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INCOME OF PERSONS IN THE UNITED STATES: 1954

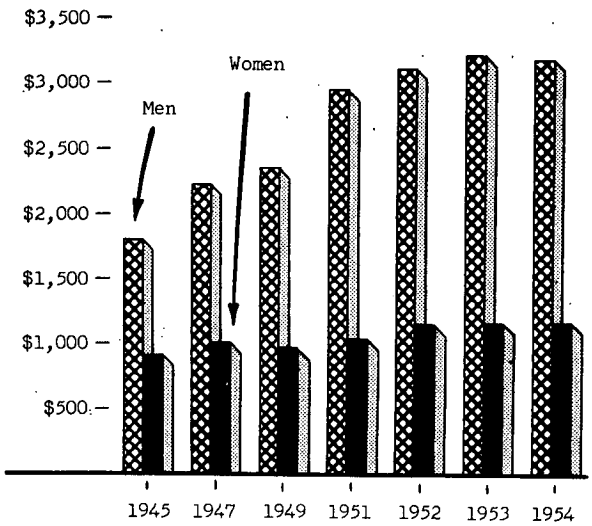
The average income of men and women in 1954 remained about the same as during the previous year, according to estimates released today by Robert W. Burgess, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. For all persons 14 years old and over receiving any money income, the median (average) income was estimated at $2,300[1] in 1954.

The average income of men, which had been rising steadily between 1945 and 1953, leveled off at $3,200 in 1953 and 1954. Between 1952 and 1953, a gain of about $100 had been recorded. The proportion of men whose incomes were $5,000 or over rose from 16 percent in 1952 to about 20 percent in 1953 and 1954. In 1945, at the close of World War II, only 5 percent of the men had incomes that high.

The average income of men in most occupation groups did not fall during 1954, despite the decline in business activity which followed the end of the Korean conflict. Other evidence indicates that wage rate increases in most industries tended to offset the effect of reductions in the extent of full-time year-round work which accompanied the short-run cutbacks in nonagricultural production and employment.

Among women, the median income in 1954 was estimated at $1,200, about the same as it had been in the preceding two years. Since the close of World War II, the average income of women has increased by about $250, or 30 percent, while that of men has climbed about $1,400, or 75 percent. One reason for the relatively greater stability in the incomes received by women during the postwar period is that the effect of wage increases for women workers has been offset by an increase in the proportion of intermittent workers whose annual earnings tend to be low.

Figure 1.--MEDIAN INCOME OF MEN AND WOMEN, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1945 TO 1954



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

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These are some of the highlights of the consumer income supplement to the Bureau of the Census Current Population Survey of April 1955. The survey covered the civilian noninstitutional population and members of the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post in 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 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 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.

In comparing income data for 1954 with those for previous years, one should take account of the fact that changes in income were accompained by changes in prices. Therefore, an increase or a decrease in income does not necessarily represent a similar change in economic well-being.

The present report contains 1954 income distributions for persons 14 years old and over. A subsequent report will contain data on the income of families and unrelated individuals in 1953 and 1954.

URBAN AND RURAL INCOMES STABLE IN 1954

The over-all stability in average income between 1953 and 1954 was reflected in the figures for both urban and rural residents (table 1). Median income did not change significantly among persons living in large cities, those in small towns, or among rural residents who lived on farms and those who did not. As in previous years, residents in the larger urbanized areas (i.e., in or near the large cities) received greater incomes, on the average, than those living in the smaller urban places or in rural areas.

Among men, the median income of those living in urbanized areas was $3,700 (table 1). This median was higher than that for men living in smaller urban places not in urbanized areas ($3,200), rural-nonfarm residents ($3,100), and rural-farm residents ($1,300).

Among women, too, there were significant differences among the incomes of those living in different types of areas. The median income of women ranged from $1,500 for persons living in the large cities and their densely settled suburbs and $1,[illegible] for those in the smaller urban places to $900 and $500 for rural-nonfarm and rural-farm residents, respectively.

The higher incomes of residents of the larger urbanized areas do not necessarily connote greater economic well-being because living costs in these areas also tend to be higher.

MANAGERIAL WORKERS MAKE GREATEST GAINS IN POSTWAR PERIOD

During 1954, the average income of most occupation groups remained about the same as in 1953. Among men, only professional workers showed some evidence of an increase in average income during the year. The median income of this group rose from $5,100 to $5,200, a gain of about 3 percent (table A). The relative stability in the income of most workers represents a change in the postwar trend of steadily rising levels of income for most occupation groups.

Between 1947 and 1954, average income increased sharply for all employed men except farmers and farm laborers, whose incomes, on the average, fluctuated erratically from year to year. The greatest relative gains were those made by men in one of the highest paid groups, the salaried managerial workers ($3,700 to $5,700), and by the most highly skilled "blue-collar" group, the craftsmen ($2,700 to $4,300). Increases of about 40 to 50 percent were received by professional workers, clerical and sales workers, operatives, service workers, and nonfarm laborers, who collectively included about three-fifths of all men who were employed in April 1955. The median income of men who were nonfarm proprietors rose about 25 percent ($3,100 to $3,900). As in other recent years, men who were engaged in independent professional practice

reported by far the highest average incomes of any major group ($7,700). The lowest averages as usual were shown by men in farm occupations, where the value of "income in kind" is appreciable but is not reflected in these figures.

Among employed women, as among men, the largest relative gains since 1947 were received by the highest paid group, the professional workers ($1,900 to $3,000). The average income of clerical and service workers rose about 45 percent while that of operatives and private household workers increased about 35 percent. Sales workers experienced a 25-percent increase ($1,100 to $1,400) while nonfarm proprietors had about the same income, on the average, in 1954 and 1947.

Table A.—MEDIAN INCOME OF EMPLOYED MEN AND WOMEN BY MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1947 TO 1954

Major occupation group during survey week	Men					Women				
	1954	1953	1951	1949	1947	1954	1953	1951	1949	1947
Professional, technical, and kindred workers	$5,225	$5,067	$4,250	$3,771	$3,546	$2,991	$2,913	$2,517	$2,263	$1,896
Self-employed	7,689	6,078	6,167	(1)	(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(1)
Salaried	5,069	4,982	4,176	(1)	(1)	3,019	2,943	2,556	(1)	(1)
Farmers and farm managers	1,309	1,372	1,518	1,027	1,456	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Managers, officials, and proprietors, except farm	4,927	4,806	4,100	3,556	3,354	2,300	2,165	2,070	1,926	1,858
Self-employed	3,913	3,915	3,529	3,025	3,084	1,667	1,505	1,313	1,339	1,639
Salaried	5,673	5,452	4,547	4,108	3,673	(2)	2,761	(2)	(2)	2,025
Clerical and kindred workers	3,856	3,892	3,424	3,060	2,654	2,512	2,478	2,165	2,023	1,728
Sales workers	3,862	3,753	3,628	2,775	2,687	1,429	1,330	1,281	1,115	1,118
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred workers	4,290	4,204	3,656	3,114	2,746	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Operatives and kindred workers	3,450	3,510	3,108	2,605	2,373	1,914	1,967	1,758	1,539	1,406
Private household workers	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	581	636	492	458	428
Service workers, except private household	3,006	2,953	2,474	2,065	2,096	1,329	1,307	1,106	997	913
Farm laborers and foremen	990	830	1,057	781	846	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Laborers, except farm and mine	2,570	2,539	2,281	2,025	1,707	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)

[1] Comparable figures not available.
[2] Median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting with income.

POSTWAR INCOMES RISE SHARPLY FOR MARRIED MEN

Nearly all men who were heads of families, or who were unrelated individuals, received some money income in 1954 (table B). These men either had families to support or were mostly dependent upon themselves for their own support. In contrast, only two-thirds of the men who were relatives (mostly sons) of the family head had any income at all. Although these proportions were the same as those which prevailed in 1947, substantial changes in average income have occurred during the post-World War II period. The median income of married men living with their wives rose about 40 percent ($2,600 to $3,700). Only a 25-percent increase was registered by family heads not living with their wives and by unrelated individuals. Other men had about the same incomes, on the average, in 1954 and 1947.

There were much larger variations in the proportions of income recipients among women than among men. In 1954, nearly nine-tenths of the unrelated individuals and three-quarters of the family heads received some income during the year. One-third of the wives and one-half of the other relatives (mostly daughters) of the family head were income recipients in 1954. Comparable figures for 1947 indicate that the proportions have increased somewhat for most groups, but particularly for wives. Between 1947 and 1954, the proportion of wives who were income recipients rose by one-third (from 26 percent to 36 percent). This increase largely reflects greater labor force participation among married women.

Although the proportion of income recipients varies considerably among the different groups of women, there is a marked similarity in the average incomes they receive.

Women who headed families had the highest median income ($1,500) in 1954. The incomes of the other groups ranged between $1,000 and $1,200 in 1954. The incomes received by family heads and by wives have increased by one-fourth, on the average, since 1947 and the median for unrelated individuals with income rose by only 15 percent during the same period.

Table B.--INCOME OF MEN AND WOMEN BY RELATIONSHIP TO FAMILY HEAD, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1954 AND 1947

Relationship to family head	Percent with income		Median income	
	1954	1947	1954	1947
MEN				
In families.....	89.9	88.9	$3,282	$2,269
Family head, total.....	98.7	98.1	3,626	2,558
Married, wife present.....	98.8	98.3	3,650	2,579
Other marital status.	96.0	93.4	2,587	2,079
Relative of head.....	64.9	68.6	1,295	1,314
Unrelated individual.....	94.5	93.7	1,900	1,546
WOMEN				
In families.....	42.0	35.3	1,158	1,017
Family head.....	77.1	74.3	1,489	1,159
Wife of head.....	35.5	26.2	1,115	916
Other relative of head.....	48.7	45.4	1,012	1,114
Unrelated individual.....	89.2	83.2	1,159	1,015

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 17. 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, will be published shortly.

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

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.

Size of place.--The urban population is classified as living in urbanized areas or in urban places outside urbanized areas. According to the definition used in the 1950 Census and in the Current Population Survey since April 1951, the population in urbanized areas comprises all persons living in (a) cities of 50,000 inhabitants or more in 1940 or according to a special census taken between 1940 and 1950; and (b) the densely settled urban fringe, including both incorporated and unincorporated areas, surrounding these cities. Residents of urbanized areas were classified according to the size of the entire area rather than by the size of the place in which they lived. The remaining urban population is classified as living in the smaller urban places not in the urbanized areas.

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.

Aggregate income.--Aggregate income is the sum of the incomes received by all persons 14 years of age and over. A detailed description of the method of estimating aggregate income appears in the section "Source and reliability of the estimates." The arithmetic mean incomes and the aggregates which underlie the quintile distributions shown in this report have not been published separately. These data, however, are available in unpublished form and may be obtained upon request.

Median income.--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 are based on the distributions of persons with income. 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 persons having these types of income.

Color.--The term "color" refers to the division of the population into two groups, white and nonwhite. The nonwhite group includes Negroes, Indians, Japanese, Chinese, and other nonwhite races.

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

Veteran of World War II.--A veteran of World War II is defined as a person who had been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty at any time between September 16, 1940, and July 25, 1947. This report shows separate data for male, but not female, veterans of World War II. Veterans of World War I or other wars, or those with peacetime service, are shown as nonveterans unless they are also veterans of World War II.

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 to anyone else in the household, and a servant living in an employer's household with no relatives are examples of unrelated individuals.

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.

Labor force.--Persons are classified as in the labor force if they were employed as civilians, unemployed, or in the Armed Forces during the survey week. The "experienced civilian labor force" comprises employed workers and experienced unemployed workers. The 1939 data shown in the tables on the experienced civilian labor force include the relatively small number of persons in the Armed Forces in 1940.

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.

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. Persons who were unemployed during the survey week are classified according to their last civilian job. 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.

The class-of-worker classification comprises "Wage and salary workers," "Self-employed workers," and "Unpaid family workers." Wage and salary workers are persons who worked as employees for wages or salaries. They include not only factory operatives, laborers, clerks, etc., who worked for wages, but also other persons working for tips or for room or board, salesmen, and other employees working for commissions, and salaried business managers, corporation executives, and government officials. Self-employed workers are persons working in their own business, profession, or trade, or operating a farm, for profit or fees. Unpaid family workers are persons working without pay on a farm or in a business operated by a member of the household to whom they are related by blood or marriage.

The occupational and industrial classification systems used in 1940 are basically the same as those used in 1955. There are a number of differences, however, in the specific content of particular groups, as well as several differences in title. The occupation and industry data shown here for 1940 have not been entirely adjusted for comparability with the 1955 classification system; however, available evidence indicates that the 1940-1955 relationships shown by the data are not significantly affected by these differences. The 1940 classification by class of worker is comparable with the 1955 classification.

Percentages.--Percentages are shown as calculated; therefore, they do not always add 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 of each percent distribution 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 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.[2]

Data on income were collected from approximately 14,000 households, or about 75 percent of the households included in the April 1955 survey. 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 6 percent of the persons. 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 persons 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.

[2] 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.

Method of estimating aggregate income.--An estimate of the number of persons at each income level was obtained by distributing the cases not reporting on income among all the income levels in the same proportion as those that did report. A mean income was then selected for each income level and estimates of aggregate income were obtained by multiplying the number of persons at each income level by the mean for that level.

For income levels under $10,000, the midpoint of each level was assumed to be the mean; $250 was selected as the mean for persons with incomes under $500, and $20,000 was selected as the mean for persons with incomes of $10,000 or more. An examination of the data for 1952 and information obtained from other sources indicated that $20,000 was a reasonable estimate of the mean for the uppermost interval. In the 1952 survey, a mean for each of the intervals "$10,000 to $14,999," "$15,000 to $24,999," and "$25,000 and over" was obtained from a Pareto curve fitted to the frequencies above $10,000.

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 10,698,000 male income recipients living in rural-nonfarm areas an estimated 7.5 percent had incomes between $4,000 and $4,499 in 1954. The standard error of the estimate of 7.5 percent is roughly 0.5 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 $2\frac{1}{2}$ times the error indicated.

The reliability of an estimated median depends upon both the form and the size of the distribution on which it is based. The median income for male veterans of World War II 35 to 44 years of age was estimated to be $4,227 for the year 1954. The chances are about 2 out of 3 that the true median would fall within the range of $4,168 to $4,284.

The reliability of the estimated share of aggregate income received by a given quintile depends upon both the form of the distribution

and the size of the total on which it is based. The share of aggregate income received by the highest fifth of male operatives and kindred workers was estimated at 33.6 percent for the year 1954. The estimated range in 68 chances out of 100 within which the true share is expected to fall is 31.9 to 35.3 percent.

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 that 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. The figures on aggregate income are subject to errors of estimation in addition to those noted above.

COMPARABILITY OF CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY INCOME DATA WITH OTHER DATA

Office of Business Economics personal income series.--The income data presented in this report are not directly comparable with the estimates of personal income prepared by the Office of Business Economics of the Department of Commerce. The two sets of data were designed to accomplish different purposes and, accordingly, differ in several important respects which are discussed below.

The primary purpose of the census data is to show the distribution of persons by income levels. Although they do not show estimates of the amount of aggregate income, they do show the distribution of aggregate income. The Office of Business Economics estimates, on the other hand, provide information on the amount of aggregate income received by the population. If an estimate of the amount of aggregate income were derived from the Bureau of the Census data, it would be smaller than that shown in the personal income series for the following reasons, which stem from the different purposes of the two sets of data:

1. The personal income series is estimated largely on the basis of data derived from business and governmental sources. These sources include the industrial and population censuses, employers' wage reports under the Social Security programs, and records of disbursements to individuals by governmental agencies. The data presented in this report, on the other hand, are based on a field survey of households. As indicated above in the section on the source and reliability of the estimates, income data obtained in household interviews are subject to various types of reporting errors which tend to produce an understatement of income. It is estimated that the income surveys conducted by the Bureau of the Census during the past few years have obtained about 85 percent of the comparable total income aggregates and about 92 percent of the comparable wage or salary aggregates prepared by the Office of Business Economics.

2. The definitions of income are slightly different. The personal income series includes, among others, the following items which are not included in the census definition: Income in kind and the value of the services of banks and other financial intermediaries rendered to persons without the assessment of specific charges. The census definition of income includes contributions for support received from persons who do not reside in the same living quarters.

3. The Bureau of the Census excluded from its sample inmates of institutions and military personnel overseas or living on post in the continental United States. In addition, the income of persons who died or emigrated prior to the date of interview was not reported in the census inquiry. The income of both of these groups is included in the personal income estimates.

Federal Reserve Board Surveys of Consumer Finances.--In each year since 1945, the Federal Reserve Board has conducted a survey of consumer finances which provides, among other data, information on the size distribution of income. These surveys are based on nationwide samples that cover all persons in private households. Several important differences between the Federal Reserve Board Surveys of Consumer Finances and the present report may be noted:

1. The income-receiving unit in the Federal Reserve Board estimates is the spending unit or the family, whereas the data in the present report relate only to persons 14 years old and over.

2. The Federal Reserve Board estimates are based on a sample which is different from and smaller (approximately 3,500 schedules in 66 areas) than the census sample. Differences between the results are subject to sampling variability arising from each survey. This factor alone could account for moderate discrepancies between the two sets of data.

3. There are some differences in the estimating procedure. The Bureau of the Census inflated its weighted sample results to agree

with independent estimates of the civilian population of the United States by age, color, and sex, whereas the Survey of Consumer Finances weighted sample results were inflated to agree with independent estimates of occupied dwelling units.

4. Only a few income questions (usually between three and six) are asked for each person in the Bureau of the Census sample whereas numerous detailed questions on income and other financial items are asked of the head of the spending unit and all other members in the spending unit in each household in the Federal Reserve Board sample.

Federal income tax data.--The Federal income tax coverage is incomplete because of the exemptions of persons receiving less than $600; therefore, its coverage differs from the census coverage.

Since some of the income tax returns are filed as separate returns and others as joint returns, the income reporting unit is not consistently on the basis of either families or persons.

Income as defined for tax purposes differs from the census concept. For example, certain types of receipts such as veterans' payments, social security benefits, and relief payments, which constitute the main income source for some families, are excluded from income tax coverage. On the other hand, capital gains and losses which are excluded from the census definition of income are included in income tax returns.

Old-Age and Survivors Insurance earnings record data.--Census data shown in this report and the distributions made upon the basis of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance earnings record data differ for the reasons listed below:

1. The earnings of such groups as farm operators, own-account professional workers, irregularly employed domestic servants, some employees of nonprofit institutions, and most governmental employees are not covered by the earnings record data.

2. Earnings from employment or self-employment in excess of $3,600 are not covered by the earnings record data.

3. Income other than earnings is not covered by the earnings record data.

4. The earnings record data are based upon employers' reports, whereas the data presented in this report are obtained by household interviews.

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Table 1.--PLACE OF RESIDENCE: DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1954, BY SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN (BY SIZE OF PLACE) AND RURAL

Total money income and sex	Total	Urban								Rural nonfarm	Rural farm
		Total	Urbanized areas				Places not in urbanized areas				
			Total	1,000,000 or more	250,000 to 999,999	Under 250,000	Total	25,000 to 49,999	Under 25,000		
BOTH SEXES											
Number of persons.....thousands..	114,795	75,673	55,643	[1]	[1]	[1]	21,131	[1]	[1]	24,149	14,954
Number of persons with income thousands..	77,427	52,463	38,552	[1]	[1]	[1]	13,911	[1]	[1]	15,902	9,165
Income Recipients											
Percent of those with income.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Loss.....	1.7	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.1	0.4	1.6	3.6
$1 to $499.....	15.1	12.1	11.1	9.6	12.5	13.6	14.9	11.8	15.9	16.9	29.9
$500 to $999.....	12.9	12.1	11.5	11.2	11.3	12.3	13.4	13.7	13.6	13.5	16.6
$1,000 to $1,499.....	8.7	8.3	7.9	7.7	7.7	8.3	9.7	9.3	9.8	9.6	11.4
$1,500 to $1,999.....	7.9	7.6	7.4	7.2	7.5	7.7	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.1	9.2
$2,000 to $2,499.....	7.9	8.1	8.1	7.9	8.3	8.1	8.4	8.8	8.2	7.7	6.5
$2,500 to $2,999.....	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.9	7.2	7.4	7.7	8.6	7.7	7.4	4.1
$3,000 to $3,499.....	8.4	8.1	8.1	11.1	8.3	8.9	8.1	8.2	7.9	7.9	3.2
$3,500 to $3,999.....	7.2	7.3	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	7.1	8.2	6.7	7.2	3.6
$4,000 to $4,499.....	6.0	6.8	7.5	7.9	7.2	7.1	5.3	4.1	5.1	5.3	2.3
$4,500 to $4,999.....	4.2	4.6	4.7	4.8	5.1	3.9	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.2	1.9
$5,000 to $5,999.....	5.2	7.1	7.6	8.1	8.2	6.1	4.1	5.5	4.1	5.2	2.5
$6,000 to $6,999.....	3.4	3.3	3.4	4.1	3.3	2.7	1.8	2.1	2.6	2.9	1.8
$7,000 to $9,999.....	2.5	3.3	3.4	3.8	3.4	3.1	2.4	1.9	2.3	2.9	1.5
$10,000 to $14,999.....	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.9	1.0
$15,000 to $24,999.....	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.8	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.2
$25,000 and over.....	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.1	1.1	...	1.4	1.3	...
Median income for persons with income..	$2,301	$2,479	$2,781	$2,937	$2,771	$2,433	$2,185	$2,341	$2,134	$2,149	$1,744
Aggregate Income											
Percent received by each fifth of income recipients ranked by income in 1954, total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Lowest fifth.....	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.1	[illegible]	2.5	2.2	2.2
Second fifth.....	7.5	8.3	8.9	8.5	8.5	8.3	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.3	7.1	5.1
Middle fifth.....	15.8	16.7	16.9	16.9	16.7	16.0	[illegible]	16.5	16.4	15.7	11.9
Fourth fifth.....	25.0	24.2	24.1	23.2	24.3	24.9	25.1	25.1	24.9	25.1	24.1
Highest fifth.....	49.1	47.8	47.1	48.2	47.8	47.[illegible]	49.[illegible]	48.8	49.4	49.6	56.7
MALE											
Number of persons.....thousands..	55,114	36,392	26,183	[1]	[1]	[1]	9,219	[1]	[1]	11,159	7,563
Number of persons with income thousands..	49,714	32,166	23,203	[1]	[1]	[1]	8,963	[1]	[1]	10,[illegible]	6,749
Income Recipients											
Percent of those with income.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Loss.....	1.0	1.3	1.2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.0	1.2	1.2	[illegible]	[illegible]
$1 to $499.....	3.6	3.3	2.7	[illegible]	3.2	4.3	[illegible]	3.5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$500 to $999.....	5.9	7.1	6.5	5.6	5.9	6.6	6.6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$1,000 to $1,499.....	7.3	[illegible]	7.6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$1,500 to $1,999.....	6.3	6.7	5.1	[illegible]	5.7	6.2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$2,000 to $2,499.....	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$2,500 to $2,999.....	[illegible]	7.3	6.8	[illegible]	6.5	8.6	8.4	8.8	8.3	[illegible]	[illegible]
$3,000 to $3,499.....	9.3	9.8	10.1	11.2	9.2	10.4	9.[illegible]	10.[illegible]	9.[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$3,500 to $3,999.....	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$4,000 to $4,499.....	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$4,500 to $4,999.....	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$5,000 to $5,999.....	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$6,000 to $6,999.....	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$7,000 to $9,999.....	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$10,000 to $14,999.....	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$15,000 to $24,999.....	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$25,000 and over.....	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Median income for persons with income..	$3,194	$3,[illegible]	$3,711	$3,734	$3,[illegible]	$3,[illegible]	$3,[illegible]	$3,[illegible]	$3,[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aggregate Income											
Percent received by each fifth of income recipients ranked by income in 1954, total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Lowest fifth.....	3.2	4.7	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.9	3.8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Second fifth.....	[illegible]	[illegible]	13.[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Middle fifth.....	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fourth fifth.....	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Highest fifth.....	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

