

Median family income by race/ethnic group, 1947-2006 (2006 dollars)

Year	Married couples			Single		All families
	Total	Wife in paid labor force	Wife not in paid labor force	Male-headed	Female-headed	
1973	\$51,641	\$60,397	\$45,259	\$42,580	\$22,978	\$47,768
1979	55,464	64,347	45,828	43,504	25,572	50,697
1989	60,518	71,067	45,132	43,719	25,814	53,714
1995	61,824	73,333	42,530	39,880	25,867	53,349
2000	69,194	81,062	46,812	44,171	30,109	59,398
2006	69,404	82,788	45,757	41,844	28,829	58,407
Labor force						
1973-79	1.2%	1.1%	0.2%	0.4%	1.8%	1.0%
1979-89	0.9	1.0	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.6
1989-2000	1.2	1.2	0.3	0.1	1.4	0.9
1989-95	0.4	0.5	-1.0	-1.5	0.0	-0.1
1995-2000	2.3	2.0	1.9	2.1	3.1	2.2
2000-06	0.1	0.5	-0.6	-1.3	-1.1	-0.4
Share of families						
1951*	87.0%	19.9%	67.1%	3.0%	10.0%	100.0%
1979	82.5	40.6	41.9	2.9	14.6	100.0
1989	79.2	45.7	33.5	4.4	16.5	100.0
2000	76.7	47.4	29.4	5.8	17.5	100.0
2006	75.2	46.3	28.9	6.5	18.4	100.0

* Earliest year available for wives' work status.

Source: Authors' analysis of U.S. Bureau of the Census data.

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