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Selected Measures of Household Income Dispersion: 1967 to 2009

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Measures of income dispersion	2009 ¹	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004 ²	2003	2002	2001	2000 ³	1999 ⁴
MEASURE											
Household Income at Selected Percentiles											
10th percentile limit	12,120	12,115	12,581	12,766	12,402	12,384	12,287	12,662	12,947	13,180	13,318
20th percentile limit	20,453	20,633	20,991	21,314	21,071	20,992	20,974	21,361	21,771	22,320	22,059
50th (median)	49,777	50,112	51,965	51,278	50,899	50,343	50,519	50,563	51,161	52,301	52,388
80th percentile limit	100,000	99,860	103,448	103,226	100,757	99,930	101,307	100,170	101,163	101,844	101,995
90th percentile limit	137,632	137,775	140,690	141,489	138,536	137,249	137,849	136,053	137,665	139,502	138,742
95th percentile limit	180,001	179,317	183,103	185,119	182,386	178,453	179,740	178,844	182,335	180,879	182,795
Household Income Ratios of Selected Percentiles											
90th/10th	11.36	11.37	11.18	11.08	11.17	11.08	11.22	10.75	10.63	10.58	10.42
95th/20th	8.80	8.69	8.72	8.69	8.66	8.50	8.57	8.37	8.38	8.10	8.29
95th/50th	3.62	3.58	3.52	3.61	3.58	3.54	3.56	3.54	3.56	3.46	3.49
80th/50th	2.01	1.99	1.99	2.01	1.98	1.98	2.01	1.98	1.98	1.95	1.95
80th/20th	4.89	4.84	4.93	4.84	4.78	4.76	4.83	4.69	4.65	4.56	4.62
20th/50th	0.41	0.41	0.40	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.43	0.42
Mean Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	11,552	11,612	11,949	12,077	11,707	11,633	11,658	11,911	12,280	12,651	12,763
Second quintile	29,257	29,405	30,457	30,614	30,057	29,765	29,947	30,284	30,855	31,588	31,339
Third quintile	49,534	49,942	51,691	51,301	50,871	50,431	50,834	51,032	51,647	52,603	52,457
Fourth quintile	78,694	79,457	81,839	81,201	80,014	79,518	80,463	80,271	80,978	81,774	81,644
Highest quintile	170,844	170,408	173,763	178,904	175,335	171,965	171,527	171,382	176,848	177,203	174,106
Shares of Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6
Second quintile	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.9	8.9
Third quintile	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.5	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.8	14.6	14.8	14.9
Fourth quintile	23.2	23.3	23.4	22.9	23.0	23.2	23.4	23.3	23.0	23.0	23.2
Highest quintile	50.3	50.0	49.7	50.5	50.4	50.1	49.8	49.7	50.1	49.8	49.4
Summary Measures											
Gini index of income inequality	0.468	0.466	0.463	0.470	0.469	0.466	0.464	0.462	0.466	0.462	0.458
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.550	0.541	0.532	0.543	0.545	0.543	0.530	0.514	0.515	0.490	0.476
Theil	0.403	0.398	0.391	0.417	0.411	0.406	0.397	0.398	0.413	0.404	0.386
Atkinson:											
e=0.25	0.097	0.096	0.095	0.099	0.098	0.097	0.095	0.095	0.098	0.096	0.092
e=0.50	0.190	0.188	0.185	0.192	0.192	0.190	0.187	0.186	0.189	0.185	0.180
e=0.75	0.288	0.285	0.281	0.289	0.289	0.286	0.283	0.279	0.282	0.275	0.268
STANDARD ERROR											
Household Income at Selected Percentiles											
10th percentile limit	85	83	84	88	84	84	84	85	89	89	90
20th percentile limit	107	107	115	117	117	118	117	122	120	127	122
50th (median)	213	136	145	220	170	223	219	166	156	164	245
80th percentile limit	311	305	310	390	353	353	372	273	293	299	318
90th percentile limit	638	580	610	601	590	558	591	536	522	605	582
95th percentile limit	879	919	886	1,066	1,228	1,041	830	851	916	1,159	1,018
Household Income Ratios of Selected Percentiles											
90th/10th	0.095	0.091	0.089	0.090	0.090	0.088	0.091	0.083	0.083	0.085	0.083
95th/20th	0.063	0.063	0.064	0.069	0.076	0.069	0.062	0.062	0.063	0.070	0.065
95th/50th	0.022	0.023	0.021	0.025	0.028	0.025	0.021	0.022	0.023	0.026	0.024
80th/50th	0.010	0.010	0.009	0.011	0.010	0.011	0.011	0.009	0.010	0.009	0.010
80th/20th	0.030	0.029	0.031	0.032	0.031	0.032	0.032	0.030	0.029	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	42	41	41	44	43	43	42	43	44	45	44
Second quintile	36	36	38	37	38	37	38	38	39	40	40
Third quintile	47	48	49	48	47	49	49	49	50	50	50
Fourth quintile	76	75	78	79	76	75	77	75	76	76	77
Highest quintile	841	824	834	1,004	940	930	882	925	1,044	1,034	910
Shares of Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	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	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16
Highest quintile	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.35	0.35	0.35
Summary Measures											
Gini index of income inequality	0.0028	0.0027	0.0027	0.0028	0.0029	0.0029	0.0028	0.0029	0.0030	0.0030	0.0041
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.0064	0.0063	0.0062	0.0063	0.0063	0.0063	0.0054	0.0052	0.0051	0.0049	0.0059
Theil	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0002	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0002	0.0002	0.0001
Atkinson:											
e=0.25	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0014	0.0013	0.0013	0.0012	0.0012	0.0014	0.0013	0.0013
e=0.50	0.0018	0.0017	0.0018	0.0021	0.0020	0.0020	0.0018	0.0020	0.0022	0.0021	0.0021
e=0.75	0.0024	0.0023	0.0024	0.0027	0.0026	0.0026	0.0024	0.0025	0.0027	0.0026	0.0027

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Measures of income dispersion	1998	1997	1996	1995 ⁵	1994 ⁶	1993 ⁷	1992 ⁸	1991	1990	1989	1988
MEASURE											
Household Income at Selected Percentiles											
10th percentile limit	12,747	12,279	12,129	12,125	11,489	11,235	11,234	11,399	11,645	12,025	11,436
20th percentile limit	21,179	20,520	20,103	20,124	19,215	18,954	18,873	19,338	19,886	20,203	19,830
50th (median)	51,100	49,309	48,315	47,622	46,175	45,665	45,888	46,269	47,637	48,279	47,433
80th percentile limit	98,561	95,273	92,587	91,012	89,936	88,142	86,886	87,173	87,826	89,707	88,146
90th percentile limit	133,123	130,133	125,306	122,561	121,482	119,482	116,159	116,544	117,886	120,178	116,731
95th percentile limit	173,728	168,626	162,727	157,919	157,172	152,953	148,318	148,055	150,735	153,241	149,207
Household Income Ratios of Selected Percentiles											
90th/10th	10.44	10.60	10.33	10.11	10.57	10.64	10.34	10.22	10.12	9.99	10.21
95th/20th	8.20	8.22	8.10	7.85	8.18	8.07	7.86	7.66	7.58	7.59	7.52
95th/50th	3.40	3.42	3.37	3.32	3.40	3.35	3.23	3.20	3.16	3.17	3.15
80th/50th	1.93	1.93	1.92	1.91	1.95	1.93	1.89	1.88	1.84	1.86	1.86
80th/20th	4.65	4.64	4.61	4.52	4.68	4.65	4.60	4.51	4.42	4.44	4.45
20th/50th	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42
Mean Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	12,120	11,778	11,700	11,662	11,040	10,757	10,868	11,098	11,400	11,681	11,264
Second quintile	30,604	29,445	28,719	28,505	27,513	27,270	27,233	27,875	28,684	29,063	28,428
Third quintile	51,208	49,538	48,306	47,664	46,348	45,711	45,881	46,302	47,379	48,311	47,548
Fourth quintile	79,198	76,727	74,764	73,270	72,124	71,038	70,431	70,582	71,433	73,076	71,875
Highest quintile	167,591	163,581	157,247	152,904	151,625	148,003	136,470	135,349	138,627	142,851	137,218
Shares of Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8
Second quintile	9.0	8.9	9.0	9.1	8.9	9.0	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.6
Third quintile	15.0	15.0	15.1	15.2	15.0	15.1	15.8	15.9	15.9	15.8	16.0
Fourth quintile	23.2	23.2	23.3	23.3	23.4	23.5	24.2	24.2	24.0	24.0	24.2
Highest quintile	49.2	49.4	49.0	48.7	49.1	48.9	46.9	46.5	46.6	46.8	46.3
Summary Measures											
Gini index of income inequality	0.456	0.459	0.455	0.450	0.456	0.454	0.433	0.428	0.428	0.431	0.426
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.488	0.484	0.464	0.452	0.471	0.467	0.416	0.411	0.402	0.406	0.401
Theil	0.389	0.396	0.389	0.378	0.387	0.385	0.323	0.313	0.317	0.324	0.314
