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## INCOME OF FAMILIES AND PERSONS IN THE UNITED STATES: 1956


#### Abstract

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Average (median) family income in the United States was still rising in 1956, according to estimates, released -today by the Bureau of. the Census, Department of Commerce. The average income of all families was estimated at $\$ 4,800$, or about $\mathbf{8}$ percent higher than'in 1955. This increase probebly represented a significant over-the-year gain (1n purchasing power for the average family ince prices rose only slightly during this period. ${ }^{1}$

Of the Nation's 43 million families, 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ million, or about 8 percent, received incomes of $\$ 10,000$ or more, while en additional 17 million, or ebout two-fifths, had incomes ranging between $\$ 5,000$ and $\$ 10,000$. At the other endofthe Income scale, about 7 million, or one-sixth, had incomes under $\$ 2,000$. The remaining 16 million families were in the $\$ 2,000$-to- $\$ \mathbf{5}, 000$ bracket. The distribution of families (groups of two or more related persons) by their income in 1956 is shown in table A.

One-tenth of all families were heeded by college graduates. The average income of these families was $\$ 7,600$ in 1956. In contrast, families headed by elementary school graduates who did not go on to high school had en average income of $\$ 4,200$. One-fourth of

1 The Consumer Price Index of the Department of Labor averaged I14.5 in 1955 and 116.2 in 1956.
all families were headed by high school graduates who did not go to college. These familles had en average income of $\$ 5,500$.

The incomes of married men have risen substantially in recent years. Another importent factor boosting family income has been the increasing tendency of the wife to work outside the home. In 1956, the average income of families in which the wife was a paid worker was $\$ 6,000$. In contrast, the incomes of families in which the wife did not work or worked without pay were considerably lower, amounting to $\$ 4,600$ on the average. Over three-fifths of the families with working wives had incomes of ' $\$ 5,000$ or more es compared with about two-fifths of the other families.

Table A. --NUMBER OF FAMLIIES BY FAMILY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1956
(Figures derived from data in table 1 and rounded to the nearest 100,000 )

| Family income | Number of families |
| :---: | :---: |
| Total | 43,400,000 |
| Under \$1,000 | 2,900,000 |
| \$1,000 to \$1.999....................... | 3,900,000 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 | 4,400,000 |
| 83,000 to \$3.999 | 5,400,000 |
| \$4,000 to \$4,999 | 6,400,000 |
| \$5,000 to \$5,999 | 6,000,000 |
| \$6,000 to \$6.999 | 4,200,000 |
| \$7,000 to \$9,999 | 6,700,000 |
| \$10,000 to ${ }^{\text {P }}$ \$14,999 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 2,600,000 |
| \$15,000 and over..................... | 900,000 |

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These are some of the highlights of the results of the annual inquiry on consumer income made in connection with the Bureau's Current Population Survey in March 1957. The survey covered the oivilian noninstitutional population and members of the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post in continental United States.

This report covers money income only, prior to deductions for taxes. The Saot that many farm workers do not pay rent for their living quarters and recelve an important part of their income in the form of goods produoed and consumed on the farm rather than in money should be taken into oonsideration in oomparing the income OS farm and nonfarm residents. The median inoome is the amount whioh divides the distribution into two equal groups, one having inoomes above the median and the other having inoomes below the median. In comparing inoome data for 1956 with those for previous years, aooount should be taken of the- Saot that ohanges in inoome were aooompanied by ohanges in prioes. Therefore, an increase or decrease in income between seleoted years does not necessarily represent a similar change in economic well-being.

Sinoe the estimates in this report are based on a sample, they are subjeot to sampling variability. Particular oare should be exercised in the interpretation of figures based on relatively small numbers of oases as well as small differences between figures. Moreover, as in all field surveys of inoome, the figures are subjeot to errors of response and nonreporting.

The first seotion of this report deals with the incomes of families and unrelated individuals. The combined inoomes of all members are treated as a single amount. In the second seotion, the unit of analysis is the amount of lnoome received by eaoh person 14 years of age and over, regardless oS the amount of his family's lnoome.

FAMILY INCOME IN 1956
Family inoomes rise in 1958.--Average fam11y income continued upward in 1956, rising by around 8 peroent over the previous year. The median inoome for all families was estimated at $\mathbf{\$ 4 , 8 0 0 ^ { 2 }}$ in 1956, about $\$ 360$ higher than the 1955 median. Between 1954 and 1955 a gain of about $\$ 250$ had been recorded.

Inoreases in average inoome were regis tered in 1956 by both farm and nonfarm residents. The median inoome of nonfarm families, whioh has been rising fairly steadily since the end of World War II, reached $\$ 5,100$ in 1956, some 8 peroent higher than a year earlier and 59 peroent higher than in 1947. In contrast, the median inoome of rural-Sarm families, at $\$ 2,400$ in 1956, was only 20 peroent higher than the 1947 level, in spite of a \$260 increase over the year.

In 1958, for the second sucoessive.jur in the postwar period, the average purohasing power of nonfarm families seems to have exoeeded significantly the World War II level. As suggested by the data in Sigure 1, the relatively steady Increases in money income during the postwar period have been largely offset or more than offset by the rising oost Or living. In 1955 and 1956, however, inoreased money inoomesinoonjunotion with relatively stable prioes pushed the price-adjusted income level above the World War II peak.

Figure 1.--MEDIAN INCONE OF NONFARM FAMILIES, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1944 TO 1956


[^0]The price-adjusted data shown in this figure were derived by dividing the median money income for each Jear by the Consumer Price Index compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The results of this fairly rough adjustment cannot be regarded as more than approximations.

More multi-earner families in 1956 than in 1948.--One of the factors underlying the postwar rise in family incomes has been the increased tendency of families to send more than one family member into the labor market. Between 1948 and 1956, the proportion of families with more than one earner increased from 41 percent to 46 percent among nonfarm families and from 37 percent to 42 percent among farm families.

As the data in table $B$ indicate, there were marked differences in the proportion of multi-earner families at different income intervals among both farm and nonfarm residents. Among families with incomes below $\$ 6,000$ in 1956, there were more workers per family among farm residents than among those living in nonfarm areas. Thus, among families with incomes under $\$ 2,000,30$ percent of the farm residents, but only 20 percent of the nonfarm residents had more than one earner. In the $\$ 2,000-\$ 5,000$ bracket, almost one-half of the farm families and only one-third of the nonfarm families had two or more earners. At the higher income levels, supplementary earners were more prevalent among nonfarm families than among farm families.

Table B.--PERCENT OF FAMLLIES WITH MORE THAN ONE EARNER BY FAMILY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES, FARM AND NONFARM: 1956

| Family income | All <br> fami- <br> lies | Nonfarm <br> fami- <br> lies | Farm families |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total.. | 45 | 46 | 42 |
| Under \$1,000.. | 19 | 17 | 24 37 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999.......... . | 26 | 22 | 40 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999.......... | 33 37 | 32 | 51 |
| \$3,000 to \$3,999.......... | 40 | 39 | 52 |
| \$4,000 to \$4,999.......... | 46 | 46 | 59 |
| \$5,000 to \$5,999.......... | 59 | 59 | 57 |
| \$6,000 to \$6,999........... | 69 | 69 |  |
| $\$ 10,000 \text { to } \$ 14,999$ | 69 | 69 50 | \} 62 |
| \$15,000 and over.......... | 50 | 50 |  |

[^1]nonwhite families were far lower than those of white families. For the country as a whole, the median income of nonwhite families was $\$ 2,600$, about 48 percent below that received by the white group. Part of this income differential can be attributed to the larger proportion of the nonwhite group living in the rural South, where money earnings are relatively low. Even when the analysis is restricted to urban residents, however, the income differential between whites and nonwhites is around 40 percent. As the data in table $C$ indicate, the differential is much larger in the South than in other regions. Among southern urban families, the median income of nonwhite families was 48 percent below that of whites. In contrast, the incomes of nonwhite families in other regions were only about 30 percent below those received by whites, on the average.

Table C.--MEDIAN INCOME OF URBAN FAMILIES, BY COLOR, FOR THE UNITED STATES, BY REGIONS: 1956

| Region | Total | White | Nonwhite |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| United States.......... | \$5,221 | \$5,413 | \$3,250 |
| Northeast................... | 5,373 | 5,482 | 3,723 |
| North Central.............. | 5,570 | 5,706 | 4,046 |
| South......................... | -4,328 | 4,740 | 2,473 |
| West........................... | 5,500 | 5,591 | 3,899 |

One-fifth of lower income families depend entirely upon income other than earnings.-Important contrasts in the sources of income exist for families at different income levels (table ll). The survey data on this subject may, however; exaggerate the number of families dependent entirely upon earnings because of the failure of many persons to report small amounts of other income in addition to their earnings.

In 1956, three-fifths of all families were entirely dependent upon income received from work done--either from wage or salary work or some form of self-employment--whereas one-third received income from both earnings and other sources (pensions, rents, interest, dividends, etc.) and a very small proportion ( 5 percent) were dependent solely upon income other than earnings. The median income of families having receipts from earnings and other sources was about the same as that of families having earnings only $(\$ 5,000)$ but was
more than three times higher than that of families living entirely on income other than earnings ( $\$ 1,500$ ).

Families at the lowest income levels were much more likely to be entirely dependent upon income other than earnings such as pensions, old-age assistance, etc., than were those at higher income levels. One-fifth of the families with incomes under $\$ 3,000$ but ouly 1 percent of the families with incomes of $\$ 3,000$ or more were exolusively dependent upon this source of income. A relatively large proportion of the families at the higher income levels had boti earnings and other income; such families more frequently receive interest, dividends, and other sources of investment income than do those at the lower levels. Income from self-employment or a professional practice is a more likely source of income among families in the higher income brackets than among those at the lower income levels. About two-fifths of the families with incomes over $\$ 15,000$ had some inaome from nonfarm self-employment. In contrast, less than onefifth of the families with inoomes under $\$ 3,000$ had this type of income.

Two-fifths of higher income families headed by professional and managerial workers.--Since most families derive their inoomes entirely or largely from the employment of the head of the family, his labor force status is an important factor in determining family income. The median income of families headed by an employed oivilian $(\$ 5,200)$ was much higher than that of families in which the head was unemployed in March 1957 ( $\$ 3,300$ ). The income of families whose head was not in the labor force because
of ill health, disability, retirement, or other reasons was lower $(\$ 2,400)$ than the others (table 9).

Family income is related not only to the employment status of the head but also to the type of work he does. Approximately one-half of the families with incomes under $\$ 3,000$ were headed by farmers, laborers, and private household workers, three of the lowest paid occupation groups, and only about one-tenth were headed by professional or technical workers or by nonfarm managers, officials, or proprietors, which are the highest paid occupation groups (table D). In contrast, about two-fifths of the families with incomes of $\$ 7,000$ and over were headed by persons who were employed in these highly paid occupation groups, whereas only one-twentieth were farmers, laborers, or private household workers. Farmers often have a considerable amount of nonmoney income which is not taken into account in the money income figures presented here, and an allowance should be made for this factor in interpreting the differences. Of all families in the middle income bracket $(\$ 3,000$ to $\$ 7,000)$, one-half were headed by craftamen and operatives and only one-tenth were headed by persons in the three lowest paid occupation groups cited above.

Families headed by self-employed professional wórkers (doctors, dentists, lawyers, etc.) had a considerably higher median income ( $\$ 10,400$ ) than those headed by salaried professional workers ( $\$ 6,900$ ). Among families headed by managerial workers, however, the median income of the salaried group $(\$ 7,200)$ was higher than that reoeived by the self-employed

Table D.--PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILIES WITH EMPLOYED HEAD BY MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP OF HEAD, BY FAMILY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1956

| Major occupation group of head | Under $\$ 3,000$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 3,000 \text { to } \\ \$ 6,999 \end{gathered}$ | \$7,000 and over |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total families with heads employed as civilians in March 1957. | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Professional, technical, and kindred workers........... | 2.7 | 7.9 | 18.4 |
| Farmers and farm managers.................................. | 28.0 | 4.0 | 2.1 |
| Managers, officials, and proprietors, except farm.... | 8.7 | 10.1 | 21.3 |
| Clerical and kindred workers. | 3.4 | 8.5 | 6.8 |
|  | 2.3 | 5.3 | 7.5 |
| Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred workers................ | 9.1 | 23.8 | 23.3 |
| Operatives and kindred workers........................... | 17.5 | 25.6 | 14.9 |
| Private household workers................................... | 3.1 | 0.4 | -•• |
| Service workers, except private household............... | 8.3 | 7.1 | 2.9 |
| Farm laborers and foremen.................................. | 5.6 | 0.7 | 0.2 |
| Laborers, except farm and mine.......................... | 11.2 | 6.7 | 2.7 |

( $\$ 5,700$ ). About two-fifths of all families were headed by persons who were engaged in one of four occupation groups (clerical workers, craftsmen, proprietors, and sales workers) in whioh the average income ranged from about $\$ 5,300$ to $\$ 6,000$. The more than 7 million families headed by operatives (largely semiskilled workers in manufacturing and related industries) had a median income of $\$ 4,900$.

One-tenth of all family heads are college graduates.--As indicated previously, the ocoupation followed by the family head is an important determinant of family inoome. In turn, the kind of work the family head does is dependent, in part, upon the extent of his schooling. In 1956, average family income
rose from $\$ 4,200$, for families headed by elementary school graduates who had no additional education to $\$ 5,500$ for families headed by persons who completed high school but went no further, and $\$ 7,600$ for those headed by college graduates (table B). One-tenth of all families were headed by college graduates. As might be expected, families headed by persons with college baokgrounds were more heavily represented in the upper income brackets than in the lower inoome levels (rigure 2). The proportion of families with a head who went to college, whether or not he graduated, was smallest at the lowest income level (4 percent). This proportion rose progressively to about 77 percent for families with incomes in excess of $\$ 25,000$.

Figure 2.--PERCENT OF FAMILY HEADS WITH COLLEGE BACKGROUNDS, BY FAMILY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1956


Despite the fact that families headed by poorly educated persons are largely oonoentrated in the lower income brackets, quite a few have relatively high incomes (table E). The proportion of families headed by persons who never went beyond the seventh grade was highest at the lowest income level $\langle 51$ percent). Although this proportion declined progressively up the income scale, families with poorly eduoated heads comprised about onetenth of the upper income brackets. The larg-
est single group of families--those headed by high school graduates who did not go on to college--represented a fairly uniform proportion (around 25 or 30 percent) of all inoome brackets above $\$ 3,000$.

Another important determinant of the level of income attained by families is the extent to which other family members participate in the labor market. Although supplemental earners in families are often only part-time

Table E.--PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILIES BY EDUCATION OF FAMILY HEAD, BY FAMILY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1956

| Family income | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { families } \end{gathered}$ | Years of school completed by family head |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Elementary school |  | High school |  | College |  |
|  |  | Less. than $8^{1}$ | 8 | 1 to 3 | 4 | 1 to 3 | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \text { or } \\ & \text { more } \end{aligned}$ |
| Total........ | 100 | 23 | 18 | 19 | 24 | 7 | 9 |
| Under \$1,000......... | 100 | 51 | 19 | 14 | 12 | 2 | 1 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999.... | 100 | 48 | 23 | 14 | 11 | 4 | 2 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999.... | 100 | 36 | 24 | 19 | 15 | 5 | 3 |
| \$3,000 to \$3,999.... | 100 | 26 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 5 | 4 |
| \$4,000 to \$4,999.... | 100 | 18 | 19 | 23 | 28 | 8 | 6 |
| \$5,000 to \$5,999.... | 100 | 15 | 16 | 24 | 30 | 8 | 7 |
| \$6,000 to \$6,999........ | 100 | 12 | 16 | 20 | 32 | 9 | 10 |
| \$7,000 to \$9,999......... | 100 | 12 | 15 | 18 | 30 | 10 | 15 |
| \$10,000 and over.......... | 100 | 8 | 13 | 13 | 24 | 13 | 30 |

1 Includes family heads without schooling.
workers, they generally have an important influence on the economic level of the family, particularly in families in which the head is poorly educated.

About two-fifths of all families in the United States had two or more earners in 1956. This proportion did not vary significantly with the level of sohooling attained by the family head (table F). In all educetion groups, however, there were marked differences in the proportions of families with more than one earner at different income levels. In general, this proportion rose progressively up the income scale. Thus, among families headed by
persons who never completed gramar school, the proportion with more than one earner rose steadily from about one-fourth for families in the lowest income brackets to about 80 percent for those with incomes of $\$ 6,000$ and over. Among families headed by college graduates, the differentials are not so sharp but the proportion rose from about 33 percent in the income levels below $\$ 6,000$ to almost 50 percent in the highest income brackets shown. Family heads with a college education command higher incomes, as a rule, and do not need the supplementary earnings of other members to achleve the higher income levels.

