

**U.S. Average Weekly Earnings
& Minimum Wage Over Time**

Year	Average Weekly Earnings (in 1982 constant dollars)	Minimum Wage	
		Actual	In 2003 Dollars
1964	\$ 302.52	\$ 1.25	\$ 7.42
1975	305.16	2.10	7.18
1984	279.22	3.35	6.78
1994	259.97	4.25	5.28
2003	278.75	5.15	5.15

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics & Employment Policies Institute

**After-Tax Income in the United States
(in 2001 dollars)**

Income Category	1979	2001	Percent Change
Lowest fifth	\$13,000	\$ 14,100	+ 8.5%
Middle fifth	37,400	43,700	+ 16.8%
Top fifth	86,300	133,700	+ 54.9%
Top 1%	294,300	703,100	+ 138.9%

SOURCE: Congressional Budget Office & Center for Budget & Policy Priorities

Economic Disparities by Race in the United States

	Unemployment Rate (2003)	Poverty Rate (2003)	Median Household Income (2003)	Home Ownership Rate (2003)	Median Net Wealth (2002)	Households with no assets other than a car (2002)
White	5.2%	8.2%	\$ 47,777	72.1%	\$ 88,651	6.3%
Hispanic	7.7%	22.5%	32,997	48.1%	7,932	25.4%
Black	10.8%	24.4%	29,645	46.7%	5,988	27.2%

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau & Pew Hispanic Center Study

2005 HUD Income Guidelines & the Cost of Housing

Virginia Metropolitan Areas	Median Family Income (MFI)	Income Limits for a Family of Four		Two Bedroom Apartment		
		Very Low Income (50% MFI)	Low Income (80% MFI)	Fair Market Rent	Hourly Wage Needed to Afford	# of Hours Worked At Minimum Wage to Afford
Charlottesville (VA)	\$ 66,750	\$ 33,350	\$ 53,350	\$ 744	\$ 14.31	111
Danville (VA)	46,600	24,500	39,200	489	9.40	73
Lynchburg (VA)	53,050	26,550	42,500	520	10.00	78
Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News (VA-NC)	59,150	29,600	47,350	788	15.15	118
Richmond-Petersburg (VA)	67,550	33,800	54,100	810	15.58	121
Roanoke (VA)	58,000	29,000	46,400	586	11.27	88

SOURCES: Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and National Low Income Housing Coalition
http://www.huduser.org/Datasets/IL/IL05/va_fy2005.pdf
[http://www.nlihc.org/oor2004/area.php?state\[\]=VA](http://www.nlihc.org/oor2004/area.php?state[]=VA)