

# Household Expenditure Survey 2017/2018

Average monthly household income **has risen faster than** average monthly household expenditure since 2012

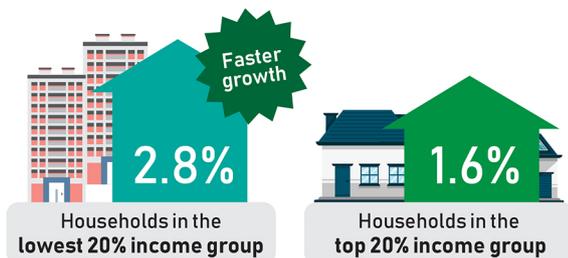
Income

2.4%

Singapore resident households' average monthly income from all sources rose **2.4% per year in nominal terms (or 2.2% in real terms)**.



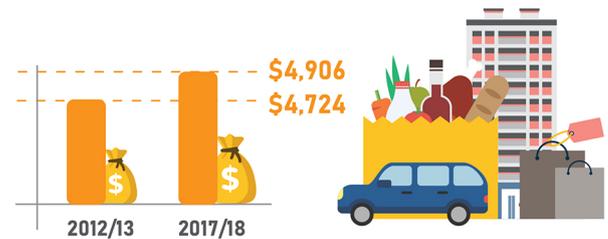
Average monthly household income growth was **faster for resident households in the lowest 20% income group, at 2.8% per year in nominal terms (or 2.9% in real terms)**, than for those in the top 20% income group, at 1.6% per year in nominal terms (or 1.5% in real terms).



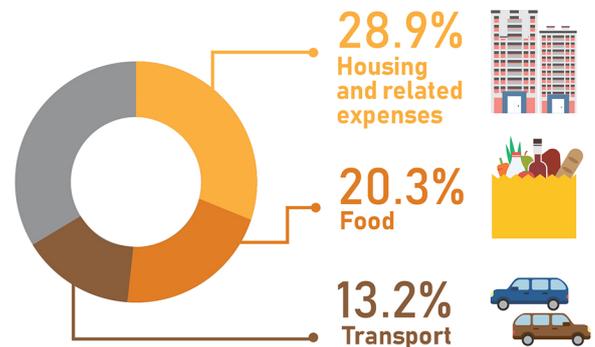
Expenditure

0.8%

In comparison, household expenditure on goods and services increased **0.8% per year**.



Housing and related expenses (28.9%), food (20.3%) and transport (13.2%) continued to account for the largest shares of household expenditure.



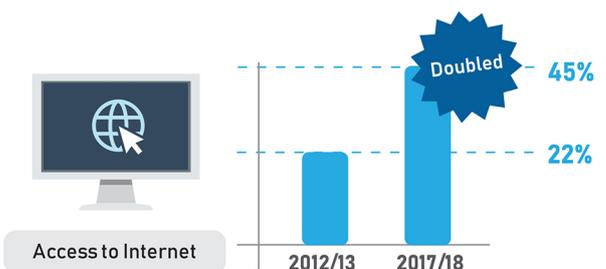
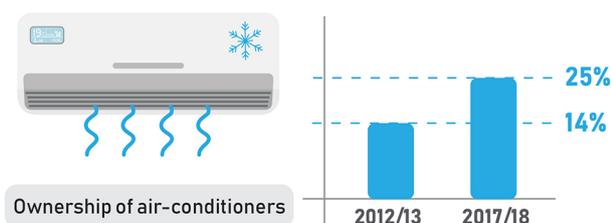
Standard of living has **improved with high ownership of consumer durables** among all resident households

Standard of living improved



The ownership of many consumer durables such as television sets, washing machines and mobile phones was **near universal (96-98% in 2017/18)** among all resident households, including those in the lower income groups and smaller HDB flat types.

Resident households living in HDB 1- and 2-room flats saw **significant increases in their ownership of air-conditioners, and access to the Internet**.



# HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE

LEGEND 2007/08 2012/13 2017/18



## AVERAGE MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE\*

Households spent an average of \$4,906 a month on goods and services, an increase of 0.8 per cent per annum from the \$4,724 in 2012/13.

