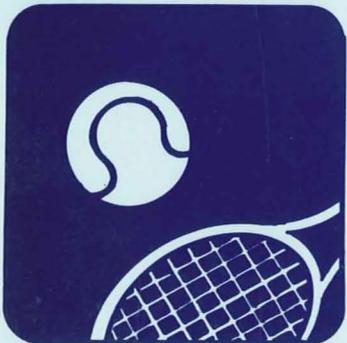




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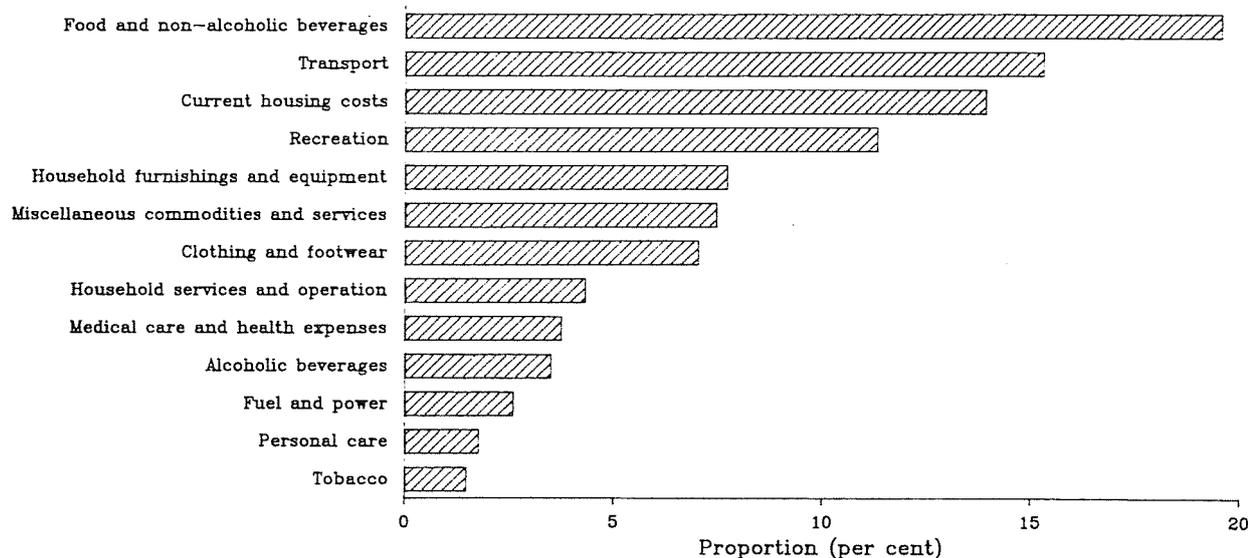
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The N.S.W. average weekly expenditure on commodities and services (comprising the range of items shown in the graph below) was a little over \$373. Northern Sydney region at \$449 was the highest both in the Sydney Statistical Division and for the State, while the Northern, North-Western and Central West region was the lowest at \$295.

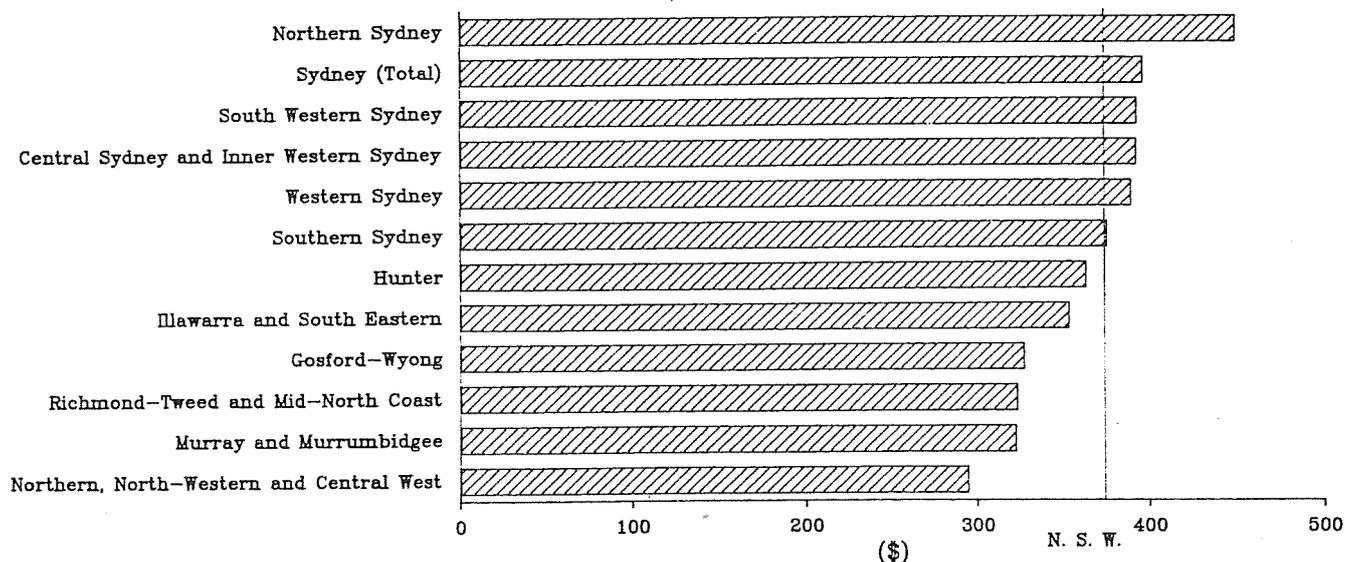
The graph below shows the proportion of expenditure of households in N.S.W. on the broad level expenditure items used in the survey.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE ON COMMODITIES AND SERVICES,
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Generally the average household expenditure on commodities and services in the Sydney Statistical Division was higher than for the balance of the State with the exception of three categories: fuel and power, household furnishings and equipment, and transport. However, the Gosford-Wyong region (although included in the Sydney Statistical Division) often showed one of the lowest levels of expenditure for various commodities and services in N.S.W. The graph below shows the average weekly household expenditure on commodities and services for regions of New South Wales. For comparison, the average level for N.S.W. is also shown.

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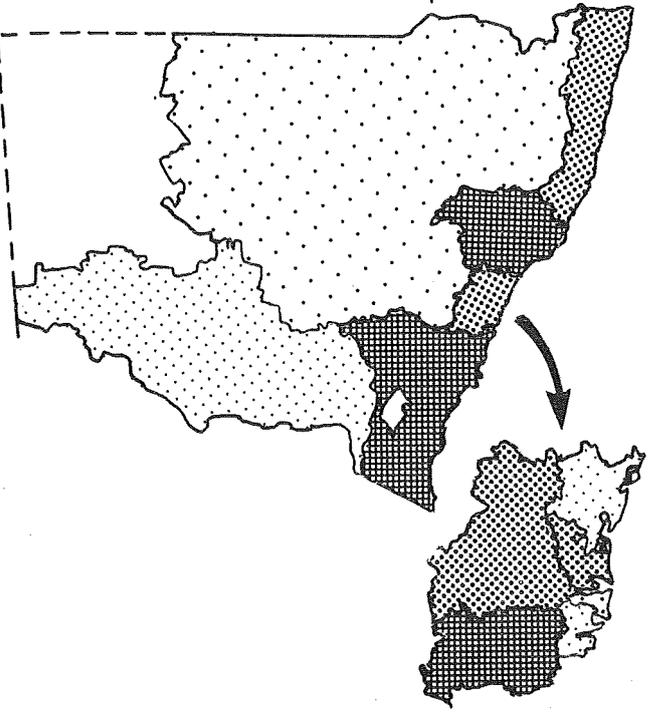
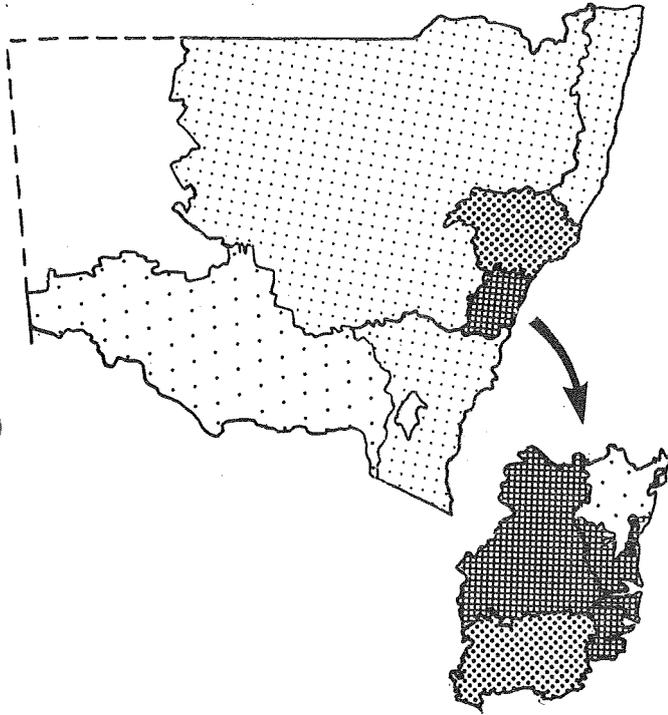


Sixty per cent of total expenditure on commodities and services was attributable to four of the broad groupings: food and non-alcoholic beverages (20%), transport (15%), current housing costs (14%) and recreation (11%). The graphs below show the distribution of expenditure for the broad groupings above, for regions of N.S.W.

