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**SYMBOLS USED IN TABLES**

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- Represents zero or rounds to zero.
  - X Not applicable.
  - NA Not available.
  - B Base less than 75,000.
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## INTRODUCTION

This report contains data on the annual earnings of husbands and wives and their combined earnings as married couples for 1983. This is the second report released by the Bureau of the Census on married couples with earnings. The first report contained data for 1981. Earnings data are presented using three important determinants of earnings levels: (1) annual work experience, (2) occupation, and (3) level of educational attainment. Earnings levels of husbands and wives by age and presence of children are presented and discussed, and a table has also been included showing the number and characteristics of wives having higher earnings levels than their husbands. The data in the report were obtained from the March 1984 Current Population Survey (CPS).

The main purpose of this report is to provide specialized data on earnings of husbands and wives that have, until now, not been available in the annual Current Population Reports, Consumer Income Series (P-60). The working wife has become an integral feature of the U.S. economy and an important influence on the economic level of the family. Perhaps because of greater job opportunities as well as higher levels of educational attainment, women are in a much better position to enter the labor market and supplement the family income. The 20-year period between 1963 and 1983 saw the annual average number of women in the labor force increase from 24.7 million to 48.6 million.<sup>1</sup> The number of wives in the paid labor force in March 1964 increased from 13.4 million to 26.2 million in March 1984.<sup>2</sup>

It should be noted that the data in this report cover 1983, a year of economic recovery following the recession that ended during the latter part of 1982. This situation may have had some effect on the relationship between the earnings of husbands and wives. Differences between the earnings of husbands and wives result from a multitude of factors, and because we have covered only some of the major determinants of earnings in this report, comparisons of husbands and wives earnings levels cannot be used to examine issues such as possible sex discrimination and differences in the monetary gains from education. Also, husbands and wives are only a subset of all workers. These kinds of analyses should be

based on more detailed statistics from persons with similar educational backgrounds, degrees, specific occupations, and previous lifetime work experience.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Both the husband and wife had earnings in 63 percent of the 42.2 million married couples with at least one spouse employed during 1983.
- The average earnings of married couples was \$28,570, overall, but \$39,390 if both husband and wife worked year-round, full-time.
- Forty-eight percent of the 28.4 million working wives worked year-round, full-time in 1983 and earned an average of \$15,040.
- Seventy-six percent of the 39.9 million husbands with earnings were year-round, full-time workers; their earnings averaged \$26,530.
- The average earnings of married couples in which both the husband and wife were employed in executive, administrative, and managerial occupations or in professional specialty occupations in 1983 was \$48,350.
- About 20 percent of working wives in 1983 had 4 or more years of college. Those wives with a 4-year degree earned an average of \$13,210.
- Wives with 5 or more years of college averaged \$17,760.
- Twenty-six percent of husbands working in 1983 had 4 or more years of college. Those with 4 years of college earned an average of \$30,900. Husbands with 5 or more years of college earned an average of \$37,140.
- Eighteen percent of the 26.1 million married couples with both spouses employed had a wife whose earnings exceeded her husband's in 1983.
- Sixty-seven percent of the 11.7 million wives under the age of 35 had at least one minor child in the home.
- Of the 15.4 million wives with own children under 18, 80 percent were between 25 and 44 years old; 63 percent worked at full-time jobs; 47 percent completed high school; 28 percent were employed in the administrative support occupations; and 56 percent only had children 6 to 17 years old.

## EARNINGS OF HUSBANDS AND WIVES IN 1983 AND 1981

The mean earnings of all wives in 1983 was \$10,160, or 18.2 percent higher than the 1981 mean earnings of \$8,600. After adjusting for increases in consumer prices, the 1983

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Employment and Earnings*, Volume 31, Number 4, April 1984.

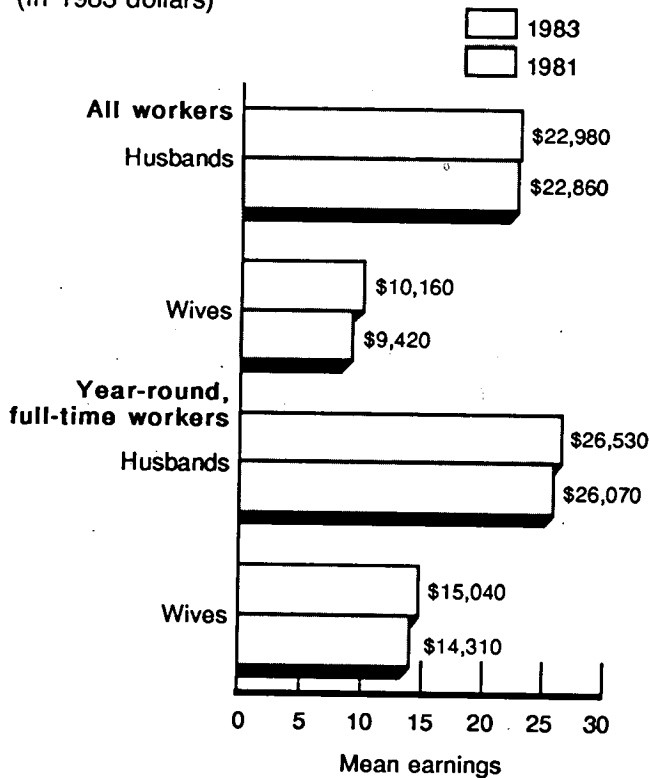
U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Labor Force Statistics Derived from the Current Population Survey: A Databook*, Volume 1, September 1982.

<sup>2</sup>U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-60, Nos. 43 and 146.

mean earnings of all wives rose approximately 7.9 percent over the 1981 mean earnings of \$9,420.<sup>3</sup> (See figure 1.)

Figure 1.

### Mean Earnings of Husbands and Wives (In 1983 dollars)



The 1983 mean earnings (\$22,980) of all husbands was about 10 percent higher than the 1981 mean earnings (\$20,870). However, because of price increases, the 1983 mean earnings was not statistically significant from the 1981 mean earnings in terms of real dollars. (See text table.)

For all workers, the ratio of wives to husbands mean earnings increased from 41 percent in 1981 to 44 percent in 1983. However, the husband-wife mean earnings ratio for year-round, full-time workers increased from 55 percent in 1981 to 57 percent in 1983.

### WORK EXPERIENCE IN 1983

Tables 1A through 1D and figures 2 and 3 classify the earnings of married couples, husbands, and wives, by weeks of work and full-time, part-time status for 1983. In March 1984, there were 50.1 million married couples.<sup>4</sup> Of these, about 42.2 million (84 percent) had one or both spouses

<sup>3</sup>Changes in real income refer to comparisons after adjusting for inflation. The percentage change in prices between 1981 and 1983 was computed by dividing the annual average Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 1983 (298.4) by the annual average value of the CPI for 1981 (272.4).

<sup>4</sup>U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 146.

working in 1983. Of this 42.2 million, 88 percent had a husband working at a full-time job and 45 percent had a wife working at a full-time job. About 26.4 million (63 percent) had both the husband and wife working. Both the husband and the wife (10.3 million) were employed year-round, full-time in 24 percent of the total number of married-couple families with earnings in 1983.

The mean earnings of all married-couple families with earnings was \$28,570 in 1983. When both the husband and wife worked, the mean earnings was \$32,470, but \$39,390 if both worked year-round, full-time. For the 13.5 million families in which the husband worked but the wife did not, the mean earnings was \$24,230.

Overall, 39.9 million husbands were earners in 1983; their mean earnings was \$22,980. Men working year-round, full-time earned an average of \$26,530. Husbands working year-round, full-time whose wives did not work earned somewhat more, \$29,050.

Working wives with earnings numbered 28.4 million in 1983 and had mean earnings of \$10,160. Wives working year-round, full-time (about 48 percent of the total) earned an average of \$15,040. About one-third of these wives with earnings were employed part time in 1983 and earned an average of \$4,600.

Overall, working wives earned an average of about 46 percent of the amounts earned by their working husbands. The same comparison for husbands and wives both working year-round, full-time shows that wives earned about 64 percent of the amounts received by husbands.

Figure 2.

### Work Experience of Husbands and Wives in Married-Couple Families With Earnings: 1983

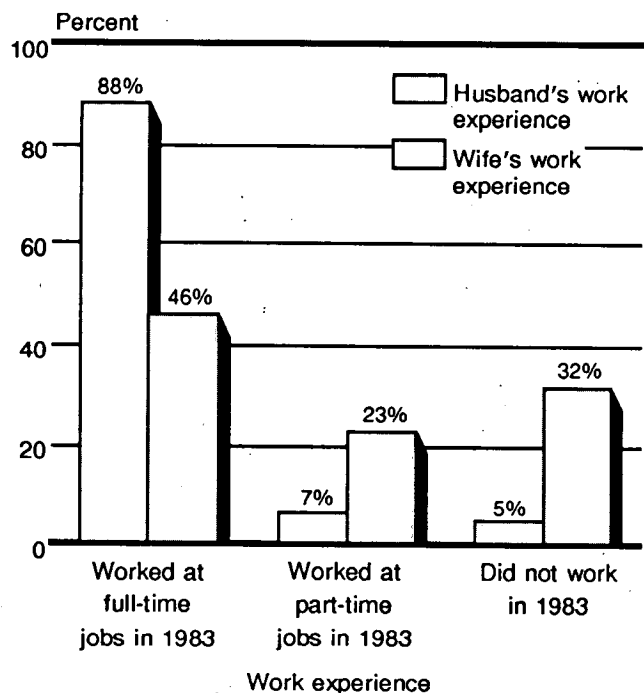
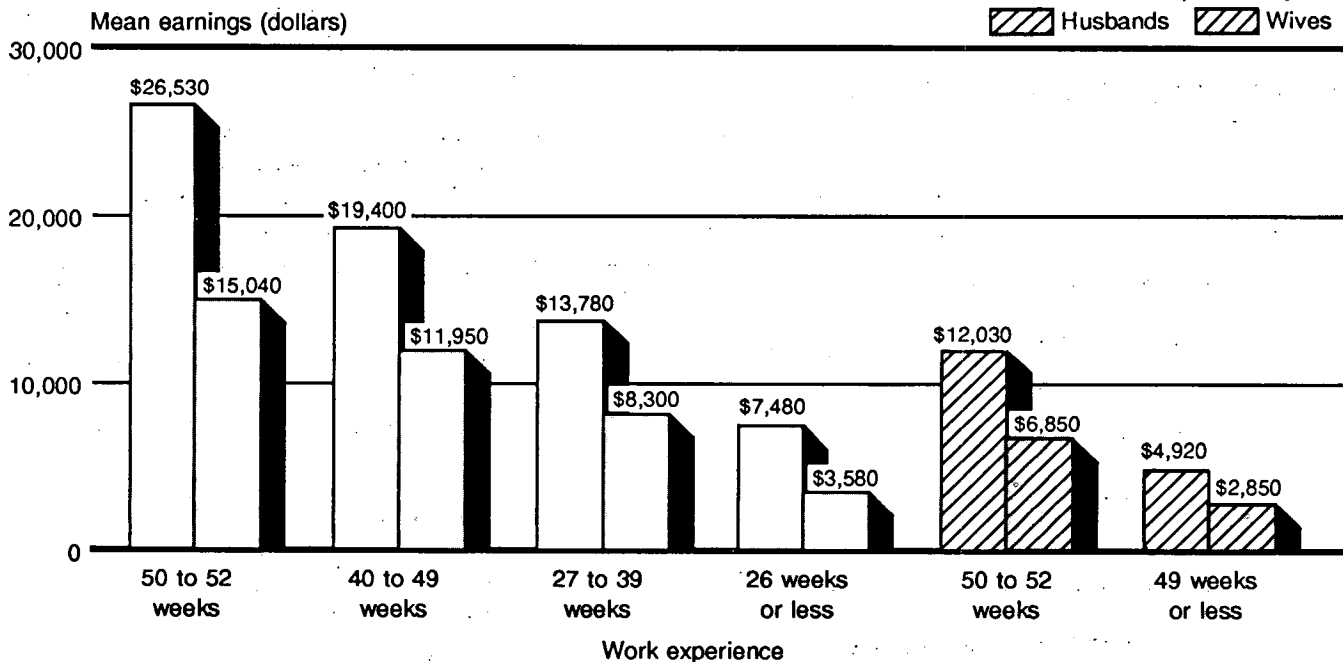


Figure 3.

### Mean Earnings of Husbands and Wives, by Work Experience: 1983



### Comparison of Mean Earnings of Husbands and Wives in 1983 and 1981, by Selected Characteristics

| Characteristic                            | Husband       |                  |                 |   | Wife          |                  |                 |   |
|---|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---|
|   | Mean earnings |                  |                 | Per-<br>cent<br>change<br>in<br>real<br>money<br>income | Mean earnings |                  |                 | Per-<br>cent<br>change<br>in<br>real<br>money<br>income |
|   | 1983          | 1981             |                 |   | 1983          | 1981             |                 |   |
|   |               | Constant dollars | Current dollars |   |               | Constant dollars | Current dollars |   |
| Total, 15 years and over . . . . .        | \$22,980      | \$22,858         | \$20,866        | 0.5   | \$10,164      | \$9,419          | \$8,598         | *7.9  |
| <b>Age</b>                                |               |                  |                 |   |               |                  |                 |   |
| 15 to 24 years . . . . .                  | 12,217        | 13,559           | 12,378          | *-9.9   | 7,258         | 7,047            | 6,433           | 3.0   |
| 25 to 34 years . . . . .                  | 20,000        | 20,497           | 18,711          | *-2.4   | 10,352        | 9,654            | 8,813           | *7.2  |
| 35 to 44 years . . . . .                  | 26,336        | 26,477           | 24,170          | -0.5  | 10,998        | 9,842            | 8,984           | *11.7   |
| 45 to 54 years . . . . .                  | 27,008        | 26,223           | 23,938          | **3.0   | 10,956        | 10,089           | 9,210           | **8.6   |
| 55 to 64 years . . . . .                  | 24,048        | 23,962           | 21,874          | 0.4   | 9,777         | 9,664            | 8,822           | 1.2   |
| 65 years and over . . . . .               | 11,932        | 11,681           | 10,663          | 2.1   | 4,948         | 6,025            | 5,500           | *-17.9  |
| <b>Age of Own Children Under 18 Years</b> |               |                  |                 |   |               |                  |                 |   |
| No own children . . . . .                 | 22,167        | 21,786           | 19,888          | **1.7   | 11,088        | 10,510           | 9,594           | *5.5  |
| One or more own children . . . . .        | 23,596        | 23,657           | 21,596          | -0.3  | 9,365         | 8,521            | 7,779           | *9.9  |
| All under 6 . . . . .                     | 20,461        | 20,659           | 18,859          | -1.0  | 9,192         | 8,083            | 7,379           | *13.7   |
| Some under 6, some 6 to 17 . . . . .      | 22,329        | 22,945           | 20,946          | -2.7  | 8,150         | 7,203            | 6,575           | *13.1   |
| All 6 to 17 . . . . .                     | 25,760        | 25,431           | 23,215          | 1.3   | 9,877         | 9,112            | 8,318           | *8.4  |
| <b>Work Experience</b>                    |               |                  |                 |   |               |                  |                 |   |
| Worked at full-time jobs . . . . .        | 24,138        | 23,957           | 21,870          | 0.8   | 12,900        | 12,003           | 10,957          | *7.5  |
| 50 to 52 weeks . . . . .                  | 26,532        | 26,072           | 23,800          | *1.8  | 15,041        | 14,314           | 13,067          | *5.1  |
| 49 weeks or less . . . . .                | 13,673        | 14,367           | 13,115          | **4.8   | 7,423         | 7,024            | 6,412           | 5.7   |
| Worked at part-time jobs . . . . .        | 7,875         | 7,487            | 6,835           | 5.2   | 4,603         | 4,197            | 3,831           | *9.7  |
| 50 to 52 weeks . . . . .                  | 12,032        | 10,233           | 9,341           | **17.6  | 6,849         | 6,439            | 5,878           | *6.4  |
| 49 weeks or less . . . . .                | 4,915         | 5,636            | 5,145           | **12.8  | 2,848         | 2,811            | 2,566           | 1.3   |
| <b>Years of School Completed</b>          |               |                  |                 |   |               |                  |                 |   |
| Less than 12 years . . . . .              | 14,559        | 15,099           | 13,783          | *-3.6   | 6,658         | 6,533            | 5,964           | 1.9   |
| High school: 4 years . . . . .            | 19,912        | 20,777           | 18,967          | *-4.2   | 8,997         | 8,651            | 7,897           | *4.0  |
| College: 1 to 3 years . . . . .           | 23,122        | 23,523           | 21,473          | -1.7  | 10,612        | 10,245           | 9,352           | **3.6   |
| 4 years . . . . .                         | 30,898        | 29,953           | 27,343          | **3.2   | 13,211        | 11,700           | 10,681          | *12.9   |
| 5 years or more . . . . .                 | 37,142        | 36,000           | 32,863          | **3.2   | 17,760        | 16,338           | 14,914          | *8.7  |

\*Significant at the 95-percent confidence level.

\*\*Significant between the 90-percent and 95-percent confidence levels.

## OCCUPATION OF LONGEST JOB IN 1983

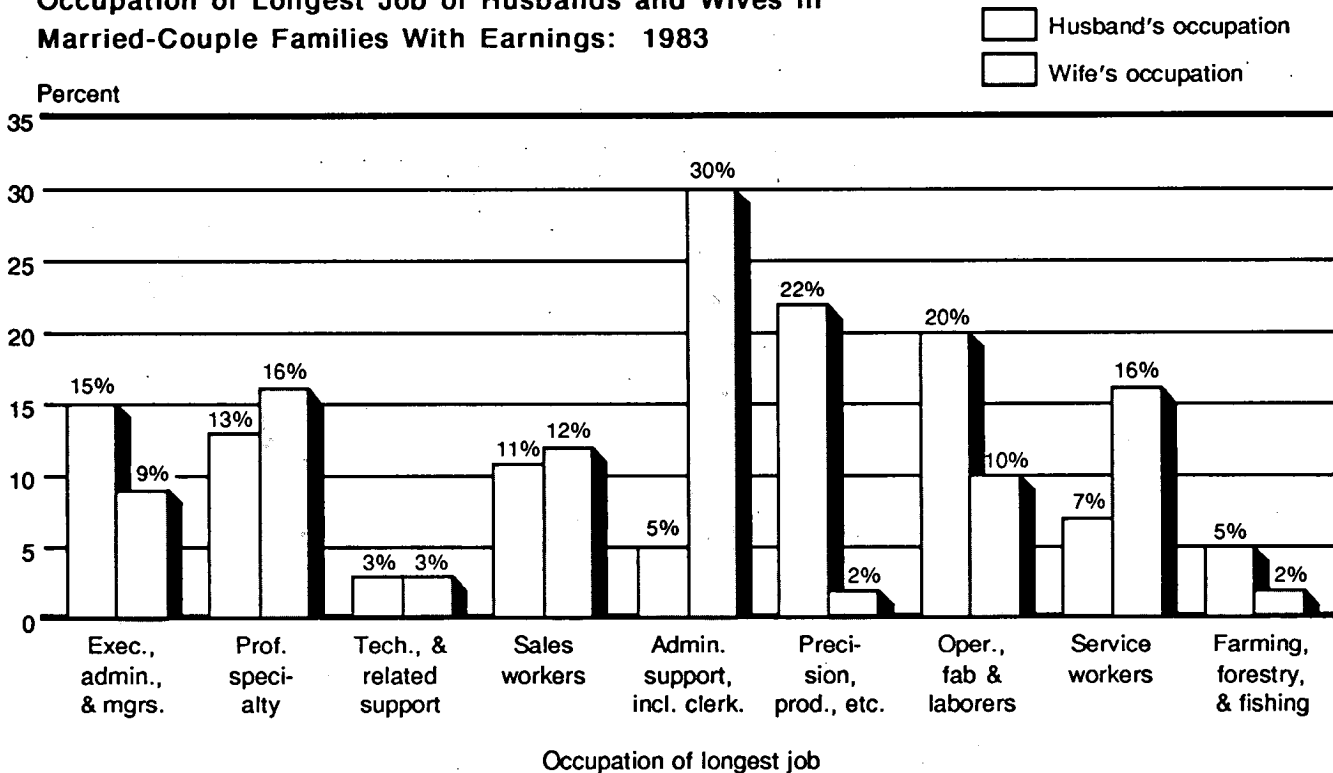
Tables 2A through 2D provide data on the earnings of married couples, husbands, and wives by occupation of longest job in 1983. The data show that the most frequent combination of occupations for husbands and wives was a husband in the precision production, craft, and repair occupations and a wife in the administrative support (including clerical) occupations in 1983. There were 1.8 million of these couples in 1983, about 7 percent of all married couples with both the husband and wife employed. The mean earnings of this group was \$30,710. The mean earnings for couples with both the husband and wife in either executive, administrative, and managerial occupations or in professional specialty occupations was \$48,350. (See figures 4 and 5.)

Approximately 22 percent of employed husbands were in precision production, crafts, and repair occupations in 1983; these men earned an average of \$20,030 in that year. Husbands in the executive, administrative, managerial, and professional specialty occupations had the highest earnings levels, while farming, forestry, and fishing occupations had the lowest earnings.

The largest proportion of working wives were concentrated in the administrative support (including clerical) occupations: 29 percent were working in this occupation group in 1983, earning an average of \$10,500. Wives in the executive, administrative, managerial, and professional specialty occupations numbered 6.9 million, or 24 percent of the 28.4 million working wives. The mean earnings of this group was \$14,860 for 1983.

Figure 4.

### Occupation of Longest Job of Husbands and Wives In Married-Couple Families With Earnings: 1983



## EDUCATION

Tables 3A through 3D contain earnings data for married couples, husbands, and wives by educational attainment level. One in four married couples were made up of two high school graduates, compared with a figure of 12 percent for married couples in which both the husband and wife completed 4 or more years of college. Those couples in which neither spouse completed high school numbered 4.6 million, or 11 percent of married couples with earnings.

The mean earnings of couples consisting of two high school graduates was \$25,450 in 1983, well below the mean of

\$45,310 for couples with 4 or more years of college. Couples with less than high school educations earned an average of \$15,420. (See figures 6 and 7.)

Husbands with 4 or more years of college accounted for 26 percent of all husbands with earnings. Men in this category averaged \$30,900 for those with 4 years of college and \$37,140 for men with 5 or more years of college. Thirty-eight percent of working husbands had a high school education; these men earned an average of \$19,910 in 1983.

An examination of the educational attainment of working wives shows that 13.4 million, about 47 percent, had a high

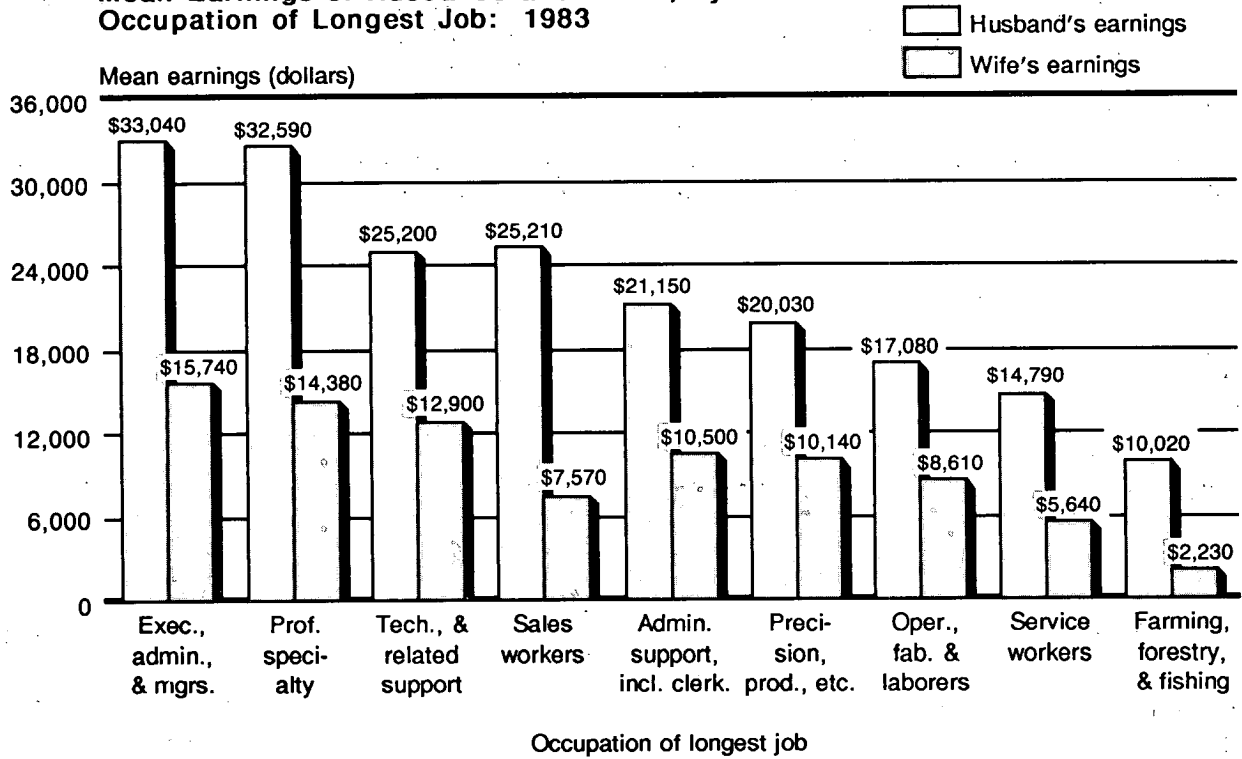


school education, while 20 percent completed at least 4 years of college.