Table F.--PERCENT OF FAMILIES WITH MORE THAN ONE EARNER BY FAMILY INCOME, BY EDUCATION OF HEAD, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1956

| Family income | $\begin{gathered} \text { All } \\ \text { families } \end{gathered}$ | Years of school completed by family head |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Elementary school |  | High school |  | College |  |
|  |  | Less <br> than $8^{1}$ | 8 | 1 to 3 | 4 | 1 to 3 | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \text { or } \\ & \text { more } \end{aligned}$ |
| Total.. | 45 | 46 | 44 | 46 | 47 | 47 | 42 |
| Under \$1,000............ | 19 | 23 | 12 | 19 | 14 | 29 | ) |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999....... | 26 | 31 | 20 | 20 | 26 | 18 | 33 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999........ | 33 | 42 | 27 | 26 | 32 | 35 | \} 33 |
| \$3,000 to \$3,999.... | 37 | 42 | 37 | 36 | 35 | 27 | , |
| \$4,000 to \$4,999........ | 40 | 51 | 40 | 38 | 38 | 39 | 33 |
| \$5,000 to \$5,999........ | 46 | 60 | 49 | 45 | 44 | 42 | 34 |
| \$6,000 to \$6,999......... | 59 | 77 | 64 | 59 | 56 | 50 | 39 |
| \$7,000 to \$9,999......... | 69 | 83 | 82 | 76 | 66 | 62 | 46 |
| \$10,000 and over.......... | 64 | 82 | 81 | 81 | 65. | 57 | 48 |

[^2]The relative contribution of supplementary earners to total family income was a good deal larger where the head was poorly educated than when he had advanced schooling. Thus, among families in which the head did not complete elementary sohool, the multi-earner families had an average income of $\$ 4,200$, about 83 percent higher than that of those with only one earner or who depended entirely on income other than earnings (table G). In contrast, the differential was only about 31 percent for families headed by high school graduates, and there was a 17-percent differential among families headed by college graduates. One explanation for this variation is that supplementary earners in families with poorly educated heads may oommand salaries more comparable to the head's earnings than is true among those headed by betier educated persons. Moreover-at the college level in partioular-a sizable proportion of the multi-earner families may represent young working couples just starting out, whose combined incomes may not be much different from that of older, singleearner families.

Table G.--MEDIAN INCOME OF FAMILIES BY EDUCATION OF HEAD, BY NUMBER OF EARNERS, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1956

| Years of school completed by family head | Total | Number of earners |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1 or none | 2 or more |
| Total. | \$4,783 | \$4,071 | -\$5,807 |
| Elementary school. | 3,610 | 2,784 | 4,878 |
| Less than 8 years ${ }^{1}$ | 3,054 | 2,310 | 4,220 |
| 8 years...... | 4,230 | 3,366 | 5,689 |
| High school... | 5,174 | 4,542 | 6,068 |
| 1 to 3 years. | 4,831 | 4,183 | 5,826 |
| 4 years... | 5,457 | 4,840 | 6,266 |
| College........ | 6,750 | 6,186 | 7,529 |
| 1 to 3 years. | 5,945 | 5,299 | 6,809 |
| 4 years or more | 7,583 | 7,059 | 8,225 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes family heads without schooling.

[^3]wives had incomes of $\$ 5,000$ or more as compared with about two-fifths of the other husband-wife families (table 3).

There were marked variations in the labor force participation rates for wives in families at different income levels (table H). In 1956, the percent of families in which the wife was in the paid labor force rose steadily from 13 percent at the lowest income level ( $\$ 1,000$ or less) to a peak of 43 percent for families in the $\$ 7,000$-to- $\$ 10,000$ bracket and then declined for families with higher incomes.

Other studies have shown that the more education a woman has, the more likely she is to be in the labor force. Overall, the proportion of families in which the wife works rose progressively from 22 percent for women who never reached high school to 28 percent for women who reached high school but did not go to college and 36 percent for women who went to college (table H). With minor exceptions, this tendency appears among families in the lower income brackets as well as those in the upper levels.

Table H. --PERCENT OF HUSBAND-WIFE FAMILIES WITH WORKING WIVES BY FAMILY INCOME, BY EDUCATION OF WIFE, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1956

| Family income | Total husbandwife families | Education of wife |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Elemen- } \\ & \text { tary } \\ & \text { school } \end{aligned}$ | $\underset{\text { High }}{\text { school }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Col- } \\ & \text { lege } \end{aligned}$ |
| Total... | 27 | 22 | 28 | 36 |
| Under $\$ 1,000 . . . . . .$. | 13 | 11 | 15 | (3) |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999... | 15 | 14 | 16 | (3) |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999... | 22 | 20 | 23 | 28 |
| \$3,000 to \$3,999... | 21 | 21 | 20 | 27 |
| \$4,000 to \$4,999... | 23 | 21 | 23 | 33 |
| \$5,000 to \$5,999... | 26 | 27 | 26 | 31 |
| \$6,000 to \$6,999... | 35 | 36 | 35 | 37 |
| \$7,000 to \$9,999... | 43 | 39 | 42 | 47 |
| \$10,000 and over... | 33 | 28 | 34 | 34 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes all persons who did not go beyond graduation.
${ }_{3}$ Includes all persons who started college.
3 Percent not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting on income.

INCOME OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER

Income of men at postwar peak in 1956.-The average income of men continued its steady postwar uptrend, reaching an all-time peak of
$\$ 3,600$ in 1956 (table 26). This was just about double the level at the close of World War II. (\$1,800 in 1945). The proportion of men whose incomes were $\$ 6,000$ and over rose from only 2 percent in 1945 to 16 percent in 1956. In contrast, the average income of women increased by about $\$ 250$, or only 27 percent,
between 1945 and 1956. Wage rates have increased sharply for women as well as for men during this period. However, the effect of these wage increases for women has been somewhat offset by an increase in the proportion of women who work intermittently and whose annual earnings tend to be low.

Figure 3.--MEDIAN INCOME OF MEN AND WOMEN, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1945 TO 1956


Sharp increase in proportion of older women with income.--Nearly all adult men (20 years old and over) received some money income in 1956 (table J). In contrast, only one-half of teen-age boys 14 to 19 years old had any income at all. Although these proportions were substantially the same as those prevailing in

1947, sharp inoreases in average income have occurred during the postwar period among all but the youngest men. The greatest gains were recorded by men in their late twenties and early thirties, whose median income rose about 70 percent $(\$ 2,400$ to $\$ 4,200)$. Increases of 50 to 60 percent were registered by other men.

Table J. --INCOME OF MEN AND WOMBN BY AGE, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1956 AND 1947

| Age | Men |  |  |  |  | Women |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percent with income |  | Median Income |  |  | Percent with income |  | Median income |  |  |
|  | 1956 | 1947 | 1956 | 1947 | Percent change | 1956 | 1947 | 1956 | 1947 | Percent change |
| 14 to 19 years......... | 51 | 43 | \$412 | \$497 | -17 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 to 24 years........ | 94 | 89 | 2,520 | 1,560 | -17 | 61 | 32 52 | $\$ 413$ 1,567 |  |  |
| 25 to 34 years........ | 98 | 98 | 4,211 | 2,449 | +62 +72 | 46 | 52 36 | 1,567 1,574 | 1,211 | +29 |
| 35 to 44 years........ | 99 | 99 | 4,575 | 2,845 | +61 | 49 | 36 | 1,574 | 1,215 | +30 +30 |
| 45 to 54 years........ | 98 | 98 | 4,311 | 2,681 | +61 | 52 | 39 | 1,750 | 1,293 | +30 |
| 65 years and over...... | 97 | 96 84 | 3,567 | 2,344 | +52 | 49 | 34 | 1,364 | 962 | +42 |
| jears and over.... |  | 84 | 1,421 | 956 | +49 | 71 | 47 | 738 | 551 | +34 |

There were much larger variations in the proportions of income recipients among women than among men. In 1956, almost threequarters of the women past 65 years old and three-fifths of those in their early twenties received some income during the year. Only two-fifths of the youngest women ( 14 to 19 years old) and one-half of the women between 25 and 64 years old were income recipients. Comparable figures for 1947 indicate that the proportions have increased substantially for all groups, but particularly for the older women. Between 1947 and 1956, the proportion of income recipients among women past 65 rose by one-half (from 47 percent to 71 percent). This increase largely reflects a wider distribution of old-age and survivors' benefits under the Social Security program. The incomes received by all but the youngest women have increased by 30 to 40 percent, on the average, since 1947.
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Men reach peak incomes in middle age.-. Men tend to enter the labor market as early as their teens, either at full-or part-time jobs. Their incomes tend to be relatively low while they are gaining experience at their work. During this period, they tend to shift jobs
more frequently than do other men. By their mid-twenties, they have settled into a more-or-less permanent occupation and proceed to develop greater skill at the chosen job. They reach their peak earning power during their forties. Thereafter, their incomes tend to decline as disabilities begin to affect their work activities. In the later years, in particular, earnings are often replaced by pensions, public assistance, and other sources of income other than earnings, but their average income tends to be far below that received during the working years.

In 1956, the median income of men living in urban areas increased steeply, from about $\$ 500$ for men under 20 to $\$ 2,700$ for those in their early twenties and $\$ 4,400$ for those 25 to 34 years old (table 18). The median reached a peak at $\$ 4,800$ for those 35 to 44 years old, declined slowly for men between 45 and 64 years old, and then dropped sharply to $\$ 1,600$ for those 65 and over. This general pattern also shows up clearly in the figures for men living in rural areas but not on farms. Somewhat less variation of income with age appears among men living on farms than among other men (figure 4 and table 18).

Figure 4.--MEDIAN INCOME OF MEN AND WOMEN, BY AGE AND RESIDENCE: 1956


Partly because of the irregularity of their participation in the labor force, incomes do not vary as much among women as among men, regardiess of age. Thus, even in urban areas, which provide women with many opportunities for paid employment on a. full-time or part-time basis, the incomes of women ranged between $\$ 1,700$ and $\$ 2,000$, on the average, in the various age groups between 20 and 64 years. Income variations by age were even narrower among rural women.

Greater gap between incomes of young and old among college graduates.--The preceding discussion has not touched upon the impact of education upon the pattern of variation of income with age. Education is one of the more important determinants of the amount of income received by individuals. Furthermore, older men-who were of school age at a time when educational goals were lower on the average-have considerably less schooling than younger men.

As figure 5 indicates, the average income of urban men in most education groups

Figure 5.--median income of urban men, by age AND EDUCATION: 1956

reaches a peak when they are between 35 and 44 years old and remains there until the decline begins while they are in their fifties. The pattern differs somewhat for college graduates, whose incomes rise more rapidly and reach a peak later in life than is true for other groups.

The difference between the incomes of young men at the start of their working careers and those who are at their peak in earning power is much greater for college graduates than for other men. In 1956, the average income of college graduates at the beginning of their careers was about $\$ 5,400$. At their peak in their late forties and early fifties, college graduates had an average income of $\$ 9,100$, about $\$ 3,700$ or 70 percent higher than the median for the beginners. The comparable proportion was 14 percent for both elempatary school graduates and high school graduates who went no further in their education.

Education boosts income of white persons more than that of nonwhite.--In 1956, as in other years, the average income of white persons was greater than that of nonwhite. In part, this represents a disproportionate concentration of nonwhites in Southern rural areas. Even when the analysis is restricted to urban residents, there is a substantial income differential between the two groups. Moreover, the differential occurs among men with comparable amounts of schooling. Finally, the income differences between whites and nonwhites tend to be greater for persons with more, rather than less, schooling. As table K indicates, the average income of urban whites exceeded that of nonwhites by close to 50 percent among those who completed high school and by 33 percent among men who finished grade school but went no further. The same general relationship prevailed in rural areas, but the income differences were smaller.

Among whites and nonwhites alike, average income was higher for men with more schooling. However, the income differentials between men at different levels of schooling were relatively greater among whites than among nonwhites. Thus, for example, among urban men, the incomes of whites who finished high school were about 19 percent higher, on the average, than those of men who completed elementary school but went no further. The income differential was only about 7 percent among comparable groups of nonwhites.

Table K.--MEDIAN INCOME OF URBAN MEN 25 TO 64 YEARS OLD, BY EDUCATION AND COLOR, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1956

|  | Education | White | Nonwhite |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary: | Less than 8 years ${ }^{1} . .$. | \$3,657 | \$2,565 |
|  | 8 years............... | 4,258 | 3,195 |
| High school: | 1 to 3 years........... | 4,651 | 3,424 |
|  | 4 years............... | 5,047 | 3,407 |
| College: | 1 to 3 years.......... | 5,378 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
|  | 4 years or more....... | 6,086 | (2) |

[^4]
## OTHER INCOME PUBLICATIONS

Current Population Survey.--Other data based on the Current Population Survey showing the distributions of families, unrelated individuals, and persons, by income levels, have been published in the Series $P-60$ reports, Nos. 1 to 26. In addition, income data for 1944 and 1945 appear in the report, Family and Individual Money Income in the United States: 1945 and 1944," Series P-S, No. 22. Ocoasionally, tables have been published in reports of the P-20 or P-50 series showing the cross-classification of income and other characteristics.

1950 Census. --Distributions of persons 14 years of age and over by total money income in 1949 appear in the publication, U. S. Bureau of of the Census, 1950 Census of Population, Volume II, Chapter C. Similar data for families and unrelated individuals appear in Volume II, Chapter B. Data for the United States and regions appear in Volume II, Part 1, United States Summary, while separate data for individual States are presented in the other parts. Various special reports contain additional income data; however, there is no special report dealing exclusively with income data. A preliminary report, "Estimated Distribution of Family Income in 1949 for the United States, Regions, and Selected States," Series PC-7, No. 5, presents the distribution of aggregate income among families and unrelated individuals. In addition, a monograph, "Income of the American People," sponsored jointly by the Bureau of the Census and the Social Science Research Council, was published in 1955.

1940 Census.--Data relating to wage and salary income in 1939 have been presented in several different reports of the Sixteenth

Decennial Census. A complete list of these reports is shown in earlier Current Population Survey reports on consumer income.

## DEFINITIONS AND EXPIANATIONS

Urban and rural residence.--The definition of urban and rural areas used in the March 1957 survey was the same as that used in the annual income surveys since April 1951 and in the 1950 Census. This definition differs slightly from that used in the March 1950 Current Population Survey, but it is markedly different from that used in earlier surveys and censuses. The territory classified as urban is the same as that in the 1950 Census. According to the new definition, the urban population comprises all persons living in (a) places of 2,500 inhabitants or more incorporated as cities, boroughs, and villages; (b) incorporated towns of 2,500 inhabitants or more except in New England, New York, and Wisconsin, where "towns" are simply minor oivil divisions of counties; (c) the densely settled urban fringe, including both incorporated and unincorporated areas, around cities of 50,000 or more; and (d) unincorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more outside of any urban fringe. The remaining population is classified as rural.

According to the definition used prior to March 1950, the urban population comprised all persons living in incorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more and in areas (usually minor civil divisions) classified as urban under special rules relating to population size and density.

Size of place.--The urban population is classified as living in urbanized areas or in urban places outside urbanized areas. According to the definition used in the 1950 Census and in the Current Population Survey since April 1951, the population in urbanized areas comprises all persons living in. (a) cities of 50,000 inhabitants or more in 1940 or according to a special census taken between 1940 and 1950; and (b) the densely settled urban fringe, including both incorporated and unincorporated areas, surrounding these cities. Residents of urbanized areas were classified according to the size of the entire area rather than by the size of the place in which they lived. The remaining urban population is classified as living in the smaller urban places not in the urbanized areas.

Farm and nonfarm residence.--The rural population is subdivided into the rural-farm population, which comprises all rural residents living on farms, and the rural-nonfarm population, which comprises the remaining rural population. The method of determining farm and nonfarm residence in the March 1957 survey is the same as that used in the 1950 Census and in the Current Population Survey since March 1950, but differs from that used in earlier surveys and censuses. Persons on "farms" who were paying cash rent for their house and yard only were classified as nonfarm; furthermore, persons in institutions, summer camps, motels, and tourist camps were classified as nonfarm.

Dwelling unit and household.--A dwelling unft is defined, in general, as a house, apartment, or other group of rooms, or a single room, occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters by a family or other group of persons living together or a person living alone. A household consists of the entire group of persons who occupy a dwelling unit. Persons occupying living quarters which are not dwelling units, such as large rooming houses, dormitories, and YMCA buildings, are not regarded as households.

Family.--The term "family," as used in this report, refers to a group of two or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption and residing together; all such persons are considered as members of the same family. Thus, if the son of the head of the household and the son's wife are in the household, they are treated as part of the head's family. On the other hand, a lodger and his wife not related to the head of the household or an unrelated servant and his wife are considered as additional families, and not as part of the household head's fainily.

Unrelated individual.--The term "unrelated individuals," as used in this report, refers to persons (other than inmates of institutions) who are not living with any relatives. An unrelated individual may constitute a one-person household by himself, or he may be part of a household including one or more other families or unrelated individuals, or he may reside in a quasi household such as a hotel. Thus, a widow living by herself or with one or more other persons not related to her, a lodger not related to the head of the household or anyone else in the household, and
a servant living in an employer's household with no relatives are examples of unrelated individuals.
term $\frac{\text { Primary families and individuals.--The }}{\text { "primary family" refers to the head of a }}$ household and all other persons in the household related to the head by blood, marriage, or adoption. If nobody in the household is related to the head, then the head himself constitutes a "primary individual." A household can contain one and only one primary family or primary individual. The number of "primary" families and individuals is identical with the number of households. The expression "primary families and individuals" is used in this report with the same meaning as the term "families" in the 1940 Census. It excludes lodgers, servents, and persons occupping living quarters which are not dwelling units. However, such families and individuals are included in all tables not specifically restricted to "primary" families and individuals.

