

Poverty in Italy 2011

Istat disseminates the relative and absolute poverty estimations for the households residing in Italy, based on 2011 Households Budget Survey data. Being sample estimations, they are affected by sampling error: small differences can be not statistically significant.

In 2011 the relative poverty incidence was equal to 11.1%, whereas the absolute poverty to 5.2%. Taking into account the sampling error, the phenomenon was stable in comparison with 2010.

The relative poverty threshold, for a two-members household, was equal to 1.011,03 Euros.

The relative poverty increased in households without employed or retired members (from 40.2% to 50.7%) or where all the members are retired (single or couples), from 8.3% to 9.6%. The situation of the households with all retired members worsened also in terms of absolute poverty (from 4.5% to 5.5%).

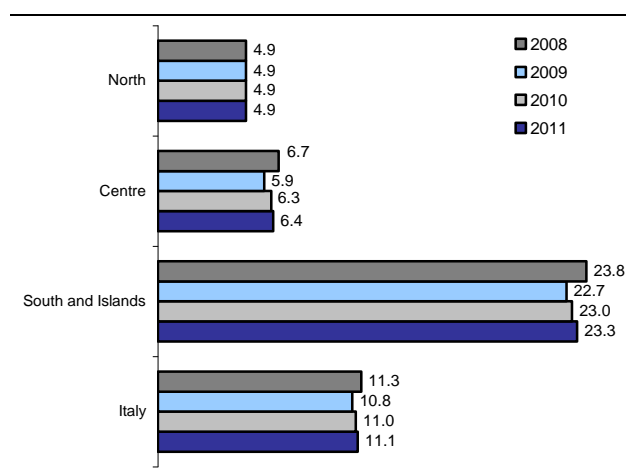
The absolute poverty increased in the households headed by a retired person (from 4.7% to 5.4%), especially if, without employed, at least one member is looking for a job (from 8.5% to 16.5%).

The condition worsened, in terms of absolute poverty, for households headed by a person with low professional profiles and/or education levels: headed by workers (from 6.4% to 7.5%), with low (from 8.3% to 9.4%) or medium educational level (from 5.1% to 6.2%).

Poverty increased also among couples with a minor child, both for relative (from 11.6% to 13.5%) and absolute poverty (from 3.9% to 5.7%).

Compared to the stability observed in the North and the Centre, in the South and Islands the intensity of relative poverty increased (from 21.5% to 22.3%). In this geographical area, the mean equivalent consumption expenditure is equal to 785.94 Euros.

Graph. 1 Relative poverty by geographical area. Years 2008-2011 (percentage values)



Graph 2. Absolute poverty by geographical area. Years 2008-2011 (percentage values)

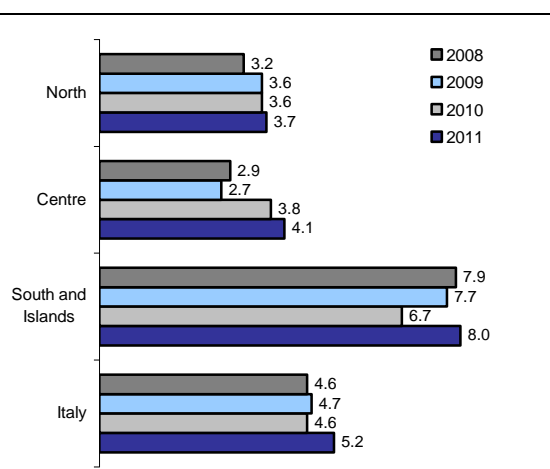


Table 1. Relative poverty indicators by geographical area. Years 2010-2011 *(in thousands and percentage values)*

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
Absolute values in thousands								
Poor households	593	601	311	318	1,829	1,863	2,734	2,782
Resident households	12,027	12,163	4,932	4,988	7,939	8,014	24,898	25,165
Poor individuals	1,617	1,634	1,015	936	5,641	5,603	8,272	8,173
Resident individuals	27,380	27,578	11,823	11,885	20,802	20,824	60,005	60,287
Percentage composition								
Poor households	21.7	21.6	11.4	11.4	66.9	67.0	100.0	100.0
Resident households	48.3	48.3	19.8	19.8	31.9	31.8	100.0	100.0
Poor individuals	19.5	20.0	12.3	11.4	68.2	68.6	100.0	100.0
Resident individuals	45.6	45.7	19.7	19.7	34.7	34.5	100.0	100.0
Poverty incidence (%)								
Households	4.9	4.9	6.3	6.4	23.0	23.3	11.0	11.1
Individuals	5.9	5.9	8.6	7.9	27.1	26.9	13.8	13.6
Poverty intensity (%)								
Households	18.4	18.2	20.1	20.0	21.5	22.3	20.7	21.1

