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Selected Measures of Household Income Dispersion: 1967 to 2010

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Measures of income dispersion	2010	2009 ¹	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004 ²	2003	2002	2001	2000 ³
MEASURE											
Household Income at Selected Percentiles											
10th percentile limit	11,904	12,320	12,315	12,789	12,977	12,607	12,589	12,490	12,871	13,160	13,398
20th percentile limit	20,000	20,791	20,974	21,337	21,666	21,419	21,338	21,320	21,713	22,131	22,689
50th (median)	49,445	50,599	50,939	52,823	52,124	51,739	51,174	51,353	51,398	52,005	53,164
80th percentile limit	100,065	101,651	101,508	105,156	104,930	102,420	101,580	102,980	101,824	102,833	103,525
90th percentile limit	138,923	139,904	140,050	143,012	143,825	140,823	139,514	140,125	138,299	139,937	141,805
95th percentile limit	180,810	182,972	182,277	186,126	188,175	185,397	181,399	182,707	181,797	185,345	183,865
Household Income Ratios of Selected Percentiles											
90th/10th	11.67	11.36	11.37	11.18	11.08	11.17	11.08	11.22	10.75	10.63	10.58
95th/20th	9.04	8.80	8.69	8.72	8.69	8.66	8.50	8.57	8.37	8.38	8.10
95th/50th	3.66	3.62	3.58	3.52	3.61	3.58	3.54	3.56	3.54	3.56	3.46
80th/50th	2.02	2.01	1.99	1.99	2.01	1.98	1.98	2.01	1.98	1.98	1.95
80th/20th	5.00	4.89	4.84	4.93	4.84	4.78	4.76	4.83	4.69	4.65	4.56
20th/50th	0.40	0.41	0.41	0.40	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.43
Mean Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	11,034	11,743	11,803	12,147	12,276	11,900	11,825	11,850	12,107	12,483	12,860
Second quintile	28,636	29,740	29,890	30,960	31,119	30,554	30,256	30,441	30,784	31,365	32,110
Third quintile	49,309	50,352	50,766	52,544	52,148	51,711	51,263	51,673	51,874	52,499	53,472
Fourth quintile	79,040	79,993	80,769	83,190	82,542	81,334	80,830	81,791	81,596	82,315	83,124
Highest quintile	169,633	173,664	173,221	176,632	181,858	178,230	174,803	174,359	174,211	179,768	180,129
Shares of Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6
Second quintile	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.9
Third quintile	14.6	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.5	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.8	14.6	14.8
Fourth quintile	23.4	23.2	23.3	23.4	22.9	23.0	23.2	23.4	23.3	23.0	23.0
Highest quintile	50.2	50.3	50.0	49.7	50.5	50.4	50.1	49.8	49.7	50.1	49.8
Summary Measures											
Gini index of income inequality	0.469	0.468	0.466	0.463	0.470	0.469	0.466	0.464	0.462	0.466	0.462
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.572	0.550	0.541	0.532	0.543	0.545	0.543	0.530	0.514	0.515	0.490
Theil	0.399	0.403	0.398	0.391	0.417	0.411	0.406	0.397	0.398	0.413	0.404
Atkinson:											
e=0.25	0.097	0.097	0.096	0.095	0.099	0.098	0.097	0.095	0.095	0.098	0.096
e=0.50	0.191	0.190	0.188	0.185	0.192	0.192	0.190	0.187	0.186	0.189	0.185
e=0.75	0.292	0.288	0.285	0.281	0.289	0.289	0.286	0.283	0.279	0.282	0.275
STANDARD ERROR											
Household Income at Selected Percentiles											
10th percentile limit	81	86	84	85	89	86	85	85	86	90	91
20th percentile limit	110	109	108	118	119	120	120	119	125	122	129
50th (median)	209	217	139	147	224	173	226	223	168	159	167
80th percentile limit	306	316	310	315	396	360	359	378	278	298	304
90th percentile limit	565	649	590	620	611	600	567	600	545	531	614
95th percentile limit	898	894	934	901	1,084	1,248	1,057	844	864	931	1,179
Household Income Ratios of Selected Percentiles											
90th/10th	0.093	0.095	0.091	0.089	0.090	0.090	0.088	0.091	0.083	0.083	0.085
95th/20th	0.067	0.063	0.063	0.064	0.069	0.076	0.069	0.062	0.062	0.063	0.070
95th/50th	0.023	0.022	0.023	0.021	0.025	0.028	0.025	0.021	0.022	0.023	0.026
80th/50th	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.009	0.011	0.010	0.011	0.011	0.009	0.010	0.009
80th/20th	0.032	0.030	0.029	0.031	0.032	0.031	0.032	0.032	0.030	0.029	0.029
20th/50th	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003
Mean Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	41	43	42	42	44	44	44	43	44	44	46
Second quintile	37	37	36	39	38	39	38	39	39	39	41
Third quintile	48	48	49	49	49	48	50	50	50	50	51
Fourth quintile	76	77	76	79	80	77	76	78	76	78	77
Highest quintile	782	855	837	848	1,021	956	945	896	940	1,062	1,051
Shares of Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03
Second quintile	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
Third quintile	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Fourth quintile	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16
Highest quintile	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.35	0.35
Summary Measures											
Gini index of income inequality	0.0027	0.0028	0.0027	0.0027	0.0028	0.0029	0.0029	0.0028	0.0029	0.0030	0.0030
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.0067	0.0064	0.0063	0.0062	0.0063	0.0063	0.0063	0.0054	0.0052	0.0051	0.0049
Theil	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0002	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0002	0.0002
Atkinson:											
e=0.25	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0014	0.0013	0.0013	0.0012	0.0012	0.0014	0.0013
e=0.50	0.0018	0.0018	0.0017	0.0018	0.0021	0.0020	0.0020	0.0018	0.0020	0.0022	0.0021
e=0.75	0.0024	0.0024	0.0023	0.0024	0.0027	0.0026	0.0026	0.0024	0.0025	0.0027	0.0026