[1] Comparable figures not available.

Table [illegible].--PLACE OF RESIDENCE: FIRST DIVISION OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN [illegible], BY SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL--Con.

Total money income in 1954	Total	Urban								Rural farm	Rural nonfarm
		Urban places					Places not in urbanized areas				
		Total	Total	In urbanized areas	Outside of urbanized areas	Under 25,000	Total	Under 25,000	Unincorporated areas		
Male											
Number of persons with income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total income (including loss)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thousands	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income Recipients											
Percent to those with income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Less	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$1 to $[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$[illegible] to $[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$[illegible] to $[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$[illegible] to $[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$[illegible] to $[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$[illegible] to $[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$[illegible] to $[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$[illegible] to $[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$[illegible] to $[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$[illegible] to $[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$[illegible] to $[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$[illegible] to $[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$[illegible] to $[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
$[illegible] and over	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Median income for persons with income	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]
Aggregate Income											
Percent received by each fifth of income recipients ranked by income in 1954, total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lowest fifth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Second fifth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Middle fifth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fourth fifth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Highest fifth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

[1] Comparable figures not available.

Table [illegible].--SEX AND RACE: NUMBER IN THE [illegible] OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, BY SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL

Selected [illegible]	Male			Female		
	Total	White	Nonwhite	Total	White	Nonwhite
[illegible]						
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]						
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]						
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]						
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Table 3.--AGE AND VETERAN STATUS: DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1954, BY SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL

Total money income and sex	Total	Age (years)										
		14 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 34			35 to 44			45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
				Total	Veteran of World War II	Not a veteran of World War II	Total	Veteran of World War II	Not a veteran of World War II			
UNITED STATES--MALE												
Number of persons.....thousands..	55,114	6,418	3,940	11,362	6,890	4,472	10,933	5,060	5,873	9,170	6,947	6,344
Number of persons with income thousands..	49,712	2,666	3,649	11,151	6,805	4,346	10,738	5,001	5,737	8,985	6,664	5,859
Income Recipients												
Percent of those with income.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Loss.....	1.0	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.6	1.0	1.4	1.6	1.5
$1 to $499.....	8.6	55.7	7.7	2.9	1.8	4.5	3.2	1.7	4.5	4.8	6.3	15.5
$500 to $999.....	8.8	20.5	12.9	4.3	2.8	6.7	3.6	2.9	4.3	4.0	8.6	25.4
$1,000 to $1,499.....	7.3	9.0	16.6	5.6	3.6	9.0	4.0	2.9	5.0	4.9	6.8	14.2
$1,500 to $1,999.....	6.5	7.0	11.7	5.0	2.8	8.6	5.2	3.5	6.7	5.5	6.3	9.7
$2,000 to $2,499.....	6.7	3.8	10.8	7.1	5.3	9.9	5.1	4.1	6.0	6.1	7.3	7.9
$2,500 to $2,999.....	7.4	2.0	10.4	8.6	8.5	8.8	6.7	6.8	6.7	7.2	9.0	5.7
$3,000 to $3,499.....	9.3	0.9	10.6	11.9	11.7	12.4	9.8	10.0	9.7	10.2	10.5	4.2
$3,500 to $3,999.....	9.1	0.7	8.0	12.2	13.6	9.9	10.5	11.6	9.6	9.5	10.0	4.1
$4,000 to $4,499.....	8.4	0.4	5.5	12.0	12.6	11.0	10.8	13.0	8.9	8.7	8.0	3.3
$4,500 to $4,999.....	6.2	...	2.5	8.4	10.0	5.9	8.5	9.6	7.5	7.5	5.5	1.8
$5,000 to $5,999.....	9.2	...	2.5	11.7	14.6	7.0	14.2	15.7	12.9	11.9	7.1	2.0
$6,000 to $6,999.....	4.4	...	0.6	5.4	6.8	3.3	6.8	7.4	6.2	5.5	4.1	1.1
$7,000 to $9,999.....	4.4	...	...	2.9	3.7	1.7	6.6	6.3	6.8	8.0	5.0	1.7
$10,000 to $14,999.....	1.8	...	...	0.8	1.2	0.3	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.2	2.2	1.0
$15,000 to $24,999.....	0.6	...	...	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.9	0.6	1.0	1.1	0.4
$25,000 and over.....	0.3	...	0.2	0.1	0.1	...	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Median income for persons with income..	$3,199	$448	$2,042	$3,664	$3,978	$3,073	$4,051	$4,227	$3,818	$3,811	$3,195	$1,268
Aggregate Income												
Percent received by each fifth of income recipients ranked by income in 1954, total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Lowest fifth.....	3.0	13.4	4.8	6.1	7.6	5.2	5.4	6.8	4.4	4.1	3.3	3.0
Second fifth.....	10.0		11.4	14.4	14.9	12.7	13.1	13.8	12.0	11.8	10.4	7.0
Middle fifth.....	17.5	9.5	17.8	19.0	18.6	19.2	17.4	17.3	17.1	16.6	16.5	11.9
Fourth fifth.....	23.7	22.7	26.3	23.7	23.0	25.1	22.4	21.5	22.8	22.1	21.9	20.9
Highest fifth.....	45.6	54.1	39.5	36.6	35.6	37.6	41.4	40.3	43.5	45.1	47.6	57.0
UNITED STATES--FEMALE												
Number of persons.....thousands..	59,684	6,600	5,328	12,191	(1)	(1)	11,517	(1)	(1)	9,438	7,322	7,288
Number of persons with income thousands..	27,715	2,162	3,073	5,061	(1)	(1)	5,280	(1)	(1)	4,465	3,143	4,531
Income Recipients												
Percent of those with income.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(1)	(1)	100.0	(1)	(1)	100.0	100.0	100.0
Loss.....	0.3	...	0.1	0.1	...	...	0.6	...	...	0.4	0.8	0.2
$1 to $499.....	26.2	58.1	18.8	21.7	...	...	20.4	...	...	20.5	24.0	34.7
$500 to $999.....	19.9	18.8	16.2	13.4	...	...	16.1	...	...	14.3	21.3	39.0
$1,000 to $1,499.....	11.2	7.9	13.1	13.0	...	...	11.0	...	...	11.7	10.0	9.9
$1,500 to $1,999.....	10.2	5.5	13.0	10.8	...	...	11.6	...	...	11.7	12.7	5.3
$2,000 to $2,499.....	9.8	5.5	15.2	11.4	...	...	11.3	...	...	11.2	8.7	3.7
$2,500 to $2,999.....	7.0	2.5	10.5	8.9	...	...	8.2	...	...	9.0	6.7	1.8
$3,000 to $3,499.....	6.9	0.8	8.3	10.1	...	...	9.7	...	...	8.4	5.2	1.2
$3,500 to $3,999.....	3.8	0.6	2.6	5.5	...	...	5.8	...	...	5.0	3.8	0.6
$4,000 to $4,499.....	1.8	...	0.3	2.9	...	...	2.3	...	...	2.9	1.6	0.7
$4,500 to $4,999.....	0.8	...	0.2	0.8	...	...	1.0	...	...	1.6	0.8	0.8
$5,000 to $5,999.....	1.0	0.3	0.4	0.8	...	...	1.0	...	...	2.1	1.8	0.6
$6,000 to $6,999.....	0.5	...	0.1	0.5	...	...	0.4	...	...	0.4	1.3	0.5
$7,000 to $9,999.....	0.4	...	0.1	0.1	...	...	0.4	...	...	0.4	0.5	0.8
$10,000 to $14,999.....	0.1	...	...	...	...	...	0.1	...	...	0.3	0.4	0.2
$15,000 to $24,999.....	0.1	...	...	...	...	...	0.2	...	...	0.1	...	0.2
$25,000 and over.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.2	...
Median income for persons with income..	$1,161	$430	$1,569	$1,583	...	...	$1,582	...	...	$1,632	$1,195	$694
Aggregate Income												
Percent received by each fifth of income recipients ranked by income in 1954, total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(1)	(1)	100.0	(1)	(1)	100.0	100.0	100.0
Lowest fifth.....	3.1	13.4	3.3	2.7	...	...	2.7	...	...	2.5	2.9	4.6
Second fifth.....	7.3		10.5	9.2	...	...	8.6	...	...	8.8	7.3	7.0
Middle fifth.....	14.4	8.0	18.6	17.5	...	...	16.8	...	...	16.7	13.9	13.9
Fourth fifth.....	26.6	22.4	27.9	28.0	...	...	27.0	...	...	26.3	24.4	16.8
Highest fifth.....	48.3	56.0	39.5	42.3	...	...	44.7	...	...	45.5	51.3	57.4

[1] Veteran status of females not obtained.

Table 3.--AGE AND VETERAN STATUS: DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1954, BY SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL--Con.

