

No. HS-26. Share of Aggregate Income Received by Each Fifth and Top 5 Percent of Families: 1947 to 2001

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Year	Number of families (1,000)	Income at selected positions (dollars)					Percent distribution of aggregate income					
		Upper limit of each fifth					Lowest 5th	Second 5th	Third 5th	Fourth 5th	Highest 5th	Top 5 percent
		Lowest	Second	Third	Fourth	Top 5 percent						
1947 ¹	37,237	10,662	17,205	23,330	33,103	54,333	5.0	11.9	17.0	23.1	43.0	17.5
1948	38,624	10,306	16,944	22,623	31,559	51,392	4.9	12.1	17.3	23.2	42.4	17.1
1949 ²	39,303	9,726	16,615	22,414	31,673	50,841	4.5	11.9	17.3	23.5	42.7	16.9
1950	39,929	10,343	17,784	23,669	32,898	53,646	4.5	12.0	17.4	23.4	42.7	17.3
1951	40,578	11,264	18,363	24,292	33,168	51,981	5.0	12.4	17.6	23.4	41.6	16.8
1952 ³	40,832	11,632	18,817	25,457	34,432	53,571	4.9	12.3	17.4	23.4	41.9	17.4
1953	41,202	12,014	20,388	27,358	36,845	57,300	4.7	12.5	18.0	23.9	40.9	15.7
1954	41,951	11,227	19,748	26,734	36,628	58,044	4.5	12.1	17.7	23.9	41.8	16.3
1955	42,889	12,420	21,138	28,420	38,491	59,305	4.8	12.3	17.8	23.7	41.3	16.4
1956	43,497	13,459	22,650	30,047	40,740	63,142	5.0	12.5	17.9	23.7	41.0	16.1
1957	43,696	13,280	22,599	29,858	40,058	61,349	5.1	12.7	18.1	23.8	40.4	15.6
1958	44,232	13,123	22,258	29,670	40,460	62,245	5.0	12.5	18.0	23.9	40.6	15.4
1959	45,111	13,803	23,537	31,354	43,207	65,997	4.9	12.3	17.9	23.8	41.1	15.9
1960	45,539	14,100	24,311	32,233	44,571	68,558	4.8	12.2	17.8	24.0	41.3	15.9
1961 ⁴	46,418	14,044	24,175	32,902	45,316	73,227	4.7	11.9	17.5	23.8	42.2	16.6
1962 ⁵	47,059	14,902	24,836	33,777	47,189	74,012	5.0	12.1	17.6	24.0	41.3	15.7
1963	47,540	15,174	25,486	34,965	48,859	74,223	5.0	12.1	17.7	24.0	41.2	15.8
1964	47,956	15,720	26,602	36,276	49,340	76,363	5.1	12.0	17.7	24.0	41.2	15.9
1965 ⁶	48,509	16,678	27,939	37,693	51,465	79,556	5.2	12.2	17.8	23.9	40.9	15.5
1966 ⁷	49,214	18,213	29,612	39,633	53,874	83,311	5.6	12.4	17.8	23.8	40.5	15.6
1967 ⁸	50,111	18,455	30,294	40,624	55,692	89,484	5.4	12.2	17.5	23.5	41.4	16.4
1968	50,823	19,622	31,523	43,010	57,865	88,913	5.6	12.4	17.7	23.7	40.5	15.6
1969	51,586	20,690	33,104	44,691	61,040	93,946	5.6	12.4	17.7	23.7	40.6	15.6
1970	52,227	20,134	32,847	44,608	61,315	95,737	5.4	12.2	17.6	23.8	40.9	15.6
1971 ⁹	53,296	19,698	32,614	44,703	61,305	95,730	5.5	12.0	17.6	23.8	41.1	15.7
1972 ¹⁰	54,373	20,580	34,104	47,141	65,128	102,079	5.5	11.9	17.5	23.9	41.4	15.9
1973	55,053	20,986	34,629	48,316	66,445	103,586	5.5	11.9	17.5	24.0	41.1	15.5
1974 ^{11 12}	55,698	21,060	34,409	47,346	65,401	102,724	5.7	12.0	17.6	24.1	40.6	14.8
1975 ¹²	56,245	20,262	33,363	46,398	64,241	100,626	5.6	11.9	17.7	24.2	40.7	14.9
1976 ¹³	56,710	20,583	34,279	47,682	65,854	103,504	5.6	11.9	17.7	24.2	40.7	14.9
1977	57,215	20,624	34,537	48,827	67,275	106,600	5.5	11.7	17.6	24.3	40.9	14.9
1978	57,804	21,771	36,581	51,214	71,185	112,859	5.4	11.7	17.6	24.2	41.1	15.1
1979 ¹⁴	59,550	22,280	36,637	51,903	71,470	114,657	5.4	11.6	17.5	24.1	41.4	15.3
1980	60,309	21,161	35,628	50,461	70,809	111,910	5.3	11.6	17.6	24.4	41.1	14.6
1981	61,019	20,488	34,876	49,771	70,309	111,587	5.3	11.4	17.5	24.6	41.2	14.4
1982	61,393	20,018	34,283	49,084	70,424	114,698	5.0	11.3	17.2	24.4	42.2	15.3
1983 ¹⁵	62,015	19,955	34,178	49,697	71,063	116,951	4.9	11.2	17.2	24.5	42.4	15.3
1984	62,706	20,389	35,466	51,372	73,875	120,955	4.8	11.1	17.1	24.5	42.5	15.4
1985 ¹⁶	63,558	20,845	35,910	52,018	75,675	123,902	4.8	11.0	16.9	24.3	43.1	16.1
1986	64,491	21,573	37,137	54,118	77,926	128,515	4.7	10.9	16.9	24.1	43.4	16.5
1987 ¹⁷	65,204	21,754	37,526	54,840	79,471	129,569	4.6	10.7	16.8	24.0	43.8	17.2
1988	65,837	21,714	37,645	55,356	80,382	132,280	4.6	10.7	16.7	24.0	44.0	17.2
1989	66,090	22,062	38,601	56,247	82,096	136,431	4.6	10.6	16.5	23.7	44.6	17.9
1990	66,322	22,124	38,143	55,211	80,755	134,426	4.6	10.8	16.6	23.8	44.3	17.4
1991	67,173	21,547	36,897	54,500	79,838	130,325	4.5	10.7	16.6	24.1	44.2	17.1
1992 ¹⁸	68,216	20,665	36,690	54,404	79,195	131,079	4.3	10.5	16.5	24.0	44.7	17.6
1993 ¹⁹	68,506	20,472	36,191	54,323	80,578	136,539	4.1	9.9	15.7	23.3	47.0	20.3
1994 ²⁰	69,313	21,196	36,980	55,530	82,702	141,829	4.2	10.0	15.7	23.3	46.9	20.1
1995 ²¹	69,597	21,997	38,047	56,503	83,350	142,633	4.4	10.1	15.8	23.2	46.5	20.0
1996	70,241	22,107	38,546	57,385	84,603	143,784	4.2	10.0	15.8	23.1	46.8	20.3
1997	70,884	22,641	39,594	58,968	87,986	150,765	4.2	9.9	15.7	23.0	47.3	20.7
1998	71,551	23,427	40,879	60,757	90,770	157,477	4.2	9.9	15.7	23.0	47.3	20.7
1999	72,031	24,246	42,064	63,096	93,562	164,686	4.3	9.9	15.6	23.0	47.2	20.3
2000 ²²	72,388	24,670	42,144	63,091	94,259	164,723	4.3	9.8	15.5	22.8	47.4	20.8
2000 ²³	73,778	24,670	41,980	63,037	93,924	164,589	4.3	9.8	15.4	22.7	47.7	21.1
2001	74,340	24,000	41,127	62,500	94,150	164,104	4.2	9.7	15.4	22.9	47.7	21.0