LEVEL OF AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE BY REGION

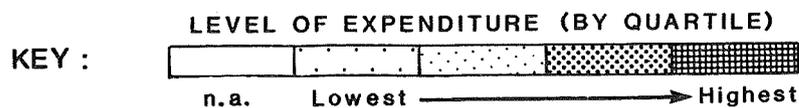
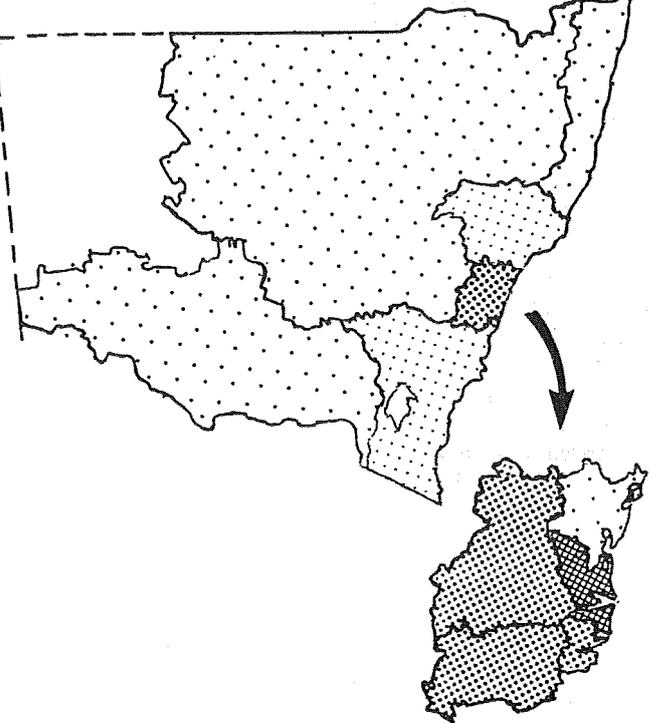
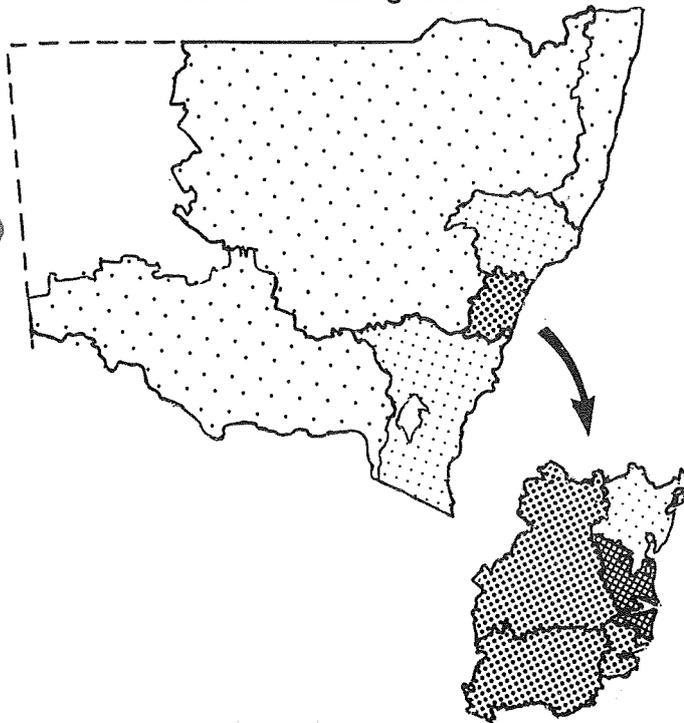
Food and non-alcoholic beverages

Transport



Current housing costs

Recreation



INTRODUCTION

The principal aim of the 1984 Household Expenditure Survey (HES) was to measure levels and patterns of expenditure on commodities and services by private households. Statistics on household expenditure are needed because households are important economic and social units, and because private expenditure by households is a major indicator of their well being. Some of the analyses which are possible with data collected from the 1984 HES include:

- examination of the effect of changes in the structure of pension benefits and taxes on patterns of household expenditure.
- analysis of the expenditure of particular groups (eg pensioners, self-employed, low income households, wage and salary earners).
- analysis of household expenditure to enable the reweighting of the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- comparison of expenditure patterns in rural and urban households, and across regional, State and Territory boundaries.
- comparison of expenditure patterns in Australia with other countries.

This publication presents results from the survey for regions of New South Wales. The data presented in this publication represent only a small fraction of the data available from HES. Further data are available in several national publications released on the survey (see Explanatory Note 14) and a sample file on magnetic tape containing unidentified unit record data (see Explanatory Note 15). In addition, considerable unpublished data are also available from the survey. If further information is required about the availability of unpublished data from this survey, contact the ABS as suggested in the Inquiries Section on page iii of this publication.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Survey design and methodology

1. In New South Wales the sample covered 2,040 fully responding households distributed as follows: Sydney Statistical Division, 1,142 households; other urban areas (that is, towns and urban centres with populations of 500 persons or more), 718 households; and rural areas, 180 households. Remote and sparsely settled areas with less than 0.06 dwellings per square kilometre were not included in the sample.

2. Trained interviewers were used to conduct personal interviews to collect information on expenditure items which occur infrequently (e.g. purchase of motor vehicles and property and payment of household bills such as electricity and gas) and to collect details of income from all household members aged 15 and over. Households were then asked to record in a diary provided, all payments made by household members aged 15 and over for a period of two weeks (four weeks in rural areas). Consequently, each household was involved in the survey for either two or four weeks. The sample of households was spread evenly over the twelve month survey period, from January to December 1984.

Scope

3. Only households in private dwellings and caravan sites were included in the survey. Private dwellings are houses, flats, home units, garages, tents and any other structures used as private places of residence at the time

of the survey. Special dwellings such as hotels, boarding houses and hospitals, were outside the scope of the survey.

4. 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 six weeks after the initial interview;
- (d) households with one or more usual members, who were spenders, who could not be interviewed within 14 days after the initial approach; and
- (e) households with one or more usual members, present at the initial interview, who expected to be absent at the end of diary-keeping.

Definitions

5. A glossary of terms used in this publication is included on page 14.

Classification of expenditure

6. The classification of expenditure in the survey - the Household Expenditure Survey Commodity Code List (HESCCL) - has two major divisions, expenditure on commodities and services and expenditure on what is

termed other selected payments. Other selected payments are composed mostly of capital items such as capital housing costs and superannuation and life insurance, but also include 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 (for example, life insurance payments can be thought of as savings rather than spending).

7. Details of the structure of the HES Commodity Code List are published in Appendix 2 to the *1984 HES Information Paper* (6527.0) and in Table 1 of *1984 HES Detailed Expenditure Items* (6535.0).

8. The two major divisions of commodities and services and other selected payments are further disaggregated into three additive levels of detail:

- (a) the *broad level* comprising 17 items or expenditure groups;
- (b) the *medium level* which breaks up the broad level groups and contains 99 items; and
- (c) the *fine level* which is the most detailed level of expenditure available comprising 419 items.

9. Tables 1 and 2 of this publication contain broad and medium level expenditure data respectively.

Statistical Areas of New South Wales

10. This bulletin contains data presented according to the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC), Edition 3. Under this classification, statistical areas are defined as follows:

Statistical Local Areas (SLAs). These geographic areas are in most cases either identical with, or have been aggregated to, the previously published whole or part legal Local Government Areas (LGAs) as defined under the (State) Local Government Act 1919 and comprising cities (C), municipalities (M) and shires (S). In other cases, they are identical to each previously published unincorporated area. In aggregate, SLAs cover the whole of the State without gaps or overlaps.

Statistical Subdivisions (SSDs). These consist of one or more SLAs and form the intermediate size spatial unit for the presentation of regional data.

Statistical Divisions (SDs). These consist of one or more Statistical Subdivisions (SSDs). Where SSDs are not shown for statistical purposes, statistical local areas are shown ordered alphabetically within statistical divisions. The divisions are designed to be relatively homogeneous regions characterised by identifiable social and economic units within the region, under the unifying influence of one or more major towns or cities.

Statistical Districts. To provide comparable statistics over a period of time, statistical districts have been defined around selected urban centres, with a population of 25,000 or more, experiencing urban growth beyond the legal local government area boundaries. Those districts are

intended to contain the anticipated urban spread over the next 20 years.

Further information concerning statistical areas is contained in the publication *Regional Statistics, New South Wales, 1987* (1304.1) and in the publication *Australian Standard Geographical Classification* (1216.0).