Total money income and sex	Total	Age (years)										
		14 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 34			35 to 44			45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
				Total	Veteran of World War II	Not a veteran of World War II	Total	Veteran of World War II	Not a veteran of World War II			
URBAN--MALE												
Number of persons.....thousands..	35,392	3,567	2,595	7,541	4,667	2,874	7,069	3,471	3,598	6,092	4,630	3,898
Number of persons with income thousands..	32,266	1,493	2,413	7,387	4,594	2,793	6,948	3,428	3,520	5,959	4,440	3,626
Median income for persons with income..	$3,569	$454	$2,270	$3,852	$4,117	$3,357	$4,368	$4,412	$4,320	$4,222	$3,598	$1,613
URBAN--FEMALE												
Number of persons.....thousands..	40,281	4,015	3,667	8,164	(1)	(1)	7,835	(1)	(1)	6,518	5,090	4,992
Number of persons with income thousands..	20,194	1,434	2,278	3,716	(1)	(1)	3,902	(1)	(1)	3,366	2,346	3,152
Median income for persons with income..	$1,386	$511	$1,772	$1,808	...	...	$1,797	...	...	$1,803	$1,490	$758
RURAL NONFARM--MALE												
Number of persons.....thousands..	11,859	1,534	800	2,700	1,764	936	2,481	1,247	1,234	1,802	1,216	1,326
Number of persons with income thousands..	10,698	669	758	2,664	1,752	912	2,444	1,234	1,210	1,775	1,177	1,211
Median income for persons with income..	$3,066	$482	$1,893	$3,621	$3,923	$3,047	$3,811	$3,958	$3,636	$3,523	$2,930	$1,071
RURAL NONFARM--FEMALE												
Number of persons.....thousands..	12,310	1,483	1,083	2,946	(1)	(1)	2,366	(1)	(1)	1,725	1,298	1,409
Number of persons with income thousands..	5,204	459	523	1,044	(1)	(1)	967	(1)	(1)	763	514	934
Median income for persons with income..	$868	$362	$1,279	$1,179	...	...	$1,124	...	...	$1,419	$849	$603
RURAL FARM--MALE												
Number of persons.....thousands..	7,863	1,317	545	1,121	459	662	1,383	342	1,041	1,276	1,101	1,120
Number of persons with income thousands..	6,748	504	478	1,100	459	641	1,346	339	1,007	1,251	1,047	1,022
Median income for persons with income..	$1,342	$398	$1,277	$1,869	$2,274	$1,679	$2,114	$2,283	$2,064	$1,858	$1,295	$696
RURAL FARM--FEMALE												
Number of persons.....thousands..	7,093	1,102	578	1,081	(1)	(1)	1,316	(1)	(1)	1,195	934	887
Number of persons with income thousands..	2,317	269	272	301	(1)	(1)	411	(1)	(1)	336	283	445
Median income for persons with income..	$499	$295	$965	$882	...	...	$616	...	...	$609	$538	$424

[1] Veteran status of females not obtained.

Table 4.--RELATIONSHIP TO FAMILY HEAD: DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1954, BY SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL

Total money income	Male							Female					
	Total	In families					Unrelated indi-viduals	Total	In families				Unrelated indi-viduals
		Total in families	Head			Relative of head			Total in families	Head	Wife of head	Other relative of head	
			Total	Married, wife present	Other marital status								
UNITED STATES													
Number of persons.....thousands..	55,114	51,075	37,709	36,395	1,314	13,366	4,039	59,684	54,100	4,225	36,395	13,480	5,584
Number of persons with income..thousands..	49,712	45,894	37,223	35,962	1,261	8,671	3,818	27,715	22,732	3,257	12,909	6,566	4,983
Percent of those with income.....	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
Loss.....	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.2
$1 to $499.....	8.6	8.4	4.0	3.9	9.5	26.6	12.3	26.2	28.4	16.5	30.5	30.0	15.5
$500 to $999.....	8.8	8.0	6.2	5.9	14.1	16.0	18.9	19.9	17.7	19.0	16.3	19.7	30.6
$1,000 to $1,499.....	7.3	7.0	5.9	5.7	10.4	11.7	12.0	11.2	11.1	14.2	11.7	8.4	11.6
$1,500 to $1,999.....	6.5	6.4	6.0	6.0	7.1	8.1	8.0	10.2	10.2	13.0	10.2	8.6	10.6
$2,000 to $2,499.....	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.9	6.7	7.8	9.8	10.1	9.6	9.8	10.7	8.3
$2,500 to $2,999.....	7.4	7.3	7.7	7.7	6.9	6.0	8.4	7.0	7.1	6.6	7.0	7.4	7.0
$3,000 to $3,499.....	9.3	9.4	10.0	10.1	7.0	7.0	8.0	6.9	7.2	7.7	7.0	7.5	5.1
$3,500 to $3,999.....	9.1	9.3	9.9	10.0	6.8	6.6	7.3	3.8	3.7	4.5	3.3	4.2	3.9
$4,000 to $4,499.....	8.4	8.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	4.4	4.8	1.8	1.8	2.6	1.8	1.4	1.9
$4,500 to $4,999.....	6.2	6.4	7.4	7.4	7.5	2.2	3.3	0.8	0.8	1.6	0.7	0.5	1.1
$5,000 to $5,999.....	9.2	9.5	11.2	11.4	5.2	2.6	4.4	1.0	0.8	1.7	0.6	0.7	2.2
$6,000 to $6,999.....	4.4	4.5	5.5	5.5	3.4	0.6	2.2	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.9
$7,000 to $9,999.....	4.4	4.6	5.5	5.6	3.0	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.3	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.7
$10,000 to $14,999.....	1.8	1.9	2.3	2.4	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.1	...	0.2
$15,000 to $24,999.....	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.4	...	0.4	0.1	...	...	...	...	0.2
$25,000 and over.....	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	...	0.3	...	...	...	...	...	0.1
Median income for persons with income.....	$3,199	$3,282	$3,626	$3,650	$2,587	$1,295	$1,900	$1,161	$1,158	$1,489	$1,115	$1,012	$1,159
URBAN													
Number of persons.....thousands..	35,392	32,365	24,411	23,565	846	7,954	3,027	40,281	35,704	3,119	23,565	9,020	4,577
Number of persons with income..thousands..	32,266	29,405	24,089	23,290	799	5,316	2,861	20,194	16,056	2,450	8,925	4,681	4,138
Median income for persons with income.....	3,569	3,676	3,991	4,004	3,202	1,658	2,289	1,386	1,397	1,682	1,310	1,385	1,321
RURAL NONFARM													
Number of persons.....thousands..	11,859	11,270	8,396	8,167	229	2,874	589	12,310	11,494	782	8,167	2,545	816
Number of persons with income..thousands..	10,698	10,139	8,289	8,063	226	1,850	559	5,204	4,507	567	2,785	1,155	697
Median income for persons with income.....	3,066	3,136	3,500	3,528	(1)	1,090	1,704	868	882	1,157	907	729	807
RURAL FARM													
Number of persons.....thousands..	7,863	7,440	4,902	4,663	239	2,538	423	7,093	6,902	324	4,663	1,915	191
Number of persons with income..thousands..	6,748	6,350	4,845	4,609	236	1,505	398	2,317	2,169	240	1,199	730	148
Median income for persons with income.....	1,342	1,405	1,680	1,711	(1)	763	885	499	494	(1)	488	485	(1)

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

Table 5.--OCCUPATION: DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1954, BY MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP IN APRIL 1955 AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES

Total money income and sex	Total	Employed as civilians in April 1955																Unemployed in April 1955	In Armed Forces or not in labor force in April 1955
		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[1]	Salaried		Total	Self-employed[1]	Salaried										
MALE																			
Number of persons.....thousands..	55,114	42,402	3,490	637	2,853	3,637	5,172	2,857	2,315	2,734	2,482	8,008	9,190	36	2,627	1,433	3,593	2,093	10,619
Number of persons with income thousands..	49,712	41,348	3,400	610	2,790	3,564	5,134	2,827	2,307	2,673	2,401	7,979	9,061	36	2,520	1,080	3,500	1,864	6,500
Income Recipients																			
Percent of those with income.....	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
Loss.....	1.0	1.0	0.1	0.6	...	8.3	1.3	2.1	0.3	0.2	0.8	...	0.1	(2)	0.1	0.9	...	0.7	0.7
$1 to $499.....	8.6	5.7	0.8	1.7	0.6	19.9	2.4	4.5	...	1.4	9.2	1.0	2.7	(2)	5.8	29.8	10.3	14.9	24.6
$500 to $999.....	8.8	5.2	4.1	0.8	4.7	14.7	3.1	4.9	1.0	3.3	4.1	2.2	3.4	(2)	5.1	19.7	7.8	18.1	28.0
$1,000 to $1,499.....	7.3	5.5	2.6	3.0	2.5	11.5	4.0	7.0	0.5	2.6	4.9	2.5	4.7	(2)	7.6	19.0	8.9	16.5	15.9
$1,500 to $1,999.....	6.5	6.0	2.5	1.9	2.7	11.7	3.3	5.3	1.0	4.2	4.6	3.8	6.2	(2)	9.0	10.7	10.5	10.1	8.3
$2,000 to $2,499.....	6.7	6.7	2.0	1.9	2.0	8.6	3.7	5.5	1.5	5.8	4.7	5.6	8.1	(2)	10.1	8.4	10.9	8.0	6.3
$2,500 to $2,999.....	7.4	8.0	4.1	4.4	4.0	6.2	4.9	6.4	3.1	9.3	7.7	5.8	11.3	(2)	12.1	4.6	11.4	7.5	4.0
$3,000 to $3,499.....	9.3	10.6	6.6	2.2	7.4	4.5	7.0	7.7	6.1	12.6	7.2	9.9	15.0	(2)	15.9	3.6	14.8	7.7	2.2
$3,500 to $3,999.....	9.1	10.5	6.5	4.7	6.9	2.8	8.2	8.0	8.5	14.9	9.4	11.9	14.3	(2)	12.2	1.7	11.1	5.0	2.4
$4,000 to $4,499.....	8.4	9.8	8.3	6.6	8.6	2.7	5.7	5.0	6.5	18.6	9.4	12.6	13.5	(2)	7.3	1.0	6.5	2.9	1.8
$4,500 to $4,999.....	6.2	7.2	8.2	2.8	9.2	1.7	7.5	4.9	10.6	10.6	5.0	12.0	7.1	(2)	5.8	...	3.9	2.2	0.9
$5,000 to $5,999.....	9.2	10.7	18.7	9.9	20.3	3.2	12.1	8.6	16.2	10.8	12.1	17.9	8.8	(2)	6.6	0.2	3.5	3.0	1.5
$6,000 to $6,999.....	4.4	4.9	9.8	4.7	10.7	1.4	9.9	6.6	13.6	3.0	7.2	8.3	2.6	(2)	1.7	...	...	2.2	1.6
$7,000 to $9,999.....	4.4	5.1	15.4	20.9	14.3	1.1	13.3	11.5	15.3	2.0	8.4	5.7	1.9	(2)	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.5	1.3
$10,000 to $14,999.....	1.8	2.1	6.4	16.5	4.5	1.2	9.0	7.6	10.7	0.2	4.2	0.8	0.3	(2)	...	...	...	0.4	0.3
$15,000 to $24,999.....	0.6	0.7	2.6	9.9	1.3	0.5	3.1	3.0	3.1	0.3	0.6	...	...	(2)	...	...	...	0.1	0.3
$25,000 and over.....	0.3	0.4	1.4	7.4	0.3	0.1	1.7	1.3	2.2	0.1	0.3	...	...	(2)	0.3	...	...	...	0.1
Median income for persons with income.....	$3,199	$3,562	$5,225	$7,689	$5,069	$1,309	$4,927	$3,913	$5,673	$3,856	$3,862	$4,290	$3,450	(2)	$3,006	$990	$2,570	$1,494	$941
Aggregate Income																			
Percent received by each fifth of income recipients ranked by income in 1954, total.....	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
Lowest fifth.....	3.0	4.1	5.9	4.3	6.5	2.4	4.2	2.8	7.6	8.6	2.9	8.4	7.5	(2)	5.7	4.1	4.2	3.4	3.1
Second fifth.....	10.0	12.0	12.2	9.4	13.3	5.2	10.4	8.7	11.7	16.0	11.0	15.5	15.4	(2)	14.1	7.9	12.9	8.8	7.7
Middle fifth.....	17.5	17.4	16.1	15.4	17.7	12.7	14.9	13.7	14.8	20.1	16.7	19.3	19.7	(2)	20.1	16.2	20.1	14.5	11.5
Fourth fifth.....	23.7	22.8	20.9	32.0	20.9	21.6	21.0	21.7	19.7	22.9	22.7	23.5	23.5	(2)	24.5	24.9	26.7	25.6	19.9
Highest fifth.....	45.6	43.4	44.5	38.6	41.2	57.8	49.3	52.8	46.0	32.2	46.5	33.0	33.6	(2)	35.3	46.7	35.9	47.5	57.5