See footnotes at end of table.

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Highest value . . .	74,340	24,670	42,144	63,096	94,259	164,723	5.7	12.7	18.1	24.6	47.7	21.1
Lowest value . . .	37,237	9,726	16,615	22,414	31,559	50,841	4.1	9.7	15.4	22.7	40.4	14.4

¹ Data based on 1940 census population controls. ² Data reflect implementation of expanded income questions to show wage and salary, farm self-employment, nonfarm self-employment, and all other nonearned income separately. ³ Data reflect implementation of 1950 census population controls. ⁴ 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. ⁵ Data reflect full implementation of 1960 census-based sample design and population controls. ⁶ Data reflect implementation of new procedures to impute missing data only. ⁷ Questionnaire expanded to ask eight income questions. ⁸ Data reflect implementation of a new March CPS processing system. ⁹ Data reflect introduction of 1970 census-based sample design and population controls. ¹⁰ Data reflect full implementation of 1970 census-based sample design. ¹¹ Data reflect implementation of a new March CPS processing system. Questionnaire expanded to ask 11 income questions. ¹² Some of these estimates were derived using Pareto interpolation and may differ from published data which were derived using linear interpolation. ¹³ First year medians were derived using both Pareto and linear interpolation. Before this year, all medians were derived using linear interpolation. ¹⁴ Data reflect implementation of 1980 census population controls. Questionnaire expanded to show 27 possible values from 51 possible sources of. ¹⁵ Data reflect implementation of Hispanic population weighting controls and introduction of 1980 census-based sample design. ¹⁶ Recording of amounts for earnings from longest job were increased to \$299,999. Data reflect full implementation of 1980 census-based sample design. ¹⁷ Data reflect implementation of a new March CPS processing system. ¹⁸ Data reflect implementation of 1990 census population controls. ¹⁹ 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. Child support and alimony limits decreased to \$49,999. Limits increased in the following categories: earnings to \$999,999; social security to \$49,999; supplemental security income and public assistance income to \$24,999; and veterans' benefits to \$99,999. ²⁰ Data reflect introduction of 1990 census-based sample design. ²¹ Data reflect full implementation of the 1990 census-based sample design and metropolitan definitions, 7,000 household sample reduction, and revised race edits. ²² Data reflect implementation of Census 2000-based population controls. ²³ Sample expanded by 28,000 households.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Current Population Reports*, P60-218, *Money Income in the United States: 2001*; and Internet sites at <<http://www.census.gov/prod/2002pubs/p60-218.pdf>> (released 24 September 2002) and <<http://www.census.gov/hhes/income/histinc/f01.html>> (released 01 October 2002) and <<http://www.census.gov/hhes/income/histinc/f02.html>> (released 01 October 2002).