

## Median family income,\* 1947-2004 (2004 dollars)

		Median income
1947	5/	21,771
1948		21,177
1949	6/	20,898
1950		22,055
1951		22,827
1952	7/	23,520
1953		25,424
1954		24,813
1955		26,364
1956		28,158
1957		28,285
1958		28,158
1959		29,804
1960		30,374
1961	8/	30,695
1962	9/	31,570
1963		32,683
1964		33,905
1965	10/	35,377
1966	11/	37,200
1967	12/	38,020
1968		39,777
1969		41,654
1970		41,568
1971	13/	41,487
1972	14/	43,499
1973		44,381
1974	16/	43,232
1975	16/	42,453
1976	17/	43,776
1977		44,041
1978		46,527
1979	18/	47,225
1980		45,647
1981		44,437
1982		43,913
1983		44,225
1984	19/	45,734
1985	20/	46,439
1986		48,439
1987	21/	49,248
1988		49,391
1989		50,332
1990		49,545
1991		48,608
1992	22/	48,255
1993	23/	47,578
1994	24/	48,895

<b>1995</b>	25/	49,987
<b>1996</b>		50,705
<b>1997</b>		52,307
<b>1998</b>		54,091
<b>1999</b>		55,350
<b>2000</b>	30/	55,647
<b>2001</b>		54,857
<b>2002</b>		54,285
<b>2003</b>		54,096
<b>2004</b>		54,061

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

Source: *The State of Working America 2006-07*, table 1.3.

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.