

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

	Percentile										Ratios				
	10th	20th	30th	40th	50th	60th	70th	80th	90th	95th	90/50	50/10	90/10	95/90	95/50
1973	\$7.73	\$9.93	\$11.70	\$13.41	\$15.20	\$17.23	\$18.97	\$21.83	\$27.80	\$33.51	2.0	1.8	3.6	1.2	2.2
1974	7.67	9.76	11.50	13.19	15.05	16.74	18.67	21.16	26.84	32.76	2.0	1.8	3.5	1.2	2.2
1975	7.45	9.47	11.33	13.19	15.05	16.69	18.70	21.72	26.89	32.56	2.0	1.8	3.6	1.2	2.2
1976	7.64	9.55	11.38	13.37	15.01	16.95	18.95	21.94	27.76	32.61	2.0	1.8	3.6	1.2	2.2
1977	7.50	9.40	11.33	13.36	15.15	16.93	19.41	22.03	27.35	33.12	2.0	1.8	3.6	1.2	2.2
1978	7.57	9.52	11.57	13.25	15.24	17.41	19.55	22.25	27.39	32.48	2.0	1.8	3.6	1.2	2.1
1979	7.63	9.70	11.67	13.59	15.55	17.66	19.81	23.00	28.01	33.58	2.0	1.8	3.7	1.2	2.2
1980	7.43	9.52	11.24	13.08	15.32	17.24	19.66	22.22	26.92	32.68	2.1	1.8	3.6	1.2	2.1
1981	7.22	9.29	11.15	13.06	15.02	17.18	19.43	22.33	27.33	33.39	2.1	1.8	3.8	1.2	2.2
1982	6.94	8.97	10.84	12.95	14.93	17.44	19.66	22.69	27.74	34.07	2.2	1.9	4.0	1.2	2.3
1983	6.70	8.66	10.52	12.69	14.74	17.28	19.46	22.48	28.24	35.17	2.2	1.9	4.2	1.2	2.4
1984	6.68	8.59	10.44	12.63	14.69	16.96	19.67	22.62	28.84	35.64	2.2	2.0	4.3	1.2	2.4
1985	6.65	8.52	10.52	12.68	14.84	16.98	19.84	23.00	29.13	37.39	2.2	2.0	4.4	1.3	2.5
1986	6.69	8.67	10.84	12.84	15.26	17.40	20.05	23.72	29.53	36.41	2.3	1.9	4.4	1.2	2.4
1987	6.70	8.74	10.79	12.72	15.17	17.18	19.84	23.38	30.16	37.56	2.3	2.0	4.5	1.2	2.5
1988	6.79	8.73	10.69	12.59	14.89	17.22	19.84	23.47	29.94	37.63	2.2	2.0	4.4	1.3	2.5
1989	6.82	8.55	10.49	12.42	14.46	17.02	19.68	23.06	28.89	35.86	2.1	2.0	4.2	1.2	2.5
1990	6.72	8.44	10.43	12.32	14.23	16.74	19.62	23.14	29.43	35.98	2.1	2.1	4.4	1.2	2.5
1991	6.60	8.32	10.30	12.18	14.20	16.57	19.59	23.04	29.37	36.35	2.2	2.1	4.4	1.2	2.6
1992	6.51	8.21	10.13	12.14	14.08	16.42	19.33	22.96	29.38	36.61	2.2	2.1	4.5	1.2	2.6
1993	6.46	8.26	10.06	12.24	13.97	16.39	19.21	22.96	29.73	37.31	2.2	2.1	4.6	1.3	2.7
1994	6.42	8.25	9.84	11.90	13.73	16.21	19.13	23.07	29.70	37.38	2.1	2.2	4.6	1.3	2.7
1995	6.58	8.31	9.88	11.88	13.93	16.28	19.13	22.87	29.82	37.29	2.1	2.1	4.5	1.3	2.7
1996	6.63	8.26	9.91	11.72	13.84	16.26	19.08	23.05	29.50	37.36	2.1	2.1	4.4	1.3	2.7
1997	6.76	8.40	10.12	11.76	13.93	16.50	19.45	23.06	30.20	38.29	2.1	2.2	4.5	1.3	2.7
1998	6.97	8.81	10.43	12.30	14.42	16.91	19.93	23.86	31.40	39.01	2.1	2.2	4.5	1.2	2.7
1999	7.27	8.97	10.87	12.69	14.79	17.25	20.32	24.50	32.12	40.12	2.0	2.2	4.4	1.2	2.7
2000	7.33	8.99	10.74	12.73	14.89	17.32	20.39	24.73	32.95	41.26	2.0	2.2	4.5	1.3	2.8
2001	7.42	9.22	10.76	12.80	15.09	17.67	20.71	25.10	33.36	42.39	2.0	2.2	4.5	1.3	2.8
2002	7.41	9.21	10.87	12.80	15.17	17.72	20.67	25.46	34.15	43.26	2.0	2.3	4.6	1.3	2.9
2003	7.46	9.22	10.90	12.84	15.04	17.79	20.99	25.50	34.05	43.48	2.0	2.3	4.6	1.3	2.9

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

Source: *The State of Working America 2004-05*, table 2.7.

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