

Table 16. Median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers in current dollars by race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and sex, 1979-2008 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 ¹	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 ¹	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 ¹	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 ¹	503	519	400	-	351	431	444	375	-	318
1998 ¹	523	545	426	-	370	456	468	400	-	337
1999 ¹	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 ¹	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
2006.....	671	690	554	784	486	600	609	519	699	440
2007.....	695	716	569	830	503	614	626	533	731	473
2008 ¹	722	742	589	861	529	638	654	554	753	501

See footnote 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, 1979-2008 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 ¹	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 ¹	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 ¹	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 ¹	579	595	432	-	371	74.4	74.6	86.8	-	85.7
1998 ¹	598	615	468	-	390	76.3	76.1	85.5	-	86.4
1999 ¹	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 ¹	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
2006.....	743	761	591	882	505	80.8	80.0	87.8	79.3	87.1
2007.....	766	788	600	936	520	80.2	79.4	88.8	78.1	91.0
2008 ¹	798	825	620	966	559	79.9	79.3	89.4	78.0	89.6

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 Historical Comparability documentation provided at http://www.bls.gov/cps/eetech_methods.pdf.

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 Historical Comparability documentation. Data for Asians were not tabulated prior to 2000.

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