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FAMILY INCOME IN THE UNITED STATES: 1954 AND 1953

(Data showing income received in 1953 and 1954 by persons 14 years old and over appear in the reports Series P-60, Nos. 16 and 19, respectively)

Average (median) family income in the United States was estimated at $4,200 in 1954, according to the results of the Current Population Survey. This figure was about the same as in 1953 but $300 higher than in 1952. The increase since 1952 probably represented a significant gain in purchasing power for the average family, since prices rose only slightly during the same period, according to the Consumer Price Index.

Of the Nation's 42 million families, about 16 million, or two-fifths, received incomes of $5,000 or more in 1954 while 8 million, or one-fifth, had incomes under $2,000. The remaining 18 million families were in the $2,000-to-$5,000 bracket. The distribution of families (groups of two or more related persons) by their income in 1954 is shown below:

Table A.--NUMBER OF FAMILIES BY FAMILY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1954

(Figures derived from data in table 1 and rounded to the nearest 100,000)

Family income	Number of families
Total	41,900,000
Under $1,000	3,700,000
$1,000 to $1,999	4,600,000
$2,000 to $2,999	5,000,000
$3,000 to $3,999	6,400,000
$4,000 to $4,999	6,500,000
$5,000 to $5,999	5,000,000
$6,000 to $6,999	3,600,000
$7,000 to $9,999	4,700,000
$10,000 to $14,999	1,800,000
$15,000 and over	600,000

The 7-percent gain in family income since 1952 largely reflects the continued rise in wage rates for workers in most major industries. The survey data indicate that the median wage or salary income of families rose between 7 and 8 percent from 1952 to 1954; average income from farm self-employment decreased substantially and receipts from other sources of income remained stable. The median income of rural-farm families fell by about $250 between 1952 and 1954. In contrast, the median for nonfarm families rose about $350 in 1953 and remained at the same level in 1954.

The 1953 and 1954 income data presented in this report were obtained from the Census Bureau's Current Population Surveys for April 1954 and April 1955. Other data relating to the income received by the population are available from the Personal Income Series of the Department of Commerce, the Federal Reserve Board Survey of Consumer Finances, Federal income tax data, and Old-Age and Survivors Insurance wage record data. These data are collected for different purposes and, therefore, differ in several important respects. A discussion of the comparability of these data may be found in Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 19, "Income of Persons in the United States: 1954."

Information on income was collected in the Current Population Survey of the Bureau of the Census from the civilian noninstitutional population and members of the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post in

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continental United States. Since the estimates are based on a sample, they are subject to sampling variability. Particular care should be exercised in the interpretation of medians and other figures, when based on relatively small numbers of cases, as well as small differences between figures. Moreover, as in all field surveys of income, the figures are subject to errors of response and nonreporting.

This report covers money income only, prior to deductions for taxes. The fact that many farm workers do not pay rent for their living quarters and some receive an important part of their income in the form of goods produced and consumed on the farm rather than in money should be taken into consideration in comparing the income of farm and nonfarm residents.

The present report contains 1953 and 1954 income data for families and unrelated individuals only. Information relating to the income of persons 14 years old and over was presented in two separate reports, "Income of Persons in the United States: 1954," Series P-60, No. 19, issued in October 1955 and "Income of Persons in the United States: 1953," Series P-60, No. 16, issued in May 1955.

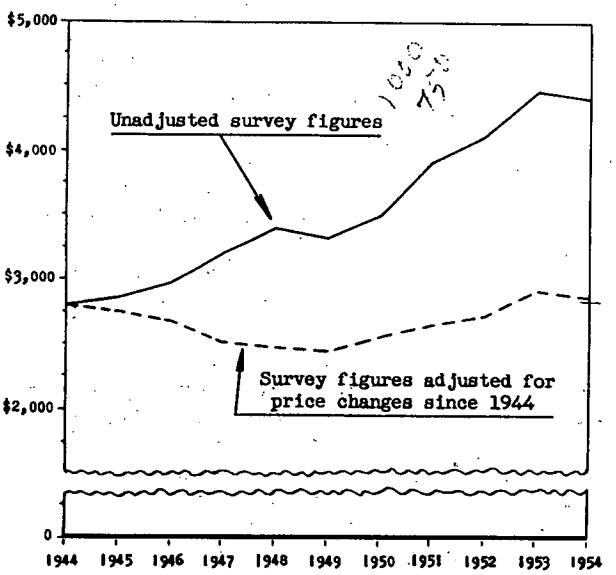
NONFARM INCOMES AT POSTWAR PEAK; FARM INCOMES DECLINE

Average family income rose during 1953, but did not change in 1954. The median income for all families was estimated at $4,200,[1] in 1953 and 1954, about $300 above the 1952 median.

The median income of nonfarm families was $4,500 in 1954. This median, which has been rising fairly steadily since the end of World War II, increased by about $350 in 1953 and remained at the same level in 1954. In contrast, the median income of rural-farm families decreased by $250 between 1952 and 1954.

In 1953, for the first time in the postwar period, the average purchasing power of nonfarm families appears to have regained the World War II level. As shown by the data in figure 1, the more-or-less steady increases in money income during the postwar period have been largely offset, or for certain periods more than offset, by the rising cost of living. In 1953, however, nonfarm incomes rose proportionately more than prices. On the average, this meant the first sizable annual increase in purchasing power since World War II. The price-adjusted data shown in this figure were derived by dividing the median money income for each year by the Consumer Price Index compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This adjustment is a very rough one and the results cannot be regarded as more than approximations.

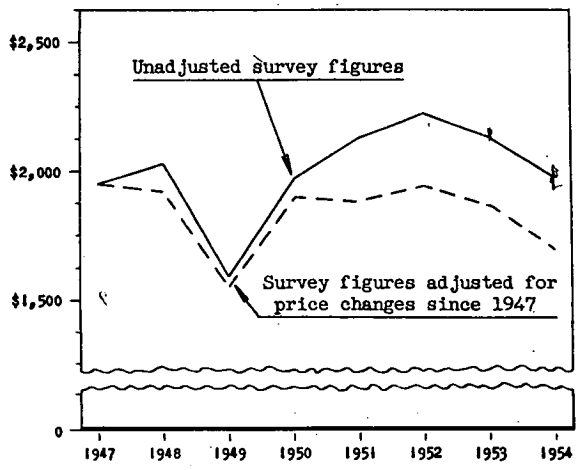
Figure 1.--MEDIAN INCOME OF NONFARM FAMILIES, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1944 TO 1954



The median income of nonfarm families has shown a continuous gradual increase in each year between 1949 and 1953. In contrast, the median money income of farm families rose sharply between 1949 and 1952 and then dropped during 1953 and again in 1954 (figure 2). The adjustment of the rural-farm medians for changes in price levels by use of the Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Family Living, compiled by the Department of Agriculture, indicates that the purchasing power of farm families rose between 1949 and 1950, was stable during the next three years, and then decreased in 1954. With the exception of 1949, the average purchasing power of farm families was probably at its lowest point in the postwar period during 1954.

[1] Medians cited in the text are taken from the detailed tables and are rounded to hundreds of dollars.

Figure 2.--MEDIAN INCOME OF RURAL-FARM FAMILIES, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1947 TO 1954



INCOMES IN SOUTH BELOW OTHER REGIONS

In 1954, the incomes of residents in the South were lower than those received in the rest of the country. Among families, the median income in 1954 for the South was only $3,300 as compared with about $4,500 for each of the other regions. The regional variations were greater, in relative terms, among unrelated individuals, whose median income in 1954 ranged from $800 for the South to $1,200 for the North Central States, $1,400 for the West, and $1,600 for the Northeastern States.

Table B.--MEDIAN INCOME OF URBAN FAMILIES BY COLOR, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1954

Region	Total	White	Nonwhite
United States.....	$4,591	$4,827	$2,876
Northeast.....	4,687	4,837	3,243
North Central.....	4,904	5,059	3,283
South.....	4,024	4,428	2,425
West.....	4,714	4,812	(1)

[1] Median not shown where fewer than 100 cases in the sample reported on income.

The difference in income between the South and the rest of the Nation can be largely explained by two factors. First, a large proportion of the population in the South lives in rural areas and on farms. Furthermore, the South contains a larger percentage of nonwhites whose earnings are relatively low. When the analysis is restricted to urban residents, the income difference between the South and the other regions is relatively small for whites. Among white urban families, the median income in the South was only about 10 percent below that in the rest of the country. In contrast, the median for nonwhites in the South was about 25 percent below that in the rest of the country.

NUMBER OF FAMILIES IN LOWER INCOME BRACKETS HAS DECREASED SINCE 1948

The gradual increase in average family income during recent years was accompanied by a decrease in both the number and proportion of families at the lower income levels, according to the survey data, unadjusted for price changes.[2] As will be shown later, however, the improvement has not been particularly striking after allowance is made for changes in cost of living.

According to the unadjusted data presented in table C below, about 9.6 million families received incomes under $2,000 during 1948 and as many as 4 million received less than $1,000 during the same year. Despite the fact that the total number of families increased by nearly 3½ million between 1948 and 1954, the number with incomes under $2,000 dropped by about 1 million. Proportionately only 20 percent of the families had incomes under $2,000 in 1954 as compared with 25 percent six years earlier.

Unlike families, the number of unrelated individuals at the lowest income levels appears to have increased slightly between 1948 and 1954. The proportion of unrelated individuals with incomes under $2,000, however, dropped from 73 percent in 1948 to 64 percent in 1954.

The income figures presented in table C are in current dollars, or, stated differently, they do not take changes in the purchasing power of money into account. Since the Consumer Price Index rose from 102.8 in 1948 to 114.9 in 1954, it is apparent that a given income could buy less in 1954 than it could six years earlier.

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[2] For more detailed data regarding characteristics of lower income families, see Characteristics of the Low-Income Population and Related Federal Programs, Joint Committee on the Economic Report, 84th Congress, 1st Session.

Table C.--FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME (IN CURRENT DOLLARS), FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1954 AND 1948

Total money income (current dollars)	1954			1948		
	Families and individuals	Families	Unrelated individuals	Families and individuals	Families	Unrelated individuals
Total	51,557,000	41,934,000	9,623,000	46,670,000	38,530,000	8,140,000
Under $1,000	8,068,000	3,714,000	4,354,000	8,110,000	4,020,000	4,090,000
$1,000 to $1,999	6,482,000	4,616,000	1,866,000	7,410,000	5,580,000	1,830,000
$2,000 to $2,999	6,364,000	4,983,000	1,381,000	9,190,000	7,950,000	1,240,000
$3,000 to $4,999	14,484,000	13,003,000	1,481,000	13,780,000	12,970,000	810,000
$5,000 and over	16,159,000	15,618,000	541,000	8,180,000	8,010,000	170,000
Percent	100	100	100	100	100	100
Under $1,000	16	9	45	17	10	50
$1,000 to $1,999	13	11	19	16	15	23
$2,000 to $2,999	12	12	14	20	20	15
$3,000 to $4,999	28	31	16	30	34	10
$5,000 and over	31	37	6	17	21	2

A rough attempt to adjust the data for the change in the purchasing power of money is presented in table D below. In this table, the limits of each income class in 1954 were first converted to 1948 dollars on the basis of the change in the Consumer Price Index. Then, the number of families and individuals at each revised income level was recomputed.

Table D.--FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME (IN 1948 DOLLARS), FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1954 AND 1948

Total money income (1948 dollars)	1954			1948		
	Families and individuals	Families	Unrelated individuals	Families and individuals	Families	Unrelated individuals
Total	51,557,000	41,934,000	9,623,000	46,670,000	38,530,000	8,140,000
Under $1,000	8,867,000	4,269,000	4,598,000	8,110,000	4,020,000	4,090,000
$1,000 to $1,999	7,101,000	5,143,000	1,958,000	7,410,000	5,580,000	1,830,000
$2,000 to $2,999	7,564,000	6,128,000	1,436,000	9,190,000	7,950,000	1,240,000
$3,000 to $4,999	14,953,000	13,698,000	1,255,000	13,780,000	12,970,000	810,000
$5,000 and over	13,072,000	12,696,000	376,000	8,180,000	8,010,000	170,000
Percent	100	100	100	100	100	100
Under $1,000	17	10	48	17	10	50
$1,000 to $1,999	14	12	20	16	15	23
$2,000 to $2,999	15	15	15	20	20	15
$3,000 to $4,999	29	33	13	30	34	10
$5,000 and over	25	30	4	17	21	2

Measured in constant dollars, there appears to have been little change in the number of lower income families between 1948 and 1954. The number with incomes under $2,000, in 1948 dollars, was 9.6 million in 1948 and 9.4 million in 1954. Proportionately, 25 percent of the families had incomes under $2,000 in 1948 as compared with 22 percent in 1954. Although the proportion of families in the lower income groups has not changed appreciably since 1948, there has been a considerable rise in the percent at the higher income levels. The proportion of families with incomes of $5,000 or more, in 1948 dollars, rose from 21 percent in 1948 to 30 percent in 1954.

As the income data, not adjusted for price changes, in table E indicate, there has not been much change in the distribution of lower income families by farm and nonfarm residence during the past six years. Focusing attention first on the lowest income group, it

appears that there has been no significant change in the number of nonfarm families with incomes under $1,000 (in current dollars) and that the number of farm families in this group has decreased slightly. The proportion of nonfarm families with incomes under $1,000 was about 7 percent in both 1948 and 1954, whereas the proportion of farm families in this category increased from 25 percent in 1948 to 27 percent in 1954. The rise in the proportion of farm families in this bracket is due to the fact that the total number of farm families declined about 22 percent during this period while the number in the lowest income group fell only 15 percent.

Among families in the next higher income group ($1,000 to $1,999), both the number and proportion of nonfarm families has declined over the past six years. On the other hand, the number of farm families in this bracket has dropped, while the proportion did not change because of the over-all decline in farm population.

Table E.--FARM AND NONFARM FAMILIES BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME (IN CURRENT DOLLARS), FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1954 AND 1948

Total money income (current dollars)	1954			1948		
	All families	Nonfarm families	Rural-farm families	All families	Nonfarm families	Rural-farm families
Total	41,934,000	36,708,000	5,226,000	38,530,000	31,810,000	6,720,000
Under $1,000	3,714,000	2,282,000	1,432,000	4,020,000	2,340,000	1,680,000
$1,000 to $1,999	4,616,000	3,401,000	1,215,000	5,580,000	3,980,000	1,600,000
$2,000 to $2,999	4,983,000	4,190,000	793,000	7,950,000	6,570,000	1,380,000
$3,000 and over	28,621,000	26,835,000	1,786,000	20,980,000	18,920,000	2,060,000
Percent	100	100	100	100	100	100
Under $1,000	9	6	27	10	7	25
$1,000 to $1,999	11	9	23	15	13	24
$2,000 to $2,999	12	11	15	20	21	21
$3,000 and over	68	74	35	55	59	30

OTHER INCOME PUBLICATIONS

Current Population Survey.--Other data based on the Current Population Survey showing the distributions of families, unrelated individuals, and persons, by income levels, have been published in the Series P-60 reports, Nos. 1 to 19. In addition, income data for 1944 and 1945 appear in the report, "Family and Individual Money Income in the United States: 1945 and 1944," Series P-S, No. 22. Occasionally, tables have been published in reports of the P-20 or P-50 series showing the cross-classification of income and other characteristics.

1950 Census.--Distributions of persons 14 years of age and over by total money income in 1949 appear in the publication, U. S. Bureau of the Census, 1950 Census of Population, Volume II, Chapter C. Similar data for families and unrelated individuals appear in Volume II, Chapter B. Data for the United States and regions appear in Volume II, Part 1, United States Summary, while separate data for individual States are presented in the other parts. Various special reports contain additional income data; however, there is no special report dealing exclusively with income data. A preliminary report, "Estimated Distribution of Family Income in 1949 for the United States, Regions, and Selected States," Series PC-7, No. 5, presents the distribution of aggregate income among families and unrelated individuals. In addition, a monograph, "Income of the American People," sponsored jointly by the Bureau of the Census and the Social Science Research Council, was published recently.

1940 Census.--Data relating to wage and salary income in 1939 have been presented in several different reports of the Sixteenth Decennial Census. A complete list of these reports is shown in earlier Current Population Survey reports on consumer income.

DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Dwelling unit and household.--A dwelling unit is defined, in general, as a house, apartment, or other group of rooms, or a single

room, occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters by a family or other group of persons living together or a person living alone. A household consists of the entire group of persons who occupy a dwelling unit. Persons occupying living quarters which are not dwelling units, such as large rooming houses, dormitories, and YMCA buildings, are not regarded as households.

Family.--The term "family," as used in this report, refers to a group of two or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption and residing together; all such persons are considered as members of the same family. Thus, if the son of the head of the household and the son's wife are in the household, they are treated as part of the head's family. On the other hand, a lodger and his wife not related to the head of the household or an unrelated servant and his wife are considered as additional families, and not as part of the household head's family.

Unrelated individual.--The term "unrelated individuals," as used in this report, refers to persons (other than inmates of institutions) who are not living with any relatives. An unrelated individual may constitute a one-person household by himself, or he may be part of a household including one or more other families or unrelated individuals, or he may reside in a quasi household such as a hotel. Thus, a widow living by herself or with one or more other persons not related to her, a lodger not related to the head of the household or anyone else in the household, and a servant living in an employer's household with no relatives are examples of unrelated individuals.

Urban and rural residence.--The definition of urban and rural areas used in the April 1955 survey was the same as that used in the annual income surveys since April 1951 and in the 1950 Census. This definition differs slightly from that used in the March 1950 Current Population Survey, but it is markedly different from that used in earlier surveys and censuses. The territory classified as urban is the same as that in the 1950 Census. According to the new definition, the urban population comprises all persons living in (a) places of 2,500 inhabitants or more incorporated as cities, boroughs, and villages; (b) incorporated towns of 2,500 inhabitants or more except in New England, New York, and Wisconsin, where "towns" are simply minor civil divisions of counties; (c) the densely settled urban fringe, including both incorporated and unincorporated areas, around cities of 50,000 or more; and (d) unincorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more outside of any urban fringe. The remaining population is classified as rural.

According to the definition used prior to March 1950, the urban population comprised all persons living in incorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more and in areas (usually minor civil divisions) classified as urban under special rules relating to population size and density.

Farm and nonfarm residence.--The rural population is subdivided into the rural-farm population, which comprises all rural residents living on farms, and the rural-nonfarm population, which comprises the remaining rural population. The method of determining farm and nonfarm residence in the April 1955 survey is the same as that used in the 1950 Census and in the Current Population Survey since March 1950, but differs from that used in earlier surveys and censuses. Persons on "farms" who were paying cash rent for their house and yard only were classified as nonfarm; furthermore, persons in institutions, summer camps, "motels," and tourist camps were classified as nonfarm.

Income.--For each person in the sample 14 years of age and over, questions were asked on the following items: (1) The amount of money as wages or salary received in 1954; (2) the amount of net money income received from nonfarm self-employment in 1954; (3) the amount of net money income received from farm self-employment in 1954; and (4) the amount of other income received in 1954, such as interest, dividends, veterans' allowances, pensions, or rents. The amounts received represent income before deductions for personal taxes, social security, bonds, etc. If any amount was $10,000 or more, it was recorded as a specific amount wherever possible. Where the specific amount was not known, the information was recorded as "$10,000 to $14,999," "$15,000 to $24,999," or as "$25,000 or more" depending upon the respondent's best estimate. It should be noted that although income refers to receipts during 1954, the characteristics of the person, such as age, labor force status, etc., refer to April 1955.

Money wages or salary.--This is defined as the total money earnings received for work performed as an employee during the calendar year 1954. It includes wages, salary, Armed Forces pay, commissions, tips, piece-rate payments, and cash bonuses earned, before deductions were made for taxes, bonds, pensions, union dues, etc.

Net income from nonfarm self-employment.--This is defined as net money income (gross receipts minus expenses) from a business or professional enterprise in which a person was engaged on his own account. Gross receipts include the value of all goods sold and services rendered. Expenses include costs of goods purchased, rent, heat, light, power, depreciation charges, wages and salaries paid, business taxes (not personal income taxes), etc. In general, inventory changes were not considered in determining net income; however, replies based on income tax returns or other official records do reflect inventory changes. The value of salable merchandise consumed by the proprietors of retail stores is not included as part of net income.

Net income from farm self-employment.--This is defined as net money income (gross receipts minus operating expenses) from the operation of a farm by a person on his own account, as an owner, renter, or sharecropper. Gross receipts include the value of all products sold, government crop loans, money received from the rental of farm equipment to others, and incidental receipts from the sale of wood, sand, gravel, etc. Operating expenses include costs of feed, fertilizer, seed and other farming supplies, cash wages paid to farmhands, depreciation charges, cash rent, interest on farm mortgages, farm building repairs, farm taxes (not poll taxes or personal income taxes), etc. The value of fuel, food, or other farm products used for family living is not included as part of net income. In general, inventory changes were not considered in determining net income; however, replies based on income tax returns, or other official records, do reflect inventory changes.

