

Median Family Income by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Annual Income
Caucasians	\$45,765
Asian or Pacific Islander	\$42,255
Hispanics	\$38,137
American Indian, Alaskan Native	\$35,835
African Americans	\$23,917
Other Races	\$11,924

Black or African American householders reported household income levels that were 37.2 percent less than the all population median published in the 2000 Census, with a median of \$23,917. The American Indian and Alaska Native householders in Louisiana had a median income of \$35,835; this level was 5.9 percent less than the median level for total households in the area. Hispanic households in Louisiana recorded a median income of \$38,137; this median is 0.1 percent greater than the median reported for all households in the area. According to the 2000 Census, the *Asian* headed households in the area have median household incomes of \$42,255. This income level is 10.9 percent greater than the reported median for all households in the state.

In the state of Louisiana, White headed households reported household income (in 2005 Dollars) of \$45,765 according to the Decennial Census of 2000. This was 20.1 percent greater than the median household income in 2000. When compared to other States throughout the United States, the State of Louisiana accounted a relatively low household income of \$38,102 (Adjusted to 2005 Dollars).

This figure is 29 percent lower than the median household income level in the U.S. of \$49,133. As the median income level saw a decline in the last five years in the state of Louisiana, the Race/Ethnicity category that saw the biggest decline in household income was the black or African American category. This category saw a decline of 39.1 percent since the year 2000. The White race/Ethnicity group has been least impacted by the median income decline in Louisiana, undergoing a 85 percent increase in median income, since the values reporting the 2000 Decennial Census. In 2006, 19 percent of people were in poverty. Twenty-eight percent of related children under 18 were below the poverty level, compared with 14 percent of people 65 years old and over. Fourteen percent of all families and 39 percent of families with a female householder and no husband present had incomes below the poverty level.

Poverty Status by Race

	U.S #	U.S%	LA#	LA %
White	22,631,069	12%	355,675	13%
Black	11,676,826	32%	552,352	42%