The earnings of wives increases for the majority of the time with the level of education. Wives with high school educa-

tions earned \$9,000 in 1983, while wives with 4 years of college received \$4,210 more, averaging \$13,210. The 2.2 million wives with 5 or more years of college had mean earnings of \$17,760.

**Figure 5.**  
**Mean Earnings of Husbands and Wives, by Occupation of Longest Job: 1983**



**Figure 6.**  
**Years of School Completed by Husbands and Wives In Married-Couple Families With Earnings: 1983**

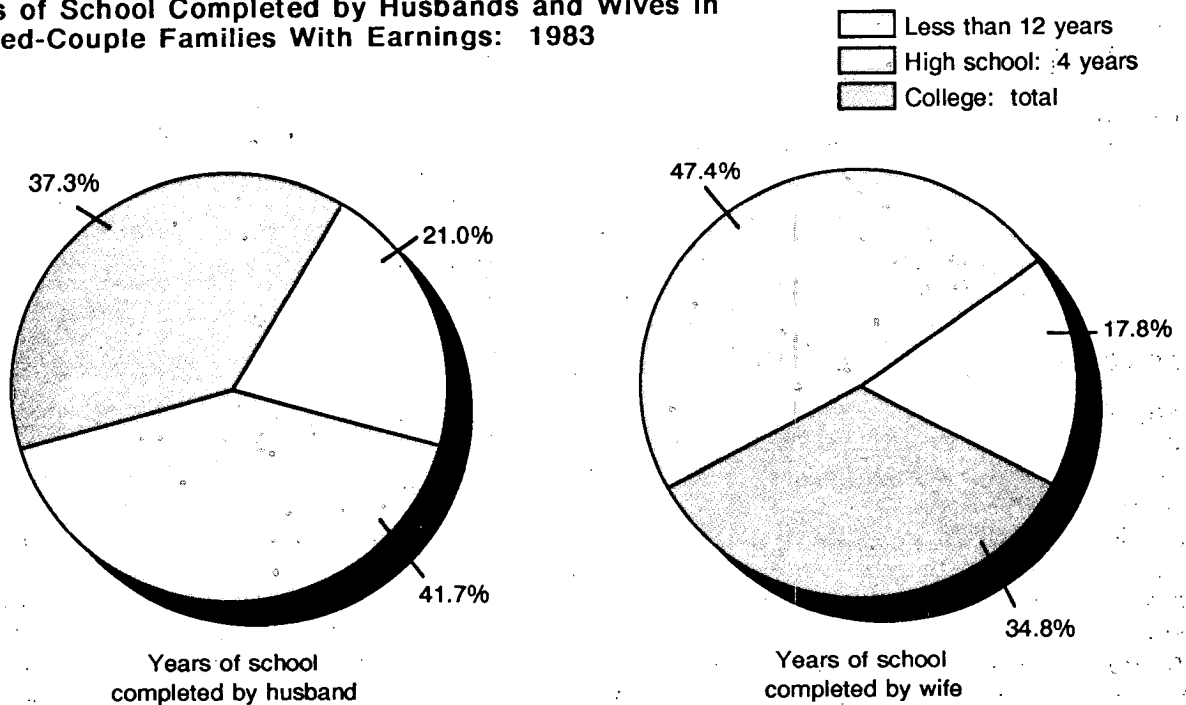
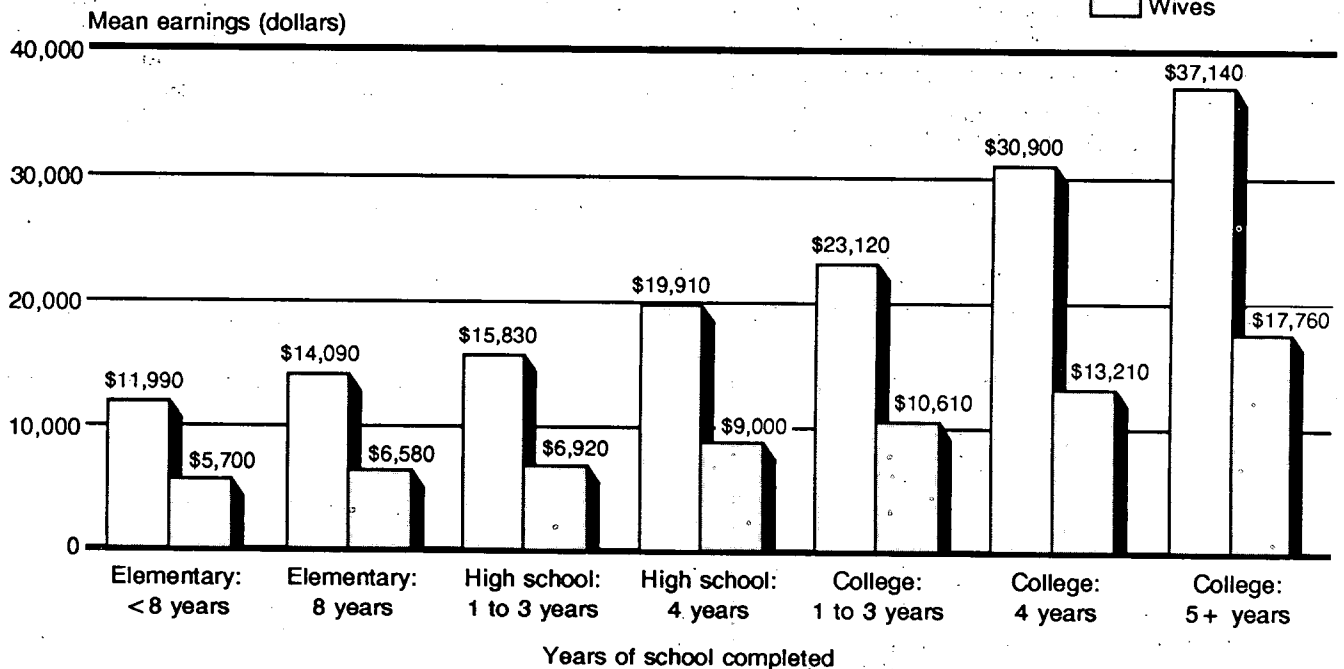


Figure 7.

### Mean Earnings of Husbands and Wives, by Years of School Completed: 1983



### AGE AND PRESENCE OF CHILDREN

Tables 4A through 5B and figure 8 contain data similar to that shown in previous sections but use the age of the husband and wife as a major classifier. Table 4A shows the earnings of married couples by age and characteristics of the husband. Tables 4C and 5B contain data on the earnings of husbands and wives by age and presence of own children.

Some of the most interesting data in this section can be found in table 5B. This table allows comparisons of the work experience and earnings levels of wives by the presence of children.

There were 28.4 million wives with earnings in 1983. Of these women, 13.0 million (about 46 percent) had no own children at home under age 18. The remaining 54 percent had one or more minor children living at home. About 4.1 million families, or 14 percent of wives with earnings had children only under age 6, 10 percent, or 2.8 million had children both under age 6 and between the ages of 6 and 17. The remaining wives (30 percent) had children only between ages 6 and 17.

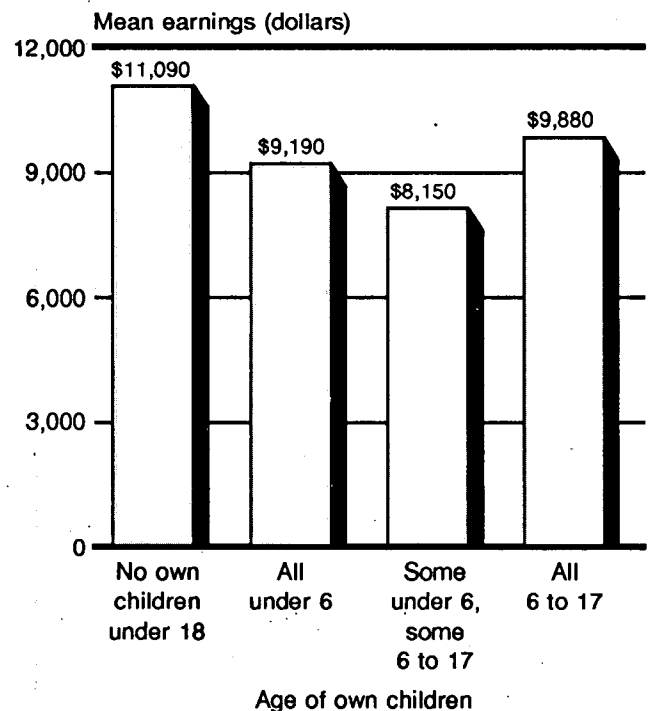
Over half of the women with earnings and with no minor children worked year-round, full-time, whereas 37 percent of women with children only under the age of 6 and 34 percent of women with children both under age 6 and 6 to 17 years worked year-round, full-time. (The difference between 34 and 37 percent is not statistically significant.)

The mean earning levels of working wives varied by the presence of children: Wives with no minor children averaged \$11,090; those with children only under the age of 6 had average earnings of \$9,190, and wives with children under age 6 and between 6 and 17 averaged \$8,150. When all

children were between the ages of 6 and 17, working wives earned an average of \$9,880.

Figure 8.

### Mean Earnings of Wives, by Age of Own Children Under 18 Years Old: 1983



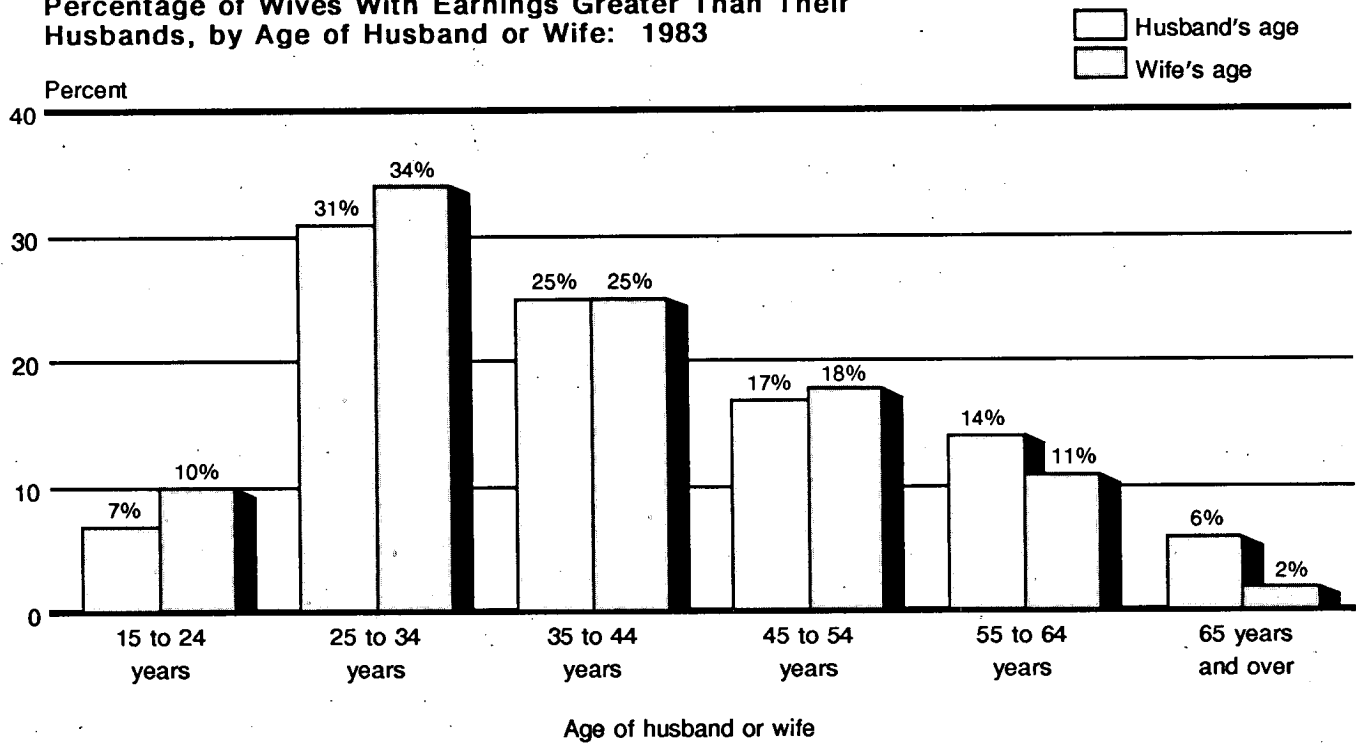
## WIVES WITH EARNINGS GREATER THAN THEIR HUSBANDS

The data in table 6 and figure 9 show that 4.8 million wives had earnings exceeding that of their husbands in 1983. This number represents approximately 18 percent of the 26.1 million married couples in which both the husband and wife received earnings. About 8 percent of the wives in these couples had earnings ranging between 80 and 100 percent of their husbands.

For certain characteristics, the number of wives earning more than their husbands differed significantly from those earning lesser amounts. Wives earning more than their husbands were more likely to be working year-round, full-time, to have no minor children at-home, have completed college, and work in professional specialty occupations or executive, administrative, or managerial occupations.

Figure 9.

### Percentage of Wives With Earnings Greater Than Their Husbands, by Age of Husband or Wife: 1983



**Table 1A. Married-Couple Families With Earnings in 1983--Work Experience in 1983 of Wife, by Work Experience in 1983 of Husband**

(Married-couple families as of March 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

| Work experience of husband  | Work experience of wife |                          |                |                |                |                  |        |                          |                  |        | Wife did not work in 1983 |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|--------|--------------------------|------------------|--------|---------------------------|
|   | Wife worked in 1983     |                          |                |                |                |                  |        |                          |                  |        |                           |
|   | Total                   | Worked at full-time jobs |                |                |                |                  |        | Worked at part-time jobs |                  |        |                           |
|   |                         | Total                    | 50 to 52 weeks | 40 to 49 weeks | 27 to 39 weeks | 26 weeks or less | Total  | 50 to 52 weeks           | 49 weeks or less |        |                           |
| <b>NUMBER OF MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES WITH EARNINGS (THOUSANDS)</b>      |                         |                          |                |                |                |                  |        |                          |                  |        |                           |
| Total.....  | 42 182                  | 28 706                   | 19 183         | 13 809         | 1 698          | 1 363            | 2 313  | 9 523                    | 4 192            | 5 331  | 13 477                    |
| Work experience of husband:   |                         |                          |                |                |                |                  |        |                          |                  |        |                           |
| Husband worked in 1983.....   | 39 885                  | 26 408                   | 17 689         | 12 723         | 1 588          | 1 261            | 2 116  | 8 719                    | 3 830            | 4 890  | 13 477                    |
| Worked at full-time jobs.....   | 37 042                  | 24 879                   | 16 766         | 12 065         | 1 505          | 1 183            | 2 014  | 8 112                    | 3 553            | 4 559  | 12 163                    |
| 50 to 52 weeks.....   | 30 145                  | 20 415                   | 13 651         | 10 253         | 1 144          | 847              | 1 407  | 6 764                    | 3 064            | 3 700  | 9 730                     |
| 40 to 49 weeks.....   | 2 605                   | 1 758                    | 1 181          | 693            | 190            | 110              | 189    | 577                      | 206              | 371    | 847                       |
| 27 to 39 weeks.....   | 1 854                   | 1 233                    | 874            | 488            | 82             | 127              | 178    | 359                      | 134              | 226    | 621                       |
| 26 weeks or less.....   | 2 439                   | 1 472                    | 1 060          | 630            | 89             | 99               | 241    | 412                      | 149              | 263    | 967                       |
| Worked at part-time jobs.....   | 2 843                   | 1 530                    | 923            | 659            | 84             | 79               | 101    | 607                      | 277              | 330    | 1 313                     |
| 50 to 52 weeks.....   | 1 183                   | 649                      | 375            | 283            | 24             | 26               | 42     | 274                      | 168              | 106    | 533                       |
| 49 weeks or less.....   | 1 660                   | 880                      | 547            | 376            | 59             | 53               | 59     | 333                      | 109              | 224    | 780                       |
| Husband did not work in 1983.....                                       | 2 298                   | 2 298                    | 1 494          | 1 086          | 109            | 102              | 197    | 803                      | 362              | 442    | (X)                       |
| <b>MEAN EARNINGS OF MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES WITH EARNINGS (DOLLARS)</b> |                         |                          |                |                |                |                  |        |                          |                  |        |                           |
| Total.....  | 28 574                  | 30 614                   | 32 495         | 35 008         | 31 552         | 26 301           | 21 837 | 26 824                   | 29 165           | 24 983 | 24 229                    |
| Work experience of husband:   |                         |                          |                |                |                |                  |        |                          |                  |        |                           |
| Husband worked in 1983.....   | 29 684                  | 32 468                   | 34 206         | 36 795         | 32 860         | 27 753           | 23 489 | 28 944                   | 31 401           | 27 019 | 24 229                    |
| Worked at full-time jobs.....   | 30 966                  | 33 356                   | 34 963         | 37 533         | 33 806         | 28 688           | 24 122 | 30 035                   | 32 426           | 28 171 | 26 079                    |
| 50 to 52 weeks.....   | 33 604                  | 35 773                   | 37 471         | 39 391         | 36 672         | 31 270           | 27 867 | 32 345                   | 34 205           | 30 804 | 29 054                    |
| 40 to 49 weeks.....   | 25 569                  | 28 436                   | 30 378         | 32 512         | 30 359         | 30 998           | 22 192 | 24 456                   | 27 486           | 22 778 | 19 618                    |
| 27 to 39 weeks.....   | 19 443                  | 21 648                   | 23 662         | 27 326         | 22 654         | 20 353           | 16 421 | 16 748                   | 18 399           | 15 771 | 15 059                    |
| 26 weeks or less.....   | 12 883                  | 15 521                   | 17 085         | 20 723         | 14 665         | 14 703           | 9 456  | 11 499                   | 15 261           | 9 359  | 8 867                     |
| Worked at part-time jobs.....   | 12 980                  | 18 029                   | 20 438         | 23 289         | 15 878         | 13 741           | 10 892 | 14 367                   | 18 249           | 11 112 | 7 100                     |
| 50 to 52 weeks.....   | 17 206                  | 22 239                   | 24 194         | 27 216         | (B)            | (B)              | (B)    | 19 563                   | 22 253           | 15 309 | 11 079                    |
| 49 weeks or less.....   | 9 969                   | 14 922                   | 17 863         | 20 338         | (B)            | (B)              | (B)    | 10 090                   | 12 078           | 9 123  | 4 378                     |
| Husband did not work in 1983.....                                       | 9 295                   | 9 295                    | 12 242         | 14 056         | 12 521         | 8 342            | 4 119  | 3 816                    | 5 497            | 2 437  | (X)                       |
| <b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES WITH EARNINGS</b>    |                         |                          |                |                |                |                  |        |                          |                  |        |                           |
| Total.....  | 100.0                   | 68.1                     | 45.5           | 32.7           | 4.0            | 3.2              | 5.5    | 22.6                     | 9.9              | 12.6   | 31.9                      |
| Work experience of husband:   |                         |                          |                |                |                |                  |        |                          |                  |        |                           |
| Husband worked in 1983.....   | 100.0                   | 66.2                     | 44.4           | 31.9           | 4.0            | 3.2              | 5.3    | 21.9                     | 9.6              | 12.3   | 33.8                      |
| Worked at full-time jobs.....   | 100.0                   | 67.2                     | 45.3           | 32.6           | 4.1            | 3.2              | 5.4    | 21.9                     | 9.6              | 12.3   | 32.8                      |
| 50 to 52 weeks.....   | 100.0                   | 67.7                     | 45.3           | 34.0           | 3.8            | 2.8              | 4.7    | 22.4                     | 10.2             | 12.3   | 32.3                      |
| 40 to 49 weeks.....   | 100.0                   | 67.5                     | 45.3           | 26.6           | 7.3            | 4.2              | 7.3    | 22.1                     | 7.9              | 14.2   | 32.5                      |
| 27 to 39 weeks.....   | 100.0                   | 66.5                     | 47.1           | 26.3           | 4.4            | 6.9              | 9.6    | 19.4                     | 7.2              | 12.2   | 33.5                      |
| 26 weeks or less.....   | 100.0                   | 60.4                     | 43.5           | 25.8           | 3.6            | 4.1              | 8.9    | 16.9                     | 6.1              | 10.8   | 39.6                      |
| Worked at part-time jobs.....   | 100.0                   | 53.8                     | 32.5           | 23.2           | 3.0            | 2.8              | 3.6    | 21.4                     | 9.7              | 11.6   | 46.2                      |
| 50 to 52 weeks.....   | 100.0                   | 54.9                     | 31.7           | 23.9           | 2.0            | 2.2              | 3.8    | 23.2                     | 14.2             | 9.0    | 45.1                      |
| 49 weeks or less.....   | 100.0                   | 53.0                     | 33.0           | 22.7           | 3.6            | 3.2              | 3.5    | 20.1                     | 6.6              | 13.5   | 47.0                      |
| Husband did not work in 1983.....                                       | (X)                     | 100.0                    | 65.0           | 47.3           | 4.7            | 4.4              | 8.6    | 34.9                     | 15.8             | 19.2   | (X)                       |

**Table 1B. Husbands With Earnings in 1983--Work Experience in 1983 of Wife, by Work Experience in 1983 of Husband**

(Husbands as of March 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

| Work experience of husband                               | Work experience of wife |                          |                |                |                |                          |        |                |                  |        | Wife did not work in 1983 |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------|----------------|------------------|--------|---------------------------|
|  | Wife worked in 1983     |                          |                |                |                |                          |        |                |                  |        |                           |
|  | Total                   | Worked at full-time jobs |                |                |                | Worked at part-time jobs |        |                |                  |        |                           |
|  |                         | Total                    | 50 to 52 weeks | 40 to 49 weeks | 27 to 39 weeks | 26 weeks or less         | Total  | 50 to 52 weeks | 49 weeks or less |        |                           |
| <b>NUMBER OF HUSBANDS WITH EARNINGS (THOUSANDS)</b>      |                         |                          |                |                |                |                          |        |                |                  |        |                           |
| Work experience of husband:                              |                         |                          |                |                |                |                          |        |                |                  |        |                           |
| Husband worked in 1983.....                              | 39 878                  | 26 401                   | 17 684         | 12 719         | 1 588          | 1 261                    | 2 116  | 8 717          | 3 827            | 4 889  | 13 477                    |
| Worked at full-time jobs.....                            | 37 039                  | 24 876                   | 16 764         | 12 062         | 1 505          | 1 183                    | 2 014  | 8 112          | 3 553            | 4 559  | 12 163                    |
| 50 to 52 weeks.....                                      | 30 144                  | 20 414                   | 13 650         | 10 252         | 1 144          | 847                      | 1 407  | 6 764          | 3 064            | 3 700  | 9 730                     |
| 40 to 49 weeks.....                                      | 2 603                   | 1 757                    | 1 180          | 692            | 130            | 110                      | 189    | 577            | 206              | 371    | 847                       |
| 27 to 39 weeks.....                                      | 1 854                   | 1 233                    | 874            | 488            | 82             | 127                      | 178    | 359            | 134              | 226    | 621                       |
| 26 weeks or less.....                                    | 2 438                   | 1 472                    | 1 060          | 630            | 89             | 99                       | 241    | 412            | 149              | 262    | 621                       |
| Worked at part-time jobs.....                            | 2 838                   | 1 525                    | 921            | 657            | 84             | 79                       | 101    | 605            | 274              | 330    | 1 313                     |
| 50 to 52 weeks.....                                      | 1 180                   | 647                      | 375            | 283            | 24             | 26                       | 42     | 272            | 166              | 106    | 533                       |
| 49 weeks or less.....                                    | 1 658                   | 878                      | 545            | 374            | 59             | 53                       | 59     | 333            | 109              | 224    | 780                       |
| <b>MEAN EARNINGS OF HUSBANDS WITH EARNINGS (DOLLARS)</b> |                         |                          |                |                |                |                          |        |                |                  |        |                           |
| Work experience of husband:                              |                         |                          |                |                |                |                          |        |                |                  |        |                           |
| Husband worked in 1983.....                              | 22 980                  | 22 343                   | 21 352         | 21 810         | 20 986         | 19 495                   | 19 977 | 24 354         | 24 579           | 24 177 | 24 229                    |
| Worked at full-time jobs.....                            | 24 138                  | 23 189                   | 22 091         | 22 543         | 21 899         | 20 302                   | 20 578 | 25 458         | 25 594           | 25 352 | 26 079                    |
| 50 to 52 weeks.....                                      | 26 532                  | 25 330                   | 24 156         | 24 230         | 24 509         | 22 709                   | 24 200 | 27 698         | 27 432           | 27 919 | 29 054                    |
| 40 to 49 weeks.....                                      | 19 395                  | 19 287                   | 18 769         | 18 283         | 18 462         | 22 582                   | 18 640 | 20 348         | 20 783           | 20 107 | 19 618                    |
| 27 to 39 weeks.....                                      | 13 778                  | 13 134                   | 13 246         | 13 601         | 12 135         | 12 655                   | 13 200 | 12 861         | 12 055           | 13 337 | 15 059                    |
| 26 weeks or less.....                                    | 7 484                   | 6 575                    | 6 487          | 6 696          | 4 727          | 6 965                    | 6 398  | 6 802          | 6 622            | 6 904  | 8 867                     |
| Worked at part-time jobs.....                            | 7 875                   | 8 542                    | 7 887          | 8 343          | 4 608          | 7 396                    | 8 029  | 9 539          | 11 444           | 7 956  | 7 100                     |
| 50 to 52 weeks.....                                      | 12 032                  | 12 817                   | 12 081         | 13 017         | (B)            | (B)                      | (B)    | 13 835         | 14 896           | 12 180 | 11 079                    |
| 49 weeks or less.....                                    | 4 915                   | 5 392                    | 5 000          | 4 811          | (B)            | (B)                      | (B)    | 6 034          | 6 200            | 5 954  | 4 378                     |
| <b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF HUSBANDS WITH EARNINGS</b>    |                         |                          |                |                |                |                          |        |                |                  |        |                           |
| Work experience of husband:                              |                         |                          |                |                |                |                          |        |                |                  |        |                           |
| Husband worked in 1983.....                              | 100.0                   | 66.2                     | 44.3           | 31.9           | 4.0            | 3.2                      | 5.3    | 21.9           | 9.6              | 12.3   | 33.8                      |
| Worked at full-time jobs.....                            | 100.0                   | 67.2                     | 45.3           | 32.6           | 4.1            | 3.2                      | 5.4    | 21.9           | 9.6              | 12.3   | 32.8                      |
| 50 to 52 weeks.....                                      | 100.0                   | 67.7                     | 45.3           | 34.0           | 3.8            | 2.8                      | 4.7    | 22.4           | 10.2             | 12.3   | 32.3                      |
| 40 to 49 weeks.....                                      | 100.0                   | 67.5                     | 45.3           | 26.6           | 7.3            | 4.2                      | 7.3    | 22.2           | 7.9              | 14.3   | 32.5                      |
| 27 to 39 weeks.....                                      | 100.0                   | 66.5                     | 47.1           | 26.3           | 4.4            | 6.9                      | 9.6    | 19.4           | 7.2              | 12.2   | 33.5                      |
| 26 weeks or less.....                                    | 100.0                   | 60.4                     | 43.5           | 25.8           | 3.7            | 4.1                      | 9.9    | 16.9           | 6.1              | 10.7   | 39.7                      |
| Worked at part-time jobs.....                            | 100.0                   | 53.7                     | 32.5           | 23.2           | 3.0            | 2.8                      | 3.6    | 21.3           | 9.7              | 11.6   | 46.3                      |
| 50 to 52 weeks.....                                      | 100.0                   | 54.8                     | 31.7           | 23.9           | 2.0            | 2.2                      | 3.5    | 23.0           | 14.0             | 8.9    | 45.1                      |
| 49 weeks or less.....                                    | 100.0                   | 53.0                     | 32.9           | 22.6           | 3.6            | 3.2                      | 3.6    | 20.1           | 6.6              | 13.5   | 47.0                      |

**Table 1C. Wives With Earnings in 1983--Work Experience in 1983 of Wife, by Work Experience in 1983 of Husband**

(Wives as of March 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

| Work experience of husband                            | Work experience of wife |                          |                |                |                |                  |       |                |                          |       | Wife did not work in 1983 |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------|----------------|--------------------------|-------|---------------------------|
|   | Wife worked in 1983     |                          |                |                |                |                  |       |                |                          |       |                           |
|   | Total                   | Worked at full-time jobs |                |                |                |                  |       |                | Worked at part-time jobs |       |                           |
|   |                         | Total                    | 50 to 52 weeks | 40 to 49 weeks | 27 to 39 weeks | 26 weeks or less | Total | 50 to 52 weeks | 49 weeks or less         |       |                           |
| <b>NUMBER OF WIVES WITH EARNINGS (THOUSANDS)</b>      |                         |                          |                |                |                |                  |       |                |                          |       |                           |
| Total.....  | (X)                     | 28 425                   | 19 051         | 13 697         | 1 693          | 1 357            | 2 304 | 9 374          | 4 114                    | 5 260 | (X)                       |
| Work experience of husband:                           |                         |                          |                |                |                |                  |       |                |                          |       |                           |
| Husband worked in 1983.....                           | (X)                     | 26 127                   | 17 556         | 12 611         | 1 583          | 1 255            | 2 106 | 8 571          | 3 752                    | 4 819 | (X)                       |
| Worked at full-time jobs.....                         | (X)                     | 24 616                   | 16 636         | 11 955         | 1 500          | 1 176            | 2 005 | 7 980          | 3 482                    | 4 498 | (X)                       |
| 50 to 52 weeks.....                                   | (X)                     | 20 169                   | 13 531         | 10 145         | 1 141          | 843              | 1 401 | 6 638          | 2 996                    | 3 643 | (X)                       |
| 40 to 49 weeks.....                                   | (X)                     | 1 753                    | 1 179          | 691            | 189            | 110              | 189   | 574            | 204                      | 370   | (X)                       |
| 27 to 39 weeks.....                                   | (X)                     | 1 222                    | 867            | 488            | 80             | 125              | 174   | 355            | 132                      | 223   | (X)                       |
| 26 weeks or less.....                                 | (X)                     | 1 472                    | 1 060          | 630            | 89             | 99               | 241   | 412            | 149                      | 263   | (X)                       |
| Worked at part-time jobs.....                         | (X)                     | 1 511                    | 920            | 657            | 83             | 79               | 101   | 591            | 270                      | 321   | (X)                       |
| 50 to 52 weeks.....                                   | (X)                     | 638                      | 373            | 281            | 24             | 26               | 42    | 264            | 163                      | 102   | (X)                       |
| 49 weeks or less.....                                 | (X)                     | 873                      | 546            | 376            | 59             | 53               | 59    | 326            | 107                      | 219   | (X)                       |
| Husband did not work in 1983.....                     | (X)                     | 2 298                    | 1 494          | 1 086          | 109            | 102              | 197   | 803            | 362                      | 442   | (X)                       |
| <b>MEAN EARNINGS OF WIVES WITH EARNINGS (DOLLARS)</b> |                         |                          |                |                |                |                  |       |                |                          |       |                           |
| Total.....  | (X)                     | 10 164                   | 12 900         | 15 041         | 11 951         | 8 302            | 3 578 | 4 603          | 6 849                    | 2 848 | (X)                       |
| Work experience of husband:                           |                         |                          |                |                |                |                  |       |                |                          |       |                           |
| Husband worked in 1983.....                           | (X)                     | 10 241                   | 12 956         | 15 126         | 11 911         | 8 299            | 3 527 | 4 677          | 6 979                    | 2 885 | (X)                       |
| Worked at full-time jobs.....                         | (X)                     | 10 278                   | 12 976         | 15 132         | 11 941         | 8 430            | 3 561 | 4 653          | 6 972                    | 2 859 | (X)                       |
| 50 to 52 weeks.....                                   | (X)                     | 10 572                   | 13 436         | 15 325         | 12 187         | 8 605            | 3 683 | 4 735          | 6 929                    | 2 930 | (X)                       |
| 40 to 49 weeks.....                                   | (X)                     | 9 186                    | 11 651         | 14 302         | 11 914         | 8 416            | 3 553 | 4 124          | 6 745                    | 2 679 | (X)                       |
| 27 to 39 weeks.....                                   | (X)                     | 8 592                    | 10 500         | 13 725         | 10 735         | 7 807            | 3 285 | 3 933          | 6 413                    | 2 464 | (X)                       |
| 26 weeks or less.....                                 | (X)                     | 8 948                    | 10 600         | 14 032         | 9 938          | 7 738            | 3 057 | 4 701          | 8 638                    | 2 461 | (X)                       |
| Worked at part-time jobs.....                         | (X)                     | 9 631                    | 12 604         | 15 014         | 11 377         | 6 345            | 2 863 | 5 000          | 7 075                    | 3 252 | (X)                       |
| 50 to 52 weeks.....                                   | (X)                     | 9 639                    | 12 173         | 14 292         | (B)            | (B)              | (B)   | 6 061          | 7 806                    | 3 266 | (X)                       |
| 49 weeks or less.....                                 | (X)                     | 9 625                    | 12 899         | 15 552         | (B)            | (B)              | (B)   | 4 140          | 5 966                    | 3 245 | (X)                       |
| Husband did not work in 1983.....                     | (X)                     | 9 295                    | 12 242         | 14 056         | 12 521         | 8 342            | 4 119 | 3 816          | 5 497                    | 2 437 | (X)                       |
| <b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF WIVES WITH EARNINGS</b>    |                         |                          |                |                |                |                  |       |                |                          |       |                           |
| Total.....  | (X)                     | 100.0                    | 67.0           | 48.2           | 6.0            | 4.8              | 8.1   | 33.0           | 14.5                     | 18.5  | (X)                       |
| Work experience of husband:                           |                         |                          |                |                |                |                  |       |                |                          |       |                           |
| Husband worked in 1983.....                           | (X)                     | 100.0                    | 67.2           | 48.3           | 6.1            | 4.8              | 8.1   | 32.8           | 14.4                     | 18.4  | (X)                       |
| Worked at full-time jobs.....                         | (X)                     | 100.0                    | 67.6           | 48.6           | 6.1            | 4.8              | 8.1   | 32.4           | 14.1                     | 18.3  | (X)                       |
| 50 to 52 weeks.....                                   | (X)                     | 100.0                    | 67.1           | 50.3           | 5.7            | 4.2              | 6.9   | 32.9           | 14.9                     | 18.1  | (X)                       |
| 40 to 49 weeks.....                                   | (X)                     | 100.0                    | 67.3           | 39.4           | 10.8           | 6.3              | 10.8  | 32.7           | 11.6                     | 21.1  | (X)                       |
| 27 to 39 weeks.....                                   | (X)                     | 100.0                    | 70.9           | 39.9           | 6.5            | 10.2             | 14.2  | 29.1           | 10.8                     | 18.2  | (X)                       |
| 26 weeks or less.....                                 | (X)                     | 100.0                    | 72.0           | 42.8           | 6.0            | 6.7              | 16.4  | 28.0           | 10.1                     | 17.9  | (X)                       |
| Worked at part-time jobs.....                         | (X)                     | 100.0                    | 60.9           | 43.5           | 5.5            | 5.2              | 6.7   | 39.1           | 17.9                     | 21.2  | (X)                       |
| 50 to 52 weeks.....                                   | (X)                     | 100.0                    | 58.5           | 44.0           | 3.8            | 4.1              | 6.6   | 41.4           | 25.5                     | 16.0  | (X)                       |
| 49 weeks or less.....                                 | (X)                     | 100.0                    | 62.6           | 43.1           | 6.8            | 6.1              | 6.8   | 37.4           | 12.3                     | 25.1  | (X)                       |
| Husband did not work in 1983.....                     | (X)                     | 100.0                    | 65.0           | 47.3           | 4.7            | 4.4              | 8.6   | 34.9           | 15.8                     | 19.2  | (X)                       |

**Table 1D. Ratio of Wives Earnings to Husbands Earnings in 1983-- Work Experience in 1983 of Wife, by Work Experience in 1983 of Husband**

| Work experience of husband    | Work experience of wife |                          |                |                |                |                  |       |                |                          |     | Wife did not work in 1983 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------|----------------|--------------------------|-----|---------------------------|
|                               | Wife worked in 1983     |                          |                |                |                |                  |       |                |                          |     |                           |
|                               | Total                   | Worked at full-time jobs |                |                |                |                  |       |                | Worked at part-time jobs |     |                           |
|                               |                         | Total                    | 50 to 52 weeks | 40 to 49 weeks | 27 to 39 weeks | 26 weeks or less | Total | 50 to 52 weeks | 49 weeks or less         |     |                           |
| Total.....                    | (X)                     | .46                      | .61            | .70            | .57            | .43              | .18   | .19            | .28                      | .12 | (X)                       |
| Work experience of husband:   |                         |                          |                |                |                |                  |       |                |                          |     |                           |
| Husband worked in 1983.....   | (X)                     | .46                      | .61            | .70            | .57            | .43              | .18   | .19            | .28                      | .12 | (X)                       |
| Worked at full-time jobs..... | (X)                     | .45                      | .59            | .67            | .55            | .42              | .17   | .18            | .27                      | .11 | (X)                       |
| 50 to 52 weeks.....           | (X)                     | .42                      | .56            | .64            | .50            | .38              | .15   | .17            | .25                      | .11 | (X)                       |
| 40 to 49 weeks.....           | (X)                     | .48                      | .62            | .78            | .64            | .37              | .19   | .20            | .33                      | .13 | (X)                       |
| 27 to 39 weeks.....           | (X)                     | .66                      | .80            | 1.01           | .87            | .63              | .26   | .30            | .53                      | .18 | (X)                       |
| 26 weeks or less.....         | (X)                     | 1.36                     | 1.83           | 2.10           | 2.10           | 1.11             | .48   | .69            | 1.30                     | .36 | (X)                       |
| Worked at part-time jobs..... | (X)                     | 1.11                     | 1.58           | 1.78           | 2.45           | .86              | .36   | .52            | .60                      | .41 | (X)                       |
| 50 to 52 weeks.....           | (X)                     | .75                      | 1.00           | 1.09           | (B)            | (B)              | (B)   | .43            | .50                      | .27 | (X)                       |
| 49 weeks or less.....         | (X)                     | 1.75                     | 2.54           | 3.18           | (B)            | (B)              | (B)   | .68            | .93                      | .54 | (X)                       |

**Table 2A. Married-Couple Families With Earnings in 1983--Occupation of Longest Job in 1983 of Wife, by Occupation of Longest Job in 1983 of Husband**

(Married-couple families as of March 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

| Occupation of longest job of husband                                    | Wife worked in 1983 |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                | Wife did not work in 1983 |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
|   | Total               | Occupation of longest job of wife |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |
|   |                     | Total                             | Exec., administrators, and managerial | Professional specialty | Technical and related support | Sales workers | Admin. support, incl. clerical | Precision production, craft, and repair | Operators, fabricators, and labs. | Service workers | Farming, forestry, and fishing |                           |
| <b>NUMBER OF MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES WITH EARNINGS (THOUSANDS)</b>      |                     |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |
| Total   | 42 182              | 28 700                            | 2 420                                 | 4 532                  | 951                           | 3 485         | 8 486                          | 690                                     | 2 965                             | 4 704           | 466                            | 13 482                    |
| Husband worked in 1983  | 39 893              | 26 370                            | 2 239                                 | 4 293                  | 912                           | 3 165         | 7 940                          | 600                                     | 2 647                             | 4 131           | 442                            | 13 463                    |
| Occupation of longest job of husband:                                   |                     |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial                               | 6 131               | 4 095                             | 627                                   | 846                    | 126                           | 474           | 1 396                          | 47                                      | 151                               | 407             | 21                             | 2 036                     |
| Professional specialty  | 5 070               | 3 498                             | 385                                   | 1 365                  | 138                           | 301           | 954                            | 34                                      | 51                                | 252             | 18                             | 1 573                     |
| Technical and related support   | 1 073               | 761                               | 86                                    | 153                    | 76                            | 82            | 211                            | 16                                      | 49                                | 85              | 3                              | 312                       |
| Sales workers   | 4 497               | 3 185                             | 317                                   | 518                    | 97                            | 673           | 1 081                          | 33                                      | 141                               | 309             | 17                             | 1 312                     |
| Administrative support, including clerical                              | 1 931               | 1 319                             | 118                                   | 171                    | 52                            | 141           | 493                            | 26                                      | 123                               | 187             | 7                              | 612                       |
| Precision production, craft and repair                                  | 8 693               | 5 524                             | 344                                   | 537                    | 199                           | 600           | 1 815                          | 204                                     | 731                               | 1 044           | 50                             | 3 169                     |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers                                    | 7 785               | 4 984                             | 202                                   | 387                    | 125                           | 614           | 1 243                          | 180                                     | 1 054                             | 1 121           | 58                             | 2 800                     |
| Service workers   | 2 704               | 1 822                             | 109                                   | 188                    | 78                            | 168           | 484                            | 43                                      | 236                               | 501             | 16                             | 881                       |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing  | 1 950               | 1 182                             | 50                                    | 130                    | 21                            | 112           | 263                            | 17                                      | 110                               | 226             | 253                            | 768                       |
| Husband did not work in 1983 <sup>1</sup>                               | 2 349               | 2 330                             | 181                                   | 239                    | 39                            | 320           | 545                            | 90                                      | 318                               | 573             | 24                             | 20                        |
| <b>MEAN EARNINGS OF MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES WITH EARNINGS (DOLLARS)</b> |                     |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |
| Total   | 28 574              | 30 615                            | 40 583                                | 40 208                 | 34 608                        | 27 557        | 32 494                         | 26 255                                  | 23 327                            | 21 119          | 14 797                         | 24 228                    |
| Husband worked in 1983  | 29 694              | 32 486                            | 42 693                                | 41 511                 | 35 589                        | 29 811        | 33 964                         | 28 627                                  | 25 074                            | 23 231          | 15 444                         | 24 226                    |
| Occupation of longest job of husband:                                   |                     |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial                               | 40 697              | 42 389                            | 50 099                                | 47 727                 | 40 900                        | 39 448        | 41 213                         | (B)                                     | 34 997                            | 31 049          | (B)                            | 37 294                    |
| Professional specialty  | 41 194              | 43 781                            | 50 285                                | 47 396                 | 45 149                        | 39 348        | 41 923                         | (B)                                     | (B)                               | 30 741          | (B)                            | 35 440                    |
| Technical and related support   | 33 330              | 35 819                            | 41 932                                | 38 540                 | 41 708                        | 31 864        | 36 307                         | (B)                                     | (B)                               | 26 297          | (B)                            | 27 252                    |
| Sales workers   | 33 222              | 35 211                            | 45 717                                | 41 260                 | 39 008                        | 31 597        | 35 726                         | (B)                                     | 26 951                            | 25 065          | (B)                            | 28 392                    |
| Administrative support, including clerical                              | 28 575              | 31 907                            | 39 039                                | 37 503                 | (B)                           | 29 836        | 32 697                         | (B)                                     | 27 279                            | 25 259          | (B)                            | 21 391                    |
| Precision production, craft and repair                                  | 25 733              | 28 681                            | 33 810                                | 34 822                 | 31 259                        | 26 714        | 30 714                         | 29 164                                  | 25 272                            | 23 577          | (B)                            | 20 592                    |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers                                    | 22 553              | 25 235                            | 31 090                                | 30 461                 | 30 515                        | 23 254        | 28 374                         | 26 485                                  | 23 987                            | 20 871          | (B)                            | 17 781                    |
| Service workers   | 21 397              | 25 019                            | 29 802                                | 32 447                 | 26 485                        | 21 906        | 28 103                         | (B)                                     | 22 715                            | 20 129          | (B)                            | 13 909                    |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing  | 13 838              | 15 771                            | (B)                                   | 22 643                 | (B)                           | 15 485        | 19 496                         | (B)                                     | 15 865                            | 12 382          | 10 746                         | 10 864                    |
| Husband did not work in 1983 <sup>1</sup>                               | 9 582               | 9 446                             | 14 536                                | 16 759                 | (B)                           | 5 265         | 11 092                         | 10 477                                  | 8 784                             | 5 886           | (B)                            | (B)                       |
| <b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES WITH EARNINGS</b>    |                     |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |
| Total   | 100.0               | 68.0                              | 5.7                                   | 10.7                   | 2.3                           | 8.3           | 20.1                           | 1.6                                     | 7.0                               | 11.2            | 1.1                            | 32.0                      |
| Husband worked in 1983  | 100.0               | 66.2                              | 5.6                                   | 10.8                   | 2.3                           | 7.9           | 19.9                           | 1.5                                     | 6.6                               | 10.4            | 1.1                            | 33.8                      |
| Occupation of longest job of husband:                                   |                     |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial                               | 100.0               | 66.8                              | 10.2                                  | 13.8                   | 2.1                           | 7.7           | 22.8                           | .8                                      | 2.5                               | 6.6             | .3                             | 33.2                      |
| Professional specialty  | 100.0               | 69.0                              | 7.6                                   | 26.9                   | 2.7                           | 5.9           | 18.8                           | .7                                      | 1.0                               | 5.0             | .4                             | 31.0                      |
| Technical and related support   | 100.0               | 70.9                              | 8.0                                   | 14.3                   | 7.1                           | 7.6           | 19.7                           | 1.5                                     | 4.6                               | 7.9             | .3                             | 29.1                      |
| Sales workers   | 100.0               | 70.8                              | 7.0                                   | 11.5                   | 2.2                           | 15.0          | 24.0                           | .7                                      | 3.1                               | 6.9             | .4                             | 29.2                      |
| Administrative support, including clerical                              | 100.0               | 68.3                              | 6.1                                   | 8.9                    | 2.7                           | 7.3           | 25.5                           | 1.3                                     | 6.4                               | 9.7             | .4                             | 31.7                      |
| Precision production, craft and repair                                  | 100.0               | 63.5                              | 4.0                                   | 6.2                    | 2.3                           | 6.9           | 20.9                           | 2.3                                     | 8.4                               | 12.0            | .6                             | 36.5                      |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers                                    | 100.0               | 64.0                              | 2.6                                   | 5.0                    | 1.6                           | 7.9           | 16.0                           | 2.3                                     | 13.5                              | 14.4            | .7                             | 36.0                      |
| Service workers   | 100.0               | 67.4                              | 4.0                                   | 7.0                    | 2.9                           | 6.2           | 17.9                           | 1.6                                     | 8.7                               | 18.5            | .6                             | 32.6                      |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing  | 100.0               | 60.6                              | 2.6                                   | 6.7                    | 1.1                           | 5.7           | 13.5                           | .9                                      | 5.6                               | 11.6            | 13.0                           | 39.4                      |
| Husband did not work in 1983 <sup>1</sup>                               | 100.0               | 99.2                              | 7.7                                   | 10.2                   | 1.7                           | 13.6          | 23.2                           | 3.8                                     | 13.5                              | 24.4            | 1.0                            | .9                        |

<sup>1</sup>Includes husbands whose longest job was in the Armed Forces.

