

Table 13. Median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers, in constant (2008) dollars, by sex and age, 1979–2008 annual averages

Year and sex	Total, 16 years and older	16 to 24 years			25 years and older					
		Total	16 to 19 years	20 to 24 years	Total	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 years and older
BOTH SEXES										
1979.....	\$666	\$475	\$398	\$514	\$732	\$704	\$773	\$762	\$724	\$547
1980.....	652	465	383	498	711	687	751	741	709	505
1981.....	645	455	366	484	700	673	741	727	702	505
1982.....	647	445	351	471	700	666	758	739	696	542
1983.....	643	433	337	458	704	659	760	754	710	536
1984.....	643	428	333	456	714	661	767	759	722	536
1985.....	656	427	332	458	723	666	775	763	727	567
1986 ¹	672	434	333	464	732	674	785	779	743	558
1987.....	678	440	337	469	730	676	788	777	734	562
1988.....	673	435	343	465	724	670	787	792	733	565
1989.....	668	434	342	462	715	660	791	791	722	559
1990 ¹	658	430	334	455	717	650	776	781	730	548
1991.....	656	427	328	448	720	639	767	781	723	587
1992.....	662	415	319	436	720	635	756	785	726	568
1993.....	673	413	314	435	720	639	758	795	721	576
1994 ¹	671	411	318	431	718	631	772	813	720	552
1995.....	672	410	324	429	715	633	771	816	721	546
1996.....	669	407	328	426	710	633	764	811	731	525
1997 ¹	672	409	337	429	722	643	774	811	746	525
1998 ¹	690	421	354	447	755	662	788	818	781	534
1999 ¹	709	441	363	469	765	669	789	842	780	522
2000 ¹	720	451	371	479	761	686	781	836	775	579
2001.....	724	456	371	479	765	700	798	842	775	593
2002.....	727	456	365	477	773	707	799	844	806	600
2003 ¹	726	453	364	471	775	696	804	847	829	604
2004.....	727	444	352	462	778	688	812	846	826	638
2005.....	718	438	351	453	767	673	806	825	818	627
2006.....	716	436	346	451	766	663	798	825	816	622
2007.....	722	440	350	467	766	668	799	820	834	628
2008 ¹	722	443	349	467	761	666	804	822	825	644

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WOMEN										
1979.....	\$503	\$425	\$365	\$445	\$539	\$550	\$541	\$530	\$522	\$470
1980.....	500	415	361	435	530	542	532	520	510	435
1981.....	498	409	350	434	530	543	541	511	505	430
1982.....	512	411	338	430	546	552	552	540	525	452
1983.....	517	407	324	425	550	559	559	542	528	435
1984.....	523	400	320	420	558	562	576	550	533	432
1985.....	529	403	317	422	565	565	586	557	544	462
1986 ¹	545	410	318	433	577	573	597	577	554	479
1987.....	549	411	312	438	582	572	611	587	558	473
1988.....	551	411	322	439	586	572	619	593	554	490
1989.....	549	412	330	436	588	570	620	598	558	489
1990 ¹	553	406	316	430	589	569	623	602	556	479
1991.....	564	410	316	431	596	572	627	613	559	492
1992.....	571	402	308	421	602	574	629	627	565	493
1993.....	576	400	301	424	609	579	638	645	579	491
1994 ¹	573	397	303	417	605	570	644	647	572	483
1995.....	569	386	302	408	600	565	635	651	565	495
1996.....	571	388	305	407	607	567	633	657	574	456
1997 ¹	576	390	321	409	618	571	644	662	579	465
1998 ¹	602	402	328	421	640	595	657	681	628	462
1999.....	611	419	344	443	642	607	650	690	636	478
2000 ¹	616	430	354	458	645	616	651	705	635	490
2001.....	622	429	350	456	660	622	665	713	651	474
2002.....	633	439	353	461	679	634	683	720	687	514
2003 ¹	646	434	350	453	684	639	691	713	704	509
2004.....	653	427	334	445	682	639	692	712	700	544
2005.....	645	420	335	437	675	632	685	710	705	542
2006.....	640	422	326	441	669	622	688	703	702	544
2007.....	638	425	330	442	671	620	694	703	705	555
2008 ¹	638	420	322	445	670	623	682	707	711	563

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MEN										
1979.....	\$807	\$541	\$428	\$583	\$867	\$815	\$928	\$934	\$862	\$605
1980.....	779	517	403	557	843	781	913	913	858	570
1981.....	773	495	382	539	845	773	902	900	857	605
1982.....	779	482	364	522	842	767	904	897	854	642
1983.....	778	458	345	497	836	762	908	912	854	632
1984.....	773	456	343	493	832	753	929	927	866	647
1985.....	777	460	349	492	845	752	929	933	891	700
1986 ¹	785	461	348	494	867	753	934	948	906	670
1987.....	786	466	355	498	864	746	924	942	897	688
1988.....	785	458	358	488	851	736	904	960	890	691
1989.....	784	454	350	486	838	727	908	953	873	658
1990 ¹	768	450	348	476	818	717	895	944	872	644
1991.....	760	439	337	462	806	706	888	943	867	720
1992.....	753	427	328	447	806	701	874	953	871	633
1993.....	748	422	324	444	814	698	874	957	859	661
1994 ¹	750	422	328	441	828	688	886	964	866	634
1995.....	755	425	342	442	825	687	875	961	874	619
1996.....	761	419	343	439	818	682	863	954	878	652
1997 ¹	774	424	350	452	822	689	870	953	894	604
1998 ¹	789	441	371	471	843	718	893	966	922	636
1999 ¹	798	460	376	490	863	745	907	986	937	607
2000 ¹	801	469	383	494	866	748	910	964	919	653
2001.....	814	475	388	496	875	750	916	971	923	687
2002.....	812	468	373	490	876	750	908	965	959	697
2003 ¹	814	466	376	482	871	735	907	977	968	717
2004.....	812	456	362	475	868	728	916	976	960	730
2005.....	796	451	364	465	850	710	906	940	943	710
2006.....	793	446	371	464	851	705	892	957	963	702
2007.....	795	460	371	490	855	713	907	944	969	712
2008 ¹	798	461	369	481	857	704	915	944	943	753

¹ The comparability of historical labor force data has been affected at various times by methodological and conceptual changes in the Current Population Survey (CPS). For an explanation, see the Historical Comparability section of the Household Data technical documentation provided at

http://www.bls.gov/cps/eetech_methods.pdf.

NOTE: The Consumer Price Index research series using current methods (CPI-U-RS) is used to convert current dollars to constant dollars. See Technical Note.