

Median Family Income, U.S. and Regions, 1953-2001

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce,
Housing & Household Economic Statistics Division, Income Surveys Branch

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		<u>Current dollars</u>	<u>2000</u> <u>dollars</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>dollars</u>	<u>2000</u> <u>dollars</u>
UNITED STATES					
2001	74,340	\$51,407	\$51,407	\$66,863	\$66,863
2000 30/	73,778	50,732	52,148	65,773	67,609
2000 29/	72,388	50,890	50,890	65,574	65,574
1999	72,031	48,950	50,594	62,636	64,740
1998	71,551	46,737	49,317	59,589	62,879
1997	70,884	44,568	47,687	56,902	60,884
1996	70,241	42,300	46,240	53,676	58,676
1995 25/	69,597	40,611	45,599	51,353	57,661
1994 24/	69,313	38,782	44,638	49,340	56,791
1993 23/	68,506	36,959	43,472	47,221	55,542
1992 22/	68,216	36,573	44,129	44,221	53,357
1991	67,173	35,939	44,514	43,237	53,553
1990	66,322	35,353	45,392	42,652	54,764
1989	66,090	34,213	46,135	41,506	55,970
1988	65,837	32,191	45,297	38,608	54,327
1987 21/	65,204	30,970	45,166	36,884	53,791
1986	64,491	29,458	44,425	34,924	52,668
1985 20/	63,558	27,735	42,564	32,944	50,558
1984 19/	62,706	26,433	41,944	31,052	49,273
1983	61,997	24,580	40,559	28,638	47,256
1982	61,393	23,433	40,273	27,391	47,076
1981	61,019	22,388	40,725	25,838	47,000
1980	60,309	21,023	41,830	23,974	47,702
1979 18/	59,550	19,587	43,311	22,316	49,346
1978	57,804	17,640	42,671	20,091	48,600
1977	57,215	16,009	40,391	18,264	46,080
1976 17/	56,710	14,958	40,148	16,870	45,280
1975 16/	56,245	13,719	38,935	15,546	44,120
1974 16/15/	55,698	12,902	39,649	14,711	45,208
1973	55,053	12,051	40,702	13,622	46,008
1972 14/	54,373	11,116	39,894	12,625	45,310
1971 13/	53,296	10,285	38,048	11,583	42,850
1970	52,227	9,867	38,123	11,106	42,910
1969	51,586	9,433	38,201	10,577	42,834
1968	50,823	8,632	36,480	9,670	40,867
1967 12/	50,111	7,933	34,869	8,801	38,685
1966 11/	49,214	7,532	34,117	8,395	38,026
1965 10/	48,509	6,957	32,445	7,704	35,928
1964	47,956	6,569	31,095	7,336	34,726
1963	47,540	6,249	29,974	6,998	33,566
1962 9/	47,059	5,956	28,954	6,670	32,425
1961 8/	46,418	5,735	28,151	6,471	31,763
1960	45,539	5,620	27,857	6,227	30,866
1959	45,111	5,417	27,334	5,976	30,155
1958	44,232	5,087	25,824	5,565	28,250
1957	43,696	4,966	25,940	5,443	28,432
1956	43,497	4,780	25,824	5,341	28,855
1955	42,889	4,418	24,179	4,962	27,156
1954	41,951	4,167	22,756	4,684	25,580
1953	41,202	4,242	23,317	4,706	25,868

