

Earnings and the Earnings Gap
Median Earnings of Full-time, Year-round Workers
United States 1955-2004

Year	Female-to-male earnings ratio			Year	Female-to-male earnings ratio		
	Women	Men	ratio		Women	Men	ratio
1955	\$2,719	\$4,252	63.9%	1980	\$11,197	\$18,612	60.2%
1956	\$2,827	\$4,466	63.3%	1981	\$12,001	\$20,260	59.2%
1957	\$3,008	\$4,713	63.8%	1982	\$13,014	\$21,077	61.7%
1958	\$3,102	\$4,927	63.0%	1983	\$13,902	\$21,854	63.6%
1959	\$3,193	\$5,209	61.3%	1984	\$14,780	\$23,218	63.7%
1960	\$3,293	\$5,417	60.8%	1985	\$15,624	\$24,195	64.6%
1961	\$3,351	\$5,644	59.4%	1986	\$16,232	\$25,256	64.3%
1962	\$3,446	\$5,794	59.5%	1987	\$16,911	\$25,946	65.2%
1963	\$3,561	\$5,978	59.6%	1988	\$17,606	\$26,656	66.0%
1964	\$3,690	\$6,195	59.6%	1989	\$18,769	\$27,331	68.7%
1965	\$3,823	\$6,375	60.0%	1990	\$19,822	\$27,678	71.6%
1966	\$3,973	\$6,848	58.0%	1991	\$20,553	\$29,421	69.9%
1967	\$4,150	\$7,182	57.8%	1992	\$21,440	\$30,358	70.6%
1968	\$4,457	\$7,664	58.2%	1993	\$21,747	\$30,407	71.5%
1969	\$4,977	\$8,227	60.5%	1994	\$22,205	\$30,854	72.0%
1970	\$5,323	\$8,966	59.4%	1995	\$22,497	\$31,496	71.4%
1971	\$5,593	\$9,399	59.5%	1996	\$23,710	\$32,144	73.8%
1972	\$5,903	\$10,202	57.9%	1997	\$24,973	\$33,674	74.2%
1973	\$6,335	\$11,186	56.6%	1998	\$25,862	\$35,345	73.2%
1974	\$6,970	\$11,889	58.6%	1999	\$26,324	\$36,476	72.2%
1975	\$7,504	\$12,758	58.8%	2000	\$27,355	\$37,339	73.3%
1976	\$8,099	\$13,455	60.2%	2001	\$29,215	\$38,275	76.3%
1977	\$8,618	\$14,626	58.9%	2002	\$30,203	\$39,429	76.6%
1978	\$9,350	\$15,730	59.4%	2003	\$30,724	\$40,668	75.5%
1979	\$10,151	\$17,014	59.7%	2004	\$31,223	\$40,798	76.5%

Notes: Earnings are in actual dollars for each year (not adjusted for inflation).
Includes full-time, year-round workers 15 years and older beginning in 1980, and comparable workers 14 years and older for previous years.

Source: *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2004*, U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Census Bureau income reports from previous years.

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