Atkinson:											
e=0.25	0.093	0.094	0.093	0.090	0.092	0.092	0.080	0.078	0.078	0.080	0.078
e=0.50	0.181	0.183	0.179	0.175	0.180	0.178	0.160	0.156	0.156	0.158	0.155
e=0.75	0.271	0.272	0.266	0.261	0.268	0.266	0.242	0.237	0.236	0.239	0.236
STANDARD ERROR											
Household Income at Selected Percentiles											
10th percentile limit	87	92	86	86	80	80	80	82	89	89	89
20th percentile limit	129	121	123	113	111	113	113	118	122	126	124
50th (median)	302	228	244	275	210	213	217	223	243	266	232
80th percentile limit	307	422	322	342	293	331	287	316	338	278	309
90th percentile limit	504	538	580	531	537	418	383	418	452	725	474
95th percentile limit	1,007	881	801	939	891	760	750	757	851	818	926
Household Income Ratios of Selected Percentiles											
90th/10th	0.082	0.091	0.087	0.084	0.087	0.085	0.081	0.082	0.087	0.095	0.089
95th/20th	0.069	0.065	0.063	0.064	0.066	0.063	0.062	0.061	0.063	0.062	0.066
95th/50th	0.024	0.022	0.022	0.023	0.024	0.022	0.021	0.021	0.022	0.021	0.023
80th/50th	0.010	0.011	0.011	0.010	0.010	0.011	0.010	0.011	0.010	0.009	0.010
80th/20th	0.032	0.034	0.032	0.031	0.031	0.033	0.032	0.032	0.032	0.031	0.032
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	43	39	41	40	39	39	40	41	42	42
Second quintile	41	39	38	38	37	38	39	38	40	40	40
Third quintile	50	48	48	46	46	45	45	45	45	47	47
Fourth quintile	75	72	69	70	72	70	66	66	67	68	66
Highest quintile	949	974	947	892	894	895	496	473	522	576	523
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	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07
Third quintile	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12
Fourth quintile	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18
Highest quintile	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.36	0.36	0.35	0.34	0.35	0.35	0.35
Summary Measures											
Gini index of income inequality	0.0042	0.0043	0.0043	0.0043	0.0042	0.0042	0.0038	0.0038	0.0039	0.0040	0.0041
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.0069	0.0067	0.0064	0.0063	0.0061	0.0061	0.0055	0.0056	0.0053	0.0053	0.0055
Theil	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001
Atkinson:											
e=0.25	0.0015	0.0016	0.0016	0.0015	0.0015	0.0015	0.0007	0.0007	0.0007	0.0008	0.0008
e=0.50	0.0023	0.0025	0.0024	0.0024	0.0023	0.0024	0.0013	0.0012	0.0013	0.0014	0.0014
e=0.75	0.0029	0.0030	0.0030	0.0029	0.0028	0.0029	0.0019	0.0018	0.0018	0.0019	0.0020

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Measures of income dispersion	1987 ^a	1986	1985 ¹⁰	1984	1983 ¹¹	1982	1981	1980	1979 ¹²	1978	1977
MEASURE											
Household Income at Selected Percentiles											
10th percentile limit	11,265	11,170	11,210	11,202	10,760	10,801	10,998	11,153	11,303	11,523	11,291
20th percentile limit	19,507	19,133	18,898	18,680	18,317	17,927	18,158	18,533	19,274	19,063	18,487
50th (median)	47,071	46,488	44,898	44,074	42,747	43,048	43,163	43,892	45,325	45,452	43,758
80th percentile limit	87,353	85,859	82,843	81,365	78,998	77,683	77,619	78,019	79,851	79,317	77,380
90th percentile limit	115,242	112,687	108,659	107,025	103,393	102,445	101,391	101,373	103,364	102,586	98,691
95th percentile limit	146,172	143,974	136,881	134,691	129,971	128,232	124,914	125,556	129,029	126,890	122,518
Household Income Ratios of Selected Percentiles											
90th/10th	10.23	10.09	9.69	9.55	9.61	9.49	9.22	9.09	9.15	8.90	8.74
95th/20th	7.49	7.53	7.24	7.21	7.10	7.15	6.88	6.78	6.69	6.66	6.63
95th/50th	3.11	3.10	3.05	3.06	3.04	2.98	2.89	2.86	2.85	2.79	2.80
80th/50th	1.86	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.80	1.80	1.78	1.76	1.75	1.77
80th/20th	4.48	4.49	4.38	4.36	4.31	4.33	4.28	4.21	4.14	4.16	4.19
20th/50th	0.41	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.42	0.42
Mean Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	11,076	10,781	10,672	10,689	10,342	10,223	10,414	10,682	11,031	11,119	10,753