Interpretation of results

11. When analysing expenditure estimates, reference should be made to the following expenditure concepts used in the survey:

- (a) the commodity and service classification collects data on money values and does not measure quantity or quality. Therefore, variations between items do not necessarily indicate quantitative or qualitative variations but are the result of price, quantity and quality factors;
- (b) purchases such as gifts may not necessarily be for household members, but may be for other persons;
- (c) commodities or services provided free by other households or agencies (except employers) are not recorded (for example, provision of grocery items by welfare agencies);
- (d) the expenditure estimates in this publication represent the average expenditure for *all* households on the items concerned, and not the average expenditure of households reporting such expenditures. Thus, the first two items in Table 2 show that average weekly household expenditure in New South Wales was \$16.81 on Rent and \$15.54 on Mortgage interest payments. It is unlikely, however, that any individual household would pay both rent and mortgage interest, so that the averages shown are not representative of the average expenditure on rent *or* mortgage interest among households incurring such expenditures. Similarly, expenditure on infrequently purchased items such as motor vehicles is shown as the average for all households and not just for those households reporting such expenditure in the survey period (detailed data for these groups actually incurring such expenditure may also be made available); and
- (e) as the concept of expenditure is net and not gross, it is possible for expenditure to be negative for a particular item. For example, the trading-in or selling of a large vehicle for a smaller, more economical vehicle of less value would result in negative expenditure on vehicle purchase for that household. Similarly, negative expenditure will result if a vehicle is sold and none is purchased during the reference period

12. Due to their sensitive nature, certain commodities and services tend to be under-reported in surveys. Items which may have expenditure understated include alcohol, tobacco, gambling, fines or penalties, alimony or maintenance payments and personal loan details.

Reliability of the estimates

13. Estimates in this publication are subject to sampling error and non-sampling error. Further information on the reliability of the estimates is provided in Appendix 1 on page 16.

Related publications

14. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

- . *1984 Household Expenditure Survey, Australia, Summary of Results* (6530.0)
- . *1984 Household Expenditure Survey, Australia, Household Expenditure by States and Territories* (6533.0)
- . *1984 Household Expenditure Survey, Australia, Detailed Expenditure Items* (6535.0)
- . *1984 Household Expenditure Survey, Australia, Effects of Government Benefits and Taxes on Household Income* (6537.0)
- . *Information Paper: 1984 Household Expenditure Survey, Australia, Sample File on Magnetic Tape* (6544.0)

These publications contain HES data for Australia and in some cases for each State and Territory and for each capital city. Details of other publications to be released and the data dissemination program for the survey are given in Appendix 1 to the *1984 HES Summary of Results* (6530.0) and Appendix 3 to the *1984 HES Detailed Expenditure Items* (6535.0).

15. A sample file on magnetic tape containing unidentifiable unit record data from half of the households in the survey was released in November 1986. For reasons of confidentiality, no names or addresses are included on that file and the details for some items have been suppressed or reduced. In particular the sample file contains State level data only. Details of the sample file are shown in *Information Paper: 1984 Household*

Expenditure Survey, Australia, Sample File on Magnetic Tape (6544.0).

16. A list of the complete range of publications available from the ABS can be obtained from any ABS Office. Access to a wide range of ABS statistics is also available through the VIATEL videotex system and on AUSSTATS, ABS' on line service through CSIRONET. Further information about these services can be obtained from the Sydney ABS Information Service on (02) 268 4611 or from any ABS Office.

Unpublished information

17. The ABS can, in some cases, make available information which is not published. Interested parties should refer to Appendix 2 on page 17 to determine whether any other data collected in this survey would be useful for them. A charge may apply for the provision of unpublished data. For further information please contact the ABS as shown in the Inquiries Section at the front of this publication.

Symbols and other usages

18. The following symbols used in tables in this publication mean:

- nil or rounded to zero

n.e.c. not elsewhere classified

* estimates preceded by an * are subject to a relative standard error of between 30 and 50 per cent. Estimates replaced by an * are subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes. (See Appendix 1 on page 16).

n.a. not available

19. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals shown. Published proportions are calculated prior to rounding of figures and, therefore, some discrepancies may exist between published proportions and those that could be calculated from the rounded figures.

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TABLES

Table 1. Average weekly household expenditure(a) : Broad level expenditure

Broad level expenditure items	Sydney Statistical Division						Statistical division	Total
	Central Sydney and Inner Western Sydney	Southern Sydney	South Western Sydney	Western Sydney	Northern Sydney	Gosford- Wyong		
	Average weekly							
COMMODITY OR SERVICE								
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	63.75	53.21	53.20	58.45	75.15	45.12	60.79	
Fuel and power	8.26	9.08	10.10	10.96	10.31	7.82	9.62	
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	78.54	76.74	73.36	77.98	79.69	61.57	76.85	
Alcoholic beverages	14.81	14.22	16.46	12.53	14.23	11.55	13.90	
Tobacco	6.74	5.78	7.04	6.85	4.04	5.89	5.93	
Clothing and footwear	28.58	25.37	26.33	24.09	41.65	19.05	28.89	
Household furnishings and equipment	30.31	27.65	27.74	25.18	31.34	26.86	28.33	
Household services and operation	14.78	14.16	19.35	15.71	21.65	16.07	16.73	
Medical care and health expenses	13.16	13.00	13.65	15.38	17.45	11.57	14.52	
Transport	46.26	54.28	67.81	62.97	61.26	51.89	57.01	
Recreation	49.97	43.74	42.03	43.78	51.18	34.63	45.90	
Personal care	8.30	6.62	6.61	6.84	8.84	3.66	7.29	
Miscellaneous commodities and services	29.05	31.94	29.19	28.92	32.56	31.86	30.61	
TOTAL COMMODITY OR SERVICE EXPENDITURE	392.49	375.79	392.87	389.64	449.36	327.54	396.37	
	Proportion of total weekly household expenditure on							
COMMODITY OR SERVICE								
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	16.24	14.16	13.54	15.00	16.72	13.77	15.34	
Fuel and power	2.10	2.42	2.57	2.81	2.29	2.39	2.43	
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	20.01	20.42	18.67	20.01	17.73	18.80	19.39	
Alcoholic beverages	3.77	3.78	4.19	3.22	3.17	3.53	3.51	
Tobacco	1.72	1.54	1.79	1.76	.90	1.80	1.50	
Clothing and footwear	7.28	6.75	6.70	6.18	9.27	5.82	7.29	
Household furnishings and equipment	7.72	7.36	7.06	6.46	6.98	8.20	7.15	
Household services and operation	3.76	3.77	4.92	4.03	4.82	4.91	4.22	
Medical care and health expenses	3.35	3.46	3.47	3.95	3.88	3.53	3.66	
Transport	11.79	14.44	17.26	16.16	13.63	15.84	14.38	
Recreation	12.73	11.64	10.70	11.24	11.39	10.57	11.58	
Personal care	2.11	1.76	1.68	1.76	1.97	1.12	1.84	
Miscellaneous commodities and services	7.40	8.50	7.43	7.42	7.25	9.73	7.72	
TOTAL COMMODITY OR SERVICE EXPENDITURE	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	

(a) See Glossary. (b) See Glossary. (c) Includes Far West Statistical Division

Items(b), regions of New South Wales, 1984

<i>and subdivision</i>		<i>Balance of New South Wales</i>							<i>Broad level expenditure items</i>
<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Illawarra and South Eastern</i>	<i>Richmond and Mid-North Coast</i>	<i>Northern, North Western and Central West</i>	<i>Murray and Murrumbidgee</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>	<i>Total, New South Wales</i>			
household expenditure (\$)									
								COMMODITY OR SERVICE	
44.53	42.59	33.22	27.57	34.20	36.86	52.05		Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	
9.45	9.28	8.14	11.91	11.46	10.01	9.76		Fuel and power	
71.23	68.10	64.52	65.77	59.01	66.68	73.14		Food and non-alcoholic beverages	
13.35	14.13	11.06	9.61	9.93	11.80	13.13		Alcoholic beverages	
5.37	6.27	3.93	4.69	5.40	5.15	5.65		Tobacco	
24.25	22.05	21.35	21.08	17.95	21.70	26.26		Clothing and footwear	
30.91	27.38	32.25	24.83	37.83	29.74	28.85		Household furnishings and equipment	
14.21	14.25	16.15	16.01	16.44	15.27	16.20		Household services and operation	
13.60	11.64	13.57	14.42	13.05	13.28	14.07		Medical care and health expenses	
64.53	70.48	58.46	40.73	51.74	57.58	57.22		Transport	
40.84	38.18	35.14	32.02	31.64	36.15	42.34		Recreation	
6.68	5.01	6.44	5.33	5.24	5.77	6.74		Personal care	
24.54	24.23	19.39	20.97	28.79	23.21	27.91		Miscellaneous commodities and services	
363.49	353.59	323.62	294.95	322.69	333.22	373.31		TOTAL COMMODITY OR SERVICE EXPENDITURE	
commodities and services (per cent)									
								COMMODITY OR SERVICE	
12.25	12.04	10.26	9.35	10.60	11.06	13.94		Current housing costs (selected dwelling)	
2.60	2.62	2.52	4.04	3.55	3.00	2.62		Fuel and power	
19.59	19.26	19.94	22.30	18.29	20.01	19.59		Food and non-alcoholic beverages	
3.67	4.00	3.42	3.26	3.08	3.54	3.52		Alcoholic beverages	
1.48	1.77	1.21	1.59	1.67	1.55	1.51		Tobacco	
6.67	6.24	6.60	7.15	5.56	6.51	7.04		Clothing and footwear	
8.50	7.74	9.96	8.42	11.72	8.92	7.73		Household furnishings and equipment	
3.91	4.03	4.99	5.43	5.10	4.58	4.34		Household services and operation	
3.74	3.29	4.19	4.89	4.05	3.99	3.77		Medical care and health expenses	
17.75	19.93	18.07	13.81	16.03	17.28	15.33		Transport	
11.24	10.80	10.86	10.86	9.81	10.85	11.34		Recreation	
1.84	1.42	1.99	1.81	1.62	1.73	1.80		Personal care	
6.75	6.85	5.99	7.11	8.92	6.97	7.48		Miscellaneous commodities and services	
100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00		TOTAL COMMODITY OR SERVICE EXPENDITURE	

