

## Indicator 16. Median Family Income

### Median family income, by race/ethnicity of head of household: 1950 to 1993

Year	All families	White <sup>1</sup>	Black <sup>1</sup>	Hispanic <sup>2</sup>
<b>Current dollars</b>				
1950	\$3,319	\$3,445	<sup>3</sup> \$1,869	—
1955	4,418	4,613	<sup>3</sup> 2,544	—
1960	5,620	5,835	<sup>3</sup> 3,230	—
1965	6,957	7,251	<sup>3</sup> 3,993	—
1970	9,867	10,236	6,279	—
1975	13,719	14,268	8,779	\$9,551
1980	21,023	21,904	12,674	14,716
1985	27,735	29,152	16,786	19,027
1986	29,458	30,809	17,604	19,995
1987	30,970	32,385	18,406	20,300
1988	32,191	33,915	19,329	21,769
1989	34,213	35,975	20,209	23,446
1990	35,353	36,915	21,423	23,431
1991	35,939	37,783	21,548	23,895
1992	36,573	38,670	21,103	23,555
1993	36,959	39,300	21,542	23,654
<b>Constant 1993 dollars<sup>4</sup></b>				
1950	19,900	20,656	<sup>3</sup> 11,206	—
1955	23,821	24,872	<sup>3</sup> 13,717	—
1960	27,435	28,485	<sup>3</sup> 15,768	—
1965	31,914	33,263	<sup>3</sup> 18,317	—
1970	36,747	38,121	23,384	—
1975	36,848	38,322	23,579	25,653
1980	36,867	38,412	22,226	25,807
1985	37,246	39,149	22,543	25,552
1986	38,838	40,620	23,210	26,362
1987	39,394	41,194	23,413	25,822
1988	39,320	41,426	23,610	26,590
1989	39,869	41,922	23,550	27,322
1990	39,086	40,813	23,685	25,905
1991	38,129	40,085	22,861	25,351
1992	37,668	39,828	21,735	24,260
1993	36,959	39,300	21,542	23,654

—Data not available.

<sup>1</sup> Includes Hispanics.

<sup>2</sup> Hispanics may be of any race.

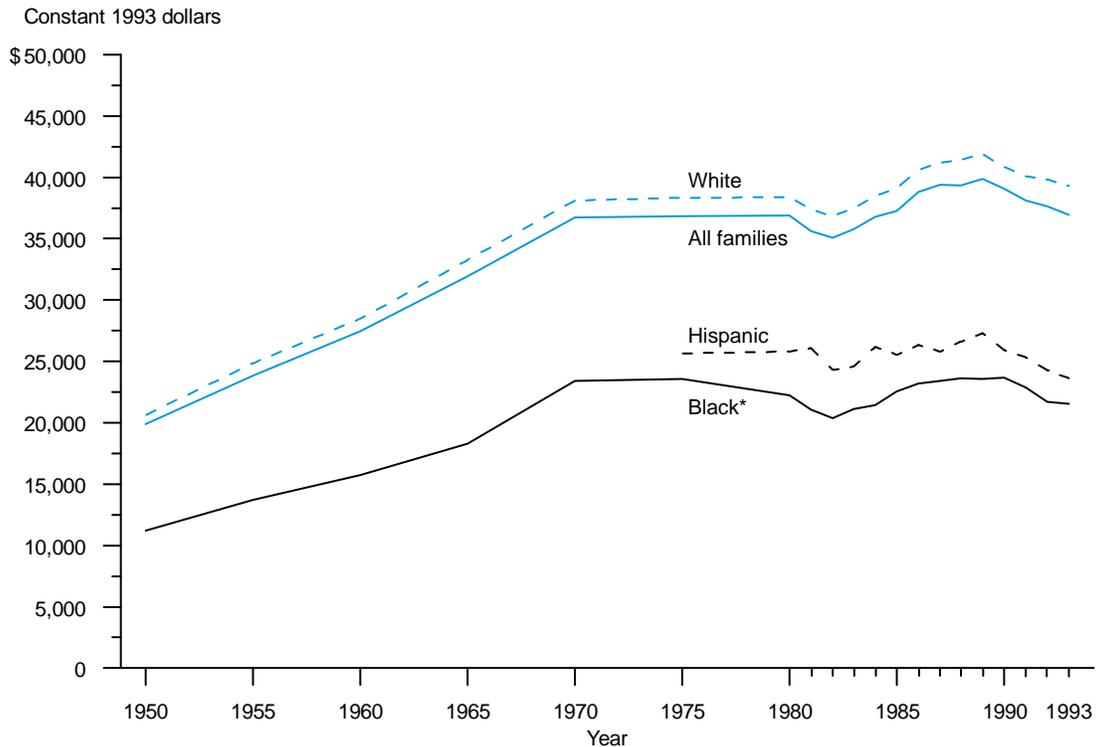
<sup>3</sup> Data include both blacks and other races. Figures are not precisely comparable to data for later years.

<sup>4</sup> Figures adjusted by the Consumer Price Index.

**SOURCE:** U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-60, *Money Income of Families and Persons in the United States*, nos. 105 and 157; *Money Income of Households, Families, and Persons in the United States*, nos. 162, 174, and 180; *Money Income and Poverty Status in the United States*, nos. 166 and 168; and *Income, Poverty, and Valuation of Noncash Benefits*, no. 188. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index.

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\* Data for years before 1967 include other races.

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**In contrast to the sizeable increase in median family income in the 1950s and 1960s, family income in the 1970s showed no real gains. After posting modest increases during the mid-1980s, incomes for all families leveled off during the late 1980s and then declined between 1989 and 1993. Income in black and Hispanic households remained much less than in white households.**