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 2011, the relative poverty line was 1,011.03 Euros (around 19 Euros higher than the 2010 line). The 2010 poverty line re-evaluated in accordance with the national inflation rate (+2.8%) is 1,020.25 Euros; the poverty

incidence, with this line, is 11.4% (2 millions and 863 thousand poor households) and it is not statistically different from the incidence obtained by the 2011 standard poverty line.

Table 2. Relative poverty indicators by the 2010 poverty line, the re-evaluated 2010 poverty line and the 2011 poverty line *(in thousands and percentage values)*

	2010 poverty line		Re-evaluated 2010 poverty line		2011 poverty line	
	992,46 Euros		1,020,25 Euros		1,011,03 Euros	
	Households	Incidence (%)	Households	Incidence (%)	Households	Incidence (%)
North	593	4.9	619	5.1	601	4.9
Centre	311	6.3	332	6.7	318	6.4
South and Islands	1,829	23.0	1,913	23.9	1,863	23.3
Italy	2,734	11.0	2,863	11.4	2,782	11.1

Table 3. Relative poverty incidence, sampling error and confidence interval by region and geographical area. Years 2010-2011 (percentage values)

	2010				2011			
	Incidence	Error	Confidence interval		Incidence	Error	Confidence interval	
	(%)	(%)	Lower limit	Upper limit.	(%)	(%)	Lower limit	Upper limit.
Italy	11.0	2.48	10.5	11.5	11.1	2.54	10.5	11.7
Piemonte	5.3	11.25	4.1	6.5	5.9	11.09	4.6	7.2
Valle d'Aosta/Valleè d'Aoste	7.5	20.80	4.4	10.6	4.3	12.08	3.3	5.3
Lombardia	4.0	12.53	3.0	5.0	4.2	13.26	3.1	5.3
Trentino Alto Adige	7.6	12.28	5.8	9.4	6.7	13.68	4.9	8.5
Bolzano-Bozen	9.5	12.77	7.1	11.9	10.4	14.36	7.5	13.3
Trento	5.9	23.82	3.1	8.7	3.4	32.91	1.2	5.6
Veneto	5.3	13.45	3.9	6.7	4.3	12.50	3.2	5.4
Friuli Venezia Giulia	5.6	16.16	3.8	7.4	5.4	20.49	3.2	7.6
Liguria	6.9	12.75	5.2	8.6	6.2	15.96	4.3	8.1
Emilia Romagna	4.5	13.42	3.3	5.7	5.2	12.92	3.9	6.5
North	4.9	5.34	4.4	5.4	4.9	5.70	4.4	5.4
Toscana	5.3	13.44	3.9	6.7	5.2	14.68	3.7	6.7
Umbria	4.9	22.94	2.7	7.1	8.9	25.71	4.4	13.4
Marche	8.5	13.06	6.3	10.7	5.2	12.07	4.0	6.4
Lazio	6.6	11.36	5.1	8.1	7.1	13.60	5.2	9.0
Centre	6.3	7.38	5.4	7.2	6.4	8.50	5.3	7.5
Abruzzo	14.3	16.10	9.8	18.8	13.4	17.62	8.8	18.0
Molise	16.0	14.75	11.4	20.6	18.2	6.26	16.0	20.4
Campania	23.2	6.08	20.4	26.0	22.4	6.29	19.6	25.2
Puglia	21.1	8.82	17.5	24.7	22.6	7.46	19.3	25.9
Basilicata	28.3	8.97	23.3	33.3	23.3	7.92	19.7	26.9
Calabria	26.0	6.39	22.7	29.3	26.2	7.16	22.5	29.9
Sicilia	27.0	5.64	24.0	30.0	27.3	5.44	24.4	30.2
Sardegna	18.5	8.73	15.3	21.7	21.1	8.93	17.4	24.8
South and Islands	23.0	2.98	21.7	24.3	23.3	2.99	21.9	24.7

Table 4. Relative poverty incidence by household size, household typology, number of minor children and elderly in the household by geographical area. Years 2010-2011 (percentage values)

