

### Reversing Trends\*

Percentile:	90-95	95-99	99-99.5	99.5-99.9	99.9-99.99	99.99-100
1950-1980	\$48,041	\$61,352	\$73,950	\$90,175	\$ 137,764	\$2,419,070
Percent	96.8%	78.0%	43.3%	29.3%	15.8%	80.1%
1980-2008	\$29,497	\$71,460	\$198,404	\$479,870	\$2,228,724	\$21,904,288
Percent	30.2%	51.0%	81.1%	120.5%	220.7%	402.8%

\*From 1950 to 1980 the higher your income the less it grew, except at the very top. Since 1980 that trend has reversed, as shown by the percentage lines in the table above.

### Slow Growth in Wages Continues

Year	Median Wage	Average Wage	Average to Median Gap
1990	\$23,799	\$33,112	\$9,313
1991	\$23,747	\$32,958	\$9,211
1992	\$23,870	\$33,644	\$9,773
1993	\$23,296	\$32,947	\$9,651
1994	\$23,333	\$32,987	\$9,654
1995	\$23,439	\$33,363	\$9,924
1996	\$23,797	\$33,991	\$10,195
1997	\$24,431	\$35,168	\$10,737
1998	\$25,215	\$36,441	\$11,226
1999	\$25,887	\$37,640	\$11,754
2000	\$26,298	\$38,708	\$12,409
2001	\$26,369	\$38,258	\$11,889
2002	\$26,418	\$38,040	\$11,622
2003	\$26,324	\$38,102	\$11,778
2004	\$26,526	\$38,839	\$12,313
2005	\$26,322	\$38,941	\$12,618
2006	\$26,489	\$39,458	\$12,969
2007	\$26,630	\$40,106	\$13,476
2008	\$26,420	\$39,511	\$13,091
2009	\$26,261	\$39,269	\$13,008
Change			
1990-2009	\$2,462	\$6,157	\$3,695
Clinton	\$2,428	\$5,064	\$2,636
G.W. Bush	\$122	\$804	\$682
Obama	-\$159	-\$243	-\$84

Source: Social Security Medicare Tax Database.

### Fewer Workers at the Top and Bottom

	Number of Workers 2008	Number of Workers 2009	Change
Total workers	155,434,562	150,917,735	(4,516,827)
Income Class			
Under \$45,000	113,150,737	107,761,758	(5,388,979)
\$45,000 to \$500,000	42,056,508	43,077,828	1,021,320
Above \$500,000	363,177	299,184	(63,993)
Addendum			
Above \$1 million	110,287	78,149	(32,138)
Above \$10 million	3,065	1,620	(1,445)
Avg. income under \$1 million	\$37,895	\$37,856	\$(39)
Avg. income \$1 million+	\$2,519,583	\$2,766,569	\$ 246,985

Source: Social Security Medicare Tax Database (in 2009\$).