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Measures of income dispersion	1999 ⁴	1998	1997	1996	1995 ⁵	1994 ⁶	1993 ⁷	1992 ⁸	1991	1990	1989
MEASURE											
Household Income at Selected Percentiles											
10th percentile limit	13,538	12,958	12,482	12,329	12,325	11,679	11,420	11,419	11,587	11,838	12,224
20th percentile limit	22,423	21,528	20,859	20,435	20,456	19,532	19,267	19,185	19,657	20,215	20,536
50th (median)	53,252	51,944	50,123	49,112	48,408	46,937	46,419	46,646	47,032	48,423	49,076
80th percentile limit	103,678	100,188	96,846	94,116	92,514	91,421	89,597	88,321	88,612	89,276	91,187
90th percentile limit	141,032	135,320	132,282	127,374	124,584	123,487	121,455	118,077	118,468	119,832	122,162
95th percentile limit	185,813	176,596	171,410	165,414	160,526	159,767	155,478	150,767	150,499	153,224	155,771
Household Income Ratios of Selected Percentiles											
90th/10th	10.42	10.44	10.60	10.33	10.11	10.57	10.64	10.34	10.22	10.12	9.99
95th/20th	8.29	8.20	8.22	8.10	7.85	8.18	8.07	7.86	7.66	7.58	7.59
95th/50th	3.49	3.40	3.42	3.37	3.32	3.40	3.35	3.23	3.20	3.16	3.17
80th/50th	1.95	1.93	1.93	1.92	1.91	1.95	1.93	1.89	1.88	1.84	1.86
80th/20th	4.62	4.65	4.64	4.61	4.52	4.68	4.65	4.60	4.51	4.42	4.44
20th/50th	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.42
Mean Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	12,974	12,320	11,972	11,893	11,855	11,222	10,934	11,048	11,281	11,589	11,874
Second quintile	31,856	31,109	29,931	29,193	28,976	27,967	27,720	27,682	28,336	29,158	29,543
Third quintile	53,323	52,054	50,356	49,104	48,450	47,113	46,465	46,638	47,067	48,161	49,108
Fourth quintile	82,992	80,506	77,994	75,998	74,480	73,314	72,211	71,594	71,748	72,613	74,283
Highest quintile	176,980	170,358	166,282	159,843	155,428	154,128	150,446	138,723	137,583	140,915	145,209
Shares of Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8
Second quintile	8.9	9.0	8.9	9.0	9.1	8.9	9.0	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.5
Third quintile	14.9	15.0	15.0	15.1	15.2	15.0	15.1	15.8	15.9	15.9	15.8
Fourth quintile	23.2	23.2	23.2	23.3	23.3	23.4	23.5	24.2	24.2	24.0	24.0
Highest quintile	49.4	49.2	49.4	49.0	48.7	49.1	48.9	46.9	46.5	46.6	46.8
Summary Measures											
Gini index of income inequality	0.458	0.456	0.459	0.455	0.450	0.456	0.454	0.433	0.428	0.428	0.431
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.476	0.488	0.484	0.464	0.452	0.471	0.467	0.416	0.411	0.402	0.406
Theil	0.386	0.389	0.396	0.389	0.378	0.387	0.385	0.323	0.313	0.317	0.324
Atkinson:											
e=0.25	0.092	0.093	0.094	0.093	0.090	0.092	0.092	0.080	0.078	0.078	0.080
e=0.50	0.180	0.181	0.183	0.179	0.175	0.180	0.178	0.160	0.156	0.156	0.158
e=0.75	0.268	0.271	0.272	0.266	0.261	0.268	0.266	0.242	0.237	0.236	0.239
STANDARD ERROR											
Household Income at Selected Percentiles											
10th percentile limit	92	90	93	87	88	81	82	81	84	91	90
20th percentile limit	124	131	123	125	115	113	116	116	120	125	127
50th (median)	249	307	232	248	280	214	217	221	226	247	270
80th percentile limit	323	313	429	328	348	298	336	292	322	343	284
90th percentile limit	591	513	547	589	540	546	425	390	425	459	737
95th percentile limit	1,035	1,025	895	814	955	905	773	763	770	865	832
Household Income Ratios of Selected Percentiles											
90th/10th	0.083	0.082	0.091	0.087	0.084	0.087	0.085	0.081	0.082	0.087	0.095
95th/20th	0.065	0.069	0.065	0.063	0.064	0.066	0.063	0.062	0.061	0.063	0.062
95th/50th	0.024	0.024	0.022	0.022	0.023	0.024	0.022	0.021	0.021	0.022	0.021
80th/50th	0.010	0.010	0.011	0.011	0.010	0.010	0.011	0.010	0.011	0.010	0.009
80th/20th	0.029	0.032	0.034	0.032	0.031	0.031	0.033	0.032	0.032	0.032	0.031
20th/50th	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003
Mean Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	44	44	43	40	41	41	40	40	41	42	42
Second quintile	41	41	39	39	38	38	39	40	39	40	41
Third quintile	51	51	49	48	47	47	46	46	45	45	48
Fourth quintile	79	76	73	71	71	73	71	67	67	68	70
Highest quintile	925	964	990	963	906	909	909	504	481	530	586
Shares of Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Second quintile	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07
Third quintile	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12
Fourth quintile	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18
Highest quintile	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.36	0.36	0.35	0.34	0.35	0.35
Summary Measures											
Gini index of income inequality	0.0041	0.0042	0.0043	0.0043	0.0043	0.0042	0.0042	0.0038	0.0038	0.0039	0.0040
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.0059	0.0069	0.0067	0.0064	0.0063	0.0061	0.0061	0.0055	0.0056	0.0053	0.0053
Theil	0.0001	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001
Atkinson:											
e=0.25	0.0013	0.0015	0.0016	0.0016	0.0015	0.0015	0.0015	0.0007	0.0007	0.0007	0.0008
e=0.50	0.0021	0.0023	0.0025	0.0024	0.0024	0.0023	0.0024	0.0013	0.0012	0.0013	0.0014
e=0.75	0.0027	0.0029	0.0030	0.0030	0.0029	0.0028	0.0029	0.0019	0.0018	0.0018	0.0019