Second quintile	28,148	27,734	27,046	26,624	25,980	25,868	25,942	26,585	27,436	27,306	26,467
Third quintile	47,060	46,410	44,893	44,120	42,954	42,820	42,975	43,870	45,234	45,087	43,781
Fourth quintile	71,133	69,914	67,528	66,429	64,457	63,683	64,061	64,631	66,381	66,047	64,148
Highest quintile	135,278	132,332	126,139	122,148	118,343	116,800	114,432	115,236	119,130	117,917	114,393
Shares of Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.2
Second quintile	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2
Third quintile	16.1	16.2	16.2	16.3	16.4	16.5	16.7	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.9
Fourth quintile	24.3	24.3	24.4	24.6	24.6	24.5	24.8	24.7	24.6	24.7	24.7
Highest quintile	46.2	46.1	45.6	45.2	45.1	45.0	44.3	44.1	44.2	44.1	44.0
Summary Measures											
Gini index of income inequality	0.426	0.425	0.419	0.415	0.414	0.412	0.406	0.403	0.404	0.402	0.402
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.414	0.416	0.403	0.391	0.397	0.401	0.387	0.375	0.369	0.363	0.364
Theil	0.311	0.310	0.300	0.290	0.288	0.287	0.277	0.274	0.279	0.275	0.276
Atkinson:											
e=0.25	0.077	0.077	0.075	0.073	0.072	0.072	0.070	0.069	0.070	0.069	0.069
e=0.50	0.155	0.155	0.151	0.147	0.147	0.146	0.141	0.140	0.141	0.139	0.139
e=0.75	0.238	0.237	0.231	0.225	0.226	0.226	0.220	0.216	0.216	0.213	0.213
STANDARD ERROR											
Household Income at Selected Percentiles											
10th percentile limit	88	89	86	84	86	86	129	127	126	126	121
20th percentile limit	125	126	124	113	115	115	117	122	131	132	129
50th (median)	222	241	243	201	194	194	226	226	215	184	164
80th percentile limit	299	334	272	289	261	289	231	272	230	294	227
90th percentile limit	417	514	463	368	456	393	380	430	414	340	467
95th percentile limit	681	601	1,142	673	621	739	695	666	713	693	600
Household Income Ratios of Selected Percentiles											
90th/10th	0.088	0.093	0.085	0.079	0.088	0.084	0.114	0.110	0.108	0.102	0.102
95th/20th	0.060	0.059	0.077	0.056	0.056	0.062	0.059	0.057	0.059	0.059	0.056
95th/50th	0.020	0.018	0.028	0.020	0.019	0.021	0.020	0.019	0.020	0.020	0.018
80th/50th	0.010	0.011	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.009	0.010	0.009	0.010	0.009
80th/20th	0.033	0.034	0.032	0.030	0.031	0.032	0.030	0.031	0.031	0.033	0.032
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	42	41	42	41	41	43	43	42	44	45	45
Second quintile	40	39	38	37	37	38	36	40	41	42	42
Third quintile	47	47	46	45	43	43	45	45	47	48	45
Fourth quintile	67	65	65	65	61	60	59	59	61	60	61
Highest quintile	513	484	441	387	375	376	353	382	424	422	432
Shares of Household Income of Quintiles											
Lowest quintile	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04
Second quintile	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.09
Third quintile	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14
Fourth quintile	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.21
Highest quintile	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.36	0.36	0.35	0.36	0.36	0.37	0.37
Summary Measures											
Gini index of income inequality	0.0038	0.0038	0.0037	0.0037	0.0037	0.0038	0.0038	0.0036	0.0038	0.0039	0.0039
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.0055	0.0057	0.0056	0.0055	0.0056	0.0057	0.0056	0.0051	0.0050	0.0054	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	0.0007	0.0007	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006
e=0.50	0.0013	0.0012	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0010	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011
e=0.75	0.0018	0.0018	0.0017	0.0016	0.0016	0.0017	0.0017	0.0016	0.0017	0.0016	0.0017

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Table A-2.

Selected Measures of Household Income Dispersion: 1967 to 2009—Con.

