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Figure 1.

COMPENSATION PER PAYROLL EMPLOYEE* (thousand dollars, saar, ratio scale)

- Wages & Salaries Plus Supplements
- Wages & Salaries
- Supplements

* Wages, salaries and supplements in personal income divided by payroll employment.

Figure 2.

SUPPLEMENTS TO WAGES & SALARIES (as a percent of wages & salaries plus supplements)

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis.
**Pay Per Worker**

**Figure 3.**
COMPENSATION PER PAYROLL EMPLOYEE
(thousand dollars, 3-month average, saar, ratio scale)

* Pre-Tax Compensation Per Payroll Employee*

** Real Pre-Tax Compensation Per Payroll Employee**

* Three-month average of wages & salaries plus supplements to wages & salaries divided by personal consumption expenditures deflator divided by payroll employment.

** Three-month average of wages & salaries plus supplements to wages & salaries divided by payroll employment.


**Figure 4.**
COMPENSATION PER WORKER
(yearly percent change in 3-month average)

* Real Pre-Tax Compensation Per Payroll Employee*

** Pre-Tax Compensation Per Payroll Employee**

* Three-month average of wages & salaries plus supplements to wages & salaries divided by personal consumption expenditures deflator divided by payroll employment.

** Three-month average of wages & salaries plus supplements to wages & salaries divided by payroll employment.

Figure 5.

**REAL PER CAPITA INCOME**
(Thousands of 2012 dollars, saar)

- **Personal Income Per Capita**
- **Disposable Personal Income Per Capita**

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Figure 6.

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Figure 7.

HOUSEHOLD & FAMILY AVERAGE SIZE

Persons Per:
- Family
- Household

Source: Current Population Reports.

Figure 8.

LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH: US
(years)

Figure 9.

HOUSEHOLD & FAMILY INCOME: CURRENT DOLLARS
(thousands of dollars, ratio scale)

Mean Family (106.0)
Mean Household (90.0)
Median Family (78.6)
Median Household (63.2)

Source: Bureau of the Census and Current Population Reports.

Figure 10.

HOUSEHOLD & FAMILY INCOME: REAL DOLLARS (using CPI)*
(thousand 2018 dollars, ratio scale)

Mean Family (106.0)
Mean Household (90.0)
Median Family (78.6)
Median Household (63.2)

* Money income including Social Security, but excluding non-cash benefits like Medicaid and Medicare.
Source: Census Bureau and Current Population Reports.
Household vs. Family Income

ADJUSTED HOUSEHOLD & FAMILY INCOME

Real Mean Family
(as a ratio of average family size)

Real Mean Household
(as a ratio of average household size)

Real Median Family
(as a ratio of average family size)

Real Median Household
(as a ratio of average household size)

Source: Bureau of the Census and Current Population Reports.

Figure 12.

MEASURES OF REAL INCOME

Real Personal Income Per Capita
(thousands of 2017 dollars)

Real Mean Household Income
(as a ratio of average household size)

Source: Bureau of the Census and Current Population Reports.
Household vs. Family Income

Figure 13.
NOMINAL INCOME OF HOUSEHOLDS: MEDIAN/AVERAGE

Source: Census Bureau.

Figure 14.
NOMINAL INCOME OF FAMILIES: MEDIAN/AVERAGE

Source: Bureau of the Census.
Real Pay Per Worker

Figure 15.

REAL COMPENSATION PER WORKER

- Real Pre-Tax Compensation Per Payroll Employee* (2012 dollars, 3-month average, saar)
- Real Personal Income Per Capita (2012 dollars)

* Three-month average of wages & salaries plus supplements to wages & salaries divided by personal consumption expenditures deflator divided by payroll employment.


Figure 16.

REAL INCOME vs REAL PAY PER WORKER

- Mean Real Family Income (2017 dollars)
- Mean Real Household Income (2017 dollars)
- Real Pre-Tax Compensation Per Payroll Employee* (thousand dollars, 3-month average, saar)

* Three-month average of wages & salaries plus supplements to wages & salaries divided by personal consumption expenditures deflator divided by payroll employment.

Figure 17.

**MEAN INCOME OF HOUSEHOLDS BY AGE OF HEAD**

(Thousands of 2018 dollars)

Latest data thru: 2018

* Includes 15-24 year olds.

Source: Bureau of the Census, Income Statistics Branch, unpublished data.

Figure 18.

**NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS BY AGE OF HEAD**

(Millions)

Latest data thru: 2019

Source: Bureau of the Census, Income Statistics Branch, unpublished data.
**Figure 19.**

**AGGREGATE MONEY INCOME BY AGE OF HOUSEHOLD***

(billions of 2018 dollars)

* Mean income times number of households.

Source: Bureau of the Census, Income Statistics Branch, unpublished data.

**Figure 20.**

**AGGREGATE MONEY INCOME BY AGE OF HOUSEHOLD HEAD***

(as a percent of total money income)

* Mean income in 2018 dollars times number of households.

Source: Bureau of the Census, Income Statistics Branch, unpublished data.
Source: Census Bureau and Haver Analytics.
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