**Table 2B. Husbands With Earnings in 1983--Occupation of Longest Job in 1983 of Wife, by Occupation of Longest Job in 1983 of Husband**

(Husbands as of March 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

| Occupation of longest job of husband                     | Wife worked in 1983 |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                | Wife did not work in 1983 |  |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
|  | Total               | Occupation of longest job of wife |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |  |
|  |                     | Total                             | Exec., administrators, and managerial | Professional specialty | Technical and related support | Sales workers | Admin. support, incl. clerical | Precision production, craft, and repair | Operators, fabricators, and labs. | Service workers | Farming, forestry, and fishing |                           |  |
| <b>NUMBER OF HUSBANDS WITH EARNINGS (THOUSANDS)</b>      |                     |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |  |
| Husband worked in 1983                                   | 39 826              | 26 363                            | 2 239                                 | 4 292                  | 912                           | 3 163         | 7 938                          | 599                                     | 2 647                             | 4 131           | 442                            | 13 463                    |  |
| Occupation of longest job of husband:                    |                     |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |  |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial                | 6 131               | 4 095                             | 627                                   | 846                    | 126                           | 474           | 1 396                          | 47                                      | 151                               | 407             | 21                             | 2 036                     |  |
| Professional specialty                                   | 5 070               | 3 498                             | 385                                   | 1 365                  | 138                           | 301           | 954                            | 34                                      | 51                                | 252             | 18                             | 1 573                     |  |
| Technical and related support                            | 1 073               | 761                               | 86                                    | 153                    | 76                            | 82            | 211                            | 16                                      | 49                                | 85              | 3                              | 312                       |  |
| Sales workers  | 4 495               | 3 184                             | 317                                   | 517                    | 97                            | 673           | 1 081                          | 33                                      | 141                               | 309             | 17                             | 1 312                     |  |
| Administrative support, including clerical               | 1 927               | 1 315                             | 118                                   | 171                    | 52                            | 139           | 492                            | 26                                      | 123                               | 187             | 7                              | 612                       |  |
| Precision production, craft and repair                   | 8 692               | 5 523                             | 344                                   | 537                    | 199                           | 600           | 1 814                          | 204                                     | 731                               | 1 044           | 50                             | 3 169                     |  |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers                     | 7 784               | 4 983                             | 202                                   | 387                    | 125                           | 614           | 1 243                          | 179                                     | 1 054                             | 1 120           | 58                             | 2 800                     |  |
| Service workers  | 2 704               | 1 822                             | 109                                   | 188                    | 78                            | 168           | 484                            | 43                                      | 236                               | 501             | 16                             | 881                       |  |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing                           | 1 950               | 1 182                             | 50                                    | 130                    | 21                            | 112           | 263                            | 17                                      | 110                               | 226             | 253                            | 768                       |  |
| <b>MEAN EARNINGS OF HUSBANDS WITH EARNINGS (DOLLARS)</b> |                     |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |  |
| Husband worked in 1983                                   | 22 988              | 22 357                            | 26 883                                | 27 258                 | 22 668                        | 22 084        | 23 687                         | 18 611                                  | 16 498                            | 17 634          | 13 595                         | 24 222                    |  |
| Occupation of longest job of husband:                    |                     |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |  |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial                | 33 037              | 30 922                            | 32 816                                | 33 365                 | 27 361                        | 31 287        | 30 828                         | (B)                                     | 27 489                            | 25 691          | (B)                            | 37 290                    |  |
| Professional specialty                                   | 32 592              | 31 311                            | 32 991                                | 31 772                 | 31 853                        | 30 410        | 32 415                         | (B)                                     | (B)                               | 24 983          | (B)                            | 35 440                    |  |
| Technical and related support                            | 25 195              | 24 353                            | 26 593                                | 24 875                 | 24 952                        | 24 944        | 25 755                         | (B)                                     | (B)                               | 20 129          | (B)                            | 27 252                    |  |
| Sales workers  | 25 206              | 23 894                            | 27 698                                | 27 583                 | 24 760                        | 21 286        | 24 972                         | (B)                                     | 18 290                            | 19 057          | (B)                            | 28 392                    |  |
| Administrative support, including clerical               | 21 153              | 21 043                            | 22 775                                | 23 247                 | (B)                           | 21 701        | 21 057                         | (B)                                     | 18 275                            | 19 967          | (B)                            | 21 391                    |  |
| Precision production, craft and repair                   | 20 034              | 19 714                            | 21 273                                | 21 963                 | 19 830                        | 19 969        | 20 765                         | 19 249                                  | 16 912                            | 18 149          | (B)                            | 20 590                    |  |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers                     | 17 079              | 16 688                            | 18 583                                | 17 408                 | 17 979                        | 17 523        | 18 087                         | 16 178                                  | 15 129                            | 15 646          | (B)                            | 17 775                    |  |
| Service workers  | 14 786              | 15 210                            | 15 785                                | 18 121                 | 15 004                        | 15 244        | 17 199                         | (B)                                     | 13 793                            | 12 690          | (B)                            | 13 909                    |  |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing                           | 10 023              | 9 493                             | (B)                                   | 11 276                 | (B)                           | 10 507        | 10 652                         | (B)                                     | 8 745                             | 8 513           | 8 841                          | 10 838                    |  |
| <b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF HUSBANDS WITH EARNINGS</b>    |                     |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |  |
| Husband worked in 1983                                   | 100.0               | 66.2                              | 5.6                                   | 10.8                   | 2.3                           | 7.9           | 19.9                           | 1.5                                     | 6.6                               | 10.4            | 1.1                            | 33.8                      |  |
| Occupation of longest job of husband:                    |                     |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |  |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial                | 100.0               | 66.8                              | 10.2                                  | 13.8                   | 2.1                           | 7.7           | 22.8                           | .8                                      | 2.5                               | 6.6             | .3                             | 33.2                      |  |
| Professional specialty                                   | 100.0               | 69.0                              | 7.6                                   | 26.9                   | 2.7                           | 5.9           | 18.8                           | .7                                      | 1.0                               | 5.0             | .4                             | 31.0                      |  |
| Technical and related support                            | 100.0               | 70.9                              | 8.0                                   | 14.3                   | 7.1                           | 7.6           | 19.7                           | 1.5                                     | 4.6                               | 7.9             | .3                             | 29.1                      |  |
| Sales workers  | 100.0               | 70.8                              | 7.1                                   | 11.5                   | 2.2                           | 15.0          | 24.0                           | .7                                      | 3.1                               | 6.9             | .4                             | 29.2                      |  |
| Administrative support, including clerical               | 100.0               | 68.2                              | 6.1                                   | 8.9                    | 2.7                           | 7.2           | 25.5                           | 1.3                                     | 6.4                               | 9.7             | .4                             | 31.8                      |  |
| Precision production, craft and repair                   | 100.0               | 63.5                              | 4.0                                   | 6.2                    | 2.3                           | 6.9           | 20.9                           | 2.3                                     | 8.4                               | 12.0            | .6                             | 36.5                      |  |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers                     | 100.0               | 64.0                              | 2.6                                   | 5.0                    | 1.6                           | 7.9           | 16.0                           | 2.3                                     | 13.5                              | 14.4            | .7                             | 36.0                      |  |
| Service workers  | 100.0               | 67.4                              | 4.0                                   | 7.0                    | 2.9                           | 6.2           | 17.9                           | 1.6                                     | 8.7                               | 18.5            | .6                             | 32.6                      |  |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing                           | 100.0               | 60.6                              | 2.6                                   | 6.7                    | 1.1                           | 5.7           | 13.5                           | .9                                      | 5.6                               | 11.6            | 13.0                           | 39.4                      |  |



**Table 2C. Wives With Earnings in 1983--Occupation of Longest Job in 1983 of Wife, by Occupation of Longest Job in 1983 of Husband**

(Wives as of March 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

| Occupation of longest job of husband                  | Wife worked in 1983 |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                | Wife did not work in 1983 |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
|   | Total               | Occupation of longest job of wife |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |
|   |                     | Total                             | Exec., administrators, and managerial | Professional specialty | Technical and related support | Sales workers | Admin. support, incl. clerical | Precision production, craft, and repair | Operators, fabricators, and labs. | Service workers | Farming, forestry, and fishing |                           |
| <b>NUMBER OF WIVES WITH EARNINGS (THOUSANDS)</b>      |                     |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |
| Total .....   | (X)                 | 28 419                            | 2 410                                 | 4 530                  | 949                           | 3 451         | 8 340                          | 687                                     | 2 959                             | 4 695           | 397                            | (X)                       |
| Husband worked in 1983 .....                          | (X)                 | 26 089                            | 2 229                                 | 4 291                  | 910                           | 3 131         | 7 795                          | 597                                     | 2 641                             | 4 122           | 373                            | (X)                       |
| Occupation of longest job of husband:                 |                     |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial .....       | (X)                 | 4 039                             | 625                                   | 846                    | 126                           | 474           | 1 354                          | 46                                      | 147                               | 404             | 16                             | (X)                       |
| Professional specialty .....                          | (X)                 | 3 474                             | 385                                   | 1 363                  | 138                           | 299           | 939                            | 34                                      | 51                                | 249             | 16                             | (X)                       |
| Technical and related support .....                   | (X)                 | 757                               | 86                                    | 153                    | 74                            | 82            | 211                            | 16                                      | 49                                | 85              | 1                              | (X)                       |
| Sales workers .....                                   | (X)                 | 3 129                             | 310                                   | 518                    | 97                            | 658           | 1 052                          | 33                                      | 139                               | 307             | 15                             | (X)                       |
| Administrative support, including clerical .....      | (X)                 | 1 315                             | 116                                   | 171                    | 52                            | 141           | 493                            | 26                                      | 123                               | 187             | 5                              | (X)                       |
| Precision production, craft and repair .....          | (X)                 | 5 477                             | 344                                   | 537                    | 199                           | 600           | 1 773                          | 201                                     | 731                               | 1 044           | 47                             | (X)                       |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers .....            | (X)                 | 4 962                             | 202                                   | 387                    | 125                           | 608           | 1 231                          | 180                                     | 1 053                             | 1 121           | 54                             | (X)                       |
| Service workers .....                                 | (X)                 | 1 808                             | 109                                   | 188                    | 78                            | 160           | 480                            | 43                                      | 236                               | 500             | 14                             | (X)                       |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing .....                  | (X)                 | 1 129                             | 50                                    | 130                    | 21                            | 110           | 261                            | 17                                      | 110                               | 226             | 205                            | (X)                       |
| Husband did not work in 1983 <sup>1</sup> .....       | (X)                 | 2 330                             | 181                                   | 239                    | 39                            | 320           | 545                            | 90                                      | 318                               | 573             | 24                             | (X)                       |
| <b>MEAN EARNINGS OF WIVES WITH EARNINGS (DOLLARS)</b> |                     |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |
| Total .....   | (X)                 | 10 164                            | 15 741                                | 14 384                 | 12 895                        | 7 572         | 10 504                         | 10 138                                  | 8 610                             | 5 635           | 2 230                          | (X)                       |
| Husband worked in 1983 .....                          | (X)                 | 10 244                            | 15 879                                | 14 268                 | 12 949                        | 7 824         | 10 478                         | 10 087                                  | 8 597                             | 5 611           | 2 195                          | (X)                       |
| Occupation of longest job of husband:                 |                     |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial .....       | (X)                 | 11 625                            | 17 340                                | 14 361                 | 13 539                        | 8 161         | 10 705                         | (B)                                     | 7 707                             | 5 399           | (B)                            | (X)                       |
| Professional specialty .....                          | (X)                 | 12 556                            | 17 294                                | 15 649                 | 13 296                        | 9 005         | 9 660                          | (B)                                     | (B)                               | 5 823           | (B)                            | (X)                       |
| Technical and related support .....                   | (X)                 | 11 533                            | 15 339                                | 13 665                 | (B)                           | 6 920         | 10 552                         | (B)                                     | (B)                               | 6 168           | (B)                            | (X)                       |
| Sales workers .....                                   | (X)                 | 11 531                            | 18 381                                | 13 742                 | 14 248                        | 10 552        | 11 053                         | (B)                                     | 8 747                             | 6 052           | (B)                            | (X)                       |
| Administrative support, including clerical .....      | (X)                 | 10 954                            | 16 456                                | 14 256                 | (B)                           | 8 436         | 11 708                         | (B)                                     | 9 004                             | 5 293           | (B)                            | (X)                       |
| Precision production, craft and repair .....          | (X)                 | 9 049                             | 12 537                                | 12 859                 | 11 429                        | 6 746         | 10 201                         | 10 036                                  | 8 360                             | 5 428           | (B)                            | (X)                       |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers .....            | (X)                 | 8 589                             | 12 507                                | 13 053                 | 12 535                        | 5 792         | 10 384                         | 10 379                                  | 8 866                             | 5 229           | (B)                            | (X)                       |
| Service workers .....                                 | (X)                 | 9 884                             | 14 017                                | 14 326                 | 11 482                        | 6 984         | 10 984                         | (B)                                     | 8 922                             | 7 454           | (B)                            | (X)                       |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing .....                  | (X)                 | 6 570                             | (B)                                   | 11 367                 | (B)                           | 5 069         | 8 919                          | (B)                                     | 7 120                             | 3 869           | 2 355                          | (X)                       |
| Husband did not work in 1983 <sup>1</sup> .....       | (X)                 | 9 275                             | 14 044                                | 16 458                 | (B)                           | 5 112         | 10 879                         | 10 477                                  | 8 714                             | 5 807           | (B)                            | (X)                       |
| <b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF WIVES WITH EARNINGS</b>    |                     |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |
| Total .....   | (X)                 | 100.0                             | 8.5                                   | 15.9                   | 3.3                           | 12.1          | 29.3                           | 2.4                                     | 10.4                              | 16.5            | 1.4                            | (X)                       |
| Husband worked in 1983 .....                          | (X)                 | 100.0                             | 8.5                                   | 15.9                   | 3.3                           | 12.1          | 29.3                           | 2.4                                     | 10.4                              | 16.5            | 1.4                            | (X)                       |
| Occupation of longest job of husband:                 |                     |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial .....       | (X)                 | 100.0                             | 15.5                                  | 21.0                   | 3.1                           | 11.7          | 33.5                           | 1.1                                     | 3.6                               | 10.0            | .4                             | (X)                       |
| Professional specialty .....                          | (X)                 | 100.0                             | 11.1                                  | 39.2                   | 4.0                           | 8.6           | 27.0                           | 1.0                                     | 1.5                               | 7.2             | .5                             | (X)                       |
| Technical and related support .....                   | (X)                 | 100.0                             | 11.4                                  | 20.2                   | 9.8                           | 10.8          | 27.9                           | 2.1                                     | 6.5                               | 11.2            | .1                             | (X)                       |
| Sales workers .....                                   | (X)                 | 100.0                             | 9.9                                   | 16.6                   | 3.1                           | 21.0          | 33.6                           | 1.1                                     | 4.4                               | 9.8             | .5                             | (X)                       |
| Administrative support, including clerical .....      | (X)                 | 100.0                             | 8.8                                   | 13.0                   | 4.0                           | 10.7          | 37.5                           | 2.0                                     | 9.4                               | 14.2            | .4                             | (X)                       |
| Precision production, craft and repair .....          | (X)                 | 100.0                             | 6.3                                   | 9.8                    | 3.6                           | 11.0          | 32.4                           | 3.7                                     | 13.3                              | 19.1            | .9                             | (X)                       |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers .....            | (X)                 | 100.0                             | 4.1                                   | 7.8                    | 2.5                           | 12.3          | 24.8                           | 3.6                                     | 21.2                              | 22.6            | 1.1                            | (X)                       |
| Service workers .....                                 | (X)                 | 100.0                             | 6.0                                   | 10.4                   | 4.3                           | 8.8           | 26.5                           | 2.4                                     | 13.1                              | 27.7            | .8                             | (X)                       |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing .....                  | (X)                 | 100.0                             | 4.4                                   | 11.5                   | 1.9                           | 9.7           | 23.1                           | 1.5                                     | 9.7                               | 20.0            | 18.1                           | (X)                       |
| Husband did not work in 1983 <sup>1</sup> .....       | (X)                 | 100.0                             | 7.8                                   | 10.3                   | 1.7                           | 13.7          | 23.4                           | 3.9                                     | 13.6                              | 24.6            | 1.0                            | (X)                       |

<sup>1</sup>Includes husbands whose longest job was in the Armed Forces.

Table 2D. Ratio of Wives Earnings to Husbands Earnings in 1983-- Occupation of Longest Job in 1983 of Wife, by Occupation of Longest Job in 1983 of Husband

| Occupation of longest job of husband             | Wife worked in 1983 |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                | Wife did not work in 1983 |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
|  | Total               | Occupation of longest job of wife |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |
|  |                     | Total                             | Exec., administrators, and managerial | Professional specialty | Technical and related support | Sales workers | Admin. support, incl. clerical | Precision production, craft, and repair | Operators, fabricators, and labs. | Service workers | Farming, forestry, and fishing |                           |
| Husband worked in 1983 .....                     | (X)                 | .46                               | .59                                   | .52                    | .59                           | .35           | .45                            | .54                                     | .53                               | .32             | .16                            | (X)                       |
| Occupation of longest job of husband:            |                     |                                   |                                       |                        |                               |               |                                |   |                                   |                 |                                |                           |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial .....  | (X)                 | .38                               | .53                                   | .43                    | .49                           | .26           | .35                            | (B)                                     | .34                               | .21             | (B)                            | (X)                       |
| Professional specialty .....                     | (X)                 | .40                               | .52                                   | .49                    | .49                           | .30           | .30                            | (B)                                     | (B)                               | .23             | (B)                            | (X)                       |
| Technical and related support .....              | (X)                 | .47                               | .58                                   | .55                    | (B)                           | .28           | .41                            | (B)                                     | (B)                               | .31             | (B)                            | (X)                       |
| Sales workers .....                              | (X)                 | .49                               | .67                                   | .50                    | .58                           | .49           | .46                            | (B)                                     | .48                               | .32             | (B)                            | (X)                       |
| Administrative support, including clerical ..... | (X)                 | .52                               | .73                                   | .61                    | (B)                           | .36           | .56                            | (B)                                     | .49                               | .27             | (B)                            | (X)                       |
| Precision production, craft and repair .....     | (X)                 | .46                               | .59                                   | .59                    | .58                           | .34           | .49                            | .52                                     | .49                               | .30             | (B)                            | (X)                       |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers .....       | (X)                 | .52                               | .67                                   | .75                    | .70                           | .33           | .58                            | .64                                     | .59                               | .33             | (B)                            | (X)                       |
| Service workers .....                            | (X)                 | .65                               | .89                                   | .79                    | .77                           | .46           | .64                            | (B)                                     | .65                               | .59             | (B)                            | (X)                       |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing .....             | (X)                 | .69                               | (B)                                   | 1.01                   | (B)                           | .47           | .86                            | (B)                                     | .81                               | .45             | .26                            | (X)                       |

**Table 3A. Married-Couple Families With Earnings in 1983--Years of School Completed of Wife, by Years of School Completed of Husband**

(Married-couple families as of March 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

| Years of school completed by husband                                    | Total  | Years of school completed by wife |              |         |               |                         |         |              |         |                 |
|---|--------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------------|-------------------------|---------|--------------|---------|-----------------|
|   |        | Less than 12 years                |              |         |               | High school:<br>4 years | College |              |         |                 |
|   |        | Total                             | 0 to 7 years | 8 years | 9 to 11 years |                         | Total   | 1 to 3 years | 4 years | 5 years or more |
| <b>NUMBER OF MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES WITH EARNINGS (THOUSANDS)</b>      |        |                                   |              |         |               |                         |         |              |         |                 |
| Total .....   | 42 182 | 7 516                             | 1 411        | 1 387   | 4 719         | 20 002                  | 14 664  | 7 430        | 4 697   | 2 537           |
| Years of school completed by husband:                                   |        |                                   |              |         |               |                         |         |              |         |                 |
| Less than 12 years: Total .....   | 8 876  | 4 626                             | 1 164        | 927     | 2 535         | 3 614                   | 635     | 483          | 108     | 44              |
| 0 to 7 years .....  | 2 113  | 1 501                             | 812          | 227     | 462           | 513                     | 98      | 67           | 17      | 14              |
| 8 years .....   | 2 030  | 1 085                             | 153          | 417     | 515           | 831                     | 114     | 83           | 22      | 9               |
| 9 to 11 years .....   | 4 733  | 2 039                             | 199          | 284     | 1 557         | 2 271                   | 423     | 333          | 69      | 21              |
| High school: 4 years .....  | 15 736 | 2 245                             | 192          | 355     | 1 697         | 10 679                  | 2 812   | 2 014        | 570     | 228             |
| College: Total .....  | 17 571 | 646                               | 54           | 104     | 487           | 5 709                   | 11 216  | 4 933        | 4 019   | 2 265           |
| 1 to 3 years .....  | 7 114  | 470                               | 33           | 82      | 354           | 3 254                   | 3 390   | 2 302        | 780     | 308             |
| 4 years .....   | 5 488  | 110                               | 18           | 13      | 80            | 1 641                   | 3 737   | 1 471        | 1 766   | 500             |
| 5 years or more ..  | 4 969  | 66                                | 3            | 9       | 53            | 814                     | 4 089   | 1 160        | 1 473   | 1 457           |
| <b>MEAN EARNINGS OF MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES WITH EARNINGS (DOLLARS)</b> |        |                                   |              |         |               |                         |         |              |         |                 |
| Total .....   | 28 574 | 17 291                            | 13 320       | 15 697  | 18 946        | 26 467                  | 37 231  | 32 669       | 39 538  | 46 320          |
| Years of school completed by husband:                                   |        |                                   |              |         |               |                         |         |              |         |                 |
| Less than 12 years: Total .....   | 17 668 | 15 420                            | 12 539       | 14 353  | 17 133        | 19 786                  | 21 981  | 20 674       | 26 078  | (B)             |
| 0 to 7 years .....  | 14 160 | 12 653                            | 11 875       | 12 558  | 14 067        | 18 263                  | 15 778  | (B)          | (B)     | (B)             |
| 8 years .....   | 16 859 | 15 600                            | 14 319       | 14 293  | 17 039        | 17 977                  | 20 698  | 19 757       | (B)     | (B)             |
| 9 to 11 years .....   | 19 580 | 17 361                            | 13 886       | 15 876  | 18 074        | 20 793                  | 23 765  | 22 185       | (B)     | (B)             |
| High school: 4 years .....  | 25 111 | 19 475                            | 16 865       | 17 193  | 20 249        | 25 447                  | 28 334  | 27 395       | 29 486  | 33 738          |
| College: Total .....  | 37 184 | 23 100                            | (B)          | 22 567  | 23 835        | 32 605                  | 40 326  | 35 998       | 41 326  | 47 981          |
| 1 to 3 years .....  | 30 096 | 22 650                            | (B)          | 22 367  | 23 340        | 28 659                  | 32 508  | 30 774       | 35 069  | 38 928          |
| 4 years .....   | 38 595 | 23 085                            | (B)          | (B)     | 23 482        | 36 987                  | 39 757  | 38 393       | 39 679  | 44 043          |
| 5 years or more ..  | 45 774 | (B)                               | (B)          | (B)     | (B)           | 39 549                  | 47 328  | 43 326       | 46 603  | 51 246          |
| <b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES WITH EARNINGS</b>    |        |                                   |              |         |               |                         |         |              |         |                 |
| Total .....   | 100.0  | 17.8                              | 3.3          | 3.3     | 11.2          | 47.4                    | 34.8    | 17.6         | 11.1    | 6.0             |
| Years of school completed by husband:                                   |        |                                   |              |         |               |                         |         |              |         |                 |
| Less than 12 years: Total .....   | 100.0  | 52.1                              | 13.1         | 10.4    | 28.6          | 40.7                    | 7.2     | 5.4          | 1.2     | .5              |
| 0 to 7 years .....  | 100.0  | 71.0                              | 38.4         | 10.7    | 21.9          | 24.3                    | 4.6     | 3.2          | .8      | .7              |
| 8 years .....   | 100.0  | 53.4                              | 7.5          | 20.5    | 25.4          | 40.9                    | 5.6     | 4.1          | 1.1     | .4              |
| 9 to 11 years .....   | 100.0  | 43.1                              | 4.2          | 6.0     | 32.9          | 48.0                    | 8.9     | 7.0          | 1.5     | .4              |
| High school: 4 years .....  | 100.0  | 14.3                              | 1.2          | 2.3     | 10.8          | 67.9                    | 17.9    | 12.8         | 3.6     | 1.4             |
| College: Total .....  | 100.0  | 3.7                               | .3           | .6      | 2.8           | 32.5                    | 63.8    | 28.1         | 22.9    | 12.9            |
| 1 to 3 years .....  | 100.0  | 6.6                               | .5           | 1.2     | 5.0           | 45.7                    | 47.7    | 32.4         | 11.0    | 4.3             |
| 4 years .....   | 100.0  | 2.0                               | .3           | .2      | 1.5           | 29.9                    | 68.1    | 26.8         | 32.2    | 9.1             |
| 5 years or more ..  | 100.0  | 1.3                               | .1           | .2      | 1.1           | 16.4                    | 82.3    | 23.3         | 29.6    | 29.3            |