Income other than earnings.--This income includes net income from rents, royalties, or receipts from roomers or boarders; interest, dividends, and periodic income from estates and trust funds; pensions; veterans' payments, Armed Forces allotments for dependents, and other governmental payments or assistance; and other income such as contributions for support from persons who are not members of the household, alimony, and periodic receipts from insurance policies or annuities.

Receipts from the following sources were not included as income: Money received from the sale of property, such as stocks, bonds, a house, or a car (unless the person was engaged in the business of selling such property in which case the net proceeds would be counted as income from self-employment); withdrawals of bank deposits; money borrowed; tax refunds; gifts; and lump-sum inheritances or insurance payments.

Total money income.--This is defined as the algebraic sum of money wages and salaries, net income from self-employment, and income other than earnings. The total income of a family is the algebraic sum of the amounts received by all income recipients in the family.

Color.--Families are classified as white or nonwhite in accordance with the color of the head.

Head of family.--One person in each family was designated as the head. The head of a family is usually the person regarded as the head by members of the family. Women are not classified as heads if their husbands are resident members of the family at the time of the survey. Married couples related to the head of a family are included in the head's family and are not classified as separate families.

Age.--The age classification is based on the age of the person at his last birthday.

Number of children under 18 years of age.--This number includes all persons in the family under 18 years old related to the head of the family by blood, marriage, or adoption.

Number of earners.--This number includes all persons in the family with $1 or more in wages and salaries, or $1 or more or a loss in net income from farm or nonfarm self-employment.

Employed.--Employed persons comprise those who, during the survey week, were either (a) "at work"--those who did any civilian work for pay or profit, or worked without pay for 15 hours or more on a family farm or business; or

(b) "with a job but not at work"--those who did not work and were not looking for work but had a civilian job or business from which they were temporarily absent because of vacation, illness, industrial dispute, bad weather, or layoff with definite instructions to return to work within 30 days of layoff. Also included are persons who had new jobs to which they were scheduled to report within 30 days.

Unemployed.--Unemployed persons include those who did not work at all during the survey week, and who were looking for work. Also included as unemployed are persons who would have been looking for work except that (a) they were temporarily ill, (b) they expected to return to a job from which they had been laid off for an indefinite period, or (c) they believed no work was available in their line of work or in the community.

Not in labor force.--All civilians 14 years of age and over who are not classified as employed or unemployed are defined as "not in the labor force." These persons are further classified as "keeping house," "in school," "unable to work" because of disability, and "other," the latter group including for the most part retired persons, those too old to work, seasonal workers for whom the survey week fell in an "off" season, and the voluntarily idle. Persons doing only incidental unpaid family work (less than 15 hours) are also classified as not in the labor force. In tables 7 and 8, persons in the Armed Forces are included with those not in the labor force.

Occupation, industry, and class of worker.--The data on occupation, industry, and class of worker of employed persons refer to the job held during the survey week. Persons employed at two or more jobs were reported in the job at which they worked the greatest number of hours during the week. The occupation and industry groupings used here are largely the same as the major groups in the classification systems used in the 1950 Census of Population. The composition of each major group in terms of detailed occupations and industries is shown in Volume II of the reports of the 1950 Census of Population.

In table 7, two of the major occupation groups are subdivided by class of worker into two groups: Wage or salary workers and self-employed workers. The former refers to persons working for wages, salaries, commissions, tips, pay "in kind," or at piece-rates for a private employer or for any governmental unit. The latter refers to persons working in their own business, profession or trade, for profit or fees. Included in the self-employed groups in table 7 are unpaid family workers, i.e., persons working without pay in a business operated by a member of the household to whom they are related by blood or marriage.

Medians.--The median income is the amount which divides the distribution into two equal groups, one having incomes above the median, and the other having incomes below the median. The medians for total money income are based on all families and individuals. The medians for wage or salary income, income from non-farm self-employment, income from farm self-employment, and income other than earnings are based on the distributions of families and individuals having these types of income.

Percentages.--Percentages are shown as calculated; therefore, they do not always add up to exactly 100.0 percent. The totals, however, are always shown as 100.0 percent.

Base figures.--An estimate of the size of the base (number of families or individuals) of each percent distribution by income in 1954 is shown in most of the tables in this report. The base figures are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals, which are independently rounded.

SOURCE AND RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

Source of data.--The estimates presented in this report are based on data obtained in connection with the monthly population sample survey of the Bureau of the Census. The 1954 income statistics, collected in April 1955, and the 1953 statistics collected in April 1954 are based on a new sample design instituted in January 1954. This sample is spread over 230 sample areas comprising 453 counties and independent cities in 47 States and the District of Columbia.[3] Data on income were collected from approximately 14,000 representative households, or about 75 percent of the households included in the April 1955 survey.

[3] Data for earlier years were based on a different sample with the same number of households which were, however, located in only 68 sample areas.

Money wages or salary.--This is defined as the total money earnings received for work performed as an employee during the calendar year 1954. It includes wages, salary, Armed Forces pay, commissions, tips, piece-rate payments, and cash bonuses earned, before deductions were made for taxes, bonds, pensions, union dues, etc.

Net income from nonfarm self-employment.--This is defined as net money income (gross receipts minus expenses) from a business or professional enterprise in which a person was engaged on his own account. Gross receipts include the value of all goods sold and services rendered. Expenses include costs of goods purchased, rent, heat, light, power, depreciation charges, wages and salaries paid, business taxes (not personal income taxes), etc. In general, inventory changes were not considered in determining net income; however, replies based on income tax returns or other official records do reflect inventory changes. The value of salable merchandise consumed by the proprietors of retail stores is not included as part of net income.

Net income from farm self-employment.--This is defined as net money income (gross receipts minus operating expenses) from the operation of a farm by a person on his own account, as an owner, renter, or sharecropper. Gross receipts include the value of all products sold, government crop loans, money received from the rental of farm equipment to others, and incidental receipts from the sale of wood, sand, gravel, etc. Operating expenses include costs of feed, fertilizer, seed and other farming supplies, cash wages paid to farmhands, depreciation charges, cash rent, interest on farm mortgages, farm building repairs, farm taxes (not poll taxes or personal income taxes), etc. The value of fuel, food, or other farm products used for family living is not included as part of net income. In general, inventory changes were not considered in determining net income; however, replies based on income tax returns, or other official records, do reflect inventory changes.

Income other than earnings.--This income includes net income from rents, royalties, or receipts from roomers or boarders; interest, dividends, and periodic income from estates and trust funds; pensions; veterans' payments, Armed Forces allotments for dependents, and other governmental payments or assistance; and other income such as contributions for support from persons who are not members of the household, alimony, and periodic receipts from insurance policies or annuities.

Receipts from the following sources were not included as income: Money received from the sale of property, such as stocks, bonds, a house, or a car (unless the person was engaged in the business of selling such property in which case the net proceeds would be counted as income from self-employment); withdrawals of bank deposits; money borrowed; tax refunds; gifts; and lump-sum inheritances or insurance payments.

Total money income.--This is defined as the algebraic sum of money wages and salaries, net income from self-employment, and income other than earnings. The total income of a family is the algebraic sum of the amounts received by all income recipients in the family.

Color.--Families are classified as white or nonwhite in accordance with the color of the head.

Head of family.--One person in each family was designated as the head. The head of a family is usually the person regarded as the head by members of the family. Women are not classified as heads if their husbands are resident members of the family at the time of the survey. Married couples related to the head of a family are included in the head's family and are not classified as separate families.

Age.--The age classification is based on the age of the person at his last birthday.

Number of children under 18 years of age.--This number includes all persons in the family under 18 years old related to the head of the family by blood, marriage, or adoption.

Number of earners.--This number includes all persons in the family with $1 or more in wages and salaries, or $1 or more or a loss in net income from farm or nonfarm self-employment.

Employed.--Employed persons comprise those who, during the survey week, were either (a) "at work"--those who did any civilian work for pay or profit, or worked without pay for 15 hours or more on a family farm or business; or

(b) "with a job but not at work"--those who did not work and were not looking for work but had a civilian job or business from which they were temporarily absent because of vacation, illness, industrial dispute, bad weather, or layoff with definite instructions to return to work within 30 days of layoff. Also included are persons who had new jobs to which they were scheduled to report within 30 days.

Unemployed.--Unemployed persons include those who did not work at all during the survey week, and who were looking for work. Also included as unemployed are persons who would have been looking for work except that (a) they were temporarily ill, (b) they expected to return to a job from which they had been laid off for an indefinite period, or (c) they believed no work was available in their line of work or in the community.

Not in labor force.--All civilians 14 years of age and over who are not classified as employed or unemployed are defined as "not in the labor force." These persons are further classified as "keeping house," "in school," "unable to work" because of disability, and "other," the latter group including for the most part retired persons, those too old to work, seasonal workers for whom the survey week fell in an "off" season, and the voluntarily idle. Persons doing only incidental unpaid family work (less than 15 hours) are also classified as not in the labor force. In tables 7 and 8, persons in the Armed Forces are included with those not in the labor force.

Occupation, industry, and class of worker.--The data on occupation, industry, and class of worker of employed persons refer to the job held during the survey week. Persons employed at two or more jobs were reported in the job at which they worked the greatest number of hours during the week. The occupation and industry groupings used here are largely the same as the major groups in the classification systems used in the 1950 Census of Population. The composition of each major group in terms of detailed occupations and industries is shown in Volume II of the reports of the 1950 Census of Population.

In table 7, two of the major occupation groups are subdivided by class of worker into two groups: Wage or salary workers and self-employed workers. The former refers to persons working for wages, salaries, commissions, tips, pay "in kind," or at piece-rates for a private employer or for any governmental unit. The latter refers to persons working in their own business, profession or trade, for profit or fees. Included in the self-employed groups in table 7 are unpaid family workers, i.e., persons working without pay in a business operated by a member of the household to whom they are related by blood or marriage.

Medians.--The median income is the amount which divides the distribution into two equal groups, one having incomes above the median, and the other having incomes below the median. The medians for total money income are based on all families and individuals. The medians for wage or salary income, income from nonfarm self-employment, income from farm self-employment, and income other than earnings are based on the distributions of families and individuals having these types of income.

Percentages.--Percentages are shown as calculated; therefore, they do not always add up to exactly 100.0 percent. The totals, however, are always shown as 100.0 percent.

Base figures.--An estimate of the size of the base (number of families or individuals) of each percent distribution by income in 1954 is shown in most of the tables in this report. The base figures are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals, which are independently rounded.

SOURCE AND RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

Source of data.--The estimates presented in this report are based on data obtained in connection with the monthly population sample survey of the Bureau of the Census. The 1954 income statistics, collected in April 1955, and the 1953 statistics collected in April 1954 are based on a new sample design instituted in January 1954. This sample is spread over 230 sample areas comprising 453 counties and independent cities in 47 States and the District of Columbia.[3] Data on income were collected from approximately 14,000 representative households, or about 75 percent of the households included in the April 1955 survey.

[3] Data for earlier years were based on a different sample with the same number of households which were, however, located in only 68 sample areas.

Persons in the following categories were not included:

1. Members of the Armed Forces living in barracks, etc., on military reservations. (Members of the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on military reservations were included.)

2. Inmates of penal and mental institutions and homes for the aged, infirm, and needy.

On approximately 5 percent of the 14,000 schedules, no information was recorded because no interview could be obtained during the week in which the enumeration was conducted. In order to account for these schedules, the weights assigned to other schedules for households of similar characteristics residing in the same sample areas were increased accordingly. In addition, complete income information was not reported for about 10 percent of the households. Substitutions were not made for these schedules. Punch cards which were prepared from these schedules were included in the tabulations which provided the base numbers for families shown in the published tables. The distributions by income levels for each group, however, are based only on those cases which reported complete income information.

The estimating procedure used in this survey involved the inflation of weighted sample results to independent estimates of the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States by age, color, and sex for April 1955 and April 1954, and by age, sex, and veteran status (for males) for earlier years. The independent estimates for April 1955, April 1954, and April 1953 were based on statistics from the 1950 Census of Population; statistics of births, deaths, immigration, and emigration; and statistics on the strength of the Armed Forces. To these totals were added the population in the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post. For the years prior to April 1953, the independent estimates of the population were based on the 1940 Census data brought forward to the survey month to take account of births, deaths, net immigration, and aging of the population.

Reliability of the estimates.--Since the estimates, except the independent estimates and complete census data mentioned above, are based on sample data, they are subject to sampling variability. The following illustrations, based on rough computations from the new survey, indicate the order of magnitude of the sampling errors for some typical statistics in April 1955.

Of the ~~27,330,000~~ 9,178,000 families living in rural-nonfarm areas, an estimated 13.7 percent had incomes between $5,000 and $5,999 in 1954. The standard error of the estimate of 13.7 percent is roughly 1.6 percentage points. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that the estimate from the sample differs from the results which would be obtained from a complete census by less than the standard error indicated above. The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the difference would be less than twice the specified sampling error and about 99 out of 100 that the difference would be less than 2½ times the error indicated.

The reliability of an estimated median depends upon both the form of the distribution and the size of the total on which it is based. The median income for rural-farm families in households was estimated to be $1,968 for the year 1954. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that the true median would fall within the range of $1,885 to $2,068.

In addition to sampling variation, the figures are subject to errors of response and nonreporting, but the possible effect of such errors is not included in the above measures of reliability. In most cases the schedule entries for income are based on memory rather than on records, and in the majority of instances on the memory or knowledge of some one person, usually the wife of the family head. The memory factor in data derived from field surveys of income probably produces underestimates, because the tendency is to forget minor or irregular sources of income. Other errors of reporting are due to misrepresentation or to misunderstanding as to the scope of the income concept.

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Table 1.—PLACE OF RESIDENCE—DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL: 1954 AND 1953

Total money income	Families and unrelated individuals				Families				Unrelated individuals			
	Total	Urban	Rural nonfarm	Rural farm	Total	Urban	Rural nonfarm	Rural farm	Total	Urban	Rural nonfarm	Rural farm
1954												
Number.....thousands..	51,557	35,134	10,583	5,840	41,934	27,530	9,178	5,226	9,623	7,604	1,405	614
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under $500.....	7.7	5.6	8.1	19.1	4.6	2.4	4.5	15.7	21.7	17.5	31.4	45.2
$500 to $999.....	7.8	6.9	7.9	12.4	4.2	2.5	5.1	11.7	23.5	23.5	26.6	17.8
$1,000 to $1,499.....	6.5	5.5	6.0	13.2	5.6	4.1	6.0	12.2	10.7	10.7	6.3	20.8
$1,500 to $1,999.....	6.0	5.3	5.9	10.2	5.4	4.3	5.6	11.0	8.6	9.2	8.4	3.6
$2,000 to $2,499.....	5.9	5.5	6.2	7.5	5.5	4.8	6.3	8.0	7.4	8.1	5.6	3.8
$2,500 to $2,999.....	6.5	6.2	7.2	6.5	6.4	6.0	7.1	7.1	6.9	7.3	7.7	1.5
$3,000 to $3,499.....	7.2	6.9	8.7	6.3	7.5	7.0	9.3	7.0	5.8	6.5	4.9	1.1
$3,500 to $3,999.....	7.3	7.9	7.1	4.8	7.9	8.5	7.8	5.3	4.9	5.6	2.6	1.7
$4,000 to $4,499.....	7.4	7.8	7.9	4.0	8.4	9.0	8.9	4.5	2.9	3.4	1.0	0.6
$4,500 to $4,999.....	6.2	6.5	6.8	3.4	7.2	7.7	7.6	3.8	1.9	2.1	1.1	0.4
$5,000 to $5,999.....	10.2	11.4	9.8	3.8	11.9	13.7	10.8	4.3	2.9	3.1	3.3	0.4
$6,000 to $6,999.....	7.2	7.9	7.0	3.4	8.5	9.7	8.0	3.7	1.3	1.6	...	0.8
$7,000 to $9,999.....	9.2	10.8	7.3	3.4	11.1	13.5	8.4	3.8	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.4
$10,000 to $14,999.....	3.6	4.3	2.9	1.3	4.4	5.4	3.3	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.6
$15,000 to $24,999.....	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.6	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.2	...	1.1
$25,000 and over.....	0.3	0.3	0.4	...	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	...
Median income.....	$3,664	$4,013	$3,500	$1,760	$4,173	$4,591	$3,891	$1,973	$1,224	$1,421	$850	$635
1953												
Median income.....	$3,733	$4,045	$3,612	$1,915	$4,233	$4,663	$3,951	$2,131	$1,394	$1,649	$905	$623

Table 2.—COLOR AND REGION—DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL: 1954 AND 1953

Total money income	United States			North-east	North Central	South			West
	Total	White	Nonwhite			Total	White	Nonwhite	
1954									
Families									
United States									
Number.....thousands..	41,934	38,170	3,764	11,146	12,758	12,053	9,961	2,092	5,977
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under $500.....	4.6	4.1	9.9	2.6	3.6	7.6	6.5	12.9	4.2
$500 to $999.....	4.2	3.5	11.8	2.1	3.1	7.9	6.2	16.2	3.0
$1,000 to $1,499.....	5.6	5.0	11.2	3.4	5.4	7.9	6.8	13.4	5.0
$1,500 to $1,999.....	5.4	5.0	10.3	4.5	5.0	6.9	6.0	11.1	4.9
$2,000 to $2,499.....	5.5	5.2	8.3	4.3	5.3	7.2	6.7	9.9	4.5
$2,500 to $2,999.....	6.4	6.1	8.8	6.0	6.0	7.4	7.1	8.6	5.7
$3,000 to $3,499.....	7.5	7.3	10.1	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.2	9.2	7.0
$3,500 to $3,999.....	7.9	7.9	7.8	9.2	7.9	7.1	7.4	5.7	7.3
$4,000 to $4,499.....	8.4	8.7	5.0	9.0	8.3	7.7	8.8	2.8	9.0
$4,500 to $4,999.....	7.2	7.4	4.8	8.3	7.7	5.2	5.7	2.9	7.9
$5,000 to $5,999.....	11.9	12.6	4.7	13.6	12.7	9.0	10.3	3.0	12.8
$6,000 to $6,999.....	8.5	9.0	3.4	10.1	8.9	5.9	6.7	2.2	10.3
$7,000 to $9,999.....	11.1	11.9	3.1	12.9	12.1	8.2	9.5	1.8	11.8
$10,000 to $14,999.....	4.4	4.8	0.8	4.8	5.0	3.1	3.7	0.3	4.9
$15,000 to $24,999.....	1.0	1.1	0.1	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.9	...	1.0
$25,000 and over.....	0.4	0.4	...	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	...	0.6
Median income.....	$4,173	$4,339	$2,410	$4,572	$4,361	$3,336	$3,736	$1,838	$4,467
Urban									
Number.....thousands..	27,530	24,779	2,751	8,742	8,337	6,298	5,114	1,184	4,153
Median income.....	$4,591	$4,827	$2,876	$4,687	$4,904	$4,024	$4,428	$2,425	$4,714
Rural nonfarm									
Number.....thousands..	9,178	8,657	521	1,946	2,364	3,424	2,996	428	1,444
Median income.....	$3,891	$4,038	$1,952	$4,292	$4,109	$3,356	$3,691	$1,699	$4,125
Rural farm									
Number.....thousands..	5,226	4,734	492	458	2,057	2,331	1,851	480	380
Median income.....	$1,973	$2,157	$763	$3,257	$2,464	$1,338	$1,516	$742	$3,661

Table 2.—COLOR AND REGION—DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL: 1954 AND 1953—Con.

Total money income	United States			North-east	North Central	South			West
	Total	White	Nonwhite			Total	White	Nonwhite	
1954—Con.									
Unrelated Individuals									
United States									
Number.....thousands..	9,623	8,196	1,427	2,892	2,774	2,171	1,527	644	1,786
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under $500.....	21.7	20.3	28.7	17.7	17.8	35.1	32.2	41.6	16.3
$500 to $999.....	23.5	22.6	28.4	18.7	28.4	26.5	22.6	35.3	19.9
$1,000 to $1,499.....	10.7	11.2	8.4	11.4	9.4	6.2	7.1	4.3	17.2
$1,500 to $1,999.....	8.6	8.4	10.0	10.4	6.5	8.9	9.6	7.4	8.9
$2,000 to $2,499.....	7.4	7.1	9.0	9.5	7.6	4.8	4.9	4.5	7.6
$2,500 to $2,999.....	6.9	7.5	4.1	9.0	6.3	4.3	5.0	2.7	8.2
$3,000 to $3,499.....	5.8	6.1	4.4	8.1	5.6	3.3	3.4	3.3	5.9
$3,500 to $3,999.....	4.9	5.0	4.3	5.5	5.7	3.4	4.6	0.8	4.6
$4,000 to $4,499.....	2.9	3.1	1.7	3.5	3.3	1.7	2.4	...	2.9
$4,500 to $4,999.....	1.9	2.1	0.5	1.6	1.9	1.2	1.7	...	2.8
$5,000 to $5,999.....	2.9	3.5	...	1.8	4.5	2.4	3.5	...	3.0
$6,000 to $6,999.....	1.3	1.5	...	1.2	2.0	0.7	1.0	...	1.1
$7,000 to $9,999.....	0.7	0.9	...	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.9	...	1.0
$10,000 to $14,999.....	0.3	0.4	...	0.5	...	0.3	0.4	...	0.5
$15,000 to $24,999.....	0.2	0.3	...	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.6	...	0.2
$25,000 and over.....	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	...	...
Median income.....	$1,224	$1,317	$875	$1,606	$1,202	$781	$894	$619	$1,401
Urban									
Number.....thousands..	7,604	6,452	1,152	2,485	2,209	1,527	1,093	434	1,383
Median income.....	$1,421	$1,523	$950	$1,752	$1,429	$886	$1,098	$723	$1,467
Rural nonfarm									
Number.....thousands..	1,405	1,211	194	346	385	425	277	148	249
Median income.....	$850	$888	(1)	(1)	$791	$689	(1)	(1)	(1)
Rural farm									
Number.....thousands..	614	533	81	61	180	219	157	62	154
Median income.....	$635	$748	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
1953: MEDIAN INCOME									
Families									
United States.....	$4,233	$4,392	$2,461	$4,575	$4,584	$3,308	$3,723	$1,817	$4,599
Urban.....	4,663	4,848	2,962	4,713	5,018	4,039	4,412	2,299	4,871
Rural nonfarm.....	3,951	4,062	1,865	4,366	4,181	3,386	3,642	1,690	4,259
Rural farm.....	2,131	2,335	801	3,253	2,886	1,299	1,545	781	(1)
Unrelated Individuals									
United States.....	$1,394	$1,473	$1,161	$1,793	$1,135	$964	$1,216	$782	$1,795
Urban.....	1,649	1,770	1,298	1,943	1,345	1,279	1,810	798	2,021
Rural nonfarm.....	905	907	(1)	(1)	831	858	(1)	(1)	(1)
Rural farm.....	623	659	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)