Income.--For each person in the sample 14 years of age and over, questions were asked on the amount of money income received in 1956 from each of the following sources: (1) Money wages or salary; (2) net income from nonfarm self-employment; (3) net income from farm self-employment; (4) Social Security, veterans' payments, or other government or private pensions; (5) interest (on bonds or savinga), dividends, and inoome from annuities, estates, or trusts; (6) net income from boarders or lodgers, or from renting property to others; (7) all other sources suoh as unemployment benefits, public assistance, alimony, etc.

The amounts received represent income before deductions for personal taxes, Social Security, bonds, eto. If any amount was $\$ 10,000$ or more, it was recorded as a specific amount wherever possible. Where the specific amount was not known, the information was recorded as " $\$ 10,000$ to $\$ 14,999, "$ " $\$ 15,000$ to $\$ 24,999$," or as " $\$ 25,000$ or more" depending upon the respondent's best estimate. It should be noted that although income refers to receipts during 1956, the characteristics of the person, such as age, labor force status, etce, refer to Maroh 1957.

Money wages or salary. --This is defined as the total money earnings received for work performed as an employee during the calendar year 1956. It includes wages, salary, Armed Forces pay, commissions, tips, piece-
rate payments, and cash bonuses earned, before deductions were made for taxes, bonds, pensions, union dues, eto.

Net income from nonfarm self-employment.-This is defined as net money income (gross receipts minus expenses) from a business or professional enterprise in which a person was engaged on his own account. Gross receipts include the value of all goods sold and services rendered. Expenses include costs of goods purchased, rent, heat, light, power, depreciation charges, wages and salaries paid, business taxes (not personal income taxes), etc. In general, inventory changes were not considered in determining net income; however, replies based on income tax returns or other official records do reflect inventory changes. The value of salable merchandise consumed by the proprietors of retail stores is not included as part of net income.

Net income from farm self-employment.-This is defined as net money income (gross receipts minus operating expenses) from the operation of a farm by a person on his own account, as an owner, renter, or sharecropper. Gross receipts include the value of all products sold, government crop loans, money received from the rental of farm equipment to others, and incidental receipts from the sale of wood, sand, gravel, etc. Operating expenses include costs of feed, fertilizer, seed, and other farming supplies, cash wages paid to farmhands, depreciation charges, cash rent, interest on farm mortgages, farm building repairs, farm taxes (not poll taxes or personal income taxes), etc. The value of fuel, food, or other farm products used for family living is not included as part of net income. In general, inventory changes were not considered in determining net income; however; replies based on income tax returns, or other official records, do reflect inventory ohanges.

Sooial Security, veterans' payments, or category includes Social Security pensions and survivors' benefits, and permanent disability insurance payments made by the Bureau of 0ldAge and Survivors Insurance (BOASI), military pensions paid to retired members of the Armed Forces and Civil Service pensions including retirement pensions paid by Federal, State, or local governments to former employees, and other private pensions or retirement benefits
paid by a former employer or by a union, either directily or through an insurance company.

Interest (on bonds or savings), dividends, and income from ennuities, estates, or trusts.--This category includes interest on bonds or savings, dividends from stockholdings or membership in associations and cooperatives, and periodic receipts from annuities, estates, trust funds, or insurance.
Net income from boarders or lodgers or
from renting property to others. --This is de-
fined as net income from rental of a house,
store, or other property to others, royalties,
and receipts from boarders or lodgers. and receipts from boarders or lodgers.

All other sources--unemployment or sickness benefits, public assistance, alimony, eto.--The following types of income are included in this group: (1) Receipts of unemployed persons from government agencies, unions, or other organizations and periodic workmen's compensation payments received by persons injured on the job; (2) public assistance payments, such as old-age assistance, welfare payments, aid to dependent children and aid to the blind; (3) alimony, military dependency allotments, and other periodic contributions for support from persons not residing in the same household; and (4) other kinds of periodio income other than earnings.

Receipts not counted as income.--Receipts from the following sources were not included as inoome: (1) Money received from the sale of property, such as stocks, bonds, a house, or a car (unless the person was engaged in the business of selling such property in which case the net proceeds would be counted as income from self-employment); (2) withdrawals of bank deposits; (3) money borrowed; (4) tax refunds; (5) gifts; and (6) lump-sum inheritances or insurance payments.

Income other than earnings. --This is defined as the algebraic sum of all sources of money income except wages and salaries and income from self-employment. The various types of income other than earnings are not shown separately in any of the tables in this report. Separate data are shown for the total amount of income other than earnings in tables 14 and 27.

Total money income.--This is defined as the algebraic sum of money wages and salaries,
net income from selffemployment, and income other than earnings. The total income of a family is the algebraic sum of the amounts received by all income recipients in the family.

> Color:-- Families are classified as white or nonwhite in accordance with the color of the head.

Head of family.--One person in each family was designated as the head. The head of a family is usually the person regarded as the head by members of the family. Women are not classified as heads if their husbends are resident members of the family at the time of the survey. Married couples related to the head of a family are included in the head's family and are not classified as separate families.

Size of family. - The term "size of family" refers to the number of persons who are living together and who are related to each other by blood, marriage, or adoption.

Age.--The age clessification is based on the age of the person at his last birthday.

Number of children under 18 years of age. --This number includes all persons in the family under 18 years old related to the head of the family by blood, marriage, or adoption.

Number of earners.--This number includes all persons in the family with $\$ 1$ or more in wages and salaries, or \$l or more or a loss in net income from farm or nonfarm self-employment.

Veteran of World War II.--A veteran of World War II is defined as a person who had been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty at any time between September 16, 1940, and July 25, 1947. This report shows separate data for male, but not female, veterans of World Wer II. Veterans of World War I or other wars, or those with peacetime service, are shown as nonveterans unless they are also veterans of World War II.

Years of school completed.--Data on years of school completed in this report are based on the last full grade that the person had completed in the regular school system. Such schools include graded public, private, and parochial elementary and high schools (both junior and senior high), colleges, universities, and professional schools, whether day schools or night schools. Thus, regular school-
ing is that which advances a person toward $a_{\text {.. }}$ elementary or high school diploma, or a college, university, or professional school degree. Schooling in other than regular schools. was counted only if the credits obtained were regarded as transferable to a school in the regular school system.

The median years of school completed is defined as the value which divides the distribution into two equal groups, one having completed more schooling and one having completed less schooling than the median. These medians are expressed in terms of a continuous series of numbers representing years of school completed. For example, a median of 9.0 represents the completion of the first year of high school and a median of 13.0 means completion of the first year of college.

Employed. --Employed persons comprise those who, during the survey week, were either (1) "at work"--those who did any work for pay or profit, or worked without pay for 15 hours or more on a family farm or business; or (2) "with a job but not at work"--those who did not work and were not looking for work but had a job or business from which they were temporarily absent because of vacation, illness, industrial dispute, or bad weather, or because they wel taking the week off for various other reasons.

Unemployed.--Unemployed persons include those who did not work at all during the survey week and were looking for work. Also included as unemployed are those who did not work at all during the survey week and (1) were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off; or (2) were waiting to report to a new wage or salary job scheduled to atart within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the survey week); or (3) would have been looking for work except that they were temporarily ill or believed no work was available in their line of work or in the community. Prior to 1957, those whose layoffs were for definite periods of less than 30 days were classified as employed (with a job but not at work) rather than as unemployed, as were all of the persons waiting to start new jobs within 30 days.

Labor force.--The civilian labor force comprises the total of all civilians classified as employed or unemployed in accordance with the criteria described above.

Not in labor force.--All civilians 14 years of age and over who are not classifig
as employed or unemployed are defined as "not in labor force." These persons include those "engaged in own home housework," "in school," "unable to work" because of long-term physical or mental illness, and "other," the latter group including for the most part retired persons, those too old to work, seasonal workers for whom the survey week fell in an moff season," and the voluntarily ide. Persons doing only incidental unpaid family work (less than 15 hours) are also classified as not in the labor force. In March 1957, persons attending school during the survey week who had new jobs to which they were scheduled to report within 30 days were also included among those not in the labor force. In tables 9, 10,21 , and 22, persons in the Armed Forces are included with those not in the labor force.

Occupation, industry, and class of work-er.--The data on occupation, industry, and class of worker of employed persons refer to the job held during the survey week. Persons employed at two or more jobs were reported in the job at which they worked the greatest number of hours during the week. Persons who were unemployed during the survey week are classified according to their last civilian
jb. The occupation and industry groupings used here are largely the same as the major groups in the classification systems used in the 1950 Census of Population. The composition of each major group in terms of detailed occupations and industries is shown in Volume II of the reports of the 1950 Census of Population.

In tables 9 and 21, two of the major occupation groups are subdivided by class of worker into two groups: wage or salary workers and self-employed workers. The former refers to persons working for wages, salaries, commissions, tips, pay "in kind," or at plecerates for a private employer or for any governmental unit. The latter refers to persons working in their own business, profession or trade, for profit or fees. Included in the self-employed groups in tables 9 and 21 are unpaid family workers, i.e., persons working without pay in a business operated by a member of the household to whom they are related by blood or marriage.

The occupational and industrial classification systems used in 1940 are basically the same as those used in 1957. There are a number of differences, however, in the specific content of particular groups, as well as several differences in title. The occupation and industry data shown here for 1940 have not been itirely adjusted for comparability with the

1956 classification system; however, available evidence indicates that the 1940-1957 relationships shown by the data are not significantly affected by these differences. The 1940 classification by class of worker is comparable with the 1956 classification.

Work experience in 1956.--A person with work experience in 1956 is one who did any civilian work for pay or profit or worked without pay on a family-operated farm or business at any time during the year, on a part-time or full-time besis.

Weeks worked in 1958.--Persons with work experlence are classified according to the number of different weeks during 1956 in which they did any civilian work (including paid, vacations and sick leave).

Part-time or full-time jobs.--A person is classified as having worked at part-time jobs during 1956 if he worked at jobs which provided less then 35 hours of work per week in a majority of the weeks in which he worked during the year. He is classified as having worked at full-time jobs if he worked 35 hours or more per week during a majority of the weeks in which he worked.

Year-round full-time worker.--A year-round full-time worker is one who worked primarily at full-time jobs for 50 weeks or more during 1956.

Median income.--The median income is the amount which divides the distribution into two equal groups, one having incomes above the median, and the other having incomes below the median. The medians for families and individuals are based on all families and individuals. The medians for persons are based on the distributions of persons with income. The medians for wage or salary income, income from nonfarm self-employment, income from farm self-- employment, and income other than earnings are based on the distributions of persons or families and individuals having these types of income.

Percentages.--Percentages are shown as calculated; therefore, they do not always add up to exactly 100.0 percent. The totals, however, are always shown as 100.0 percent.

Base figures. --An estimate of the size of the base (number of families or individuals, or number of persons) of each percent distribution by income in 1956 is shown in most of the tables in this report.

## COMPARABILITY OF CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY INCOME DATA WITH OTHER DATA

## Office of Business Economics personal income series.--The income data presented in

 this report are not directly comparable with the estimates of personal income prepared by the Office of Business Economics of the Department of Commerce. The two sets of data were designed to accomplish different purposes and, accordingly, differ in several important respects which are discussed below.The primary purpose of the census data is to show the distribution of persons by income levels. Although they do not show estimates of the amount of aggregate income, they do show the distribution of aggregate income. The Office of Business Economics estimates, on the other hand, provide information on the amount of aggregate income received by the population. If an estimate of the amount of aggregate income were derived from the Bureau of the Census data, it would be smaller than that shown in the personal income series for the following reasons:

1. The personal income series is estimated largely on the basis of data derived from business and governmental sources. These sources include the industrial and population censuses, employers' wage reports under the Social Security programs, and records of disbursements to individuals by governmental agencies. The data presented in this report, on the other hand, are based on a field survey of households. As indicated above in the section on the source and reliability of the estimates, income data obtained in household interviews are subject to various types of reporting errors which tend to produce an understatement of income. It is estimated that the income surveys conducted by the Bureau of the Census during the past few years have obtained about 86 percent of the comparable total income aggregates and about 94 percent of the comparable wage or salary aggregates prepared by the Office of Business Economics.
2. The definitions of income are slightly different. The personal income series includes, among others, the following items which are not included in the census definition: Income in kind and the value of the services of banks and other financial intermediaries rendered to persons without the assessment of specific charges. The census definition of income includes contributions for support received from persons who do not reside in the same living quarters which are not included in the personal income series.
3. The Bureau of the Census excludea from its sample inmates of institutions and military personnel overseas or living on post In the continental United States. In addition, the income of persons who died or emigrated prior to the date of interview was not reported in the census inquiry. The income of both of these groups is included in the personal income estimates.

Department of Agriculture farm income series.--The farm income data shown in this report are not directly comparable with estimates of the aggregate amount of income received by the farm population and estimates of the aggregate farm income of farm operators which are prepared by the Agricultural Marketing Service of the Department of Agriculture. Data from the two sources differ in several respects for the reasons cited below:

1. The census data show distributions of persons by farm self-employment income levels and distributions of persons by total money income levels, but do not show estimates of the amount of aggregate income. Agriculture estimates provide information on the amount of aggregate income received by the population but do not provide distributions by income level.
2. The agriculture estimates are based on data derived from farm, business, and governmental sources. As indicated previously, the data presented in this report are based on a field survey of households.
3. The definitions of income are different. The census definition includes, among others, the following items which are not included in the agriculture series: Contributions for support received from persons not residing in the same living quarters and government and business transfers of income.
4. The census data on the total money income of the rural-farm population differ from the agriculture estimates of "net income of the farm population" for reasons other than those cited previously, as follows:
a. The census data do not include under the rural-farm classification the incomes of urban residents who report that they live on a farm while the agriculture series includes the incomes of all persons living on farms, urban or rural.
b. Income in kind--the imputed value of farm products grown and consumed directly in farm households, and the imputed rental value of owner-occupied farm dwellings--is included in the agriculture series but excluded from the census definition of income,
5. The census data on the civilian noninstitutional population's net income from the operation of a farm differ from the agriculture estimates of farm operators' "net cash income from farming" for reasons other than those cited above, as follows:
a. The census estimates are based on the answers to a single direct question on how much net income was derived from operation of a farm during the preceding calendar year. The agriculture series on "net cash income from farming" includes the farm incomes of all persons operating farms, as defined in the Census of Agriculture according to the number of acres on the place and the value of products grown.
b. The agriculture series includes the net income of farm operators from the rental of farms to other farmers but the census definition classifies these receipts as income other than earnings, not income from farm self-employment.
c. The agriculture definition of farm expenses includes actual expenditures on the repair, construction, or purchase of buildings, machinery, and other capital equipment added on the place while the census definition includes only the money spent on repairs. On the other hand, depreciation charges are treated as farm expenses under the census definition but not in the agriculture series.

Federal Reserve Board Surveys of Consumer Finances.--In each year since 1945, the Federal Reserve Board has conducted a survey of consumer finances which provides, among other data, information on the size distribution of income. These surveys are based on nationwide samples that cover all persons in private households. Several important differences between the Federal Reserve Board Surveys of Consumer Finances and the present report may be noted:

1. The income-receiving unit in the Federal Reserve Board estimates is the spending unit or the family, whereas the data in the present report relate only to persons 14 years old and over.
2. The Pederal Reserve Board estimates are based on a sample which is different from and smaller (approximately 3,500 schedules in 66 areas) than the census sample. Differences between the results are subject to sampling variability arising from each survey. This factor alone could account for moderate discrepancies between the two sets of 'ata.
3. There are some differences in the estimating procedure. The Bureau of the Census inflated its weighted sample results to agree with independent estimates of the civilIan population of the United States by age, color, and sex, whereas the Survey of Consumer Finances weighted sample results were inflated to agree with independent estimates of occupied dwelling units.
4. Only a few income questions (usually between three and six) are asked for each person in the Bureau of the Census sample whereas numerous detailed questions on income and other financial items are asked of the head of the spending unit and all other mem-. bers in the spending unit in each household in the Federal Reserve Board sample.

Pederal income tax data.--The Federal income tax coverage is incomplete because of the exemptions of persons receiving less than $\$ 600$; therefore, its coverage differs from the census coverage.

Since some of the income tax returns are piled as separate returns and others as joint returns, the income reporting unit is not consistently on the basis of either families or persons.

Income as defined for tax purposes differs from the census concept. For example, certain types of receipts such as veterans' payments, Social Security benefits, and relief payments, which constitute the main income source for some families, are excluded from income tax coverage. On the other hand, capital gains and losses which are excluded from the census definition of income are included in income tax returns.

Old-Age and Survivors Insurance earnings record data.--Census data shown in this report and the distributions made upon the basis of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance earnings record data differ for the reasons listed below:

1. The earnings of such groups as farm operators, own-account professional workers, irregularly employed domestic servants, some employees of nonprofit institutions, and most governmental employees are not covered by the earnings record data.
2. Earnings from employment or selfemployment in excess of $\$ 4,200$ are not covered by the earnings record data.
3. Income other than earnings is not covered by the earnings record data.
4. The earnings record data are based upon employers' reports, whereas the data presented in this report are obtained by household interviews.

