

Men's Incomes Are Growing More Slowly than Women's

But the median income of men remains far above the median income of women.

Men's incomes have been growing more slowly than women's for the past few decades. Consequently, women's incomes are catching up to men's.

Between 1990 and 2007, men's median income grew 6 percent to \$33,196, after adjusting for inflation. During the same time, women's median income grew 35 percent to \$20,922. Despite the more rapid growth in women's income, men's income in 2007 was still a substantial 59 percent higher because men are more likely to work full-time.

■ Because many mothers stay home to raise children, it's unlikely women's labor force participation—or income—will ever equal men's.

Men's median income peaked in 2000

(median income of men aged 15 or older with income, 1990, 2000, and 2007; in 2007 dollars)

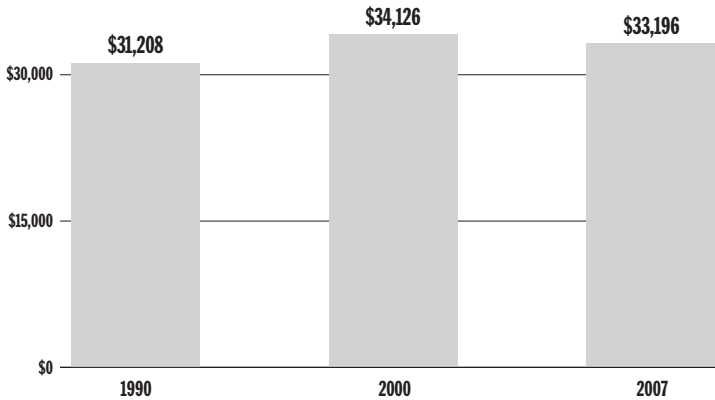


Table 4.1 Median Income by Sex, 1990 to 2007

(median income of people aged 15 or older with income by sex, and index of men's income to women's, 1990 to 2007; percent change, 2000–07 and 1990–2007; in 2007 dollars)

	men	women	index of men's income to women's
2007	\$33,196	\$20,922	159
2006	33,180	20,582	161
2005	33,217	19,729	168
2004	33,497	19,393	173
2003	33,743	19,457	173
2002	33,698	19,376	174
2001	34,082	19,458	175
2000	34,126	19,340	176
1999	33,963	19,044	178
1998	33,654	18,331	184
1997	32,475	17,650	184
1996	31,363	16,863	186
1995	30,480	16,387	186
1994	30,049	15,863	189
1993	29,817	15,608	191
1992	29,617	15,513	191
1991	30,389	15,553	195
1990	31,208	15,486	202
Percent change			
2000 to 2007	–2.7%	8.2%	–
1990 to 2007	6.4	35.1	–

Note: The index is calculated by dividing the median income of men by the median income of women and multiplying by 100. “–” means not applicable.

Source: Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, Historical Income Tables—People, Internet site <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/income/histinc/incpertoc.html>; calculations by New Strategist

Black Men Are Least Likely to Be Married

The never-married outnumber the married among black men.

Only 36 percent of black men aged 18 or older are currently married and living with their wife. Non-Hispanic white men and Asian men are most likely to be married, at 57 percent. A smaller 44 percent of Hispanic men are married and living with their wife.

Forty-seven percent of black men and 41 percent of Hispanic men have never married. In contrast, among non-Hispanic white men, only 29 percent have never married. Among Asians, the figure is 34 percent.

Asian men are far less likely to be currently divorced (3 percent) than other men. The figures are 6 percent for Hispanics, and 9 percent for non-Hispanic whites and blacks. Eighteen percent of black men aged 50 to 54 are currently divorced.

Older black men are more likely to be widowed than other men. Among black men aged 85 or older, 49 percent are widowed. This compares with 41 percent of their Hispanic counterparts, 33 percent of non-Hispanic whites, and just 18 percent of Asians.

■ Differences in marital status by race and Hispanic origin give rise to differences in lifestyles, wants, and needs.

Most Asian and non-Hispanic white men are married

(percent of men who are currently married and living with their spouse, by race and Hispanic origin, 2007)

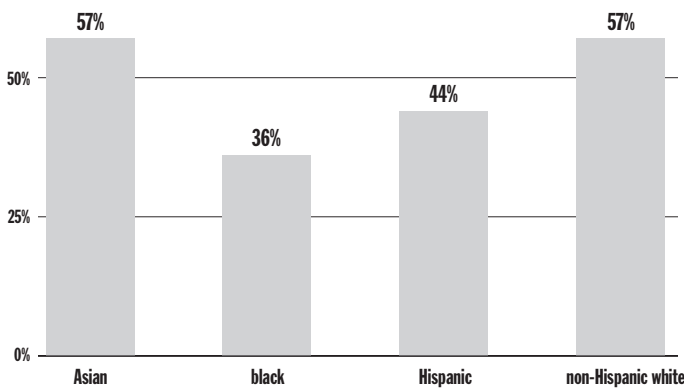


Table 6.3 Marital Status of Men by Age, 2007: Black Men

(number and percent distribution of black men aged 18 or older by age and current marital status, 2007; numbers in thousands)

	total	never married	married, spouse present	married, spouse absent	separated	divorced	widowed
Total black men	12,706	5,911	4,619	263	445	1,130	338
Aged 18 to 19	595	577	3	0	9	6	0
Aged 20 to 24	1,390	1,278	63	19	15	5	10
Aged 25 to 29	1,288	956	237	28	41	25	1
Aged 30 to 34	1,099	551	423	33	29	63	0
Aged 35 to 39	1,151	396	536	18	47	140	14
Aged 40 to 44	1,226	370	590	41	37	175	13
Aged 45 to 49	1,240	260	731	30	67	144	8
Aged 50 to 54	1,064	228	530	34	53	189	29
Aged 55 to 64	1,401	192	808	25	82	237	58
Aged 65 to 74	786	65	458	21	46	104	92
Aged 75 to 84	354	15	209	8	7	34	81
Aged 85 or older	67	1	26	3	0	5	33
Total black men	100.0%	46.5%	36.4%	2.1%	3.5%	8.9%	2.7%
Aged 18 to 19	100.0	97.0	0.5	0.0	1.5	1.0	0.0
Aged 20 to 24	100.0	91.9	4.5	1.4	1.1	0.4	0.7
Aged 25 to 29	100.0	74.2	18.4	2.2	3.2	1.9	0.1
Aged 30 to 34	100.0	50.1	38.5	3.0	2.6	5.7	0.0
Aged 35 to 39	100.0	34.4	46.6	1.6	4.1	12.2	1.2
Aged 40 to 44	100.0	30.2	48.1	3.3	3.0	14.3	1.1
Aged 45 to 49	100.0	21.0	59.0	2.4	5.4	11.6	0.6
Aged 50 to 54	100.0	21.4	49.8	3.2	5.0	17.8	2.7
Aged 55 to 64	100.0	13.7	57.7	1.8	5.9	16.9	4.1
Aged 65 to 74	100.0	8.3	58.3	2.7	5.9	13.2	11.7
Aged 75 to 84	100.0	4.2	59.0	2.3	2.0	9.6	22.9
Aged 85 or older	100.0	1.5	38.8	4.5	0.0	7.5	49.3

Note: Blacks include those who identify themselves as being black alone and those who identify themselves as being black in combination with other races.

Source: Bureau of the Census, America's Families and Living Arrangements, 2007 Current Population Survey, Internet site <http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/hh-fam/cps2007.html>; calculations by New Strategist