[1] Median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting on income.

Table 3.—TYPE OF FAMILY—DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL: 1954 AND 1953

Total money income	Families							Unrelated individuals		
	Total	Male head					Female head	Total	Male	Female
		Total	Married, wife present			Other marital status				
			Total	Wife in labor force	Wife not in labor force					
1954										
United States										
Number.....thousands..	41,934	37,709	36,395	9,005	27,390	1,314	4,225	9,623	4,039	5,584
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under $500.....	4.6	3.6	3.6	1.4	4.3	4.1	13.8	21.7	18.0	24.3
$500 to $999.....	4.2	3.7	3.5	1.7	4.1	7.4	9.4	23.5	17.7	27.6
$1,000 to $1,499.....	5.6	5.0	4.9	2.7	5.6	7.9	10.8	10.7	11.4	10.3
$1,500 to $1,999.....	5.4	4.8	4.8	2.9	5.4	5.0	11.3	8.6	7.4	9.5
$2,000 to $2,499.....	5.5	5.2	5.2	3.5	5.8	5.2	8.0	7.4	7.5	7.4
$2,500 to $2,999.....	6.4	6.3	6.3	4.8	6.8	5.9	7.2	6.9	7.9	6.3
$3,000 to $3,499.....	7.5	7.6	7.6	5.7	8.2	7.6	7.2	5.8	7.5	4.6
$3,500 to $3,999.....	7.9	8.2	8.3	6.5	8.9	6.7	5.0	4.9	6.9	3.5
$4,000 to $4,499.....	8.4	8.7	8.7	8.1	8.9	7.4	5.9	2.9	4.5	1.7
$4,500 to $4,999.....	7.2	7.5	7.6	7.8	7.5	6.2	4.0	1.9	3.1	0.9
$5,000 to $5,999.....	11.9	12.5	12.6	14.6	11.9	10.7	5.8	2.9	4.3	2.0
$6,000 to $6,999.....	8.5	9.1	9.1	13.6	7.6	10.2	3.1	1.3	2.1	0.8
$7,000 to $9,999.....	11.1	11.7	11.8	19.6	9.2	9.2	6.1	0.7	0.8	0.6
$10,000 to $14,999.....	4.4	4.7	4.7	5.9	4.3	5.1	1.8	0.3	0.5	0.2
$15,000 to $24,999.....	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.2	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.2
$25,000 and over.....	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1
Median income.....	$4,173	$4,322	$4,333	$5,336	$4,051	$4,014	$2,294	$1,224	$1,696	$966
Urban										
Number.....thousands..	27,530	24,411	23,565	6,536	17,029	846	3,119	7,604	3,027	4,577
Median income.....	$4,591	$4,809	$4,802	$5,636	$4,506	$4,495	$2,673	$1,421	$2,122	$1,121
Rural Nonfarm										
Number.....thousands..	9,178	8,396	8,167	1,818	6,349	229	782	1,405	589	816
Median income.....	$3,891	$4,074	$4,089	$4,847	$3,881	(1)	$1,528	$850	$1,575	$687
Rural Farm										
Number.....thousands..	5,226	4,902	4,663	651	4,012	239	324	614	423	191
Median income.....	$1,973	$2,049	$2,066	$3,125	$1,955	(1)	(1)	$635	$796	(1)
1953: MEDIAN INCOME										
United States.....	$4,233	$4,371	$4,371	$5,405	$4,117	$4,113	$2,455	$1,394	$2,177	$972
Urban.....	4,663	4,815	4,829	5,631	4,551	4,579	2,877	1,649	3,000	1,092
Rural nonfarm.....	3,951	4,082	4,102	5,131	3,864	(1)	1,601	905	1,368	795
Rural farm.....	2,131	2,196	2,214	3,296	2,095	(1)	(1)	623	799	(1)

[1] Median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting on income.

Table 4.—AGE OF HEAD—DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL: 1954 AND 1953

Total money income	Families							Unrelated individuals						
	Total	Age of head (years)						Total	Age (years)					
		14 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over		14 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
1954														
United States														
Number.....thousands..	41,934	2,023	8,929	10,388	8,632	6,560	5,402	9,623	722	1,058	1,119	1,609	1,998	3,117
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under $500.....	4.6	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.6	5.5	9.1	21.7	30.6	11.0	17.5	14.2	22.1	27.7
$500 to $999.....	4.2	4.3	2.6	2.2	2.6	5.5	11.8	23.5	16.9	11.9	16.0	13.4	21.4	37.7
$1,000 to $1,499.....	5.6	9.4	4.1	3.5	3.7	5.0	13.8	10.7	11.6	8.6	5.2	10.9	11.3	12.9
$1,500 to $1,999.....	5.4	8.4	3.8	4.6	3.9	5.6	10.6	8.6	6.5	9.1	8.9	13.2	8.7	6.7
$2,000 to $2,499.....	5.5	8.6	5.2	4.2	4.9	5.7	8.0	7.4	9.0	7.3	12.7	9.2	7.0	4.6
$2,500 to $2,999.....	6.4	12.5	5.6	5.4	5.8	7.2	7.2	6.9	7.7	15.1	8.9	8.4	6.7	3.0
$3,000 to $3,499.....	7.5	11.4	9.0	7.3	5.9	7.8	6.3	5.8	6.3	9.5	11.3	9.6	4.2	1.8
$3,500 to $3,999.....	7.9	10.6	10.6	7.4	7.6	7.0	4.9	4.9	3.5	6.9	7.6	6.0	7.0	1.6
$4,000 to $4,499.....	8.4	10.7	10.6	9.4	7.4	6.7	5.3	2.9	2.2	6.9	3.4	5.0	3.0	0.5
$4,500 to $4,999.....	7.2	4.4	9.2	8.3	7.4	6.0	3.7	1.9	1.0	2.8	0.9	3.9	2.4	0.8
$5,000 to $5,999.....	11.9	8.1	14.7	14.8	12.5	9.3	5.0	2.9	2.8	5.4	4.2	5.4	2.3	1.1
$6,000 to $6,999.....	8.5	4.3	9.9	10.4	9.9	7.5	3.5	1.3	1.0	3.4	1.8	...	2.2	0.5
$7,000 to $9,999.....	11.1	3.6	8.5	13.1	15.5	12.7	6.2	0.7	...	0.7	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.7
$10,000 to $14,999.....	4.4	0.2	2.1	4.7	7.0	6.6	2.8	0.3	...	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.1
$15,000 to $24,999.....	1.0	...	0.4	0.9	1.7	1.4	1.1	0.2	...	0.4	0.3	...	0.2	0.4
$25,000 and over.....	0.4	...	...	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.2	1.0	...	...	...	0.4	...
Median income.....	$4,173	$3,136	$4,255	$4,657	$4,811	$4,052	$2,294	$1,224	$1,108	$2,570	$2,094	$1,936	$1,288	$796

Table 4.—AGE OF HEAD—DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL: 1954 AND 1953—Con.

Total money income	Families							Unrelated individuals						
	Total	Age of head (years)						Total	Age (years)					
		14 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over		14 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
1954—Con.														
Urban														
Number.....thousands..	27,530	1,432	5,825	6,750	5,733	4,395	3,395	7,604	568	870	930	1,374	1,538	2,324
Median income.....	$4,591	$3,435	$4,506	$5,049	$5,298	$4,767	$2,875	$1,421	$1,357	$2,665	$2,128	$2,022	$1,582	$855
Rural Nonfarm														
Number.....thousands..	9,178	434	2,329	2,362	1,749	1,217	1,087	1,405	91	140	139	166	289	580
Median income.....	$3,891	$2,734	$4,162	$4,464	$4,283	$3,344	$1,929	$850	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	$681
Rural Farm														
Number.....thousands..	5,226	157	775	1,276	1,150	948	920	614	63	48	50	69	171	213
Median income.....	$1,973	(1)	$2,196	$2,396	$2,630	$1,787	$1,091	$635	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
1953: MEDIAN INCOME														
United States.....	$4,233	$3,160	$4,363	$4,600	$4,871	$4,141	$2,235	$1,394	$958	$2,656	$2,525	$2,209	$1,695	$776
Urban.....	4,663	3,407	4,656	4,952	5,363	4,781	2,920	1,649	978	2,745	2,573	2,301	1,969	845
Rural nonfarm.....	3,951	3,097	4,150	4,491	4,429	3,284	1,500	905	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	656
Rural farm.....	2,131	(1)	2,595	2,646	2,469	1,686	1,028	623	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)

[1] Median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting on income.