## SOURCE AND RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

Source of data.--The estimates presented in this report are based on data obtained in connection with the monthly population sample survey of the Bureau of the Census. The 1956 income statistics, collected in March 1957, are based on a sample design instituted in May 1956. This sample is spread over 330 areas comprising 638 counties and independent cities, with coverage in each of the 48 States and the District of Columbia. ${ }^{3}$

Data on income were collected from approximately 26,000 representative households, or about 75 percent of the households included in the March 1957 survey. Persons in the following categories were not included:

1. Members of the Armed. Porces living in barracks, etc., on military reservations. (Members of the Armed Porces living off post or with their families on military reservations were included.)
2. Inmates of penal and mental institutions and homes for the aged, infirm, and. needy.

On approximately 6 percent of the 26,000 schedules, no information was recorded because no interview could be obtained during the week in which the enumeration was conducted. In order to account for these schedules, the weights assigned to other schedules for households of similar characteristics residing in the same sample areas were increased accordingly. In addition, complete. income information was not reported for about lil percent of the households. Substitutions were not mede for these schedules. Punch cards which were prepared from these schedules were included in the tabulations which provided the base numbers for families and persons 14 years of age and over shown in the published tables. The distributions by income levels for each group, however, are based only on those cases which reported complete income information. Complete income information was not reported for approximately 7 percent of the persons and 11 percent of the fiamilies and unrelated individuals.

The estimating procedure used in this survey involved the inflation of weighted sample results to independent estimates of the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States by age, color, and sex for March 1957, March 1956, April 1955, and April 1954,

[^5]and by age, sex, and veteran status for males for earlier years. The independent estimates for surveys taken since April. 1953 were based on statistics from the 1950 Census of Population; statistics of births, deaths, immigration, and emigration; and statistics on the strength of the Armed Forces. To these totals were added the population in the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post. For the years prior to April 1953, the independent estimates of the population were based on the 1940 Census data brought forward to the survey month to take account of births, deaths, net immigration, and aging of the population.

Cross-classification of income and work experience data. -This report presents data showing the median income of persons with varying amounts of work experience in 1956. Information about the work experience of persons in the United States was obtained in the February 1957 Current Population Survey. For approximately 75 percent of these households, information on income and other characteristics of household members was obtained in the regular. March 1957 survey. The information obtained in February was matched with the data secured in March. for the 26,000 household which were included in both surveys.

Estimates of the proportion of year-round full-time workers in specified subgroups in the population are shown in various tables in this report. These proportions differ slightly from those shown for the same subgroups in the report, "Work Experience of the Population in 1956, " Current Population Reports, Series P-50, No. 77. For example, the latter report indicates that 56.4 percent of all workers worked at full-time jobs for 50 to 52 weeks. In comparison, table 16 of the present report shows that 49.4 percent of all income recipients were year-round full-time workers. This difference is due largely to the fact that the proportions are not based on exactly the same groups. The proportions presented in the Series $P-50$, No. 77, report relate to persons who worked at some time during the year. In contrast, the proportions shown in the present report relate to all persons who received income in 2956, including not only workers but also many persons who did not work but received income from pensions, interest, dividends, or other sources aside from earnings. A further source of difference between the proportions in the two reports lies in the fact that the data in the report on work experience are based on the full sample, whereg
ne data on work experience in the present report are based on three-quarters of the sample:

Reliability of the estimates.--Since the estimates, except the independent estimates and complete census data mentioned above, are based on sample data, they are subject to sampling variability. The following illustrations, based on rough computations from the new survey, indicate the order of magnitude of the sampling errors for some typical statistics in March 1957.

Of the $23,664,000$ male income recipients living in urbanized areas, an estimated 10.8 percent had incomes between $\$ 4,000$ and $\$ 4,499$ in 1956. The standard error of the estimate of 10.8 percent is roughly 0.3 percentage points. Likewise, of the 11,041,000 families living in rural-nonfarm areas, an estimated 15.3 percent had incomes between $\$ 5,000$ and \$5,999 in 1956. The standard error of the estimate of 15.3 percent is roughly 0.5 percentage points. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that these estimates from the sample differ from the results which would be obtained from a complete census by less than the standard errors indicated above. The chances re about 95 out of 100 that, in each case, the difference would be less than twice the specified sampling error and about 99 out of 100 that the difference would be less than $2 \frac{1}{2}$ times the error indioated.

Of the $23,664,000$ male income recipients living in urbanized areas, an estimated 63.8 percent were year-round full-time workers. The standard error of the estimated 63.8 percent is 0.4 percentage points. The chances
are about 2 out of 3 that the true proportion would fall within the range of 63.4 and 64.2 percent.

The reliability of an estinated median depends upon both the form of the distribution and the size of the total on whichitis based. The median income for rural-farm families in households was estimated to be $\$ 2,371$ for the year 1956. The chances are roughly 68 out of 100 that the true median would fall within the range of $\$ 2,263$ to $\$ 2,478$. Similarly, the median income for men living in urbanized areas was estimated to be $\$ 4,148$ for the year 1956. Again, the chances are roughly 2 out of 3 that the true median would fall within the range of $\$ 4,106$ to $\$ 4,194$.

The median income for male year-round full-time workers living in urbanized areas was estimated to be $\$ 4,926$ for the year 1956 . The chances are about 68 out of 100 that the true median would fall within the range of $\$ 4,853$ to $\$ 5,000$.

In addition to sampling variation, the figures are subject to errors of response and nonreporting, but the possible effect of such errors is not included in the above measures of reliability. In most cases the schedule entries for income are based on memory rather than on records, and in the majority of instances on the memory or knowledge of some one person, usually the wife of the family head. The memory factor in data derived from field surveys of income probably produces underestimates, because the tendency is to forget minor or irregular sources of income. Other errors of reporting are due to misrepresentation or to misunderstanding as to the scope of the income concept.

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| Total money income | Total | Urban |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rural } \\ & \text { nonfarm } \end{aligned}$ | Raral <br> farm |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Urbanized aroas |  |  |  | Places not in urbanized areas |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Total | $\begin{gathered} 1,000,000 \\ \text { and } \\ \text { over } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 250,000 \\ & \text { to } 0 \\ & 999,999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Under } \\ 250,000 \end{gathered}$ | Total | $\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{l} 25,000 \\ \text { end } \\ \text { over } \end{array} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & 25,000 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| families |  | $\begin{array}{r} 27,496 \\ 100.0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 19,658 \\ 100.0 \end{array}$ | $(1)$100.0 | $\begin{array}{r} \left({ }^{1}\right) \\ 100.0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $(1)$100.0 | $\begin{aligned} & 7,838 \\ & 100.0 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \left({ }^{1}\right) \\ 100,0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \left({ }^{1}\right) \\ 100.0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 11,041 \\ 100.0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4,908 . \\ & 100.0 \end{aligned}$ |
| Number. . . . . . . . . . . . . . .thousands. . | 43,445 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent. | 100.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under \$500... | 3.2 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2.22.94.7 | 1.2 | 2.5 | 3.1 11.8 | 11.8 |
| \$500 to \$999. | 3.3 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 1.22.0 | 2.8 |  |  | 1.22.33.1 | 3.15.3 | 3.4 | 10.5 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,499..................... | 4.4 | 3.2 | 2.5 |  |  | 3.5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$1,500 to \$1,999...................... | 4.5 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 3.94.7 | 5.35.7 |  | 9.69.3 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,499.................... | 5.1 | 4.3 | 3.8 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5.3 |  |
| \$2,500 to \$2,999..................... | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 7.67.0 |
| . 83,000 to $83,499 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .$. | 6.2 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 7.5 | 6.76.8 | 7.86.9 | 7.26.8 |  |
| \$3,500 to \$3,999.................... | 6.3 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 7.0 | 5.7 | 6.9 |  |  |  | 5.9 |
| \$, 000 to \$4,499.................... | 8.0 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 7.6 | 9.3 | 8.2 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.1 | 8.2 | 4.9 |
| \$4,500 to \$4,999..................... | 6.9 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 8.4 | 7.8 | 7.5 | 7.9 | 6.3 | 4.5 |
| \$5,000 to \$5,999..................... | 13.7 | 14.5 | 14.9 | 15.3 | 14.4 | 14.4 | 13.5 | 15.1 | 13.0 | 15.3 | 6.2 |
| \$6,000 to \$6,999.................... | 9.8 | 10.6 | 11.0 | 10.8 | 10.6 | 12.0 | 9.6 | 11.6 | 8.9 | 10.1 | 4.4 |
| \$7,000 to \$9,999..................... | 15.6 | 18.5 | 19.8 | 21.2 | 18.5 | 18.0 | 15.2 | 17.4 | 14.4 | 13.6 | 4.8 |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999.................. | 5.9 | 7.2 | 8.4 | 10.1 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 2.0 |
| \$15,000 to \$24,999................... | 1.5 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.3 |
| \$25,000 and ovar..................... | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.4 | ... | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Median incone......... | \$4,783 | \$5,2.21 | \$5,477 | \$5,739 | \$5,125 | \$5,132 | \$4,603 | 4,987 | \$4,489 | \$4,619 | \$2,371 |
| Head Year-Round Full-Time |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Median incame....................... | \$5,515 | \$5,953 | \$6,218 | \$6,480 | \$5,836 | \$6,012 | \$5,387 | \$5,819 | \$5,241 | \$5,402 | \$2,787 |
| UnPELATED IndividualsTotal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number...................thousands.. | $\begin{array}{r} 9,658 \\ 100.0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 7,455 | 5,459 | $\begin{array}{r} \left({ }^{1}\right) \\ 100.0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | ( | $(1)$100.0 | 1,996 | $(1)$100,0 | $(1)$100.0 | 1,652100.0 | 551100.0 |
| Percent. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under \$500........................... | 17.7 | 14.8 | 13.3 | 11.6 | 13.1 | 18.4 | 18.5 | 19.3 | 18.2 | 25.6 | 32.5 |
| \$500 to $\$ 999 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .$. | 22.5 | 20.8 | 19.5 | 18.1 | 20.8 | 22.2 | 24.1 | 17.7 | 26.4 | 27.8 | 28.4 |
| \$1,000 to $\$ 1,499 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .$. | 11.5 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 12.1 | 10.4 | 13.2 | 11.5 | 9.5 | 12.2 | 10.8 | 10.0 |
| \$1,500 to \$1,999.................... | 9.4 | 9.1 | 8.6 | 7.7 | 9.6 | 9.9 | 10.3 | 9.5 | 10.6 | 7.7 | 18.2 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,499..................... | 7.6 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 9.8 | 8.1 | 5.4 | 6.9 | 5.7 | 7.4 | 6.6 | 4.3 |
| \$2,500 to \$2,999.................... | 5.2 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 6.0 | 4.8 | 2.9 | 1.0 |
| \$3,000 to $83,499 . \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .$. | 5.8 | 6.6 | 7.1 | 6.6 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 5.3 | 7.9 | 4.4 | 3.4 | 2.3 |
| \$3,500 to \$3,999,.................... | 5.4 | 6.1 | 6.4 | 7.3 | 6.3 | 3.9 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 4.1 | 0.8 |
| \$4,000 to \$4,499..................... | 4.4 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 6.5 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 0.3 |
| \$,500 to \$4,999..................... | 3.3 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 4.9 | 2.7 | 1.8 | 1.0 |
| \$5,000 to \$5,999.................... | 3.7 1.6 | 4.1 | 4.2 1.9 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 3.0 1.0 | 3.8 1.5 | 7.6 1.6 | 2.4 1.5 | 2.8 1.1 | 0.8 0.3 |
| \$7,000 to \$9,999,........................ | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 0.4 | 1.6 |  |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999................... | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.1 |  |  |  | 0.8 | 0.3 |
| \$15,000 to \$24,999.................... | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |  | 0.2 | ... | 0.3 | 0.2 | ... |
| \$25,000 and over..................... | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | ... | ... | ... | 0.1 | $\cdots$ |
| Median incamo....................... | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 1,426 \\ & \$ 3,107 \end{aligned}$ | $\$ 1,6<3$$\$ 3,255$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 1,808 \\ & \$ 3,320 \end{aligned}$ | \$2,026 | \$1,797 | \$1,356 | \$1,322 | \$1,684 | \$1,221 | \$939 | \$808 |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Year-Round Full-Time } \\ \text { Workers } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Modian incono........................ |  |  |  | \$3,409 | \$3,268 | \$3,126 | \$3,037 | ( ${ }^{2}$ ) | \$3,058 | $\$ 2,776$ | $\$ 1,437$ |

${ }_{2}$ comparable figures not available.
${ }^{2}$ Median not ahown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting on income.
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| Residence | Families |  |  | Unrelated individuals |  |  | Realdence | Familiea |  |  | Unrelated individuals |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | White | Nonwhite | Total | White | Nonwhite |  | Total | White | Nonwhite | Total | White | NoDwhite |
| ONITED STATES |  |  |  |  |  |  | fural nontarm |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number. .... thousands. . <br> Median income.......... | $\begin{aligned} & 43,445 \\ & \$ 4,783 \end{aligned}$ | 39,451 $\$ 4,993$ | 3,994 $\mathbf{8 2 , 6 2 8}$ | 9,658 $\$ 1,426$ | 8,363 $\$ 1,466$ | 1,295 $\$ 1,087$ | Number. .....thousands. . <br> Median income.......... | 11,041 $\$ 4,619$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10,311 \\ & \$ 4,871 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 730 \\ \$ 2,268 \end{array}$ | 1,652 $\$ 939$ | 1,435 $\$ 989$ | $\begin{array}{r} 217 \\ \$ 723 \end{array}$ |
| UFBAN |  |  |  |  |  |  | fural faim |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number. . . . . thousands. . | 27,4\% | $24,777$ | $2,719$ | $7,455$ | $6,442$ | $1,013$ | Number......thousands.. | 4,908 | 4,363 | \$1545 | 551 | 485 | ${ }^{66}$ |
| Median income......... | \$5,221 | \$5,413 | \$3,250 | \$1,643 | \$1,670 | \$1,462 | Modian income.......... | \$2,371 | \$2,648 | \$1,104 | \$808 |  | ( ${ }^{1}$ |

${ }^{1}$ Median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting on income.

Table 3.--TYPE OF FAMILY: dISTRIBUTION OF fAMILIES AND UNRRLATED INDIVIDUALS BY TOTAL MONEY TNCOME IN 1956, FOR THE UNTTED STATES,

${ }^{1}$ Median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting on income.

Table 4.--AGe of head: distribution of familites and unkelated individuais by total money income in 1956, for the united states, URBAN AND RURAL

| Total money income | Fanilies |  |  |  |  |  |  | Unrelated individuals |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Age of head (years) |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Age (years) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 14 \text { to } \\ & 24 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 25 \text { to } \\ 34 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 35 \text { to } \\ 44 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 45 \text { to } \\ 54 \end{gathered}$ | $55 \text { to }$ | 65 and over |  | $\begin{aligned} & 14 \text { to } \\ & 24 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 25 \text { to } \\ 34 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 35 \text { to } \\ & 44 \end{aligned}$ | $45 \text { to }$ $54$ | 55 to 64 | 65 and over |
| UNITED STATESTotal | $\begin{array}{r} 43,445 \\ 100.0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,144 \\ & 100.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9,175 \\ & 100.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10,470 \\ 100.0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9,139 \\ & 100,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6,776 \\ & 100.0 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5,741 \\ & 100.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9,658 \\ & 100.0 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 824 \\ 100.0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,040 \\ & 100.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 977 \\ 100.0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,566 \\ & 100.0 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,994 \\ & 100.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,257 \\ & 100.0 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number. . . . . . . . . . . . thousands.. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent.................... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under \$500...................... | 3.2 | 3.8 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 3.9 | 5.7 | 17.7 | 30.1 | 10.1 | 10.4 | 13.7 | 17.6 | 20.7 |
| \$500 to \$999. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 3.3 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 3.8 | 9.4 | 22.5 | 16.3 | 9.8 | 13.1 | 12.2 | 19.7 | 36.5 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,499............... | 4.4 | 4.5 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 3.5 | 5.2 | 13.8 | 11.5 | 6.7 | 3.8 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 11.3 | 17.5 |
| \$1,500 to \$1,999............... | 4.5 | 6.0 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 10.8 | 9.4 | 8.6 | 9.5 | 7.7 | 8.8 | 9.8 | 10.0 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,499............... | 5.1 | 7.2 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 5.4 | 9.6 | 7.6 | 10.8 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 10.9 | 7.6 | 5.1 |
| \$2,500 to \$2,999............... | 5.1 | 8.7 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 5.5 | 7.0 | 5.2 | 7.9 | 6.6 | 8.9 | 5.0 | 6.5 | 2.4 |
| \$3,000 to $\$ 3,499 . . . . . . . . . . . . . .$. | 6.2 | 11.6 | 7.0 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 7.7 | 1.7 |
| \$3,500 to \$3,999............... | 6.3 | 9.7 | 7.2 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 6.6 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 13.4 | 7.1 | 9.1 | 4.4 | 1.7 |
| \$4,000 to \$4,499............... | 8.0 | 10.2 | 10.3 | 8.9 | 6.1 | 7.5 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 2.7 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 4.5 | 1.5 |
| \$4,500 to \$4,999............... | 6.9 | 6.6 | 8.6 | 7.5 | 7.1 | 5.9 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 1.7 | 9.1 | 6.3 | 4.4 | 3.5 | 0.7 |
| \$5,000 to \$5,999............... | 13.7 | 13.2 | 17.2 | 16.1 | 12.9 | 11.4 | 7.3 | 3.7 | 2.4 | 8.2 | 7.1 | 6.0 | 3.6 | 0.7 |
| \$6,000 to \$6,999............... | 9.8 | 8.1 | 11.7. | 11.8 | 10.8 | 7.9 | 3.6 | 1.6 | ... | 3.2 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 1.5 | 0.6 |
| \$7,000 to \$9,999............... | 15.6 | 6.7 | 15.8 | 18.5 | 19.1 | 15.5 | 8.0 | 1.3 | ... | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 0.2 |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999............. | 5.9 | 0.9 | 3.3 | 7.1 | 9.2 | 7.5 | 3.1 | 0.4 | ... | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| \$15,000 to \$24,999............. | 1.5 | $\cdots$ | 0.5 | 1.4 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 0.1 | - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 0.5 | 0.3 | - | 0.2 |  |
| \$25,000 and over............... | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | ... | -•• | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| Median income.................. | \$4,783 | \$3,789 | \$4,930 | \$5,360 | \$5,411 | \$4,568. | \$2,550 | \$1,426 | \$1,269 | \$3,176 | \$2,646 | \$2,326 | \$1,571 | \$901 |
| Head Year-Round Full-Time Worker |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Median tncome. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | \$5,515 | \$4,500 | 85,384 | \$5,692 | \$5,985 | \$5,331 | \$4,379 | \$3,107 | \$2,528 | \$3,792 | \$3,179 | \$3,272 | \$2,989 | \$2,316 |
| URBAN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number . . . . . . . . . . . .thousands. . | 27,496 | 1,424 | 5,622 | 6,526 | 5,914 | 4,458 | 3,552 | 7,455 | 667 | 895 | 777 | 1,226 | 1,530 | 2,360 |
| Median income.................... | \$5,221 | \$3,817 | \$5,170 | \$5,697 | \$6,017 | \$5,290 | \$3,094 | \$1,643 | 81,352 | \$3,283 | \$2,958 | \$2,496 | \$1,856 | \$963 |
| RUPAL NONPARM |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 11,041 \\ & \$ 4,619 \end{aligned}$ | 579 $\$ 3,943$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,854 \\ 84,831 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,906 \\ \$ 5,267 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,030 \\ \$ 5,225 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,351 \\ \$ 3,972 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,321 \\ \$ 2,187 \end{array}$ | 1,652 $\mathbf{\$ 9 3 9}$ | 103 $(1)$ | 100 $(1)$ | (1) 146 | $\begin{array}{r} 269 \\ \$ 1,800 \end{array}$ | 350 $\$ 952$ | 684 $\$ 786$ |
| rural farm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number...............thousands. . | 4,908 | 141 | 699 | 1,038 | 1,195 | 967 | 868 | 551 | 54 | 45 | 54 | 71 | 114 | 213 |
| Median income................... | \$2,371 | (1) | \$2,748 | \$2,963 | \$2,419 | \$2,191 | \$1,505 | \$808 | (1) | (1) | (1) | ${ }^{(1)}$ | (2) | \$670 |

1 Median not show where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting on income.

Table 5.--SIZE of FAMILY: DISTRIBUPION OF FAMLITES AND UNREIATED INDIVIDUALS BY TOTAL MDNEY TNCOME in 1956, FOR THE UNTTED STATES, JRBAN AND RURAL


Table 5.--Size of fantly: distribution of families and unrelated individuais by total money income in 1956, for the united states,

| Total money incoune | Total | Unrelated individuals | Families having specified number of related persons |  |  |  |  |  |  | Median size of fond ly |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Total | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 or more |  |
| URBAN | $\begin{aligned} & 34,951 \\ & \$ 4,515 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7,455 \\ \$ 1,643 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 27,496,221 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9,624 \\ & 4,350 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,173 \\ \$ 5,346 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5,695 \\ \$ 5,684 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3,200 \\ 55,814 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,569 \\ \$ 5,652 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,235 \\ & \$ 5,605 \end{aligned}$ | 3.17 <br> $\ldots$ |
| Number......................thousands.. Median income........................ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RURAL NONFARM |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number......................thousands.. <br> Median income | 22,693$\$ 4,227$ | $\begin{gathered} 1,652 \\ \$ 939 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11,041 \\ & \$ 4,619 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,112,569 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,420 \\ \$ 4,642 \end{array}$ | $2 ; 457$$\$ 5,156$ | \$5,551 | $\$ 4,976$ | $\begin{array}{r} 724 \\ \$ 4,290 \end{array}$ | 3.50$\ldots$ |
| rural farm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number. . . . . . . . . . ..........thousands.. Median incore | 5,459 $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 1 1 9}$ | \$551 | 4,908 $\mathbf{5 2 , 3 7 1}$ | 1,503 | 934 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | \$2,371 | \$1,747 | \$2,345 | \$2,846 | \$3,025 | \$3,078 | 558 $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 3 3 3}$ | 3.52 |



${ }_{2}^{1}$ Distributed by income levels of their families.
Wdian not show where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting on income.

Table 7.--NUMBER OF EARNERS: DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILTES AND UNREIATED INDIVIDUALS BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1956, FOR THE UNITED STATES,
URBAN AND RJRAL

| Total money income | Familes |  |  |  |  | Unrelated individuals |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Families having specified number of earners |  |  |  | Total | Earners | Nonearners |
|  |  | None | 1 | 2 | 3 or more. |  |  |  |
| UNITED STATES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number........................thousands.. | 43,445 | 2,614 | 21,091 | 15,384 | 4,356 | 9,658 | 6,095 | 3,563 |
| Percent. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Under \$500.............................. . . . . | 3.2 | 18.0 | 3.5 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 17.7 | 8.5 | 34.2 |
| \$500 to \$999. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 3.3 | 14.5 | 3.4 | 1.7 | . 1.7 | 22.5 | 14.5 | 36.7 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,499............................. | 4.4 | 22.2 | 4.4 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 11.5 | 8.9 | 16.1 |
|  | 4.5 5.1 | 17.5 11.1 | 4.3 5.8 | 3.0 4.0 | 3.0 | 9.4 | 11.0 | 6.6 |
| \$2,500 to \$2,999............................. | 5.1 | 5.0 | 6.8 | 4.0 | 2.5 2.9 | 7.6 5.2 | 10.4 | 2.5 1.1 |
|  | 6.2 | 3.1 | 7.6 | 5.5 | 3.7 | . 5.8 | 8.6 | 0.8 |
|  | 6.3 | 1.3 | 8.0 | 5.6 | 3.2 | 5.4 | 8.1 | 0.7 |
| \$4,000 to \$4,499...... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 8.0 | 1.4 | 10.2 | 7.1 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 6.7 | 0.3 |
| \$4,500 to \$4,999........................... | 6.9 | 1.1 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 5.3 | 3.3 | 5.0 | 0.2 |
| \$5,000 to \$5,999.... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 13.7 | 1.7 | 15.0 | 15.1 | 10.2 | 3.7 | 5.6 | 0.1 |
| \$6,000 to \$6,999.. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 9.8 | 1.0 | 8.2 | 13.0 | 11.1 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 0.1 |
| \$7,000 to \$9,999. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 15.6 | 0.8 | 9.9 | 22.6 | 27.2 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 0.2 |
|  | 5.9 1.5 | 0.8 | 3.7 | 6.4 | 18.1 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.2 |
|  | 1.5 0.5 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 3.6 | 0.1 | 0.2 | $\cdots$ |
| \$25,000 and orer.......................... | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | . |
| Median income.............................. | \$4,783 | \$1,394 | \$4,328 | \$5,576 | \$6,946 | \$1,426 | \$2,341 | \$715 |
| Head Year-Round Full-Time Worker |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Median Inconv............................... | \$5,515 | ( ${ }^{1}$ | \$4,857 | \$6,146 | \$7,570 | \$3,107 | \$3,212 | ( ${ }^{1}$ |
| UREAN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number. ........................... . . thousands. . <br> Median income. | $\begin{aligned} & 27,496 \\ & \$ 5,221 \end{aligned}$ | 1,713 $\$ 1,569$ | 12,835 $\$ 4,672$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10,249 \\ & \$ 5,941 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,699 \\ \$ 8,090 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7,455 \\ \$ 1,643 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,790 \\ \$ 2,616 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,665 \\ & \$ 744 \end{aligned}$ |
| fural nowfarm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number. . . . . . . . ......................thousands. . Madian incone. | $\begin{aligned} & 11,041 \\ & \$ 4,619 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 695 \\ \$ 1,207 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5,602 \\ \$ 4,310 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,703 \\ \$ 5,400 \end{array}$ | 1,041 $\$ 6,147$ | 1,652 $\mathbf{\$ 9 3 9}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 925 \\ \$ 1,716 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 727 \\ \$ 671 \end{array}$ |
| . Fural farm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . thousands. . | 4,908 | 206. | 2,654 | 1,432 | 616 | 551 | 380 |  |
| Median income. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | \$2,371 | ${ }^{1}$ ) | \$2,083 | \$3,115 | \$3,352 | \$808 |  | $\left({ }^{1}\right)^{\text {' }}$ |

1 Median not shoun where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting on income.
table 8.--education of head: distribution of famliies and unprlated individuals by total money income in 1956, by tears of school completed, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RUVAL

Table 9．－－OCCupation of head：distribution of families by total money income $\quad$ 156，by major occupation group of head in march 1957，for the untted states

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[^6]Table 10．－－Industry of head：distridution of fanlutes by total money income in 1956，by major industry oraup of hrad in march 1957，for the united states

| Total money incone | Total | Heads employed as civilians in March 1957 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Heads <br> ployed <br> in <br> 1957 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { enopoped } \\ & \text { elvilic } \\ & \text { fivns } \end{aligned}$ | Agricul－ ture， forestry， and fish－ eries | Mining | $\underset{\substack{\text { con- } \\ \text { struc- } \\ \text { tion }}}{\text { cosen }}$ | $\substack{\text { Mamu- } \\ \text { fectur- } \\ \text { Ing }}$ | $\|$Trans－ <br> portation， <br> comatin， <br> oction， <br> and other <br> apubilic <br> uti1tities | Whole－ <br> sale <br> trade | Retail <br> trace | Finance， insur－ and real estate |  | $\underset{\substack{\text { Personal } \\ \text { serr－} \\ \text { ices }}}{ }$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Enter } \\ \text { taninnent } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { recreen } \\ \text { etron } \\ \text { services } \end{array}$ | Profes－ sional and related service | Public adminis tration |  |  |
| Under \＄500．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \＄500 to \＄999．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 3.3 | 2.1 | 11.0 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 6.8 | （2） | 1.2 | 0.2 | 5.6 | 9.4 |
| \＄1， 51500 to ${ }^{\text {\＄1，} 1,499 . . . . . . . . . . ~}$ | 4.4 | ${ }^{2.6}$ | 12.12 | ${ }^{2} 3$ | 2.4 | 0.8 | 0.7 | ${ }_{3}^{1.6}$ | 1.9 | 1.5 | 3.0 | 7.2 | （2） | ${ }_{2}^{2.1}$ | 0．6 | 7.4 | 13.4 11.1 |
| \＄$\$ 2,000$ to $\$ 2,499 . .$. | 5.1 | 4.2 | 10.7 | 3.2 | 5.1 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 3.2 | 4.8 | 3.3 | 5.9 | 7.1 | （2） | 3.0 | 2.1 | 7.9 | 9.7 |
| \＄2，500 to ${ }^{\text {\＄2，}, 999 . . . . . . . . . . ~}$ | 5.1 | 4.2 | 8.8 | ${ }^{2.3}$ | 3.7 | 3．3 | 3.7 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 4.1 | 5.5 | ${ }_{5}^{5.9}$ | （2） | 5.2 <br> 6.0 <br> 8.0 | ${ }^{1.8}$ | 9.6 | 7.6 |
| \＄3，000 to ${ }^{\$ 3,500}$ to $83,999 . . . . . . . . . . . .$. | 6.2 6.3 | 6.1 6.4 | 7.4 <br> 4.8 <br> 8 | ${ }_{8.3}^{3.4}$ | 7.4 | 5.9 5.9 | 6.7 | ${ }_{7.1}$ | ${ }_{7.8}$ | 3.9 | 7.4 | 6.4 | ${ }^{(2)}$ | 5.3 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 5.5 |
| \＄ 4,000 to $\%, 499 . . . . . . . . .$. | 8.0 | 8.5 | 4.4 | 8.3 | 8.5 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 8.9 | 6.5 | 10.3 | 9.1 | （2） | 8.4 | 10.5 | 2.5 | 5.1 |
|  | 6.9 | 7.5 | 3.7 | 10.6 | ${ }^{6.6}$ | 8.4 | 8.9 |  | ${ }^{6.8}$ | 5.6 | 8.3 | 6.9 | 2） | \％ 7.5 | 10.6 | 8.8 | 3.8 6.3 |
|  | $\begin{array}{r}13.7 \\ 9.8 \\ \hline 8\end{array}$ | 15.3 11.0 | 4.6 3.5 | 16.3 10.9 | ${ }_{11,6}$ | ${ }_{13.4}^{18.0}$ | 12.3 | 12.1 | 11.2 | ${ }_{10.3}^{14.1}$ | 12.7 10.0 | 7.2 | （2） | 9.2 | ${ }_{13,1}$ | 6.3 | 3.6 |
| \＄7，000 to \＄9，999，．．．．．．．．． | 15.6 | 17.6 | 3.8 | 17.8 | 17.3 | ${ }^{21.2}$ | 21.4 | 18.8 | ${ }^{16.5}$ | ${ }_{\substack{24.8 \\ 34.6}}$ | ${ }^{14.1}$ | 5.6 | （2） | 18.8 8.6 | ${ }_{7}^{21.5}$ | 9.1 | ${ }_{2}^{6.1}$ |
| \＄15，000 to to \＄2L，999，．．．．．．．．．： | 5.9 1.5 | 6.8 1.6 | 2.3 0.3 | 7.2 3.2 | 6.7 1.6 | $\xrightarrow{7.5}$ | 6.3 0.8 | ${ }_{2.2}^{8.4}$ | 1.8 | 33．0 | 3.4 | 3.9 0.9 |  | 4.0 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| \＄25，000 and over．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 0.5 | 0.6 |  | 1.1 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 1.8 | 0.5 |  | ${ }^{(2)}$ | 3.1 | 0.1 | ．．． | 0.1 |
| Median Income．．．．．．．．．．．． | \＄4，783 | \＄5，196 | \＄2，201 | \＄5，399 | \＄5，203 | \＄5，678 | \＄5，553 | \＄5，408 | \＄4，993 | \＄6，330 | \＄4，855 | \＄3，586 | $\left.{ }^{2}\right)$ | \＄5，587 | \＄5，595 | \＄3，288 | \＄2，356 |

[^7]Table 11.--sOURCE OF income: distaibution of families by total money incone in 1956, for the united states, unban and rural


Table 12.--REGion and color: distribution of famllies and unfeiated individuais by total money income in 1956, for the united states,