[1] Includes a very small number of unpaid family workers.
[2] Percent and median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting with income.

Table 5.--OCCUPATION: DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1954, BY MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP IN APRIL 1955 AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES--Con.

Total money income and sex	Total	Employed as civilians in April 1955																Unemployed in April 1955	In Armed Forces or not in labor force in April 1955
		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[1]	Salaried		Total	Self-employed[1]	Salaried										
FEMALE																			
Number of persons.....thousands..	59,684	19,285	2,156	128	2,028	158	846	503	343	5,381	1,545	241	3,632	1,845	2,578	785	118	869	39,530
Number of persons with income thousands..	27,715	16,691	2,018	105	1,913	134	704	388	316	4,971	1,169	222	3,364	1,612	2,245	147	105	650	10,374
Income Recipients																			
Percent of those with income.....	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
Loss.....	0.3	0.3	...	(2)	...	(2)	2.9	5.0	(2)	...	0.6	(2)	0.1	...	0.4	(2)	(2)	...	0.4
$1 to $499.....	26.2	13.7	5.0	(2)	4.3	(2)	14.7	20.7	(2)	5.4	21.6	(2)	8.0	45.1	15.7	(2)	(2)	29.8	44.5
$500 to $999.....	19.9	13.8	10.4	(2)	10.7	(2)	9.4	11.5	(2)	8.2	16.3	(2)	10.2	30.3	21.8	(2)	(2)	24.7	28.5
$1,000 to $1,499.....	11.2	11.5	7.3	(2)	6.8	(2)	8.5	10.0	(2)	7.5	13.4	(2)	14.3	13.0	18.4	(2)	(2)	16.0	10.4
$1,500 to $1,999.....	10.2	12.6	5.5	(2)	5.5	(2)	8.5	8.4	(2)	9.6	18.1	(2)	21.0	7.4	17.5	(2)	(2)	13.4	6.5
$2,000 to $2,499.....	9.8	14.0	10.4	(2)	10.1	(2)	10.0	12.6	(2)	18.9	13.1	(2)	18.5	2.2	11.7	(2)	(2)	7.2	3.5
$2,500 to $2,999.....	7.0	10.9	11.6	(2)	11.9	(2)	8.0	6.5	(2)	16.3	6.8	(2)	11.9	1.9	7.7	(2)	(2)	4.0	1.6
$3,000 to $3,499.....	6.9	10.7	17.8	(2)	18.3	(2)	12.7	4.6	(2)	16.4	4.8	(2)	10.2	...	3.2	(2)	(2)	2.3	1.5
$3,500 to $3,999.....	3.8	6.0	12.4	(2)	12.8	(2)	9.4	5.7	(2)	9.5	1.1	(2)	3.9	...	2.3	(2)	(2)	...	0.7
$4,000 to $4,499.....	1.8	2.8	7.2	(2)	7.1	(2)	3.8	3.8	(2)	4.3	1.2	(2)	1.1	...	0.6	(2)	(2)	...	0.5
$4,500 to $4,999.....	0.8	1.2	2.8	(2)	2.8	(2)	1.1	...	(2)	1.8	1.0	(2)	0.5	...	0.1	(2)	(2)	0.4	0.3
$5,000 to $5,999.....	1.0	1.4	5.3	(2)	5.5	(2)	3.8	1.9	(2)	1.4	0.4	(2)	0.1	...	0.5	(2)	(2)	1.5	0.5
$6,000 to $6,999.....	0.5	0.5	3.0	(2)	2.8	(2)	0.7	...	(2)	0.3	0.6	(2)	0.2	...	...	(2)	(2)	0.6	0.3
$7,000 to $9,999.....	0.4	0.4	1.0	(2)	0.9	(2)	3.1	4.6	(2)	0.3	0.9	(2)	...	...	...	(2)	(2)	...	0.3
$10,000 to $14,999.....	0.1	0.1	0.4	(2)	0.4	(2)	2.9	3.8	(2)	...	...	(2)	...	...	...	(2)	(2)	...	0.1
$15,000 to $24,999.....	0.1	...	0.1	(2)	0.1	(2)	...	...	(2)	...	0.2	(2)	...	...	...	(2)	(2)	...	0.1
$25,000 and over.....	...	...	...	(2)	...	(2)	0.4	0.8	(2)	...	...	(2)	...	...	...	(2)	(2)	...	...
Median income for persons with income.....	$1,161	$1,925	$2,991	(2)	$3,019	(2)	$2,300	$1,667	(2)	$2,512	$1,429	(2)	$1,914	$581	$1,329	(2)	(2)	$909	$589
Aggregated Income																			
Percent received by each fifth of income recipients ranked by income in 1954, total.....	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
Lowest fifth.....	3.1	3.9	4.9	(2)	5.1	(2)	2.0	1.7	(2)	6.2	3.0	(2)	6.0	13.6	4.7	(2)	(2)	4.2	10.8
Second fifth.....	7.3	10.5	13.4	(2)	13.9	(2)	7.9	4.7	(2)	15.7	9.0	(2)	14.6		10.9	(2)	(2)	8.5	
Middle fifth.....	14.4	19.2	20.0	(2)	20.1	(2)	15.4	11.8	(2)	20.1	17.9	(2)	19.5	16.9	18.3	(2)	(2)	15.0	13.7
Fourth fifth.....	26.6	26.4	23.7	(2)	23.7	(2)	22.4	19.0	(2)	24.9	24.7	(2)	25.0	23.5	26.0	(2)	(2)	25.1	19.9
Highest fifth.....	48.3	39.8	37.7	(2)	37.0	(2)	52.0	62.4	(2)	32.9	45.1	(2)	34.6	45.8	39.8	(2)	(2)	47.0	55.3

[1] Includes a very small number of unpaid family workers.
[2] Percent and median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting with income.

Table 6.--INDUSTRY: DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1954, BY MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP IN APRIL 1955 AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES

Total money income and sex	Total	Employed as civilians in April 1955														Unemployed in April 1955	In Armed Forces or not in labor force in April 1955
		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		
MALE																	
Number of persons.....thousands..	55,114	42,402	5,355	685	3,704	12,647	3,772	1,857	5,652	1,304	1,295	1,191	388	2,457	2,095	2,093	10,619
Number of persons with income thousands..	49,712	41,348	4,893	683	3,669	12,516	3,760	1,836	5,498	1,277	1,281	1,139	342	2,361	2,093	1,864	6,500
Income Recipients																	
Percent of those with income....	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
Loss.....	1.0	1.0	6.1	1.3	...	...	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.6	(1)	0.1	...	0.7	0.7
$1 to $499.....	8.6	5.7	22.2	1.9	3.0	2.5	1.3	2.2	6.8	1.6	4.1	12.5	(1)	2.9	...	14.9	24.6
$500 to $999.....	8.8	5.2	15.7	3.4	3.4	2.4	2.6	1.8	6.8	3.9	5.2	8.6	(1)	6.2	1.1	18.1	28.0
$1,000 to $1,499.....	7.3	5.5	13.3	4.4	5.2	3.0	2.8	5.1	6.9	2.9	5.7	7.5	(1)	6.5	1.7	16.5	15.9
$1,500 to $1,999.....	6.5	6.0	11.0	3.2	9.1	4.1	4.9	3.9	6.9	4.1	5.5	10.8	(1)	5.7	2.5	10.1	8.3
$2,000 to $2,499.....	6.7	6.7	8.5	5.7	7.8	6.1	6.2	7.0	8.0	5.7	6.3	8.8	(1)	5.2	2.9	8.0	6.3
$2,500 to $2,999.....	7.4	8.0	5.8	9.5	8.9	7.8	8.1	9.1	8.5	7.5	10.5	10.4	(1)	8.5	6.1	7.5	4.0
$3,000 to $3,499.....	9.3	10.6	4.6	13.3	9.8	12.5	11.7	11.2	10.8	8.1	10.6	11.3	(1)	10.0	13.6	7.7	2.2
$3,500 to $3,999.....	9.1	10.5	2.9	16.0	9.9	12.5	13.9	9.8	10.1	9.1	11.0	9.9	(1)	8.5	14.3	5.0	2.4
$4,000 to $4,499.....	8.4	9.8	2.5	10.7	9.3	11.7	14.8	9.9	7.6	7.6	8.9	7.9	(1)	6.4	19.9	2.9	1.8
$4,500 to $4,999.....	6.2	7.2	1.4	10.5	6.3	9.4	8.0	8.0	6.2	7.5	9.2	3.0	(1)	6.7	11.6	2.2	0.9
$5,000 to $5,999.....	9.2	10.7	2.5	13.5	12.7	13.8	11.7	9.9	8.7	10.5	8.0	4.1	(1)	12.6	16.3	3.0	1.5
$6,000 to $6,999.....	4.4	4.9	1.0	2.1	5.5	6.0	6.1	6.6	4.4	9.8	5.1	2.0	(1)	5.5	4.4	2.2	1.6
$7,000 to $9,999.....	4.4	5.1	0.9	1.7	6.2	5.7	5.4	9.3	4.2	10.9	4.9	2.3	(1)	6.3	4.6	0.5	1.3
$10,000 to $14,999.....	1.8	2.1	0.9	2.3	2.1	1.7	1.4	4.0	2.7	7.8	2.2	...	(1)	4.5	0.5	0.4	0.3
$15,000 to $24,999.....	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.5	1.4	1.4	0.3	(1)	2.7	0.3	0.1	0.3
$25,000 and over.....	0.3	0.4	0.1	...	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.8	...	(1)	1.8	0.2	...	0.1
Median income for persons with income.....	$3,199	$3,562	$1,226	$3,728	$3,641	$3,964	$3,932	$3,964	$3,255	$4,408	$3,559	$2,558	(1)	$3,788	$4,196	$1,494	$941
Aggregate Income																	
Percent received by each fifth of income recipients ranked by income in 1954, total.....	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
Lowest fifth.....	3.0	4.1	2.6	6.6	5.8	7.2	7.7	5.9	3.6	5.0	4.5	3.1	(1)	4.0	11.0	3.4	3.1
Second fifth.....	10.0	12.0	5.7	14.6	12.2	14.1	14.5	12.0	10.9	10.9	12.0	10.9	(1)	10.2	15.9	8.8	7.7
Middle fifth.....	17.5	17.4	12.8	18.0	17.3	17.9	18.3	15.9	16.7	15.0	16.5	18.9	(1)	14.5	18.8	14.5	11.5
Fourth fifth.....	23.7	22.8	22.4	21.9	23.1	22.4	22.1	21.1	22.2	20.8	21.5	25.9	(1)	20.2	22.1	25.6	19.9
Highest fifth.....	45.6	43.4	56.2	38.7	41.4	38.1	37.2	44.8	46.3	48.0	45.3	41.0	(1)	50.8	32.0	47.5	57.5

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

Table 6.--INDUSTRY: DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1954, BY MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP IN APRIL 1955 AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES--Con.

