

Mean family income by quintile and top 5%, 1966-2003 (2003 dollars)

		Lowest fifth	Second fifth	Middle fifth	Fourth fifth	Highest fifth	Top 5 percent
1966	11/	11,279	25,039	35,827	47,962	81,856	125,692
1967	12/	11,463	25,633	36,843	49,412	87,250	138,043
1968		12,345	26,925	38,466	51,444	87,904	135,507
1969		12,750	28,157	40,293	53,976	92,441	141,983
1970		12,570	27,795	40,189	54,212	93,223	141,954
1971	13/	12,574	27,371	40,048	54,236	93,415	142,435
1972	14/	13,113	28,612	42,026	57,391	99,535	152,592
1973		13,456	29,146	42,825	58,526	100,414	151,541
1974	16/15/	13,705	28,931	42,237	57,868	97,508	142,225
1975	16/	13,160	27,821	41,366	56,639	95,447	140,013
1976	17/	13,481	28,529	42,556	58,146	97,863	143,232
1977		13,414	28,673	43,124	59,487	100,216	146,099
1978		13,937	30,224	45,384	62,529	106,104	155,485
1979	18/	14,083	30,448	45,919	63,218	108,433	160,505
1980		13,556	29,509	44,579	61,847	104,132	148,032
1981		13,150	28,595	43,736	61,404	103,029	143,966
1982		12,419	28,177	43,025	61,035	105,465	150,893
1983	19/	12,242	28,167	43,337	61,764	107,093	154,408
1984		12,672	29,014	44,765	64,013	111,253	160,851
1985	20/	12,831	29,443	45,458	65,160	115,800	173,052
1986		13,192	30,459	47,188	67,423	121,441	184,415
1987	21/	13,174	30,833	47,878	68,524	125,229	196,038
1988		13,290	30,950	48,162	69,168	126,913	198,297
1989		13,558	31,543	49,004	70,504	132,751	212,655
1990		13,420	31,300	48,206	69,325	128,838	202,152
1991		12,821	30,432	47,220	68,486	125,823	194,691
1992	22/	12,317	29,708	46,933	68,220	126,950	199,874
1993	23/	12,209	29,322	46,467	68,882	139,174	240,210
1994	24/	12,753	30,173	47,647	70,432	141,940	243,512
1995	25/	13,503	31,111	48,710	71,269	143,183	245,561
1996		13,293	31,339	49,573	72,435	146,647	253,723
1997		13,780	32,290	50,946	74,705	153,477	268,610
1998		14,117	33,228	52,590	77,124	158,741	277,841
1999		14,703	34,214	54,014	79,645	163,123	281,301
2000	30/	15,085	34,491	54,207	79,890	167,618	297,022
2001		14,570	33,738	53,557	79,649	165,898	291,294
2002		14,338	33,266	53,057	78,912	162,947	285,177
2003		13,871	32,896	53,016	79,713	163,322	281,467

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Footnotes:

- 3/ Before 1967, data are for "Black and other races" combined
- 4/ People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.
- 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.