

Table 24. **Contribution of wives' earnings to family income, 1970-2003**

Year	Contribution to family income (median percent)
1970.....	26.6
1971.....	27.5
1972.....	26.7
1973.....	26.0
1974.....	25.4
1975.....	26.3
1976.....	26.4
1977.....	26.1
1978.....	26.1
1979.....	26.0
1980.....	26.7
1981.....	27.3
1982.....	28.4
1983.....	28.8
1984.....	28.4
1985.....	28.3
1986.....	29.0
1987.....	29.5
1988.....	29.6
1989.....	29.9
1990.....	30.7
1991.....	31.3
1992.....	32.4
1993.....	32.2
1994.....	31.9
1995.....	31.9
1996.....	32.6
1997.....	32.7
1998.....	32.8
1999.....	32.8
2000.....	33.5
2001.....	34.4
2002.....	34.8
2003.....	35.2