to March 1998. Housing costs in the City were estimated at \$117.50 or 19.6 cents per dollar per week. Spending in the other five groups was similar to or lower than the national average. Spending on other services (health, education, leisure and retirement funds) was next with an average \$111.29 per week or 18.5 cents per dollar, per household. Transport expenditure was also high at 16.5 cents per dollar, however this category covers buying vehicles, overseas travel and public transport costs.

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Estimated Household Expenditure per Expenditure Group
Year Ended March 1998



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Recommendation: That the above information be received.