

Table 16. Median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers in current dollars by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 1979-2005 annual averages

| Year | Total, both sexes | | | | | Women | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|------------------------------|-------|-------|---------------------------|-------|------------------------------|
| | Total | White | Black or African American | Asian | Hispanic or Latino ethnicity | Total | White | Black or African American | Asian | Hispanic or Latino ethnicity |
| 1979.... | \$241 | \$248 | \$199 | - | \$194 | \$182 | \$184 | \$169 | - | \$157 |
| 1980.... | 262 | 269 | 212 | - | 209 | 201 | 203 | 185 | - | 172 |
| 1981.... | 284 | 291 | 235 | - | 223 | 219 | 221 | 206 | - | 190 |
| 1982.... | 302 | 310 | 245 | - | 240 | 239 | 242 | 217 | - | 203 |
| 1983.... | 313 | 320 | 261 | - | 250 | 252 | 254 | 232 | - | 215 |
| 1984.... | 326 | 336 | 269 | - | 259 | 265 | 268 | 241 | - | 223 |
| 1985.... | 344 | 356 | 277 | - | 270 | 277 | 281 | 252 | - | 230 |
| 1986.... | 359 | 371 | 291 | - | 277 | 291 | 294 | 264 | - | 241 |
| 1987.... | 374 | 384 | 301 | - | 285 | 303 | 307 | 276 | - | 251 |
| 1988.... | 385 | 395 | 314 | - | 290 | 315 | 318 | 288 | - | 260 |
| 1989.... | 399 | 409 | 319 | - | 298 | 328 | 334 | 301 | - | 269 |
| 1990.... | 412 | 424 | 329 | - | 304 | 346 | 353 | 308 | - | 278 |
| 1991.... | 426 | 442 | 348 | - | 312 | 366 | 373 | 323 | - | 292 |
| 1992.... | 440 | 458 | 357 | - | 321 | 380 | 387 | 335 | - | 302 |
| 1993.... | 459 | 475 | 369 | - | 331 | 393 | 401 | 348 | - | 313 |
| 1994.... | 467 | 484 | 371 | - | 324 | 399 | 408 | 346 | - | 305 |
| 1995.... | 479 | 494 | 383 | - | 329 | 406 | 415 | 355 | - | 305 |
| 1996.... | 490 | 506 | 387 | - | 339 | 418 | 428 | 362 | - | 316 |
| 1997.... | 503 | 519 | 400 | - | 351 | 431 | 444 | 375 | - | 318 |
| 1998.... | 523 | 545 | 426 | - | 370 | 456 | 468 | 400 | - | 337 |
| 1999.... | 549 | 573 | 445 | - | 385 | 473 | 483 | 409 | - | 348 |
| 2000 ¹ ... | 576 | 590 | 474 | \$615 | 399 | 493 | 502 | 429 | \$547 | 366 |
| 2001.... | 596 | 610 | 491 | 639 | 417 | 512 | 522 | 454 | 563 | 388 |
| 2002.... | 608 | 623 | 498 | 658 | 424 | 529 | 547 | 473 | 566 | 397 |
| 2003.... | 620 | 636 | 514 | 693 | 440 | 552 | 567 | 491 | 598 | 410 |
| 2004.... | 638 | 657 | 525 | 708 | 456 | 573 | 584 | 505 | 613 | 419 |
| 2005.... | 651 | 672 | 520 | 753 | 471 | 585 | 596 | 499 | 665 | 429 |

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 16. Median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers in current dollars by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 1979-2005 annual averages— Continued

