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MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME UP ABOUT 5 PERCENT IN 1965

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

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

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

The 1965 income statistics presented in this report were obtained from the Bureau's Current Population Survey of March 1966. The information was collected from the civilian noninstitutional population and members of the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post in the United States. In addition to this report, another report containing advance data for income of persons will follow. More detailed income data for families and persons will appear in a report in this series to be issued later this year.

This report covers money income only, prior to deductions for taxes. For more detailed definitions of the terms and concepts used in this report, see Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 47.

Since the estimates in this report are based on a sample, they are subject to sampling variability. Moreover, as in all field surveys of income, the figures are subject to errors of response and nonreporting.

Table A.--FAMILIES BY 1965 INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES

(Families as of March 1966)

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

[1] See Monthly Labor Review, March 1966, Vol. 89, No. 3, table D-1, page 358.

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Table 1.--FAMILY INCOME, 1947, 1950, AND 1955 TO 1965: FAMILIES BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES

(This report excludes inmates of institutions. It includes members of the Armed Forces in the United States living off post or with their families on post but excludes all other members of the Armed Forces; the 1966 survey included about 846,000 members. Number of families relates to the following year)

Total money income	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1950	1947
Number.....thousands..	48,279	47,835	47,436	46,998	46,341	45,435	45,062	44,202	43,714	43,445	42,843	39,929	37,237
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under $1,000.....	3.0	3.2	3.8	4.2	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.6	6.4	6.5	7.7	11.5	10.8
$1,000 to $1,999.....	6.1	6.3	6.8	7.4	7.7	8.0	8.3	8.7	8.5	8.9	9.8	13.2	16.6
$2,000 to $2,999.....	7.4	8.1	7.9	8.3	8.7	8.7	9.3	9.8	9.6	10.2	11.0	17.8	22.0
$3,000 to $3,999.....	7.8	8.4	8.7	9.2	9.4	9.8	10.1	11.2	11.8	12.5	14.6	20.7	19.7
$4,000 to $4,999.....	8.0	8.6	9.0	9.9	10.5	10.5	11.7	13.4	14.1	14.9	15.5	13.6	11.6
$5,000 to $5,999.....	9.3	9.9	11.1	11.5	11.7	12.9	13.2	13.7	14.5	13.7	12.7	9.0	7.7
$6,000 to $6,999.....	9.3	9.9	10.2	10.9	10.2	10.8	11.0	10.7	10.3	9.8	9.5	5.2	8.9
$7,000 to $7,999.....	9.7	9.3	9.1	8.6	9.1	8.7	8.4	16.8	16.3	15.6	12.9	5.8	
$8,000 to $9,999.....	14.4	13.9	13.4	12.3	11.6	11.3	10.6						
$10,000 to $14,999.....	17.3	16.2	14.5	12.8	11.3	10.6	9.1	7.6	6.5	5.9	4.8	3.3	2.7
$15,000 to $24,999.....	6.1	5.2	4.4	4.0	3.6	2.8	2.4	1.9	1.4	1.5	0.9		
$25,000 and over.....	1.5	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5		
Median income.....	$6,882	$6,569	$6,249	$5,956	$5,737	$5,620	$5,417	$5,087	$4,971	$4,783	$4,421	$3,319	$3,031

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

(Families and unrelated individuals as of March 1966)

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

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

(Families and unrelated individuals as of March 1966)

Total money income	Families							Unrelated individuals						
	Total	Age of head (years)						Total	Age (years)					
		14 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over		14 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
Number.....thousands..	48,279	3,050	9,291	11,094	10,460	7,489	6,895	12,132	1,158	1,085	1,091	1,594	2,524	4,680
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under $1,000.....	3.0	5.6	2.7	2.1	2.1	3.6	4.7	23.6	29.9	8.4	12.5	17.3	19.9	32.1
$1,000 to $1,999.....	6.1	7.2	3.7	2.6	3.1	6.6	18.7	24.7	16.5	8.8	9.3	15.9	20.3	39.4
$2,000 to $2,999.....	7.4	8.2	5.3	4.2	4.9	7.0	19.3	12.6	12.7	11.3	10.9	12.4	13.6	12.7
$3,000 to $3,999.....	7.8	11.1	6.3	6.6	5.4	7.7	14.7	9.2	13.1	10.2	12.6	10.4	10.6	6.0
$4,000 to $4,999.....	8.0	12.0	8.4	7.0	6.6	8.5	9.2	8.0	11.5	12.5	13.4	9.1	9.9	3.3
$5,000 to $5,999.....	9.3	14.9	11.1	8.9	8.0	9.3	7.3	7.0	9.3	17.1	10.4	9.2	8.1	1.8
$6,000 to $6,999.....	9.3	13.0	11.9	9.7	8.5	8.4	5.6	4.9	2.4	13.5	7.8	8.2	5.4	1.4
$7,000 to $7,999.....	9.7	10.2	13.8	10.4	9.4	8.4	4.8	3.4	0.9	7.0	6.9	5.7	4.3	1.1
$8,000 to $9,999.....	14.4	11.0	17.8	17.6	15.6	13.1	6.0	3.5	1.9	6.3	8.7	6.2	3.5	0.9
$10,000 to $14,999.....	17.3	6.3	15.7	21.8	24.0	18.0	6.0	2.3	1.2	4.3	6.1	3.6	3.1	0.4
$15,000 and over.....	7.6	0.7	3.2	9.3	12.5	9.6	3.7	1.0	0.4	0.6	1.4	2.1	1.2	0.6
Median income.....	$6,882	$5,399	$7,041	$7,867	$8,238	$6,885	$3,460	$2,110	$2,216	$4,901	$4,360	$3,417	$2,680	$1,348

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

(Families as of March 1966)

Selected characteristics	Median income
All families	$6,882
REGIONS	
Northeast	$7,467
North Central	7,267
South	5,536
West	7,580
TYPE OF FAMILY	
Male head	$7,235
Married, wife present	7,265
Wife in paid labor force	8,597
Wife not in paid labor force	6,592
Other marital status	6,148
Female head	3,532
NUMBER OF FARNERS	
No earners	$2,283
1 earner	6,060
2 earners	7,983
3 earners or more	10,269

Selected characteristics	Median income
Families with employed head	$7,602
MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP OF HEAD	
Professional, technical, and kindred workers	$10,064
Self-employed	12,021
Salaried	9,908
Farmers and farm managers	3,997
Managers, officials, and propr's, exc. farm	9,721
Self-employed	7,843
Salaried	10,547
Clerical and kindred workers	7,424
Sales workers	8,567
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred workers	7,982
Operatives and kindred workers	6,872
Private household workers	2,292
Service workers, exc. private household	5,920
Farm laborers and foremen	3,028
Laborers, exc. farm and mine	5,327
MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP OF HEAD	
Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries	$3,825
Mining	7,206
Construction	7,382
Manufacturing	8,015
Transport., commun., and other public utilities	8,051
Wholesale trade	8,142
Retail trade	6,904
Finance, insurance, and real estate	8,622
Business and repair services	7,343
Personal services	4,813
Entertainment and recreation services	6,731
Professional and related services	8,320
Public administration	8,444

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