

Changes in the distribution and level of wages and salaries, 1979-2006

Wage group	Share of wages			Change in share		Annual wage level (\$2007)			Percent change	
	1979	2004	2006	1979-2004	1979-2006	1979	2004	2006	1979-2004	1979-2006
Bottom 90%	69.8%	62.5%	61.5%	-7.3	-8.3	\$24,990	\$28,893	\$28,889	15.6%	15.6%
0-20%	3.8	3.3	--	-0.5	--	6,055	6,887	--	13.7	--
20-40%	9.4	8.1	--	-1.3	--	15,090	16,770	--	11.1	--
40-60%	15.6	13.6	--	-2.0	--	25,107	28,380	--	13.0	--
60-80%	24.1	21.4	--	-2.8	--	38,876	44,463	--	14.4	--
80-90%	17.0	16.1	--	-0.9	--	54,658	67,038	--	22.7	--
Top tenth (exc. upper 1%)	22.8%	24.6%	24.9%	1.8	2.0	\$81,738	\$113,927	\$116,742	39.4%	42.8%
90-95%	10.8	10.9	10.9	0.1	0.1	69,313	90,633	91,772	30.8	32.4
95-99%	12.1	13.8	14.0	1.7	1.9	97,270	143,044	147,955	47.1	52.1
Upper 1%	7.3%	12.9%	13.6%	5.6	6.3	\$235,766	\$535,558	\$576,141	127.2%	144.4%
99.0-99.5%	2.6	3.3	--	0.8	--	165,552	276,309	--	66.9	--
99.5-99.9%	3.1	4.7	--	1.5	--	251,226	484,790	--	93.0	--
99.9-100%	1.6	4.9	5.3	3.3	3.6	524,998	2,034,869	2,223,664	287.6	323.4

Source: Authors' analysis of Kopczuk, Saez, and Song (2007) and Social Security wage data..

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