### PER HOUSEHOLD

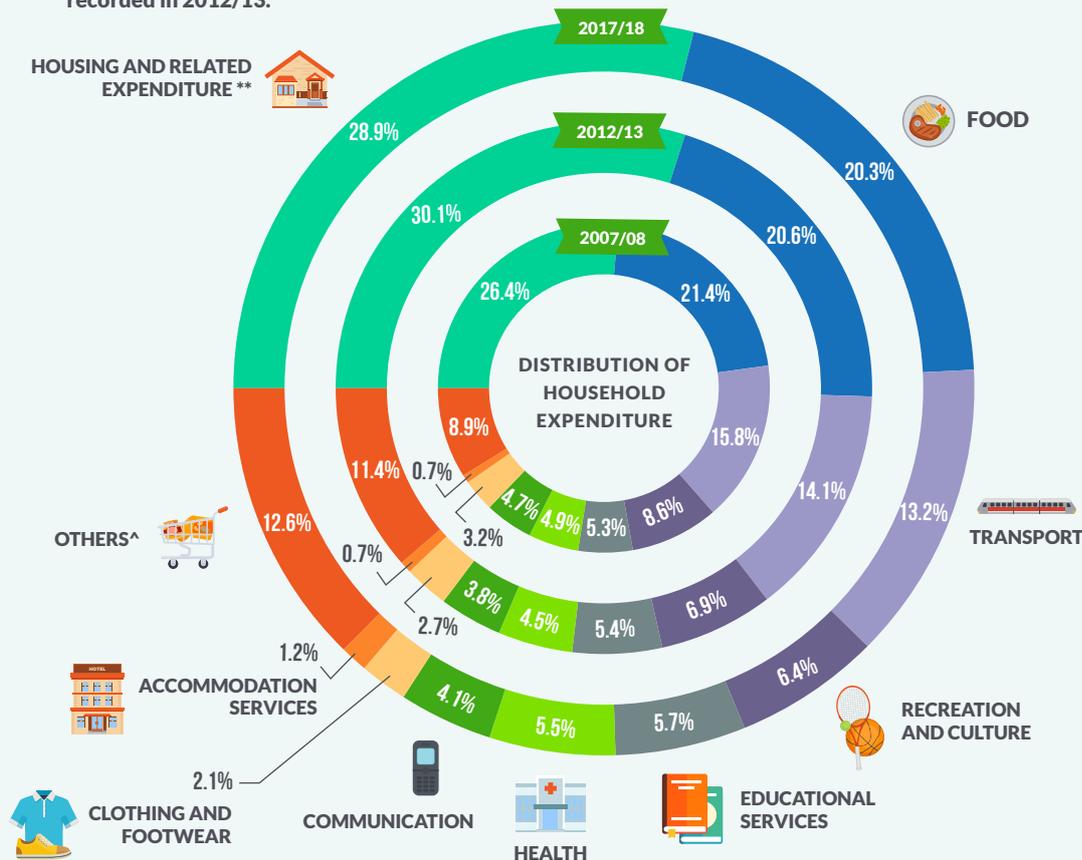


### PER MEMBER



## DISTRIBUTION BREAKDOWN BY EXPENDITURE CATEGORY

In 2017/18, housing\*\*, food and transport accounted for the largest shares of monthly household expenditure. Collectively, they contributed to 62 per cent of monthly household expenditure, slightly lower than the 65 per cent recorded in 2012/13.



## AVERAGE MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE IN 2017/18



## BREAKDOWN BY TYPES OF GOODS AND SERVICES

### HOUSING AND RELATED EXPENDITURE

HOUSING AND UTILITIES*	\$ 426
FURNISHING AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	\$ 282

### FOOD

HAWKER CENTRES, FOOD COURTS, AND COFFEE SHOPS	\$ 437
FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	\$ 389
RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND PUBS	\$ 296

### TRANSPORT

PRIVATE ROAD TRANSPORT	\$ 507
PUBLIC ROAD TRANSPORT	\$ 175
PASSENGER TRANSPORT BY AIR	\$ 96

### RECREATION AND CULTURE

PACKAGE HOLIDAY	\$ 176
INFORMATION PROCESSING EQUIPMENT	\$ 31
NEWSPAPER, BOOKS AND STATIONERY	\$ 18

### EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION	\$ 120
PRIVATE TUITION AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL COURSES	\$ 112

### HEALTH

OUTPATIENT SERVICES	\$ 172
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### COMMUNICATION

TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES	\$ 222
TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT	\$ 18

### CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

CLOTHING	\$ 87
FOOTWEAR	\$ 26

### ACCOMMODATION SERVICES

OVERSEAS HOTEL	\$ 65
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### OTHERS^

INSURANCE	\$ 371
PERSONAL CARE	\$ 130

## FOOTNOTES

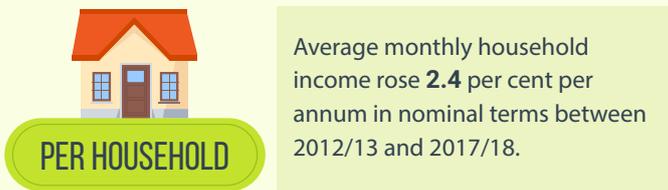
- \* Expenditure excludes imputed rental of owner-occupied accommodation. As it is neither a cash outlay nor income, imputed rent is included only when analysing the detailed share of household expenditure by goods and services.
- \*\* Expenditure includes imputed rental of owner-occupied accommodation.
- ^ Others include expenditure on miscellaneous goods and services, including personal care services such as hairdressing, social support services and insurance, and expenditure on alcoholic beverages and tobacco.