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NORTHEAST					
2001	14,131	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$75,774	\$75,774
2000 30/	13,907	55,671	57,225	72,849	74,882
2000 29/	13,422	56,128	56,128	71,806	71,806
1999	13,439	52,390	54,150	69,864	72,211
1998	13,384	50,567	53,359	64,887	68,469
1997	13,338	48,328	51,710	62,665	67,050
1996	13,404	46,553	50,890	60,103	65,702
1995 25/	13,508	43,909	49,302	55,521	62,341
1994 24/	13,488	42,943	49,428	56,245	64,738
1993 23/	13,456	40,987	48,210	52,603	61,873
1992 22/	13,407	40,692	49,099	48,723	58,789
1991	13,428	40,265	49,872	48,244	59,754
1990	13,450	39,492	50,707	47,224	60,634
1989	13,494	39,484	53,243	47,325	63,817
1988	13,518	36,454	51,296	43,180	60,760
1987 21/	13,403	34,270	49,979	40,279	58,742
1986	13,367	32,160	48,500	38,088	57,439
1985 20/	13,175	30,544	46,875	35,773	54,900
1984 19/	13,149	28,487	45,203	32,875	52,166
1983	12,928	26,678	44,021	30,314	50,021
1982	12,975	24,918	42,826	28,390	48,793
1981	12,924	23,706	43,122	26,706	48,579
1980	12,828	21,856	43,488	24,827	49,399
1979 18/	12,848	20,622	45,600	23,193	51,285
1978	12,895	18,190	44,001	20,612	49,860
1977	12,936	16,804	42,396	19,054	48,073
1976 17/	12,853	15,405	41,348	17,286	46,396
1975 16/	12,670	14,481	41,097	16,381	46,490
1974 16/15/	12,562	13,950	42,869	15,618	47,995
1973	12,774	12,850	43,401	14,354	48,481
1972 14/	12,700	11,942	42,859	13,588	48,766
1971 13/	12,575	11,020	40,768	12,280	45,429
1970	12,381	10,696	41,326	11,988	46,318
1969	12,373	10,018	40,570	11,202	45,365
1968	12,405	9,089	38,411	10,270	43,402
1967 12/	12,313	8,492	37,326	9,639	42,368
1966 11/	12,080	7,878	35,684	(NA)	(NA)
1965 10/	11,904	7,467	34,823	(NA)	(NA)
1964	(NA)	7,230	34,224	(NA)	(NA)
1963	(NA)	6,880	33,000	(NA)	(NA)
1962 9/	(NA)	6,577	31,973	(NA)	(NA)
1961 8/	(NA)	6,245	30,654	(NA)	(NA)
1960	(NA)	6,043	29,954	(NA)	(NA)
1959	(NA)	5,874	29,640	(NA)	(NA)
1958	(NA)	5,560	28,225	(NA)	(NA)
1957	(NA)	5,453	28,484	(NA)	(NA)
1956	(NA)	5,296	28,612	(NA)	(NA)
1955	11,049	4,714	25,799	(NA)	(NA)
1954	11,146	4,572	24,968	(NA)	(NA)
1953	(NA)	4,575	25,148	(NA)	(NA)

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MIDWEST					
2001	17,447	\$54,096	\$54,096	\$66,102	\$66,102
2000 30/	17,159	54,203	55,716	66,870	68,736
2000 29/	16,646	54,576	54,576	66,286	66,286
1999	16,850	51,767	53,506	63,598	65,734
1998	16,875	49,552	52,288	60,908	64,271
1997	16,594	46,734	50,004	57,607	61,638
1996	16,457	44,957	49,145	54,017	59,049
1995 25/	16,353	43,470	48,809	52,441	58,882
1994 24/	16,264	39,760	45,764	48,114	55,379
1993 23/	16,210	37,942	44,628	45,573	53,604
1992 22/	16,174	37,063	44,720	43,550	52,547
1991	16,170	36,759	45,529	42,703	52,891
1990	16,119	36,188	46,464	42,406	54,448
1989	16,059	34,613	46,675	40,508	54,624
1988	16,096	32,887	46,277	38,164	53,702
1987 21/	15,920	31,089	45,340	36,131	52,693
1986	15,844	29,584	44,615	33,891	51,110
1985 20/	15,771	27,930	42,863	32,079	49,231
1984 19/	15,839	26,753	42,451	30,234	47,975
1983	15,711	24,730	40,807	28,293	46,686
1982	15,721	24,219	41,624	27,379	47,055
1981	15,718	23,118	42,052	25,915	47,140
1980	15,590	21,736	43,249	24,347	48,444
1979 18/	15,532	20,571	45,487	22,895	50,626
1978	15,390	18,599	44,991	20,685	50,037
1977	15,308	16,845	42,500	18,830	47,508
1976 17/	15,256	15,942	42,789	17,770	47,695
1975 16/	15,023	14,541	41,268	16,128	45,772
1974 16/15/	15,030	13,732	42,200	15,390	47,295
1973	14,866	12,831	43,337	14,160	47,826
1972 14/	14,856	11,724	42,076	13,002	46,663
1971 13/	14,678	10,785	39,898	11,899	44,019
1970	14,563	10,327	39,900	11,358	43,884
1969	14,358	10,020	40,579	11,035	44,689
1968	14,299	9,103	38,470	9,978	42,168
1967 12/	14,099	8,255	36,285	9,173	40,320
1966 11/	13,660	7,893	35,752	(NA)	(NA)
1965 10/	13,467	7,267	33,890	(NA)	(NA)
1964	(NA)	6,845	32,401	(NA)	(NA)
1963	(NA)	6,575	31,538	(NA)	(NA)
1962 9/	(NA)	6,250	30,383	(NA)	(NA)
1961 8/	(NA)	5,838	28,656	(NA)	(NA)
1960	(NA)	5,779	28,645	(NA)	(NA)
1959	(NA)	5,524	27,874	(NA)	(NA)
1958	(NA)	5,154	26,164	(NA)	(NA)
1957	(NA)	5,135	26,823	(NA)	(NA)
1956	(NA)	5,111	27,613	(NA)	(NA)
1955	13,050	4,753	26,013	(NA)	(NA)
1954	12,758	4,361	23,816	(NA)	(NA)
1953	(NA)	4,584	25,197	(NA)	(NA)

