

# Consumer Income

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## MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME UP ABOUT 5 PERCENT IN 1965

(Advance data for families and unrelated individuals from March 1966 sample survey)

According to estimates released today by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, the average (median) income of families in 1965 was \$6,900, a gain of about \$310, or 5 percent, over 1964. Since consumer prices also rose during this period, the gain in real purchasing power, however, was approximately 3 percent.<sup>1</sup>

An estimated 8.0 million families, or 17 percent, of the 48.3 million families in the Nation received money incomes under \$3,000 in 1965. About 7.7 million, or 16 percent, received incomes between \$3,000 and \$5,000 last year; 9.0 million, or 19 percent, had incomes between \$5,000 and \$7,000; and 11.6 million, or 24 percent, had incomes between \$7,000 and \$10,000. The remaining 12.0 million families, or 25 percent, are estimated to have received incomes of \$10,000 or more.

The 1965 income statistics presented in this report were obtained from the Bureau's Current Population Survey of March 1966. 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. In addition to this report, another report containing advance data for income of persons will follow.

<sup>1</sup> See *Monthly Labor Review*, March 1966, Vol. 89, No. 3, table D-1, page 358.

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 more detailed definitions of the terms and concepts used in this report, see *Current Population Reports*, Series P-60, No. 47.

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 1965 INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES

(Families as of March 1966)

Family income	Number of families
Total.....	48,279,000
Under \$1,000.....	1,459,000
\$1,000 to \$1,999.....	2,956,000
\$2,000 to \$2,999.....	3,583,000
\$3,000 to \$3,999.....	3,806,000
\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	3,883,000
\$5,000 to \$5,999.....	4,502,000
\$6,000 to \$6,999.....	4,477,000
\$7,000 to \$7,999.....	4,683,000
\$8,000 to \$9,999.....	6,952,000
\$10,000 to \$14,999.....	8,342,000
\$15,000 and over.....	3,636,000

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Table 1.--FAMILY INCOME, 1947, 1950, AND 1955 TO 1965: 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 1966 survey included about 846,000 members. Number of families relates to the following year)

Total money income	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1950	1947
Number.....thousands..	48,279	47,835	47,436	46,998	46,341	45,435	45,062	44,202	43,714	43,445	42,843	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.....	3.0	3.2	3.8	4.2	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.6	6.4	6.5	7.7	11.5	10.8
\$1,000 to \$1,999.....	6.1	6.3	6.8	7.4	7.7	8.0	8.3	8.7	8.5	8.9	9.8	13.2	16.6
\$2,000 to \$2,999.....	7.4	8.1	7.9	8.3	8.7	8.7	9.3	9.8	9.6	10.2	11.0	17.8	22.0
\$3,000 to \$3,999.....	7.8	8.4	8.7	9.2	9.4	9.8	10.1	11.2	11.8	12.5	14.6	20.7	19.7
\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	8.0	8.6	9.0	9.9	10.5	10.5	11.7	13.4	14.1	14.9	15.5	13.6	11.6
\$5,000 to \$5,999.....	9.3	9.9	11.1	11.5	11.7	12.9	13.2	13.7	14.5	13.7	12.7	9.0	7.7
\$6,000 to \$6,999.....	9.3	9.9	10.2	10.9	10.2	10.8	11.0	10.7	10.3	9.8	9.5	5.2	8.9
\$7,000 to \$7,999.....	9.7	9.3	9.1	8.6	9.1	8.7	16.8	7.6	6.5	5.9	4.8	3.3	
\$8,000 to \$9,999.....	14.4	13.9	13.4	12.3	11.6	11.3							10.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999.....	17.3	16.2	14.5	12.8	11.3	10.6	9.1	7.6	6.5	5.9	4.8	3.3	2.7
\$15,000 to \$24,999.....	6.1	5.2	4.4	4.0	3.6	2.8	2.4	1.9	1.4	1.5	0.9	3.3	2.7
\$25,000 and over.....	1.5	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5		
Median income.....	\$6,882	\$6,569	\$6,249	\$5,956	\$5,737	\$5,620	\$5,417	\$5,087	\$4,971	\$4,783	\$4,421	\$3,319	\$3,031

Table 2.--COLOR AND FARM-NONFARM RESIDENCE: FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1965, FOR THE UNITED STATES

(Families and unrelated individuals as of March 1966)

