

Median Comprehensive Household Income, 1979-2007 (2007 Dollars)

Year	Pretax		After-Tax	
	Unadjusted Income	Adjusted Income	Unadjusted Income	Adjusted Income
1979	59900	32600	48500	26500
1980	57900	31600	46800	25600
1981	57300	31600	46100	25400
1982	56000	31000	45700	25300
1983	55200	30800	45200	25200
1984	57500	32100	46800	26200
1985	58200	32700	47300	26600
1986	60000	33700	48700	27400
1987	59100	33700	48400	27700
1988	60100	34300	48900	28000
1989	61000	35000	49700	28600
1990	60800	34700	49500	28300
1991	59800	34400	49100	28100
1992	59800	34500	49200	28300
1993	60200	34500	49600	28400
1994	61100	35100	50300	28900
1995	62700	36000	51700	29600
1996	63500	36400	52400	30000
1997	64400	37200	53100	30500
1998	66500	38400	55200	31800
1999	68300	39300	56700	32600
2000	68000	39200	56400	32500
2001	68200	39300	57700	33100
2002	66500	38400	56500	32600
2003	66200	38400	57000	33000
2004	68400	39400	58900	33700
2005	69100	39900	59400	34200
2006	69700	40500	60000	34700
2007	72000	41700	61800	35700

Source: Congressional Budget Office.

Comprehensive household income equals pretax cash income plus income from other sources. Pretax cash income is the sum of wages, salaries, self-employment income, rents, taxable and nontaxable interest, dividends, realized capital gains, cash transfer payments, and retirement benefits plus taxes paid by businesses (corporate income taxes and the employer's share of Social Security, Medicare, and federal unemployment insurance payroll taxes) and employees' contributions to 401(k) retirement plans. Other sources of income include in-kind benefits (Medicare, Medicaid, employer-paid health insurance premiums, food stamps, school lunches and breakfasts, housing assistance, and energy assistance).

After-tax income is pretax income less federal individual income, corporate income, payroll and excise taxes. Adjusted income accounts for differences in household size by dividing income by the square root of the number of people in the household. For example, a four-person household with income of \$50,000 would have adjusted income of \$25,000.