

Table 25. Wives who earn more than their husbands, 1987–2008

(Numbers in thousands)

Year	Families in which wives have earnings but husbands may not ¹			Families in which both wives and husbands have earnings ²		
	Married-couple families in which wife (but not necessarily husband) had earnings from work	Wives who earn more than their husbands	Percent of wives who earn more than their husbands	Married-couple families in which both wife and husband had earnings from work	Wives who earn more than their husbands	Percent of wives who earn more than their husbands
1987.....	32,025	7,581	23.7	29,755	5,311	17.8
1988.....	32,810	7,827	23.9	30,503	5,520	18.1
1989.....	33,119	8,068	24.4	30,848	5,796	18.8
1990.....	33,093	8,221	24.8	30,794	5,923	19.2
1991.....	33,516	8,983	26.8	30,998	6,465	20.9
1992.....	33,987	9,715	28.6	31,221	6,948	22.3
1993.....	34,286	10,000	29.2	31,264	6,978	22.3
1994.....	35,066	10,184	29.0	32,091	7,209	22.5
1995.....	34,819	9,822	28.2	32,030	7,033	22.0
1996.....	35,120	10,070	28.7	32,389	7,340	22.7
1997.....	35,613	10,309	28.9	32,745	7,441	22.7
1998.....	35,806	10,467	29.2	32,782	7,443	22.7
1999.....	36,454	10,548	28.9	33,340	7,434	22.3
2000.....	37,037	11,070	29.9	33,873	7,906	23.3
2001.....	36,864	11,329	30.7	33,665	8,130	24.1
2002.....	36,905	11,765	31.9	33,531	8,391	25.0
2003.....	36,761	11,923	32.4	33,189	8,351	25.2
2004.....	36,710	11,985	32.6	33,110	8,386	25.3
2005.....	37,055	12,215	33.0	33,364	8,524	25.5
2006.....	37,733	12,601	33.4	33,838	8,707	25.7
2007.....	37,536	12,570	33.5	33,678	8,712	25.9
2008.....	37,988	13,104	34.5	33,905	9,020	26.6

¹ Includes families in which husband had no earnings from work.

² Excludes families in which husband had no earnings from work.

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, 1988–2009, Current Population Survey, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.