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AVERAGE FAMILY INCOME UP 5 PERCENT IN 1964

(Advance data from March 1965 sample survey)

The median income of families in the United States was $6,600 in 1964, according to estimates released today by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This was about $320, or 5 percent, higher than in 1963. The gain in real purchasing power between 1963 and 1964 was approximately 4 percent, since prices also rose during this period.[1]

An estimated 8.4 million families, or 18 percent of the 47.8 million families in the Nation, received money incomes under $3,000 in 1964. The number of families in this income range declined by approximately 450,000 from the previous year. Another 8.1 million, or 17 percent, received incomes between $3,000 and $5,000 last year; approximately 9.4 million, or 20 percent, had incomes between $5,000 and $7,000; and 11.1 million, or 23 percent, had incomes between $7,000 and $10,000. The remaining 10.8 million families, or 22 percent, received incomes of $10,000 or more.

For men, last year's median income advanced to $4,600, up 3 percent, from the preceding year. The median income of women in 1964 was $1,400, a gain of about $80 over the 1963 median.

The 1964 income statistics presented in this report were obtained from the Bureau's Current Population Survey of March 1965. The information was collected from the civilian noninstitutional population and members of the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post in the United States. More detailed income data for families and persons will appear in a report in this series to be issued later this year.

This report covers money income only, prior to deductions for taxes. For detailed definitions of the terms and concepts used in this report, see Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 43. Since the estimates in this report are based on a sample, they are subject to sampling variability. Moreover, as in all field surveys of income, the figures are subject to errors of response and nonreporting.

Table A.--FAMILIES BY 1964 INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES

(Families as of March 1965)

Family income	Number of families
Total	47,835,000
Under $1,000	1,532,000
$1,000 to $1,999	2,988,000
$2,000 to $2,999	3,864,000
$3,000 to $3,999	4,001,000
$4,000 to $4,999	4,113,000
$5,000 to $5,999	4,738,000
$6,000 to $6,999	4,714,000
$7,000 to $7,999	4,458,000
$8,000 to $9,999	6,635,000
$10,000 to $14,999	7,761,000
$15,000 and over	3,031,000

[1] See Monthly Labor Review, February 1965, Vol. 88, No. 2, table D-1, page 242.

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Table 1.--FAMILY INCOME, 1947, 1950, AND 1954 TO 1964: FAMILIES BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES

(This report excludes inmates of institutions. It includes members of the Armed Forces in the United States living off post or with their families on post but excludes all other members of the Armed Forces; the 1965 survey included about 933,000 members. Number of families relates to the following year)

Total money income	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1950	1947
Number.....thousands..	47,835	47,436	46,998	46,341	45,435	45,062	44,202	43,714	43,445	42,843	41,934	39,929	37,237
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
Under $1,000.....	3.2	3.8	4.2	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.6	6.4	6.5	7.7	8.8	11.5	10.8
$1,000 to $1,999.....	6.3	6.8	7.4	7.7	8.0	8.3	8.7	3.5	8.9	9.8	11.0	13.2	16.6
$2,000 to $2,999.....	8.1	7.9	8.3	8.7	8.7	9.3	9.8	9.6	10.2	11.0	11.9	17.8	22.0
$3,000 to $3,999.....	8.4	8.7	9.2	9.4	9.8	10.1	11.2	11.8	12.5	14.6	15.4	20.7	19.7
$4,000 to $4,999.....	8.6	9.0	9.9	10.5	10.5	11.7	13.4	14.1	14.9	15.5	15.6	13.6	11.6
$5,000 to $5,999.....	9.9	11.1	11.5	11.7	12.9	13.2	13.7	14.5	13.7	12.7	11.9	9.0	7.7
$6,000 to $6,999.....	9.9	10.2	10.9	10.2	10.8	11.0	10.7	10.3	9.8	9.5	8.5	5.2	8.9
$7,000 to $7,999.....	9.3	9.1	8.6	9.1	8.7	8.4							
$8,000 to $9,999.....	13.9	13.4	12.3	11.6	11.3	10.6	16.8	16.3	15.6	12.9	11.1	5.8	
$10,000 to $14,999.....	16.2	14.5	12.8	11.3	10.6	9.1	7.6	6.5	5.9	4.8	4.4		
$15,000 to $24,999.....	5.2	4.4	4.0	3.6	2.8	2.4	1.9	1.4	1.5	0.9	1.0	3.3	2.7
$25,000 and over.....	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4		
Median income.....	$6,569	$6,249	$5,956	$5,737	$5,620	$5,417	$5,087	$4,971	$4,783	$4,421	$4,173	$3,319	$3,031

Table 2.--COLOR AND FARM-NONFARM RESIDENCE: FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1964, FOR THE UNITED STATES

(Families and unrelated individuals as of March 1965)