Table 5.—NUMBER OF CHILDREN—DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILIES BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME, BY NUMBER OF RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OLD, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL: 1954 AND 1953

Total money income	Total families	Families having specified number of children under 18 years old							Total children in families[1]
		None	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more	
1954									
United States									
Number.....thousands..	41,934	17,280	8,592	8,256	4,360	1,857	804	785	54,036
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under $500.....	4.6	5.2	3.5	4.0	4.0	5.1	8.1	7.6	4.7
$500 to $999.....	4.2	5.9	3.9	2.0	2.4	3.7	6.5	5.7	3.3
$1,000 to $1,499.....	5.6	7.4	4.4	3.2	4.2	5.6	7.6	8.4	4.8
$1,500 to $1,999.....	5.4	6.2	4.6	4.4	5.1	7.3	7.0	5.9	5.3
$2,000 to $2,499.....	5.5	6.1	5.4	3.8	4.3	7.9	7.7	9.8	5.6
$2,500 to $2,999.....	6.4	6.6	6.7	5.9	5.5	4.5	10.4	6.8	6.2
$3,000 to $3,499.....	7.5	6.6	7.9	8.5	7.4	8.8	8.7	11.5	8.5
$3,500 to $3,999.....	7.9	7.0	7.9	7.9	11.0	7.9	8.4	9.0	8.7
$4,000 to $4,499.....	8.4	7.4	8.5	10.2	9.1	9.2	5.4	7.2	8.9
$4,500 to $4,999.....	7.2	5.4	8.0	8.6	9.1	8.8	6.4	8.4	8.4
$5,000 to $5,999.....	11.9	9.8	13.2	13.7	13.7	14.3	10.7	5.5	12.8
$6,000 to $6,999.....	8.5	7.7	8.7	9.6	10.9	7.3	7.2	6.5	9.0
$7,000 to $9,999.....	11.1	11.9	11.6	12.8	8.5	6.2	3.2	4.5	9.2
$10,000 to $14,999.....	4.4	5.2	4.3	4.1	3.7	2.9	1.7	2.2	3.5
$15,000 to $24,999.....	1.0	1.2	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.3	1.0	1.0	0.8
$25,000 and over.....	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.2	...	...	0.2
Median income.....	$4,173	$3,929	$4,335	$4,506	$4,335	$3,949	$3,155	$3,252	$4,163
Urban									
Number.....thousands..	27,530	12,011	5,769	5,404	2,639	1,062	334	311	32,295
Median income.....	$4,591	$4,402	$4,702	$4,823	$4,782	$4,375	$3,900	(2)	$4,652
Rural Nonfarm									
Number.....thousands..	9,178	3,187	1,934	1,912	1,149	491	274	231	13,957
Median income.....	$3,891	$3,250	$4,024	$4,405	$4,107	$3,977	(2)	(2)	$3,962
Rural Farm									
Number.....thousands..	5,226	2,082	889	940	572	304	196	243	7,784
Median income.....	$1,973	$1,509	$2,339	$2,458	$2,579	(2)	(2)	(2)	$2,220
1953: MEDIAN INCOME									
United States.....	$4,233	$4,014	$4,384	$4,598	$4,377	$3,907	$3,252	$3,351	$4,227
Urban.....	4,663	4,487	4,758	4,933	4,750	4,523	(2)	(2)	4,670
Rural nonfarm.....	3,951	3,428	4,078	4,417	4,177	3,761	(2)	(2)	4,004
Rural farm.....	2,131	1,488	2,239	2,920	2,778	2,232	(2)	(2)	2,397

[1] Distributed by income levels of their families. [2] Median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting on income.

Table 6.—NUMBER OF EARNERS—DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL: 1954 AND 1953

Total money income	Families					Unrelated individuals		
	Total	Families having specified number of earners				Total	Earners	Nonearners
		None	1	2	3 or more			
1954								
United States								
Number.....thousands..	41,934	3,000	22,062	13,498	3,374	9,623	6,170	3,453
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under $500.....	4.6	25.7	4.3	1.5	0.4	21.7	11.5	40.4
$500 to $999.....	4.2	17.3	4.1	2.4	1.0	23.5	15.9	37.6
$1,000 to $1,499.....	5.6	20.8	5.5	3.1	2.2	10.7	11.0	10.3
$1,500 to $1,999.....	5.4	13.7	6.1	3.2	2.7	8.6	11.2	3.9
$2,000 to $2,499.....	5.5	8.6	6.4	4.1	2.4	7.4	9.9	2.9
$2,500 to $2,999.....	6.4	3.4	7.9	5.4	3.0	6.9	10.3	0.7
$3,000 to $3,499.....	7.5	2.4	9.6	6.6	2.7	5.8	8.6	0.7
$3,500 to $3,999.....	7.9	1.4	9.7	7.6	3.3	4.9	7.1	0.8
$4,000 to $4,499.....	8.4	1.2	9.7	8.8	4.8	2.9	4.3	0.2
$4,500 to $4,999.....	7.2	1.1	7.9	7.3	7.3	1.9	2.7	0.3
$5,000 to $5,999.....	11.9	0.9	11.5	14.8	11.9	2.9	4.1	0.7
$6,000 to $6,999.....	8.5	0.6	6.4	12.8	12.4	1.3	1.8	0.4
$7,000 to $9,999.....	11.1	1.0	6.7	16.8	26.0	0.7	0.8	0.5
$10,000 to $14,999.....	4.4	0.6	3.1	4.3	16.1	0.3	0.4	0.1
$15,000 to $24,999.....	1.0	0.4	0.8	0.9	3.0	0.2	0.1	0.4
$25,000 and over.....	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	...
Median income.....	$4,173	$1,168	$3,814	$5,000	$6,669	$1,224	$2,020	$628
Urban								
Number.....thousands..	27,530	1,830	14,021	9,445	2,234	7,604	4,982	2,622
Median income.....	$4,591	$1,307	$4,180	$5,422	$7,449	$1,421	$2,227	$664
Rural Nonfarm								
Number.....thousands..	9,178	830	4,998	2,651	699	1,405	763	642
Median income.....	$3,891	$1,035	$3,702	$4,587	$5,604	$850	$1,756	$568
Rural Farm								
Number.....thousands..	5,226	340	3,043	1,402	441	614	425	189
Median income.....	$1,973	$751	$1,772	$2,685	$4,316	$635	$890	(1)
1953: MEDIAN INCOME								
United States.....	$4,233	$1,126	$3,868	$5,060	$6,683	$1,394	$2,245	$577
Urban.....	4,663	1,268	4,191	5,415	7,485	1,649	2,389	608
Rural nonfarm.....	3,951	969	3,722	4,664	5,945	905	1,771	576
Rural farm.....	2,131	553	1,978	2,435	3,340	623	982	(1)

[1] Median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting on income.

Table 7.—OCCUPATION OF HEAD—DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILIES BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME, BY MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP OF HEAD IN SURVEY WEEK, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1954 AND 1953

Total money income	Total	Heads employed as civilians in survey week															Heads unemployed in survey week	In Armed Forces or not in labor force in survey week[1]
		Total employed civilians	Professional, technical, and kindred workers			Farmers and farm managers	Managers, officials, and proprietors, except farm			Clerical and kindred workers	Sales workers	Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred workers	Operatives and kindred workers	Private household workers	Service workers, except private household	Farm laborers and foremen	Laborers, except farm and mine	
			Total	Self-employed	Salaried		Total	Self-employed	Salaried									
1954																		
Number.....thousands..	41,934	34,129	2,966	564	2,402	3,126	4,707	2,600	2,107	2,390	1,899	6,858	7,215	260	2,017	453	2,238	1,225	6,580
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under $500.....	4.6	3.0	0.8	3.6	0.3	19.4	2.6	4.4	0.5	1.0	1.1	0.4	0.6	(2)	1.9	7.1	1.0	5.1	12.8
$500 to $999.....	4.2	2.6	0.2	...	0.3	12.5	1.7	2.7	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.9	(2)	2.7	12.2	3.7	6.4	12.2
$1,000 to $1,499.....	5.6	3.6	0.8	2.1	0.5	12.7	2.4	3.9	0.7	1.7	1.3	1.4	2.4	(2)	4.6	13.1	6.7	10.6	14.7
$1,500 to $1,999.....	5.4	4.1	1.1	2.1	0.9	10.7	2.2	3.8	0.4	1.4	3.8	2.1	3.1	(2)	6.2	13.4	8.7	9.4	11.4
$2,000 to $2,499.....	5.5	4.8	1.0	1.5	0.9	8.7	4.0	6.8	0.8	3.5	3.3	3.1	5.4	(2)	8.3	11.6	7.8	8.6	8.3
$2,500 to $2,999.....	6.4	6.1	2.9	2.1	3.1	6.8	4.3	6.7	1.6	6.0	5.4	4.3	7.4	(2)	9.6	12.8	10.0	10.6	6.9
$3,000 to $3,499.....	7.5	7.8	5.3	1.5	6.1	5.9	4.9	6.1	3.6	8.0	6.7	6.9	10.1	(2)	10.7	7.1	12.6	9.7	6.1
$3,500 to $3,999.....	7.9	8.7	5.4	2.1	6.1	4.6	6.5	6.7	6.4	10.4	6.6	8.2	11.2	(2)	12.8	10.4	13.0	4.9	4.4
$4,000 to $4,499.....	8.4	9.2	5.2	5.6	5.1	3.3	5.6	5.9	5.3	13.6	8.1	10.8	14.2	(2)	7.7	3.9	8.5	5.7	4.7
$4,500 to $4,999.....	7.2	8.1	6.9	3.6	7.6	2.7	6.2	4.5	8.2	11.3	7.4	10.4	9.9	(2)	7.5	3.0	7.7	4.1	2.9
$5,000 to $5,999.....	11.9	13.4	17.6	5.0	20.2	5.0	11.1	8.3	14.4	17.6	14.3	18.3	13.6	(2)	11.4	3.6	8.5	8.8	4.7
$6,000 to $6,999.....	8.5	9.5	12.3	5.6	13.6	2.7	11.4	8.9	14.4	9.5	13.6	13.1	8.4	(2)	7.6	...	5.4	8.5	3.7
$7,000 to $9,999.....	11.1	12.5	23.5	24.6	23.3	2.5	18.2	15.3	21.5	12.2	18.2	15.4	10.4	(2)	7.4	1.5	4.2	5.7	4.8
$10,000 to $14,999.....	4.4	5.0	12.3	25.5	9.6	1.6	12.4	9.8	15.4	3.2	7.4	4.4	2.2	(2)	1.5	0.6	1.8	1.8	1.7
$15,000 to $24,999.....	1.0	1.2	3.5	10.1	2.2	0.7	4.5	4.7	4.3	0.2	1.5	0.2	0.2	(2)	...	...	0.5	...	0.5
$25,000 and over.....	0.4	0.4	1.1	5.0	0.3	0.2	1.7	1.5	2.0	...	0.4	...	0.1	(2)	...	...	...	...	0.2
Median income.....	$4,173	$4,506	$6,228	$8,854	$5,946	$1,752	$5,865	$4,833	$6,514	$4,677	$5,371	$5,082	$4,313	(2)	$3,734	$2,181	$3,480	$2,967	$1,952
1953																			
Median income.....	$4,233	$4,549	$5,967	$7,169	$5,847	$1,848	$5,646	$4,938	$6,398	$4,826	$4,995	$5,169	$4,433	(2)	$3,775	$1,912	$3,374	$3,312	$2,138

[1] Includes about 700,000 families headed by members of the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on military reservations.
[2] Percent and median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting on income.