[^8]Table 13.--TOTAL INCOME, 1944 TO 1956: DISTRTBUFTION OF FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS IN HOUSEHOLDS BY TOTAL MDNEY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL
(The figures in this table are limited to families and individuals living in dwelling units only, to facilitate historical comparisons. The small number of families and individuals residing in hotels, lodging houses, and simflar places are excluded here)

| Total money income | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 | 1952 | 1951 | 1950 | 1949 | 1948 | 1947 | 1946 | 1945 | 1944 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FAMILIES AND UNRELATED individuals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfted States |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | (1) | 100 |  |
| Under \$500............................ | 5.7 | 6.2 | 7.5 | 7.6 | 7.0 | 7.8 | 9.4 | 9.4 |  |  |  | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| \$500 to \$999. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 6.6 | 7.2 | 7.4 | 6.7 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 8.4 | 9.4 | 8.9 | 8.4 8.4 | $\cdots$ | 10.0 | $11.9{ }^{\circ}$ |
| \$1,000 to \$1,499. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 5.6 5.3 | 6.3 5.6 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 6.5 | 5.4 | 6.9 | 7.9 | 8.0 | 8.4 8.7 | $\ldots$ | 9.5 | 11.3 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,499.. | 5.3 5.6 | 5.6 5.8 | 5.9 5.8 | 5.5 6.3 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 7.3 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 9.0 | $\cdots$ | 12.10 | 11.5 |
| \$2,500 to \$2,999... | 5.1 | 5.5 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 7.9 | 9.0 | 10.2 | 10.2 | 11.0 |  | 12.4 | 11.2 |
| \$3,000 to \$3,499.................... | 6.2 | 7.4 | 7.3 | 6.2 7.6 | 7.2 9.2 | 7.6 9.5 | 8.5 10.7 | 9.8 | 9.6 | 9.9 |  | 11.5 | 9.5 |
| \$3,500 to \$3,999. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 6.1 | 6.7 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 9.2 8.2 | 9.5 9.0 | 10.7 8.1 | 10.1 7.8 | 10.7 | 10.1 | ... | 9.3 | 9.4 |
| \$4,000 to \$4,499................... | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 8.1 | 6.9 | 7.8 5.9 | 8.1 | 7.5 | -. | 6.0 | 6.7 |
| \$4,500 to \$4,999. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 8.1 | 6.9 5.0 | 5.9 4.5 | 6.7 | 6.0 | -•• | 5.0 | 4.2 |
| \$5,000 to \$5,999.............. . . . . . | 12.0 | 11.1 | 10.4 | 11.3 | 6.4 10.2 | 5.7 9.3 | 5.0 7.7 | 4.5 6.8 | 4.7 7.1 | 4.2 6.7 | ... | 3.4 | 3.7 |
| \$6,000 to \$9,999. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 21.5 | 19.1 | 16.7 | 16.7 | 14.0 | 9.3 12.3 | 7.7 9.3 | 6.8 8.3 | 7.1 | 6.7 7.7 | ... | 5.3 | 4.1 |
| \$10,000 and over.................... | 6.7 | 5.3 | 16.7 4.9 | 16.7 4.6 | 14.5 | 12.3 3.1 | 9.3 2.8 | 8.3 2.3 | 8.5 | 7.7 2.5 | $\cdots$ | 5.3 1.3 | 4.2 |
| Median income. <br> Orban and Rural Nonfarm | \$4,257 | \$3,948 | \$3,730 | \$3,789 | \$3,467 | \$3,368 | \$3,025 | \$2,783 | \$2,909 | \$2,727 | - | \$2,379 | 1.6 $\$ 2,209$ |
| Median income....................... | \$4,468 | \$4,195 | \$3,949 | \$3,981 | \$3,611 | \$3,546 | \$3,188 | \$2,989 | \$3,101 | \$2,900 | \$2,659 | \$2,595 | \$2,410 |
| Rural Farm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Median income....................... | \$2,149 | \$1,937 | \$1,803 | \$1,926 | \$2,011 | \$1,953 | \$1,790 | \$1,462 | \$1,861 | \$1,781 | (1) | \$1,291 | \$1,157 |
| Familits |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - United States |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent............ | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100 |  |  |  |  |
| Under \$500.......................... | 3.2 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 100.0 | 100.0 | $(1)$ | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| \$500 to \$999........ . . . . . . . . . . . . | 3.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 5.8 5.7 | 5.9 | 4.8 | 4.3 | - $\cdot$ | 5.8 | 7.5 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,499.................... | 4.4 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 3.9 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.8 5.3 | 5.7 6.2 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 6.4 | ... | 7.7 | 9.5 |
| \$1,500 to \$1,999................... . | 4.5 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.3 5.5 | 5.3 | 6.2 7.0 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 7.8 | ... | 8.4 | 10.21 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,499. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.5 6.7 | 6.1 | 7.0 9.0 | 7.6 | 7.4 | 8.8 | ... | 12.1 | 10.4 |
| \$2,500 to \$2,999.... . . . . . . . . . . . | 5.1 | 5.5 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 7.7 | 7.6 | 9.0 8.9 | 10.2 | 10.4 | 11.3 | *.. | 13.0 | 11.7 |
| \$3,000 to \$3,499................... | 6.2 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 8.9 | 10.4 | 10.1 | 10.7 | ... | 12.5 | 10.6 |
| \$3,500 to $\$ 3,999 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .$. . | 6.3 | 7.2 | 7.9 | 8.2 | 8.8 | 9.9 | 11.6 9.0 | 8 | 11.6 | 11.4 | ... | 10.3 | 11.0 |
| \$4,000 to \$4,499................... | 8.0 | 8.1 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 8.2 |  |  | 8.8 | 9.1 | 8.3 | -•• | 7.0 | 7.9 |
| \$4,500 to \$4,999................... | 6.8 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 7.3 | 8.2 | 9.2 | 7.9 | 6.8 5.3 | 7.6 | 6.9 | $\cdots$ | 5.8 | 5.0 |
| \$5,000 to \$5,999................... | 13.7 | 12.7 | 11.9 | 13.2 | 11.9 | 6.4 10.8 | 5.7 9.0 | 5.3 7.8 | 5.4 | 4.8 | ... | 3.9 | 4.3 |
| \$6,000 to \$9,999................... | 25.4 | 22.4 | 19.6 | 19.8 | 16.6 | 14.4 | 9.0 11.0 | 7.8 9.8 | 8.1 | 7.7 | ... | 6.1 | 5.0 |
| \$10,000 and over................... | 7.9 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 4.2 | 14.4 3.6 | 11.0 3.2 | 9.8 2.6 | 9.8 2.8 | 8.9 | ... | 6.1 | 5.1 |
| Median income. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | \$4,787 | \$4,420 | \$4,167 | \$4,233 | \$3,889 | \$3,714 | \$3,319 | \$3,107 | \% $\begin{array}{r}2.8 \\ \hline 3,190\end{array}$ | \$3,033 | .... | [ 1.4 | 1.8 $\$ 2,533$ |
| Urban and Rural Monfarm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Median income...................... | \$5,061 | \$4,705 | \$4,406 | \$4,462 | \$4,211 | \$3,913 | \$3,497 | \$3,324 | \$3,391 | \$3,207 | \$2,981 | \$2,857 | \$2,794 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Median income...................... | \$2,375 | \$2,117 | \$1,968 | \$2,131 | \$2,226 | \$2,131 | \$1,970 | \$1,587 | \$2,034 | \$1,958 | (1) | \$1,410 | \$1,272 |
| UNRETATED INDIVIDIAALS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent. | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |  |  |  |
| Under \$500.......................... | 17.4 | 19.9 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 100.0 | 100.0 | (1) | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| \$500 to \$999........................ | 22.2 | 22.1 | 23.5 | 20.6 | 20.2 | 25.5 | 28.1 | 27.1 | 26.0 | 31.0 | -•• | 34.2 | 31.6 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,499.................... | 11.6 | 12.9 | 10.2 | 21.7 9.7 | 12.3 | 21.2 9.0 | 22.2 10.5 | 23.6 11.0 | 22.9 | 19.7 | ... | 19.7 | 19.2 |
| \$1,500 to \$1,999... . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 9.2 | 8.9 |  | 9.7 8.1 | 12.3 9.1 | 9.0 9.0 | 10.5 9.0 | 11.0 9.5 | 13.0 10.0 | 13.4 | ... | 13.6 | 17.3 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,499.................... | 7.7 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 9.7 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 9.0 9.3 | 9.5 9.9 | 10.0 9.4 | 10.5 | ... | 11.6 | 11.3 |
| \$2,500 to \$2,999.................. . . | 5.2 | 5.5 | 6.8 | 7.4 | 9.3 | 9.4 6.6 | 9.3 6.3 | 9.9 6.9 | 9.4 | 9.3 5 | ... | 8.9 | 9.1 |
| \$3,000 to \$3,499................... | 6.1 | 7.3 | 5.9 | 7.7 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 6.3 5.7 | 6.9 | 6.1 | 5.5 3.3 | ... | 5.5 | 4.6 |
| \$3,500 to \$3,999................... | 5.0 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 6.6 5.4 | 4.3 | 5.7 3.5 | 4.5 | 5.5 2.4 | 3.3 2.7 | ... | 3.4 | 2.6 |
| \$4,000 to \$4,499................... . | 4.5 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 2.7 | $\cdots$ | 0.6 | 1.5 |
| \$4,500 to \$4,999.................... . | 3.5 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 1.9 0.4 | 1.5 | 1.1 | . . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 0.3 | 0.9 |
| \$5,000 to \$5,999................... | 3.9 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.5 2.2 | 2.4 2.1 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.4 1.4 | 1.1 | 0.8 0.9 | ... | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| \$6,000 to \$9,999................... | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 2.1 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 0.8 0.8 | 0.9 0.8 | ... | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| \$10,000 and over................... | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 1.3 0.3 | 0.9 0.4 | 0.7 0.4 | 0.8 0.4 | 0.8 1.0 | ... | 0.8 0.3 | 0.5 0.4 |
| Median income...................... | \$1,448 | \$1,310 | \$1,225 | \$1,397 | \$1,332 | \$1,180 | \$992 | \$984 | \$1,042 | \$983 | $\ldots$ | \$899 | \$9.4 |
| Median income....................... | \$1,522 | \$1,371 | \$1,312 | \$1,489 | \$1,410 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | \$1,285 | \$1,079 | \$1,042 | \$1,148 | \$1,077 | \$1,105 | $\$ 976$ | \$1,057 |
| Median income...................... | \$723 | \$635 | \$583 | \$589 | \$665 | \$733 | \$532 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{1}$ Comparable f |  |  |  | \$58 | \$665 | \$733 | \$532 | \$500 | \$533 | \$582 | (1) | \$401 | \$461 |

Table 14.--TYPE OF INCOME: DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS BY WAGE OR SALARY INCOME, NONFARM SELF-EMPIOYMENT INCOME, FARM SELF-EMPIOXMENT DNCOME, AND INCOME OTHER THAN EARNINGS IN 1956, FOR THE UNITED STATES

| Income | Wage or salary income |  |  | Nonfarm self-employment income |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Families and unrelated individuals | Families | Unrelated individuals | Families and unrelated individuals | Families | Unrelated individuals |
| Number.........................................thousands.. | 53,103 | 43,445 | - 9,658 | 53,103 | 43,445 | 9,658 |
| Number with specified type of income......thousands.. | 42,157 | 36,559 | 5,598 | 5,469 | 5,066 | 403 |
| Percent of those with specified type of income... | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Under \$500...................................................... | 6.5 | 5.6 | 12.1 | 21.9 | 20.8 | 35.8 |
| \$500 to \$999.................. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 5.4 | 4.0 | 14.7 | 7.4 | 7.0 | 12.8 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,499............... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 4.2 | 3.5 | 9.1 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 9.6 |
| \$1,500 to \$1,999. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 4.1 | 3.3 | 9.0 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 6.4 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,499. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 5.4 | 4.7 | 10.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 4.6 |
| \$2,500 to \$2,999.............................................. | 5.2 | 5.0 | 6.9 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 2.5 |
|  | 6.8 | 6.6 | 8.8 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 3.9 |
| \$3,500 to \$3,999................ . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 6.8 | 6.6 | 8.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| \$4,000 to \$4,499.... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 8.4 | 8.6 | 7.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.3 |
| \$4,500 to \$4,999............... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 6.8 | 7.1 | 4.9 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 2.1 |
| \$5,000 to \$5,999............... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 12.9 | 14.1 | 5.1 | 7.8 | 8.1 | + 3.5 |
|  | 8.7 | 9.7 | 1.9 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 1.1 |
| \$7,000 to \$9,999............................... . . . . . . . . . . . . | 13.5 | 15.3 | 1.6 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 4.6 |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999............................................. . . | 4.2 | 4.8 | 0.3 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 1.4 |
| \$15,000 to \$24,999. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 1.8 |
| \$25,000 and over............................................ | 0.2 | 0.2 | -• | 1.8 | 1.9 | 0.7 |
| Median income of specified type for those with such income $\qquad$ | \$4,333 | \$4,648 | \$2,245 |  | \$3,043 | \$1,073 |
| Income | Farm self-employment income |  |  | Income other than earnings |  |  |
|  | Families and unrelated individuals | Families | Unrelated individuals | Families and unrelated individuals | Families | Unrelated individuals |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | ' |
| Number. .................................... . . . . .thousands. . | 53,103 | 43,445 | 9,658 | 53,103 | 43,445 | 9,658 |
| Number with specified type of income......thousands.. | 4,121 | 3,942 | 179 | 20,788 | 16,417 | 4,371 |
| Percent of those with specified type of income... | 100.0 | 100.0 | (1) | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Under \$500.................................................... | 42.4 | 42.4 | (1) | 38.2 | 40.5 | 29.0 |
| \$500 to \$999. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 13.6 | 13.1 | $(1)$ | 26.6 | 23.1 | 40.0 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,499................................. . . . . . . . . . . . | 10.2 | 10.3 | $(1)$ | 14.8 | 14.2 | 17.3 |
|  | 7.7 | 7.8 | $(1)$ | 8.5 | 8.9 | 6.8 |
|  | 7.2 | 7.3 | $(1)$ | 4.8 | 5.3 | 2.8 |
| \$2,500 to \$2,999....... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 3.4 | 3.4 | $\left(\begin{array}{l}1 \\ 1 \\ 1\end{array}\right.$ | 2.1 | 2.3 | - 1.17 |
|  | 3.6 | 3.7 | $\left(\begin{array}{l}1 \\ 1 \\ 1\end{array}\right)$ | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0.8 |
|  | 2.2 | 2.2 | (1) | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| \$4,000 to \$4,499. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 1.9 | 2.0 | $(1)$ | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.4 |
| \$4,500 to \$4,999. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 1.5 | 1.5 | $(1)$ | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| \$5,000 to \$5,999..................... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 1.6 | 1.6 | $(1)$ | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
|  | 1.7 | 1.8 | $(1)$ | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| \$7,000 to \$9,999 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 1.6 | 1.6 | $\left({ }^{1}\right.$ | 0.4 | 0.4 | - 0.2 |
|  | 0.9 | 1.0 | ${ }_{2}^{2}$ | 0.4 | 0.4 | - 0.2 |
|  | 0.2 | 0.1 | $\left(\begin{array}{l}2 \\ 1 \\ 1\end{array}\right.$ | 0.1 | 0.2 |  |
| \$25,000 and over............................................ | 0.1 | 0.1 | $\left.{ }^{1}\right)$ | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Median incone of specified type for those with such income. | \$779 | \$790 | (2) | \$722 | \$706 | \$763 |

${ }^{1}$ Percent and median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting with specified type of income.

Table 15.--SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, 1939, 1951, AND 1956: MEDIAN WAGE OR SALARY INCOME OF PRIMARY FAMIIIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS WTIH WAGE OR SALAFY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES


Table 16.--Place of hasidence: distribution of persons 14 years of age and over by total money income in 1956, by sex, for the united states, URBAN (BY SIZE OF PLACE) AND RURAL


[^9]Table 16.--PLACE OF RESIDENCE: DISTRIDUTION OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1956, BY SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN (BY SIZE OF PLACE) AND RURAL-CON.

${ }^{1}$ comparable figures not available.

Table 17.--RESIDENCE AND COLOR: MEDLAN INCOME IN 1956 OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, BY SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL

| Residence | Male |  |  | Female |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | White | Nommite | Total | White | Nombite |
| UNITED STATES ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | - |  |  |  |
| Number of persons.......................thousands.. Number of persons with income. . . . . . .thousands.. | $\begin{aligned} & 56,591 \\ & 52,016 \end{aligned}$ | 51,066 47,038 | 5,525 4,978 | 61,304 31,823 | 54,888 27,668 | $\begin{aligned} & 6,416 \\ & 4,155 \end{aligned}$ |
| Median incame for persons with income............. | \$3,608 | 83,827 | \$2,000 | \$1,146 | \$1,267 | \$727 |
| URBAN |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of persons. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .thousands.. | 35,445 | 31,726 | 3,719 | 40,034 | 35,642 | 4,392 |
| Number of persons with income..........thousands.. | 32,745 | 29,398 | 3,347 | 21,987 | 19,196 | 2,791 |
| Median fincome for persons with income............. | \$4,010 | \$4,165 | \$2,624 | \$1,402 | \$1,486 | \$994 |
| RJRAL NONFAPM ' |  |  |  |  |  | - |
| Number of persons...................... . .thousands. . | 13,907 | 12,950 | 957 | 14,571 | 13,396 | 1,175 |
| Number of persons with income.........thousands.. | 12,845 | 11,985 | 860 | 7,104 | 6,285 | + 819 |
| Median income for persins with income............. | \$3,592 | \$3,805 | \$1,593 | \$871 | \$957 | \$485 |
| RIRAL FAFM |  |  |  |  | . |  |
| Number of persons........................thousands. . | 7,239 | 6,390 | 849 | 6,699 | 5,850 | 849 |
| Number of persons with income.........thousands.. | 6,426 | 5,655 | 771 | 2,732 | 2,187 | 545 |
| Median income for persons with income............. | \$1,461 | \$1,689 | \$632 | \$468 | \$578 | \$318 |

${ }^{1}$ Diatributions by income level appear in table 25.

Table 18. --age and VETERAN STATUS: DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS 14 yEARS OF AGE. AND OVER BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1956 , BY SEX,
FOR THE UNITED STATES, URBAN AND RURAL


Table 18.--AGE and VETERAN STATUS: DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS 14 yEars of age and over by total money income in 1956, by SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES, UREAN AND RURAL--CON.