Table 2. Average weekly household expenditure (a) : Medium level expenditure items (b) and selected

Medium level expenditure items and selected other payments	Sydney Statistical Division						Statistical division
	Central Sydney and Inner Western Sydney	Southern Sydney	South Western Sydney	Western Sydney	Northern Sydney	Gosford- Wyong	Total
	Average weekly						
COMMODITY OR SERVICE							
Current housing costs (selected dwelling)							
Rent payments	32.35	18.20	17.97	14.58	21.79	11.81	20.45
Mortgage payments - interest component	11.90	14.61	17.83	22.47	22.12	14.72	17.81
Rate payments	6.18	9.31	6.49	8.01	10.29	9.21	8.42
House and contents insurance	2.73	2.96	2.63	3.26	4.11	2.79	3.21
Repair and maintenance payments	*9.16	*6.09	*	9.09	*13.13	*	8.70
Other current housing costs	*1.43	*2.03	*	*1.04	*3.71	*	2.20
Total current housing costs (selected dwelling)	63.75	53.21	53.20	58.45	75.15	45.12	60.79
Fuel and power							
Electricity	7.00	8.12	9.06	9.68	8.15	7.39	8.29
Gas	1.18	.81	.83	.85	1.57	.34	1.03
Other fuels	*.09	*.15	*	*.42	*.59	*	.30
Total fuel and power	8.26	9.08	10.10	10.96	10.31	7.82	9.62
Food and non-alcoholic beverages							
<i>Bread, cakes and cereals</i>							
Bread	2.97	3.47	3.57	3.91	3.13	3.53	3.41
Flour	.13	.14	.09	.19	.18	.12	.15
Cakes, biscuits, tarts, puddings and baking mixes	2.98	3.61	3.51	3.56	3.70	3.13	3.46
Breakfast and other cereals	1.20	1.38	1.23	1.45	1.33	1.10	1.32
<i>Total bread, cakes and cereals</i>	<i>7.28</i>	<i>8.61</i>	<i>8.39</i>	<i>9.11</i>	<i>8.34</i>	<i>7.88</i>	<i>8.35</i>
<i>Meat and fish</i>							
Processed meat (including ham, bacon and sausages)	3.35	4.40	5.31	5.09	4.19	3.59	4.32
Beef and veal	3.83	4.41	3.17	4.56	4.34	2.16	4.10
Mutton and lamb	1.67	2.70	2.48	2.77	1.88	2.14	2.29
Pork (excluding ham and bacon)	.65	.83	*.77	.77	.50	*.42	.68
Poultry and game	1.66	2.07	1.74	1.80	2.07	1.53	1.87
Other: meat and meat, undefined	1.06	.43	*.37	.96	.80	*.73	.78
Fish and other seafood	1.76	2.58	1.06	1.64	1.93	1.56	1.89
<i>Total meat and fish</i>	<i>13.98</i>	<i>17.43</i>	<i>14.91</i>	<i>17.58</i>	<i>15.70</i>	<i>12.13</i>	<i>15.92</i>
<i>Dairy products, oils and fats</i>							
Fresh eggs	.91	.99	.85	1.00	.87	.76	.93
Fresh milk and cream	3.10	3.27	4.20	3.91	3.25	4.28	3.51
Cheese	1.43	1.40	1.36	1.94	1.74	1.13	1.59
Butter	.35	.44	.25	.41	.64	.55	.45
Other dairy products and eggs (other than fresh)	.51	.75	.58	.80	.63	.48	.66
Margarine	.49	.74	1.03	.88	.58	.86	.72
Edible oils and fats, n.e.c.	.65	.57	.38	.43	.36	.26	.47
<i>Total dairy products, oils and fats</i>	<i>7.45</i>	<i>8.15</i>	<i>8.65</i>	<i>9.39</i>	<i>8.08</i>	<i>8.33</i>	<i>8.34</i>

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other payments, regions of New South Wales, 1984

and subdivision

Balance of New South Wales

Hunter	Illawarra and South Eastern	Richmond -Tweed and Mid- North Coast	Northern, North Western and Central West	Murray and Murrumbidgee	Total (a)	Total, New South Wales	Medium level expenditure items and selected other payments
<i>household expenditure (\$)</i>							
12.24	11.80	10.55	7.61	9.76	10.47	16.81	Current housing costs (selected dwelling)
16.76	13.92	7.19	7.20	11.13	11.58	15.54	Rent payments
8.70	6.92	6.08	5.91	6.72	6.97	7.89	Mortgage payments - interest component
2.61	2.51	2.55	2.39	2.26	2.49	2.95	Rate payments
*3.73	*6.27	*6.52	*3.75	*4.01	4.72	7.25	House and contents insurance
*.49	*1.17	*	*.71	*	.63	1.63	Repair and maintenance payments
							Other current housing costs
44.53	42.59	33.22	27.57	34.20	36.86	52.05	Total current housing costs (selected dwelling)
8.06	7.50	7.56	8.72	9.43	8.17	8.25	Fuel and power
1.02	1.11	.50	.99	1.34	1.01	1.02	Electricity
*.38	*	*	*	*	*.84	.49	Gas
							Other fuels
9.45	9.28	8.14	11.91	11.46	10.01	9.76	Total fuel and power
3.63	3.90	3.29	3.50	3.18	3.53	3.46	Food and non-alcoholic beverages
.14	.30	.20	.24	.22	.22	.18	<i>Bread, cakes and cereals</i>
3.46	3.19	2.80	3.01	2.52	3.06	3.31	Bread
1.17	1.24	1.30	1.25	1.24	1.23	1.29	Flour
8.40	8.63	7.58	8.00	7.15	8.03	8.23	Cakes, biscuits, tarts, puddings and baking mixes
							Breakfast and other cereals
							<i>Total bread, cakes and cereals</i>
							<i>Meat and fish</i>
5.30	5.09	4.11	4.46	4.09	4.70	4.46	Processed meat (including ham, bacon and sausages)
4.12	4.65	3.12	3.70	3.14	3.86	4.01	Beef and veal
2.50	2.40	1.50	3.04	3.24	2.55	2.39	Mutton and lamb
.68	1.02	.31	.89	.72	.74	.70	Pork (excluding ham and bacon)
1.60	1.50	1.37	1.75	1.20	1.52	1.74	Poultry and game
.77	1.14	.90	.62	*.93	.86	.81	Other meat and meat, undefined
1.72	1.47	1.37	1.14	1.20	1.40	1.71	Fish and other seafood
16.68	17.29	12.68	15.61	14.52	15.64	15.82	<i>Total meat and fish</i>
.83	.95	.74	.81	.73	.82	.89	<i>Dairy products, oils and fats</i>
4.34	3.56	3.48	3.74	4.24	3.89	3.65	Fresh eggs
1.38	1.44	1.18	1.14	1.01	1.26	1.47	Fresh milk and cream
.40	.45	.57	.41	.49	.45	.45	Cheese
.67	.54	.51	1.15	.84	.74	.69	Butter
1.10	1.03	.83	1.19	1.01	1.05	.84	Other dairy products and eggs (other than fresh)
.28	.41	.30	.23	.58	.34	.42	Margarine
9.01	8.37	7.60	8.67	8.90	8.55	8.42	Edible oils and fats, n.e.c.
							<i>Total dairy products, oils and fats</i>

Table 2. Average weekly household expenditure (a) : Medium level expenditure items (b) and selected