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Measures of income dispersion	1988	1987 ⁹	1986	1985 ¹⁰	1984	1983 ¹¹	1982	1981	1980	1979 ¹²	1978
MEASURE											
Household Income at Selected Percentiles											
10th percentile limit	11,625	11,451	11,354	11,395	11,387	10,938	10,979	11,179	11,337	11,490	11,713
20th percentile limit	20,158	19,829	19,449	19,210	18,988	18,619	18,223	18,458	18,839	19,593	19,378
50th (median)	48,216	47,848	47,256	45,640	44,802	43,453	43,758	43,876	44,616	46,074	46,202
80th percentile limit	89,601	88,795	87,276	84,210	82,708	80,302	78,965	78,900	79,307	81,170	80,627
90th percentile limit	118,658	117,145	114,547	110,453	108,792	105,100	104,137	103,064	103,046	105,070	104,280
95th percentile limit	151,670	148,585	146,351	139,141	136,914	132,116	130,349	126,976	127,629	131,159	128,985
Household Income Ratios of Selected Percentiles											
90th/10th	10.21	10.23	10.09	9.69	9.55	9.61	9.49	9.22	9.09	9.15	8.90
95th/20th	7.52	7.49	7.53	7.24	7.21	7.10	7.15	6.88	6.78	6.69	6.66
95th/50th	3.15	3.11	3.10	3.05	3.06	3.04	2.98	2.89	2.86	2.85	2.79
80th/50th	1.86	1.86	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.80	1.80	1.78	1.76	1.75
80th/20th	4.45	4.48	4.49	4.38	4.36	4.31	4.33	4.28	4.21	4.14	4.16
20th/50th	0.42	0.41	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.42
Mean Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	11,450	11,258	10,959	10,849	10,865	10,513	10,391	10,586	10,858	11,213	11,302
Second quintile	28,898	28,612	28,192	27,492	27,063	26,409	26,295	26,370	27,024	27,889	27,757
Third quintile	48,333	47,837	47,176	45,634	44,848	43,663	43,526	43,685	44,594	45,981	45,831
Fourth quintile	73,062	72,308	71,068	68,643	67,526	65,521	64,734	65,119	65,698	67,477	67,138
Highest quintile	139,484	137,512	134,516	128,221	124,164	120,297	118,728	116,321	117,139	121,097	119,863
Shares of Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.2
Second quintile	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.2
Third quintile	16.0	16.1	16.2	16.2	16.3	16.4	16.5	16.7	16.8	16.8	16.8
Fourth quintile	24.2	24.3	24.3	24.4	24.6	24.6	24.5	24.8	24.7	24.6	24.7
Highest quintile	46.3	46.2	46.1	45.6	45.2	45.1	45.0	44.3	44.1	44.2	44.1
Summary Measures											
Gini index of income inequality	0.426	0.426	0.425	0.419	0.415	0.414	0.412	0.406	0.403	0.404	0.402
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.401	0.414	0.416	0.403	0.391	0.397	0.401	0.387	0.375	0.369	0.363
Theil	0.314	0.311	0.310	0.300	0.290	0.288	0.287	0.277	0.274	0.279	0.275
Atkinson:											
e=0.25	0.078	0.077	0.077	0.075	0.073	0.072	0.072	0.070	0.069	0.070	0.069
e=0.50	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.151	0.147	0.147	0.146	0.141	0.140	0.141	0.139
e=0.75	0.236	0.238	0.237	0.231	0.225	0.226	0.226	0.220	0.216	0.216	0.213
STANDARD ERROR											
Household Income at Selected Percentiles											
10th percentile limit	90	90	91	87	86	87	87	131	128	129	129
20th percentile limit	126	127	129	126	114	117	117	120	123	134	135
50th (median)	236	226	245	247	204	198	197	230	229	218	187
80th percentile limit	315	305	340	276	294	266	293	235	277	235	298
90th percentile limit	482	424	522	470	374	464	399	386	438	423	347
95th percentile limit	942	692	611	1,161	684	632	751	706	678	725	705
Household Income Ratios of Selected Percentiles											
90th/10th	0.089	0.088	0.093	0.085	0.079	0.088	0.084	0.114	0.110	0.108	0.102
95th/20th	0.066	0.060	0.059	0.077	0.056	0.056	0.062	0.059	0.057	0.059	0.059
95th/50th	0.023	0.020	0.018	0.028	0.020	0.019	0.021	0.020	0.019	0.020	0.020
80th/50th	0.010	0.010	0.011	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.009	0.010	0.009	0.010
80th/20th	0.032	0.033	0.034	0.032	0.030	0.031	0.032	0.030	0.031	0.031	0.033
20th/50th	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003
Mean Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	43	42	42	43	42	42	43	44	43	45	46
Second quintile	41	40	40	39	38	37	39	37	40	42	43
Third quintile	48	48	47	46	46	44	43	46	45	48	49
Fourth quintile	67	68	66	66	66	62	61	60	60	62	61
Highest quintile	531	521	492	448	394	381	382	359	388	431	429
Shares of Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04
Second quintile	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.09
Third quintile	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.14
Fourth quintile	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.21
Highest quintile	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.36	0.36	0.35	0.36	0.36	0.37
Summary Measures											
Gini index of income inequality	0.0041	0.0038	0.0038	0.0037	0.0037	0.0037	0.0038	0.0038	0.0036	0.0038	0.0039
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.0055	0.0055	0.0057	0.0056	0.0055	0.0056	0.0057	0.0056	0.0051	0.0050	0.0054
Theil	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001
Atkinson:											
e=0.25	0.0008	0.0007	0.0007	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006
e=0.50	0.0014	0.0013	0.0012	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0010	0.0011	0.0011
e=0.75	0.0020	0.0018	0.0018	0.0017	0.0016	0.0016	0.0017	0.0017	0.0016	0.0017	0.0016