${ }^{1}$ Veteran status of women not obtained.
Table 19.--Relationship to family head: distrigution $\boldsymbol{a}$ fersans 14 years of age and over by totai money incore in 1956 , by sex, for the untred states, urban and hural


[^10]Table 20.--EDUCATION: dISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1956, by yRars of SCHOOL COMPLETED AND SEX,

| Total money fncome and sex | Fotal ${ }^{1}$ | Elementary school |  |  | High school |  |  | College |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Less than 8 years ${ }^{2}$ | $\begin{gathered} 8 \\ \text { years } \end{gathered}$ | Total | 1 to 3 years | $\stackrel{4}{4}$ | Total | 1 to 3 years | 4 years or more |  |
| UNITED STATES--MAIE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of persons................thousands.. Number of persons with income...thousands.. | 56,591 52,016 | 22,400 20,008 | 12,244 10,981 | 10,156 9,027 | 24,338 22,579 | 11,869 10,355 | 12,469 12,224 | 8,985 8,695 | 4,417 4,212 | 4,568 4,483 | 10.5 10.7 |
| Total. | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | . |
| Under \$1,000. | 17.2 | 24.7 | 29.8 | 18.2 | 13.4 | 20.7 | 7.0 | 8.9 | 14.0 | 4.0 | 8.6 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999. | 11.7 | 17.0 | 20.0 | 13.4 | 8.7 | 9.0 | 8.4 | 6.9 | 8.9 | 5.1 | 8.6 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999. | 12.1 | 15.7 | 16.8 | 14.4 | 10.7 | 10.9 | 10.5 | 7.1 | 8.3 | 6.0 | 8.9 |
| \$3,000 to \$3,999.. | 14.8 | 15.5 | 14.0 | 17.5 | 15.9 | 16.3 | 15.6 | 10.2 | 11.7 | 8.8 | 10.1 |
| \$4,000 to \$4,999.. | 15.9 | 12.9 | 9.7 | 16.8 | 19.4 | 18.1 | 20.6 | 14.0 | 15.5 | 12.6 | 11.3 |
| \$5,000 to \$5,999. | 11.9 | 7.6 | 5.6 | 10.1 | 15.4 | 13.7 | 16.8 | 13.3 | 13.5 | 13.2 | 12.2 |
| \$6,000 to \$9,999. | 12.7 | 5.7 | 3.5 | 8.3 | 14.1 | 10.2 | 17.5 | 26.1 | 21.0 | 31.0 | 12.5 |
| \$10,000 and over. | 3.6 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 3.5 | 13.5 | 7.1 | 19.4 | 15.0 |
| Median income................................. | \$3,608 | \$2,529 | \$2,012 | \$3,229 | \$4,067 | \$3,577 | \$4,413 | \$5,218 | \$4,458 | \$6,038 | $\cdots$ |
| Year-Round Full-Time Workers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent of all income recipients........... | 62.4 | 53.0 | 47.8 | 59.5 | 67.8 | 59.6 | 75.2 | 71.6 | 65.1 | 77.6 | 11.4 |
| Median income.. | 84,462 | \$3,579 | \$3,120 | \$4,035 | \$4,720 | \$4,514 | \$4,887 | \$6,060 | \$5,457 | \$6,980 | ... |
| UNITED STATES--FIMALE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of persons............... thousands.. | 61,304 | 21,422 | 11,198 | 10,224 | 31,625 | 13,488 | 18,137 | 7,555 | 4,500 | 3,055 | 11.1 |
| Number of persons with income...thousands.. | 31,823 | 10,744 | 5,899 | 4,845 | 16,005 | 6,606 | 9,399 | 4,776 | 2,631 | 2,145 | 11.3 |
| Income Recipients |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total.. | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 200.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | ... |
| Under \$1,000.................................... | 46.9 | 61.6 | 69.2 | 52.3 | 41.1 | 53.2 | 32.4 | 31.0 | 36.5 | 24.3 | 9.5 |
| \$1,000 to \$1,999. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 19.3 | 20.4 | 17.6 | 23.8 | 20.0 | 20.4 | 19.6 | 15.3 | 18.4 | 11.5 | 10.8 |
| \$2,000 to \$2,999 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 15.7 | 11.4 | 9.3 | 13.9 | 18.9 | 14.6 | 22.0 | 15.0 | 16.5 | 13.2 | 12.1 |
| \$3,000 to \$3,999............................... | 11.0 | 4.8 | 3.0 | 7.0 | 13.4 | 7.7 | 17.5 | 17.1 | 14.8 | 20.0 | 12.4 |
| \$4,000 to \$4,999. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 4.3 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 4.6 | 2.9 | 5.8 | 10.8 | 7.3 | 15.1 | 12.6 |
| \$5,000 to \$5,999.............................. | 1.5 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 5.3 | 4.1 | 6.7 | 13.0 |
| \$6,000 to \$9,999............................... | 0.9 | 0.1 | -. | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 4.2 | 1.8 | 7.1 | 15.8 |
| [10,000 and over.............................. | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | ... | 0.3 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 14.9 |
| Median income <br> Year-Round Full-Time Workers <br> Percent of all income recipients. $\qquad$ Median income. $\qquad$ | \$1,146 | \$813 | \$724 | \$957 | \$1,445 | \$941 | \$1,898 | \$2,247 | \$1,734 | \$3,050 | -•• |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 29.3 | 18.6 $\$ 2.52$ | ${ }^{15.7}$ | 22.1 | -35.0 | 25.2 | ${ }^{41.9}$ | 35.6 | \$33.7 | 38.0 | 12.2 |
|  | \$2,828 | \$2,152 | \$1,811 | \$2,408 | \$2,695 | \$2,583 | \$3,021 | \$3,610 | \$3,40 | \$3,809 | ... |
| URBAN--MALE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of persons................thousands.. | 35,4,5 | 12,408 | 6,432 | 5,976 | 15,857 | 7,660 | 8,197 | 6,514 | 3,094 | 3,420 | 11.1 |
| Number of persons with income...thousands.. | 32,745 | 11,097 | 5,787 | 5,310 | 14,782 | 6,735 | 8,047 | 6,298 | 2,946 | 3,352 | 11.3 |
| Median income.. | \$4,010 | \$3,121 | \$2,654 | \$3,631 | 34,263 | \$3,858 | \$4,563 | \$5,301 | \$4,526 | \$6,176 | - |
| URPAN--FEMALE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of persons................thousands.. | 40,034 | 12,879 | 6,486 | 6,393 | 21,267 | 8,850 | 12,417 | 5,347 | 3,104 | 2,243 | 11.4 |
| Number of persons with income...thousands.. | 21,987 | 6,781 | 3,537 | 3,244 | 11,526 | 4,627 | 6,899 | 3,437 | 1,854 | 1,583 | 11.7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RURAL NONFARM-MAIE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of persons................thousands.. | 13,907 | 5,666 | 3,193 | 2,473 | 6,017 | 2,851 | 3,166 | . 2,072 | 1,036 | 1,036 | 10.4 |
| Number of persons with income...thousands.. | 12,845 | 5,045 | 2,873 | 2,172 | 5,649 | 2,532 | 3,117 | 2,016 | 994 | 1,022 | 10.6 |
| Medien income.................................. | \$3,592 | \$2,453 | \$1,966 | \$3,240 | \$4,076 | \$3,568 | \$4,475 | \$5,333 | \$4,706 | \$5,906 | . $\cdot$ |
| RUBAL NONFARM-FEMALE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of persons...............thousands.. | 14,571 | 5,164 | 2,824 | 2,340 | 7,570 | 3,237 | 4,333 | 1,712 | 1,049 | 663 | 11.0 |
| Number of persons with income...thousands.. | 7,104 | 2,636 | 1,529 | 1,107 | 3,387 | 1,435 | 1,952 | 1,038 | 585 | 453 | 10.9 |
| Median income................................. | \$871 | \$694 | \$631 | \$809 | \$1,040 | \$817 | \$1,495 | \$2,365 | \$1,901 | \$3,121 | . $\cdot$ |
| RURAL FARM-MALE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of persons...............thousands.. | 7,239 | 4,326 | 2,619 | 1,707 | 2,464 | 1,358 | 1,106 | 399 | 287 | 112 | 8.6 |
| Number of persons with income...thousands.. | 6,426 | 3,866 | 2,321 | 1,545 | 2,148 | 1,088 | 1,060 | 381 | 272 | 109 | 8.6 |
| Median income................................. | \$1,461 | \$1,198 | \$944 | \$1,734 | \$2,025 | 1,653 | \$2,441 | \$2,742 | \$2,240 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | - |
| RURAL FARM-FEMALE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of persons................thousands.. | 6,699 | 3,379 | 1,888 | 1,491 | 2,788 | 1,401 | 1,387 | 496 | 347 | 149 | 9.0 |
| Number of persons with income...thousands.. | 2,732 | 1,327 | 833 | 494 | 1,092 | 544 | 548 | 301 | 192 | 109 | 9.2 |
| Median income. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | $\$ 468$ | \$603 | \$571 | \$667 | \$774 | \$646 | \$972 | \$1,567 | (3) | (3) | ... |

${ }_{2}$ Includes persons not reporting years of school completed, not shown separately.
${ }_{3}$ Includes persons without schooling, not show separately.
${ }^{3}$ Median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reparting with income.

table 21.--OCCUPation: distribution of persons 14 years of aoe and over by total money inlu in 1956, by major occupation group in march 1957 and sex, for the united states--Con.

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{Totai money incore
and sex} \& \multirow[t]{3}{*}{Total} \& \multicolumn{16}{|l|}{Employed as eiviliana in March 1957} \& \multirow[t]{3}{*}{\begin{tabular}{l}
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ployed \\
in \\
March \\
1957
\end{tabular}} \& \multirow[t]{3}{*}{\begin{tabular}{l}
In Armed or not in labor \\
in March 1957
\end{tabular}} \\
\hline \& \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Total \\
em- \\
ployed civilIans
\end{tabular}} \& \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{Professional, technical, and kindred workers} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Farmers \\
and \\
farm \\
man- \\
agers
\end{tabular}} \& \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{Managers, officials, and proprietors, except farm} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\left\{\left.\begin{array}{c}
\text { Clerical } \\
\text { and } \\
\text { kindred } \\
\text { workers }
\end{array} \right\rvert\,\right.
\]} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Sales } \\
\text { workers }
\end{gathered}
\]} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Crafts-
men,
foremen,
and
kindred
workers} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Operatives and kindred workers} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Privete hold workers} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Service workers, except private hold} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{c|}
\text { Faru } \\
\text { 1a- } \\
\text { borers } \\
\text { and } \\
\text { foremen }
\end{array}\right.
\]} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Laborers, except farm and mine} \& \& \\
\hline \& \& \& Total \& Self-employed \({ }^{1}\) \& \[
\begin{aligned}
\& \text { Sala- } \\
\& \text { ried }
\end{aligned}
\] \& \& Total \& \[
\begin{aligned}
\& \text { Self- } \\
\& \text { eem- } \\
\& \text { ployed }^{1}
\end{aligned}
\] \& \[
\begin{aligned}
\& \text { Sala- } \\
\& \text { ried }
\end{aligned}
\] \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \\
\hline female \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \\
\hline Number of persons...thousands.. \& 62,304 \& 20,592 \& 2,436 \& 135 \& 2,301 \& 139 \& 1,080 \& 633 \& 447 \& 6,161 \& 1,507 \& 215 \& 3,438 \& 2,174 \& 2,700 \& 625 \& 117 \& 932 \& 39,780 \\
\hline thousands.. \& 31,823 \& 18,258 \& 2,229 \& 119 \& 2,110 \& 125 \& 893 \& 468 \& 425 \& 5,754 \& 1,249 \& 198 \& 3,225 \& 1,909 \& 2,391 \& 181 \& 104 \& 743 \& 12,822 \\
\hline Income Recipients \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \\
\hline Total.................. \& 100.0 \& 100.0 \& 100.0 \& (2) \& 100.0 \& \({ }^{(2)}\) \& 100.0 \& 100.0 \& 100.0 \& 100.0 \& 100.0 \& \({ }^{(2)}\) \& 100.0 \& 100.0 \& 100.0 \& (2) \& \({ }^{(2)}\) \& 100.0 \& 100.0 \\
\hline 10ss,........................ \& 0.3
27.3 \& 0.3 \& 7. \& \((2)\)
\((2)\)
\((2)\) \& 65 \& \((2)\)
\((2)\)
\((2)\) \& 3.9 \& 7.5 \& 0.4 \& 0.1
5 \& 0.1 \& (2)

2 \& \& 0.1 \& 0.3 \& (2) \& $(2)$
${ }^{2}$
2 \& \& 0.1 <br>
\hline \$500 to \$999....................... \& 19.3 \& 13.4 \& 10.3 \& (2) \& 10.5 \& (2) \& 10.2 \& 12.9
12.9 \& 5.4
7.5 \& 5.6
7.1 \& 25.0
16.0 \& \& 5.4
9.2 \& 4.0
30.1 \& 16.5
22.2 \& \& \& 28.4
18.8 \& 45.4
27.3 <br>
\hline \$1,000 to \$1,499.................. \& 10.6 \& 10.0 \& 5.3 \& ${ }^{(2)}$ \& 5.0 \& (2) \& 88.4 \& 8.2 \& 8.6 \& 7.7 \& 14.3 \& ${ }^{2} 2$ \& 9.2 \& 12.7 \& 17.4 \& ${ }^{(2)}$ \& ${ }^{2}$ 2) \& 15.8 \& 11.2 <br>
\hline \$1,500 to \$1,999.............. \& 8.7 \& 10.3 \& 5.6 \& (2) \& 5.2 \& (2) \& 9.1 \& 12.9 \& 5.4 \& 7.9 \& 15.0 \& ${ }^{2} 2$ \& 15.9 \& 7.2 \& 13.6 \& ${ }^{(2)}$ \& \& 14.1 \& 6.3 <br>
\hline \$2,000 to \$2,499.............. \& 9.0 \& 13.0 \& 8.2 \& \& 7.9 \& $(2)$

2 \& 9.5 \& 7.1 \& 11.8 \& 13.5 \& 13.7 \& (2) \& 21.8 \& 3.8 \& 13.8 \& (2) \& \& 9.0 \& 3.6 <br>
\hline \$2,500 to \$2,999............. \& 6.7
6.5 \& 10.3
10.3 \& $\begin{array}{r}9.7 \\ 12.8 \\ \hline\end{array}$ \& $(2)$
$(2)$
$(2)$ \& 10.2 \& $(2)$
$(2)$
$(2)$ \& 7.2 \& 7.5 \& $\begin{array}{r}6.8 \\ 13.3 \\ \hline\end{array}$ \& 15.7

16.3 \& | 7.1 |
| :--- | \& $(2)$

$(2)$
$(2)$ \& 13.6 \& 1.7 \& 5.0 \&  \&  \& 6.2 \& 1.8 <br>
\hline \$3,500 to \$3,999................ \& 4.5 \& 7.2 \& 9.2 \& (2) \& 9.6 \& (2) \& 5.2 \& 3.6 \& 6.8 \& 12.7 \& 2.2 \& ${ }^{2}$ ) \& 12.0
6.8 \& $\ldots$ \& 3.1 \& (2) \& ${ }^{(2)}$ \& 1.1
1.1 \& 1.4 <br>
\hline \$4,000 to \$4,499................ \& 3.0 \& 4.8 \& 8.8 \& ${ }^{2}{ }^{2}$ \& 9.0 \& ${ }^{2}{ }^{2}$ \& 5.9 \& 3.2 \& 8.6 \& 7.3 \& 1.5 \& ${ }^{(2)}$ \& 4.0 \& \& 2.1 \& ${ }^{2}$ ) \& ${ }^{2}$ ) \& 1.1 \& 0.7 <br>
\hline \$4,500 to \$4,999............... \& 1.3 \& 2.3 \& 7.4 \& ${ }^{(2)}$ \& 7.7 \& (2) \& 3.9 \& 1.4 \& 6.5 \& 2.8 \& 0.3 \& (2) \& 0.9 \& 0.1 \& 0.6 \& ${ }^{2}{ }^{2}$ ) \& ${ }^{2}$ 2) \& \& 0.1 <br>
\hline \$5,000 to \$5,999............... \& 1.5 \& 2.4 \& 8.2 \& $\left(\begin{array}{l}2 \\ (2) \\ (2)\end{array}\right.$ \& 8.2 \& ${ }^{(2)}$ \& 9.3 \& 5.7 \& 12.9 \& 2.4 \& 0.8 \& ${ }^{(2)}$ \& 0.8 \& $\ldots$ \& 0.5 \& ${ }^{(2)}$ \& ${ }^{(2)}$ \& 0.2 \& 0.4 <br>
\hline \$6,000 to \$6,999............... \& 0.5 \& 0.8 \& 3.2 \& $(2)$
$(2)$
$(2)$ \& 3.3 \& $(2)$
$(2)$
2, \& 2.7 \& 2.5 \& 2.9 \& 0.7 \& 0.3 \& (2) \& 0.1 \& . \& 0.1 \& $(2)$

2 \& (2) \& ... \& 0.2 <br>
\hline \$7,000 to \$9,999.............. \& 0.4 \& 0.6 \& 3.2 \& $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ \& 3.2 \& ${ }^{(2)}$ \& 2.7 \& 3.2 \& 2.2 \& 0.2 \& 0.3 \& ${ }^{(2)}$ \& 0.1 \& $\ldots$ \& 0.1 \& ${ }^{(2)}$ \& (2) \& $\ldots$ \& 0.2 <br>