Medium level expenditure items and selected other payments	Sydney Statistical Division						Statistical division
	Central Sydney and Inner Western Sydney	Southern Sydney	South Western Sydney	Western Sydney	Northern Sydney	Gosford- Wyong	Total
	Average weekly						
COMMODITY OR SERVICE							
<i>Fruit and vegetables</i>							
Fresh fruit	4.55	3.55	2.43	3.25	4.20	2.88	3.70
Canned, frozen and bottled fruit	.27	.36	.33	.35	.43	.47	.36
Dried fruit and nuts	.68	.70	.56	.70	1.10	.50	.76
Fresh potatoes	.92	.87	.78	.93	.82	.77	.87
Other fresh vegetables	3.80	3.25	2.51	3.05	3.71	2.64	3.33
Frozen vegetables	.35	.70	.74	.68	.56	.54	.59
Other processed vegetables and vegetables, undefined	.57	.64	.70	.72	.69	.63	.66
Total fruit and vegetables	11.14	10.07	8.06	9.69	11.52	8.42	10.27
<i>Miscellaneous food</i>							
Sugar	.27	.32	.22	.36	.31	.36	.31
Syrups, honey, jams and jellies	.43	.35	.28	.38	.38	.43	.38
Potato crisps and other savoury confectionery	.52	.50	.62	.75	.52	.42	.57
Chocolate confectionery	1.05	1.23	1.39	1.36	1.48	1.09	1.28
Iced and other confectionery	1.82	1.81	2.13	2.11	2.04	1.67	1.95
Tea (packaged)	.44	.49	.40	.54	.50	.42	.49
Coffee (packaged)	.94	1.12	.77	.90	1.00	.98	.98
Other food drinks	.29	.38	.56	.42	.41	.32	.38
Other food and food, undefined	3.44	2.51	3.37	3.27	2.79	2.24	2.97
Total miscellaneous food	9.22	8.71	9.74	10.08	9.42	7.93	9.31
<i>Non-alcoholic beverages</i>							
Soft drinks and aerated waters	2.62	2.83	2.71	3.04	2.21	1.88	2.64
Fruit and vegetable juice	1.60	1.57	1.65	1.65	1.73	1.13	1.60
Other non-alcoholic beverages	.82	.87	1.11	1.04	.71	.79	.88
Total non-alcoholic beverages	5.04	5.27	5.47	5.73	4.65	3.80	5.12
Total meals out and take-away food	24.45	18.51	18.15	16.41	21.98	13.08	19.55
Total food and non-alcoholic beverages	78.54	76.74	73.36	77.98	79.69	61.57	76.85
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>							
Beer	7.46	8.80	10.69	8.30	5.22	7.90	7.70
Wine	3.47	2.32	2.59	1.67	4.89	2.08	2.95
Spirits	2.93	2.11	*2.70	2.07	3.35	*1.40	2.52
Other alcoholic beverages	*.94	*.99	*	*.49	*.77	*	.73
Total alcoholic beverages	14.81	14.22	16.46	12.53	14.23	11.55	13.90
Total tobacco	6.74	5.78	7.04	6.85	4.04	5.89	5.93

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Hunter	Illawarra and South Eastern	Richmond -Tweed and Mid- North Coast	Northern, North Western and Central West	Murray and Murrumbidgee	Total (a)	Total, New South Wales	Medium level expenditure items and selected other payments
<i>household expenditure (\$)</i>							
3.06	3.29	3.53	2.27	1.90	2.85	3.39	COMMODITY OR SERVICE
.41	.34	.44	.40	.35	.39	.37	<i>Fruit and vegetables</i>
.80	.71	.85	.51	.44	.68	.73	Fresh fruit
.92	.78	.81	1.10	.80	.90	.88	Canned, frozen and bottled fruit
2.85	2.92	3.20	2.64	2.58	2.84	3.15	Dried fruit and nuts
.67	.57	.61	.91	.51	.68	.62	Fresh potatoes
.66	.68	.53	.57	.62	.62	.64	Other fresh vegetables
9.37	9.29	9.97	8.41	7.20	8.95	9.79	Frozen vegetables
							Other processed vegetables and vegetables, undefined
							<i>Total fruit and vegetables</i>
.39	.42	.36	.60	.47	.45	.36	<i>Miscellaneous food</i>
.40	.44	.38	.49	.39	.42	.40	Sugar
.67	.65	.48	.48	.48	.56	.57	Syrups, honey, jams and jellies
1.06	1.52	.69	.91	.94	1.04	1.19	Potato crisps and other savoury confectionery
2.24	2.06	2.40	2.16	1.75	2.15	2.02	Chocolate confectionery
.52	.58	.63	.55	.50	.56	.51	Iced and other confectionery
1.05	.86	.84	.72	.71	.86	.93	Tea (packaged)
.42	.41	.38	.57	.47	.46	.41	Coffee (packaged)
2.44	2.40	2.78	3.58	2.21	2.71	2.87	Other food drinks
9.19	9.34	8.93	10.06	7.93	9.21	9.27	Other food and food, undefined
							<i>Total miscellaneous food</i>
2.98	1.74	1.77	1.71	1.96	2.10	2.44	<i>Non-alcoholic beverages</i>
1.48	1.36	1.25	.97	.95	1.22	1.46	Soft drinks and aerated waters
1.30	.97	.93	1.17	1.10	1.12	.97	Fruit and vegetable juice
5.76	4.07	3.95	3.85	4.01	4.44	4.87	Other non-alcoholic beverages
							<i>Total non-alcoholic beverages</i>
12.81	11.10	13.81	11.17	9.31	11.85	16.74	<i>Total meals out and take-away food</i>
71.23	68.10	64.52	65.77	59.01	66.68	73.14	Total food and non-alcoholic beverages
9.37	9.65	7.27	6.63	7.49	8.17	7.87	Alcoholic beverages
2.56	2.25	1.27	1.25	.94	1.78	2.52	Beer
1.26	1.78	1.89	.87	1.07	1.36	2.10	Wine
*.16	*.45	*.63	*.86	*.43	.49	.64	Spirits
							Other alcoholic beverages
13.35	14.13	11.06	9.61	9.93	11.80	13.13	Total alcoholic beverages
5.37	6.27	3.93	4.69	5.40	5.15	5.65	Total tobacco

Table 2. Average weekly household expenditure (a) : Medium level expenditure items (b) and selected

Medium level expenditure items and selected other payments	Sydney Statistical Division						Statistical division
	Central Sydney and Inner Western Sydney	Southern Sydney	South Western Sydney	Western Sydney	Northern Sydney	Gosford- Wyong	Total
	Average weekly						
COMMODITY OR SERVICE							
Clothing and footwear							
Men's clothing	6.32	4.90	*5.52	3.96	10.22	*4.01	6.09
Women's clothing	10.33	9.62	7.46	8.65	15.45	6.11	10.44
Children's and infants' clothing	1.82	2.17	*2.69	3.37	3.49	*2.31	2.72
Headwear, hosiery, clothing accessories and clothing materials	4.17	3.14	4.20	2.80	5.55	2.61	3.82
Footwear	4.15	4.40	5.58	4.46	5.71	3.94	4.69
Clothing and footwear services	1.77	1.14	*.87	.86	1.23	*.07	1.13
Total clothing and footwear	28.58	25.37	26.33	24.09	41.65	19.05	28.89
Household furnishings and equipment							
Furniture and floor coverings	14.18	11.80	*7.14	9.56	10.89	*10.18	11.14
Blankets, travelling rugs, household linen and household furnishings	4.09	5.38	*7.53	4.45	6.98	*4.61	5.34
Household appliances	7.96	4.47	*7.91	5.69	7.07	*7.66	6.43
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	1.92	1.51	*3.37	2.84	2.96	*1.50	2.34
Tools, other household durables and household durables, undefined	2.16	4.49	*1.78	2.65	3.45	*2.91	3.10
Total household furnishings and equipment	30.31	27.65	27.74	25.18	31.34	26.86	28.33
Household services and operation							
Household non-durables	5.18	5.77	7.06	6.95	7.91	5.87	6.49
Postal charges	.71	.78	.44	.55	.61	.52	.63
Telephone and telegram charges	6.39	5.47	6.96	5.89	6.83	5.05	6.11
Household services	*1.01	*.47	*	*.61	*1.70	*	.98
Child care services	*.99	*.75	*	*1.17	*.53	*	.93
Other household hire and maintenance expenses	*.50	*.92	*	*.53	*4.06	*	1.58
Total household services and operation	14.78	14.16	19.35	15.71	21.65	16.07	16.73
Medical care and health expenses							
Accident and health insurance	6.51	6.67	7.45	8.03	9.32	6.10	7.56
Practitioner's fees	4.34	3.48	2.82	3.96	4.63	3.06	3.95
Medicines, pharmaceutical products, therapeutic appliances and equipment	2.24	2.19	2.90	2.76	3.39	2.35	2.65
Other health charges	*	*	*	*	*	*	*.36
Total medical care and health expenses	13.16	13.00	13.65	15.38	17.45	11.57	14.52
Transport							
Motor vehicle purchase	12.81	15.31	*19.70	15.47	17.55	*10.37	15.30
Other vehicle purchase	*	*	*	*	*	*	*.22
Motor vehicle fuel, lubricants and additives	12.01	16.06	20.22	20.67	15.06	16.23	16.43
Vehicle registration and insurance	6.30	8.96	9.50	9.95	9.68	7.60	8.78
Other running expenses of vehicles	7.69	8.66	*14.58	12.29	14.19	*13.21	11.21
Public transport fares	3.63	3.46	*2.63	3.45	2.44	*3.43	3.21
Other fare and freight charges (excluding holiday fares)	*3.82	*1.53	*1.23	1.00	*1.75	*1.05	1.85
Total transport	46.26	54.28	67.81	62.97	61.26	51.89	57.01

