

## 1907 FAMILY PROFILE

This second-generation Polish Czorpa family of six lives in Buffalo, New York, where the father works up to 12 hours a day out of his home as a tailor, stitching together cloth brought to him each day by a jobber. To make a living and have enough to eat, two of his four children must work.

### Annual Income

Husband .....	\$422.00
Children .....	\$181.00
Total .....	\$603.00

### Annual Budget

Transportation .....	\$19.81
Clothing .....	\$114.91
Education and Reading .....	\$8.58
Food .....	\$335.23
Fuel and Light .....	\$38.66
Furniture .....	\$5.10
Insurance .....	\$26.94
Health .....	\$15.70
Miscellaneous .....	\$7.87
Recreation .....	\$4.90
Rent .....	\$90.24
Taxes, Contributions .....	\$9.30
Total .....	\$677.24

### Life at Home

- The rent of \$8.00 a month provides the Czorpa family with four rooms with 1½ windows to a room, within a two-story frame house in an overcrowded tenement area on the east side of Buffalo. It has a grass plot in front and a yard behind.
- The family budget includes \$4.64 for ice, which comes in blocks and is kept in the tub. Several of their neighbors have iceboxes and even refrigerators. A recession is under way creating an uneven flow of income.
- The family has decided to forgo the purchase of an icebox costing \$8.75 because of uncertainty. It would have to be purchased on the installment plan.
- The fuel and light expenditures include coal, usually bought by the 100-pound bag for \$0.35 to \$0.40, by the 75-pound bushel for \$0.25, or by the 25-pound pail for \$0.10.
- A family with an income of \$600.00 occupying four rooms needs three bushels a week for two months in the fall, two bushels a week for four months in winter, and a total of six bushels for the six months of spring and summer.
- Electricity is unavailable; gas and kerosene are used for illumination in this home.
- The cost of fuel and light is kept to \$38.66 by gathering free wood for burning, often boxes thrown out by the merchants or waste materials from building operations.
- The Czorpa family suffers from inadequate water and sewer facilities in the neighborhood; dry closet vaults or outhouses are shared and extremely difficult to keep clean.
- Only 14 percent of families making approximately \$600.00 a year have bathrooms in their homes; only 26 percent have a toilet, so it is unlikely this family of six has bathroom facilities.

## 1907 ECONOMIC PROFILE

### Annual Food Expenditures

Alcoholic Drinks at Home .....	\$12.01
Cereals .....	\$60.31
Eggs, Butter, Milk, etc. ....	\$80.23
Meat and Fish .....	\$105.56
Sugar, Tea, Coffee, etc. ....	\$21.63
Vegetables and Fruit .....	\$55.49
Total .....	\$335.23

### Weekly Food Expenditures

Meat and Fish	
Four Pounds Fresh Beef. ....	\$0.48
Four Pounds Salt Beef .....	\$0.28
One-Pound Chicken .....	\$0.14
One-Pound Fish .....	\$0.05
One-Pound Ham .....	\$0.16

### Eggs, Dairy Products

One Pound Butter .....	\$0.27
14 Eggs .....	\$0.25
One Can Condensed Milk. ....	\$0.10
Seven Quarts Milk .....	\$0.70

### Cereals

One Package Breakfast Food .....	\$0.10
12 Loaves Bread .....	\$0.60
One Package Crackers. ....	\$0.10
Flour .....	\$0.05
Three Dozen Rolls .....	\$0.35

### Vegetables and Fruits

One Pound Dried Peas .....	\$0.05
Fresh Fruit .....	\$0.05
Two Quarts Potatoes. ....	\$0.16
One Can Tomatoes .....	\$0.08
Turnips, Onions, etc. ....	\$0.10

### Sugar, Tea, etc.

Molasses (One Pint Monthly) .....	\$0.03
One Bottle Pickles .....	\$0.10
Three Pounds Sugar .....	\$0.17
One Pound Tea .....	\$0.18

### Alcoholic Drinks

Two Pints Beer .....	\$0.20
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