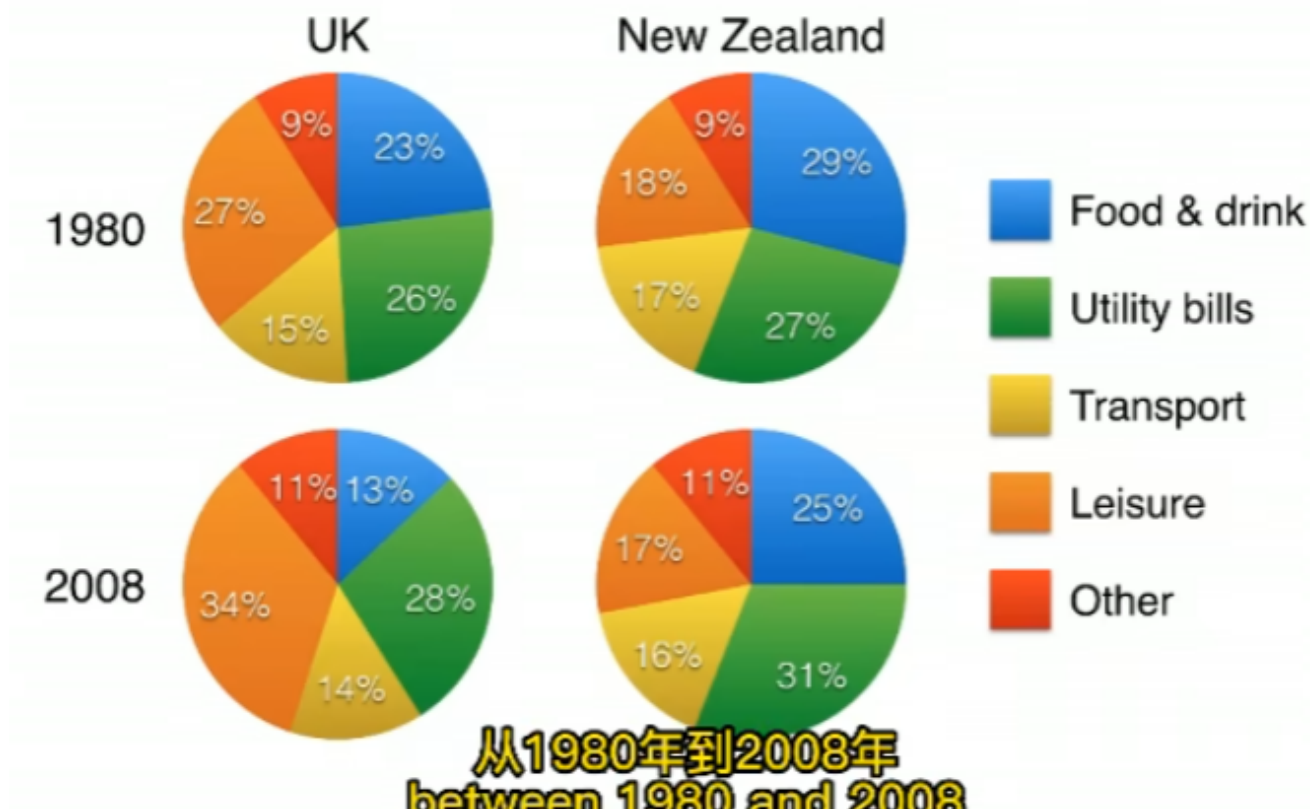


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Overview - 2 sentences, 2 main points

It is noticeable that the **proportion** of spending on food and drink **fell in** both countries **over the 29-year period**, while spending on **utility bills** rose. Also, UK residents spent a **significantly** larger percentage of their household budgets on leisure than their New Zealand **counterparts**.

Details comparisons

In 1980, 29% of an average New Zealand household **budget** went on food and drink, while **the equivalent figure** for a UK home was 23%. By 2008, expenditure on food and drink **had fallen** by 4% in New Zealand, and by a **full 10%** in the UK. By contrast, both countries saw **an increase in** expenditure on utility bills for the average home from 27% to 31% in New Zealand and from 26% to 28% in the UK.

Details

Leisure activities **accounted for** the highest proportion of UK household spending in both years, but only **the third highest** proportion in New Zealand. In fact, in 2008, **New Zealanders** spent only half as much **in relative terms** on recreation (17%) as UK residents (34%). In both countries transport costs and other costs took **roughly** 15% and 10% of household budgets respectively.

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- Don't describe each country separately
- Don't describe each year separately
- Compare countries and years together
- Mention all 5 categories (food & drink etc.)
- Divide the categories into two groups for the two 'details' paragraphs
- The category called 'Other' is not important
- Don't write "Leisure was 34%"
- Write "Households spent 34% of their money on leisure"

Vocabulary

- spending, expenditure, spent, costs
- proportion of spending
- percentage of household budget
- the equivalent figure for a UK home
- fell, rose, saw an increase in
- by 2008, expenditure had fallen
 - had fallen is a past perfect verb structure and we use that when we've got the word by with a date.
 - by 2008, something had already happened, expenditure had fallen.
 - in 2008,
 - in 2008 expenditure fell
- spent a significantly larger percentage
- than their New Zealand counterparts
- 29% of an average household budget went on
- while, by contrast
- leisure accounted for the highest proportion
- spent half as much in relative terms
- recreation