

Poverty in Italy 2010

Istat disseminates the relative and absolute poverty estimations for the households residing in Italy, based on 2010 Households Budget Survey data. Being sample estimations, they are affected by sampling error: small differences can be not statistically significant.

In 2010 the relative poverty incidence was equal to 11%, whereas the absolute poverty to 4.6%. Taking into account the sampling error, the phenomenon was stable in comparison with 2009.

The relative poverty threshold, for a two-members household, was equal to 992.46 Euros, around 9 Euros higher than the 2009 threshold (+1%).

The relative poverty increased among households of 5 and more components (from 24.9% to 29.9%), households with aggregated members (from 18.2% to 23%) and single parent households (from 11.8% to 14.1%). The situation of the households with aggregated members (other typology households) worsened also in terms of absolute poverty (from 6.6% to 10.4%).

In the South and Islands, the relative poverty among the households with three or more minor children increased from 36.7% to 47.3%.

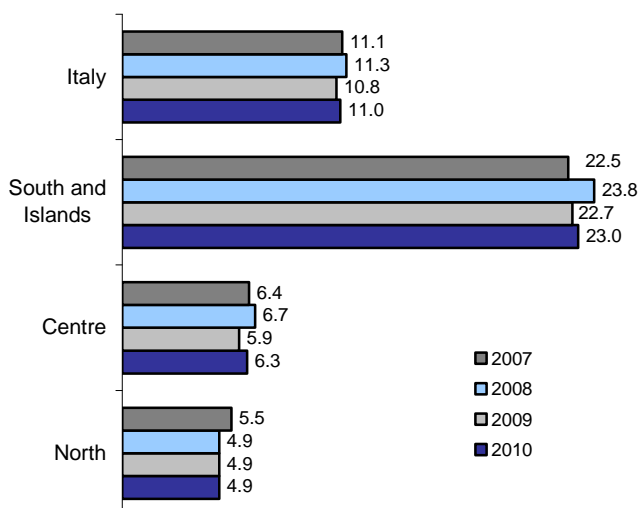
In Italy, the incidence for relative poverty increased among the households headed by a self-employed (from 6.2% to 7.8%) or by a person with a medium or high educational level (from 4.8% to 5.6%), following the worsening observed in the South and Islands (from 14.3% to 19.2% and from 10.7% to 13.9% respectively), especially for self-employed workers (from 18.8% to 23.6%). Among the households with a qualified or graduated reference person also absolute poverty increased (from 1.7% to 2.1%).

The condition of the households headed by a retired person with at least one member who has never worked and is not searching for a job, essentially couples of elderly with only one retirement income, worsened both in terms of relative and absolute poverty (from 13.7% to 17.1% and from 3.7% to 6.2%).

A better condition in relative terms is observed, in the Centre, among the households with two or more elderly persons (from 10.5% to 7.1%).

The absolute poverty decreased for couples headed by a person with less than 65 years (from 3.0% to 1.9%), as result of the fact that, for this household typology, the presence of couples with two income receivers increased.

Graph 1. Relative poverty by geographical area. Years 2007-2010 (percentage values)



Graph 2. Absolute poverty by geographical area. Years 2007-2010 (percentage values)

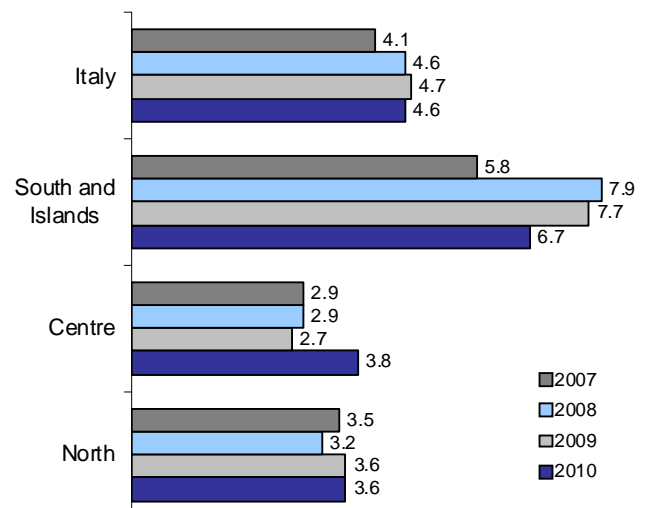


Table 1. Relative poverty indicators by geographical area. Years 2009-2010 (in thousands and percentage values)

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
Absolute values in thousands								
Poor households	587	593	288	311	1,783	1,829	2,657	2,734
Resident households	11,894	12,027	4,860	4,932	7,856	7,939	24,609	24,898
Poor individuals	1,582	1,617	886	1,015	5,342	5,641	7,810	8,272
Resident individuals	27,182	27,380	11,724	11,823	20,769	20,802	59,674	60,005
Percentage composition								
Poor households	22.1	21.7	10.8	11.4	67.1	66.9	100.0	100.0
Resident households	48.3	48.3	19.8	19.8	31.9	31.9	100.0	100.0
Poor individuals	20.3	19.5	11.3	12.3	68.4	68.2	100.0	100.0
Resident individuals	45.6	45.6	19.7	19.7	34.8	34.7	100.0	100.0
Poverty incidence (%)								
Households	4.9	4.9	5.9	6.3	22.7	23.0	10.8	11.0
Individuals	5.8	5.9	7.6	8.6	25.7	27.1	13.1	13.8
Poverty intensity (%)								
Households	17.5	18.4	17.4	20.1	22.5	21.5	20.8	20.7

ECONOMIC CYCLE AND POVERTY LINE

The relative poverty line depends year by year on variations both of consumer prices and of the mean of consumption expenditure. On analysing the relative poverty

variation it is necessary to take into account both aspects. In 2010, the relative poverty line was 992.46 Euros (around 9 Euros higher than the 2009 line). The 2009 poverty line re-evaluated in accordance with the national inflation rate (+1.5%) is 997,76 Euros; the poverty

incidence, with this line, is 11.2% (2 millions and 791 thousand poor households) and it is not statistically different from the incidence obtained by the 2010 standard poverty line.

Table 2. Relative poverty indicators by the 2009 poverty line, the re-evaluated 2009 poverty line and the 2010 poverty line (in the thousands and percentage values)

	2009 poverty line		Re-evaluated 2009 poverty line		2010 poverty line	
	983.01 Euros		997.76 Euros		992.46 Euros	
	Households	Incidence (%)	Households	Incidence (%)	Households	Incidence (%)
North	587	4.9	602	5.0	593	4.9
Centre	288	5.9	322	6.5	311	6.3
South and Islands	1,783	22.7	1,867	23.5	1,829	23.0
Italy	2,657	10.8	2,791	11.2	2,734	11.0

Table 3. Relative poverty incidence, sampling error and confidence interval by region and geographical area. Years 2009-2010 (percentage values)

	2009				2010			
	Incidence (%)	Error (%)	Confidence interval		Incidence (%)	Error (%)	Confidence interval	
			Lower limit	Upper limit			Lower limit	Upper limit
Italy	10.8	2.62	10.2	11.4	11.0	2.48	10.5	11.5
Piemonte	5.9	9.69	4.8	7.1	5.3	11.25	4.1	6.5
Valle d'Aosta/Vallée d'Aoste	6.1	17.58	4.0	8.3	7.5	20.80	4.4	10.6
Lombardia	4.4	11.62	3.4	5.4	4.0	12.53	3.0	5.0
Trentino-Alto Adige	8.5	13.26	6.3	10.7	7.6	12.28	5.8	9.4
<i>Bozano-Bozen</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>18.37</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>9.7</i>	<i>9.5</i>	<i>12.77</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>11.9</i>
<i>Trento</i>	<i>9.7</i>	<i>18.38</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>13.2</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>23.82</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>8.7</i>
Veneto	4.4	13.72	3.2	5.6	5.3	13.45	3.9	6.7
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	7.8	13.13	5.8	9.7	5.6	16.16	3.8	7.4
Liguria	4.8	15.40	3.3	6.2	6.9	12.75	5.2	8.6
Emilia-Romagna	4.1	13.83	3.0	5.2	4.5	13.42	3.3	5.7
North	4.9	5.26	4.4	5.4	4.9	5.34	4.4	5.4
Toscana	5.5	15.53	3.8	7.2	5.3	13.44	3.9	6.7
Umbria	5.3	12.51	4.0	6.6	4.9	22.94	2.7	7.1
Marche	7.0	11.23	5.5	8.6	8.5	13.06	6.3	10.7
Lazio	6.0	16.81	4.0	8.0	6.6	11.36	5.1	8.1
Centre	5.9	9.40	4.8	7.0	6.3	7.38	5.4	7.2
Abruzzo	*	*	*	*	14.3	16.10	9.8	18.8
Molise	17.8	10.99	14.0	21.6	16.0	14.75	11.4	20.6
Campania	25.1	7.29	21.5	28.6	23.2	6.08	20.4	26.0
Puglia	21.0	6.31	18.4	23.6	21.1	8.82	17.5	24.7
Basilicata	25.1	7.13	21.6	28.6	28.3	8.97	23.3	33.3
Calabria	27.4	8.29	23.0	31.9	26.0	6.39	22.7	29.3
Sicilia	24.2	5.55	21.6	26.9	27.0	5.64	24.0	30.0
Sardegna	21.4	11.76	16.5	26.4	18.5	8.73	15.3	21.7
South and Islands	22.7	3.16	21.3	24.1	23.0	2.98	21.7	24.3

* The value is statistically unreliable given the small sample size

Table 4. Relative poverty incidence by household size, household typology, number of minor children and elderly in the household by geographical area. Years 2009-2010 (percentage values)

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
Household size								
1 member	3.3	3.0	2.9	2.6	15.1	13.3	6.5	5.9
2 members	4.9	5.3	4.5	5.3	21.5	21.3	9.5	9.5
3 members	4.5	4.8	7.7	5.8	23.3	24.0	11.0	11.3
4 members	7.8	6.3	8.5	9.6	27.3	29.4	15.8	16.3
5 or more members	11.2	14.9	16.1	26.1	37.1	42.1	24.9	29.9
Household typology								
Single member under 65	1.8	1.2	*	*	6.7	7.6	2.8	2.9
Single member 65 and over	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.8	21.4	18.6	10.2	8.9
Couple with r.p. (a) under 65	3.1	2.1	*	*	15.3	14.9	5.8	5.0
Couple with r.p. (a) 65 and over	6.3	7.1	6.2	6.1	26.3	24.0	12.1	11.5
Couple with one child	4.1	4.3	6.8	4.6	22.4	21.6	10.2	9.8
Couple with 2 children	7.4	5.9	7.3	8.5	26.4	28.5	15.2	15.6
Couple with 3 or more children	10.1	11.5	*	26.8	36.0	38.6	24.9	27.4
Single parent	5.8	7.4	7.2	7.7	23.5	27.2	11.8	14.1
Other typology (with aggregate members)	9.7	12.1	12.8	16.9	33.3	38.7	18.2	23.0
Household with minor children								
With 1 minor child	4.9	5.1	6.9	7.0	25.0	24.6	12.1	11.6
With 2 minor children	8.7	8.2	9.4	11.2	30.1	30.8	17.2	17.7
With 3 or more minor children	14.2	15.5	*	*	36.7	47.3	26.1	30.5
With at least 1 minor child	6.9	6.8	8.9	9.7	28.1	29.3	15.0	15.4
Households with elderly								
With 1 elderly	5.3	5.1	5.8	7.2	23.1	22.7	11.1	11.2
With 2 or more elderly	7.7	8.9	10.5	7.1	29.9	29.9	15.1	14.8
With at least 1 elderly	6.1	6.3	7.2	7.1	25.2	24.9	12.4	12.4

(a) Reference person; * The value is statistically unreliable given the small sample size

Table 5. Relative poverty incidence by reference person age class and geographical area. Years 2009-2010 (percentage values)

Age class	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
Up to 34 years	4.8	3.8	7.6	*	18.9	22.8	9.9	10.2
From 35 to 44 years	5.6	5.7	7.8	6.3	26.9	25.0	12.5	11.7
From 45 to 54 years	3.7	3.8	4.1	7.0	22.0	23.1	9.6	10.6
From 55 to 64 years	3.5	3.2	4.1	4.9	16.9	18.7	7.9	8.7
Over 64	6.1	6.3	6.8	6.7	25.1	24.4	12.4	12.2

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Table 6. Relative poverty incidence by reference person educational level and geographical area. Years 2009-2010 (percentage values)

Educational level	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
Illiterate-primary school	8.6	9.0	9.9	10.9	31.9	31.0	17.6	17.2
Middle school	5.1	5.7	8.2	8.3	26.5	26.4	13.0	13.5
High school and upper	2.8	2.2	2.4	3.2	10.7	13.9	4.8	5.6

Table 7. Relative poverty incidence by reference person occupation and professional position and geographical area. Years 2009-2010 (percentage values)

Occupation and professional position	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
EMPLOYED	4.0	4.1	5.3	5.1	19.3	20.8	8.9	9.3
-DEPENDENT	4.4	4.5	6.2	5.4	21.0	21.2	9.8	9.7
--Manager and employee	1.5	1.9	2.5	*	13.6	14.2	5.2	5.3
--Worker	7.6	7.7	11.3	10.8	28.2	28.7	14.9	15.1
-SELF EMPLOYED	2.8	2.6	*	4.0	14.3	19.2	6.2	7.8
--Entrepreneur and freelance	*	*	*	*	6.8	10.3	2.7	3.7
--Self employed worker	4.0	3.7	*	5.4	18.8	23.6	8.7	10.7
NOT EMPLOYED	6.0	5.9	6.7	7.7	26.1	25.2	12.9	12.8
-Retired	5.3	5.1	6.0	6.6	23.7	22.9	10.8	10.7
-Seeking employment	13.5	13.9	*	*	38.7	38.2	26.7	26.7
-Other	8.2	8.9	9.5	10.3	26.7	26.3	17.3	17.1

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Table 8. Relative poverty incidence by members occupation. Years 2009-2010 (percentage values)

	2009	2010
HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT EMPLOYED OR RETIRED	42.0	40.2
HOUSEHOLDS WITH EMPLOYED AND WITHOUT RETIRED	9.0	9.1
-all components are employed	3.6	3.8
- no component seeking employment and at least one component in other condition (a)	14.1	14.4
- at least one component seeking employment	28.8	28.0
HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT EMPLOYED AND WITH RETIRED	10.8	10.8
- all components are retired	9.2	8.3
- no component seeking employment and at least one component in other condition (a)	13.7	17.1
- at least one component seeking employment	33.8	30.4
HOUSEHOLDS WITH EMPLOYED AND RETIRED	9.3	10.4
- without other components	6.5	7.2
- at least one component seeking employment or in other condition (a)	13.4	15.3

(a) other condition: housewife, students, disabled and likewise.

Graph 3. Poor and non poor households by different poverty lines. Year 2010 (percentage composition)

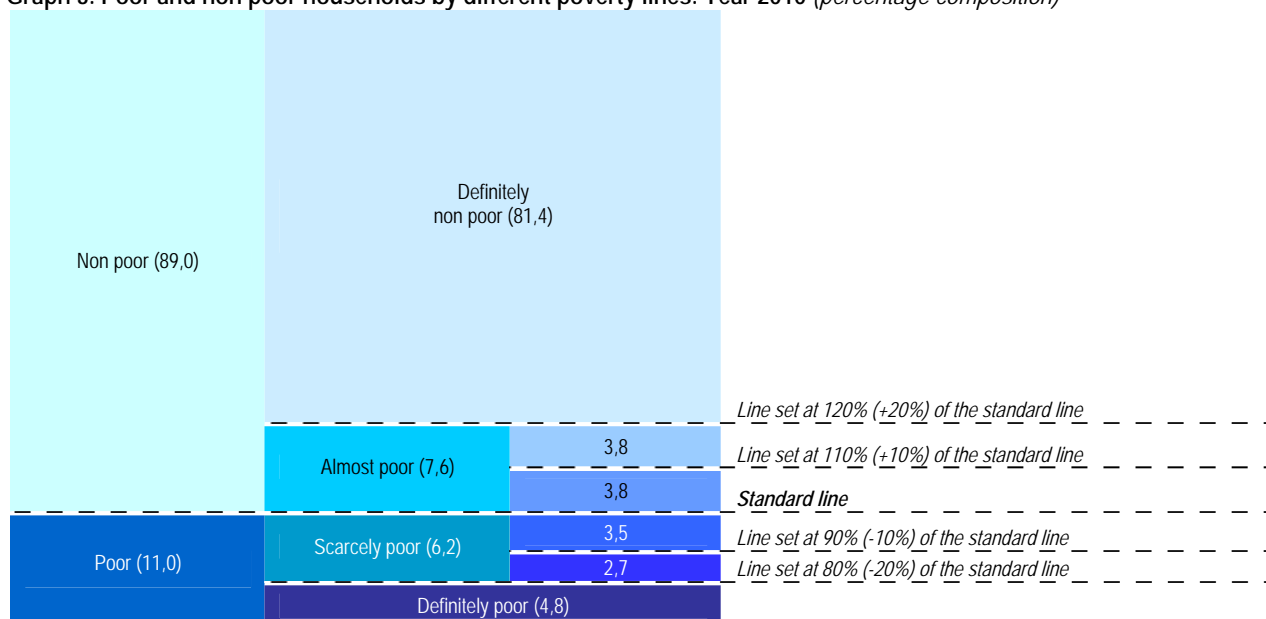


Table 9. Absolute poverty indicators by geographical area. Years 2009-2010 (in thousands and percentage values)

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
Absolute values in the thousands								
Poor households	425	435	129	187	608	534	1,162	1,156
Resident households	11,894	12,027	4,860	4,932	7,856	7,939	24,609	24,898
Poor individuals	999	982	313	539	1,762	1,608	3,074	3,129
Resident individuals	27,182	27,380	11,724	11,823	20,769	20,802	59,674	60,005
Poverty incidence (%)								
Households	3.6	3.6	2.7	3.8	7.7	6.7	4.7	4.6
Individuals	3.7	3.6	2.7	4.6	8.5	7.7	5.2	5.2
Poverty intensity* (%)								
Households	15.1	17.2	18.3	17.3	18.8	18.6	17.3	17.8

* see the Glossary

Table 10. Absolute poverty incidence by household size, household typology, number of minor children and elderly in the household. Years 2009-2010 (percentage values)

	2009	2010
Household size		
1 member	4.5	4.3
2 members	3.8	3.6
3 members	4.2	4.1
4 members	5.8	5.7
5 or more members	9.2	10.7
Household typology		
Single member under 65	2.7	2.8
Single member 65 and over	6.4	5.7
Couple with r.p. (a) under 65	3.0	1.9
Couple with r.p. (a) 65 and over	3.8	3.8
Couple with one child	3.6	2.9
Couple with 2 children	5.6	5.1
Couple with 3 or more children	9.4	9.4
Single parent	6.1	6.9
Other typology (with aggregate members)	6.6	10.4
Household with minor children		
With 1 minor child	4.7	3.9
With 2 minor children	6.5	5.8
With 3 or more minor children	9.1	11.9
With at least 1 minor child	5.7	5.2
Households with elderly		
With 1 elderly	5.5	5.7
With 2 or more elderly	5.0	5.2
With at least 1 elderly	5.4	5.5

(a) Reference person.

Table 11. Absolute poverty incidence by reference person age class. Years 2009-2010 (percentage values)

Age class	2009	2010
Up to 34 years	4.8	4.3
From 35 to 44 years	5.6	4.4
From 45 to 54 years	3.9	4.9
From 55 to 64 years	3.4	3.3
Over 64	5.5	5.4

Table 12. Absolute poverty incidence by reference person educational level. Years 2009-2010 (percentage values)

Educational level	2009	2010
Illiterate-primary school	8.7	8.3
Middle school	5.3	5.1
High school and upper	1.7	2.1

Table 13. Absolute poverty incidence by reference person occupation and professional position. Years 2009-2010 (percentage values)

Occupation and professional position	2009	2010
EMPLOYED	3.6	3.5
-DEPENDENT	4.1	3.6
--Manager and employee	1.5	1.4
--Worker	6.9	6.4
-SELF EMPLOYED	2.0	2.8
--Entrepreneur and freelance	*	*
--Self employed worker	3.0	4.1
NOT EMPLOYED	6.0	5.9
-Retired	4.6	4.7
-Seeking employment	14.5	12.8
-Other	9.1	8.6

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Table 14. Absolute poverty incidence by members occupation. Years 2009-2010 (percentage values)

	2009	2010
HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT EMPLOYED OR RETIRED	21.7	19.6
HOUSEHOLDS WITH EMPLOYED AND WITHOUT RETIRED	3.7	3.4
-all components are employed	2.0	1.9
- no component seeking employment and at least one component in other condition (a)	5.3	4.6
- at least one component seeking employment	10.3	9.5
HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT EMPLOYED AND WITH RETIRED	4.7	5.0
- all components are retired	4.8	4.5
- no component seeking employment and at least one component in other condition (a)	3.7	6.2
- at least one component seeking employment	*	8.5
HOUSEHOLDS WITH EMPLOYED AND RETIRED	3.4	3.8
- without other components	2.8	2.6
- at least one component seeking employment or in other condition (a)	4.2	5.6

(a) other condition: housewife, students, disabled and likewise.

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Table 15. Monthly absolute poverty threshold for selected households typologies, geographical area and municipality type. Year 2010 (euros)

Household typology	North			Centre			South and Islands		
	Metropolitan area	Big municipality	Small municipality	Metropolitan area	Big municipality	Small municipality	Metropolitan area	Big municipality	Small municipality
1 comp. 18-59	766.60	729.48	686.61	740.96	701.95	656.88	571.07	551.27	516.79
1 comp. 60-74	737.29	700.17	657.30	716.07	677.06	631.99	546.52	526.71	492.24
1 comp. 75+	699.27	662.15	619.28	682.01	642.99	597.93	513.01	493.21	458.74
2 comp. 18-59	1,057.18	1,012.38	961.58	1,008.21	961.12	907.73	810.71	787.55	747.71
2 comp. 60-74	998.82	954.03	903.23	958.33	911.25	857.85	761.62	738.47	698.62
2 comp. 75+	931.56	886.76	835.97	898.02	850.93	797.54	702.29	679.14	639.29
1 comp. 60-74 and 1 comp. 75+	964.92	920.13	869.33	927.94	880.85	827.46	731.72	708.57	668.72
1 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 75+	992.57	947.77	896.97	951.52	904.44	851.04	754.94	731.79	691.94
1 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 60-74	1,027.36	982.57	931.77	982.71	935.63	882.23	785.61	762.46	722.62
1 comp. 11-17 and 1 comp. 18-59	1,070.90	1,026.10	975.30	1,020.42	973.33	919.94	823.21	800.05	760.21
1 comp. 4-10 and 1 comp. 18-59	1,018.49	973.69	922.90	975.21	928.13	874.73	778.50	755.34	715.50
1 comp. 18-59 and 2 comp. 75+	1,188.95	1,137.26	1,079.45	1,134.60	1,080.26	1,019.50	914.54	888.51	844.12
1 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 60-74 and 1 comp. 75+	1,221.54	1,169.85	1,112.05	1,163.82	1,109.49	1,048.73	943.29	917.25	872.86
1 comp. 18-59 and 2 comp. 60-74	1,254.68	1,202.99	1,145.18	1,193.54	1,139.20	1,078.45	972.51	946.48	902.09
2 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 75+	1,251.13	1,199.44	1,141.64	1,189.23	1,134.89	1,074.13	968.25	942.22	897.83
2 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 60-74	1,285.20	1,233.51	1,175.71	1,219.77	1,165.43	1,104.67	998.28	972.25	927.86
3 comp. 18-59	1,317.13	1,265.43	1,207.63	1,247.22	1,192.88	1,132.12	1,025.26	999.23	954.84
1 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,329.64	1,277.95	1,220.15	1,258.35	1,204.01	1,143.25	1,036.65	1,010.61	966.22
1 comp. 4-10 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,283.18	1,231.48	1,173.68	1,218.29	1,163.95	1,103.19	997.02	970.98	926.59
1 comp. 0-3 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,190.39	1,138.69	1,080.89	1,134.18	1,079.84	1,019.08	913.80	887.77	843.38
2 comp. 18-59 and 2 comp. 60-74	1,518.36	1,454.45	1,384.51	1,439.33	1,372.16	1,298.64	1,178.33	1,147.47	1,095.62
3 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 60-74	1,551.39	1,487.49	1,417.54	1,467.85	1,400.68	1,327.15	1,206.33	1,175.47	1,123.62
4 comp. 18-59	1,585.97	1,522.07	1,452.12	1,497.71	1,430.54	1,357.02	1,235.66	1,204.80	1,152.94
1 comp. 11-17 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,597.78	1,533.88	1,463.93	1,508.20	1,441.03	1,367.51	1,246.38	1,215.51	1,163.66
2 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,609.61	1,545.70	1,475.76	1,518.70	1,451.53	1,378.01	1,257.11	1,226.25	1,174.40
1 comp. 4-10 and 1 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,567.25	1,503.34	1,433.40	1,482.22	1,415.05	1,341.53	1,221.01	1,190.14	1,138.29
2 comp. 4-10 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,524.46	1,460.55	1,390.61	1,445.38	1,378.20	1,304.68	1,184.54	1,153.68	1,101.83
1 comp. 0-3 and 1 comp. 4-10 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,433.48	1,369.58	1,299.63	1,362.90	1,295.73	1,222.21	1,102.97	1,072.11	1,020.25
1 comp. 4-10 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,555.37	1,491.47	1,421.52	1,471.68	1,404.51	1,330.98	1,210.23	1,179.37	1,127.51
2 comp. 0-3 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,344.86	1,280.95	1,211.01	1,282.55	1,215.38	1,141.86	1,023.48	992.62	940.77
3 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 75+	1,517.18	1,453.27	1,383.33	1,437.17	1,370.00	1,296.48	1,176.17	1,145.31	1,093.46
1 comp. 0-3 and 1 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,476.18	1,412.27	1,342.33	1,399.69	1,332.52	1,258.99	1,139.37	1,108.51	1,056.66
5 comp. 18-59	1,829.05	1,755.45	1,676.06	1,722.57	1,645.21	1,561.76	1,428.75	1,394.27	1,336.97
1 comp. 11-17 and 4 comp. 18-59	1,840.40	1,766.80	1,687.41	1,732.65	1,655.29	1,571.84	1,439.04	1,404.56	1,347.25
1 comp. 4-10 and 2 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,823.95	1,750.35	1,670.96	1,719.11	1,641.75	1,558.30	1,426.27	1,391.79	1,334.49
2 comp. 11-17 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,851.77	1,778.17	1,698.78	1,742.74	1,665.38	1,581.93	1,449.34	1,414.86	1,357.56
1 comp. 4-10 and 1 comp. 11-17 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,812.52	1,738.92	1,659.53	1,708.97	1,631.61	1,548.16	1,415.91	1,381.43	1,324.13
2 comp. 4-10 and 1 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,784.36	1,710.76	1,631.37	1,685.06	1,607.69	1,524.24	1,392.55	1,358.08	1,300.77

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