\hline \$10,000 to \$14,999............ \& 0.2 \& 0.2 \& 0.6 \& | $(2)$ |
| :--- |
| $(2)$ |
| $(2)$ | \& 0.6 \& $(2)$

$(2)$
$(2)$
$(2)$ \& 1.6 \& 2.1 \& 1.1 \& 0.2 \& 0.1 \& (2) \& 0.1 \& $\ldots$ \& 0.1 \& ${ }^{(2)}$ \& (2) \& ... \& 0.2 <br>
\hline \$15,000 to \$24,999................ \& $\ldots$ \& $\ldots$ \& $\ldots$ \& ${ }^{2}$ ) \& $\cdots$ \& (2) \& 0.9
0.2 \& 1.8
0.4 \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& ${ }^{(2)}$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots$ \& (2) \& (2) \& $\cdots$ \& 0.1 <br>
\hline Median income.................. \& \$1,146 \& \$2,081 \& \$3,133 \& (2) \& \$3,178 \& ${ }^{(2)}$ \& \$2,489 \& \$1,829 \& \$3,154 \& \$2,758 \& \$1,311 \& ${ }^{(2)}$ \& \$2,236 \& \$598 \& \$1,316 \& ${ }^{(2)}$ \& $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ \& \$1,089 \& \$582 <br>

\hline | Workers |
| :--- |
| Year-Round Full-Time | \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>

\hline Percent of all income recipients. \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>

\hline Median income................... \& \$2,828 \& \$2,855 \& \$3,694 \& (2) \& \$3,730 \& (2) \& \$2,835 \& \$1,839 \& \$3,793 \& \$3,189 \& \$2,165 \& (2) \& - 2,660 \& \$925 \& $$
\$ 2,017
$$ \& $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ \& (2) \& ${ }^{(2)}$ \& (3) <br>

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\end{tabular}

[^11]i Comparable figure not available.
2 Median not enown where there were fever than 100 cases in the sample reporting with income.


| Total morey incose and sex | ${ }^{\text {Total }}$ | Employed as civilians in march 1957 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Unem- <br> 1 n <br> March <br> 1957 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { employed } \\ & \text { civiti- } \end{aligned}$ Ians |  | Mining | $\begin{gathered} \text { Con- } \\ \substack{\text { struce } \\ \text { tion }} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Manu- } \\ \text { fectur- } \\ \text { ing } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { tholele- } \\ & \text { sale } \\ & \text { trade } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Retad1 } \\ & \text { trad } \end{aligned}$ | Finance, fnsure, ance and real estate | $\begin{gathered} \text { and } \\ \text { repair } \\ \text { gervices } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Personal } \\ \text { serry- } \\ \text { foes } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Enter- } \\ \text { tantinent } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { recre- } \\ \text { aerven } \\ \text { services } \end{gathered}$ | Profes- sional and related services | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pubilic } \\ & \text { adminds- } \\ & \text { tration } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| mais |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of persons....... thousands. . Number of persons with income Income Recipients thousands.. | 56,591 52,016 | 43,273 42,518 | 4,723 4,407 | 601 599 | 3,680 3,665 | 13,110 13,046 | 3,911 3,886 | 2,130 | 6,032. 5,875 | 1,346 1,332 | 1,294 1,275 | 1,233 | 370 356 | 2,731 2,668 | 2,112 2,112 | 1,950 1,790 | 12,368 7,708 |
| Total... | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100,0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100,0 | 100.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 0.7 8.4 | 0.8 | $\stackrel{4.4}{18.7}$ | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.7 |  |  |  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
|  | 8.1 | 4.7 | ${ }_{16.2}^{18.7}$ | 3.5 | 2.3 <br> 3.7 | 1.7 2.0 | 1.3 2.0 | ${ }_{2}^{1.9}$ | 7.3 |  | 4.2 | 9.9 | 18.5 | 0.2 <br> 1.8 | $\ldots$ | $\begin{array}{r}0.2 \\ 16.4 \\ \hline 1\end{array}$ | ${ }_{25.6}^{0.6}$ |
| \$1,500 to \$1,999..................... | 6.2 5.5 | 4.4 | 12.6 | 3.2 | 4.4 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 3.5 | 5.0 | 2.3 2.9 | $\stackrel{5.1}{4.5}$ | 9.0 8.6 | 6.2 | 3.8 | 1.2 | 13.1 | 25.1 |
|  | 6.4 <br> 5.4 <br> .7 | 6.0 | 9.1 | 4.5 <br> 4.7 | 5.5 <br> 6.8 <br> 1 | 2.7 4.6 | 2.8 5.2 | 3.9 6.8 | 4.9 7.0 | 2.4. | 4.8 | 8.2 9.2 | 3.8 | 5.2 <br> 4.6 | 1.4 | 11.3 <br> 10.1 <br> 1 | ${ }^{14.8}$ |
|  | 5.7 7.4 7.4 | 6.0 | ${ }_{6}^{6.6}$ | 2.0 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 4.2. 4.9 | 7.8 | 7.0 | 6.3 4.4 | 7.7 5.5 | 8.2 | 9.0 | 5.1 | 3.3 | 11.0 | 7.3 |
| \$3,500 to \$3,999.................... | 7.4 | 8.5 | 3.3 | 2.5 7.7 | 10.0 9.3 | 8.6 8.6 | 7.3 10.4 | 8.2 10.5 | ${ }_{0}^{10.4}$ | 6.7 | 8.8 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 3.5 8.0 | 7.1 | 3.8 2.6 |
| \%, $\mathbf{*}, 5000$ to to | 9.2 | 10.7 | 2.9 | 10.4 | 9.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 8.9 | 4.3 | 8.3 | 11.0 | 5.7 | 2.4 |
|  | 6.7 | 7.9 | 2.6 | 10.9 | 6.8 | 9.6 | 12.0 | 9.9 | ${ }_{5.3}^{9.0}$ | 6.5 <br> 4.4 | 12.3 | 7.6 | 8.1 | 8.5 | 17.5 | 5.6 |  |
| \$6,000 to \$6,999..................... | ${ }_{6.2}^{11.9}$ | 14.2 <br> 7.4 <br> 1 | ${ }_{2}^{1.6}$ | 17.9 | 15.6 | 18.1 | 19.8 | 14.8 | 11.7 | 14.5 | 7.2 12.3 | ${ }_{7.3}$ | 4.3 | ${ }^{6} 16.6$ | 15.8 | 2.6 | 1.5 |
| \$7,000 to \$89,999,............... | 6.5 | 7.6 | 1.4 | 11.2 | ${ }_{8.3}$ | 9.4 | 7.5 8.6 | ${ }_{88}^{8.8}$ | 5.7 | 11.7 | 7.2 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 6.9 | 88.6 | ${ }_{1.1}$ | ${ }_{0}^{1.7}$ |
|  | co. | 2.8 0.9 | ${ }_{0} .3$ | 4.0 | 2.4 | ${ }^{2.8}$ | 1.7 | 4.5 | ${ }_{2.8}^{6.2}$ | 13.2 7.7 |  | 1.9 1.1 | 5.7 | 10.4 | 8.2 | 1.3 | 1.6 |
| \$25,000 and over................. | 0.4 | 0.5 | $0: 1$ | ${ }_{1.2}^{2.2}$ | 0.4 | 0.8 0.4 0 | 0.2 0.3 | ${ }_{0.2}^{1.4}$ | 0.8 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 2.8 | 3.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.7 0.1 |
| Median income................... | \$3,608 | \$ 2,093 | \$1,425 | * 2 ,872 | \$,083 | \$4,516 | \$2,496 | \$4,258 | \$3,560 | \$5,069 |  | $\cdots$ | 0.9 | 2.4 | 0.1 | ... | 0.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year-Round Fu11-Tine } \\ & \text { Workers } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent of all income recipients.. | 822.4 | ${ }^{74.2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | \$4,462 | \$4,487 | \$1,701 | \$5,377 | \$ 4,884 | \$4,939 | \$4,766 | *, 8.6 | \$4,149 | $\begin{array}{r} 79.4 \\ \$ 5,553 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 70,2 \\ \$ 4,296 \end{gathered}$ | ${ }_{43,3636}^{66.3}$ | $\stackrel{50,3}{(2)}$ | 74.5 $\$ 4,700$ | 89,8 $\$ 4,669$ | ${ }_{\$ 3,232}^{21.0}$ | $\left(\begin{array}{l}\text { (1) } \\ \text { (1) }\end{array}\right.$ |

Table 22.--Industry: distribution of persons 14 years $\boldsymbol{F}$ fage and over by total money inuare in 1956, by major industry group in march 1957 and sex, for the united states-con.




[^12]table 24．－Source of incame distribution of persons 14 years of ace and over with in by total maney income in 1956 and sex，for the united states，urban and rural

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|  |  | $\stackrel{\text { g }}{\substack{\text { d }}}$ | $\stackrel{m}{m}$ |  | 9 | Monñotncot | Mo | $\stackrel{\text { ® }}{\text { ¢ }}$ | $\stackrel{\circ}{\circ} \mathrm{m}$ |
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Table 26.--TOTAL INCOME, 1944 TO 1956: DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME, BY SEX,
FOR THE UNITED STATES, FARM AND NONFARM

${ }^{1}$ Comparable figures not available.

Table 27.--TYPE OF INCOME IN 1956: DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER BY WAGE OR SALARY INCOME, NONFARM SELF-EMPIOYMENT INCOME, FARM SELF-ENPLOYMENT INCOME, AND INCOME OTHER THAN EARNINGS, BY SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES

${ }^{1}$ Median not show where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting with income of specified type.
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Table 28.--COLOR AND INDUSTRY, 1956 AND 1939: MEDLAN WAGE OR SALARY INCOME OF ALL PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVRR WTTH WAGE OR SALARY TNCOME AND OF YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS, BY MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP. AND SEX, FOR THE UNTTED STATES

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[b]{3}{*}{Color and major industry group} \& \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{All workers} \& \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{Year-round full-time workers} <br>
\hline \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Male} \& \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{Female} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Male} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Female} <br>
\hline \& 1956 \& $1939{ }^{1}$ \& 1956 \& $1939{ }^{1}$ \& 1956 \& $1939{ }^{1}$ \& 1956 \& $1939{ }^{1}$ <br>
\hline COLOR \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline White........................................................ \& $\$ 4,260$
2,396 \& \$1,112 \& $\begin{array}{r}\text { \$2,179 } \\ \hline 970\end{array}$ \& $$
\begin{array}{r}
\$ 676 \\
246
\end{array}
$$ \& $$
\begin{array}{r}
\$ 4,710 \\
2,912
\end{array}
$$ \& $\$ 1,419$
639 \& $\$ 2,958$
1,637 \& $$
\begin{gathered}
\$ 863 \\
327
\end{gathered}
$$ <br>
\hline MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP IN SURVEY WEEK \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries.................. \& \$1,218 \& \$301 \& $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ \& \$154
1,077 \& $\$ 1,910$
5,387 \& \$381
1,550 \& $\left(\begin{array}{l}2 \\ (2)\end{array}\right.$ \& $\$ 266$
1,331 <br>
\hline  \& 4,716 \& 956 \& (2)

2 \& 1,077 \& 4,610 \& 1,276 \& ${ }^{2}$ ) \& 1,042 <br>
\hline Construction..................................................... \& 3,811
4,417 \& 1,141 \& \$2,394 \& 646 \& 4,844 \& 1,416 \& \$3,051 \& 869 <br>
\hline Manufacturing.................................i* ${ }^{\text {a }}$. ${ }^{\text {a }}$. \& 4,417 \& 1,141 \& \& \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline Transportation, commanication, and other public utilities. \& 4,413 \& 1,425
1,326 \& 2,956
2,662 \& 1,068
828 \& 4,720 \& 1,649 \& 3,331 \& 1,158 <br>
\hline Wholesale trade.............................................. \& 4,071
3,288 \& $\begin{array}{r}1,326 \\ \hline 969\end{array}$ \& 2,662 \& 599 \& 3,953 \& 1,196 \& 2,244 \& 761 <br>
\hline Retail trade.................................................... \& 3,288 \& 1,487 \& 1,4984 \& 977 \& 5,164 \& 1,636 \& 3,022 \& 1,064 <br>
\hline Finance, insurance, and real estate.......................... \& 4,342 \& $\begin{array}{r}1,487 \\ \hline 995\end{array}$ \& 2,373 \& 838 \& 4,277 \& 1,232 \& $\left({ }^{2}\right)$
1,331 \& 1,016
390 <br>
\hline Business and repair services.................................................................................. \& 3,847
2,102 \& 738 \& 679
$(2)$ \& 292
639 \& 3,317 ${ }^{(2)}$ \& 940
1,291 \& 1,331 ${ }_{(2)}$ \& 390 <br>
\hline Personal services.............................................................. \& 2,506 \& 888
1,235 \& $(2)$
2,320 \& 639
896 \& 4,233 \& 1,349 \& 2,903 \& $\begin{array}{r}998 \\ \hline\end{array}$ <br>
\hline Professional and related services........................ \& 3,854
4,460 \& 1,235 \& 2,247 \& 1,233 \& 4,587 \& 1,84.3 \& 3,508 \& 1,339 <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

Public administration...............................................................
Fxcludes public emergency workers but includes meabers in the sample reporting with wage or salary income.

Table 29, - OCCUPATTON, 1956 AND 1939: MEDIAN WAGE OR SALAFY DNCOME OF ALL PERSONS IN THE EXPERIENGED CTVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND OF YEAR-ROUND FULI:TTME WORKERS. BY MAJOR OGCUPATION GROUP AND SEX, FOR THE UNTTED STATES

|  | All workers |  |  |  | Year-round full-time workers |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male |  | Female |  | Male |  | Female |  |
|  | 1956 | $1939{ }^{1}$ | 1956 | $1939{ }^{1}$ | 1956 | $1939{ }^{1}$ | 1956 | $1939{ }^{1}$ |
|  |  |  | \$3,114 | \$1,023 | \$5,847 | \$2,100 | \$3;650 | \$1,277 |
|  | \$5,465 | \$1,809 | \$3, ${ }^{(2)}$ | +,348 | 479 5067 | , 430 | (2) 3,525 |  |
| Farmers and farm managers. | 5,589 | 2,136 | 2,976 | 1,107 | 5,967 4,388 | 2,254 1,564 | 3,525 3,145 | 1,218 1,072 |
| Managers, officials, and proprietors, except farm.... ${ }_{\text {cher }}$ Clerical and kindred workers.......................... | 4,150 | 1,421 | 2,699 | 966 | 4,388 5,005 | 1,564 | 2,090 | 1,745 |
| Clerical and kndred workers.................................................................................. | 4,275 | 1,277 | 1,204 | 636 827 | 4,981 | 1,562 | ${ }^{(2)}$ | 995 |
| Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred workers................. | 4,619 | 1,309 | 2,130 | 582 | 4,235 | 1,268 | 2,632 | 742 |
| Operatives and kindred workers............................. | 3,824 | 1,007 429 | 2,130 | 296 | - ${ }^{2}$ ) | 1,249 | 879 | 339 |
| Private household workers................................... | 2,946 | 833 | 1,151 | 493 | 3,521 | 1,019 | 1,950 | 607 245 |
| Service workers, except private household................. <br>  | 2,942 | 309 | $(2)$ | 176 .$\quad 538$ | 1,526 3,410 | 365 991 | (2) | 245 738 |
| Laborers, except farm and mine. | 2,635 | 673 | (2) | 538 |  |  |  |  |

${ }^{1}$ Excludes public emergency workers and persons having less than $\$ 100$ of wage or salary income but includes members of the
2 Median not show where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting with $\$ 1$ or more of wage or salary income.
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[^0]:    2 Medians cited in the text are taken from the detailed tables and are rounded to hundreds of dollars.

[^1]:    Average income of nonwhite Pamilies closer to that of white families outside the South. --

[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes family heads without schooling.

[^3]:    Wives with more schooling are more likely to work.--The incomes of married men have risen substantially in recent years. Another important factor boosting family income has been the growing tendency of the wife to work outside the home. The average income of husband-wife families in 1956 was considerably higher for those in which the wife was a paid worker $(\$ 6,000)$ than for those in which she did not work or worked without pay ( $\$ 4,600$ ). Over three-fifths of the families with working

[^4]:    1 Includes persons without schooling.
    2 Median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting with income.

[^5]:    ${ }^{3}$ The previous sample design, in use from January 1954 through April 1956, was spread over 230 sample areas and, for prior periods, in only 68 areas.

[^6]:    1 Includes about 800,000 families headed by members of the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on military reservations．

[^7]:    

[^8]:    ${ }^{1}$ Median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting on income.

[^9]:    ${ }^{1}$ Comparable figures not available.

[^10]:    ${ }^{1}$ Median not shown where there were fewer than 100 cases in the sample reporting with income.

[^11]:    Includes a very small number of unpald family workers.
    Percent and median not shown where there were fever than 100 cases in the sample reporting with income.
    Comparable figures not available.

[^12]:    ${ }^{1}$ Restricted to civilians who received money incone in 1956.

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