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
Household size								
1 member	3.0	3.2	2.6	3.3	13.3	16.2	5.9	6.7
2 members	5.3	4.6	5.3	5.9	21.3	20.1	9.5	9.4
3 members	4.8	5.9	5.8	7.1	24.0	22.8	11.3	11.7
4 members	6.3	6.2	9.6	8.0	29.4	28.7	16.3	15.6
5 or more members	14.9	12.9	26.1	19.5	42.1	45.2	29.9	28.5
Household typology								
Single member under 65	1.2	1.2	*	*	7.6	10.6	2.9	3.6
Single member 65 and over	4.7	5.4	4.8	5.8	18.6	21.1	8.9	10.1
Couple with r.p. (a) under 65	2.1	2.0	*	*	14.9	12.1	5.0	4.6
Couple with r.p. (a) 65 and over	7.1	5.9	6.1	6.8	24.0	23.2	11.5	11.3
Couple with one child	4.3	4.8	4.6	7.3	21.6	20.5	9.8	10.4
Couple with 2 children	5.9	5.7	8.5	7.0	28.5	27.5	15.6	14.8
Couple with 3 or more children	11.5	10.0	26.8	17.9	38.6	43.0	27.4	27.2
Single parent	7.4	7.8	7.7	6.8	27.2	24.3	14.1	13.2
Other typology (with aggregate members)	12.1	11.9	16.9	13.8	38.7	42.6	23.0	22.0
Household with minor children								
With 1 minor child	5.1	5.8	7.0	8.3	24.6	26.0	11.6	13.5
With 2 minor children	8.2	7.3	11.2	8.5	30.8	30.5	17.7	16.2
With 3 or more minor children	15.5	12.4	*	*	47.3	50.6	30.5	27.8
With at least 1 minor child	6.8	6.8	9.7	9.0	29.3	29.7	15.4	15.6
Households with elderly								
With 1 elderly	5.1	5.9	7.2	7.2	22.7	22.1	11.2	11.2
With 2 or more elderly	8.9	7.4	7.1	9.0	29.9	27.6	14.8	14.3
With at least 1 elderly	6.3	6.4	7.1	7.8	24.9	24.0	12.4	12.2

(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 2010-2011
(percentage values)

Age class	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
Up to 34 years	3.8	3.9	*	6.1	22.8	24.0	10.2	10.8
From 35 to 44 years	5.7	5.1	6.3	6.0	25.0	23.9	11.7	11.0
From 45 to 54 years	3.8	5.1	7.0	7.1	23.1	23.8	10.6	11.4
From 55 to 64 years	3.2	2.7	4.9	3.7	18.7	20.3	8.7	8.5
Over 64	6.3	6.2	6.7	7.8	24.4	24.0	12.2	12.2

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Table 6. Relative poverty incidence by reference person educational level and geographical area. Years 2010-2011
(percentage values)

Educational level	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
Illiterate-primary school	9.0	8.3	10.9	11.8	31.0	32.9	17.2	18.1
Middle school	5.7	6.0	8.3	8.1	26.4	28.0	13.5	14.1
High school and upper	2.2	2.6	3.2	3.0	13.9	11.3	5.6	5.0

Table 7. Relative poverty incidence by reference person occupation and professional position and geographical area. Years 2010-2011 (percentage values)

Occupation and professional position	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
EMPLOYED	4.1	3.9	5.1	5.2	20.8	20.0	9.3	9.1
-DEPENDENT	4.5	4.2	5.4	5.2	21.2	20.6	9.7	9.4
--Manager and employee	1.9	1.8	*	1.9	14.2	11.1	5.3	4.4
--Worker	7.7	7.3	10.8	9.8	28.7	30.0	15.1	15.4
-SELF EMPLOYED	2.6	2.9	4.0	5.4	19.2	17.6	7.8	7.9
--Entrepreneur and freelance	*	*	*	*	10.3	7.0	3.7	3.4
--Self employed worker	3.7	3.8	5.4	7.4	23.6	23.8	10.7	11.2
NOT EMPLOYED	5.9	6.1	7.7	7.7	25.2	26.5	12.8	13.3
-Retired	5.1	5.5	6.6	6.7	22.9	23.5	10.7	11.0
-Seeking employment	13.9	11.7	*	18.8	38.2	42.5	26.7	27.8
-Other	8.9	8.2	10.3	7.9	26.3	28.5	17.1	17.6

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Table 8. Relative poverty incidence by members occupation. Years 2010-2011 (percentage values)