Table 8.—INDUSTRY OF HEAD—DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILIES BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME, BY MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP OF HEAD IN SURVEY WEEK, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1954 AND 1953

Total money income	Total	Heads employed as civilians in survey week														Heads unemployed in survey week	In Armed Forces or not in labor force in survey week[1]
		Total employed civilians	Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries	Mining	Construction	Manufacturing	Transportation, communication, and other public utilities	Wholesale trade	Retail trade	Finance, insurance, and real estate	Business and repair services	Personal services	Entertainment and recreation services	Professional and related services	Public administration		
1954																	
Number.....thousands..	41,934	34,129	3,722	571	2,961	10,424	3,132	1,522	4,235	1,151	1,058	1,161	229	2,086	1,877	1,225	6,580
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under $500.....	4.6	3.0	17.2	...	0.6	0.4	0.3	2.0	2.5	1.1	3.0	5.7	(2)	1.5	...	5.1	12.8
$500 to $999.....	4.2	2.6	12.2	1.7	1.5	0.8	1.0	0.2	1.8	1.8	1.3	9.1	(2)	0.9	0.5	6.4	12.2
$1,000 to $1,499.....	5.6	3.6	12.6	1.7	3.2	1.4	1.6	3.4	3.7	2.5	3.4	7.0	(2)	3.1	0.8	10.6	14.7
$1,500 to $1,999.....	5.4	4.1	10.9	1.5	5.4	2.0	2.6	3.2	4.6	0.9	3.8	11.6	(2)	3.2	0.9	9.4	11.4
$2,000 to $2,499.....	5.5	4.8	9.0	3.4	5.2	3.8	4.1	3.7	6.0	4.4	4.6	7.7	(2)	3.9	2.3	8.6	8.3
$2,500 to $2,999.....	6.4	6.1	7.4	8.1	5.7	5.3	6.5	5.8	7.5	4.3	8.4	8.6	(2)	5.8	3.6	10.6	6.9
$3,000 to $3,499.....	7.5	7.8	6.0	11.3	8.0	8.2	7.2	7.9	8.2	7.0	9.2	6.1	(2)	7.5	8.7	9.7	6.1
$3,500 to $3,999.....	7.9	8.7	5.6	12.6	8.9	9.5	10.2	6.1	8.9	6.6	9.3	10.1	(2)	7.5	9.8	4.9	4.4
$4,000 to $4,499.....	8.4	9.2	3.6	10.6	10.4	10.3	13.3	8.2	8.5	7.0	9.6	9.1	(2)	6.4	12.1	5.7	4.7
$4,500 to $4,999.....	7.2	8.1	3.0	13.1	7.4	9.6	9.1	9.8	7.7	5.4	9.3	4.6	(2)	8.0	11.3	4.1	2.9
$5,000 to $5,999.....	11.9	13.4	5.1	19.7	16.0	15.6	14.0	13.9	11.8	14.1	10.4	9.0	(2)	14.9	16.6	8.8	4.7
$6,000 to $6,999.....	8.5	9.5	2.6	4.4	8.9	11.2	11.1	13.4	10.2	12.3	9.7	3.9	(2)	8.2	11.9	8.5	3.7
$7,000 to $9,999.....	11.1	12.5	2.6	6.9	12.9	15.2	12.9	14.6	12.1	19.0	10.1	5.3	(2)	16.0	15.7	5.7	4.8
$10,000 to $14,999.....	4.4	5.0	1.5	4.9	4.8	5.3	4.9	5.6	4.7	10.3	5.5	1.6	(2)	8.8	5.0	1.8	1.7
$15,000 to $24,999.....	1.0	1.2	0.6	...	0.7	1.0	0.8	1.6	1.3	3.0	1.5	0.7	(2)	3.3	0.4	...	0.5
$25,000 and over.....	0.4	0.4	0.2	...	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.9	...	(2)	1.1	0.2	...	0.2
Median income.....	$4,173	$4,506	$1,867	$4,458	$4,574	$4,932	$4,676	$4,985	$4,400	$5,638	$4,365	$3,025	(2)	$5,148	$5,000	$2,967	$1,952
1953																	
Median income.....	$4,233	$4,549	$1,945	$4,556	$4,477	$5,149	$4,720	$5,100	$4,292	$5,492	$4,380	$3,112	(2)	$4,974	$4,965	$3,312	$2,138

[1] Includes about 700,000 families headed by members of the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on military reservations.
[2] Percent and median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting on income.

Table 9.—SOURCE OF INCOME—DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILIES BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL: 1954 AND 1953

Total money income	Total[1]	Earnings only								Earnings and income other than earnings						
		Total	Wages or salary only	Self-employment income only			Wages or salary and self-employment income			Total	Wages or salary and other income	Self-employment income and other income			Wages or salary, self-employment income, and other income	Other income; no earnings
				Total[2]	Nonfarm self-employment income only	Farm self-employment income only	Total[3]	Wages or salary and nonfarm self-employment income only	Wages or salary and farm self-employment income only			Total[4]	Nonfarm self-employment income and other income	Farm self-employment income and other income		
1954																
United States																
All families	100.0	66.3	52.0	6.9	3.6	3.1	7.5	3.7	3.7	26.6	20.1	3.3	1.9	1.2	3.3	5.7
Under $500	100.0	50.6	13.1	26.8	5.6	20.7	10.7	1.2	9.2	10.1	1.5	6.1	1.2	4.5	2.4	9.8
$500 to $999	100.0	46.7	22.4	13.5	2.8	10.4	10.7	1.4	9.2	24.6	14.4	6.8	1.3	5.3	3.4	28.7
$1,000 to $1,499	100.0	48.3	27.6	10.1	3.5	5.9	10.6	2.3	7.9	25.5	17.0	4.9	1.8	2.7	3.6	26.3
$1,500 to $1,999	100.0	52.9	35.2	8.8	2.6	5.7	8.9	1.9	7.0	29.4	21.2	4.6	1.8	2.8	3.6	17.7
$2,000 to $2,499	100.0	62.3	43.2	9.7	4.6	5.1	9.5	3.9	5.2	26.7	18.9	5.2	2.6	2.0	2.5	11.0
$2,500 to $2,999	100.0	70.7	53.5	6.7	3.8	2.5	10.5	4.8	5.7	25.5	19.8	2.1	1.0	0.9	3.6	3.8
$3,000 to $3,499	100.0	71.8	60.5	6.0	3.4	2.4	5.3	2.3	2.9	25.9	20.7	2.4	2.1	0.2	2.8	2.3
$3,500 to $3,999	100.0	77.9	66.9	5.1	3.7	1.1	5.9	2.6	3.2	20.8	16.8	2.4	1.8	0.4	1.6	1.3
$4,000 to $4,499	100.0	75.0	64.9	3.1	2.3	0.8	7.0	4.6	2.3	24.0	20.3	1.5	1.2	0.3	2.2	1.0
$4,500 to $4,999	100.0	75.9	65.7	4.2	3.2	0.9	6.1	3.9	2.2	22.9	19.8	1.6	1.3	0.2	1.6	1.1
$5,000 to $5,999	100.0	74.1	65.2	3.7	2.7	0.8	5.2	3.5	1.6	25.3	21.1	1.9	1.1	0.7	2.3	0.6
$6,000 to $6,999	100.0	72.3	62.0	2.8	2.6	0.2	7.4	5.4	1.9	27.2	22.3	2.3	1.2	0.7	2.7	0.5
$7,000 to $9,999	100.0	66.3	56.2	4.3	3.6	0.5	5.9	4.4	1.4	33.0	25.7	3.0	2.8	0.2	4.3	0.7
$10,000 to $14,999	100.0	51.2	36.0	7.6	6.6	0.6	7.6	6.4	1.2	47.9	32.0	6.5	5.9	0.4	9.4	1.0
$15,000 and over	100.0	46.1	21.3	15.0	13.7	1.3	9.7	8.9	...	48.9	24.2	9.5	8.9	0.5	15.3	5.0
Median income	$4,173	$4,295	$4,481	$2,589	$4,102	$1,229	$3,621	$4,875	$2,353	$4,524	$4,627	$3,345	$4,765	$1,547	$4,871	$1,397
Urban																
All families	100.0	66.5	58.1	4.2	4.0	0.2	4.2	3.9	0.3	27.0	22.3	2.2	2.1	0.1	2.5	5.5
Median income	$4,591	$4,707	$4,694	$4,213	$4,367	(5)	$5,246	$5,368	(5)	$5,089	$4,965	$4,845	$4,900	(5)	$6,837	$1,503
Rural Nonfarm																
All families	100.0	64.9	53.2	5.4	4.1	1.0	6.3	4.5	1.7	26.3	20.5	3.0	2.3	0.5	2.7	6.7
Median income	$3,891	$4,130	$4,206	$3,327	$3,589	(5)	$4,024	$4,329	(5)	$4,107	$4,067	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	$1,314
Rural Farm																
All families	100.0	68.1	18.4	23.5	0.7	21.7	26.2	1.1	24.3	25.4	7.8	9.3	0.6	7.9	8.3	4.9
Median income	$1,973	$2,072	$3,025	$1,263	(5)	$1,193	$2,298	(5)	$2,190	$2,242	$3,193	$1,511	(5)	$1,446	$2,721	(5)
1953: MEDIAN INCOME																
United States	$4,233	$4,361	$4,538	$2,897	$4,046	$1,500	$3,740	$5,357	$2,404	$4,563	$4,625	$3,319	$4,609	$1,440	$5,323	$1,334
Urban	4,663	4,770	4,723	4,308	4,333	(5)	5,570	5,883	(5)	5,692	4,933	4,723	4,848	(5)	7,351	1,449
Rural nonfarm	3,951	4,167	4,261	3,331	3,698	(5)	3,892	4,052	(5)	3,995	3,975	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	1,163
Rural farm	2,131	2,168	3,055	1,574	(5)	1,482	2,193	(5)	2,165	2,439	2,874	1,426	(5)	1,169	2,756	(5)

[1] Includes a relatively small number of families reporting no money income; not shown separately.
[2] Includes a relatively small number of families reporting both farm and nonfarm self-employment income, not shown separately.
[3] Includes a relatively small number of families reporting income from wages or salary, and from both nonfarm and farm self-employment, not shown separately.
[4] Includes a relatively small number of families reporting income other than earnings and both nonfarm and farm self-employment income, not shown separately.
[5] Median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting on income.