Total money income and sex	Total	Employed as civilians in April 1955														Unemployed in April 1955	In Armed Forces or not in labor force in April 1955
		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		
FEMALE																	
Number of persons.....thousands..	59,684	19,285	931	26	88	4,405	753	426	3,990	940	257	2,985	156	3,478	850	869	39,530
Number of persons with income thousands..	27,715	16,691	311	24	64	4,121	723	378	3,247	866	216	2,621	128	3,195	797	650	10,374
Income Recipients																	
Percent of those with income....	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
Loss.....	0.3	0.3	(1)	(1)	(1)	...	...	...	0.9	0.3	(1)	0.1	(1)	...	...	...	0.4
$1 to $499.....	26.2	13.7	(1)	(1)	(1)	5.4	3.6	6.2	16.7	4.8	(1)	34.8	(1)	8.2	3.2	29.8	44.5
$500 to $999.....	19.9	13.8	(1)	(1)	(1)	7.0	6.5	13.8	18.0	9.1	(1)	25.7	(1)	12.2	7.6	24.7	28.5
$1,000 to $1,499.....	11.2	11.5	(1)	(1)	(1)	10.5	4.5	12.8	14.3	8.3	(1)	15.3	(1)	11.0	3.0	16.0	10.4
$1,500 to $1,999.....	10.2	12.6	(1)	(1)	(1)	17.0	8.1	15.2	15.6	11.9	(1)	10.2	(1)	10.3	4.4	13.4	6.5
$2,000 to $2,499.....	9.8	14.0	(1)	(1)	(1)	18.7	16.6	11.7	14.3	24.1	(1)	6.8	(1)	13.6	10.5	7.2	3.5
$2,500 to $2,999.....	7.0	10.9	(1)	(1)	(1)	14.6	22.7	19.3	7.1	12.0	(1)	4.4	(1)	11.1	14.9	4.0	1.6
$3,000 to $3,499.....	6.9	10.7	(1)	(1)	(1)	13.5	19.2	15.2	6.3	14.3	(1)	0.9	(1)	13.0	27.6	2.3	1.5
$3,500 to $3,999.....	3.8	6.0	(1)	(1)	(1)	6.9	9.5	3.1	3.1	7.6	(1)	0.4	(1)	9.5	15.6	...	0.7
$4,000 to $4,499.....	1.8	2.8	(1)	(1)	(1)	3.1	3.8	1.0	1.3	3.3	(1)	0.4	(1)	4.3	6.9	...	0.5
$4,500 to $4,999.....	0.8	1.2	(1)	(1)	(1)	1.4	1.6	0.7	0.7	...	(1)	0.4	(1)	1.6	3.2	0.4	0.3
$5,000 to $5,999.....	1.0	1.4	(1)	(1)	(1)	0.8	2.4	1.0	0.6	1.5	(1)	0.5	(1)	3.1	1.9	1.5	0.5
$6,000 to $6,999.....	0.5	0.5	(1)	(1)	(1)	0.5	...	...	0.2	1.2	(1)	...	(1)	1.5	0.9	0.6	0.3
$7,000 to $9,999.....	0.4	0.4	(1)	(1)	(1)	0.2	1.4	...	0.4	0.9	(1)	0.1	(1)	0.5	0.4	...	0.3
$10,000 to $14,999.....	0.1	0.1	(1)	(1)	(1)	0.3	...	...	0.2	0.3	(1)	...	(1)	...	...	...	0.1
$15,000 to $24,999.....	0.1	...	(1)	(1)	(1)	...	...	...	0.1	...	(1)	...	(1)	0.1	...	...	0.1
$25,000 and over.....	...	...	(1)	(1)	(1)	...	...	...	...	0.3	(1)	...	(1)	...	...	...	...
Median income for persons with income.....	$1,161	$1,925	(1)	(1)	(1)	$2,270	$2,736	$2,085	$1,503	$2,324	(1)	$794	(1)	$2,305	$3,116	$909	$589
Aggregate Income																	
Percent received by each fifth of income recipients ranked by income in 1954, total.....	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
Lowest fifth.....	3.1	3.9	(1)	(1)	(1)	6.8	7.6	5.7	3.6	6.1	(1)	4.8	(1)	4.5	7.4	4.2	} 10.8
Second fifth.....	7.3	10.5	(1)	(1)	(1)	14.1	16.1	13.7	10.1	14.5	(1)	7.2	(1)	12.0	17.1	8.5	
Middle fifth.....	14.4	19.2	(1)	(1)	(1)	19.3	20.2	19.7	17.7	18.2	(1)	14.4	(1)	19.3	21.4	15.0	13.7
Fourth fifth.....	26.6	26.4	(1)	(1)	(1)	24.6	23.5	26.6	24.9	23.7	(1)	25.7	(1)	25.7	23.5	25.1	19.9
Highest fifth.....	48.3	39.8	(1)	(1)	(1)	35.0	32.4	34.0	43.5	37.3	(1)	47.7	(1)	38.3	30.4	47.0	55.3

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

Table 7.--SOURCE OF INCOME: DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER WITH INCOME, BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1954 AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL

Total money income and sex	Total	Earnings only								Earnings and income other than earnings						Other income, no 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	
				Total[1]	Nonfarm self-employment income only	Farm self-employment income only	Total[2]	Wages or salary and nonfarm self-employment income only	Wages or salary and farm self-employment income only			Total[3]	Nonfarm self-employment income and other income	Farm self-employment income and other income		
MALE																
United States																
All persons with income	100.0	75.9	61.9	10.3	5.5	4.6	3.7	1.4	2.3	15.8	11.9	3.1	1.9	1.1	0.8	8.0
Under $500	100.0	76.9	48.9	23.2	5.6	17.1	4.8	0.6	4.1	7.0	2.2	4.1	1.0	2.9	0.7	16.1
$500 to $999	100.0	54.6	39.0	11.0	3.0	7.7	4.6	1.0	3.6	11.0	7.1	3.1	1.3	1.7	0.8	34.4
$1,000 to $1,499	100.0	64.1	47.2	12.2	5.1	6.8	4.7	1.6	3.1	17.0	12.0	3.8	1.0	2.5	1.2	19.0
$1,500 to $1,999	100.0	70.9	53.7	11.7	4.3	7.3	5.5	1.9	3.6	17.8	12.8	3.8	1.1	2.6	1.2	11.4
$2,000 to $2,499	100.0	78.4	61.1	11.3	5.5	5.6	6.0	2.8	3.1	14.8	11.5	2.8	1.3	1.4	0.5	6.9
$2,500 to $2,999	100.0	83.9	70.3	9.4	5.9	3.1	4.2	1.2	3.0	13.3	10.5	2.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	2.8
$3,000 to $3,499	100.0	86.1	76.5	6.9	4.6	2.1	2.7	1.1	1.5	12.7	10.2	1.9	1.7	0.2	0.6	1.3
$3,500 to $3,999	100.0	85.7	77.3	5.7	4.3	1.2	2.7	1.2	1.5	13.3	11.4	1.7	1.4	0.2	0.2	1.1
$4,000 to $4,499	100.0	83.8	76.7	4.8	3.6	1.2	2.3	1.2	1.0	15.0	12.8	1.9	1.6	0.3	0.3	1.1
$4,500 to $4,999	100.0	84.7	75.0	5.8	4.8	1.0	3.9	1.8	2.1	14.8	12.6	1.5	1.4	0.1	0.7	0.6
$5,000 to $5,999	100.0	79.8	71.2	6.3	4.9	1.2	2.3	1.1	1.2	19.6	16.4	2.4	1.5	0.7	0.8	0.7
$6,000 to $6,999	100.0	74.1	65.3	6.4	5.5	0.8	2.4	1.9	0.5	24.6	18.5	4.6	3.0	1.1	1.5	1.3
$7,000 to $9,999	100.0	66.8	49.7	14.1	12.5	1.1	3.0	2.5	0.5	32.5	24.0	7.5	7.4	0.1	1.0	0.7
$10,000 to $14,999	100.0	56.6	32.0	21.8	19.4	1.6	2.8	1.5	1.3	41.7	25.9	12.8	10.7	1.3	3.0	1.6
$15,000 and over	100.0	53.0	19.0	29.4	26.1	2.3	4.6	4.6	...	42.1	20.9	16.0	15.4	0.7	5.2	4.9
Median income for persons with income	$3,199	$3,312	$3,460	$2,208	$3,566	$987	$2,379	$3,309	$1,926	$3,825	$3,941	$3,246	$4,690	$1,417	$3,150	$900
Urban																
All persons with income	100.0	75.8	67.8	6.4	6.2	0.2	1.6	1.4	0.2	16.1	13.4	2.2	2.1	0.1	0.5	7.9
Rural Nonfarm																
All persons with income	100.0	75.0	63.7	8.2	5.9	2.1	3.1	2.0	1.0	16.2	12.3	3.1	2.4	0.5	0.8	8.9
Rural Farm																
All persons with income	100.0	78.4	32.6	31.4	1.6	28.6	14.4	0.7	13.5	14.9	4.7	7.8	0.5	6.7	2.4	6.8
FEMALE																
United States																
All persons with income	100.0	69.4	66.2	2.8	2.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.1	8.5	7.4	0.9	0.7	0.2	0.2	22.2
Under $500	100.0	67.0	62.0	4.3	3.2	1.1	0.7	0.3	0.4	3.2	2.5	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	29.8
$500 to $999	100.0	51.9	50.0	1.7	1.2	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	7.3	6.2	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.3	40.8
$1,000 to $1,499	100.0	65.3	62.1	2.7	2.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.1	12.0	10.8	1.0	0.9	0.1	0.2	22.7
$1,500 to $1,999	100.0	73.0	70.1	2.5	2.4	0.1	0.4	0.4	...	11.7	10.6	0.9	0.7	0.2	0.2	15.2
$2,000 to $2,499	100.0	85.4	82.8	2.6	2.6	...	...	...	...	7.0	6.2	0.8	0.8	...	...	7.7
$2,500 to $2,999	100.0	86.4	84.6	1.4	1.4	...	0.4	0.4	...	9.8	8.8	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.1	3.8
$3,000 to $3,499	100.0	88.0	86.5	1.5	1.5	...	...	...	...	8.4	8.1	0.3	0.3	...	...	3.5
$3,500 to $3,999	100.0	84.3	81.0	2.0	1.6	0.4	1.3	1.3	...	12.9	11.6	1.3	0.9	0.4	...	2.8
$4,000 to $4,999	100.0	70.1	66.9	2.4	2.4	...	0.8	0.8	...	22.4	20.9	1.1	0.8	0.4	0.4	7.5
$5,000 and over	100.0	50.3	42.7	7.1	7.1	...	0.5	0.5	...	26.3	19.2	7.1	7.1	...	...	23.5
Median income for persons with income	$1,161	$1,454	$1,484	$883	$1,162	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	$1,736	$1,762	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	$696
Urban																
All persons with income	100.0	70.3	67.7	2.3	2.3	...	0.3	0.3	...	8.8	7.9	0.8	0.8	...	0.1	20.8
Rural Nonfarm																
All persons with income	100.0	66.8	63.8	2.6	2.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	...	7.7	6.9	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.1	25.6
Rural Farm																
All persons with income	100.0	67.0	58.9	6.6	2.3	4.3	1.5	...	1.5	6.9	4.0	2.4	0.5	1.9	0.5	26.0

