

Wages for all workers by wage percentile, 1973-2007 (2007 dollars)

Year	Wage by percentile*									
	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	95
Real hourly wage										
1973	\$7.27	\$8.78	\$10.43	\$12.14	\$13.91	\$15.96	\$18.54	\$21.20	\$26.63	\$33.42
1979	7.87	8.97	10.53	12.39	14.02	16.26	19.21	22.39	27.38	33.44
1989	6.72	8.37	10.03	11.99	13.93	16.27	19.37	23.15	29.24	35.94
1995	6.84	8.36	9.99	11.75	13.68	16.19	19.30	23.37	30.20	37.87
2000	7.60	9.35	10.93	12.63	14.74	17.44	20.67	25.12	32.83	41.88
2007	7.79	9.45	11.03	12.94	15.11	17.93	21.29	26.27	35.23	45.52
Percent change										
1973-79	8.2%	2.2%	1.0%	2.1%	0.7%	1.8%	3.6%	5.6%	2.8%	0.1%
1979-89	-14.6	-6.7	-4.7	-3.3	-0.6	0.1	0.8	3.4	6.8	7.5
1989-2000	13.1	11.8	8.9	5.4	5.8	7.1	6.8	8.5	12.3	16.5
1989-95	1.8	-0.1	-0.5	-2.0	-1.8	-0.5	-0.3	0.9	3.3	5.4
1995-2000	11.1	11.9	9.4	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.1	7.5	8.7	10.6
2000-07	2.5	1.0	0.9	2.4	2.6	2.9	3.0	4.6	7.3	8.7
1979-2007	-1.0	5.3	4.7	4.4	7.8	10.3	10.8	17.3	28.7	36.1

* The Xth percentile wage is the wage at which X% of the wage earners earn less and (100-X)% earn more.

Source: Authors' analysis of CPS ORG data.

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