

Table 24. Contribution of wives' earnings to family income, 1970–2009

Year	Contribution to family income (median percent)
1970.....	26.6
1971.....	27.5
1972.....	26.7
1973.....	26.0
1974.....	25.4
1975.....	26.3
1976.....	26.4
1977.....	26.1
1978.....	26.1
1979.....	26.0
1980.....	26.7
1981.....	27.3
1982.....	28.4
1983.....	28.8
1984.....	28.4
1985.....	28.3
1986.....	29.0
1987.....	29.5
1988.....	29.6
1989.....	29.9
1990.....	30.7
1991.....	31.3
1992.....	32.4
1993.....	32.2
1994.....	31.9
1995.....	31.9
1996.....	32.6
1997.....	32.7
1998.....	32.8
1999.....	32.8
2000.....	33.5
2001.....	34.4
2002.....	34.8
2003.....	35.2
2004.....	34.9
2005.....	35.1
2006.....	35.6
2007.....	36.0
2008.....	36.0
2009.....	37.1

NOTE: Data reflect the earnings and work experience of the entire year.

SOURCE: Annual Social and Economic Supplements, 1971–2010, Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics