

Status Report

Earnings and the Earnings Gap

Median Earnings of Full-time, Year-round Workers

United States 1960-2009

Year	Women	Men	Ratio*	Year	Women	Men	Ratio*
1960	20,643	34,023	60.7%	1985	29,702	45,995	64.6%
1961	20,801	35,108	59.2%	1986	30,309	47,159	64.3%
1962	21,199	35,750	59.3%	1987	30,545	46,863	65.2%
1963	21,603	36,648	58.9%	1988	30,674	46,442	66.0%
1964	22,183	37,504	59.1%	1989	31,348	45,648	68.7%
1965	22,794	38,038	59.9%	1990	31,535	44,033	71.6%
1966	22,849	39,699	57.6%	1991	31,566	45,186	69.9%
1967	23,302	40,327	57.8%	1992	32,017	45,231	70.8%
1968	24,082	41,409	58.2%	1993	31,788	44,446	71.5%
1969	25,743	43,733	58.9%	1994	31,779	44,157	72.0%
1970	56,240	44,199	59.4%	1995	3,140	44,016	71.4%
1971	26,414	44,388	59.5%	1996	32,276	43,757	73.8%
1972	27,066	46,778	57.9%	1997	33,276	44,870	74.2%
1973	27,336	48,268	56.6%	1998	33,986	46,448	73.2%
1974	27,342	46,536	58.8%	1999	33,876	46,846	72.3%
1975	27,201	46,246	58.8%	2000	34,205	46,399	73.7%
1976	27,760	46,119	60.2%	2001	35,395	46,372	76.3%
1977	27,786	47,156	58.9%	2002	36,010	47,010	76.6%
1978	28,211	47,461	59.4%	2003	35,831	47,428	75.5%
1979	27,951	46,848	59.7%	2004	35,474	46,326	76.6%
1980	27,750	46,127	60.0%	2005	35,003	45,471	77.0%
1981	27,157	45,847	59.2%	2006	34,590	44,959	76.9%
1982	27,774	44,981	61.7%	2007	36,312	46,669	77.8%
1983	28,481	44,786	63.6%	2008	35,609	46,191	77.1%
1984	29,062	45,653	63.7%	2009	36,278	47,127	77.0%

Notes:

-Earnings are in actual dollars for each year, adjusted for inflation.

*Ratio means female-to-male earnings ratio.

Source: *Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2009*, U.S. Census Bureau