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Table A-3.

Selected Measures of Household Income Dispersion: 1967 to 2010—Con.

(Income in 2010 CPI-U-RS adjusted dollars. For further explanation of income inequality measures, see Current Population Reports, Series P60-204, "The Changing Shape of the Nation's Income Distribution: 1947–1998." Standard errors presented in this table were calculated using general variance formula parameters and may differ from the standard errors in text tables that were calculated using replicate weights. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/apds/techdoc/cps/cpsmar11.pdf)

Measures of income dispersion	1977	1976 ¹³	1975 ¹⁴	1974 ^{14, 15}	1973	1972 ¹⁶	1971 ¹⁷	1970	1969	1968	1967 ¹⁸
MEASURE											
Household Income at Selected Percentiles											
10th percentile limit	11,477	11,338	11,275	11,592	11,514	10,995	10,312	10,152	10,389	10,128	9,303
20th percentile limit	18,792	18,832	18,423	19,379	19,287	18,876	18,242	18,480	18,797	18,251	17,123
50th (median)	44,481	44,201	43,479	44,649	46,109	45,196	43,340	43,766	44,108	42,527	40,770
80th percentile limit	78,657	76,897	75,020	77,091	79,006	76,904	72,969	73,466	73,083	69,686	67,579
90th percentile limit	100,321	98,603	96,171	99,406	101,982	98,810	93,612	93,580	92,732	87,877	85,843
95th percentile limit	124,540	121,948	118,386	122,019	126,983	123,769	115,877	116,129	114,620	109,022	108,446
Household Income Ratios of Selected Percentiles											
90th/10th	8.74	8.70	8.53	8.58	8.86	8.99	9.08	9.22	8.93	8.68	9.23
95th/20th	6.63	6.48	6.43	6.30	6.58	6.56	6.35	6.28	6.10	5.97	6.33
95th/50th	2.80	2.76	2.72	2.73	2.75	2.74	2.67	2.65	2.60	2.56	2.66
80th/50th	1.77	1.74	1.73	1.73	1.71	1.70	1.68	1.68	1.66	1.64	1.66
80th/20th	4.19	4.08	4.07	3.98	4.10	4.07	4.00	3.98	3.89	3.82	3.95
20th/50th	0.42	0.43	0.42	0.43	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.43	0.42
Mean Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	10,930	10,982	10,719	11,097	11,137	10,641	10,043	9,982	10,158	9,919	9,132
Second quintile	26,904	26,888	26,331	27,582	28,002	27,485	26,543	27,039	27,425	26,594	25,302
Third quintile	44,504	44,218	43,199	44,449	45,929	44,856	43,037	43,540	43,824	42,181	40,393
Fourth quintile	65,207	64,214	62,772	64,196	66,075	64,399	61,184	61,374	61,385	58,839	56,517
Highest quintile	116,281	113,652	110,828	113,737	118,224	115,612	108,412	108,653	107,890	102,244	101,711
Shares of Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.0
Second quintile	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.6	10.4	10.4	10.6	10.8	10.9	11.1	10.8
Third quintile	16.9	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.3	17.4	17.5	17.6	17.3
Fourth quintile	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.6	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.2
Highest quintile	44.0	43.7	43.6	43.5	43.9	43.9	43.5	43.3	43.0	42.6	43.6
