

Hourly wage decile cutoffs for all workers, 1973-2003 (2003 dollars)

	Percentile										Ratios				
	10th	20th	30th	40th	50th	60th	70th	80th	90th	95th	50/10	90/50	90/10	95/90	95/50
1973	\$6.55	\$7.91	\$9.40	\$10.93	\$12.53	\$14.38	\$16.70	\$19.09	\$23.99	\$30.10	1.9	1.9	3.7	1.3	2.4
1974	6.47	7.77	9.22	10.68	12.23	14.08	16.33	18.82	23.74	29.01	1.9	1.9	3.7	1.2	2.4
1975	6.31	7.70	9.11	10.57	12.25	14.27	16.15	18.82	23.75	29.58	1.9	1.9	3.8	1.2	2.4
1976	6.79	7.89	9.18	10.61	12.33	14.34	16.45	19.12	24.03	29.56	1.8	1.9	3.5	1.2	2.4
1977	6.69	7.76	9.05	10.53	12.34	14.18	16.46	19.43	23.78	28.97	1.8	1.9	3.6	1.2	2.3
1978	6.62	7.83	9.11	10.63	12.45	14.27	16.47	19.48	24.31	29.09	1.9	2.0	3.7	1.2	2.3
1979	6.94	7.91	9.29	10.93	12.36	14.33	16.94	19.74	24.14	29.48	1.8	2.0	3.5	1.2	2.4
1980	6.56	7.76	9.10	10.58	12.24	14.23	16.53	19.55	23.86	28.94	1.9	1.9	3.6	1.2	2.4
1981	6.67	7.61	9.06	10.35	11.94	14.12	16.46	19.42	24.02	29.03	1.8	2.0	3.6	1.2	2.4
1982	6.43	7.48	8.95	10.41	12.13	14.15	16.67	19.64	24.27	29.63	1.9	2.0	3.8	1.2	2.4
1983	6.23	7.35	8.78	10.29	12.08	14.08	16.85	19.53	24.67	30.61	1.9	2.0	4.0	1.2	2.5
1984	6.09	7.38	8.72	10.26	12.15	14.11	16.74	19.91	25.07	30.88	2.0	2.1	4.1	1.2	2.5
1985	5.99	7.47	8.79	10.29	12.26	14.29	16.65	20.08	24.85	31.45	2.0	2.0	4.1	1.3	2.6
1986	5.98	7.65	9.04	10.67	12.50	14.68	17.17	20.30	25.63	31.91	2.1	2.0	4.3	1.2	2.6
1987	5.97	7.59	9.07	10.74	12.51	14.87	17.12	20.34	26.10	31.86	2.1	2.1	4.4	1.2	2.5
1988	5.97	7.53	9.02	10.74	12.43	14.78	17.20	20.53	26.32	32.66	2.1	2.1	4.4	1.2	2.6
1989	5.96	7.42	8.90	10.63	12.36	14.44	17.18	20.53	25.94	31.88	2.1	2.1	4.4	1.2	2.6
1990	6.06	7.50	9.00	10.61	12.36	14.32	16.99	20.45	26.09	32.51	2.0	2.1	4.3	1.2	2.6
1991	6.17	7.57	9.03	10.56	12.43	14.38	16.93	20.33	26.25	32.71	2.0	2.1	4.3	1.2	2.6
1992	6.16	7.50	8.98	10.49	12.54	14.32	16.96	20.49	25.90	32.20	2.0	2.1	4.2	1.2	2.6
1993	6.14	7.49	8.97	10.54	12.45	14.56	17.15	20.68	26.33	31.90	2.0	2.1	4.3	1.2	2.6
1994	6.08	7.42	8.82	10.34	12.23	14.41	17.12	20.84	26.80	33.57	2.0	2.2	4.4	1.3	2.7
1995	6.07	7.42	8.86	10.43	12.14	14.37	17.13	20.73	26.79	33.60	2.0	2.2	4.4	1.3	2.8
1996	6.04	7.48	8.95	10.44	12.08	14.27	17.18	20.77	26.87	33.76	2.0	2.2	4.5	1.3	2.8
1997	6.24	7.70	9.07	10.57	12.37	14.50	17.23	20.99	27.30	34.16	2.0	2.2	4.4	1.3	2.8
1998	6.58	7.95	9.30	11.06	12.72	14.95	17.79	21.43	28.09	35.02	1.9	2.2	4.3	1.2	2.8
1999	6.67	8.12	9.62	11.15	13.10	15.38	18.15	21.99	28.67	36.03	2.0	2.2	4.3	1.3	2.7
2000	6.74	8.30	9.69	11.21	13.07	15.47	18.34	22.28	29.13	37.15	1.9	2.2	4.3	1.3	2.8
2001	6.95	8.38	9.99	11.45	13.35	15.63	18.61	22.51	30.07	37.88	1.9	2.3	4.3	1.3	2.8
2002	7.03	8.42	10.07	11.57	13.47	15.73	18.88	22.95	30.53	39.17	1.9	2.3	4.3	1.3	2.9
2003	7.00	8.46	10.00	11.75	13.62	15.90	18.94	23.14	30.71	38.64	1.9	2.3	4.4	1.3	2.8

Note: Values are adjusted for inflation using the CPI-U-RS deflator.

Source: *The State of Working America 2004-05*, table 2.6.

Based on authors' analysis of CPS wage data described in Appendix B.