[1] Includes a relatively small number of persons reporting both farm and nonfarm self-employment income, not shown separately.
[2] Includes a relatively small number of persons reporting income from wages or salary, nonfarm self-employment, and farm self-employment, not shown separately.
[3] Includes a relatively small number of persons reporting income other than earnings and both farm and nonfarm self-employment income, not shown separately.
[4] Median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting with income.

Table 8.--REGION AND COLOR: DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1954, BY SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES, BY REGIONS

Total money income and sex	United States			Northeast			North Central			South			West		
	Total	White	Nonwhite	Total	White	Nonwhite	Total	White	Nonwhite	Total	White	Nonwhite	Total	White	Nonwhite
MALE															
Income Recipients															
Percent of those with income	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
Loss	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.3	0.4	...	0.9	0.9	...	1.8	1.8	1.6	0.8	0.8	...
$1 to $499	8.6	7.6	18.4	5.3	5.3	5.4	7.2	7.0	9.8	13.9	11.1	25.6	7.4	6.9	13.4
$500 to $999	8.8	8.2	14.9	6.6	6.3	11.1	9.0	8.7	13.6	10.7	9.2	16.9	8.8	8.6	12.2
$1,000 to $1,499	7.3	6.8	12.2	5.9	6.0	5.7	6.2	6.2	5.9	8.8	7.5	14.6	9.2	8.5	19.6
$1,500 to $1,999	6.5	6.1	10.1	5.7	5.2	13.0	6.1	6.1	6.4	8.3	7.6	11.0	5.5	5.4	6.8
$2,000 to $2,499	6.7	6.4	9.8	6.8	6.7	8.0	6.5	6.1	12.7	7.8	7.4	9.4	4.9	4.6	9.8
$2,500 to $2,999	7.4	7.3	8.9	8.7	8.3	14.8	6.8	6.7	10.0	7.6	7.5	7.8	6.0	6.1	4.2
$3,000 to $3,499	9.3	9.2	10.0	12.2	11.9	17.8	8.8	8.6	13.6	7.8	8.1	6.9	8.0	7.9	9.2
$3,500 to $3,999	9.1	9.5	6.0	10.7	10.6	11.7	9.7	9.9	6.7	7.2	8.1	3.5	8.9	8.8	9.8
$4,000 to $4,499	8.4	8.9	4.2	9.7	9.9	6.7	9.1	9.1	9.0	6.4	7.6	1.3	8.6	8.7	8.0
$4,500 to $4,999	6.2	6.6	2.1	6.8	7.1	2.5	6.9	7.0	5.7	4.3	5.2	0.6	7.2	7.5	3.3
$5,000 to $5,999	9.2	10.0	1.3	9.9	10.4	1.7	10.6	11.1	2.6	6.2	7.6	0.6	10.4	10.9	2.7
$6,000 to $6,999	4.4	4.8	0.6	4.3	4.5	0.6	5.0	5.1	2.6	3.1	3.8	0.1	5.6	6.0	...
$7,000 to $9,999	4.4	4.8	0.4	4.2	4.4	...	4.8	5.0	1.5	3.4	4.2	0.1	5.6	5.9	0.9
$10,000 to $14,999	1.8	2.0	...	2.0	2.1	...	1.6	1.7	...	1.8	2.2	...	1.7	1.8	...
$15,000 to $24,999	0.6	0.7	...	0.5	0.5	...	0.6	0.6	...	0.5	0.6	...	1.0	1.1	...
$25,000 and over	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.2	0.2	...	0.4	0.5	...	0.5	0.5	...
Median income for persons with income	$3,199	$3,359	$1,678	$3,439	$3,496	$2,730	$3,415	$3,483	$2,580	$2,417	$2,860	$1,202	$3,463	$3,568	$1,853
Aggregate Income															
Percent received by each fifth of income recipients ranked by income in 1954, total	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
Lowest fifth	3.0	3.1	2.7	4.3	4.3	5.1	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.2	2.4	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.7
Second fifth	10.0	10.4	9.1	12.3	12.5	13.2	10.8	10.8	11.5	7.7	8.6	7.6	9.6	9.9	10.0
Middle fifth	17.5	17.4	17.2	17.8	17.7	19.8	18.0	18.0	19.4	15.3	16.0	15.9	17.4	17.6	16.4
Fourth fifth	23.7	23.4	27.8	22.8	23.0	24.5	24.2	24.3	26.1	23.8	23.5	27.3	24.0	23.8	28.6
Highest fifth	45.6	45.4	42.9	42.4	42.3	37.1	43.6	43.4	39.0	50.7	49.2	45.6	45.6	45.3	41.0
FEMALE															
Income Recipients															
Percent of those with income	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
Loss	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	...	0.1	0.2	...	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	(1)
$1 to $499	26.2	24.3	39.4	19.9	19.5	23.4	25.9	26.2	21.7	32.2	28.0	49.0	27.3	27.1	(1)
$500 to $999	19.9	19.0	25.9	17.2	17.3	16.3	20.0	19.5	27.2	22.4	20.1	28.9	19.8	19.7	(1)
$1,000 to $1,499	11.2	11.0	12.5	11.8	10.8	21.8	10.7	10.8	9.3	10.7	10.9	9.9	11.9	11.6	(1)
$1,500 to $1,999	10.2	10.4	8.8	12.7	12.5	14.9	8.9	8.4	16.8	9.9	11.8	4.9	8.6	8.4	(1)
$2,000 to $2,499	9.8	10.4	5.3	12.0	12.6	6.1	9.6	9.3	12.8	8.4	10.4	3.1	8.3	8.3	(1)
$2,500 to $2,999	7.0	7.7	2.2	9.4	9.7	6.3	7.7	8.1	1.4	4.8	6.1	1.3	5.5	5.8	(1)
$3,000 to $3,499	6.9	7.5	2.6	7.6	7.9	4.2	8.0	8.2	4.3	4.8	6.0	1.5	7.4	7.5	(1)
$3,500 to $3,999	3.8	4.0	1.8	4.0	3.9	5.2	4.6	4.7	2.3	2.7	3.4	0.7	3.9	4.1	(1)
$4,000 to $4,499	1.8	2.0	0.9	1.8	1.8	1.0	1.9	1.8	3.2	1.3	1.7	0.3	2.8	2.9	(1)
$4,500 to $4,999	0.8	0.9	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.6	...	1.4	1.5	(1)
$5,000 to $5,999	1.0	1.2	...	0.8	0.9	...	0.9	1.0	...	1.2	1.6	...	1.5	1.6	(1)
$6,000 to $6,999	0.5	0.5	...	0.9	0.9	...	0.4	0.4	...	0.2	0.3	...	0.4	0.4	(1)
$7,000 to $9,999	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.5	...	0.3	0.3	...	0.4	0.5	...	0.3	0.2	(1)
$10,000 to $14,999	0.1	0.1	...	0.3	0.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.2	0.2	(1)
$15,000 to $24,999	0.1	0.1	...	0.1	0.1	...	0.1	0.1	...	0.1	0.1	...	...	...	(1)
$25,000 and over	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.1	0.1	(1)
Median income for persons with income	$1,161	$1,291	$701	$1,532	$1,584	$1,236	$1,187	$1,190	$1,059	$888	$1,161	$510	$1,097	$1,112	(1)
Aggregate Income															
Percent received by each fifth of income recipients ranked by income in 1954, total	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
Lowest fifth	3.1	3.0	5.0	2.7	2.7	3.4	3.1	3.0	3.5	3.7	3.2	13.4	3.0	3.0	(1)
Second fifth	7.3	7.6	5.2	8.9	8.9	9.3	7.4	7.3	10.1	6.4	7.5		6.8	6.8	(1)
Middle fifth	14.4	15.5	15.0	16.7	16.9	17.4	14.6	14.6	15.3	13.0	14.8	13.8	13.1	13.3	(1)
Fourth fifth	26.6	26.9	23.3	25.8	26.3	25.0	27.7	28.0	26.7	25.5	26.1	21.3	26.2	26.5	(1)
Highest fifth	48.3	46.8	51.3	45.7	45.0	44.6	47.0	46.8	44.2	51.1	48.2	51.3	50.6	50.3	(1)

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

Table 9.--TOTAL INCOME, 1944 TO 1954: DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME, BY SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES, FARM AND NONFARM

