

**Real hourly wage for all by education, 1973-2005
(2005 dollars)**

	Less than high school	High school	Some college	College	Advanced degree
1973	\$12.56	\$14.39	\$15.50	\$21.00	\$25.38
1974	12.28	13.98	15.03	20.28	25.79
1975	11.93	13.91	14.99	20.13	25.76
1976	12.15	14.05	15.11	20.07	25.05
1977	12.22	13.91	14.78	19.82	24.98
1978	12.34	14.27	15.31	20.27	25.48
1979	12.82	14.38	15.38	20.17	24.62
1980	12.43	13.92	15.08	19.86	24.14
1981	12.15	13.77	14.92	19.92	24.01
1982	11.90	13.77	14.92	20.18	24.68
1983	11.69	13.62	14.82	20.33	25.19
1984	11.58	13.57	14.92	20.60	25.73
1985	11.50	13.64	15.10	20.95	26.29
1986	11.57	13.80	15.42	21.60	27.23
1987	11.40	13.81	15.44	22.03	27.70
1988	11.40	13.87	15.37	22.09	28.00
1989	11.02	13.43	15.08	21.15	27.26
1990	10.80	13.25	15.13	21.37	27.41
1991	10.66	13.28	15.08	21.13	27.84
1992	10.57	13.20	14.92	21.49	27.33
1993	10.45	13.20	14.93	21.50	27.65
1994	10.25	13.36	14.89	21.83	29.01
1995	9.97	13.18	14.75	21.88	28.87
1996	9.95	13.14	14.77	21.66	28.84
1997	9.98	13.38	15.09	22.33	29.10
1998	10.36	13.64	15.38	23.26	29.52
1999	10.35	13.85	15.61	23.84	30.72
2000	10.36	13.94	15.85	24.35	30.79
2001	10.48	14.13	16.11	24.87	31.02
2002	10.66	14.35	16.19	24.91	31.79
2003	10.74	14.40	16.17	24.88	31.40
2004	10.65	14.33	16.11	24.63	31.76
2005	10.53	14.14	15.89	24.67	31.49

Source: *The State of Working America 2006-07*, table 3.17.

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