**Table 3B. Husbands With Earnings in 1983--Years of School Completed of Wife, by Years of School Completed of Husband**

(Husbands as of March 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

| Years of school completed by husband                     | Total  | Years of school completed by wife |              |         |               |                         |         |              |         |                 |
|--|--------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------------|-------------------------|---------|--------------|---------|-----------------|
|  |        | Less than 12 years                |              |         |               | High school:<br>4 years | College |              |         |                 |
|  |        | Total                             | 0 to 7 years | 8 years | 9 to 11 years |                         | Total   | 1 to 3 years | 4 years | 5 years or more |
| <b>NUMBER OF HUSBANDS WITH EARNINGS (THOUSANDS)</b>      |        |                                   |              |         |               |                         |         |              |         |                 |
| Total .....  | 39 878 | 6 885                             | 1 265        | 1 232   | 4 388         | 18 838                  | 14 154  | 7 154        | 4 561   | 2 440           |
| Years of school completed by husband:                    |        |                                   |              |         |               |                         |         |              |         |                 |
| Less than 12 years: Total .....                          | 7 859  | 4 156                             | 1 039        | 814     | 2 304         | 3 162                   | 540     | 419          | 88      | 32              |
| 0 to 7 years .....                                       | 1 790  | 1 310                             | 717          | 185     | 408           | 409                     | 71      | 49           | 15      | 8               |
| 8 years .....  | 1 779  | 971                               | 144          | 366     | 461           | 717                     | 91      | 68           | 14      | 9               |
| 9 to 11 years .....                                      | 4 290  | 1 875                             | 178          | 263     | 1 434         | 2 037                   | 378     | 303          | 59      | 16              |
| High school: 4 years .....                               | 14 982 | 2 128                             | 179          | 326     | 1 623         | 10 177                  | 2 677   | 1 921        | 550     | 206             |
| College: Total .....                                     | 17 037 | 601                               | 48           | 92      | 462           | 5 499                   | 10 937  | 4 813        | 3 923   | 2 201           |
| 1 to 3 years .....                                       | 6 825  | 439                               | 31           | 72      | 336           | 3 118                   | 3 268   | 2 224        | 751     | 292             |
| 4 years .....  | 5 355  | 96                                | 13           | 10      | 73            | 1 584                   | 3 674   | 1 456        | 1 735   | 484             |
| 5 years or more ..                                       | 4 857  | 66                                | 3            | 9       | 53            | 796                     | 3 995   | 1 133        | 1 437   | 1 425           |
| <b>MEAN EARNINGS OF HUSBANDS WITH EARNINGS (DOLLARS)</b> |        |                                   |              |         |               |                         |         |              |         |                 |
| Total .....  | 22 980 | 15 054                            | 11 928       | 13 859  | 16 291        | 21 689                  | 28 554  | 25 968       | 30 530  | 32 445          |
| Years of school completed by husband:                    |        |                                   |              |         |               |                         |         |              |         |                 |
| Less than 12 years: Total .....                          | 14 559 | 13 170                            | 11 054       | 12 305  | 14 429        | 16 060                  | 16 465  | 16 318       | 18 285  | (B)             |
| 0 to 7 years .....                                       | 11 989 | 10 831                            | 10 232       | 11 049  | 11 765        | 15 578                  | (B)     | (B)          | (B)     | (B)             |
| 8 years .....  | 14 090 | 13 448                            | 12 650       | 12 002  | 14 844        | 14 629                  | 16 692  | (B)          | (B)     | (B)             |
| 9 to 11 years .....                                      | 15 827 | 14 660                            | 13 076       | 13 611  | 15 048        | 16 661                  | 17 123  | 16 577       | (B)     | (B)             |
| High school: 4 years .....                               | 19 912 | 17 139                            | 15 546       | 15 638  | 17 617        | 20 365                  | 20 392  | 20 473       | 19 474  | 22 093          |
| College: Total .....                                     | 29 563 | 20 703                            | (B)          | 21 322  | 20 923        | 27 377                  | 31 149  | 29 002       | 32 354  | 33 695          |
| 1 to 3 years .....                                       | 23 122 | 20 071                            | (B)          | (B)     | 20 260        | 23 209                  | 23 449  | 23 011       | 24 618  | 23 784          |
| 4 years .....  | 30 898 | 21 584                            | (B)          | (B)     | (B)           | 31 904                  | 30 708  | 31 434       | 30 261  | 30 123          |
| 5 years or more ..                                       | 37 142 | (B)                               | (B)          | (B)     | (B)           | 34 697                  | 37 852  | 37 639       | 38 925  | 36 941          |
| <b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF HUSBANDS WITH EARNINGS</b>    |        |                                   |              |         |               |                         |         |              |         |                 |
| Total .....  | 100.0  | 17.3                              | 3.2          | 3.0     | 11.0          | 47.2                    | 35.5    | 17.9         | 11.4    | 6.1             |
| Years of school completed by husband:                    |        |                                   |              |         |               |                         |         |              |         |                 |
| Less than 12 years: Total .....                          | 100.0  | 52.9                              | 13.2         | 10.4    | 29.3          | 40.2                    | 6.9     | 5.3          | 1.1     | .4              |
| 0 to 7 years .....                                       | 100.0  | 73.2                              | 40.1         | 10.3    | 22.8          | 22.8                    | 4.0     | 2.7          | .8      | .4              |
| 8 years .....  | 100.0  | 54.6                              | 8.1          | 20.6    | 25.9          | 40.3                    | 5.1     | 3.8          | .8      | .5              |
| 9 to 11 years .....                                      | 100.0  | 43.7                              | 4.1          | 6.1     | 33.4          | 47.5                    | 8.8     | 7.1          | 1.4     | .4              |
| High school: 4 years .....                               | 100.0  | 14.2                              | 1.2          | 2.2     | 10.8          | 67.9                    | 17.9    | 12.8         | 3.7     | 1.4             |
| College: Total .....                                     | 100.0  | 3.5                               | .3           | .5      | 2.7           | 32.3                    | 64.2    | 28.3         | 23.0    | 12.9            |
| 1 to 3 years .....                                       | 100.0  | 6.4                               | .5           | 1.1     | 4.9           | 45.7                    | 47.9    | 32.6         | 11.0    | 4.3             |
| 4 years .....  | 100.0  | 1.8                               | .2           | .2      | 1.4           | 29.6                    | 68.6    | 27.2         | 32.4    | 9.0             |
| 5 years or more ..                                       | 100.0  | 1.4                               | .1           | .2      | 1.1           | 16.4                    | 82.3    | 23.3         | 29.6    | 29.3            |

**Table 3C. Wives With Earnings in 1983--Years of School Completed of Wife, by Years of School Completed of Husband**

(Wives as of March 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

| Years of school completed by husband                  | Total  | Years of school completed by wife |              |         |               |        |                         |              |         |                 |
|---|--------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------------|--------|-------------------------|--------------|---------|-----------------|
|   |        | Less than 12 years                |              |         |               |        | High school:<br>4 years | College      |         |                 |
|   |        | Total                             | 0 to 7 years | 8 years | 9 to 11 years | Total  |                         | 1 to 3 years | 4 years | 5 years or more |
| <b>NUMBER OF WIVES WITH EARNINGS (THOUSANDS)</b>      |        |                                   |              |         |               |        |                         |              |         |                 |
| Total .....   | 28 425 | 3 951                             | 648          | 714     | 2 589         | 13 429 | 11 045                  | 5 368        | 3 517   | 2 160           |
| Years of school completed by husband:                 |        |                                   |              |         |               |        |                         |              |         |                 |
| Less than 12 years: Total .....                       | 5 387  | 2 485                             | 537          | 486     | 1 462         | 2 453  | 449                     | 323          | 87      | 40              |
| 0 to 7 years .....                                    | 1 188  | 775                               | 386          | 118     | 270           | 345    | 68                      | 43           | 13      | 12              |
| 8 years .....   | 1 213  | 579                               | 60           | 231     | 288           | 557    | 77                      | 54           | 15      | 7               |
| 9 to 11 years .....                                   | 2 986  | 1 131                             | 91           | 137     | 904           | 1 550  | 305                     | 226          | 58      | 21              |
| High school: 4 years .....                            | 10 602 | 1 143                             | 88           | 177     | 878           | 7 253  | 2 206                   | 1 529        | 473     | 203             |
| College: Total .....                                  | 12 436 | 323                               | 23           | 52      | 248           | 3 723  | 8 390                   | 3 516        | 2 957   | 1 917           |
| 1 to 3 years .....                                    | 5 104  | 234                               | 9            | 40      | 184           | 2 195  | 2 675                   | 1 776        | 633     | 265             |
| 4 years .....   | 3 828  | 57                                | 12           | 8       | 38            | 1 025  | 2 746                   | 991          | 1 325   | 430             |
| 5 years or more .....                                 | 3 503  | 31                                | 2            | 3       | 26            | 502    | 2 969                   | 749          | 999     | 1 221           |
| <b>MEAN EARNINGS OF WIVES WITH EARNINGS (DOLLARS)</b> |        |                                   |              |         |               |        |                         |              |         |                 |
| Total .....   | 10 164 | 6 658                             | 5 702        | 6 577   | 6 920         | 8 997  | 12 838                  | 10 612       | 13 211  | 17 760          |
| Years of school completed by husband:                 |        |                                   |              |         |               |        |                         |              |         |                 |
| Less than 12 years: Total .....                       | 7 870  | 6 678                             | 5 800        | 6 783   | 6 965         | 8 450  | 11 294                  | 9 745        | 13 859  | (B)             |
| 0 to 7 years .....                                    | 7 118  | 6 206                             | 5 981        | 6 829   | 6 255         | 8 702  | (B)                     | (B)          | (B)     | (B)             |
| 8 years .....   | 7 558  | 6 685                             | (B)          | 6 776   | 6 703         | 7 989  | 11 014                  | (B)          | (B)     | (B)             |
| 9 to 11 years .....                                   | 8 296  | 6 998                             | 4 743        | 6 752   | 7 262         | 8 559  | 11 774                  | 10 504       | (B)     | (B)             |
| High school: 4 years .....                            | 9 133  | 6 337                             | 5 238        | 5 718   | 6 572         | 8 891  | 11 380                  | 10 362       | 12 911  | 15 473          |
| College: Total .....                                  | 12 037 | 7 643                             | (B)          | (B)     | 7 884         | 9 564  | 13 304                  | 10 801       | 13 240  | 17 992          |
| 1 to 3 years .....                                    | 11 025 | 7 791                             | (B)          | (B)     | 7 934         | 9 512  | 12 550                  | 11 063       | 14 029  | 18 977          |
| 4 years .....   | 12 106 | (B)                               | (B)          | (B)     | (B)           | 9 884  | 13 021                  | 10 836       | 13 252  | 17 345          |
| 5 years or more .....                                 | 13 436 | (B)                               | (B)          | (B)     | (B)           | 9 137  | 14 244                  | 10 132       | 12 726  | 18 007          |
| <b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF WIVES WITH EARNINGS</b>    |        |                                   |              |         |               |        |                         |              |         |                 |
| Total .....   | 100.0  | 13.9                              | 2.3          | 2.5     | 9.1           | 47.2   | 38.9                    | 18.9         | 12.4    | 7.6             |
| Years of school completed by husband:                 |        |                                   |              |         |               |        |                         |              |         |                 |
| Less than 12 years: Total .....                       | 100.0  | 46.1                              | 10.0         | 9.0     | 27.1          | 45.5   | 8.3                     | 6.0          | 1.6     | .7              |
| 0 to 7 years .....                                    | 100.0  | 65.2                              | 32.5         | 9.9     | 22.7          | 29.0   | 5.7                     | 3.6          | 1.1     | 1.0             |
| 8 years .....   | 100.0  | 47.7                              | 4.9          | 19.0    | 23.7          | 45.9   | 6.3                     | 4.5          | 1.2     | .6              |
| 9 to 11 years .....                                   | 100.0  | 37.9                              | 3.0          | 4.6     | 30.3          | 51.9   | 10.2                    | 7.6          | 1.9     | .7              |
| High school: 4 years .....                            | 100.0  | 10.8                              | .8           | 1.7     | 8.3           | 68.4   | 20.8                    | 14.4         | 4.5     | 1.9             |
| College: Total .....                                  | 100.0  | 2.6                               | .2           | .4      | 2.0           | 29.9   | 67.5                    | 28.3         | 23.8    | 15.4            |
| 1 to 3 years .....                                    | 100.0  | 4.6                               | .2           | .8      | 3.6           | 43.0   | 52.4                    | 34.8         | 12.4    | 5.2             |
| 4 years .....   | 100.0  | 1.5                               | .3           | .2      | 1.0           | 26.8   | 71.7                    | 25.9         | 34.6    | 11.2            |
| 5 years or more .....                                 | 100.0  | .9                                | .1           | .1      | .7            | 14.3   | 84.8                    | 21.4         | 28.5    | 34.9            |

**Table 3D. Ratio of Wives Earnings to Husbands Earnings in 1983-- Years of School Completed of Wife, by Years of School Completed of Husband**

| Years of school completed by husband  | Total | Years of school completed by wife |              |         |               |       |                         |              |         |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------------|-------|-------------------------|--------------|---------|-----------------|
|                                       |       | Less than 12 years                |              |         |               |       | High school:<br>4 years | College      |         |                 |
|                                       |       | Total                             | 0 to 7 years | 8 years | 9 to 11 years | Total |                         | 1 to 3 years | 4 years | 5 years or more |
| Total .....                           | .46   | .45                               | .51          | .48     | .44           | .43   | .49                     | .44          | .48     | .57             |
| Years of school completed by husband: |       |                                   |              |         |               |       |                         |              |         |                 |
| Less than 12 years: Total .....       | .55   | .51                               | .57          | .55     | .49           | .54   | .70                     | .63          | .69     | (B)             |
| 0 to 7 years .....                    | .58   | .57                               | .61          | .56     | .52           | .58   | (B)                     | (B)          | (B)     | (B)             |
| 8 years .....                         | .54   | .50                               | (B)          | .56     | .44           | .56   | .74                     | (B)          | (B)     | (B)             |
| 9 to 11 years .....                   | .54   | .50                               | .44          | .53     | .50           | .53   | .68                     | (B)          | (B)     | (B)             |
| High school: 4 years .....            | .47   | .38                               | .34          | .38     | .38           | .45   | .59                     | .53          | .69     | .73             |
| College: Total .....                  | .44   | .40                               | (B)          | (B)     | .41           | .37   | .46                     | .41          | .46     | .55             |
| 1 to 3 years .....                    | .50   | .41                               | (B)          | (B)     | .42           | .43   | .56                     | .51          | .61     | .80             |
| 4 years .....                         | .42   | (B)                               | (B)          | (B)     | (B)           | .33   | .46                     | .38          | .48     | .58             |
| 5 years or more .....                 | .39   | (B)                               | (B)          | (B)     | (B)           | .29   | .41                     | .29          | .37     | .51             |

**Table 4A. Married-Couple Families With Earnings in 1983--Age of Husband, by Characteristics of Husband**

(Married-couple families as of March 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

| Characteristics of husband   | Total  | Age of husband |                |                |                |                |                   |
|--|--------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
|  |        | 15 to 24 years | 25 to 34 years | 35 to 44 years | 45 to 54 years | 55 to 64 years | 65 years and over |
| <b>NUMBER OF MARRIED-CUPLE FAMILIES WITH EARNINGS (THOUSANDS)</b>      |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Total .....  | 42 182 | 1 970          | 11 122         | 10 825         | 8 324          | 7 166          | 2 776             |
| <b>Work Experience of Husband</b>                                      |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Husband worked in 1983 .....   | 39 885 | 1 938          | 10 921         | 10 608         | 8 012          | 6 473          | 1 933             |
| Worked at full-time jobs .....   | 37 042 | 1 772          | 10 431         | 10 245         | 7 670          | 5 957          | 967               |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....   | 30 145 | 1 190          | 8 207          | 8 672          | 6 657          | 4 763          | 655               |
| 40 to 49 weeks .....   | 2 605  | 219            | 902            | 676            | 396            | 362            | 50                |
| 27 to 39 weeks .....   | 1 854  | 164            | 603            | 413            | 280            | 324            | 69                |
| 26 weeks or less .....   | 2 439  | 198            | 719            | 485            | 337            | 507            | 193               |
| Worked at part-time jobs .....   | 2 843  | 166            | 489            | 363            | 342            | 517            | 966               |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....   | 1 183  | 60             | 188            | 156            | 128            | 230            | 545               |
| 49 weeks or less .....   | 1 660  | 106            | 301            | 207            | 214            | 286            | 421               |
| Husband did not work in 1983 .....                                     | 2 298  | 32             | 202            | 217            | 311            | 693            | 843               |
| <b>Years of School Completed by Husband</b>                            |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Less than 12 years: Total .....  | 8 876  | 431            | 1 385          | 1 596          | 1 985          | 2 269          | 1 210             |
| 0 to 7 years .....   | 2 113  | 58             | 267            | 336            | 492            | 543            | 416               |
| 8 years .....  | 2 030  | 42             | 214            | 272            | 499            | 621            | 383               |
| 9 to 11 years .....  | 4 733  | 331            | 905            | 988            | 995            | 1 104          | 410               |
| High school: 4 years .....   | 15 736 | 1 084          | 4 511          | 3 687          | 3 135          | 2 510          | 809               |
| College: Total .....   | 17 571 | 454            | 5 226          | 5 543          | 3 203          | 2 387          | 758               |
| 1 to 3 years .....   | 7 114  | 307            | 2 379          | 2 065          | 1 196          | 867            | 300               |
| 4 years .....  | 5 488  | 114            | 1 732          | 1 586          | 1 029          | 808            | 219               |
| 5 years or more .....  | 4 969  | 33             | 1 115          | 1 892          | 978            | 713            | 238               |
| <b>Occupation of Longest Job of Husband<sup>1</sup></b>                |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial .....                        | 6 131  | 78             | 1 291          | 1 911          | 1 452          | 1 090          | 309               |
| Professional specialty .....   | 5 070  | 85             | 1 361          | 1 647          | 952            | 785            | 239               |
| Technical and related support .....                                    | 1 073  | 60             | 417            | 285            | 173            | 118            | 20                |
| Sales workers .....  | 4 497  | 182            | 1 123          | 1 183          | 944            | 799            | 265               |
| Administrative support, including clerical .....                       | 1 931  | 71             | 482            | 505            | 377            | 388            | 108               |
| Precision production, craft, and repair .....                          | 8 693  | 475            | 2 640          | 2 115          | 1 836          | 1 340          | 286               |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers .....                             | 7 785  | 657            | 2 362          | 1 932          | 1 466          | 1 133          | 234               |
| Service workers .....  | 2 704  | 172            | 692            | 659            | 480            | 483            | 218               |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing .....                                   | 1 950  | 144            | 535            | 357            | 325            | 336            | 253               |
| <b>MEAN EARNINGS OF MARRIED-CUPLE FAMILIES WITH EARNINGS (DOLLARS)</b> |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Total .....  | 28 574 | 17 302         | 26 792         | 33 603         | 33 366         | 27 548         | 12 383            |
| <b>Work Experience of Husband</b>                                      |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Husband worked in 1983 .....   | 29 684 | 17 475         | 27 099         | 34 082         | 34 243         | 29 385         | 14 507            |
| Worked at full-time jobs .....   | 30 966 | 18 090         | 27 577         | 34 667         | 34 956         | 30 628         | 22 365            |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....   | 33 604 | 20 690         | 30 016         | 36 860         | 36 886         | 33 417         | 26 935            |
| 40 to 49 weeks .....   | 25 569 | 16 071         | 23 020         | 29 046         | 28 329         | 28 657         | (B)               |
| 27 to 39 weeks .....   | 19 443 | 12 014         | 18 572         | 21 035         | 22 947         | 19 691         | (B)               |
| 26 weeks or less .....   | 12 883 | 9 743          | 13 003         | 14 878         | 14 573         | 12 821         | 7 874             |
| Worked at part-time jobs .....   | 12 980 | 10 902         | 16 900         | 17 575         | 18 275         | 15 051         | 6 639             |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....   | 17 206 | (B)            | 19 023         | 24 915         | 24 094         | 22 635         | 8 825             |
| 49 weeks or less .....   | 9 969  | 8 777          | 15 575         | 12 065         | 14 781         | 8 953          | 4 950             |
| Husband did not work in 1983 .....                                     | 9 295  | (B)            | 10 183         | 10 146         | 10 794         | 10 382         | 7 516             |
| <b>Years of School Completed by Husband</b>                            |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Less than 12 years: Total .....  | 17 668 | 12 220         | 16 768         | 20 533         | 22 355         | 18 748         | 7 140             |
| 0 to 7 years .....   | 14 160 | (B)            | 14 014         | 17 182         | 18 760         | 14 461         | 6 560             |
| 8 years .....  | 16 859 | (B)            | 14 868         | 20 127         | 21 268         | 18 917         | 7 232             |
| 9 to 11 years .....  | 19 580 | 12 773         | 18 031         | 21 784         | 24 677         | 20 762         | 7 643             |
| High school: 4 years .....   | 25 111 | 18 049         | 23 528         | 28 111         | 29 352         | 25 075         | 13 409            |
| College: Total .....   | 37 184 | 20 342         | 32 266         | 41 018         | 44 119         | 38 511         | 19 659            |
| 1 to 3 years .....   | 30 096 | 19 729         | 28 112         | 33 547         | 35 379         | 28 995         | 14 805            |
| 4 years .....  | 38 595 | 22 461         | 34 634         | 41 365         | 45 152         | 40 854         | 19 133            |
| 5 years or more .....  | 45 774 | (B)            | 37 449         | 48 880         | 53 725         | 47 430         | 26 263            |
| <b>Occupation of Longest Job of Husband<sup>1</sup></b>                |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial .....                        | 40 697 | 22 266         | 35 695         | 43 800         | 45 735         | 39 808         | 26 546            |
| Professional specialty .....   | 41 194 | 20 799         | 35 415         | 45 024         | 47 668         | 43 199         | 22 618            |
| Technical and related support .....                                    | 33 330 | (B)            | 30 742         | 36 782         | 39 055         | 33 690         | (B)               |
| Sales workers .....  | 33 222 | 19 234         | 30 546         | 37 357         | 39 112         | 32 553         | 16 786            |
| Administrative support, including clerical .....                       | 28 575 | (B)            | 27 905         | 33 053         | 32 155         | 26 138         | 12 550            |
| Precision production, craft, and repair .....                          | 25 733 | 17 826         | 24 555         | 29 144         | 28 519         | 24 699         | 11 307            |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers .....                             | 22 553 | 17 361         | 22 032         | 24 495         | 25 553         | 22 166         | 9 441             |
| Service workers .....  | 21 397 | 13 838         | 22 124         | 26 414         | 24 370         | 19 487         | 7 551             |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing .....                                   | 13 838 | 10 915         | 15 885         | 15 790         | 15 384         | 15 233         | 4 591             |

<sup>1</sup>Excludes husbands whose longest job was in the Armed Forces in 1983.

Table 4B. Husbands With Earnings in 1983--Age of Husband, by Characteristics of Husband

(Husbands as of March 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

| Characteristics of husband                               | Total  | Age of husband |                |                |                |                |                   |
|--|--------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
|  |        | 15 to 24 years | 25 to 34 years | 35 to 44 years | 45 to 54 years | 55 to 64 years | 65 years and over |
| <b>NUMBER OF HUSBANDS WITH EARNINGS (THOUSANDS)</b>      |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| <b>Work Experience of Husband</b>                        |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Husband worked in 1983 .....                             | 39 878 | 1 938          | 10 921         | 10 604         | 8 012          | 6 471          | 1 932             |
| Worked at full-time jobs .....                           | 37 039 | 1 772          | 10 431         | 10 242         | 7 670          | 5 956          | 967               |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....                                     | 30 144 | 1 190          | 8 207          | 8 671          | 6 657          | 4 763          | 655               |
| 40 to 49 weeks .....                                     | 2 603  | 219            | 902            | 674            | 396            | 362            | 50                |
| 27 to 39 weeks .....                                     | 1 854  | 164            | 603            | 413            | 280            | 324            | 69                |
| 26 weeks or less .....                                   | 2 438  | 198            | 719            | 485            | 337            | 507            | 193               |
| Worked at part-time jobs .....                           | 2 838  | 166            | 489            | 361            | 342            | 515            | 965               |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....                                     | 1 180  | 60             | 188            | 156            | 128            | 229            | 420               |
| 49 weeks or less .....                                   | 1 658  | 106            | 301            | 205            | 214            | 286            | 545               |
| <b>Years of School Completed by Husband</b>              |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Less than 12 years: Total .....                          | 7 859  | 417            | 1 333          | 1 528          | 1 870          | 1 953          | 758               |
| 0 to 7 years .....                                       | 1 790  | 58             | 263            | 325            | 453            | 456            | 235               |
| 8 years .....  | 1 779  | 42             | 205            | 266            | 467            | 541            | 258               |
| 9 to 11 years .....                                      | 4 290  | 317            | 865            | 937            | 950            | 957            | 264               |
| High school: Total .....                                 | 14 982 | 1 079          | 4 439          | 3 597          | 3 012          | 2 277          | 578               |
| College: Total .....                                     | 17 037 | 442            | 5 148          | 5 479          | 3 130          | 2 241          | 597               |
| 1 to 3 years .....                                       | 6 825  | 301            | 2 337          | 2 030          | 1 148          | 780            | 230               |
| 4 years .....  | 5 355  | 113            | 1 714          | 1 568          | 1 016          | 773            | 171               |
| 5 years or more .....                                    | 4 857  | 29             | 1 097          | 1 880          | 967            | 688            | 196               |
| <b>Occupation of Longest Job of Husband<sup>1</sup></b>  |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial .....          | 6 131  | 78             | 1 291          | 1 911          | 1 452          | 1 090          | 309               |
| Professional specialty .....                             | 5 070  | 85             | 1 361          | 1 647          | 952            | 785            | 239               |
| Technical and related support .....                      | 1 073  | 60             | 417            | 285            | 173            | 118            | 20                |
| Sales workers .....                                      | 4 495  | 182            | 1 123          | 1 181          | 944            | 799            | 265               |
| Administrative support, including clerical .....         | 1 927  | 71             | 482            | 503            | 377            | 386            | 108               |
| Precision production, craft, and repair .....            | 8 692  | 475            | 2 640          | 2 114          | 1 836          | 1 340          | 286               |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers .....               | 7 784  | 657            | 2 362          | 1 932          | 1 466          | 1 133          | 233               |
| Service workers .....                                    | 2 704  | 172            | 692            | 659            | 480            | 483            | 218               |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing .....                     | 1 950  | 144            | 535            | 357            | 325            | 336            | 253               |
| <b>MEAN EARNINGS OF HUSBANDS WITH EARNINGS (DOLLARS)</b> |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Total .....  | 22 980 | 12 217         | 20 000         | 26 336         | 27 008         | 24 048         | 11 932            |
| <b>Work Experience of Husband</b>                        |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Husband worked in 1983 .....                             | 22 980 | 12 217         | 20 000         | 26 336         | 27 008         | 24 048         | 11 932            |
| Worked at full-time jobs .....                           | 24 138 | 12 923         | 20 513         | 26 906         | 27 681         | 25 307         | 19 162            |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....                                     | 26 532 | 15 105         | 22 692         | 28 980         | 29 479         | 27 841         | 23 529            |
| 40 to 49 weeks .....                                     | 19 395 | 11 915         | 16 975         | 21 700         | 22 444         | 22 714         | (B)               |
| 27 to 39 weeks .....                                     | 13 778 | 7 943          | 12 799         | 14 247         | 15 367         | 15 998         | (B)               |
| 26 weeks or less .....                                   | 7 484  | 5 061          | 6 552          | 7 832          | 8 530          | 9 302          | 5 974             |
| Worked at part-time jobs .....                           | 7 875  | 4 673          | 9 048          | 10 153         | 11 927         | 9 475          | 4 686             |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....                                     | 12 032 | (B)            | 11 464         | 17 733         | 19 220         | 15 650         | 6 677             |
| 49 weeks or less .....                                   | 4 915  | 3 206          | 7 540          | 4 408          | 7 547          | 4 543          | 3 152             |
| <b>Years of School Completed by Husband</b>              |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Less than 12 years: Total .....                          | 14 559 | 9 441          | 13 046         | 15 858         | 17 769         | 16 033         | 5 696             |
| 0 to 7 years .....                                       | 11 989 | (B)            | 10 999         | 13 483         | 14 996         | 12 386         | 5 326             |
| 8 years .....  | 14 090 | (B)            | 11 481         | 14 967         | 17 366         | 16 217         | 5 653             |
| 9 to 11 years .....                                      | 15 827 | 9 643          | 14 039         | 16 935         | 19 291         | 17 665         | 6 068             |
| High school: Total .....                                 | 19 912 | 12 908         | 17 824         | 21 992         | 23 324         | 21 460         | 12 192            |
| College: Total .....                                     | 29 563 | 13 145         | 23 676         | 32 110         | 36 075         | 33 663         | 19 598            |
| 1 to 3 years .....                                       | 23 122 | 12 882         | 20 323         | 25 628         | 28 121         | 24 379         | 13 641            |
| 4 years .....  | 30 896 | 15 467         | 25 390         | 32 639         | 37 426         | 35 796         | 19 357            |
| 5 years or more .....                                    | 37 142 | (B)            | 28 141         | 38 669         | 44 098         | 41 781         | 26 787            |
| <b>Occupation of Longest Job of Husband<sup>1</sup></b>  |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial .....          | 33 037 | 14 717         | 26 914         | 35 427         | 37 649         | 34 037         | 23 279            |
| Professional specialty .....                             | 32 592 | 12 570         | 25 971         | 35 212         | 38 583         | 37 146         | 20 551            |
| Technical and related support .....                      | 25 195 | (B)            | 21 610         | 28 926         | 30 342         | 28 057         | (B)               |
| Sales workers .....                                      | 25 206 | 12 776         | 22 099         | 28 430         | 30 395         | 25 473         | 13 285            |
| Administrative support, including clerical .....         | 21 153 | (B)            | 19 747         | 24 005         | 24 610         | 20 553         | 10 107            |
| Precision production, craft, and repair .....            | 20 034 | 13 386         | 18 731         | 22 500         | 22 431         | 20 276         | 8 356             |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers .....               | 17 079 | 12 481         | 16 309         | 18 389         | 19 722         | 17 784         | 6 944             |
| Service workers .....                                    | 14 786 | 9 833          | 15 170         | 18 531         | 16 586         | 13 273         | 5 529             |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing .....                     | 10 023 | 7 121          | 11 652         | 11 402         | 10 685         | 11 887         | 2 969             |

<sup>1</sup>Excludes husbands whose longest job was in the Armed Forces in 1983.