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SOUTH					
2001	27021	46688	46688	62121	62121
2000 30/	27008	45881	47162	60621	62313
2000 29/	26,602	\$46,009	\$46,009	\$61,188	\$61,188
1999	26,192	44,979	46,490	57,803	59,745
1998	25,894	42,711	45,069	55,417	58,476
1997	25,682	41,001	43,870	52,932	56,636
1996	25,438	38,710	42,316	49,410	54,013
1995 25/	25,101	36,628	41,127	46,921	52,684
1994 24/	24,873	35,388	40,732	45,545	52,422
1993 23/	24,438	33,365	39,245	43,467	51,127
1992 22/	24,244	32,786	39,560	40,352	48,689
1991	23,679	31,940	39,560	39,323	48,705
1990	23,279	31,727	40,736	38,644	49,618
1989	23,244	30,499	41,127	37,672	50,800
1988	23,200	28,951	40,738	35,447	49,879
1987 21/	22,879	28,390	41,403	34,359	50,109
1986	22,536	26,708	40,278	32,715	49,336
1985 20/	22,183	25,077	38,485	30,576	46,924
1984 19/	21,781	24,094	38,232	29,548	46,887
1983	21,524	22,495	37,119	27,182	44,853
1982	21,111	21,500	36,951	25,851	44,429
1981	20,959	20,582	37,439	24,340	44,275
1980	20,602	19,142	38,088	22,193	44,158
1979 18/	20,153	17,550	38,807	20,498	45,326
1978	19,037	15,944	38,568	18,614	45,027
1977	18,724	14,567	36,753	16,918	42,684
1976 17/	18,393	13,419	36,017	15,460	41,495
1975 16/	18,440	12,236	34,726	14,153	40,167
1974 16/15/	18,101	11,322	34,793	13,277	40,801
1973	17,643	10,627	35,893	12,336	41,665
1972 14/	17,275	9,668	34,698	11,360	40,770
1971 13/	16,755	8,980	33,221	10,431	38,589
1970	16,003	8,552	33,042	9,949	38,440
1969	15,770	8,105	32,823	9,248	37,452
1968	15,258	7,384	31,206	8,394	35,474
1967 12/	14,971	6,782	29,810	7,881	34,641
1966 11/	14,996	6,233	28,233	(NA)	(NA)
1965 10/	14,729	5,536	25,818	(NA)	(NA)
1964	(NA)	5,327	25,216	(NA)	(NA)
1963	(NA)	5,018	24,069	(NA)	(NA)
1962 9/	(NA)	4,627	22,493	(NA)	(NA)
1961 8/	(NA)	4,421	21,701	(NA)	(NA)
1960	(NA)	4,384	21,731	(NA)	(NA)
1959	(NA)	4,348	21,940	(NA)	(NA)
1958	(NA)	4,106	20,844	(NA)	(NA)
1957	(NA)	3,925	20,503	(NA)	(NA)
1956	(NA)	3,742	20,216	(NA)	(NA)
1955	12,775	3,586	19,626	(NA)	(NA)
1954	12,053	3,336	18,218	(NA)	(NA)
1953	(NA)	3,308	18,183	(NA)	(NA)