Total money income	Families					Unrelated individuals				
	United States			Nonfarm	Farm	United States			Nonfarm	Farm
	Total	White	Nonwhite			Total	White	Nonwhite		
Number.....thousands..	48,279	43,497	4,782	45,326	2,953	12,132	10,477	1,655	11,816	316
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under \$1,000.....	3.0	2.6	7.5	2.7	8.4	23.6	22.4	30.7	23.2	37.3
\$1,000 to \$1,999.....	6.1	5.2	14.0	5.6	14.2	24.7	24.5	26.0	24.8	24.1
\$2,000 to \$2,999.....	7.4	6.6	14.5	7.0	14.1	12.6	12.4	13.3	12.6	12.0
\$3,000 to \$3,999.....	7.8	7.2	14.4	7.7	11.9	9.2	9.3	8.8	9.2	10.2
\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	8.0	7.8	10.6	7.8	11.5	8.0	8.0	7.4	8.0	6.6
\$5,000 to \$5,999.....	9.3	9.4	8.8	9.3	9.0	7.0	7.1	5.9	7.0	3.8
\$6,000 to \$6,999.....	9.3	9.5	6.9	9.4	8.0	4.9	5.1	3.7	5.0	1.9
\$7,000 to \$7,999.....	9.7	10.1	6.5	10.0	5.0	3.4	3.6	2.3	3.5	1.3
\$8,000 to \$9,999.....	14.4	15.2	7.3	14.9	7.2	3.5	3.8	0.9	3.5	1.5
\$10,000 to \$14,999.....	17.3	18.4	7.7	17.9	7.1	2.3	2.6	0.7	2.4	0.9
\$15,000 and over.....	7.6	8.2	2.0	7.8	3.6	1.0	1.1	0.2	1.0	0.6
Median income.....	\$6,882	\$7,170	\$3,971	\$7,060	\$4,122	\$2,110	\$2,199	\$1,643	\$2,131	\$1,370

Table 3.--AGE OF HEAD: FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1965, FOR THE UNITED STATES

(Families and unrelated individuals as of March 1966)

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
Number.....thousands..	48,279	3,050	9,291	11,094	10,460	7,489	6,895	12,132	1,158	1,085	1,091	1,594	2,524	4,680
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.....	3.0	5.6	2.7	2.1	2.1	3.6	4.7	23.6	29.9	8.4	12.5	17.3	19.9	32.1
\$1,000 to \$1,999.....	6.1	7.2	3.7	2.6	3.1	6.6	18.7	24.7	16.5	8.8	9.3	15.9	20.3	39.4
\$2,000 to \$2,999.....	7.4	8.2	5.3	4.2	4.9	7.0	19.3	12.6	12.7	11.3	10.9	12.4	13.6	12.7
\$3,000 to \$3,999.....	7.8	11.1	6.3	6.6	5.4	7.7	14.7	9.2	13.1	10.2	12.6	10.4	10.6	6.0
\$4,000 to \$4,999.....	8.0	12.0	8.4	7.0	6.6	8.5	9.2	8.0	11.5	12.5	13.4	9.1	9.9	3.3
\$5,000 to \$5,999.....	9.3	14.9	11.1	8.9	8.0	9.3	7.3	7.0	9.3	17.1	10.4	9.2	8.1	1.8
\$6,000 to \$6,999.....	9.3	13.0	11.9	9.7	8.5	8.4	5.6	4.9	2.4	13.5	7.8	8.2	5.4	1.4
\$7,000 to \$7,999.....	9.7	10.2	13.8	10.4	9.4	8.4	4.8	3.4	0.9	7.0	6.9	5.7	4.3	1.1
\$8,000 to \$9,999.....	14.4	11.0	17.8	17.6	15.6	13.1	6.0	3.5	1.9	6.3	8.7	6.2	3.5	0.9
\$10,000 to \$14,999.....	17.3	6.3	15.7	21.8	24.0	18.0	6.0	2.3	1.2	4.3	6.1	3.6	3.1	0.4
\$15,000 and over.....	7.6	0.7	3.2	9.3	12.5	9.6	3.7	1.0	0.4	0.6	1.4	2.1	1.2	0.6
Median income.....	\$6,882	\$5,399	\$7,041	\$7,867	\$8,238	\$6,885	\$3,460	\$2,110	\$2,216	\$4,901	\$4,360	\$3,417	\$2,680	\$1,348

Table 4.--SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES: MEDIAN INCOME IN 1965 OF FAMILIES, FOR THE UNITED STATES

(Families as of March 1966)

Selected characteristics	Median income	Selected characteristics	Median income
All families.....	\$6,882	Families with employed head.....	\$7,602
REGIONS		MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP OF HEAD	
Northeast.....	\$7,467	Professional, technical, and kindred workers.....	\$10,064
North Central.....	7,267	Self-employed.....	12,021
South.....	5,536	Salaried.....	9,908
West.....	7,580	Farmers and farm managers.....	3,997
TYPE OF FAMILY		Managers, officials, and propr's, exc. farm.....	9,721
Male head.....	\$7,235	Self-employed.....	7,843
Married, wife present.....	7,265	Salaried.....	10,547
Wife in paid labor force.....	8,597	Clerical and kindred workers.....	7,424
Wife not in paid labor force.....	6,592	Sales workers.....	8,567
Other marital status.....	6,148	Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred workers.....	7,982
Female head.....	3,532	Operatives and kindred workers.....	6,872
NUMBER OF EARNERS		Private household workers.....	2,292
No earners.....	\$2,283	Service workers, exc. private household.....	5,920
1 earner.....	6,060	Farm laborers and foremen.....	3,028
2 earners.....	7,983	Laborers, exc. farm and mine.....	5,327
3 earners or more.....	10,269	MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP OF HEAD	
		Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries.....	\$3,825
		Mining.....	7,206
		Construction.....	7,382
		Manufacturing.....	8,015
		Transport., commun., and other public utilities.....	8,051
		Wholesale trade.....	8,142
		Retail trade.....	6,904
		Finance, insurance, and real estate.....	8,622
		Business and repair services.....	7,343
		Personal services.....	4,813
		Entertainment and recreation services.....	6,731
		Professional and related services.....	8,320
		Public administration.....	8,444

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