

Status Report

EARNINGS OF WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES

Earnings by Sex

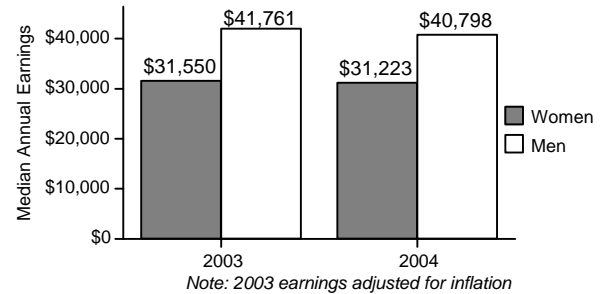
Median annual earnings of U.S. full-time, year-round (FTYR) female workers age 15 years and over were lower than their male counterparts.

- ♦ The median annual earnings of women FTYR workers were \$9,575 lower than the median earnings of comparable male workers in 2004.

Median annual earnings of U.S. women and men who worked FTYR declined between 2003 and 2004.

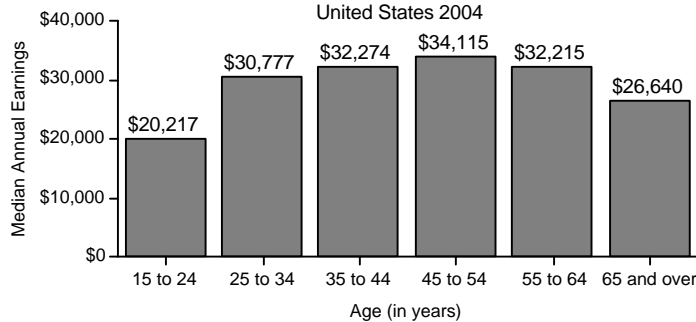
- ♦ Median annual earnings declined by 1.0 percent for women and by 2.3 percent for men between 2003 and 2004. This was the second consecutive year that women FTYR workers experienced a decline in median annual earnings. Prior to 2003, women had not experienced a decline in median annual earnings since 1995 (the pattern for men was mixed over the same period).

Median Annual Earnings by Sex
Full-time, Year-round Workers Age 15 Years and Over
United States 2003 and 2004



Earnings of Women by Age

Median Annual Earnings of Women by Age
Full-time, Year-round Workers Age 15 Years and Over
United States 2004



Median earnings of U.S. FTYR women workers age 15 years and over varied by age.

- ♦ Women FTYR workers age 45 to 54 years had the highest median annual earnings (\$34,115) of all age groups in 2004.
- ♦ Women FTYR workers age 15 to 24 years had the lowest median income (\$20,217), followed by those 65 years and over (\$26,640) in 2004.

Earnings of Women by Educational Attainment

Earnings of U.S. women age 25 years and over increased as educational attainment increased.

- ♦ Women FTYR workers with professional degrees had the highest median annual earnings (\$75,036), followed by those with doctorate degrees (\$68,875) in 2004.
- ♦ Women FTYR workers with educational attainment of less than ninth grade had the lowest median annual earnings (\$17,023) in 2004.
- ♦ Women FTYR workers with high school diplomas or GEDs had median annual earnings of \$26,029 in 2004. Median annual earnings were nearly 30 percent higher (\$33,481) for comparable workers with associate degrees, sixty percent higher (\$41,681) for those with bachelor's degrees, and nearly double (\$51,316) for those with master's degrees.

Median Annual Earnings of Women by Educational Attainment
Full-time, Year-round Workers Age 25 Years and Over
United States 2004