Table 4C. **Husbands With Earnings in 1983--Age of Own Children, by Characteristics of Husband**

(Husbands as of March 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

| Characteristics of husband                               | Total  | No own children under 18 years old | One or more own children under 18 years old |                       |  |                       |
|--|--------|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|
|  |        |                                    | Total                                       | All under 6 years old | Some under 6 years, some 6 to 17 years old | All 6 to 17 years old |
| <b>NUMBER OF HUSBANDS WITH EARNINGS (THOUSANDS)</b>      |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Total .....  | 39 878 | 17 189                             | 22 688                                      | 6 173                 | 4 774                                      | 11 742                |
| <b>Age of Husband</b>                                    |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Husband 15 to 24 years old .....                         | 1 938  | 945                                | 993   | 900                   | 67   | 25                    |
| Husband 25 to 34 years old .....                         | 10 921 | 2 707                              | 8 213                                       | 4 067                 | 2 433                                      | 1 713                 |
| Husband 35 to 44 years old .....                         | 10 604 | 1 747                              | 8 856                                       | 1 069                 | 2 017                                      | 5 771                 |
| Husband 45 to 54 years old .....                         | 8 012  | 4 304                              | 3 709                                       | 121                   | 232  | 3 356                 |
| Husband 55 to 64 years old .....                         | 6 471  | 5 597                              | 874   | 15                    | -  | 834                   |
| Husband 65 years old and over .....                      | 1 932  | 1 889                              | 43  | 1                     | -  | 42                    |
| <b>Work Experience of Husband</b>                        |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Worked at full-time jobs .....                           | 37 039 | 15 314                             | 21 725                                      | 5 922                 | 4 546                                      | 11 257                |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....                                     | 30 144 | 12 348                             | 17 796                                      | 4 672                 | 3 634                                      | 9 490                 |
| 40 to 49 weeks .....                                     | 2 603  | 1 052                              | 1 551                                       | 498                   | 350  | 703                   |
| 27 to 39 weeks .....                                     | 1 854  | 789                                | 1 065                                       | 333                   | 261  | 471                   |
| 26 weeks or less .....                                   | 2 438  | 1 126                              | 1 313                                       | 419                   | 301  | 593                   |
| Worked at part-time jobs .....                           | 2 838  | 1 875                              | 964   | 251                   | 228  | 485                   |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....                                     | 1 180  | 811                                | 369   | 90                    | 78   | 201                   |
| 49 weeks or less .....                                   | 1 658  | 1 064                              | 594   | 161                   | 150  | 284                   |
| <b>Years of School Completed by Husband</b>              |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Less than 12 years: Total .....                          | 7 859  | 3 982                              | 3 876                                       | 845                   | 825  | 2 206                 |
| 0 to 7 years .....                                       | 1 790  | 884                                | 905   | 165                   | 245  | 496                   |
| 8 years .....  | 1 779  | 1 073                              | 706   | 133                   | 118  | 455                   |
| 9 to 11 years .....                                      | 4 290  | 2 025                              | 2 265                                       | 547                   | 462  | 1 255                 |
| High school: 4 years .....                               | 14 982 | 6 253                              | 8 729                                       | 2 413                 | 1 846                                      | 4 470                 |
| College: Total .....                                     | 17 037 | 6 954                              | 10 083                                      | 2 914                 | 2 104                                      | 5 068                 |
| 1 to 3 years .....                                       | 6 825  | 2 694                              | 4 132                                       | 1 200                 | 865  | 2 066                 |
| 4 years .....  | 5 355  | 2 295                              | 3 060                                       | 939                   | 658  | 1 483                 |
| 5 years or more .....                                    | 4 857  | 1 965                              | 2 892                                       | 775                   | 581  | 1 536                 |
| <b>Occupation of Longest Job of Husband<sup>1</sup></b>  |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial .....          | 6 131  | 2 772                              | 3 359                                       | 773                   | 657  | 1 930                 |
| Professional specialty .....                             | 5 070  | 2 218                              | 2 852                                       | 819                   | 600  | 1 434                 |
| Technical and related support .....                      | 1 073  | 455                                | 618   | 218                   | 123  | 277                   |
| Sales workers .....                                      | 4 495  | 2 177                              | 2 319                                       | 641                   | 417  | 1 261                 |
| Administrative support, including clerical .....         | 1 927  | 924                                | 1 003                                       | 254                   | 200  | 549                   |
| Precision production, craft, and repair .....            | 8 692  | 3 472                              | 5 219                                       | 1 401                 | 1 094                                      | 2 724                 |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers .....               | 7 784  | 3 034                              | 4 749                                       | 1 306                 | 1 114                                      | 2 329                 |
| Service workers .....                                    | 2 704  | 1 229                              | 1 475                                       | 415                   | 300  | 760                   |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing .....                     | 1 950  | 892                                | 1 058                                       | 333                   | 266  | 459                   |
| <b>MEAN EARNINGS OF HUSBANDS WITH EARNINGS (DOLLARS)</b> |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Total .....  | 22 980 | 22 167                             | 23 596                                      | 20 461                | 22 329                                     | 25 760                |
| <b>Age of Husband</b>                                    |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Husband 15 to 24 years old .....                         | 12 217 | 12 540                             | 11 809                                      | 11 924                | (B)  | (B)                   |
| Husband 25 to 34 years old .....                         | 20 000 | 19 898                             | 20 033                                      | 20 470                | 19 687                                     | 19 487                |
| Husband 35 to 44 years old .....                         | 26 336 | 25 720                             | 26 457                                      | 27 312                | 25 929                                     | 26 484                |
| Husband 45 to 54 years old .....                         | 27 008 | 26 267                             | 27 868                                      | 22 766                | 22 141                                     | 28 448                |
| Husband 55 to 64 years old .....                         | 24 048 | 24 080                             | 23 843                                      | (B)                   | (B)  | 24 008                |
| Husband 65 years old and over .....                      | 11 932 | 11 945                             | (B)   | (B)                   | (B)  | (B)                   |
| <b>Work Experience of Husband</b>                        |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Worked at full-time jobs .....                           | 24 138 | 24 008                             | 24 229                                      | 21 011                | 22 998                                     | 26 420                |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....                                     | 26 532 | 26 457                             | 26 584                                      | 23 388                | 25 595                                     | 28 536                |
| 40 to 49 weeks .....                                     | 19 395 | 19 684                             | 19 199                                      | 17 073                | 17 504                                     | 21 548                |
| 27 to 39 weeks .....                                     | 13 778 | 14 000                             | 13 614                                      | 11 967                | 12 829                                     | 15 214                |
| 26 weeks or less .....                                   | 7 484  | 8 205                              | 6 866                                       | 6 372                 | 6 863                                      | 7 207                 |
| Worked at part-time jobs .....                           | 7 875  | 7 130                              | 9 325                                       | 7 474                 | 8 975                                      | 10 445                |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....                                     | 12 032 | 11 026                             | 14 243                                      | 10 324                | 12 281                                     | 16 759                |
| 49 weeks or less .....                                   | 4 915  | 4 158                              | 6 271                                       | 5 881                 | 7 245                                      | 5 977                 |
| <b>Years of School Completed by Husband</b>              |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Less than 12 years: Total .....                          | 14 559 | 14 267                             | 14 860                                      | 11 989                | 13 291                                     | 16 547                |
| 0 to 7 years .....                                       | 11 989 | 11 417                             | 12 547                                      | 10 145                | 11 593                                     | 13 818                |
| 8 years .....  | 14 090 | 13 811                             | 14 512                                      | 12 457                | 12 594                                     | 15 610                |
| 9 to 11 years .....                                      | 15 827 | 15 752                             | 15 894                                      | 12 431                | 14 371                                     | 17 984                |
| High school: 4 years .....                               | 19 912 | 19 710                             | 20 057                                      | 17 094                | 19 108                                     | 22 048                |
| College: Total .....                                     | 29 563 | 28 902                             | 30 019                                      | 25 708                | 28 699                                     | 33 047                |
| 1 to 3 years .....                                       | 23 122 | 22 581                             | 23 475                                      | 20 440                | 21 646                                     | 26 004                |
| 4 years .....  | 30 898 | 30 102                             | 31 495                                      | 26 411                | 30 221                                     | 35 332                |
| 5 years or more .....                                    | 37 142 | 36 165                             | 37 807                                      | 33 020                | 37 482                                     | 40 344                |

<sup>1</sup>Excludes husbands whose longest job was in the Armed Forces in 1983.



Table 4C. **Husbands With Earnings in 1983--Age of Own Children, by Characteristics of Husband--Con.**

(Husbands as of March 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

| Characteristics of husband                                    | Total  | No own children under 18 years old | One or more own children under 18 years old |                       |  |                       |
|---|--------|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|
|   |        |                                    | Total                                       | All under 6 years old | Some under 6 years, some 6 to 17 years old | All 6 to 17 years old |
| <b>MEAN EARNINGS OF HUSBANDS WITH EARNINGS (DOLLARS)-CON.</b> |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| <b>Occupation of Longest Job of Husband<sup>1</sup></b>       |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial .....               | 33 037 | 31 488                             | 34 315                                      | 28 678                | 32 443                                     | 37 209                |
| Professional specialty .....                                  | 32 592 | 30 956                             | 33 863                                      | 28 910                | 33 630                                     | 36 790                |
| Technical and related support .....                           | 25 195 | 24 488                             | 25 715                                      | 22 023                | 25 625                                     | 28 669                |
| Sales workers .....   | 25 206 | 24 318                             | 26 040                                      | 23 670                | 23 272                                     | 28 161                |
| Administrative support, including clerical .....              | 21 153 | 19 955                             | 22 257                                      | 20 243                | 22 433                                     | 23 126                |
| Precision production, craft, and repair .....                 | 20 034 | 19 268                             | 20 543                                      | 18 346                | 19 714                                     | 22 007                |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers .....                    | 17 079 | 16 913                             | 17 185                                      | 15 041                | 16 555                                     | 18 689                |
| Service workers .....   | 14 786 | 13 295                             | 16 028                                      | 14 170                | 16 051                                     | 17 033                |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing .....                          | 10 023 | 8 694                              | 11 143                                      | 11 771                | 10 974                                     | 10 785                |
| <b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF HUSBANDS WITH EARNINGS</b>         |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Total .....   | 100.0  | 100.0                              | 100.0                                       | 100.0                 | 100.0                                      | 100.0                 |
| <b>Age of Husband</b>   |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Husband 15 to 24 years old .....                              | 4.9    | 5.5                                | 4.4   | 14.6                  | 1.4  | .2                    |
| Husband 25 to 34 years old .....                              | 27.4   | 15.7                               | 36.2  | 65.9                  | 51.0                                       | 14.6                  |
| Husband 35 to 44 years old .....                              | 26.6   | 10.2                               | 39.0  | 17.3                  | 42.2                                       | 49.1                  |
| Husband 45 to 54 years old .....                              | 20.1   | 25.0                               | 16.3  | 2.0                   | 4.9  | 28.6                  |
| Husband 55 to 64 years old .....                              | 16.2   | 32.6                               | 3.9   | .2                    | .5   | 7.1                   |
| Husband 65 years old and over .....                           | 4.8    | 11.0                               | .2  | -                     | -  | .4                    |
| <b>Work Experience of Husband</b>                             |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Worked at full-time jobs .....                                | 92.9   | 89.1                               | 95.8  | 95.9                  | 95.2                                       | 95.9                  |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....  | 75.6   | 71.8                               | 78.4  | 75.7                  | 76.1                                       | 80.8                  |
| 40 to 49 weeks .....  | 6.5    | 6.1                                | 6.8   | 8.1                   | 7.3  | 6.0                   |
| 27 to 39 weeks .....  | 4.6    | 4.6                                | 4.7   | 5.4                   | 5.5  | 4.0                   |
| 26 weeks or less .....  | 6.1    | 6.6                                | 5.8   | 6.8                   | 6.3  | 5.1                   |
| Worked at part-time jobs .....                                | 7.1    | 10.9                               | 4.2   | 4.1                   | 4.8  | 4.1                   |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....  | 3.0    | 4.7                                | 1.6   | 1.5                   | 1.6  | 1.7                   |
| 49 weeks or less .....  | 4.2    | 6.2                                | 2.6   | 2.6                   | 3.1  | 2.4                   |
| <b>Years of School Completed by Husband</b>                   |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Less than 12 years: Total .....                               | 19.7   | 23.2                               | 17.1  | 13.7                  | 17.3                                       | 18.8                  |
| 0 to 7 years .....  | 4.5    | 5.1                                | 4.0   | 2.7                   | 5.1  | 4.2                   |
| 8 years .....   | 4.5    | 6.2                                | 3.1   | 2.2                   | 2.5  | 3.9                   |
| 9 to 11 years .....   | 10.8   | 11.8                               | 10.0  | 8.9                   | 9.7  | 10.7                  |
| High school: 4 years .....                                    | 37.6   | 36.4                               | 38.5  | 39.1                  | 38.7                                       | 38.1                  |
| College: Total .....  | 42.7   | 40.5                               | 44.4  | 47.2                  | 44.1                                       | 43.1                  |
| 1 to 3 years .....  | 17.1   | 15.7                               | 18.2  | 19.4                  | 18.1                                       | 17.6                  |
| 4 years .....   | 13.4   | 13.4                               | 13.5  | 15.2                  | 13.8                                       | 12.5                  |
| 5 years or more .....   | 12.2   | 11.4                               | 12.7  | 12.6                  | 12.2                                       | 13.1                  |
| <b>Occupation of Longest Job of Husband<sup>1</sup></b>       |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial .....               | 15.4   | 16.1                               | 14.8  | 12.5                  | 13.8                                       | 16.5                  |
| Professional specialty .....                                  | 12.7   | 12.9                               | 12.6  | 13.3                  | 12.6                                       | 12.2                  |
| Technical and related support .....                           | 2.7    | 2.6                                | 2.7   | 3.5                   | 2.6  | 2.4                   |
| Sales workers .....   | 11.3   | 12.7                               | 10.2  | 10.4                  | 8.7  | 10.8                  |
| Administrative support, including clerical .....              | 4.8    | 5.4                                | 4.4   | 4.1                   | 4.2  | 4.7                   |
| Precision production, craft, and repair .....                 | 21.8   | 20.2                               | 23.0  | 22.7                  | 22.9                                       | 23.2                  |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers .....                    | 19.5   | 17.7                               | 21.0  | 21.2                  | 23.3                                       | 19.9                  |
| Service workers .....   | 6.8    | 7.2                                | 6.5   | 6.7                   | 6.3  | 6.5                   |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing .....                          | 4.9    | 5.2                                | 4.7   | 5.4                   | 5.6  | 3.9                   |

<sup>1</sup>Excludes husbands whose longest job was in the Armed Forces in 1983.

Table 5A. Wives With Earnings in 1983--Age of Wife, by Characteristics of Wife

(Wives as of March 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

| Characteristics of wife                               | Total  | Age of wife    |                |                |                |                |                   |
|---|--------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
|   |        | 15 to 24 years | 25 to 34 years | 35 to 44 years | 45 to 54 years | 55 to 64 years | 65 years and over |
| <b>NUMBER OF WIVES WITH EARNINGS (THOUSANDS)</b>      |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| <b>Work Experience of Wife</b>                        |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Wife worked in 1983                                   | 28 425 | 2 758          | 8 824          | 7 720          | 5 336          | 3 199          | 588               |
| Worked at full-time jobs                              | 19 051 | 1 935          | 6 081          | 5 102          | 3 709          | 2 027          | 197               |
| 50 to 52 weeks  | 13 697 | 1 095          | 4 217          | 3 848          | 2 918          | 1 510          | 108               |
| 40 to 49 weeks  | 1 693  | 256            | 588            | 428            | 260            | 140            | 22                |
| 27 to 39 weeks  | 1 357  | 223            | 476            | 308            | 194            | 135            | 22                |
| 26 weeks or less                                      | 2 304  | 361            | 801            | 517            | 337            | 243            | 45                |
| Worked at part-time jobs                              | 9 374  | 824            | 2 742          | 2 618          | 1 627          | 1 172          | 391               |
| 50 to 52 weeks  | 4 114  | 236            | 1 057          | 1 171          | 857            | 621            | 172               |
| 49 weeks or less                                      | 5 260  | 588            | 1 685          | 1 447          | 770            | 551            | 218               |
| <b>Years of School Completed by Wife</b>              |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Less than 12 years:                                   |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Total   | 3 951  | 393            | 781            | 880            | 950            | 752            | 194               |
| 0 to 7 years  | 648    | 32             | 93             | 127            | 163            | 184            | 49                |
| 8 years   | 714    | 40             | 90             | 153            | 185            | 188            | 58                |
| 9 to 11 years   | 2 589  | 329            | 598            | 601            | 602            | 380            | 88                |
| 12 years  | 13 429 | 1 519          | 3 779          | 3 509          | 2 736          | 1 652          | 234               |
| High school:  |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| 4 years   | 11 045 | 848            | 4 264          | 3 330          | 1 650          | 795            | 159               |
| College:  |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Total   | 5 368  | 595            | 1 951          | 1 543          | 824            | 364            | 90                |
| 1 to 3 years  | 3 517  | 224            | 1 538          | 985            | 487            | 232            | 51                |
| 4 years   | 2 160  | 27             | 775            | 802            | 339            | 199            | 18                |
| 5 years or more                                       |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| <b>Occupation of Longest Job of Wife<sup>1</sup></b>  |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial             | 2 410  | 152            | 765            | 729            | 464            | 243            | 56                |
| Professional specialty                                | 4 530  | 221            | 1 669          | 1 461          | 736            | 381            | 61                |
| Technical and related support                         | 949    | 93             | 409            | 228            | 148            | 60             | 12                |
| Sales workers   | 3 451  | 462            | 966            | 843            | 654            | 429            | 98                |
| Administrative support, including clerical            | 8 340  | 838            | 2 475          | 2 294          | 1 608          | 985            | 141               |
| Precision production, craft, and repair               | 687    | 49             | 226            | 169            | 155            | 76             | 12                |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers                  | 2 959  | 301            | 830            | 776            | 656            | 366            | 29                |
| Service workers                                       | 4 695  | 595            | 1 361          | 1 119          | 847            | 612            | 161               |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing                        | 397    | 43             | 120            | 103            | 69             | 47             | 16                |
| <b>MEAN EARNINGS OF WIVES WITH EARNINGS (DOLLARS)</b> |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| <b>Work Experience of Wife</b>                        |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Wife worked in 1983                                   | 10 164 | 7 258          | 10 352         | 10 998         | 10 956         | 9 777          | 4 948             |
| Worked at full-time jobs                              | 12 900 | 8 854          | 12 965         | 14 170         | 13 488         | 12 774         | 7 993             |
| 50 to 52 weeks  | 15 041 | 11 297         | 15 366         | 16 159         | 14 981         | 14 460         | 10 248            |
| 40 to 49 weeks  | 11 951 | 9 292          | 11 867         | 13 142         | 12 661         | 13 099         | (B)               |
| 27 to 39 weeks  | 8 302  | 6 178          | 8 267          | 9 077          | 9 420          | 9 038          | (B)               |
| 26 weeks or less                                      | 3 578  | 2 775          | 3 918          | 3 255          | 3 535          | 4 171          | (B)               |
| Worked at part-time jobs                              | 4 603  | 3 510          | 4 559          | 4 816          | 5 185          | 4 592          | 3 410             |
| 50 to 52 weeks  | 6 849  | 6 454          | 7 429          | 6 884          | 7 134          | 6 263          | 4 283             |
| 49 weeks or less                                      | 2 848  | 2 332          | 2 759          | 3 143          | 3 015          | 2 709          | 2 720             |
| <b>Years of School Completed by Wife</b>              |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Less than 12 years:                                   |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Total   | 6 658  | 4 751          | 5 975          | 7 196          | 8 119          | 6 709          | 3 494             |
| 0 to 7 years  | 5 702  | (B)            | 5 527          | 5 874          | 7 336          | 5 304          | (B)               |
| 8 years   | 6 577  | (B)            | 4 954          | 6 775          | 7 710          | 7 492          | (B)               |
| 9 to 11 years   | 6 920  | 4 911          | 6 199          | 7 582          | 8 456          | 7 003          | 3 735             |
| 12 years  | 8 997  | 7 161          | 8 588          | 9 458          | 10 070         | 9 411          | 5 116             |
| High school:  |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Total   | 12 838 | 8 595          | 12 718         | 13 626         | 14 057         | 13 443         | 6 475             |
| College:  |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| 1 to 3 years  | 10 612 | 8 063          | 10 857         | 11 108         | 11 396         | 10 979         | 5 045             |
| 4 years   | 13 211 | 9 877          | 13 468         | 13 882         | 13 478         | 12 575         | (B)               |
| 5 years or more                                       | 17 760 | (B)            | 15 913         | 18 159         | 21 368         | 18 971         | (B)               |
| <b>Occupation of Longest Job of Wife<sup>1</sup></b>  |        |                |                |                |                |                |                   |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial             | 15 741 | 11 405         | 15 919         | 17 777         | 15 946         | 13 352         | (B)               |
| Professional specialty                                | 14 984 | 9 186          | 13 718         | 14 929         | 15 868         | 16 366         | (B)               |
| Technical and related support                         | 12 895 | 11 872         | 13 128         | 12 920         | 13 157         | (B)            | (B)               |
| Sales workers   | 7 572  | 5 012          | 7 765          | 8 713          | 8 267          | 7 333          | 4 364             |
| Administrative support, including clerical            | 10 504 | 8 955          | 10 761         | 10 586         | 11 306         | 10 476         | 4 884             |
| Precision production, craft, and repair               | 10 138 | (B)            | 10 452         | 11 233         | 11 464         | 7 772          | (B)               |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers                  | 8 610  | 6 894          | 7 852          | 8 737          | 10 009         | 9 120          | (B)               |
| Service workers                                       | 5 635  | 4 680          | 5 566          | 5 950          | 6 301          | 5 758          | 3 579             |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing                        | 2 230  | (B)            | 2 373          | 2 288          | (B)            | (B)            | (B)               |

<sup>1</sup>Excludes wives whose longest job was in the Armed Forces in 1983.

