

**Table 24. Contribution of wives' earnings to family income, 1970–2008**

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

NOTE: These data, collected in the Annual Social and Economic Supplement, reflect the earnings and work experience of the entire year.

SOURCE: Annual Social and Economic Supplements, 1971–2009, Current Population Survey, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.