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<i>and subdivision</i>							<i>Medium level expenditure items and selected other payments</i>
<i>Balance of New South Wales</i>							
<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Illawarra and South Eastern</i>	<i>Richmond -Tweed and Mid- North Coast</i>	<i>Northern, North Western and Central West</i>	<i>Murray and Murrumbidgee</i>	<i>Total (a)</i>	<i>Total, New South Wales</i>	
<i>household expenditure (\$)</i>							
3.80	4.93	4.10	3.67	2.51	3.87	5.28	COMMODITY OR SERVICE
8.73	5.73	7.83	7.31	4.76	7.10	9.22	Clothing and footwear
3.75	2.80	2.81	3.78	4.12	3.41	2.97	Men's clothing
							Women's clothing
							Children's and infants' clothing
3.20	3.64	2.26	2.66	3.03	3.00	3.52	Headwear, hosiery, clothing accessories and clothing materials
4.40	4.58	4.02	3.14	3.13	3.89	4.40	Footwear
.37	.37	.33	.52	*.39	.42	.87	Clothing and footwear services
24.25	22.05	21.35	21.08	17.95	21.70	26.26	Total clothing and footwear
12.57	14.39	10.16	11.18	*12.08	12.11	11.49	Household furnishings and equipment
							Furniture and floor coverings
4.88	4.02	4.15	2.37	4.70	3.97	4.84	Blankets, travelling rugs, household linen and household furnishings
7.42	5.14	8.41	6.62	9.56	7.16	6.70	Household appliances
2.22	1.96	4.93	2.55	1.69	2.61	2.44	Glassware, tableware and household utensils
							Tools, other household durables and household durables, undefined
3.82	*1.87	*4.61	2.11	*9.79	3.88	3.38	Total household furnishings and equipment
30.91	27.38	32.25	24.83	37.83	29.74	28.85	Household services and operation
							Household non-durables
6.07	5.75	5.68	6.66	5.59	5.99	6.31	Postal charges
.47	.70	.47	.52	.57	.54	.60	Telephone and telegram charges
5.35	5.33	5.35	4.84	5.28	5.26	5.80	Household services
*.76	*1.33	*1.29	*.83	*	1.03	1.00	Child care services
*.90	*.92	*	*1.00	*	1.17	1.02	Other household hire and maintenance expenses
*.66	*.23	*	*2.15	*	1.28	1.47	Total household services and operation
14.21	14.25	16.15	16.01	16.44	15.27	16.20	Medical care and health expenses
							Accident and health insurance
8.05	6.13	7.00	7.75	6.54	7.23	7.44	Practitioner's fees
2.60	2.55	3.29	2.98	3.33	2.86	3.55	Medicines, pharmaceutical products, therapeutic appliances and equipment
							Other health charges
2.82	2.81	3.08	3.32	2.67	2.95	2.76	Total medical care and health expenses
*	*	*	*	*	*	*.32	
13.60	11.64	13.57	14.42	13.05	13.28	14.07	Transport
							Motor vehicle purchase
15.95	22.15	25.45	10.48	14.96	17.37	16.06	Other vehicle purchase
*	*	*	*	*	*	*.44	Motor vehicle fuel, lubricants and additives
19.49	19.94	14.92	14.30	14.88	17.10	16.67	Vehicle registration and insurance
9.04	9.66	7.55	6.70	8.11	8.25	8.59	Other running expenses of vehicles
16.83	16.51	9.85	6.70	12.69	12.72	11.76	Public transport fares
1.38	.81	.38	.21	.39	.70	2.30	Other fare and freight charges (excluding holiday fares)
*.59	*.54	*.68	*.64	*.71	.62	1.40	Total transport
64.53	70.48	58.46	40.73	51.74	57.58	57.22	

Table 2. Average weekly household expenditure(a) : Medium level expenditure items (b) and selected

Medium level expenditure items and selected other payments	Sydney Statistical Division						Statistical division	Total
	Central Sydney and Inner Western Sydney	Southern Sydney	South Western Sydney	Western Sydney	Northern Sydney	Gosford- Wyong		
	Average weekly							
COMMODITY OR SERVICE								
Recreation								
Television and other audio-visual equipment	8.21	7.60	*6.08	6.42	4.95	*4.44	6.56	
Books, newspapers, magazines and other printed material	5.86	4.04	3.51	4.06	5.18	3.31	4.57	
Other recreational equipment	4.35	3.70	*6.45	6.65	7.60	*6.09	5.71	
Gambling	4.83	4.11	*2.84	5.87	1.10	*2.91	3.86	
Entertainment and recreational services	6.62	9.32	6.61	8.06	9.60	7.97	8.29	
Animal charges and expenses	2.59	2.34	7.32	3.21	3.04	*2.85	3.09	
Holidays - Australia (selected expenses)	9.78	6.64	*5.82	5.90	9.80	*4.16	7.56	
Holidays - Overseas (selected expenses)	7.75	5.98	*3.42	3.61	9.92	*2.91	6.26	
Total recreation	49.97	43.74	42.03	43.78	51.18	34.63	45.90	
Personal care								
Toiletries, cosmetics and toiletry equipment	5.00	3.96	4.04	4.73	5.33	2.30	4.55	
Hair dressing and other personal care services	3.30	2.65	2.57	2.11	3.51	1.37	2.75	
Total personal care	8.30	6.62	6.61	6.84	8.84	3.66	7.29	
Miscellaneous commodities and services								
Miscellaneous commodities	7.52	12.76	14.59	5.73	8.65	5.07	8.77	
Interest payments on selected credit services (excluding mortgage payments)	7.28	7.72	8.58	9.95	6.93	5.75	7.92	
Education fees	5.30	1.54	*1.49	2.77	6.75	*.47	3.63	
Payments for other property	*.88	*1.29	*	*.85	*1.19	*	1.02	
Miscellaneous services	8.06	8.63	*3.25	9.62	9.05	*20.17	9.26	
Total miscellaneous commodities and services	29.05	31.94	29.19	28.92	32.56	31.86	30.61	
TOTAL COMMODITY OR SERVICE EXPENDITURE	392.49	375.79	392.87	389.64	449.36	327.54	396.37	
SELECTED OTHER PAYMENTS								
Income tax	95.26	86.97	84.78	83.52	119.10	58.69	92.8	
Mortgage payments - principal (selected dwelling)	5.38	7.05	*5.30	10.30	10.30	*4.41	7.94	
Other capital housing costs	*61.15	*13.24	*	*24.93	*25.30	*	28.78	
Superannuation and life insurance	8.66	10.00	18.91	12.57	14.25	8.17	11.71	
TOTAL SELECTED OTHER PAYMENTS	170.46	117.27	117.28	131.32	168.94	100.69	141.23	
TOTAL HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE (Including Selected Other Payments)	562.95	493.06	510.15	520.96	618.30	428.23	537.60	

(a) See Glossary. (b) See Glossary. (c) Includes Far West Statistical Division

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<i>and subdivision</i>		<i>Balance of New South Wales</i>					<i>Total, New South Wales</i>	<i>Medium level expenditure items and selected other payments</i>
<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Illawarra and South Eastern</i>	<i>Richmond -Tweed and Mid- North Coast</i>	<i>Northern, North Western and Central West</i>	<i>Murray and Murrumbidgee</i>	<i>Total (a)</i>			
<i>household expenditure (\$)</i>								
7.77	6.32	4.87	6.74	4.57	6.47	6.53	COMMODITY OR SERVICE	
3.90	3.67	4.38	3.00	3.68	3.68	4.25	Recreation	
6.34	5.37	5.88	4.02	*3.32	5.10	5.48	Television and other audio-visual equipment	
4.08	*6.10	*3.15	1.21	*3.04	3.57	3.76	Books, newspapers, magazines and other printed material	
6.06	4.12	5.64	6.69	6.66	5.78	7.38	Other recreational equipment	
2.87	4.81	1.78	2.85	3.02	3.09	3.09	Gambling	
6.71	6.29	3.39	5.62	4.74	5.57	6.83	Entertainment and recreational services	
3.11	1.51	*6.04	1.91	*2.61	2.90	5.03	Animal charges and expenses	
40.84	38.18	35.14	32.02	31.64	36.15	42.34	Holidays - Australia (selected expenses)	
							Holidays - Overseas (selected expenses)	
							Total recreation	
4.35	3.03	3.83	3.41	3.07	3.59	4.20	Personal care	
2.33	1.99	2.61	1.93	2.17	2.18	2.54	Toiletries, cosmetics and toiletry equipment	
6.68	5.01	6.44	5.33	5.24	5.77	6.74	Hair dressing and other personal care services	
							Total personal care	
6.46	7.56	4.16	3.52	8.23	5.83	7.70	Miscellaneous commodities and services	
7.34	6.82	7.29	7.69	5.18	6.99	7.58	Miscellaneous commodities	
1.09	.99	*1.35	4.57	*7.75	2.75	3.31	Interest payments on selected credit services (excluding mortgage payments)	
*.78	*.46	*.50	*.37	*.17	.49	.83	Education fees	
8.87	8.40	6.08	4.83	7.46	7.16	8.49	Payments for other property	
24.54	24.23	19.39	20.97	28.79	23.21	27.91	Miscellaneous services	
363.49	353.59	323.62	294.95	322.69	333.22	373.31	Total miscellaneous commodities and services	
							TOTAL COMMODITY OR SERVICE EXPENDITURE	
							SELECTED OTHER PAYMENTS	
89.67	60.49	43.17	58.17	53.56	64.15	82.35	Income tax	
6.00	4.60	3.66	3.76	6.22	4.86	6.81	Mortgage payments - principal (selected dwelling)	
*14.33	*11.95	*	*22.13	*	16.10	24.15	Other capital housing costs	
11.84	9.29	7.63	9.46	7.90	9.57	10.93	Superannuation and life insurance	
121.85	86.33	67.27	93.51	88.81	94.69	124.24	TOTAL SELECTED OTHER PAYMENTS	
485.34	439.92	390.89	388.47	411.50	427.90	497.55	TOTAL HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE (Including Selected Other Payments)	