Table 5B. **Wives With Earnings in 1983--Age of Own Children, by Characteristics of Wife**

(Wives as of March 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

| Characteristics of wife                               | Total  | No own children under 18 years old | One or more own children under 18 years old |                       |  |                       |
|---|--------|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|
|   |        |                                    | Total                                       | All under 6 years old | Some under 6 years, some 6 to 17 years old | All 6 to 17 years old |
| <b>NUMBER OF WIVES WITH EARNINGS (THOUSANDS)</b>      |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Total .....   | 28 425 | 13 005                             | 15 419                                      | 4 075                 | 2 777                                      | 8 567                 |
| <b>Age of Wife</b>                                    |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Wife 15 to 24 years old .....                         | 2 758  | 1 509                              | 1 249                                       | 1 094                 | 96   | 59                    |
| Wife 25 to 34 years old .....                         | 8 824  | 2 365                              | 6 459                                       | 2 601                 | 1 822                                      | 2 035                 |
| Wife 35 to 44 years old .....                         | 7 720  | 1 825                              | 5 895                                       | 363                   | 841  | 4 690                 |
| Wife 45 to 54 years old .....                         | 5 336  | 3 665                              | 1 671                                       | 17                    | 17   | 1 637                 |
| Wife 55 to 64 years old .....                         | 3 199  | 3 057                              | 142   | -                     | -  | 142                   |
| Wife 65 years old and over .....                      | 588    | 585                                | 3   | -                     | -  | 3                     |
| <b>Work Experience of Wife</b>                        |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Worked at full-time jobs .....                        | 19 051 | 9 384                              | 9 666                                       | 2 620                 | 1 560                                      | 5 485                 |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....                                  | 13 697 | 7 156                              | 6 541                                       | 1 506                 | 950  | 4 085                 |
| 40 to 49 weeks .....                                  | 1 693  | 764                                | 929   | 299                   | 170  | 460                   |
| 27 to 39 weeks .....                                  | 1 357  | 550                                | 808   | 294                   | 141  | 372                   |
| 26 weeks or less .....                                | 2 304  | 915                                | 1 389                                       | 521                   | 299  | 568                   |
| Worked at part-time jobs .....                        | 9 374  | 3 621                              | 5 753                                       | 1 455                 | 1 217                                      | 3 081                 |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....                                  | 4 114  | 1 791                              | 2 323                                       | 460                   | 440  | 1 423                 |
| 49 weeks or less .....                                | 5 260  | 1 831                              | 3 430                                       | 995                   | 777  | 1 658                 |
| <b>Years of School Completed by Wife</b>              |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Less than 12 years: Total .....                       | 3 951  | 2 012                              | 1 939                                       | 363                   | 392  | 1 184                 |
| 0 to 7 years .....                                    | 648    | 362                                | 286   | 48                    | 66   | 172                   |
| 8 years .....   | 714    | 429                                | 285   | 36                    | 53   | 196                   |
| 9 to 11 years .....                                   | 2 589  | 1 220                              | 1 368                                       | 279                   | 273  | 816                   |
| High school: 4 years .....                            | 13 429 | 6 153                              | 7 276                                       | 1 759                 | 1 306                                      | 4 210                 |
| College: Total .....                                  | 11 045 | 4 841                              | 6 204                                       | 1 953                 | 1 079                                      | 3 172                 |
| 1 to 3 years .....                                    | 5 368  | 2 281                              | 3 087                                       | 848                   | 519  | 1 720                 |
| 4 years .....   | 3 517  | 1 593                              | 1 924                                       | 723                   | 324  | 877                   |
| 5 years or more .....                                 | 2 160  | 966                                | 1 193                                       | 383                   | 237  | 574                   |
| <b>Occupation of Longest Job of Wife<sup>1</sup></b>  |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial .....       | 2 410  | 1 252                              | 1 158                                       | 299                   | 145  | 714                   |
| Professional specialty .....                          | 4 530  | 1 873                              | 2 657                                       | 875                   | 494  | 1 287                 |
| Technical and related support .....                   | 949    | 437                                | 512   | 172                   | 96   | 244                   |
| Sales workers .....                                   | 3 451  | 1 609                              | 1 842                                       | 511                   | 322  | 1 009                 |
| Administrative support, including clerical .....      | 8 340  | 3 993                              | 4 347                                       | 1 084                 | 698  | 2 565                 |
| Precision production, craft, and repair .....         | 687    | 335                                | 352   | 83                    | 62   | 208                   |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers .....            | 2 959  | 1 301                              | 1 658                                       | 332                   | 329  | 998                   |
| Service workers .....                                 | 4 695  | 2 047                              | 2 649                                       | 658                   | 570  | 1 420                 |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing .....                  | 397    | 158                                | 239   | 56                    | 62   | 121                   |
| <b>MEAN EARNINGS OF WIVES WITH EARNINGS (DOLLARS)</b> |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Total .....   | 10 164 | 11 088                             | 9 385                                       | 9 192                 | 8 150                                      | 9 877                 |
| <b>Age of Wife</b>                                    |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Wife 15 to 24 years old .....                         | 7 258  | 8 630                              | 5 600                                       | 5 556                 | 4 745                                      | (B)                   |
| Wife 25 to 34 years old .....                         | 10 352 | 13 978                             | 9 025                                       | 9 928                 | 7 604                                      | 9 141                 |
| Wife 35 to 44 years old .....                         | 10 898 | 13 072                             | 10 356                                      | 14 801                | 9 722                                      | 10 125                |
| Wife 45 to 54 years old .....                         | 10 956 | 11 335                             | 10 123                                      | (B)                   | (B)  | 10 140                |
| Wife 55 to 64 years old .....                         | 9 777  | 9 758                              | 10 199                                      | (B)                   | (B)  | 10 199                |
| Wife 65 years old and over .....                      | 4 948  | 4 965                              | (B)   | (B)                   | (B)  | (B)                   |
| <b>Work Experience of Wife</b>                        |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Worked at full-time jobs .....                        | 12 900 | 13 469                             | 12 348                                      | 11 941                | 11 312                                     | 12 837                |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....                                  | 15 041 | 15 208                             | 14 859                                      | 15 314                | 14 284                                     | 14 826                |
| 40 to 49 weeks .....                                  | 11 951 | 12 099                             | 11 829                                      | 12 163                | 11 861                                     | 11 600                |
| 27 to 39 weeks .....                                  | 8 302  | 8 626                              | 8 082                                       | 8 957                 | 7 944                                      | 7 443                 |
| 26 weeks or less .....                                | 3 578  | 3 926                              | 3 349                                       | 3 755                 | 3 155                                      | 3 079                 |
| Worked at part-time jobs .....                        | 4 603  | 4 918                              | 4 405                                       | 4 238                 | 4 095                                      | 4 606                 |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....                                  | 6 849  | 6 812                              | 6 877                                       | 7 846                 | 6 936                                      | 6 546                 |
| 49 weeks or less .....                                | 2 848  | 3 066                              | 2 731                                       | 2 572                 | 2 486                                      | 2 941                 |
| <b>Years of School Completed by Wife</b>              |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Less than 12 years: Total .....                       | 6 658  | 7 170                              | 6 127                                       | 4 752                 | 5 417                                      | 6 783                 |
| 0 to 7 years .....                                    | 5 702  | 5 828                              | 5 542                                       | (B)                   | (B)  | 5 927                 |
| 8 years .....   | 6 577  | 7 050                              | 5 864                                       | (B)                   | (B)  | 6 108                 |
| 9 to 11 years .....                                   | 6 820  | 7 611                              | 6 304                                       | 4 713                 | 5 475                                      | 7 126                 |
| High school: 4 years .....                            | 8 997  | 10 010                             | 8 140                                       | 7 448                 | 7 012                                      | 8 778                 |
| College: Total .....                                  | 12 838 | 14 087                             | 11 863                                      | 11 587                | 10 520                                     | 12 490                |
| 1 to 3 years .....                                    | 10 612 | 11 793                             | 9 784                                       | 9 239                 | 8 486                                      | 10 444                |
| 4 years .....   | 13 211 | 14 503                             | 12 142                                      | 12 507                | 10 770                                     | 12 347                |
| 5 years or more .....                                 | 17 760 | 18 957                             | 16 791                                      | 15 054                | 14 635                                     | 18 837                |

<sup>1</sup>Excludes wives whose longest job was in the Armed Forces in 1983.

Table 5B. **Wives With Earnings in 1983--Age of Own Children, by Characteristics of Wife--**  
**Con.**

(Wives as of March 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

| Characteristics of wife                                     | Total  | No own children under 18 years old | One or more own children under 18 years old |                       |  |                       |
|---|--------|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|
|   |        |                                    | Total                                       | All under 6 years old | Some under 6 years, some 6 to 17 years old | All 6 to 17 years old |
| <b>MEAN EARNINGS OF WIVES WITH EARNINGS (DOLLARS)--CON.</b> |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| <b>Occupation of Longest Job of Wife<sup>1</sup></b>        |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial .....             | 15 741 | 16 249                             | 15 191                                      | 15 405                | 14 144                                     | 15 314                |
| Professional specialty .....                                | 14 384 | 15 842                             | 13 355                                      | 13 194                | 11 513                                     | 14 172                |
| Technical and related support .....                         | 12 895 | 14 055                             | 11 905                                      | 12 560                | 10 169                                     | 12 125                |
| Sales workers .....   | 7 572  | 8 668                              | 6 615                                       | 5 506                 | 5 143                                      | 7 647                 |
| Administrative support, including clerical .....            | 10 504 | 11 282                             | 9 789                                       | 9 271                 | 9 204                                      | 10 167                |
| Precision production, craft, and repair .....               | 10 138 | 10 982                             | 9 336                                       | 6 814                 | (B)  | 10 200                |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers .....                  | 8 610  | 9 493                              | 7 917                                       | 7 114                 | 7 306                                      | 8 385                 |
| Service workers .....                                       | 5 635  | 6 189                              | 5 206                                       | 4 811                 | 4 753                                      | 5 571                 |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing .....                        | 2 230  | 2 181                              | 2 262                                       | (B)                   | (B)  | 2 251                 |
| <b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF WIVES WITH EARNINGS</b>          |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Total .....   | 100.0  | 100.0                              | 100.0                                       | 100.0                 | 100.0                                      | 100.0                 |
| <b>Age of Wife</b>  |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Wife 15 to 24 years old .....                               | 9.7    | 11.6                               | 8.1   | 26.8                  | 3.5  | .7                    |
| Wife 25 to 34 years old .....                               | 31.0   | 18.2                               | 41.9  | 63.8                  | 65.6                                       | 23.8                  |
| Wife 35 to 44 years old .....                               | 27.2   | 14.0                               | 38.2  | 8.9                   | 30.3                                       | 54.7                  |
| Wife 45 to 54 years old .....                               | 18.8   | 28.2                               | 10.8  | .4                    | .6   | 19.1                  |
| Wife 55 to 64 years old .....                               | 11.3   | 23.5                               | .9  | -                     | -  | 1.7                   |
| Wife 65 years old and over .....                            | 2.1    | 4.5                                | -   | -                     | -  | -                     |
| <b>Work Experience of Wife</b>                              |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Worked at full-time jobs .....                              | 67.0   | 72.2                               | 62.7  | 64.3                  | 56.2                                       | 64.0                  |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....  | 48.2   | 55.0                               | 42.4  | 37.0                  | 34.2                                       | 47.7                  |
| 40 to 49 weeks .....  | 6.0    | 5.9                                | 6.0   | 7.3                   | 6.1  | 5.4                   |
| 27 to 39 weeks .....  | 4.8    | 4.2                                | 5.2   | 7.2                   | 5.1  | 4.3                   |
| 26 weeks or less .....                                      | 8.1    | 7.0                                | 9.0   | 12.8                  | 10.8                                       | 6.6                   |
| Worked at part-time jobs .....                              | 33.0   | 27.8                               | 37.3  | 35.7                  | 43.8                                       | 36.0                  |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....  | 14.5   | 13.8                               | 15.1  | 11.3                  | 15.8                                       | 16.6                  |
| 49 weeks or less .....                                      | 18.5   | 14.1                               | 22.2  | 24.4                  | 28.0                                       | 19.4                  |
| <b>Years of School Completed by Wife</b>                    |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Less than 12 years: Total .....                             | 13.9   | 15.5                               | 12.6  | 8.9                   | 14.1                                       | 13.8                  |
| 0 to 7 years .....  | 2.3    | 2.8                                | 1.9   | 1.2                   | 2.4  | 2.0                   |
| 8 years .....   | 2.5    | 3.3                                | 1.8   | .9                    | 1.9  | 2.3                   |
| 9 to 11 years .....   | 9.1    | 9.4                                | 8.9   | 6.8                   | 9.8  | 9.5                   |
| High school: 4 years .....                                  | 47.2   | 47.3                               | 47.2  | 43.1                  | 47.0                                       | 49.1                  |
| College: Total .....  | 38.9   | 37.2                               | 40.2  | 47.9                  | 38.9                                       | 37.0                  |
| 1 to 3 years .....  | 18.9   | 17.5                               | 20.0  | 20.8                  | 18.7                                       | 20.1                  |
| 4 years .....   | 12.5   | 12.2                               | 12.5  | 17.7                  | 11.7                                       | 10.2                  |
| 5 years or more .....                                       | 7.6    | 7.4                                | 7.7   | 9.4                   | 8.5  | 6.7                   |
| <b>Occupation of Longest Job of Wife<sup>1</sup></b>        |        |                                    |   |                       |  |                       |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial .....             | 8.5    | 9.6                                | 7.5   | 7.3                   | 5.2  | 8.3                   |
| Professional specialty .....                                | 15.9   | 14.4                               | 17.2  | 21.5                  | 17.8                                       | 15.0                  |
| Technical and related support .....                         | 3.3    | 3.4                                | 3.3   | 4.2                   | 3.5  | 2.8                   |
| Sales workers .....   | 12.1   | 12.4                               | 12.0  | 12.6                  | 11.6                                       | 11.8                  |
| Administrative support, including clerical .....            | 29.3   | 30.7                               | 26.2  | 26.6                  | 25.1                                       | 29.9                  |
| Precision production, craft, and repair .....               | 2.4    | 2.6                                | 2.3   | 2.0                   | 2.2  | 2.4                   |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers .....                  | 10.4   | 10.0                               | 10.8  | 8.2                   | 11.8                                       | 11.7                  |
| Service workers .....                                       | 16.5   | 15.7                               | 17.2  | 16.2                  | 20.5                                       | 16.6                  |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing .....                        | 1.4    | 1.2                                | 1.6   | 1.4                   | 2.2  | 1.4                   |

<sup>1</sup>Excludes wives whose longest job was in the Armed Forces in 1983.

**Table 6. Married-Couple Families With Wives' Earnings Greater Than Husbands' Earnings and With Wives' Earnings 80 to 100 Percent of Husbands' Earnings in 1983**

(Married-couple families as of March 1984. For meaning of symbols, see text)

| Selected characteristics                             | All husbands and wives both with earnings |                        | Wives' earnings greater than husbands' earnings |                        | Wives' earnings 80 to 100 percent of husbands' earnings |                        |
|--|---|------------------------|---|------------------------|---|------------------------|
|  | Husbands' characteristics                 | Wives' characteristics | Husbands' characteristics                       | Wives' characteristics | Husbands' characteristics                               | Wives' characteristics |
| Number with earnings .....                           | <i>82</i> 26 120                          | 26 120                 | <i>18.4</i> 4 800                               | 4 800                  | 2 168   | 2 168                  |
| <b>AGE</b>   |   |                        |   |                        |   |                        |
| 14 to 24 years old .....                             | <i>85</i> 1 475                           | 2 680                  | <i>23.7</i> 349                                 | <i>18.6</i> 499        | 101   | 232                    |
| 25 to 34 years old .....                             | 7 781                                     | 8 579                  | 1 487   | 1 641                  | 764   | 775                    |
| 35 to 44 years old .....                             | 7 521                                     | 7 462                  | 1 181   | 1 179                  | 569   | 572                    |
| 45 to 54 years old .....                             | 5 328                                     | 4 820                  | 836   | 858                    | 432   | 394                    |
| 55 to 64 years old .....                             | 3 354                                     | 2 310                  | 675   | 544                    | 269   | 185                    |
| 65 years old and over .....                          | 661                                       | 268                    | 271   | 79                     | 32  | 10                     |
| <b>PRESENCE OF CHILDREN</b>                          |   |                        |   |                        |   |                        |
| No own children under 18 years old .....             | <i>93</i> 11 237                          | 11 237                 | 2 451   | <i>21.8</i> 2 451      | 1 075   | 1 075                  |
| 1 or more own children under 18 years old .....      | 14 883                                    | 14 883                 | 2 349   | 2 349                  | 1 093   | 1 093                  |
| All under 6 years old .....                          | 3 971                                     | 3 971                  | 681   | 681                    | 359   | 359                    |
| Some under 6 years, some 6 to 17 years old .....     | 2 692                                     | 2 692                  | 422   | 422                    | 181   | 181                    |
| All 6 to 17 years old .....                          | 8 219                                     | 8 219                  | 1 245   | 1 245                  | 554   | 554                    |
| <b>WORK EXPERIENCE IN 1983</b>                       |   |                        |   |                        |   |                        |
| Worked at full-time jobs .....                       | <i>100</i> 24 614                         | 17 552                 | 3 946   | 4 191                  | 2 085   | 1 974                  |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....                                 | 20 168                                    | 12 607                 | 2 384   | 3 496                  | 1 720   | 1 684                  |
| 40 to 49 weeks .....                                 | 1 752                                     | 1 583                  | 339   | 341                    | 168   | 163                    |
| 27 to 39 weeks .....                                 | 1 222                                     | 1 255                  | 359   | 205                    | 118   | 71                     |
| 26 weeks or less .....                               | 1 471                                     | 2 106                  | 884   | 149                    | 79  | 55                     |
| Worked at part-time jobs .....                       | 1 506                                     | 8 568                  | 854   | 609                    | 82  | 194                    |
| 50 to 52 weeks .....                                 | 636                                       | 3 749                  | 270   | 385                    | 54  | 144                    |
| 49 weeks or less .....                               | 871                                       | 4 819                  | 583   | 224                    | 28  | 50                     |
| <b>YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED</b>                     |   |                        |   |                        |   |                        |
| Less than 12 years: Total .....                      | <i>110</i> 4 370                          | 3 320                  | 1 043   | 646                    | 371   | 230                    |
| 0 to 7 years .....                                   | 865                                       | 503                    | 234   | 104                    | 57  | 42                     |
| 8 years .....  | 961                                       | 559                    | 233   | 116                    | 96  | 41                     |
| 9 to 11 years .....                                  | 2 543                                     | 2 258                  | 576   | 425                    | 218   | 148                    |
| High school: 4 years .....                           | 9 848                                     | 12 265                 | 1 789   | 2 078                  | 807   | 925                    |
| College: Total .....                                 | 11 902                                    | 10 535                 | 1 969   | 2 077                  | 990   | 1 013                  |
| 1 to 3 years .....                                   | 4 816                                     | 5 091                  | 932   | 913                    | 410   | 400                    |
| 4 years .....  | 3 695                                     | 3 381                  | 570   | 641                    | 288   | 338                    |
| 5 years or more .....                                | 3 391                                     | 2 062                  | 466   | 523                    | 292   | 274                    |
| <b>OCCUPATION OF LONGEST JOB IN 1983<sup>1</sup></b> |   |                        |   |                        |   |                        |
| Executive, administrators, and managerial .....      | <i>121</i> 4 040                          | 2 233                  | 481   | 550                    | 271   | 261                    |
| Professional specialty .....                         | 3 474                                     | 4 292                  | 492   | 946                    | 315   | 487                    |
| Technical and related support .....                  | 757                                       | 911                    | 103   | 225                    | 65  | 109                    |
| Sales workers .....                                  | 3 127                                     | 3 136                  | 664   | 407                    | 193   | 161                    |
| Administrative support, including clerical .....     | 1 311                                     | 7 803                  | 220   | 1 355                  | 120   | 617                    |
| Precision production, craft, and repair .....        | 5 476                                     | 596                    | 911   | 122                    | 427   | 69                     |
| Operators, fabricators, and laborers .....           | 4 962                                     | 2 644                  | 1 023   | 603                    | 427   | 244                    |
| Service workers .....                                | 1 808                                     | 4 127                  | 483   | 551                    | 242   | 201                    |
| Farming, forestry, and fishing .....                 | 1 131                                     | 373                    | 414   | 38                     | 73  | 19                     |

<sup>1</sup>Excludes persons whose longest job was in the Armed Forces.

## Appendix A. Definitions, Explanations, and Underreporting of Income

### DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

**Population coverage.** This report includes the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States and approximately 879,000 members of the Armed Forces in the United States living off post or with their families on post, but excludes all other members of the Armed Forces.

**Money wages or salary.** Money wages or salary is total money earnings received for work performed as an employee during the income year. It includes wages, salary, Armed Forces pay, commissions, tips, piece-rate payments, and cash bonuses earned before deductions were made for taxes, bonds, pensions, union dues, etc.

**Net income from nonfarm self-employment.** Net income from nonfarm self-employment is net money income (gross receipts minus expenses) from one's own business, professional enterprise, or partnership. Gross receipts include the value of all goods sold and services rendered. Expenses include costs of goods purchased, rent, heat, light, power, depreciation charges, wages and salaries paid, business taxes (not personal income taxes), etc. In general, inventory changes were considered in determining net income; replies based on income tax returns or other official records do reflect inventory changes. However, when values of inventory changes were not reported, net income figures exclusive of inventory changes were accepted. The value of saleable merchandise consumed by the proprietors of retail stores is not included as part of net income.

**Net income from farm self-employment.** Net income from farm self-employment is net money income (gross receipts minus operating expenses) from the operation of a farm by a person on his own account, as an owner, renter, or sharecropper. Gross receipts include the value of all products sold, government farm programs, money received from the rental of farm equipment to others, and incidental receipts from the sale of wood, sand, gravel, etc. Operating expenses include cost of feed, fertilizer, seed, and other farming supplies, cash wages paid to farmhands, depreciation charges, cash rent, interest on farm mortgages, farm building repairs, farm taxes (not State and Federal personal income taxes), etc. The value of fuel, food, or other farm products used for family living is not included as part of net income. In general, inventory changes were considered in determining net income only when they were accounted for in replies based on income tax

returns or other official records which reflect inventory changes; otherwise inventory changes were not taken into account.

**Total money earnings.** Total money earnings is the algebraic sum of money wages or salary and net income from farm and nonfarm self-employment.

**Mean earnings.** The mean earnings is the amount obtained by dividing the total earnings of a group by the number of units in that group. The means for married-couple families, husbands, and wives are based on married-couple families, husbands, and wives with earnings.

**Married couple.** A married couple, as defined for census purposes, is a husband and wife enumerated as members of the same household. The married couple may or may not have children living with them. The expression "husband-wife" or "married-couple" before the term "household," or "family," indicates that the household, or family, is maintained by a husband and wife.

**Age.** The age classification is based on the age of the person at his last birthday.

**Own children under 18 years of age.** "Own" children in a family are sons and daughters, including stepchildren and adopted children of the householder.

**Years of school completed.** Data on years of school completed were derived from the combination of answers to questions concerning the highest grade of school attended by the person and whether or not that grade was finished. The questions of educational attainment apply only to progress in "regular" schools. Such schools include graded public, private, and parochial elementary and high schools (both junior and senior), colleges, universities, and professional schools (whether day schools or night schools). Thus, regular schooling is that which may advance a person toward an elementary school certificate, a high school diploma, or a college, university, or professional school degree. Schooling in other than regular schools was counted only if the credits obtained were regarded as transferable to a school in the regular school system.

**Occupation.** The data on occupation refer to the civilian job held longest during the income year.

The occupation groupings were derived from occupation subgroups delineated on the basis of the classification system used in the 1980 census. For more detailed information, see the February 1983 issue of *Employment and Earnings*, by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Work experience.** A person with work experience is one who, during the preceding calendar year, did any civilian work for pay or profit or worked without pay on a family-operated farm or business at any time during the year, on a part-time or full-time basis.

**Weeks worked in the income year.** Persons are classified according to the number of different weeks, during the preceding calendar year, in which they did any civilian work for pay or profit (including paid vacations and sick leave) or worked without pay on a family-operated farm or business.

**Part-time or full-time jobs.** A person is classified as having worked at part-time jobs during the preceding calendar year if he worked at civilian jobs which provided less than 35 hours of work per week in a majority of the weeks in which he worked during the year. He is classified as having worked at full-time jobs if he worked 35 hours or more per week during a majority of the weeks in which he worked.

**Year-round, full-time worker.** A year-round, full-time worker is one who worked primarily at full-time civilian jobs for 50 weeks or more during the preceding calendar year.

**Nonworker.** A nonworker is one who did not do any civilian work in the calendar year preceding the survey.

**Rounding.** Percentages are rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent; therefore, the percentages in a distribution do not always add to exactly 100.0 percent. The totals, however, are always shown as 100.0. Moreover, individual figures are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals, which are independently rounded; percentages are based on the unrounded numbers.

**Base figures.** The base figures shown for 1983 are based on civilian noninstitutional population controls for age, race, and sex established by the 1980 census.