	2010	2011
HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT EMPLOYED OR RETIRED	40.2	50.7
HOUSEHOLDS WITH EMPLOYED AND WITHOUT RETIRED	9.1	9.2
-all components are employed	3.8	4.1
- no component seeking employment and at least one component in other condition (a)	14.4	14.1
- at least one component seeking employment	28.0	28.2
HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT EMPLOYED AND WITH RETIRED	10.8	11.1
- all components are retired	8.3	9.6
- no component seeking employment and at least one component in other condition (a)	17.1	13.5
- at least one component seeking employment	30.4	38.2
HOUSEHOLDS WITH EMPLOYED AND RETIRED	10.4	9.3
- without other components	7.2	5.7
- at least one component seeking employment or in other condition (a)	15.3	15.2

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

Graph 3. Poor and non poor households by different poverty lines. Year 2011 (percentage composition)

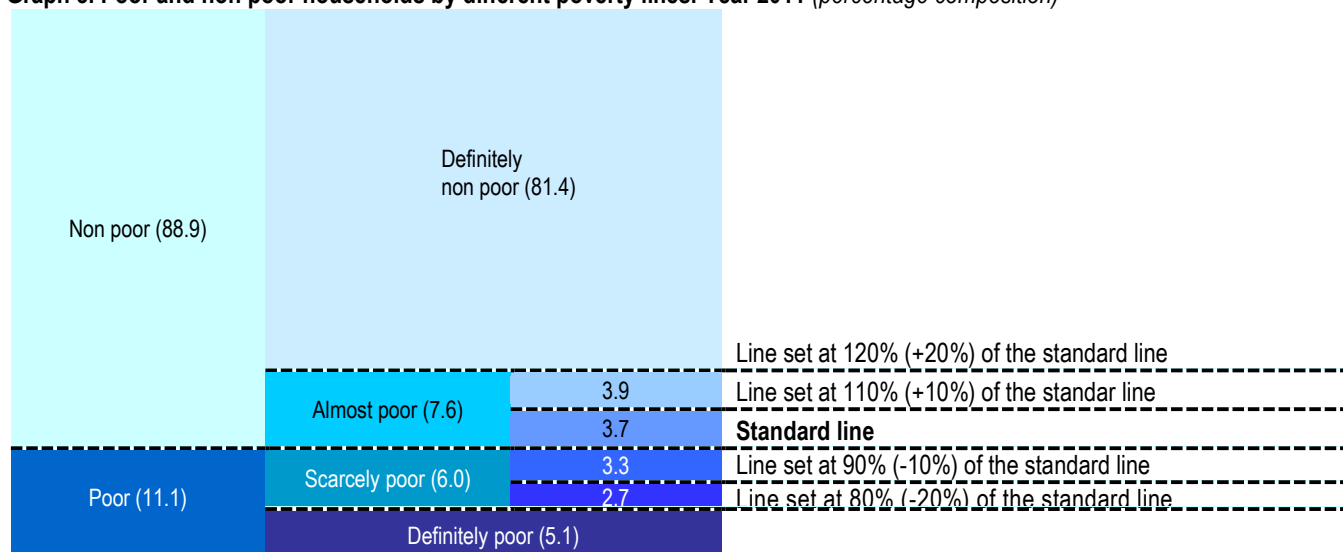


Table 9. Absolute poverty indicators by geographical area. Years 2010-2011 (in thousands and percentage values)

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
Absolute values in thousands								
Poor households	435	454	187	203	534	640	1,156	1,297
Resident households	12,027	12,163	4,932	4,988	7,939	8,014	24,898	25,165
Poor individuals	982	1,096	539	491	1,608	1,828	3,129	3,415
Resident individuals	27,380	27,578	11,823	11,885	20,802	20,824	60,005	60,287
Poverty incidence (%)								
Households	3.6	3.7	3.8	4.1	6.7	8.0	4.6	5.2
Individuals	3.6	4.0	4.6	4.1	7.7	8.8	5.2	5.7
Poverty intensity (%)								
Households	17.2	16.4	17.3	18.4	18.6	18.8	17.8	17.8

Table 10. Absolute poverty incidence by household size, household typology, number of minor children and elderly in the household. Years 2010-2011 (percentage values)

