

Hourly wages by decile within education groups, 1973-2007 (2007 dollars)

<i>Education/ gender decile</i>	Hourly wage						Percent change				
	1973	1979	1989	1995	2000	2007	1973-79	1979-89	1989-2000	1995-2000	2000-07
High school											
<i>Men</i>											
Low*	\$9.52	\$9.02	\$7.76	\$7.53	\$8.23	\$8.02	-5.2%	-14.0%	6.1%	-11.1%	-2.6%
Median	17.17	17.21	15.06	13.89	14.62	14.60	0.2	-12.5	-2.9	-15.2	-0.2
High	28.04	28.08	26.55	25.55	26.78	27.33	0.1	-5.4	0.8	-2.7	2.1
<i>Women</i>											
Low	\$6.45	\$7.53	\$6.16	\$6.43	\$7.05	\$7.01	16.7%	-18.2%	14.4%	-6.9%	-0.5%
Median	10.65	10.65	10.65	10.50	11.23	11.24	0.0	0.0	5.5	5.5	0.0
High	17.63	18.18	19.19	19.39	20.16	20.23	3.1	5.5	5.0	11.3	0.4
College											
<i>Men</i>											
Low	\$11.76	\$11.64	\$11.00	\$10.52	\$12.00	\$11.57	-1.0%	-5.5%	9.1%	-0.6%	-3.6%
Median	22.07	21.94	22.80	22.52	24.81	24.88	-0.6	3.9	8.8	13.4	0.3
High	41.15	40.31	41.34	43.99	48.11	52.22	-2.0	2.5	16.4	29.5	8.6
<i>Women</i>											
Low	\$9.04	\$8.36	\$8.67	\$8.85	\$9.81	\$9.95	-7.5%	3.7%	13.1%	18.9%	1.4%
Median	15.62	14.52	16.76	17.83	19.30	19.24	-7.0	15.4	15.1	32.5	-0.3
High	24.67	24.68	29.19	33.08	37.00	38.45	0.0	18.3	26.7	55.8	3.9

* Low, median, and high earners refer to, respectively, the 10th, 50th, and 90th percentile wage.

Source: Authors' analysis of CPS ORG data.

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