

## 1919 FAMILY PROFILE

The Perova family, a first-generation Russian family of five, lives in Lawrence, Massachusetts, which feeds the clothing industry of New York and makes America a leading nation in the ready-made clothing industry. The woman is second-generation Lithuanian and they have three children.

### Annual Income: \$1,385

Our family's father is the sole wage earner, so the mother is able to do all the housework, including sewing and laundry.

### Annual Budget

Clothing.....	\$265.61
Food .....	\$600.00
Fuel, Heat, and Light .....	\$71.34
Rent.....	\$182.00
Sundries.....	\$266.24
Total.....	\$1,385.19

### Life at Home

- They rent a tenement that consists of four rooms, which are unheated but do have gas and indoor toilet. No bathtub is available.
- Families living at a minimum standard like the Perovas usually burn about three tons of coal a year. The average cost of chestnut and stove coal is \$14.00 a ton.
- Some families do not buy coal in ton or half-ton lots, but by the more expensive method of purchasing it in bags from the neighborhood stores.
- Gas, which is generally used for lighting and cooking, costs \$1.25 per thousand cubic feet. Our family spends an average of \$2.00 a month.
- Our family prefers to burn cordwood in the spring and autumn instead of coal.
- About 15 percent of the Lawrence mills employees ride to and from work. Streetcar fares are \$0.10 a trip and jitney fares are \$0.07.

### Examples of Weekly Expenditures

Candy, Tobacco, etc. ....	\$0.45
Medical Care .....	\$0.60
Movies and Other Entertainment .....	\$0.67
Organizations .....	\$0.20
Reading Material .....	\$0.20



### Examples of Weekly Food Expenditures

Two Pounds Chuck. ....	\$0.48
One Pound Dried Cod .....	\$0.30
Two Pounds Flank .....	\$0.30
One Can Salmon .....	\$0.23
One Pound Butter .....	\$0.68
One Pound Cheese .....	\$0.43
One Dozen Eggs .....	\$0.62
14 Quarts Milk .....	\$2.38
Three Pounds Cabbage .....	\$0.12
Three Pounds Carrots .....	\$0.14
Two Pounds Dried Beans .....	\$0.21
Two Pounds Onions .....	\$0.12
One Can Tomatoes .....	\$0.17
Three Quarts Apples .....	\$0.34
Four Bananas .....	\$0.12
Three Oranges .....	\$0.11
½ Pound Raisins .....	\$0.14
12 Pounds Bread .....	\$1.24
One Pound Corn Meal .....	\$0.07
One Pint Molasses .....	\$0.15
One Pound Rice .....	\$0.18
Three Pounds Rolled Oats .....	\$0.21
Three Pounds Sugar .....	\$0.33
¼ Pound Cocoa .....	\$0.22
½ Pound Coffee .....	\$0.22
¼ Pound Tea .....	\$0.12
Total .....	\$11.75

### Examples of Yearly Clothing Purchases

For the Man: Total \$51.05

One Cap .....	\$1.00
One Pair Heavy Trousers .....	\$3.50
Two Pairs Shoes .....	\$11.00
Two Shirts .....	\$2.80
One Straw Hat .....	\$1.75
One Suit .....	\$26.00
One Sweater .....	\$5.00

For the Woman: Total \$49.40

Three Apron Material .....	\$1.40
One Coat .....	\$25.00
One Cotton Skirt .....	\$1.00
One Dress Material .....	\$8.00
Gloves .....	\$2.75
Two House Dresses (Material) .....	\$3.00
Three Night Gowns (Material) .....	\$2.90

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