**Table A-1. Comparisons of CPS Aggregate Money Income in 1983 with Independently Derived Estimates, by Source of Income**

(Billions of dollars)

| Source of income                              | Independent estimate | CPS estimate | CPS as a percent of independent estimate |
|---|----------------------|--------------|--|
| Total   | \$2,402.5            | \$2,164.9    | 90.1                                     |
| Wages or salary income                        | 1,632.3              | 1,616.3      | 99.0                                     |
| Self-employment income                        | 112.6                | 130.1        | 115.5                                    |
| Social Security or Railroad Retirement income | 155.2                | 142.3        | 91.7                                     |
| Supplemental Security Income                  | 9.0                  | 7.6          | 84.9                                     |
| Aid to Families with Dependent Children       | 13.8                 | 10.5         | 76.0                                     |
| Interest, dividends, and net rental income    | 315.3                | 143.2        | 45.4                                     |
| Veterans' payments                            | 14.0                 | 8.8          | 63.3                                     |
| Unemployment compensation                     | 26.1                 | 19.7         | 75.5                                     |
| Workers' compensation                         | 14.1                 | 6.6          | 47.0                                     |
| Private, government, and military pensions    | 110.1                | 79.7         | 72.4                                     |

**Symbols.** A dash (—) represents zero or rounds to zero, the symbol "B" means that the base for the derived figure is less than 75,000, the symbol "X" means not applicable, and the symbol "NA" means not available.

## UNDERREPORTING OF INCOME

This section discusses some important aspects of underreporting and its measurement, and presents some estimates of underreporting for the base year of 1983. The general survey phenomenon that is commonly termed underreporting actually refers to the tendency of household surveys to underestimate the number of income recipients and/or the amount of income received. There are three main causes for underreporting: failure to report receipt of the income type, underreporting of the amount received, and misclassification of the income type received.

Accurately measuring the extent of underreporting of income is difficult for many of the income types. There are two main components of measuring underreporting: the number of income recipients and the total amount of income received. Measuring the survey undercount of recipients for the March CPS is extremely difficult because independent estimates (benchmarks or controls) for the CPS noninstitutional, "ever-received during the year" recipient concept are difficult to validate. In addition, some of the administrative sources required for the derivation of independent estimates have significant errors themselves.

The derivation of accurate underreporting estimates for amounts of income is easier but still not without similar problems. In general, better administrative data are available on the annual amount of benefits received, or income earned, than recipients. Some of the more important problems associated with development of the independent controls for amounts are adjusting independent estimates to the CPS noninstitutional population, significant differences between alternate sources of independent estimates, especially for self-employment income, interest, dividends, and rents, and periodic revisions to the sources of independent estimates that delay availability of data and significantly alter estimates of underreporting. Shown in table A-1 are estimates of underreporting for amounts of money income for 1983.

## Appendix B. Source and Reliability of Estimates

### SOURCE OF DATA

The estimates are based on data obtained in March 1984 from the Current Population Survey (CPS) of the Bureau of the Census and from supplementary questions to the CPS. The monthly CPS deals mainly with labor force data for the civilian noninstitutional population. Questions relating to labor force participation are asked about each member 14 years old and over in every sample household. In addition, supplementary questions are asked every March about money income and work experience for the previous year. In order to obtain more reliable data for the Spanish-origin population, the March CPS sample was enlarged to include all households from the previous November sample which contained at least one sample person of Spanish origin. For this report, persons in the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post are also included.

The present CPS sample was initially selected from the 1970 census files with coverage in all 50 States and the District of Columbia. The sample is continually updated to reflect new construction. The current CPS sample is located in 629 areas comprising 1,148 counties, independent cities, and minor civil divisions in the Nation. In this sample, approximately 61,500 occupied households were eligible for interview. Of this number, about 2,500 occupied units were visited but interviews were not obtained because the occupants were not found at home after repeated calls or were unavailable for some other reason.

The estimation procedure used in this survey involved the inflation of the weighted sample results to independent estimates of the total civilian noninstitutional population of the United States by age, race, and sex. These independent estimates were based on statistics from decennial censuses; statistics on births, deaths, immigration and emigration; and statistics on the strength of the Armed Forces. The estimation procedure for the data in the report also involved a further adjustment so that husband and wife of a household received the same weight. The independent population estimates used in this report are based on the 1980 decennial census.

### RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

Since the CPS estimates are based on a sample, they may differ somewhat from the figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same questionnaire, instructions, and enumerators. There are two types of errors possible in an estimate based on a sample

survey: sampling and nonsampling. The standard errors provided for this report primarily indicate the magnitude of the sampling error. They also partially measure the effect of some nonsampling errors in response and enumeration, but do not measure any systematic biases in the data. Bias is the difference, averaged over all possible samples, between the estimate and the desired value. Obviously, the accuracy of a survey result depends on the sampling and nonsampling error measured by the standard error and on the bias and other types of nonsampling error not measured by the standard error. Consequently, particular care should be exercised in the interpretation of figures based on a relatively small number of cases or on small differences between estimates.

**Nonsampling variability.** Nonsampling errors can be attributed to many sources, e.g., inability to obtain information about all cases in the sample, definitional difficulties, differences in the interpretation of questions, inability or unwillingness on the part of the respondents to provide correct information, inability to recall information, errors made in collection such as in recording or coding the data, errors made in processing the data, errors made in estimating values for missing data, and failure to represent all units with the sample (undercoverage).

Undercoverage in the CPS results from missed housing units and missed persons within sample households. Overall CPS undercoverage, as compared with the level of the 1980 decennial census, is about 7 percent. It is known that CPS undercoverage varies with age, sex, and race. Generally, undercoverage is larger for males than for females and larger for Blacks and other races combined than for Whites. Ratio estimation to independent age-sex-race population controls partially corrects for the bias due to survey undercoverage. However, biases exist in the estimates to the extent that missed persons in missed households or missed persons in interviewed households have different characteristics than interviewed persons in the same age-sex-race group. Further, the independent population controls used have not been adjusted for undercoverage in the 1980 census.

In most cases the questionnaire entries for income are based on the memory or knowledge of one person, usually the wife. The memory factor in data derived from field surveys of income probably produces underestimates because the tendency is to forget minor or irregular sources of income. Other errors of reporting are due to misrepresentation or to misunderstanding as to the scope of the income concept. See also the section entitled "Underreporting of Income" in appendix A.



**Sampling variability.** The standard errors given in tables B-1 through B-6 are primarily measures of sampling variability, that is, of the variations that occurred by chance because a sample rather than the entire population was surveyed. The sample estimate and its standard error enable one to construct confidence intervals, ranges that would include the average result of all possible samples with a known probability. For example, if all possible samples were selected, each of these being surveyed under essentially the same general conditions and using the same sample design, and if an estimate and its standard error were calculated from each sample, then:

1. Approximately 68 percent of the intervals from one standard error below the estimate to one standard error above the estimate would include the average result of all possible samples.
2. Approximately 90 percent of the intervals from 1.6 standard errors below the estimate to 1.6 standard errors above the estimate would include the average result of all possible samples.
3. Approximately 95 percent of the intervals from two standard errors below the estimate to two standard errors above the estimate would include the average result of all possible samples.

The average estimate derived from all possible samples is or is not contained in any particular computed interval. However, for a particular sample, one can say with a specified confidence that the average estimate derived from all possible samples is included in the confidence interval.

Standard errors may also be used to perform hypothesis testing, a procedure for distinguishing between population parameters using sample estimates. The most common types of hypotheses appearing in this report are 1) the population parameters are identical or 2) they are different. An example of this would be comparing the mean earnings of married-couple families where the wife worked versus the mean earnings of married-couple families where the wife did not

**Table B-1. Standard Errors of Estimated Numbers:**

(Numbers in thousands)

| Size of estimate | Standard error |
|------------------|----------------|
| 25               | 7              |
| 75               | 11             |
| 100              | 13             |
| 250              | 21             |
| 500              | 29             |
| 1,000            | 41             |
| 2,000            | 58             |
| 3,000            | 71             |
| 5,000            | 91             |
| 7,500            | 111            |
| 10,000           | 127            |
| 20,000           | 174            |
| 30,000           | 206            |
| 40,000           | 230            |
| 50,000           | 247            |

**Table B-2. Standard Errors of Estimated Percentages**

| Base of estimated percentage (thousands) | Estimated percentage |         |          |          |     |
|--|----------------------|---------|----------|----------|-----|
|  | 2 or 98              | 5 or 95 | 10 or 90 | 25 or 75 | 50  |
| 75                                       | 2.1                  | 3.3     | 4.5      | 6.6      | 7.6 |
| 100                                      | 1.8                  | 2.9     | 3.9      | 5.7      | 6.6 |
| 250                                      | 1.2                  | 1.8     | 2.5      | 3.6      | 4.2 |
| 500                                      | 0.8                  | 1.3     | 1.8      | 2.5      | 2.9 |
| 1,000                                    | 0.6                  | 0.9     | 1.2      | 1.8      | 2.1 |
| 2,000                                    | 0.4                  | 0.6     | 0.9      | 1.3      | 1.5 |
| 3,000                                    | 0.3                  | 0.5     | 0.7      | 1.0      | 1.2 |
| 5,000                                    | 0.3                  | 0.4     | 0.6      | 0.8      | 0.9 |
| 7,500                                    | 0.2                  | 0.3     | 0.5      | 0.7      | 0.8 |
| 10,000                                   | 0.2                  | 0.3     | 0.4      | 0.6      | 0.7 |
| 20,000                                   | 0.13                 | 0.2     | 0.3      | 0.4      | 0.5 |
| 30,000                                   | 0.11                 | 0.2     | 0.2      | 0.3      | 0.4 |
| 40,000                                   | 0.09                 | 0.14    | 0.2      | 0.3      | 0.3 |
| 50,000                                   | 0.08                 | 0.13    | 0.2      | 0.3      | 0.3 |

work. Tests may be performed at various levels of significance, where a level of significance is the probability of concluding that the parameters are different when, in fact, they are identical.

To perform the most common test, let  $x$  and  $y$  be sample estimates for two characteristics of interest. A subsequent section explains how to derive a standard error on the difference  $x-y$ . Let that standard error be  $\sigma_{DIFF}$ . Compute the ratio  $R = (x-y)/\sigma_{DIFF}$ . If this ratio is between  $-2$  and  $+2$ , no conclusion about the parameters is justified at the 0.05 level of significance. If, on the other hand, this ratio is smaller than  $-2$  or larger than  $+2$ , the observed difference is significant at the 0.05 level. In this event, it is commonly accepted practice to say that the parameters are different. Of course, sometimes this conclusion will be wrong. When the parameters are, in fact, the same, there is a 5-percent chance of concluding that they are different.

All statements of comparison in the text have passed a hypothesis test at the 0.10 level of significance or better, and most have passed a hypothesis test at the 0.05 level of significance or better. This means that, for most differences cited in the text, the estimated difference between parameters is greater than twice the standard error of the difference. For the other differences mentioned, the estimated difference between parameters is between 1.6 and 2.0 times the standard error of the difference. When this is the case, the statement of comparison will be qualified in some way, e.g., by use of the phrase "some evidence."

**Note when using small estimates.** Summary measures (such as means, medians, and percent distributions) are shown only when the base is 75,000 or greater. Because of the large standard errors involved, there is little chance that summary measures would reveal useful information when computed on a smaller base. Estimated numbers are shown, however, even though the relative standard errors of these numbers are larger than those for the corresponding percentages. These smaller estimates are provided primarily to permit such combinations

of the categories as serve each user's needs. Also, care must be taken in the interpretation of small differences. For instance, even a small amount of nonsampling error can cause a borderline difference to appear significant or not, thereby distorting a seemingly valid hypothesis test.

**Standard error tables and their use.** In order to derive standard errors that would be applicable to a large number of estimates and that could be prepared at a moderate cost, a number of approximations were required. Therefore, instead of providing an individual standard error for each estimate, generalized sets of standard errors are provided for various types of characteristics. As a result, the sets of standard errors provided give an indication of the order of magnitude of the standard error of an estimate rather than the precise standard error.

The figures presented in tables B-1 and B-2 are approximations to standard errors of various estimates for married-couple families, husbands and wives in the United States. Estimated standard errors for intermediate values not shown in the generalized tables of standard errors may be approximated by linear interpolation.

Two parameters (denoted "a" and "b") are used to calculate standard errors for each type of characteristic; they are also presented in table B-3. These parameters were used to calculate the standard errors in tables B-1 and B-2. They also may be used to directly calculate the standard errors for estimated numbers and percentages. Methods for direct computation are given in the following sections.

**Table B-3. "a" and "b" Parameters for Calculating Approximate Standard Errors of Estimated Numbers and Percentages**

| Characteristic                | Parameter |       |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-------|
|                               | a         | b     |
| All characteristics . . . . . | -0.000010 | 1,721 |

Note: These are the parameters to be used in formulas (1) and (2).

**Standard errors of estimated numbers.** The approximate standard error,  $\sigma_x$ , of an estimated number can be obtained in two ways. It may be obtained by interpolation from table B-1. Alternatively, standard errors may be approximated by using formula (1), from which the standard errors were calculated in table B-1. Use of this formula will provide more accurate results than the use of table B-1.

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{ax^2 + bx} \tag{1}$$

Here x is the size of the estimate and a and b are the parameters in table B-3 associated with the particular type of characteristic.

**Standard errors of estimated percentages.** The reliability of an estimated percentage, computed using sample data for both numerator and denominator, depends upon both the size of the percentage and the size of the total upon which this percentage is based. Estimated percentages are relatively more reliable than the corresponding estimates of the numerators of the percentages, particularly if the percentages are 50 percent or more. The approximate standard error,  $\sigma_{(x,p)}$ , of an estimated percentage can be obtained from table B-2. Alternatively, standard errors may be approximated by using formula (2), from which the standard errors in table B-2 were calculated. Use of this formula will provide more accurate results than use of table B-2.

$$\sigma_{(x,p)} = \sqrt{\frac{b}{x} p(100-p)} \tag{2}$$

Here x is the size of the subclass of families, husbands, or wives which is the base of the percentage, p is the percentage (0 p 100), and b is the parameter in table B-3 associated with the particular type of characteristic in the numerator of the percentage.

**Illustration of the use of standard error tables.** Table 1A of this report shows that in 1983 there were 42,182,000 married-couple families with earnings. Table B-3 indicates that the appropriate "a" and "b" parameters to use in calculating a standard error for this estimate are a = -0.000010 and b = 1,721. Using formula (1), the approximate standard error is

$$\sqrt{(-0.000010)(42,182,000)^2 + 1,721(42,182,000)} = 234,000^1$$

The 68-percent confidence interval as shown by the data is from 41,948,000 to 42,416,000. The 95-percent confidence interval is from 41,714,000 to 42,650,000 (using twice the standard error). Therefore, a conclusion that the average estimate derived from all possible samples lies within a range computed in this way would be correct for roughly 95 percent of all possible samples.

Table 1A also shows that in 68.1 percent of the 42,182,000 married-couple families with earnings, the wife worked in 1983. Using formula (2) and the appropriate b parameter of 1,721 from table B-3, the standard error of 68.1 percent is given by:

$$\sqrt{\frac{1,721}{42,182,000} 68.1(100.0-68.1)} = 0.3^2$$

Thus, the 68-percent confidence interval on the estimated percentage is from 67.8 to 68.4, and the 95-percent confidence interval is from 67.5 to 68.7.

**Standard error of a difference.** For a difference between two sample estimates, the standard error is approximately equal to:

$$\sigma_{(x-y)} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_x^2}{x} + \frac{\sigma_y^2}{y}} \tag{3}$$

<sup>1</sup>Interpolation from table B-1 also gives a standard error of 234,000. <sup>2</sup>Interpolation from table B-2 also gives a standard error of 0.3.

**Table B-4. Number, Mean Earnings, and Standard Errors of Mean Earnings Amount, by Selected Characteristics of Married Couples: 1983**

(Married-couple families as of March 1984)

| Characteristic  | Number with earnings (thousands) | Mean earnings |                |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
|   |                                  | Value         | Standard error |
| Total .....   | 42,182                           | \$28,574      | \$127          |
| Both husband and wife worked, total .....                   | 26,408                           | 32,468        | 157            |
| Both husband and wife worked year-round, full-time .....    | 10,253                           | 39,391        | 252            |
| Husband worked, wife did not .....                          | 13,477                           | 24,229        | 217            |
| Both husband and wife a professional specialty worker ..... | 1,365                            | 47,396        | 859            |
| Both husband and wife with 4 years of high school .....     | 10,679                           | 25,447        | 187            |
| Both husband and wife with 4 years of college .....         | 1,766                            | 39,679        | 708            |

**Table B-5. Number, Mean Earnings, and Standard Error of Mean Earnings Amount, by Selected Characteristics of Husbands: 1983**

(Husbands as of March 1984)

| Characteristic  | Number with earnings (thousands) | Mean earnings |                |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
|   |                                  | Value         | Standard error |
| Total .....   | 39,878                           | \$22,980      | \$118          |
| Worked year-round, full-time .....                                    | 30,144                           | 26,532        | 135            |
| Worked year-round, full-time, wife did not work .....                 | 9,730                            | 29,054        | 265            |
| Worked in precision production, craft and repair occupations .....    | 8,692                            | 20,034        | 173            |
| Worked in professional specialty occupations .....                    | 5,070                            | 32,592        | 403            |
| Worked in executive, administrative, and managerial occupations ..... | 6,131                            | 33,037        | 382            |
| With 4 years of college .....   | 5,355                            | 30,898        | 385            |
| With 5 or more years of college .....                                 | 4,857                            | 37,142        | 486            |
| With 4 years of high school .....                                     | 14,982                           | 19,912        | 157            |

**Table B-6. Number, Mean Earnings, and Standard Error of Mean Earnings Amount, by Selected Characteristics of Wives: 1983**

(Wives as of March 1984)

| Characteristic   | Number with earnings (thousands) | Mean earnings |                |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
|  |                                  | Value         | Standard error |
| Total .....  | 28,425                           | \$10,164      | \$71           |
| Worked year-round, full-time .....                                     | 13,697                           | 15,041        | 98             |
| Worked part time .....   | 9,374                            | 4,603         | 77             |
| Worked in administrative support, including clerical occupations ..... | 8,340                            | 10,504        | 108            |
| Worked in professional specialty occupations .....                     | 4,530                            | 14,364        | 213            |
| With 4 years of high school .....                                      | 13,429                           | 8,997         | 85             |
| With 4 years of college .....  | 3,517                            | 13,211        | 241            |
| With 5 or more years of college .....                                  | 2,160                            | 17,760        | 371            |
| With no minor children .....   | 13,005                           | 11,088        | 106            |
| With children under 6 years of age, none older .....                   | 4,075                            | 9,192         | 179            |
| With children under 6 years and children 6 to 17 years .....           | 2,777                            | 8,150         | 218            |
| With children 6 to 17 years, none younger .....                        | 8,567                            | 9,877         | 127            |

where  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$  are the standard errors of the estimates  $x$  and  $y$ . The estimates can be of numbers, percents, ratios, etc.

**Illustration of the computation of the standard error of a difference.** Table 1A shows that of married-couple families with earnings, 45.5 percent had wives working full time and 22.6 percent had wives working part time. Using formula (2), the standard errors on both these estimates is 0.3 percent. Therefore, the standard error of the estimated difference of 22.9 percent is

$$\sqrt{(0.3)^2 + (0.3)^2} = 0.4 \text{ percent}$$

This means that the 68-percent confidence interval on the difference of 22.9 percent as shown by these data is from 22.5 to 23.3. The 95-percent confidence interval on the difference of 22.9 is from 22.1 to 23.7. Therefore, a conclusion that the average estimate of the difference derived from all possible samples lies within a range computed in this way would be correct for roughly 95 percent of all possible samples. Since this interval does not contain zero, we can conclude with 95-percent confidence that a higher percentage

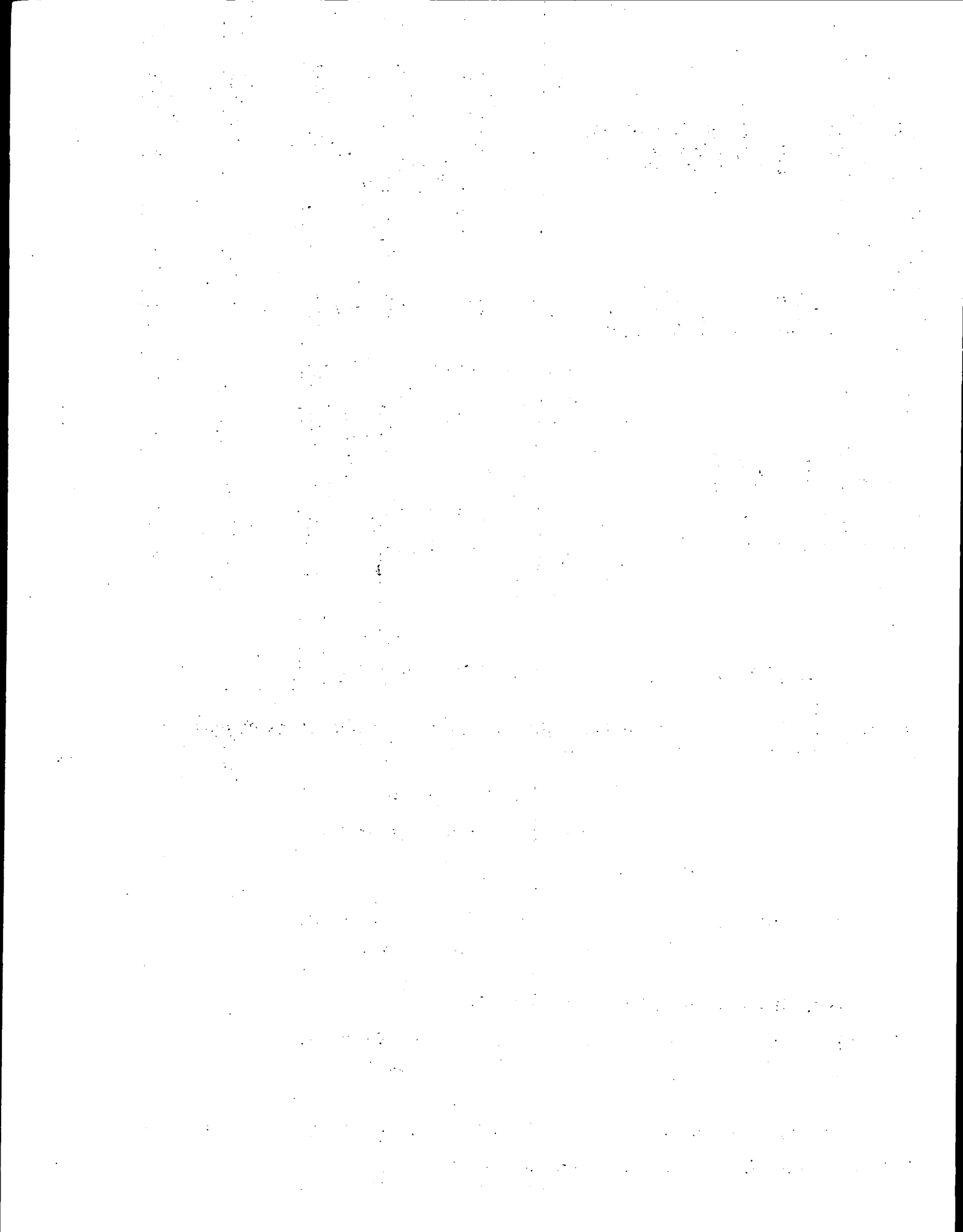
of wives worked full time than part time in married-couple families with earnings.

**Standard errors of estimated mean earnings.** Tables B-4, B-5, and B-6 provide standard errors of estimated mean earnings for some of the estimates in this report. However, because of the approximations used in developing the formula used to estimate the standard error of a mean, the standard error reported for this statistic will generally be an underestimate. Standard errors for estimates not provided in tables B-4, B-5, and B-6 can be obtained by contacting Population Division of the Census Bureau.

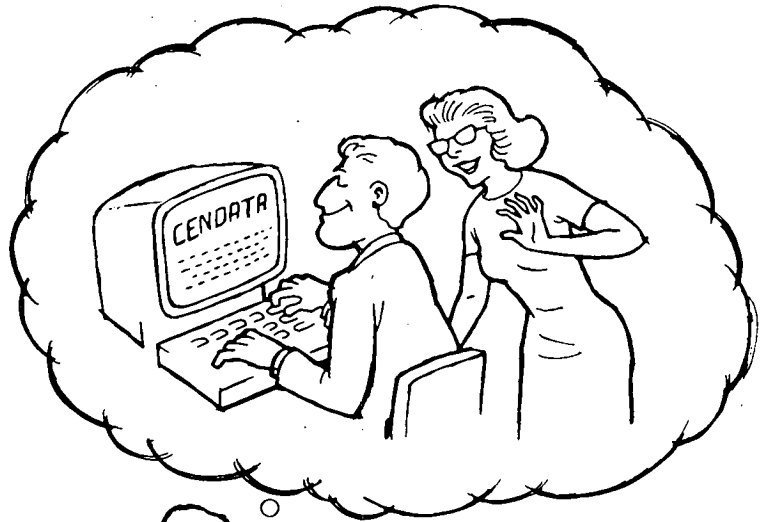
**Standard error of a ratio of means.** Certain tables in this report contain ratios of wives' earnings to husbands' earnings. Standard errors for these ratios may be approximated by the following formula:

$$\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^2 \left[\frac{\sigma_y^2}{y^2} + \frac{\sigma_x^2}{x^2}\right]} \quad (4)$$

Here,  $\frac{x}{y}$  is the ratio of the wives' earnings to the husbands' earnings.



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