

Median family income,* 1947-2003 (2003 dollars)

		Median income
1947	5/	21,201
1948		20,623
1949	6/	20,351
1950		21,477
1951		22,229
1952	7/	22,904
1953		24,759
1954		24,163
1955		25,674
1956		27,421
1957		27,544
1958		27,421
1959		29,024
1960		29,580
1961	8/	29,891
1962	9/	30,744
1963		31,827
1964		33,018
1965	10/	34,451
1966	11/	36,227
1967	12/	37,025
1968		38,736
1969		40,563
1970		40,480
1971	13/	40,401
1972	14/	42,361
1973		43,219
1974	16/	42,100
1975	16/	41,342
1976	17/	42,630
1977		42,888
1978		45,309
1979	18/	45,989
1980		44,452
1981		43,274
1982		42,764
1983		43,067
1984	19/	44,537
1985	20/	45,223
1986		47,172
1987	21/	47,959
1988		48,098
1989		49,014
1990		48,248
1991		47,336
1992	22/	46,992
1993	23/	46,333
1994	24/	47,615
1995	25/	48,679
1996		49,378
1997		50,938
1998		52,675
1999		54,033
2000	30/	54,191
2001		53,421
2002		52,864
2003		52,680

* Income includes all wage and salary, self-employment, pension, interest, rent, government cash assistance, and other money income.

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.