	2010	2011
Household size		
1 member	4.3	5.1
2 members	3.6	4.1
3 members	4.1	4.7
4 members	5.7	5.2
5 or more members	10.7	12.3
Household typology		
Single member under 65	2.8	3.5
Single member 65 and over	5.7	6.8
Couple with r.p. (a) under 65	1.9	2.6
Couple with r.p. (a) 65 and over	3.8	4.3
Couple with one child	2.9	4.0
Couple with 2 children	5.1	4.9
Couple with 3 or more children	9.4	10.4
Single parent	6.9	5.8
Other typology (with aggregate members)	10.4	10.4
Household with minor children		
With 1 minor child	3.9	5.7
With 2 minor children	5.8	5.8
With 3 or more minor children	11.9	10.9
With at least 1 minor child	5.2	6.1
Households with elderly		
With 1 elderly	5.7	6.3
With 2 or more elderly	5.2	5.3
With at least 1 elderly	5.5	6.0

Table 11. Absolute poverty incidence by reference person age class. Years 2010-2011 (*percentage values*)

Age class	2010	2011
Up to 34 years	4.3	5.3
From 35 to 44 years	4.4	4.8
From 45 to 54 years	4.9	5.3
From 55 to 64 years	3.3	3.8
Over 64	5.4	6.0

Table 12. Absolute poverty incidence by reference person educational level. Years 2010-2011 (*percentage values*)

Educational level	2010	2011
Illiterate-primary school	8.3	9.4
Middle school	5.1	6.2
High school and upper	2.1	2.0

Table 13. Absolute poverty incidence by reference person occupation and professional position. Years 2010-2011 (*percentage values*)

Occupation and professional position	2010	2011
EMPLOYED	3.5	3.9
-DEPENDENT	3.6	4.1
-- Manager and employee	1.4	1.3
-- Worker	6.4	7.5
-SELF EMPLOYED	2.8	2.9
-- Entrepreneur and freelance	*	*
-- Self employed worker	4.1	4.2
NOT EMPLOYED	5.9	6.6
- Retired	4.7	5.4
- Seeking employment	12.8	15.5
- Other	8.6	8.4

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Table 14. Absolute poverty incidence by member occupation. Years 2010-2011 (*percentage values*)

	2010	2011
HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT EMPLOYED OR RETIRED	19.6	22.3
HOUSEHOLDS WITH EMPLOYED AND WITHOUT RETIRED	3.4	3.9
- all components are employed	1.9	2.5
- no component seeking employment and at least one component in other condition (a)	4.6	4.8
- at least one component seeking employment	9.5	11.5
HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT EMPLOYED AND WITH RETIRED	5.0	5.7
- all components are retired	4.5	5.5
- no component seeking employment and at least one component in other condition (a)	6.2	5.2
- at least one component seeking employment	8.5	16.5
HOUSEHOLDS WITH EMPLOYED AND RETIRED	3.8	3.6
- without other components	2.6	2.4
- at least one component seeking employment or in other condition (a)	5.6	5.6

Table 15. Monthly absolute poverty threshold for selected households typologies, geographical area and municipality type.
Year 2011 (euros)