Table 3. Household characteristics, regions

Household Characteristics		Sydney Statistical Division						Total
		Central Sydney and Inner Western Sydney		South Western Sydney		Northern Sydney	Gosford-Wyong	
		Western Sydney	Southern Sydney	Western Sydney	Western Sydney	Northern Sydney	Gosford-Wyong	
Average weekly household income (b)	(\$)	502.32	487.48	492.03	480.17	570.79	365.70	499.23
Average weekly per capita income (c)	(\$)	233.78	188.90	169.83	169.17	242.65	149.36	200.92
Average weekly per capita expenditure (c)	(\$)	176.17	152.91	134.53	138.09	196.89	138.34	161.40
Proportion of total income being:								
Wages and salaries	(%)	65.92	75.45	82.18	80.77	73.58	61.40	74.09
Own business	(%)	14.77	6.34	4.83	5.12	8.35	5.64	8.09
Government pensions and benefits	(%)	8.43	11.12	9.36	10.74	6.02	23.42	9.70
Other	(%)	10.88	7.09	*3.63	3.38	12.06	*9.53	8.12
Total	(%)	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average age of household head	(years)	46.11	50.20	41.88	45.03	48.58	50.23	47.29
Average number of persons per household:								
Under 18 years	(No.)	.57	.67	1.09	1.15	.64	.88	.80
18 to 64 years	(No.)	1.67	1.73	1.95	1.86	1.60	1.43	1.72
65 years and over	(No.)	.21	.31	*.12	.21	.32	*.47	.27
Total	(No.)	2.45	2.71	3.15	3.22	2.57	2.79	2.78
Proportion of households with nature of housing occupancy being:								
Owned outright	(%)	32.53	44.29	24.66	35.02	37.41	50.01	37.42
Being bought	(%)	17.60	28.14	37.93	41.89	36.21	29.55	31.84
Renting-government	(%)	4.92	5.34	*16.00	6.42	1.72	*4.64	5.34
Renting-private	(%)	39.31	20.15	17.83	14.61	21.04	15.80	22.33
Occupied rent free	(%)	*5.64	*2.07	*	*2.06	*3.62	*	3.07
Total	(%)	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average number of employed persons in the household	(No.)	1.20	1.25	1.30	1.36	1.26	.83	1.24
Proportion of households with family composition of the household being:								
Married couple								
- only	(%)	14.88	23.87	19.39	22.85	25.70	30.53	22.42
- with dependent children only	(%)	21.73	22.18	34.95	34.49	23.22	23.79	26.17
- other	(%)	10.58	20.67	*18.75	16.30	11.15	*15.01	15.09
Single parent one family household only	(%)	4.11	3.88	*8.25	5.99	5.51	*10.63	5.49
Single person household	(%)	29.71	22.39	*12.51	13.87	23.40	*16.17	20.00
Other(d)	(%)	*19.00	7.02	*	6.50	11.02	3.88	9.85
Total	(%)	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Number of households in the sample		223	251	69	278	246	75	1,142
Estimated total number in the population:								
Households	('000)	219.3	247.2	69.2	269.9	244.3	72.0	1,121.8
Persons	('000)	537.5	670.6	218.1	869.1	626.8	200.7	3,122.8

(a) Includes Far West Statistical Division. (b) See Glossary. (c) See Glossary. (d) Includes married couple and single parent families living

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and subdivision		Balance of New South Wales							Household Characteristics	
Hunter	Illawarra and South Eastern	Richmond -Tweed and North Coast	Northern, North Western and Central West	Murray and Murrumbidgee	Total (a)	Total, New South Wales				
441.56	383.71	341.71	366.14	375.98	387.47	458.43	(\$)		Average weekly household income (b)	
170.55	146.37	132.88	140.81	145.51	149.93	182.31	(\$)		Average weekly per capita income (c)	
135.47	141.84	126.39	111.69	130.23	129.27	149.67	(\$)		Average weekly per capita expenditure (c)	
71.88	67.75	56.70	65.12	60.52	66.04	71.61	(%)		Proportion of total income being:	
8.54	7.61	11.45	13.20	14.54	10.39	8.80	(%)		Wages and salaries	
13.51	18.02	19.35	15.48	15.31	15.96	11.63	(%)		Own business	
6.08	*6.62	*12.51	6.20	*9.63	7.61	7.96	(%)		Government pensions and benefits	
100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	(%)		Other	
									Total	
45.33	47.91	50.26	47.99	45.67	47.43	47.34	(years)		Average age of household head	
.94	.94	.90	1.03	1.03	.96	.86	(No.)		Average number of persons per household:	
1.78	1.66	1.46	1.59	1.57	1.63	1.69	(No.)		Under 18 years	
.25	.35	.37	.26	.26	.30	.28	(No.)		18 to 64 years	
2.97	2.96	2.73	2.89	2.85	2.89	2.82	(No.)		65 years and over	
									Total	
39.43	44.08	50.09	51.21	41.01	45.15	40.24	(%)		Proportion of households with nature of housing occupancy being:	
35.08	28.35	23.32	22.25	22.19	27.07	30.10	(%)		Owned outright	
9.70	*5.09	*2.95	*6.79	*12.83	7.25	6.04	(%)		Being bought	
13.11	18.58	18.57	11.86	15.39	15.31	19.77	(%)		Renting-government	
*2.68	*3.90	*5.07	*7.89	*	5.22	3.85	(%)		Renting-private	
100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	(%)		Occupied rent free	
									Total	
1.12	1.01	.96	1.11	1.12	1.07	1.18	(No.)		Average number of employed persons in the household	
23.21	29.43	26.56	28.48	22.45	26.29	23.83	(%)		Proportion of households with composition of the household being:	
32.06	28.35	29.03	31.79	36.53	31.09	27.97	(%)		Married couple	
18.41	12.51	10.93	9.19	8.77	12.61	14.19	(%)		-only	
4.27	5.39	*6.56	7.02	*12.52	6.50	5.86	(%)		-with dependent children only	
16.21	14.67	21.46	18.61	14.76	17.33	19.65	(%)		-other	
5.85	*9.65	*5.47	*4.91	*4.96	6.18	8.51	(%)		Single parent one family household only	
100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	(%)		Single person household	
									Other (d)	
									Total	
234	186	150	201	115	898	2,040			Number of households in the sample	
169.3	133.7	107.4	145.3	81.6	645.0	1,766.9	('000)		Estimated total number in the population:	
503.3	395.8	293.1	420.0	232.6	1,861.1	4,983.9	('000)		Households	
									Persons	

in multiple family households.

GLOSSARY

Age

Age was classified according to the person's age at their last birthday.

Average weekly household expenditure

Average weekly household expenditure is the average obtained when the total estimated weekly expenditure for a particular expenditure item is divided by the estimated number of households within the scope of the survey.

Average weekly household income

Average weekly household income is the average obtained when the total estimated gross weekly income of all household members is divided by the estimated number of households within the scope of the survey.

Average weekly per capita expenditure

Average weekly per capita expenditure is the average obtained when the total estimated weekly expenditure of all household members is divided by the number of household members, irrespective of their age.

Average weekly per capita income

Average weekly per capita income is the average obtained when the total estimated gross weekly income of all household members is divided by the estimated number of household members, irrespective of their age.

Broad level expenditure items

See Explanatory Notes 6 to 9.

Employed persons

Employed persons comprise all those aged 15 years or over, who in their main job:

- (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 fifteen hours or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (that is, 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 four weeks prior to the interview date; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks prior to the interview date; 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 were employers or self-employed persons who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

Expenditure

Expenditure is the transaction cost of goods and services acquired during the reference period, whether or not those goods were actually paid for or consumed; for example, 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 measured net of refunds or expected refunds (for example, payments for doctors' visits are net of any refunds received or expected from Medicare). Information about most types of expenditure was obtained from a 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 two years for house purchases to three months for health expenses. Information on the classification of expenditure items are provided in Explanatory Notes 6 to 9.

Expenditure items

See Explanatory Notes 6 to 9.

HES

HES is the frequently used acronym for the Household Expenditure Survey.

Household

A household is a group of people who live together (in a single dwelling) as a single unit in the sense that they have common housekeeping arrangements; that is, 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.

Household characteristics

Table 3 provides a range of household characteristics for the various geographic areas contained in Tables 1 and 2. These household characteristics include average weekly household income, the number and age of the household members, the family composition of the household and the populations in terms of the estimated number of households and the estimated number of persons. These characteristics are useful in helping to explain the patterns of expenditure in each region.