| Year | Men | | | | | Women's earnings as a percent of men's | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|---------------------------|-------|------------------------------|--|-------|---------------------------|-------|------------------------------|
| | Total | White | Black or African American | Asian | Hispanic or Latino ethnicity | Total | White | Black or African American | Asian | Hispanic or Latino ethnicity |
| 1979.... | \$292 | \$298 | \$227 | - | \$219 | 62.3 | 61.7 | 74.4 | - | 71.7 |
| 1980.... | 313 | 320 | 244 | - | 234 | 64.2 | 63.4 | 75.8 | - | 73.5 |
| 1981.... | 340 | 350 | 268 | - | 251 | 64.4 | 63.1 | 76.9 | - | 75.7 |
| 1982.... | 364 | 375 | 278 | - | 269 | 65.7 | 64.5 | 78.1 | - | 75.5 |
| 1983.... | 379 | 387 | 294 | - | 274 | 66.5 | 65.6 | 78.9 | - | 78.5 |
| 1984.... | 392 | 401 | 303 | - | 287 | 67.6 | 66.8 | 79.5 | - | 77.7 |
| 1985.... | 407 | 418 | 305 | - | 296 | 68.1 | 67.2 | 82.6 | - | 77.7 |
| 1986.... | 419 | 433 | 319 | - | 299 | 69.5 | 67.9 | 82.8 | - | 80.6 |
| 1987.... | 434 | 450 | 327 | - | 306 | 69.8 | 68.2 | 84.4 | - | 82.0 |
| 1988.... | 449 | 465 | 348 | - | 308 | 70.2 | 68.4 | 82.8 | - | 84.4 |
| 1989.... | 468 | 482 | 348 | - | 315 | 70.1 | 69.3 | 86.5 | - | 85.4 |
| 1990.... | 481 | 494 | 361 | - | 318 | 71.9 | 71.5 | 85.3 | - | 87.4 |
| 1991.... | 493 | 506 | 375 | - | 323 | 74.2 | 73.7 | 86.1 | - | 90.4 |
| 1992.... | 501 | 514 | 380 | - | 339 | 75.8 | 75.3 | 88.2 | - | 89.1 |
| 1993.... | 510 | 524 | 392 | - | 346 | 77.1 | 76.5 | 88.8 | - | 90.5 |
| 1994.... | 522 | 547 | 400 | - | 343 | 76.4 | 74.6 | 86.5 | - | 88.9 |
| 1995.... | 538 | 566 | 411 | - | 350 | 75.5 | 73.3 | 86.4 | - | 87.1 |
| 1996.... | 557 | 580 | 412 | - | 356 | 75.0 | 73.8 | 87.9 | - | 88.8 |
| 1997.... | 579 | 595 | 432 | - | 371 | 74.4 | 74.6 | 86.8 | - | 85.7 |
| 1998.... | 598 | 615 | 468 | - | 390 | 76.3 | 76.1 | 85.5 | - | 86.4 |
| 1999.... | 618 | 638 | 488 | - | 406 | 76.5 | 75.7 | 83.8 | - | 85.7 |
| 2000 ¹ ... | 641 | 662 | 510 | \$685 | 417 | 76.9 | 75.8 | 84.1 | 79.9 | 87.8 |
| 2001.... | 670 | 689 | 529 | 732 | 440 | 76.4 | 75.8 | 85.8 | 76.9 | 88.2 |
| 2002.... | 679 | 702 | 524 | 756 | 451 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 90.3 | 74.9 | 88.0 |
| 2003.... | 695 | 715 | 555 | 772 | 464 | 79.4 | 79.3 | 88.5 | 77.5 | 88.4 |
| 2004.... | 713 | 732 | 569 | 802 | 480 | 80.4 | 79.8 | 88.8 | 76.4 | 87.3 |
| 2005.... | 722 | 743 | 559 | 825 | 489 | 81.0 | 80.2 | 89.3 | 80.6 | 87.7 |

¹ The comparability of historical labor force data has been affected at various times by methodological and conceptual changes in the Current Population Survey (CPS). For an explanation, see the Explanatory Notes and Estimates of Error section of Employment and Earnings, a monthly BLS periodical.

NOTE: Beginning in 2003, estimates for the above race groups (white, black or African American, and Asian) include persons who selected this race group only; persons who selected more than one race group are not included. Prior to 2003, persons who

reported more than one race were included in the group they identified as the main race. Data for 2000-02 are for the category Asians and Pacific Islanders. Starting in 2003, Asians constitute a separate category. For more information, see the Explanatory Notes and Estimates of Error section of Employment and Earnings. Data for Asians were not tabulated prior to 2000.

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics