




Every person in America should be able to fulfill his or her full potential through effort and perseverance. Where a person starts in life economically, geographically, or socially should neither dictate nor limit his or her progress and achievement. In terms of individual median income, only whites took a meaningful step forward. However, median family income increased overall and for white and African American families. Furthermore, distribution of income by family increased, meaning that the share of family income for low- and middle-income families increased.

Education is a key indicator for mobility. High school degree attainment did not significantly change for the overall population or most groups, but it did increase significantly for Latinos. However, the high school dropout rate for women and African Americans rose. Finally, college degree attainment increased overall and for all groups.

Our overall assessment indicates that opportunity for mobility improved for the years examined.


Primary and Secondary Education	INDICATOR	2009 UPDATE	SUPPORTING DATA
	<p>High School Degree Attainment: measures the number and percentage of individuals between the ages of 25 and 29 who have received a high school diploma or equivalent.¹</p>		<p>Between 2006 and 2007, high school degree attainment between the ages of 25 and 29 did not significantly change for the overall population or most groups. However, it increased significantly for Hispanics, meaning that opportunity in this area increased.</p> <p>Overall Population (25-29 yr. olds) 2007: 87.0%, or 18.0 million 2006: 86.4%, or 17.4 million Change: rate increased 0.68% SIGNIFICANT: NO</p> <p>Men (25-29 yr. olds) 2007: 84.9%, or 8.9 million 2006: 84.4%, or 8.6 million Change: rate increased 0.61% SIGNIFICANT: NO</p> <p>Whites (25-29 yr. olds) 2007: 93.5%, or 11.5 million 2006: 93.4%, or 11.2 million Change: rate increased 0.02% SIGNIFICANT: NO</p> <p>Hispanics (25-29 yr. olds) 2007: 65.0%, or 2.7 million 2006: 63.3%, or 2.6 million Change: rate increased 2.8% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> <p>Women (25-29 yr. olds) 2007: 89.1%, or 9.1 million 2006: 88.5%, or 8.8 million Change: rate increased 0.73% SIGNIFICANT: NO</p> <p>Blacks (25-29 yr. olds) 2007: 87.7%, or 2.3 million 2006: 86.2%, or 2.2 million Change: rate increased 1.7% SIGNIFICANT: NO</p>

¹ National Center on Education Statistics, *Digest of Education Statistics, 2006 and 2007*, Table 9, available at http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d06/tables/dt06_009.asp and http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d07/tables/dt07_009.asp.



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Primary and Secondary Education	<p>High School Dropout Rate-Overall: measures the status dropout rate, which is the rate of 16- to 24-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and who have not completed a high school program, regardless of when they left school. (Note: only rates were available.)²</p>		<p>The status dropout rates for the overall population and Hispanics did not significantly change between 2005 and 2006. However, during this same time period, the status dropout rates for women and blacks significantly increased, yet significantly decreased for men and whites, meaning that opportunity in this area was mixed.</p> <p>Overall Population (16-24 yr. olds) 2006: 9.3% 2005: 9.4% Change: rate decreased 1.1% SIGNIFICANT: NO</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Men (16-24 yr. olds) 2006: 10.3% 2005: 10.8% Change: rate decreased 4.6% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Women (16-24 yr. olds) 2006: 8.3% 2005: 8.0% Change: rate increased 3.8% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Whites (16-24 yr. olds) 2006: 5.8% 2005: 6.0% Change: rate decreased 3.3% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Blacks (16-24 yr. olds) 2006: 10.7% 2005: 10.4% Change: rate increased 2.9% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Hispanics (16-24 yr. olds) 2006: 22.1% 2005: 22.4% Change: rate decreased 1.3% SIGNIFICANT: NO</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>Men (16-24 yr. olds) 2006: 10.3% 2005: 10.8% Change: rate decreased 4.6% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p>	<p>Women (16-24 yr. olds) 2006: 8.3% 2005: 8.0% Change: rate increased 3.8% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p>	<p>Whites (16-24 yr. olds) 2006: 5.8% 2005: 6.0% Change: rate decreased 3.3% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p>	<p>Blacks (16-24 yr. olds) 2006: 10.7% 2005: 10.4% Change: rate increased 2.9% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p>	<p>Hispanics (16-24 yr. olds) 2006: 22.1% 2005: 22.4% Change: rate decreased 1.3% SIGNIFICANT: NO</p>	
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<p>High School Dropout Rate by Income: measures the status dropout rate, which is the rate of 16- to 24-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and who have not completed a high school program regardless of when they left school, by income. (Note: only rates were available; parameters of income quartiles were not provided.)³</p>		<p>Status dropout rates for individuals in the middle-low and highest income quartiles significantly increased, while they decreased significantly for individuals in the lowest-income and middle-high income quartiles between 2005 and 2006. Therefore, opportunity in this area was mixed.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Lowest-Income Quartile 2006: 16.5% 2005: 17.9% Change: decreased by 7.8% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Middle-Low Income Quartile 2006: 12.1% 2005: 11.5% Change: increased 5.2% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Middle-High Income Quartile 2006: 6.3% 2005: 7.1% Change: decreased by 11.3% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Highest Income Quartile 2006: 3.8% 2005: 2.7% Change: increased 40.7% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>Lowest-Income Quartile 2006: 16.5% 2005: 17.9% Change: decreased by 7.8% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p>	<p>Middle-Low Income Quartile 2006: 12.1% 2005: 11.5% Change: increased 5.2% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p>	<p>Middle-High Income Quartile 2006: 6.3% 2005: 7.1% Change: decreased by 11.3% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p>	<p>Highest Income Quartile 2006: 3.8% 2005: 2.7% Change: increased 40.7% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p>			
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	<p>College Degree Attainment: measures the percentage and number of individuals between the ages of 25 and 29 who have received at least a bachelor's degree.⁴</p>		<p>The proportion of the overall population and most groups between the ages of 25 and 29 with a bachelor's degree or higher significantly increased between 2006 and 2007.</p> <p>Overall Population (25-29 yr. olds) 2007: 29.6%, or 6.1 million 2006: 28.4%, or 5.7 million Change: rate increased 4.3% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Men (25-29 yr. olds) 2007: 26.3%, or 2.7 million 2006: 25.3%, or 2.6 million Change: rate increased 3.9% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Women (25-29 yr. olds) 2007: 33.1%, or 3.4 million 2006: 31.6%, or 3.1 million Change: rate increased 4.6% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Whites (25-29 yr. olds) 2007: 35.5%, or 4.4 million 2006: 34.3%, or 4.1 million Change: rate increased 3.6% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Blacks (25-29 yr. olds) 2007: 19.5%, or 0.51 million 2006: 18.7%, or 0.48 million Change: rate increased 4.2% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Hispanics (25-29 yr. olds) 2007: 11.6%, or 0.49 million 2006: 9.5% or 0.39 million Change: rate increased 22.4% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> </td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<p>Men (25-29 yr. olds) 2007: 26.3%, or 2.7 million 2006: 25.3%, or 2.6 million Change: rate increased 3.9% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p>	<p>Women (25-29 yr. olds) 2007: 33.1%, or 3.4 million 2006: 31.6%, or 3.1 million Change: rate increased 4.6% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p>	<p>Whites (25-29 yr. olds) 2007: 35.5%, or 4.4 million 2006: 34.3%, or 4.1 million Change: rate increased 3.6% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p>	<p>Blacks (25-29 yr. olds) 2007: 19.5%, or 0.51 million 2006: 18.7%, or 0.48 million Change: rate increased 4.2% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p>	<p>Hispanics (25-29 yr. olds) 2007: 11.6%, or 0.49 million 2006: 9.5% or 0.39 million Change: rate increased 22.4% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p>
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Wealth	INDICATOR	2009 UPDATE	SUPPORTING DATA
	<p>Wealth Distribution by Household: the share of aggregate wealth received in 2004 dollars by each fifth and the top 1 percent of households for all races. (Note: quintile limits were not given.)⁵</p>		<p>While household wealth shares did not significantly change for low- and upper-income households, the wealth share for the lowest-income households and middle income households significantly decreased between 2001 and 2004, meaning opportunity in this area declined.</p> <p>Lowest Quintile 2004 Average: -\$11,400 2001 Average: -\$8,700 Change: decreased 31.0% (\$2,700) 2004 Share: -0.5% of all wealth 2001 Share: -0.4% of all wealth Change: share of negative net wealth increased 25% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> <p>Second Quintile 2004 Average: \$14,400 2001 Average: \$14,900 Change: decreased 3.4% (\$500) 2004 Share: 0.7% of all wealth 2001 Share: 0.7% of all wealth Change: remained constant SIGNIFICANT: NO</p> <p>Middle Quintile 2004 Average: \$81,900 2001 Average: \$80,000 Change: increased 2.4% (\$1,900) 2004 Share: 3.8% of all wealth 2001 Share: 3.9% of all wealth Change: share of net wealth decreased 2.6% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> <p>Fourth Quintile 2004 Average: \$243,600 2001 Average: \$229,600 Change: increased 6.1% (\$14,000) 2004 Share: 11.3% of all wealth 2001 Share: 11.3% of all wealth Change: remained constant SIGNIFICANT: NO</p> <p style="text-align: right;">continued </p>

⁵ L. Mishel et al., *The State of Working America: 2008-2009*, Economic Policy Institute, galley edition, 2008. Pg. 267-68.



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	<p>Wealth Distribution by Household (continued)</p>		<p>Top Quintile 2004 Average: \$1,822,600 2001 Average: \$1,711,600 Change: increased 6.5%, or \$111,000 2004 Share: 84.7% of all wealth 2001 Share: 84.4% of all wealth Change: share of net wealth increased 0.36% SIGNIFICANT: NO</p> <p>Top 1%: 2004 Average: \$14,791,600 2001 Average: \$13,537,800 Change: increased 9.3%, or \$1,253,800 2004 Share: 34.3% of all wealth 2001 Share: 34.4% of all wealth Change: share of net wealth decreased 0.29% SIGNIFICANT: NO</p>	
<p>Income Distribution by Family: the share of aggregate income received in 2007 dollars by each fifth and the top 5 percent of families.⁶ <i>Income Limits for Quintiles and Top 5% in 2007 dollars:</i>⁷</p> <p>Lowest income quintile: 2007: ≤ \$27,864 - 2007 2006: ≤ \$27,766</p> <p>Lower-middle income quintile: 2007: \$27,864.01 - \$49,510 2006: \$27,766.01 - \$48,333</p> <p>Middle Income quintile: 2007: \$49,510.01 - \$75,000 2006: \$48,333.01 - \$73,220</p> <p>Upper-middle income quintile: 2007: \$75,000.01 - \$112,638 2006: \$73,220.01 - \$112,246</p> <p>Highest income quintile: 2007: \$112,638.01 - \$197,215.99 2006: \$112,246.01 - \$196,479.99</p> <p>Top 5%: 2007: ≥ \$197,216 2006: ≥ \$196,480</p>		<p>While family income shares significantly increased for low- and middle-income families, income shares significantly decreased for the highest income families. Therefore, there was an increase of opportunity in this area.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> <p>Lowest Quintile 2007 Average: \$16,068 2006 Average: \$15,980 Change: increased .55% (\$88) 2007 Share: 4.1% of all income 2006 Share: 4.0% of all income Change: increased 2.5% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> <p>Middle Quintile 2007 Average: \$61,444 2006 Average: \$60,144 Change: increased 2.2% (\$1,300) 2007 Share: 15.6% of all income 2006 Share: 15.1% of all income Change: increased 3.3% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> <p>Lower-Middle Quintile 2007 Average: \$38,304 2006 Average: \$37,812 Change: increased 1.3% (\$492) 2007 Share: 9.7% of all income 2006 Share: 9.5% of all income Change: increased 2.1% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> <p>Upper-Middle Quintile 2007 Average: \$91,881 2006 Average: \$90,902 Change: increased 1.8% (\$979) 2007 Share: 23.3% of all income 2006 Share: 22.9% of all income Change: increased 1.7% SIGNIFICANT: NO</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right; color: #76923c;">continued </p>	<p>Lowest Quintile 2007 Average: \$16,068 2006 Average: \$15,980 Change: increased .55% (\$88) 2007 Share: 4.1% of all income 2006 Share: 4.0% of all income Change: increased 2.5% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> <p>Middle Quintile 2007 Average: \$61,444 2006 Average: \$60,144 Change: increased 2.2% (\$1,300) 2007 Share: 15.6% of all income 2006 Share: 15.1% of all income Change: increased 3.3% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p>	<p>Lower-Middle Quintile 2007 Average: \$38,304 2006 Average: \$37,812 Change: increased 1.3% (\$492) 2007 Share: 9.7% of all income 2006 Share: 9.5% of all income Change: increased 2.1% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> <p>Upper-Middle Quintile 2007 Average: \$91,881 2006 Average: \$90,902 Change: increased 1.8% (\$979) 2007 Share: 23.3% of all income 2006 Share: 22.9% of all income Change: increased 1.7% SIGNIFICANT: NO</p>
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⁷ U.S. Census Bureau, *Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement*, "Historical Income Tables - Families" Table F-1, available at www.census.gov/hhes/www/income/histinc/f01AR.html.

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	Income Distribution by Family (continued)		<p>Upper Quintile 2007 Average: \$186,529 2006 Average: \$192,705 Change: decreased 3.2% (\$6,176) 2007 Share: 47.3% of all income 2006 Share: 48.5% of all income Change: decreased 2.5% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> <p>Top 5% 2007 Average: \$316,618 2006 Average: \$341,112 Change: decreased 7.2% (\$24,494) 2007 Share: 20.1% of all income 2006 Share: 21.5% of all income Change: decreased 6.5% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p>						
Wealth	Individual Median Income: measures the change in individual income in 2007 dollars. ⁸		<p>Between 2006 and 2007, individual median income did not significantly change overall, nor did it change for any group except whites. Because one group advanced, opportunity in this area increased.</p> <p>Overall 2007: \$26,625 2006: \$26,527 Change: increased 0.37% (\$98) SIGNIFICANT: NO</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td data-bbox="781 1220 1154 1360"> Male 2007: \$46,224 2006: \$46,233 Change: decreased 0.02% (\$9) SIGNIFICANT: NO </td> <td data-bbox="1154 1220 1541 1360"> Female 2007: \$36,167 2006: \$35,982 Change: increased 0.51% (\$185) SIGNIFICANT: NO </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="781 1381 1154 1522"> White 2007: \$29,118 2006: \$28,485 Change: increased 2.22% (\$633) SIGNIFICANT: YES </td> <td data-bbox="1154 1381 1541 1522"> Black 2007: \$21,888 2006: \$22,060 Change: decreased 0.78% (\$172) SIGNIFICANT: NO </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="781 1543 1154 1684"> Hispanic 2007: \$21,151 2006: \$21,104 Change: increased 0.22% (\$47) SIGNIFICANT: NO </td> <td data-bbox="1154 1543 1541 1684"> Asian 2007: \$30,875 2006: \$30,951 Change: decreased 0.25% (\$76) SIGNIFICANT: NO </td> </tr> </table>	Male 2007: \$46,224 2006: \$46,233 Change: decreased 0.02% (\$9) SIGNIFICANT: NO	Female 2007: \$36,167 2006: \$35,982 Change: increased 0.51% (\$185) SIGNIFICANT: NO	White 2007: \$29,118 2006: \$28,485 Change: increased 2.22% (\$633) SIGNIFICANT: YES	Black 2007: \$21,888 2006: \$22,060 Change: decreased 0.78% (\$172) SIGNIFICANT: NO	Hispanic 2007: \$21,151 2006: \$21,104 Change: increased 0.22% (\$47) SIGNIFICANT: NO	Asian 2007: \$30,875 2006: \$30,951 Change: decreased 0.25% (\$76) SIGNIFICANT: NO
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Wealth	<p>Median Family Income: measures the change in family income in 2007 dollars.⁹</p>		<p>Between 2006 and 2007, median family income significantly increased overall and for white and black families. Therefore, opportunity increased in this area.</p> <p>Overall 2007: \$61,355 2006: \$60,064 Change: increased 2.4% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td> <p>White 2007: \$69,937 2006: \$67,735 Change: increased 3.3% (\$2,202) SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> </td> <td> <p>Black 2007: \$40,143 2006: \$39,355 Change: increased 2.0% (\$788) SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> <p>Hispanic 2007: \$40,566 2006: \$41,135 Change: decreased 1.4% (\$569) SIGNIFICANT: NO</p> </td> <td> <p>Asian 2007: \$77,133 2006: \$76,729 Change: increased 0.5% (\$404) SIGNIFICANT: NO</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>White 2007: \$69,937 2006: \$67,735 Change: increased 3.3% (\$2,202) SIGNIFICANT: YES</p>	<p>Black 2007: \$40,143 2006: \$39,355 Change: increased 2.0% (\$788) SIGNIFICANT: YES</p>	<p>Hispanic 2007: \$40,566 2006: \$41,135 Change: decreased 1.4% (\$569) SIGNIFICANT: NO</p>	<p>Asian 2007: \$77,133 2006: \$76,729 Change: increased 0.5% (\$404) SIGNIFICANT: NO</p>		
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HOMEOWNERSHIP	<p>Homeownership: the rate of homeownership of various subpopulations.¹⁰</p>		<p>Between 2007 and 2006, the overall homeownership rate and the various subpopulation homeownership rates decreased, but not significantly. Only the homeownership rate for American Indians/Alaska Natives decreased significantly, meaning that opportunity in this area declined.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td> <p>Overall 2007: 68.1% 2006: 68.8% Change: decreased 1.0% SIGNIFICANT: NO</p> </td> <td> <p>White 2007: 75.2% 2006: 75.8% Change: 0.79% SIGNIFICANT: NO</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> <p>Black 2007: 47.2% 2006: 47.9% Change: decreased 1.5% SIGNIFICANT: NO</p> </td> <td> <p>Hispanic 2007: 49.7% 2006: 49.7% Change: remained constant SIGNIFICANT: NO</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> <p>Asian or Pacific Islander/ Hawaiian Native 2007: 60.0% 2006: 60.8% Change: decreased 1.3% SIGNIFICANT: NO</p> </td> <td> <p>American Indian/Alaska Native 2007: 56.9% 2006: 58.2% Change: decreased 2.2% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>Overall 2007: 68.1% 2006: 68.8% Change: decreased 1.0% SIGNIFICANT: NO</p>	<p>White 2007: 75.2% 2006: 75.8% Change: 0.79% SIGNIFICANT: NO</p>	<p>Black 2007: 47.2% 2006: 47.9% Change: decreased 1.5% SIGNIFICANT: NO</p>	<p>Hispanic 2007: 49.7% 2006: 49.7% Change: remained constant SIGNIFICANT: NO</p>	<p>Asian or Pacific Islander/ Hawaiian Native 2007: 60.0% 2006: 60.8% Change: decreased 1.3% SIGNIFICANT: NO</p>	<p>American Indian/Alaska Native 2007: 56.9% 2006: 58.2% Change: decreased 2.2% SIGNIFICANT: YES</p>
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¹⁰ US Census Bureau, *Housing Vacancies and Homeownership*, "Annual Statistics 2007," Table 20, available at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/housing/hvs/annual07/ann07ind.html>.