Household head

The household head is taken to be that person so nominated by the member(s) of the household.

Income

Income is defined as gross weekly income from all sources (before deductions for income tax, superannuation etc.) at the time of the interview. Details of income were collected from all household members aged 15 and over. In general, income is regarded as all money receipts

which are received regularly. 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);
- (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).

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

The income data collected in the survey are only those types included in the definitions. The survey does not collect all funds available for expenditure. For this and other reasons, it would be incorrect to compare estimates of expenditure with the estimates of income and attribute the difference to savings or dis-savings.

Marital status

Marital status is determined solely on the basis of

information supplied by the respondent and, therefore, does not necessarily reflect the respondent's legal status. Respondents who gave their marital status as being de facto were classified as married.

Medium level expenditure items

See Explanatory Notes 6 to 9.

Non-sampling error

See Appendix 1 : Reliability of the Estimates.

Per capita expenditure

See *Average weekly per capita expenditure*

Per capita income

See *Average weekly per capita income*

Sampling error

See Appendix 1 : Reliability of the Estimates.

Scope

See Explanatory Notes 3 and 4.

Selected other payments

See Explanatory Notes 6 to 9.

Statistical Division and Subdivision

See Explanatory Note 10.

APPENDIX 1

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

1. Estimates in this publication are subject to two types of error, sampling error and non-sampling error.

Sampling error

2. Since estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was used. There are about 2 chances in 3 (or about 67 per cent probability) that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about 19 chances in 20 (or about 95 per cent probability) that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

3. Another measure of the likely difference is the *relative standard error*, which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate. In this publication, estimates with a relative standard error between 30 and 50 per cent are preceded by an asterisk (*) to indicate that they are subject to high standard errors and should only be used with caution. Estimates with a relative standard error greater than 50 per cent are not sufficiently reliable to warrant publication and are replaced by an asterisk (*).

4. Appendix 2 to 1984 *Household Expenditure Survey, Australia, Summary of Results* (6530.0) describes how to calculate the relative standard errors of estimates of broad level expenditure items and household characteristics. Appendix 2 to 1984 *Household Expenditure Survey, Australia, Detailed Expenditure Items* (6535.0) describes how to calculate the relative standard errors of estimates of broad level, medium level and fine level expenditure items and household characteristics.

5. Comparable estimates, derived from a sample survey may appear to be different, but this difference may only be due to the effects of sampling. In reality, there may not actually be a difference between the true values.

6. It is possible to determine whether a statistically significant difference does exist between comparable estimates. The method is to calculate the standard errors for each of the estimates and determine for each a range within which there is 95 per cent probability that the true value lies. The maximum value of these ranges is the

estimated value plus twice its standard error, the minimum value of these ranges is the estimated value minus twice its standard error. If these ranges contain no common values, or in other words, the ranges do not overlap, there is 95 per cent probability that there is a difference between the true values, and the difference is considered to be statistically significant.

Non-sampling error

7. These errors 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; and
- (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.

8. 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 was 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.

9. 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, 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 whom comprehensive data were not obtained.

APPENDIX 2

LIST OF DATA ITEMS COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY

1. Readers who are interested in obtaining unpublished data from this survey should refer to the following list of data items to determine whether other information collected would be useful for them. This list is a summary of the information provided in Appendices 2 and 3 to *Information Paper: 1984 Household Expenditure Survey (6527.0)*.

2. Directions on how to obtain further information and how to request unpublished data are contained in the Introduction on page viii.

Household expenditure data

- . Broad level expenditure items (Refer to Explanatory Notes 7-9 and Table 1)
- . Medium level expenditure items (Refer to Explanatory Notes 7-9 and Table 2)
- . Fine level expenditure items (Refer to Explanatory Notes 7-9)

Geographic

- . Geographic area
- . Time of year
- . Quarter of enumeration of household

General household characteristics

- . Number of persons in household
- . Number of usual residents in household
- . Number of spenders in household
- . Number of males in household
- . Number of females in household
- . Number of families in household
- . Number of persons in household in specific age groups
- . Number of full-time students in household in specific age groups
- . Number of income units in household
- . Number of household members working
- . Number of unemployed persons in household
- . Number of retired persons in household
- . Number of dependants in household
- . Number of pension beneficiaries in household
- . Family composition of household
- . Household dwelling type
- . Nature of housing occupancy

- . Number of bedrooms in dwelling

- . Number of private motor vehicles usually garaged at dwelling

Household income

- . Household weekly income from all sources
- . Household weekly income from government benefits
- . Per capita weekly income
- . Household weekly income from specific sources
- . Principal source of household income
- . Principal source of government cash benefits received by eligible household

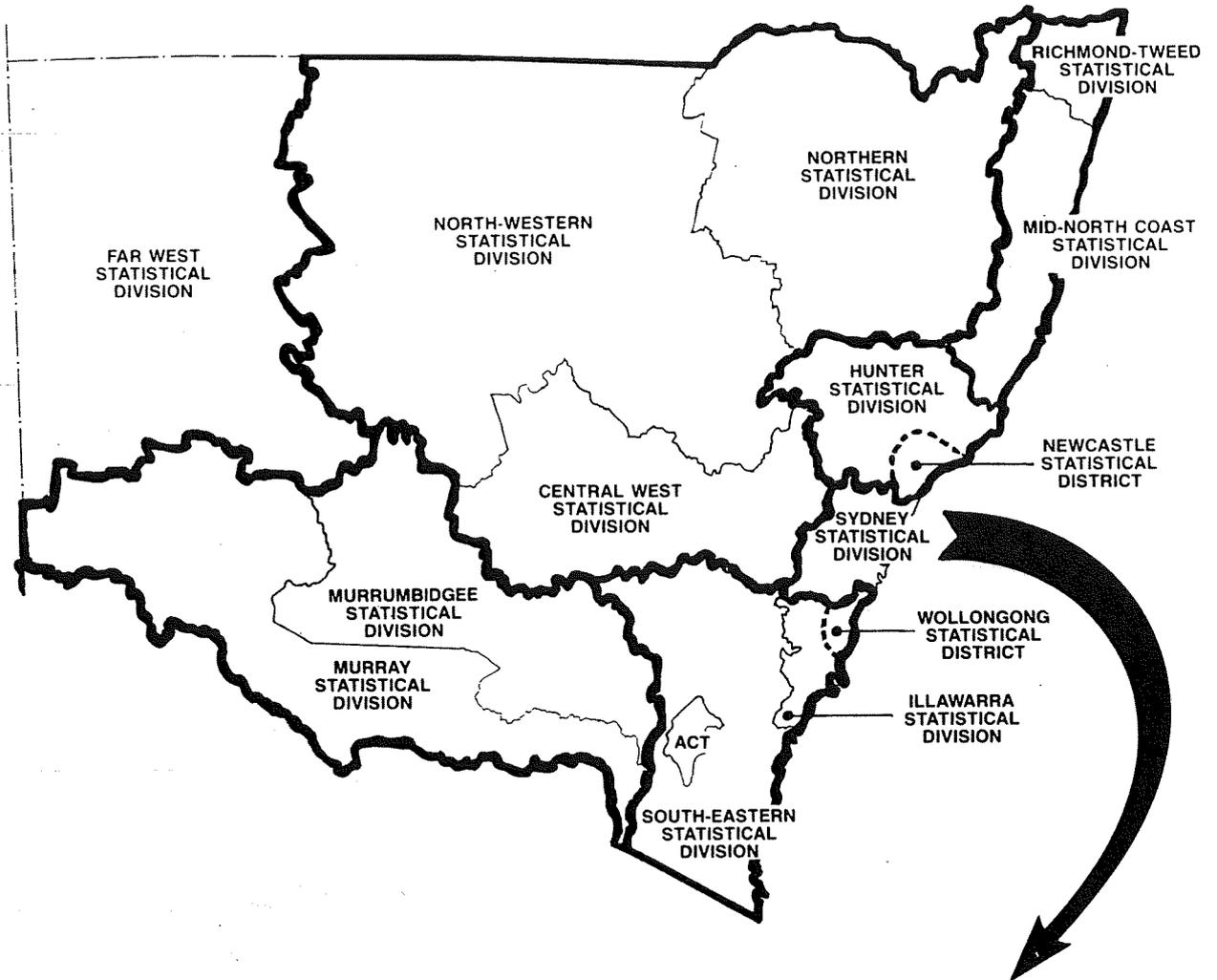
Characteristics of the household head

- . Sex of household head
- . Age of household head
- . Marital status of household head
- . Country of birth of household head
- . Year of arrival in Australia of household head born overseas
- . Employment status of household head
- . Occupation of household head
- . Number of hours worked by household head in all jobs
- . Number of weeks in the past twelve months that household head was unemployed
- . Principal source of income of household head
- . Household head's weekly income from all sources

Characteristics of the spouse of the household head

- . Country of birth of spouse
- . Year of arrival in Australia of spouse born overseas
- . Employment status of spouse
- . Spouse's weekly income from all sources

REGIONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES



BOUNDARIES	
REGION	-----
STATISTICAL DIVISION/SUBDIVISION	—————