	North			Centre			South and Islands		
	Metropoli- tan area	Big municipality	Small municipality	Metropoli- tan area	Big municipality	Small municipality	Metropoli- tan area	Big municipality	Small municipality
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1 comp. 18-59	784.49	746.75	703.16	758.16	718.47	672.63	580.67	560.60	525.65
1 comp. 60-74	754.77	717.03	673.44	732.85	693.16	647.32	555.81	535.74	500.79
1 comp. 75+	715.85	678.11	634.52	697.91	658.22	612.38	521.63	501.56	466.61
2 comp. 18-59	1,081.91	1,036.37	984.73	1,032.09	984.20	929.88	825.23	801.77	761.38
2 comp. 60-74	1,022.83	977.29	925.65	981.41	933.52	879.20	775.57	752.11	711.72
2 comp. 75+	953.96	908.42	856.78	919.53	871.64	817.32	715.01	691.55	651.16
1 comp. 60-74 and 1 comp. 75+	988.12	942.58	890.94	950.22	902.33	848.01	745.05	721.59	681.20
1 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 75+	1,016.11	970.57	918.93	974.19	926.30	871.98	768.54	745.08	704.69
1 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 60-74	1,051.72	1,006.18	954.54	1,006.19	958.30	903.98	799.84	776.38	735.99
1 comp. 11-17 and 1 comp. 18-59	1,095.83	1,050.29	998.65	1,044.52	996.63	942.31	837.88	814.42	774.03
1 comp. 4-10 and 1 comp. 18-59	1,042.17	996.63	944.99	998.14	950.25	895.93	792.27	768.81	728.42
1 comp. 18-59 and 2 comp. 75+	1,217.58	1,165.02	1,106.26	1,162.12	1,106.85	1,045.05	931.72	905.33	860.34
1 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 60-74 and 1 comp. 75+	1,250.93	1,198.37	1,139.61	1,192.10	1,136.83	1,075.03	961.07	934.68	889.69
1 comp. 18-59 and 2 comp. 60-74	1,284.84	1,232.28	1,173.52	1,222.58	1,167.31	1,105.51	990.88	964.49	919.50
2 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 75+	1,280.87	1,228.31	1,169.55	1,217.90	1,162.63	1,100.83	986.30	959.91	914.92
2 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 60-74	1,315.72	1,263.16	1,204.40	1,249.22	1,193.95	1,132.15	1,016.95	990.56	945.57
3 comp. 18-59	1,348.02	1,295.46	1,236.70	1,277.12	1,221.85	1,160.05	1,044.26	1,017.87	972.88
1 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,360.71	1,308.15	1,249.39	1,288.43	1,233.16	1,171.36	1,055.77	1,029.38	984.39
1 comp. 4-10 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,313.12	1,260.56	1,201.80	1,247.34	1,192.07	1,130.27	1,015.33	988.94	943.95
1 comp. 0-3 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,218.08	1,165.52	1,106.76	1,160.99	1,105.72	1,043.92	930.35	903.96	858.97
2 comp. 18-59 and 2 comp. 60-74	1,554.90	1,489.93	1,418.82	1,474.59	1,406.26	1,331.47	1,201.14	1,169.85	1,117.29
3 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 60-74	1,588.32	1,523.35	1,452.24	1,503.56	1,435.23	1,360.44	1,229.47	1,198.18	1,145.62
4 comp. 18-59	1,623.29	1,558.32	1,487.21	1,533.92	1,465.59	1,390.80	1,259.14	1,227.85	1,175.29
1 comp. 11-17 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,635.25	1,570.28	1,499.17	1,544.58	1,476.25	1,401.46	1,269.97	1,238.68	1,186.12
2 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,647.22	1,582.25	1,511.14	1,555.25	1,486.92	1,412.13	1,280.83	1,249.54	1,196.98
1 comp. 4-10 and 2 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,603.83	1,538.86	1,467.75	1,517.80	1,449.47	1,374.68	1,243.99	1,212.70	1,160.14
2 comp. 4-10 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,559.99	1,495.02	1,423.91	1,479.98	1,411.65	1,336.86	1,206.77	1,175.48	1,122.92
1 comp. 0-3 and 1 comp. 4-10 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,466.84	1,401.87	1,330.76	1,395.34	1,327.01	1,252.22	1,123.47	1,092.18	1,039.62
1 comp. 4-10 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,591.80	1,526.83	1,455.72	1,507.08	1,438.75	1,363.96	1,233.08	1,201.79	1,149.23
2 comp. 0-3 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,376.07	1,311.10	1,239.99	1,312.86	1,244.53	1,169.74	1,042.31	1,011.02	958.46
3 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 75+	1,553.33	1,488.36	1,417.25	1,472.13	1,403.80	1,329.01	1,198.69	1,167.40	1,114.84
1 comp. 0-3 and 1 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,510.58	1,445.61	1,374.50	1,433.09	1,364.76	1,289.97	847.11	1,129.33	1,076.77
5 comp. 18-59	1,872.18	1,797.36	1,716.64	1,764.50	1,685.81	1,600.93	1,456.36	1,421.41	1,363.32
1 comp. 11-17 and 4 comp. 18-59	1,883.69	1,808.87	1,728.15	1,774.73	1,696.04	1,611.16	1,466.77	1,431.82	1,373.73
1 comp. 4-10 and 2 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,866.52	1,791.70	1,710.98	1,760.60	1,681.91	1,597.03	1,453.53	1,418.58	1,360.49
2 comp. 11-17 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,895.19	1,820.37	1,739.65	1,784.97	1,706.28	1,621.40	1,477.17	1,442.22	1,384.13
1 comp. 4-10 and 1 comp. 11-17 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,854.96	1,780.14	1,699.42	1,750.30	1,671.61	1,586.73	1,443.05	1,408.10	1,350.01
2 comp. 4-10 and 1 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,825.96	1,751.14	1,670.42	1,725.64	1,646.95	1,562.07	1,419.10	1,384.15	1,326.06

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