# HOUSEHOLD INCOME

LEGEND ■ 2007/08 ■ 2012/13 ■ 2017/18

In 2017/18, Singapore resident households' average monthly household income **from all sources** rose to \$11,777 from \$10,467 in 2012/13.

## AVERAGE MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES\*

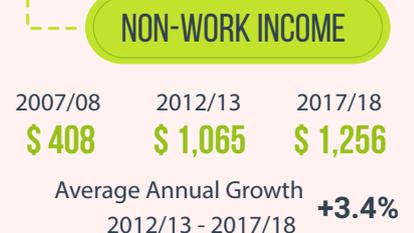
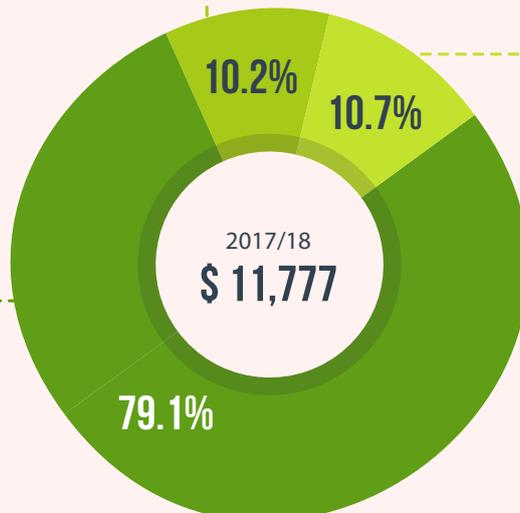
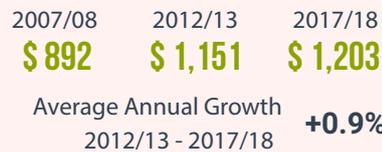


## CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES

**Employment income** remained the largest source of income among households. In 2017/18, employment income accounted for about **79 per cent** of total household income.



**BUSINESS INCOME**



# AVERAGE ANNUAL CHANGE IN AVERAGE MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME

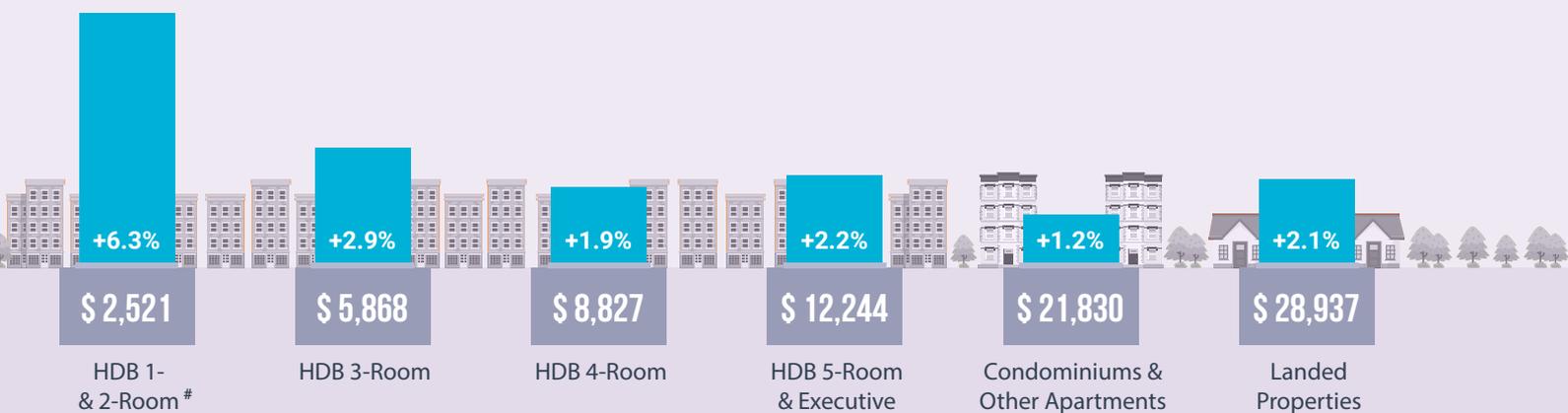
## BY INCOME GROUPS\*\*

By income groups, average monthly household income increased for all groups between 2012/13 and 2017/18. Average monthly income of households increased by 1.6 per cent per annum in nominal terms for the top 20% income group, and by 2.7 to 3.3 per cent per annum for the other groups.



