

**Table 1356. Household Expenditure on Recreation and Culture as a Percentage of GDP: 1970 to 2006**

[Household expenditure on recreation and culture includes purchases of audio-visual, photographic, and computer equipment; CDs and DVDs; musical instruments; camper vans; caravans; sports equipment; toys; domestic pets and related products; gardening tools and plants; newspapers; tickets to sporting matches, cinemas and theatres; and spending on gambling (including lottery tickets) less any winnings. It excludes expenditures on restaurants, hotels, and travel and holiday homes but includes package holidays]

Country	1980	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Australia . . . . .	5.8	6.1	7.2	7.3	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.1	6.9	(NA)
Austria . . . . .	5.0	6.5	6.4	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.5
Belgium . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	4.8	5.2	5.2	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7
Canada . . . . .	4.4	5.1	5.5	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.5	(NA)
Czech Republic . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	5.5	6.1	6.2	6.0	6.2	6.0	5.9	5.6
Denmark . . . . .	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.3	(NA)
Finland . . . . .	5.2	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.7
France . . . . .	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2
Germany . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	5.1	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.2
Hungary . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3
Iceland . . . . .	(NA)	6.1	7.2	7.1	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.5	6.5	6.3
Ireland . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	4.0	3.4	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	(NA)
Italy . . . . .	4.1	4.4	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.1
Japan . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.1	(NA)
Korea . . . . .	2.2	3.9	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.0	3.6	3.7	3.7
Luxembourg . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.1
Mexico . . . . .	(NA)	2.2	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0	(NA)	(NA)
Netherlands . . . . .	(NA)	5.6	5.2	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.8
New Zealand . . . . .	(NA)	5.3	6.3	7.2	7.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norway . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	5.4	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.1	(NA)
Poland . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	4.8	5.2	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.0	(NA)
Portugal . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	3.6	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	(NA)	(NA)
Slovakia . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	4.0	4.7	5.4	5.2	4.8	4.7	5.0	4.9
Spain . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	5.2	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	(NA)
Sweden . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	5.0	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.3	(NA)
Switzerland . . . . .	(NA)	5.2	5.4	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.7
United Kingdom . . . . .	5.5	6.3	6.8	7.3	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.7	7.7	(NA)
<b>United States . . . . .</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>
Israel . . . . .	(NA)	3.4	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.4
Slovenia . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5

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