Table 10.--TOTAL INCOME, 1944 TO 1954--DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS IN HOUSEHOLDS BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL

Total money income	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944
FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS											
United States											
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under $500	7.5	7.6	7.0	7.8	9.4	9.4	7.9	8.4	(1)	10.0	11.9
$500 to $999	7.4	6.7	7.5	7.4	8.4	9.1	8.3	8.4	(1)	9.5	11.3
$1,000 to $1,499	6.3	5.7	6.5	5.9	6.9	7.9	8.0	8.7	(1)	9.1	11.5
$1,500 to $1,999	5.9	5.5	6.1	6.5	7.3	7.9	7.8	9.0	(1)	12.0	10.6
$2,000 to $2,499	5.8	6.3	7.1	7.9	9.0	9.2	10.2	11.0	(1)	12.4	11.2
$2,500 to $2,999	6.4	6.2	7.2	7.6	8.5	9.8	9.6	9.9	(1)	11.5	9.5
$3,000 to $3,499	7.3	7.6	9.2	9.5	10.7	10.1	10.7	10.1	(1)	9.3	9.4
$3,500 to $3,999	7.4	7.6	8.2	9.0	8.1	7.8	8.1	7.5	(1)	6.0	6.7
$4,000 to $4,499	7.5	7.6	7.2	8.1	6.9	5.9	6.7	6.0	(1)	5.0	4.2
$4,500 to $4,999	6.3	6.4	6.4	5.7	5.0	4.5	4.7	4.2	(1)	3.4	3.7
$5,000 to $5,999	10.4	11.3	10.2	9.3	7.7	6.8	7.1	6.7	(1)	5.3	4.1
$6,000 to $9,999	16.7	16.7	14.0	12.3	9.3	8.3	8.5	7.7	(1)	5.3	4.2
$10,000 and over	4.9	4.6	3.5	3.1	2.8	2.3	2.5	2.5	(1)	1.3	1.6
Median income	$3,730	$3,789	$3,467	$3,368	$3,025	$2,783	$2,909	$2,727	(1)	$2,379	$2,209
Urban and Rural Nonfarm											
Median income	$3,949	$3,981	$3,611	$3,546	$3,188	$2,989	$3,101	$2,900	$2,659	$2,595	$2,410
Rural Farm											
Median income	$1,803	$1,926	$2,011	$1,953	$1,790	$1,462	$1,861	$1,781	(1)	$1,291	$1,157
FAMILIES											
United States											
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under $500	4.6	4.7	4.1	4.4	5.8	5.9	4.8	4.3	(1)	5.8	7.5
$500 to $999	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.8	5.7	6.2	5.8	6.4	(1)	7.7	9.5
$1,000 to $1,499	5.6	4.9	5.3	5.3	6.2	7.2	7.1	7.8	(1)	8.4	10.2
$1,500 to $1,999	5.4	5.0	5.5	6.1	7.0	7.6	7.4	8.8	(1)	12.1	10.4
$2,000 to $2,499	5.5	5.7	6.7	7.6	9.0	10.2	10.4	11.3	(1)	13.0	11.7
$2,500 to $2,999	6.4	6.0	7.5	7.8	8.9	10.4	10.1	10.7	(1)	12.5	10.6
$3,000 to $3,499	7.6	7.6	9.8	9.9	11.6	11.2	11.6	11.4	(1)	10.3	11.0
$3,500 to $3,999	7.9	8.2	8.8	9.8	9.0	8.8	9.1	8.3	(1)	7.0	7.9
$4,000 to $4,499	8.4	8.6	8.2	9.2	7.9	6.8	7.6	6.9	(1)	5.8	5.0
$4,500 to $4,999	7.2	7.3	7.2	6.4	5.7	5.3	5.4	4.8	(1)	3.9	4.3
$5,000 to $5,999	11.9	13.2	11.9	10.8	9.0	7.8	8.1	7.7	(1)	6.1	5.0
$6,000 to $9,999	19.6	19.8	16.6	14.4	11.0	9.8	9.8	8.9	(1)	6.1	5.1
$10,000 and over	5.8	5.4	4.2	3.6	3.2	2.6	2.8	2.7	(1)	1.4	1.8
Median income	$4,167	$4,233	$3,889	$3,714	$3,319	$3,107	$3,190	$3,033	(1)	$2,621	$2,533
Urban and Rural Nonfarm											
Median income	$4,406	$4,462	$4,111	$3,913	$3,497	$3,324	$3,391	$3,207	$2,981	$2,857	$2,794
Rural Farm											
Median income	$1,968	$2,131	$2,226	$2,131	$1,970	$1,587	$2,034	$1,958	(1)	$1,410	$1,272
UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS											
United States											
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under $500	21.9	21.7	20.2	25.5	28.1	27.1	26.0	31.0	(1)	34.2	31.6
$500 to $999	23.5	20.6	21.6	21.2	22.2	23.6	22.9	19.7	(1)	19.7	19.2
$1,000 to $1,499	10.2	9.7	12.3	9.0	10.5	11.0	13.0	13.4	(1)	13.6	17.3
$1,500 to $1,999	8.4	8.1	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.5	10.0	10.5	(1)	11.6	11.3
$2,000 to $2,499	7.5	9.7	9.3	9.4	9.3	9.9	9.4	9.3	(1)	8.9	9.1
$2,500 to $2,999	6.8	7.4	5.9	6.6	6.3	6.9	6.1	5.5	(1)	5.5	4.6
$3,000 to $3,499	5.9	7.7	6.6	7.3	5.7	4.5	5.5	3.3	(1)	3.4	2.6
$3,500 to $3,999	5.0	4.8	5.4	4.6	3.5	2.8	2.4	2.7	(1)	0.6	1.5
$4,000 to $4,499	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.0	1.9	1.5	1.1	(1)	0.3	0.9
$4,500 to $4,999	1.9	2.5	2.4	1.5	1.1	0.4	1.1	0.8	(1)	0.7	0.7
$5,000 to $5,999	3.0	2.2	2.1	1.8	1.0	1.4	0.8	0.9	(1)	0.3	0.4
$6,000 to $9,999	2.0	1.7	2.0	1.3	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	(1)	0.8	0.5
$10,000 and over	0.7	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.0	(1)	0.3	0.4
Median income	$1,225	$1,397	$1,332	$1,180	$992	$984	$1,042	$983	(1)	$899	$979
Urban and Rural Nonfarm											
Median income	$1,312	$1,489	$1,410	$1,285	$1,079	$1,042	$1,148	$1,077	$1,105	$976	$1,057
Rural Farm											
Median income	$583	$589	$665	$733	$532	$500	$533	$582	(1)	$401	$461

[1] Comparable figures not available.

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Table 11.--TYPE OF INCOME--DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS BY WAGE OR SALARY INCOME, NONFARM SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME, FARM SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME, AND INCOME OTHER THAN EARNINGS, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1954 AND 1953

Income	Wage or salary income			Nonfarm self-employment income		
	Families and unrelated individuals	Families	Unrelated individuals	Families and unrelated individuals	Families	Unrelated individuals
1954						
Number....thousands..	51,557	41,934	9,623	51,557	41,934	9,623
Number with specified type of income...thousands..	39,907	34,247	5,660	5,284	4,859	425
Percent of those with specified type of income..	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under $500	6.8	5.4	15.5	20.1	19.0	32.1
$500 to $999	5.9	4.5	14.2	8.6	8.1	14.4
$1,000 to $1,499	5.1	4.3	10.3	6.9	6.8	8.2
$1,500 to $1,999	5.6	4.7	11.0	5.3	5.0	8.5
$2,000 to $2,499	5.8	5.2	9.6	6.8	6.6	8.5
$2,500 to $2,999	6.9	6.3	10.6	5.5	5.7	3.9
$3,000 to $3,499	8.5	8.4	9.0	6.5	6.9	1.6
$3,500 to $3,999	8.6	8.9	7.1	5.9	5.8	6.2
$4,000 to $4,499	8.2	8.9	4.1	4.3	4.4	2.6
$4,500 to $4,999	7.1	7.8	2.9	3.7	3.9	1.6
$5,000 to $5,999	11.2	12.5	3.3	5.6	5.8	3.6
$6,000 to $6,999	7.7	8.6	1.6	4.1	4.3	2.3
$7,000 to $9,999	9.1	10.5	0.5	8.5	8.9	3.9
$10,000 to $14,999	2.8	3.2	0.3	5.1	5.5	0.7
$15,000 to $24,999	0.5	0.6	...	2.0	2.1	1.0
$25,000 and over	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.2	1.2	0.7
Median income of specified type for those with such income	$3,814	$4,129	$1,955	$2,709	$2,895	$1,213
1953						
Median income of specified type for those with such income	$3,867	$4,198	$2,224	$2,718	$2,888	$1,258

Income	Farm self-employment income			Income other than earnings		
	Families and unrelated individuals	Families	Unrelated individuals	Families and unrelated individuals	Families	Unrelated individuals
1954						
Number....thousands..	51,557	41,934	9,623	51,557	41,934	9,623
Number with specified type of income...thousands..	4,018	3,869	149	17,016	13,305	3,711
Percent of those with specified type of income..	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under $500	42.8	42.0	[1]	35.3	36.2	31.9
$500 to $999	15.2	15.1	[1]	29.5	25.7	43.4
$1,000 to $1,499	9.4	9.6	[1]	14.6	15.4	11.8
$1,500 to $1,999	7.4	7.7	[1]	8.3	9.3	4.6
$2,000 to $2,499	7.5	7.7	[1]	4.4	4.7	3.1
$2,500 to $2,999	3.7	3.8	[1]	2.0	2.3	0.9
$3,000 to $3,499	3.1	3.1	[1]	1.5	1.7	0.7
$3,500 to $3,999	2.0	2.1	[1]	0.9	0.9	0.8
$4,000 to $4,499	2.2	2.3	[1]	0.8	1.0	0.2
$4,500 to $4,999	1.3	1.3	[1]	0.5	0.6	0.3
$5,000 to $5,999	1.9	1.9	[1]	0.6	0.6	0.8
$6,000 to $6,999	0.6	0.6	[1]	0.4	0.4	0.4
$7,000 to $9,999	1.2	1.3	[1]	0.5	0.6	0.5
$10,000 to $14,999	1.2	1.1	[1]	0.2	0.3	0.1
$15,000 to $24,999	0.4	0.4	[1]	0.3	0.2	0.5
$25,000 and over	...	...	[1]	0.2	0.2	0.1
Median income of specified type for those with such income	$737	$765	[1]	$749	$768	$709
1953						
Median income of specified type for those with such income	$758	$785	[1]	$721	$733	$693

[1] Percent and median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting with specified type of income.

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