Total money income	Families					Unrelated individuals				
	United States			Nonfarm	Farm	United States			Nonfarm	Farm
	Total	White	Nonwhite			Total	White	Nonwhite		
TOTAL										
Number.....thousands..	47,835	43,081	4,754	44,737	3,098	12,057	10,416	1,641	11,682	375
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under $1,000.....	3.2	2.7	7.7	2.6	11.0	26.0	24.4	35.8	25.5	41.3
$1,000 to $1,999.....	6.3	5.4	14.0	5.6	15.2	24.3	24.3	23.7	24.2	27.9
$2,000 to $2,999.....	8.1	7.3	15.6	7.5	16.5	12.2	12.1	13.6	12.2	12.6
$3,000 to $3,999.....	8.4	7.6	14.6	8.1	11.9	8.9	9.0	9.3	9.1	6.3
$4,000 to $4,999.....	8.6	8.3	11.3	8.6	9.1	8.5	8.9	5.8	8.6	3.3
$5,000 to $5,999.....	9.9	10.0	8.8	10.0	8.7	6.6	6.9	4.9	6.8	1.9
$6,000 to $6,999.....	9.9	10.1	7.6	10.1	6.8	4.5	4.7	3.4	4.6	2.2
$7,000 to $7,999.....	9.3	9.8	5.1	9.6	5.7	3.0	3.2	1.7	3.1	0
$8,000 to $9,999.....	13.9	14.6	7.0	14.4	6.2	2.8	3.0	1.4	2.8	3
$10,000 to $14,999.....	16.2	17.3	6.5	16.9	6.7	1.8	2.0	0.4	1.8	.
$15,000 and over.....	6.3	6.8	1.8	6.6	2.2	1.3	1.5	-	1.3	0.7
Median income.....	$6,569	$6,858	$3,839	$6,755	$3,558	$1,983	$2,088	$1,430	$2,021	$1,203
HEAD YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKER										
Percent of total exc. Armed Forces....	65.5	66.9	53.3	65.2	69.9	35.0	35.3	32.9	35.1	32.5
Median income.....	$7,720	$7,913	$5,184	$7,924	$4,166	$4,445	$4,595	$3,432	$4,489	(B)

- Rounds to zero. B Base less than 200,000.

Table 3.--AGE OF HEAD: FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1964, FOR THE UNITED STATES

(Families and unrelated individuals as of March 1965)

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
TOTAL														
Number.....thousands..	47,835	2,931	9,257	11,151	10,271	7,497	6,728	12,057	1,203	1,036	1,166	1,548	2,489	4,615
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 $1,000.....	3.2	6.7	2.2	2.4	2.5	3.7	5.1	26.0	32.1	13.0	15.4	20.7	21.9	34.0
$1,000 to $1,999.....	6.3	6.0	3.7	3.5	3.7	6.5	18.1	24.3	12.5	9.4	10.5	16.6	20.2	38.8
$2,000 to $2,999.....	8.1	12.0	5.9	4.6	5.0	7.7	20.4	12.2	17.0	7.5	10.0	14.0	13.2	11.7
$3,000 to $3,999.....	8.4	13.3	8.5	5.9	6.0	8.3	14.0	8.9	14.3	11.4	10.4	10.0	11.8	4.9
$4,000 to $4,999.....	8.6	15.1	10.2	6.8	7.0	8.6	8.9	8.5	12.6	14.6	12.4	9.0	10.3	3.9
$5,000 to $5,999.....	9.9	14.7	12.5	9.8	8.3	9.1	7.2	6.6	6.2	13.5	11.6	9.7	7.9	2.2
$6,000 to $6,999.....	9.9	12.6	12.3	11.6	9.4	8.7	4.5	4.5	3.7	11.9	9.9	6.1	4.5	1.2
$7,000 to $7,999.....	9.3	6.8	11.7	10.7	10.3	8.4	4.2	3.0	0.7	7.6	4.8	6.4	3.6	0.6
$8,000 to $9,999.....	13.9	8.7	17.2	16.4	14.9	13.3	6.2	2.4	0.9	5.6	8.5	3.1	3.5	0.7
$10,000 to $14,999.....	16.2	3.8	12.9	21.1	22.6	17.0	7.2	1.8	-	3.2	4.1	2.5	2.4	0.8
$15,000 and over.....	6.3	0.2	3.0	7.2	10.0	8.6	4.2	1.3	0.2	2.1	2.2	1.9	0.8	1.1
Median income.....	$6,569	$4,796	$6,577	$7,512	$7,752	$6,696	$3,376	$1,983	$2,317	$4,592	$4,295	$2,900	$2,493	$1,297
HEAD YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKER														
Percent of total exc. Armed Forces....	65.5	59.8	76.0	78.6	77.2	65.2	15.5	35.0	40.3	62.1	68.6	57.2	44.7	8.0
Median income.....	$7,720	$5,670	$7,205	$8,165	$8,513	$7,789	$6,092	$4,445	$3,927	$5,220	$5,053	$4,370	$4,148	$3,2[illegible]

- Rounds to zero.