

Family income limits by quintile and top 5%, 1947-2004 (2004 dollars)

		Number (thousands)	Upper limit of each fifth (dollars)					Lower limit of top 5%
			Lowest fifth	Second fifth	Middle fifth	Fourth fifth		
1947	5/	37,237	11,378	18,359	24,895	35,325	57,979	
1948		38,624	10,997	18,081	24,141	33,676	54,841	
1949	6/	39,303	10,378	17,730	23,918	33,799	54,253	
1950		39,929	11,037	18,978	25,257	35,105	57,246	
1951		40,578	12,019	19,595	25,922	35,394	55,469	
1952	7/	40,832	12,413	20,079	27,165	36,742	57,166	
1953		41,202	12,820	21,756	29,194	39,317	61,145	
1954		41,951	11,981	21,073	28,528	39,086	61,939	
1955		42,889	13,254	22,557	30,327	41,074	63,285	
1956		43,497	14,362	24,170	32,064	43,474	67,379	
1957		43,696	14,171	24,115	31,861	42,746	65,466	
1958		44,232	14,004	23,752	31,661	43,175	66,423	
1959		45,111	14,729	25,117	33,458	46,107	70,426	
1960		45,539	15,047	25,943	34,396	47,561	73,158	
1961	8/	46,418	14,986	25,797	35,110	48,357	78,141	
1962	9/	47,059	15,902	26,503	36,044	50,355	78,979	
1963		47,540	16,192	27,196	37,311	52,138	79,204	
1964		47,956	16,774	28,387	38,710	52,651	81,487	
1965	10/	48,509	17,798	29,814	40,223	54,918	84,895	
1966	11/	49,214	19,435	31,599	42,292	57,489	88,901	
1967	12/	49,834	19,693	32,327	43,350	59,429	95,489	
1968		50,823	20,939	33,639	45,896	61,748	94,880	
1969		51,237	22,079	35,326	47,690	65,136	100,250	
1970		51,948	21,486	35,051	47,601	65,430	102,162	
1971	13/	53,296	21,020	34,803	47,703	65,419	102,154	
1972	14/	54,373	21,961	36,393	50,305	69,499	108,929	
1973		55,053	22,395	36,953	51,558	70,904	110,537	
1974	16/15/	55,698	22,474	36,718	50,523	69,790	109,618	
1975	16/	56,245	21,621	35,602	49,512	68,552	107,379	
1976	17/	56,710	21,964	36,580	50,882	70,273	110,450	
1977		57,215	22,008	36,855	52,104	71,790	113,754	
1978		57,804	23,232	39,036	54,651	75,962	120,432	
1979	18/	59,550	23,775	39,095	55,386	76,266	122,351	
1980		60,309	22,581	38,019	53,848	75,560	119,420	
1981		61,019	21,863	37,216	53,111	75,027	119,075	
1982		61,393	21,361	36,584	52,378	75,150	122,395	
1983	19/	62,015	21,294	36,472	53,032	75,832	124,799	
1984		62,706	21,757	37,846	54,819	78,833	129,072	
1985	20/	63,558	22,244	38,320	55,509	80,753	132,217	
1986		64,491	23,021	39,629	57,750	83,155	137,139	
1987	21/	65,204	23,213	40,044	58,520	84,804	138,264	
1988		65,837	23,171	40,171	59,071	85,777	141,157	
1989		66,090	23,542	41,191	60,022	87,605	145,587	
1990		66,322	23,608	40,703	58,916	86,174	143,447	
1991		67,175	22,993	39,373	58,158	85,196	139,070	
1992	22/	68,216	22,052	39,153	58,055	84,509	139,875	
1993	23/	68,490	21,846	38,620	57,968	85,985	145,701	
1994	24/	69,305	22,618	39,462	59,256	88,251	151,347	

1995	25/	69,594	23,473	40,600	60,294	88,943	152,205
1996		70,241	23,590	41,133	61,236	90,281	153,433
1997		70,880	24,160	42,251	62,926	93,891	160,882
1998		71,535	24,999	43,623	64,834	96,861	168,045
1999		73,201	25,873	44,887	67,330	99,841	175,738
2000	30/	73,767	26,325	44,797	67,267	100,227	175,634
2001		74,329	25,611	43,887	66,694	100,468	175,116
2002		75,596	25,210	43,529	66,175	99,230	172,605
2003		76,217	24,765	43,187	66,747	100,839	174,653
2004		77,010	24,780	43,400	65,832	100,000	173,640

Source: *The State of Working America 2006-07*, table 1.10.

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.