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WEST					
2001	15740	51966	51966	67848	67848
2000 30/	15704	51183	52612	67172	69047
2000 29/	15,719	\$51,034	\$51,034	\$66,921	\$66,921
1999	15,550	48,918	50,561	63,488	65,621
1998	15,398	46,819	49,404	60,554	63,897
1997	15,270	45,590	48,780	57,780	61,823
1996	14,943	42,569	46,534	54,799	59,904
1995 25/	14,636	41,967	47,122	53,894	60,514
1994 24/	14,687	40,298	46,383	50,784	58,453
1993 23/	14,402	38,881	45,733	50,419	59,304
1992 22/	14,390	38,525	46,484	47,300	57,072
1991	13,897	37,171	46,039	45,689	56,590
1990	13,474	36,687	47,105	45,307	58,173
1989	13,293	35,698	48,138	43,510	58,672
1988	13,022	33,082	46,551	40,041	56,343
1987 21/	13,003	32,021	46,699	38,747	56,508
1986	12,744	30,965	46,697	36,799	55,495
1985 20/	12,429	29,778	45,699	35,269	54,126
1984 19/	11,938	28,077	44,552	32,872	52,161
1983	11,833	25,592	42,229	29,915	49,363
1982	11,586	24,624	42,320	29,094	50,003
1981	11,417	23,873	43,426	27,498	50,020
1980	11,289	22,281	44,334	25,739	51,214
1979 18/	11,018	20,689	45,748	23,804	52,636
1978	10,482	18,410	44,533	21,261	51,430
1977	10,247	16,512	41,660	18,882	47,639
1976 17/	10,209	15,484	41,560	17,541	47,081
1975 16/	10,111	14,316	40,629	16,177	45,911
1974 16/15/	10,006	13,235	40,672	15,148	46,551
1973	9,770	12,470	42,118	14,169	47,856
1972 14/	9,542	11,518	41,337	13,043	46,810
1971 13/	9,288	10,703	39,595	12,219	45,203
1970	9,001	10,273	39,692	11,539	44,583
1969	8,736	10,037	40,647	11,336	45,908
1968	8,549	9,368	39,590	10,560	44,628
1967 12/	8,451	8,747	38,447	9,873	43,396
1966 11/	8,331	8,089	36,640	(NA)	(NA)
1965 10/	8,178	7,580	35,350	(NA)	(NA)
1964	(NA)	7,289	34,503	(NA)	(NA)
1963	(NA)	7,050	33,816	(NA)	(NA)
1962 9/	(NA)	6,743	32,780	(NA)	(NA)
1961 8/	(NA)	6,904	33,889	(NA)	(NA)
1960	(NA)	6,561	32,521	(NA)	(NA)
1959	(NA)	6,156	31,063	(NA)	(NA)
1958	(NA)	5,674	28,804	(NA)	(NA)
1957	(NA)	5,468	28,563	(NA)	(NA)
1956	(NA)	5,222	28,212	(NA)	(NA)
1955	5,969	4,812	26,336	(NA)	(NA)
1954	5,977	4,467	24,394	(NA)	(NA)
1953	(NA)	4,599	25,279	(NA)	(NA)

(Families as of March of the following year. Income
in current and 2000 CPI-U-RS adjusted dollars28/)

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NA Not available.

B Base less than 75,000.

X Not applicable.

- Zero or rounds to zero

1/ Before 1983, based on CPI-U-X1

2/ Before 1967, CPI factors are extrapolated.

3/ Before 1967, data are for "Black and other races" combined

4/ People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

5/ Data based on 1940 census population controls.

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

7/ Data reflect implementation of 1950 census population controls.

8/ Data reflect implementation of first hotdeck procedure to impute missing income entries (all income data imputed if any missing). Data also reflect introduction of 1960 census-based sample design.

9/ Data reflect full implementation of 1960 census-based sample design and population controls.

10/ Data reflect implementation of new procedures to impute missing data only.

11/ Questionnaire expanded to ask eight income questions.

12/ Data reflect implementation of a new March CPS processing system.

13/ Data reflect introduction of 1970 census-based sample design and population controls.

14/ Data reflect full implementation of 1970 census-based sample design.

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

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

17/ First year medians were derived using both Pareto and linear interpolation. Before this year, all medians were derived using linear interpolation.

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

19/ Data reflect implementation of Hispanic population weighting controls and introduction of 1980 census-based sample design.

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

21/ Data reflect implementation of a new March CPS processing system.

22/ Data reflect 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.

24/ Data reflect introduction of 1990 census-based sample design.

25/ Data reflect full implementation of the 1990 census-based sample design and metropolitan definitions, 7,000 household sample reduction, and revised race edits.

26/ Starting in 1999, alternative income definition 7 includes federal EIC and EIC for the nine states that use federal eligibility rules to compute the state credit as a percentage of the federal EIC. The nine states are: Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Maryland, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

27/ Starting in 1999, 50th percentile is based on micro-sorted data.

28/ The CPI-U-RS is a price index of inflation that incorporates most of the improvements in methodology made to the current CPI-U since 1978 into a single, uniform series.

29/ Based on November 2001 weighting correction. See March 2001 CPS Weighting Correction User Note <http://www.bls.census.gov/cps/ads/2001/susenote.htm>