Total money income	Male											Female										
	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944
UNITED STATES																						
Total persons	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	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent with income	90.2	91.3	91.3	90.1	90.1	89.9	89.9	88.9	(1)	89.5	88.9	46.4	46.4	46.5	43.7	43.2	41.8	40.9	39.2	(1)	45.1	47.9
Percent without income	9.8	8.7	8.7	9.9	9.9	10.1	10.1	11.1	(1)	10.5	11.1	53.6	53.6	53.5	56.3	56.8	58.2	59.1	60.8	(1)	54.9	52.1
Percent of those with income	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	100.0	100.0	100.0
Loss	1.0	1.1	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.4	(1)	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	(1)	0.1	0.1
$1 to $499	8.6	8.7	7.7	8.7	10.6	11.6	9.6	9.8	(1)	11.6	13.0	26.2	26.3	28.0	29.2	31.7	31.3	28.9	29.8	(1)	30.3	30.5
$500 to $999	8.8	8.3	8.2	8.4	9.4	10.7	10.4	11.1	(1)	16.5	12.2	19.9	19.5	18.7	19.6	19.8	20.0	20.6	19.5	(1)	24.3	23.7
$1,000 to $1,499	7.3	6.4	7.2	7.0	8.0	9.4	9.8	10.5	(1)	13.8	11.1	11.2	11.3	10.8	10.9	11.4	13.5	14.5	16.0	(1)	19.4	19.3
$1,500 to $1,999	6.5	6.0	6.7	6.9	8.4	9.3	9.3	11.3	(1)	12.2	11.9	10.2	10.1	11.0	12.3	12.2	12.7	13.9	15.6	(1)	13.8	12.9
$2,000 to $2,499	6.7	7.6	8.3	9.6	11.4	11.7	13.2	14.9	(1)	13.2	14.1	9.8	10.7	10.6	11.0	11.6	11.2	11.6	10.4	(1)	7.0	7.3
$2,500 to $2,999	7.4	7.4	8.5	9.8	10.2	11.6	11.5	11.3	(1)	10.7	11.6	7.0	7.4	7.4	7.2	6.5	5.2	5.2	3.8	(1)	2.7	2.9
$3,000 to $3,499	9.3	10.1	13.2	12.3	12.5	11.5	12.2	10.9	(1)	8.4	9.5	6.9	6.5	7.4	4.9	3.3	3.1	2.4	2.1	(1)	1.1	1.2
$3,500 to $3,999	9.1	9.2	9.7	10.3	8.4	7.7	7.3	5.9	(1)	4.8	5.6	3.8	3.4	2.6	2.2	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.9	(1)	0.3	0.6
$4,000 to $4,499	8.4	8.7	7.8	8.0	6.2	4.8	5.1	4.3	(1)	2.3	3.0	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.6	(1)	0.2	0.4
$4,500 to $4,999	6.2	6.1	5.7	4.7	3.4	2.9	2.9	2.1	(1)	1.5	2.0	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	(1)	0.2	0.3
$5,000 to $5,999	9.2	9.5	8.0	6.4	4.6	3.4	3.6	3.0	(1)	2.4	2.2	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	(1)	0.1	0.3
$6,000 to $9,999	8.8	8.5	6.4	5.5	4.0	3.0	3.1	3.0	(1)	1.3	2.0	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	(1)	0.1	0.3
$10,000 and over	2.7	2.3	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.4	1.6	1.6	(1)	0.8	1.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	(1)	0.1	0.3
Median income for persons with income	$3,199	$3,223	$3,105	$2,952	$2,570	$2,346	$2,396	$2,230	(1)	$1,811	$2,046	$1,161	$1,168	$1,147	$1,045	$953	$960	$1,009	$1,017	(1)	$901	$909
URBAN AND RURAL NONFARM																						
Total persons	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	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent with income	90.9	91.9	92.3	90.7	90.8	90.5	90.7	89.6	91.5	90.5	90.0	48.3	48.3	48.4	46.2	45.2	44.1	43.1	41.2	51.7	48.8	51.5
Percent without income	9.1	8.1	7.7	9.3	9.2	9.5	9.3	10.4	8.5	9.5	10.0	51.7	51.7	51.6	53.8	54.8	55.9	56.9	58.8	48.3	51.2	48.5
Median income for persons with income	$3,469	$3,421	$3,258	$3,130	$2,784	$2,563	$2,585	$2,368	$2,116	$2,042	$2,265	$1,252	$1,250	$1,252	$1,147	$1,043	$1,049	$1,122	$1,103	$909	$962	$969
RURAL FARM																						
Total persons	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	100.0	100.0	100.0
Percent with income	85.8	87.3	87.3	86.4	86.7	87.0	85.5	85.8	(1)	85.3	84.7	32.7	32.9	33.3	27.7	31.0	28.0	29.7	28.6	(1)	27.6	29.4
Percent without income	14.2	12.7	12.7	13.6	13.3	13.0	14.5	14.2	(1)	14.7	15.3	67.3	67.1	66.7	72.3	69.0	72.0	70.3	71.4	(1)	72.4	70.6
Median income for persons with income	$1,342	$1,394	$1,481	$1,486	$1,328	$1,054	$1,385	$1,360	(1)	$904	$951	$499	$482	$449	$440	$417	$392	$467	$483	(1)	$431	$439

[1] Comparable figures not available.

Table 10.--TYPE OF INCOME IN 1954: DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY WAGE OR SALARY INCOME, NONFARM SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME, FARM SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME, AND INCOME OTHER THAN EARNINGS, BY SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES

Income of specified type	Wage or salary income			Nonfarm self-employment income			Farm self-employment income			Income other than earnings		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
Number of persons.....thousands..	114,798	55,114	59,684	114,798	55,114	59,684	114,798	55,114	59,684	114,798	55,114	59,684
Number of persons with specified type of income.....thousands..	58,669	38,245	20,424	5,573	4,637	936	4,425	4,200	225	19,969	11,578	8,391
INCOME RECIPIENTS												
Percent of those with specified type of income.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Loss.....	...	...	...	5.5	5.2	7.2	14.7	14.7	(1)	0.3	0.4	0.3
$1 to $499.....	15.1	9.2	25.7	15.8	12.2	33.2	30.3	28.7	(1)	41.3	42.5	39.7
$500 to $999.....	9.6	6.3	15.4	8.5	7.9	11.4	14.8	14.8	(1)	30.7	28.8	33.4
$1,000 to $1,499.....	7.5	5.9	10.6	7.7	7.3	9.6	10.0	10.2	(1)	11.8	11.7	12.0
$1,500 to $1,999.....	7.5	5.9	10.1	6.1	5.4	9.6	7.7	8.0	(1)	6.5	6.5	6.6
$2,000 to $2,499.....	8.3	6.5	11.5	6.9	6.3	9.3	7.0	7.3	(1)	3.3	3.5	3.1
$2,500 to $2,999.....	8.2	8.0	8.7	5.9	6.3	3.8	3.4	3.6	(1)	1.4	1.7	1.0
$3,000 to $3,499.....	10.1	10.7	8.9	6.5	7.2	3.5	2.7	2.9	(1)	1.2	1.3	0.9
$3,500 to $3,999.....	8.3	10.5	4.5	5.5	6.1	2.6	2.0	1.9	(1)	0.6	0.6	0.5
$4,000 to $4,499.....	7.0	9.6	2.1	3.7	4.2	1.4	1.9	2.0	(1)	0.6	0.8	0.5
$4,500 to $4,999.....	5.0	7.3	0.8	3.5	4.1	0.4	1.0	1.0	(1)	0.3	0.4	0.3
$5,000 to $5,999.....	6.8	10.1	0.9	5.3	5.8	3.2	1.7	1.8	(1)	0.6	0.6	0.7
$6,000 to $6,999.....	3.0	4.5	0.4	3.6	4.1	1.0	0.7	0.8	(1)	0.4	0.4	0.3
$7,000 to $9,999.....	2.5	3.8	0.1	7.7	8.6	3.0	1.0	1.0	(1)	0.4	0.4	0.4
$10,000 to $14,999.....	0.8	1.3	...	4.8	5.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	(1)	0.2	0.2	0.2
$15,000 to $24,999.....	0.2	0.3	...	1.9	2.2	...	0.4	0.4	(1)	0.1	0.1	0.1
$25,000 and over.....	0.1	0.1	...	1.1	1.3	...	...	...	(1)	0.1	0.2	...
Median income of specified type for persons with such income.....	$2,622	$3,383	$1,428	$2,464	$2,952	$921	$669	$723	(1)	$637	$623	$650
AGGREGATE INCOME												
Percent received by each fifth of income recipients ranked by each type of income in 1954, total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Lowest fifth.....	2.5	3.4	3.0	1.2	1.3	5.8	6.6	6.4	(1)	10.0	9.8	10.4
Second fifth.....	9.1	12.0	7.3	5.0	5.9							
Middle fifth.....	18.0	18.7	17.3	12.0	12.8	11.0	8.4	9.1	(1)	14.4	13.2	15.8
Fourth fifth.....	25.5	24.1	28.4	21.0	21.1	22.6	21.0	21.1	(1)	19.1	18.7	19.2
Highest fifth.....	44.7	41.5	44.1	60.6	58.7	60.5	63.7	63.2	(1)	56.1	58.1	54.3

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

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Table 11.--COLOR AND INDUSTRY, 1954 AND 1939: MEDIAN WAGE OR SALARY INCOME OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER WITH WAGE OR SALARY INCOME, BY MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES

(Figures are restricted to persons who were wage or salary workers at the time of the survey)

Color and major industry group	Both sexes		Male		Female	
	1954	1939[1]	1954	1939[1]	1954	1939[1]
COLOR						
White	$3,174	$956	$3,754	$1,112	$2,046	$676
Nonwhite	1,589	364	2,131	460	914	246
MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP IN SURVEY WEEK						
Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries	$1,072	$292	$1,109	$301	(2)	$154
Mining	3,464	957	3,471	956	(2)	1,077
Construction	3,455	777	3,475	777	(2)	804
Manufacturing	3,371	988	3,860	1,141	$2,197	646
Transportation, communication, and other public utilities	3,634	1,365	3,884	1,425	2,710	1,068
Wholesale trade	3,331	1,215	3,800	1,326	1,972	828
Retail trade	2,139	793	3,048	969	1,390	599
Finance, insurance, and real estate	3,110	1,257	4,135	1,487	2,306	977
Business and repair services	3,185	971	3,429	995	(2)	838
Personal services	839	360	2,138	738	665	292
Entertainment and recreation services	2,622	814	(2)	888	(2)	639
Professional and related services	2,630	995	3,295	1,235	2,263	896
Public administration	3,758	1,492	4,094	1,625	3,104	1,233

[1] Excludes public emergency workers.
[2] Median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting with wage or salary income.

Table 12.--OCCUPATION, 1954 AND 1939: MEDIAN WAGE OR SALARY INCOME OF THE EXPERIENCED CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, BY MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP AND SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES

Major occupation group	Both sexes		Male		Female	
	1954	1939[1]	1954	1939[1]	1954	1939[1]
Professional, technical, and kindred workers	$3,874	$1,373	$4,905	$1,809	$3,008	$1,023
Farmers and farm managers	571	372	577	373	(2)	348
Managers, officials, and proprietors, except farm	4,908	2,030	5,234	2,136	(2)	1,107
Clerical and kindred workers	2,849	1,152	3,735	1,421	2,468	966
Sales workers	2,604	1,032	3,823	1,277	1,348	636
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred workers	4,210	1,298	4,246	1,309	(2)	827
Operatives and kindred workers	2,897	850	3,349	1,007	1,852	582
Private household workers	498	304	(2)	429	495	296
Service workers, except private household	1,840	693	2,818	833	1,154	493
Farm laborers and foremen	850	305	923	309	(2)	176
Laborers, except farm and mine	2,353	667	2,358	673	(2)	538

[1] Exclude public emergency workers and persons having less than $100 of wage or salary income but include members of the Armed Forces.
[2] Median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting with $1 or more of wage or salary income.

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