Summary Measures											
Gini index of income inequality	0.402	0.398	0.397	0.395	0.400	0.401	0.396	0.394	0.391	0.386	0.397
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.364	0.361	0.361	0.352	0.355	0.370	0.370	0.370	0.357	0.356	0.380
Theil	0.276	0.271	0.270	0.267	0.270	0.279	0.273	0.271	0.268	0.273	0.287
Atkinson:											
e=0.25	0.069	0.068	0.067	0.067	0.068	0.070	0.068	0.068	0.067	0.067	0.071
e=0.50	0.139	0.137	0.136	0.134	0.136	0.140	0.138	0.138	0.135	0.135	0.143
e=0.75	0.213	0.211	0.210	0.207	0.210	0.216	0.214	0.214	0.209	0.208	0.220
STANDARD ERROR											
Household Income at Selected Percentiles											
10th percentile limit	121	122	118	124	123	121	120	120	126	121	120
20th percentile limit	131	132	136	163	162	163	158	165	168	165	160
50th (median)	167	164	177	171	175	172	168	160	163	154	148
80th percentile limit	229	265	317	219	254	298	355	190	200	225	268
90th percentile limit	475	345	435	359	368	499	269	301	358	472	634
95th percentile limit	610	704	637	805	579	778	466	576	710	489	462
Household Income Ratios of Selected Percentiles											
90th/10th	0.102	0.099	0.097	0.096	0.100	0.109	0.107	0.115	0.113	0.115	0.136
95th/20th	0.056	0.059	0.059	0.068	0.063	0.070	0.060	0.064	0.066	0.060	0.065
95th/50th	0.018	0.020	0.019	0.022	0.018	0.021	0.016	0.017	0.020	0.016	0.016
80th/50th	0.009	0.010	0.010	0.009	0.010	0.010	0.011	0.008	0.008	0.009	0.010
80th/20th	0.032	0.032	0.035	0.036	0.037	0.038	0.040	0.037	0.036	0.036	0.040
20th/50th	0.003	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004
Mean Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	46	45	44	48	48	47	48	50	47	49	46
Second quintile	43	42	41	44	48	47	43	45	47	44	46
Third quintile	46	45	44	44	48	47	43	45	42	44	40
Fourth quintile	62	59	59	60	61	61	58	60	58	55	51
Highest quintile	439	436	438	443	478	503	475	491	499	467	508
Shares of Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Second quintile	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.10
Third quintile	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.17
Fourth quintile	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23
Highest quintile	0.37	0.37	0.38	0.38	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.41
Summary Measures											
Gini index of income inequality	0.0039	0.0041	0.0056	0.0066	0.0040	0.0069	0.0063	0.0078	0.0066	0.0042	0.0044
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.0054	0.0054	0.0059	0.0058	0.0057	0.0060	0.0061	0.0060	0.0058	0.0057	0.0060
Theil	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001
Atkinson:											
e=0.25	0.0006	0.0006	0.0007	0.0006	0.0007	0.0007	0.0007	0.0007	0.0008	0.0007	0.0008
e=0.50	0.0011	0.0011	0.0012	0.0011	0.0012	0.0013	0.0013	0.0013	0.0014	0.0012	0.0014
e=0.75	0.0017	0.0017	0.0018	0.0017	0.0017	0.0018	0.0019	0.0019	0.0020	0.0018	0.0020

