A-1). Foreign-born individuals can be classified into two categories: those who are naturalized U.S. citizens and those who are not U.S. citizens. Neither group experienced a statistically significant change in their median household income between 2021 and 2022.

Households maintained by naturalized citizens had the highest median household incomes in 2022 ($80,760), followed by native-born individuals ($75,210) and then noncitizens ($62,030).

Region
Between 2021 and 2022, the Midwest, Northeast, and West experienced a decrease in real median household income (4.7 percent, 3.8 percent, and 3.2 percent, respectively), while real median household income in the South was not statistically different from 2021 (Figure 1 and Table A-1). Median household incomes were highest in the West ($82,890) and the Northeast ($80,360), followed by the Midwest ($73,070) and the South ($68,230).

Residence
In 2022, real median household income for households inside metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) declined by 2.6 percent. The 2022 real median income of households outside of metropolitan areas was not statistically different from 2021. Among households inside metropolitan areas, those outside principal cities experienced a decrease in median household income of 3.0 percent, while the median for those inside principal cities was not statistically different from 2021. Households inside metropolitan areas but outside principal cities had the highest median income ($83,230), followed by households inside principal cities ($69,940). Households outside metropolitan areas had the lowest median income ($55,960).

Educational Attainment
From 2021 to 2022, among householders aged 25 and over, real median incomes declined for those who obtained at least a