
Note: 2016 dollars.
Distribution of Family Income, 1963–2016


Notes: 2016 dollars. Income here is measured as private income (e.g., earnings and dividends) plus cash government benefits. Income differences narrow when all taxes and transfers—such as health insurance and in-kind government benefits—are included, but private wealth does not change.

$0 $50,000 $100,000 $150,000 $200,000
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10th PERCENTILE
90th PERCENTILE
50th PERCENTILE
90th PERCENTILE

7x more
13x
2x more
3x
Average Family Wealth by Race/Ethnicity, 1963–2016


Notes: 2016 dollars. No comparable data are available between 1963 and 1983. Black/Hispanic distinction within nonwhite population available only in 1983 and later.


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Average Family Wealth for Those Born 1943–51 by Race

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Median Family Wealth for Those Born 1943–51 by Race


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Average Accumulated Real Lifetime Earnings at Ages 58–62 for People Born 1950–54, by Gender and Race/Ethnicity

**Source:** Melissa Favreault, Urban Institute's tabulations from the 2008 Survey of Income and Program Participation matched to Summary Earnings Records through 2012.

**Notes:** 2015 dollars. These people are ages 58–62 in 2012. Excludes people outside US for more than 10 years of adulthood; this is especially important for Hispanics, who are more likely foreign born. Earnings are accumulated using assumed interest rates from the OASDI trustees report.
Homeownership Rate by Race/Ethnicity, 1983–2016


Notes: White homeownership rate includes Hispanic whites. The 2016 homeownership rate for non-Hispanic whites is 72 percent.
Average Family Liquid Retirement Savings, 1989–2016


Notes: 2016 dollars. Liquid retirement savings include dollars in accounts such as 401(k), 403(b), and IRAs. Median liquid retirement savings for black and Hispanic families were zero from 1989 to 2013. Median liquid retirement savings for whites were zero through the mid-1990s, about $1,500 in 1998, and $10,000 in 2016.


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Size and Distribution of Select Asset-Building Tax Subsidies, 2017

Source: Updated estimates from Steuerle et al. (2014).

Note: "Income" refers to the Tax Policy Center’s “expanded cash income” measure, which is described in Rosenberg (2013).