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¹ Medians are calculated using \$2,500 income intervals. Beginning with 2009 income data, the Census Bureau expanded the upper income intervals used to calculate medians to \$250,000 or more. Medians falling in the upper open-ended interval are plugged with "\$250,000." Before 2009, the upper open-ended interval was \$100,000 and a plug of "\$100,000" was used.

² Data have been revised to reflect a correction to the weights in the 2005 ASEC.

³ Implementation of a 28,000 household sample expansion.

⁴ Implementation of Census 2000-based population controls.

⁵ Full implementation of 1990 census-based sample design and metropolitan definitions, 7,000 household sample reduction, and revised editing of responses on race.

⁶ Introduction of 1990 census sample design.

⁷ Data collection method changed from paper and pencil to computer-assisted interviewing. In addition, the 1994 ASEC was revised to allow for the coding of different income amounts on selected questionnaire items. Limits either increased or decreased in the following categories: earnings limits increased to \$999,999; social security limits increased to \$49,999; supplemental security income and public assistance limits increased to \$24,999; veterans' benefits limits increased to \$99,999; child support and alimony limits decreased to \$49,999.

⁸ Implementation of 1990 census population controls.

⁹ Implementation of a new CPS ASEC processing system.

¹⁰ Recording of amounts for earnings from longest job increased to \$299,999. Full implementation of 1980 census-based sample design.

¹¹ Implementation of Hispanic population weighting controls and introduction of 1980 census-based sample design.

¹² Implementation of 1980 census population controls. Questionnaire expanded to allow the recording of up to 27 possible values from a list of 51 possible sources of income.

¹³ First year medians were derived using both Pareto and linear interpolation. Before this year, all medians were derived using linear interpolation.

¹⁴ Some of these estimates were derived using Pareto interpolation and may differ from published data, which were derived using linear interpolation.

¹⁵ Implementation of a new CPS ASEC processing system. Questionnaire expanded to ask 11 income questions.

¹⁶ Full implementation of 1970 census-based sample design.

¹⁷ Introduction of 1970 census sample design and population controls.

¹⁸ Implementation of a new CPS ASEC processing system.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1968 to 2011 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.