

**Families by median and mean income by race of householder, 1947 to 2003  
(2003 dollars)**

		White		Black 3/		Hispanic 4/	
		Number (thousands)	Median income	Number (thousands)	Median income	Number (thousands)	Median income
1947	5/	34,120	\$22,083	3,117	11,290	n/a	n/a
1948		34,345	21,419	3,279	11,441	n/a	n/a
1949	6/	n/a	21,170	n/a	10,808	n/a	n/a
1950		n/a	22,293	n/a	12,094	n/a	n/a
1951		n/a	23,128	n/a	12,178	n/a	n/a
1952	7/	n/a	24,223	n/a	13,766	n/a	n/a
1953		n/a	25,669	n/a	14,393	n/a	n/a
1954		38,185	25,155	3,766	14,010	n/a	n/a
1955		38,982	26,807	3,907	14,784	n/a	n/a
1956		39,498	28,695	3,999	15,099	n/a	n/a
1957		39,676	28,665	4,020	15,325	n/a	n/a
1958		40,236	28,569	3,996	14,635	n/a	n/a
1959		40,872	30,235	4,239	15,619	n/a	n/a
1960		41,123	30,711	4,333	17,000	n/a	n/a
1961	8/	41,888	31,173	4,453	16,632	n/a	n/a
1962	9/	42,437	32,194	4,561	17,179	n/a	n/a
1963		42,663	33,350	4,773	17,648	n/a	n/a
1964		43,081	34,470	4,754	19,291	n/a	n/a
1965	10/	43,497	35,907	4,782	19,773	n/a	n/a
1966	11/	44,110	37,636	4,954	22,562	n/a	n/a
1967	12/	44,814	38,430	4,589	22,753	n/a	n/a
1968		45,437	40,104	4,646	24,053	n/a	n/a
1969		46,022	42,116	4,774	25,797	n/a	n/a
1970		46,535	41,994	4,928	25,760	n/a	n/a
1971	13/	47,641	41,921	5,157	25,297	n/a	n/a
1972	14/	48,477	44,011	5,265	26,157	\$2,312	\$31,184
1973		48,919	45,170	5,440	26,069	2,365	31,255
1974	16/15/	49,440	43,752	5,491	26,124	2,475	31,130
1975	16/	49,873	42,997	5,586	26,456	2,499	28,782
1976	17/	50,083	44,280	5,804	26,340	2,583	29,238
1977		50,530	44,846	5,806	25,619	2,764	30,597
1978		50,910	47,179	5,906	27,943	2,741	32,276
1979	18/	52,243	47,990	6,184	27,175	3,029	33,268
1980		52,710	46,315	6,317	26,798	3,235	31,116
1981		53,269	45,456	6,413	25,642	3,305	31,702
1982		53,407	44,899	6,530	24,815	3,369	29,613
1983		53,934	45,129	6,675	25,416	3,567	29,709
1984	19/	54,400	46,648	6,778	26,000	3,939	31,730
1985	20/	54,991	47,534	6,921	27,370	4,206	31,025
1986		55,676	49,335	7,096	28,190	4,403	32,018
1987	21/	56,086	50,150	7,202	28,503	4,576	31,436
1988		56,492	50,674	7,409	28,880	4,823	32,526
1989		56,590	51,539	7,470	28,952	4,840	33,589

<b>1990</b>		56,803	50,380	7,471	29,237	4,981	31,977
<b>1991</b>		57,224	49,764	7,716	28,381	5,177	31,472
<b>1992</b>	22/	57,669	49,687	7,982	27,115	5,733	30,266
<b>1993</b>	23/	57,881	49,268	7,993	27,006	5,946	29,653
<b>1994</b>	24/	58,444	50,196	8,093	30,324	6,202	29,857
<b>1995</b>	25/	58,872	51,118	8,055	31,129	6,287	29,451
<b>1996</b>		58,934	52,245	8,455	30,960	6,631	30,559
<b>1997</b>		59,515	53,436	8,408	32,690	6,961	32,164
<b>1998</b>		60,077	55,251	8,452	33,140	7,273	33,370
<b>1999</b>		61,074	56,383	8,653	35,157	7,788	34,796
<b>2000</b>	30/	61,330	56,645	8,731	35,972	8,017	36,790
<b>2001</b>		61,647	56,185	8,847	34,914	8,516	35,841
<b>2002</b>		62,313	55,885	8,932	34,293	9,094	34,968
<b>2003</b>		62,620	55,768	8,914	34,369	9,274	34,272

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Footnotes:

5/ Based on 1940 census population controls.

6/ Implementation of expanded income questions to show wage and salary, farm self-employment, nonfarm self-employment and all other nonearned income separately.

7/ Implementation of 1950 census population controls.

8/ Implementation of first hotdeck procedure to impute missing income entries (all income data imputed if any missing). Introduction of 1960 census sample design.

9/ Full implementation of 1960 census-based sample design and population controls.

10/ Implementation of new procedures to impute missing data only.

11/ Questionnaire expanded to ask eight income questions.

12/ Implementation of a new March CPS processing system.

13/ Introduction of 1970 census sample design and population controls.

14/ Full implementation of 1970 census-based sample design.

15/ Implementation of a new March CPS processing system. Questionnaire expanded to ask 11 income questions.

16/ These estimates were derived using Pareto interpolation and may differ from published data which were derived using linear interpolation.

17/ First year medians are derived using both Pareto and linear interpolation. Prior to this year all medians were derived using linear interpolation.

18/ Implementation of 1980 census population controls. Questionnaire expanded to show 27 possible values from 51 possible sources of income.

19/ Implementation of Hispanic population weighting controls and introduction of 1980 census sample design.

20/ Recording of amounts for earnings from longest job increased to \$299,999. Full implementation of 1980 census-based sample design.

21/ Implementation of a new March CPS processing system.

22/ Implementation of 1990 census population controls.

23/ Data collection method changed from paper and pencil to computer-assisted interviewing. In addition, the March 1994 income supplement was revised to allow for the coding of different income amounts on selected questionnaire items. Limits either increased or decreased in the following categories: earnings increased to \$999,999; social security increased to \$49,999; supplemental security income and public assistance increased to \$24,999; veterans' benefits increased to \$99,999; child support and alimony decreased to \$49,999.

24/ Introduction of 1990 census sample design.

25/ Full implementation of the 1990 census-based sample design and metropolitan definitions, 7,000 household

30/ Implementation of a 28,000 household sample expansion.