## BY TYPE OF DWELLING

By housing types, households living in HDB 1- and 2-room flats experienced the highest income growth, at 6.3 per cent per annum in nominal terms.



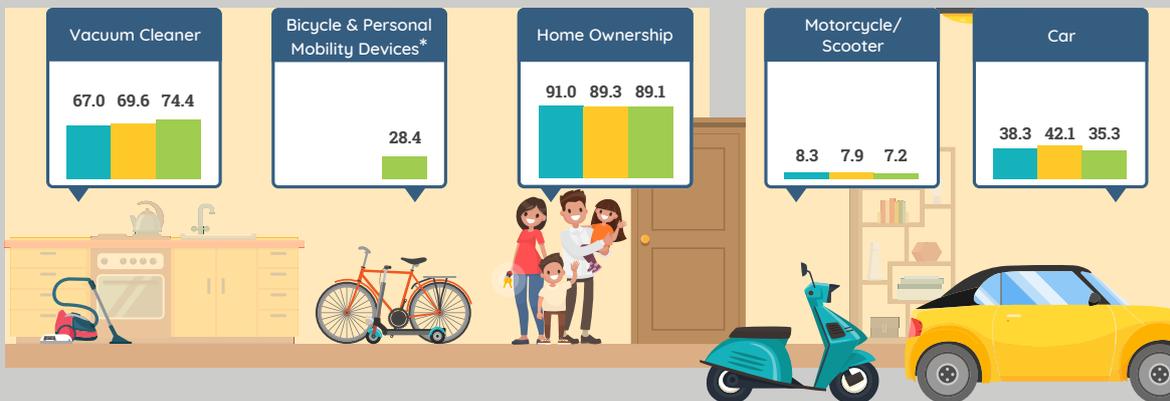
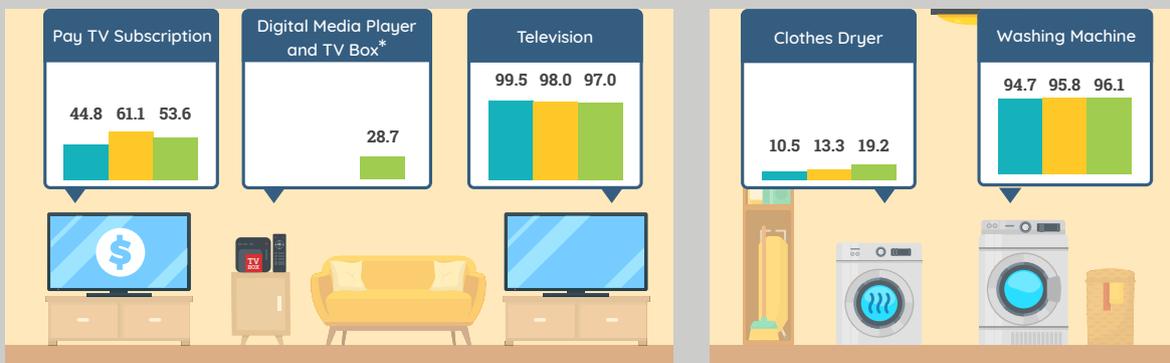
## FOOTNOTES

- \* Income data include employer CPF contributions.
- \*\* Based on ranking of all resident households by their monthly household income from all sources per household member (including employer CPF contributions).
- # Includes HDB Studio Apartments.

# OWNERSHIP Of Consumer Durables

As Per Cent of All Resident Households

LEGEND 2007/08 2012/13 2017/18



Changes in the ownership of consumer durables reflect improvements in households' standard of living, as well as technological and lifestyle changes. The ownership of consumer durables such as television sets, washing machines and mobile phones was near universal at between 96 and 98 per cent in 2017/18 among all households.

\*Data is only available for selected years as shown

# HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY 2017/18

## SURVEY PERIOD

Oct 2017 >>> Sep 2018

## QUESTIONS

-  Household and Member Profile
-  Household Expenditure
-  Household Income
-  Availability of Consumer Durables and Services



## COVERAGE

**13,100 households** were selected across Singapore.



## BATCHES

Selected households were divided into **26 batches** by region.



## DAILY RECORDING

Household members were asked to record their daily expenses for **2 weeks**.

## DATA COLLECTION PROCESS



Households selected to participate in the Household Expenditure Survey (HES) were notified by post.



## ONLINE SUBMISSION

**NEW!**



Respondents had the option to submit their survey returns via the HES online submission website. Mobile submission was also available.



Respondents had the option to upload photos of the receipts from their purchases during the recording period.



## FACE-TO-FACE INTERVIEWS

For respondents who chose not to submit their survey returns via the HES online submission website.



Trained interviewers conducted the survey using a tablet.



Respondents were provided with booklets to record their daily expenses.