

TELECOMMUNICATIONS EXPENDITURE IN AUSTRALIA

Every week, the average Australian household spends

\$42.16

Communication bills



\$10.60

Communication equipment



Telecommunications is a significant expenditure item



The average household spends **more on telecommunications** than on energy or water

Lower income households spend more of their money on telecommunications

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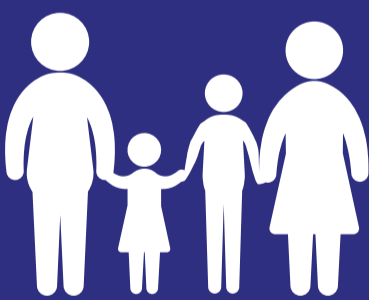
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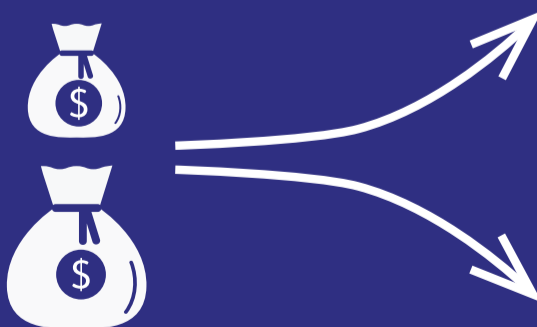
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Households with **children** spend more on telecommunications



Since 2003 telecommunications expenditure has been **increasing for households on lower incomes**, while average households have seen decreases in recent years