(Income in 2009 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*. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/apds/techdoc/cps/cpsmar10.pdf)

Measures of income dispersion	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	11,154	11,092	11,404	11,327	10,816	10,144	9,987	10,221	9,963	9,152
20th percentile limit	18,526	18,124	19,065	18,973	18,570	17,946	18,180	18,491	17,954	16,845
50th (median)	43,483	42,773	43,923	45,360	44,462	42,636	43,055	43,391	41,836	40,108
80th percentile limit	75,648	73,802	75,839	77,723	75,655	71,784	72,273	71,897	68,554	66,481
90th percentile limit	97,002	94,609	97,791	100,325	97,205	92,091	92,060	91,226	86,449	84,449
95th percentile limit	119,967	116,463	120,037	124,921	121,759	113,995	114,243	112,759	107,251	106,684
Household Income Ratios of Selected Percentiles										
90th/10th	8.70	8.53	8.58	8.86	8.99	9.08	9.22	8.93	8.68	9.23
95th/20th	6.48	6.43	6.30	6.58	6.56	6.35	6.28	6.10	5.97	6.33
95th/50th	2.76	2.72	2.73	2.75	2.74	2.67	2.65	2.60	2.56	2.66
80th/50th	1.74	1.73	1.73	1.71	1.70	1.68	1.68	1.66	1.64	1.66
80th/20th	4.08	4.07	3.98	4.10	4.07	4.00	3.98	3.89	3.82	3.95
20th/50th	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	10,804	10,545	10,917	10,956	10,468	9,880	9,820	9,993	9,758	8,984
Second quintile	26,451	25,903	27,134	27,547	27,039	26,111	26,600	26,979	26,162	24,891
Third quintile	43,500	42,498	43,727	45,183	44,128	42,338	42,833	43,112	41,496	39,737
Fourth quintile	63,171	61,753	63,153	65,002	63,353	60,190	60,377	60,388	57,883	55,599
Highest quintile	111,806	109,028	111,890	116,304	113,735	106,651	106,888	106,138	100,584	100,059
Shares of Household Income of Quintiles										
Lowest quintile	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.0
Second quintile	10.3	10.4	10.6	10.4	10.4	10.6	10.8	10.9	11.1	10.8
Third quintile	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	24.6	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.2
Highest quintile	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	0.398	0.397	0.395	0.400	0.401	0.396	0.394	0.391	0.386	0.397
Mean logarithmic deviation of income	0.361	0.361	0.352	0.355	0.370	0.370	0.370	0.357	0.356	0.380
Theil	0.271	0.270	0.267	0.270	0.279	0.273	0.271	0.268	0.273	0.287
Atkinson:										
e=0.25	0.068	0.067	0.067	0.068	0.070	0.068	0.068	0.067	0.067	0.071
e=0.50	0.137	0.136	0.134	0.136	0.140	0.138	0.138	0.135	0.135	0.143
e=0.75	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	120	115	122	121	119	116	121	123	121	117
20th percentile limit	132	134	162	161	159	155	161	164	161	156
50th (median)	161	174	169	173	170	165	158	160	151	146
80th percentile limit	262	313	214	249	295	349	187	199	223	263
90th percentile limit	341	428	353	363	489	262	297	351	464	624
95th percentile limit	691	627	792	568	767	459	567	698	482	453
Household Income Ratios of Selected Percentiles										
90th/10th	0.099	0.097	0.096	0.100	0.109	0.107	0.115	0.113	0.115	0.136
95th/20th	0.059	0.059	0.068	0.063	0.070	0.060	0.064	0.066	0.060	0.065
95th/50th	0.020	0.019	0.022	0.018	0.021	0.016	0.017	0.020	0.016	0.016
80th/50th	0.010	0.010	0.009	0.010	0.010	0.011	0.008	0.008	0.009	0.010
80th/20th	0.032	0.035	0.036	0.037	0.038	0.040	0.037	0.036	0.036	0.040
20th/50th	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	45	43	47	47	46	47	49	47	49	45
Second quintile	41	40	43	47	46	43	44	47	43	45
Third quintile	45	43	43	47	46	43	44	41	43	39
Fourth quintile	58	58	59	60	60	57	59	57	54	51
Highest quintile	428	431	435	470	495	468	483	491	459	500
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
Second quintile	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.10
Third quintile	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	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23
Highest quintile	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	0.0041	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	0.0059	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
Atkinson:										
e=0.25	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	0.0012	0.0011	0.0012	0.0013	0.0013	0.0013	0.0014	0.0012	0.0014
e=0.75	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 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.