

Poverty in Italy 2012

Istat disseminates the relative and absolute poverty estimations for the households residing in Italy, based on 2012 Households Budget Survey data. Being sample estimations, they are affected by sampling error: small differences can be not statistically significant.

In 2012 the relative poverty incidence was equal to 12.7%, whereas the absolute poverty to 6.8%. Taking into account the sampling error, the phenomenon increased in comparison with 2011 in all the geographical areas.

The relative poverty threshold, for a two-member household, was equal to 990.88 Euros (about 20 euros less compared with 2011 threshold).

Absolute poverty increased among households with three (from 4.7% to 6.6%), four (from 5.2% to 8.3%) and five or more members (from 12.3% to 17.2%); among couples with three or more children- the incidence from 10.4% increased to 16.2% - especially if the children are minors (from 10.9% to 17.1%). The absolute poverty increased among single parents (from 5.8% to 9.1%) and households with aggregate members (from 10.4% to 13.3%).

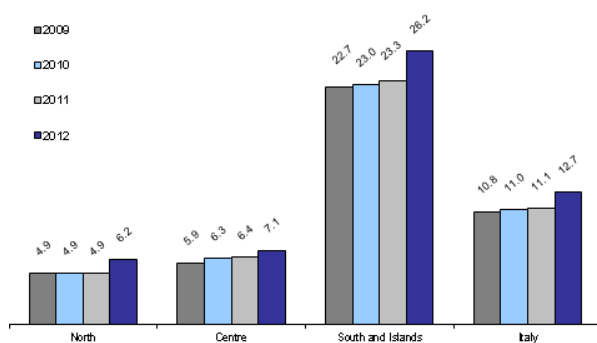
The condition worsened, in terms of absolute poverty, for households having as reference person a worker (from 7.5% to 9.4%), a self employed worker (from 4.2% to 6%), a manager or an employee (from 1.3% to 2.6%) and for households with employed and retired members (from 3.6% to 5.3%).

The growth of absolute poverty is more evident among households with not employed reference person: the incidence increased from 8.4% to 11.3% if in other condition, from 15.5% to 23.6% if seeking employment.

Relative poverty confirms many of the trends observed for absolute poverty: households with one or two children, specially if they are minors (from 13.5% to 15.7% with one minor, from 16.2% to 20.1% with two minors); households where all components are employed (from 4.1% to 5.1%), with employed and retired components (from 9.3% to 11.5%), households headed by a manager or an employee (from 4.4% to 6.5%, especially employee), but mostly headed by a person seeking employment (from 27.8% to 35.6%).

Poverty decreased only in terms of relative poverty for single elderly (aged 65 years and over): the incidence from 10.1% decreased to 8.6%.

Graph. 1 Relative poverty by geographical area. Years 2009-2012 (percentage values)



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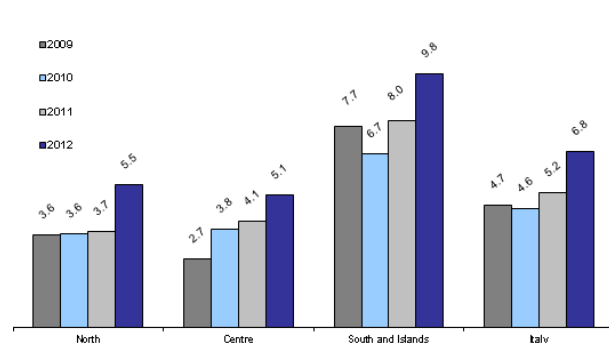


Table 1. Relative poverty indicators by geographical area. Years 2011-2012 (in thousands and percentage values)

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
Absolute values in thousands								
Poor households	601	760	318	358	1,863	2,114	2,782	3,232
Resident households	12,163	12,267	4,988	5,037	8,014	8,080	25,165	25,384
Poor individuals	1,634	2,157	936	1,121	5,603	6,284	8,173	9,563
Resident individuals	27,578	27,693	11,885	11,947	20,824	20,810	60,287	60,450
Percentage composition								
Poor households	21.6	23.5	11.4	11.1	67.0	65.4	100.0	100.0
Resident households	48.3	48.3	19.8	19.8	31.8	31.8	100.0	100.0
Poor individuals	20.0	22.6	11.4	11.7	68.6	65.7	100.0	100.0
Resident individuals	45.7	45.8	19.7	19.8	34.5	34.4	100.0	100.0
Poverty incidence (%)								
Households	4.9	6.2	6.4	7.1	23.3	26.2	11.1	12.7
Individuals	5.9	7.8	7.9	9.4	26.9	30.2	13.6	15.8
Poverty intensity (%)								
Households	18.2	16.7	20.0	18.3	22.3	21.4	21.1	19.9

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 analyzing the relative poverty variation both aspects are to be taken into

account. In 2012, the relative poverty line was 990.88 Euros (around 20 Euros lower than the 2011 line). The 2011 poverty line re-evaluated in accordance with the national inflation rate (+3%) is 1,041.36 Euros; the poverty incidence, with this line, is 14.2% (3 millions and 592 thousand poor

households) and it is statistically higher than the incidence obtained by the 2012 standard poverty line. This outcome is the effect observed in the North and in the South and Island areas, where the incidence obtained by the re-evaluated 2011 poverty line is 7% and 28.8% respectively.

Table 2. Relative poverty indicators by the 2011 poverty line, the re-evaluated 2011 poverty line and the 2012 poverty line (in thousands and percentage values)

	2011 poverty line		Re-evaluated 2011 poverty line		2012 poverty line	
	1,011.03 Euros		1,041.36 Euros		990.88 Euros	
	Households	Incidence (%)	Households	Incidence (%)	Households	Incidence (%)
North	601	4.9	853	7.0	760	6.2
Centre	318	6.4	413	8.2	358	7.1
South and Islands	1,863	23.3	2,325	28.8	2,114	26.2
Italy	2,782	11.1	3,592	14.2	3,232	12.7

Table 3. Relative poverty incidence, sampling error and confidence interval by region and geographical area. Years 2011-2012 (percentage values)

	2011				2012			
	Incidence	Error	Confidence interval		Incidence	Error	Confidence interval	
	(%)	(%)	Lower limit	Upper limit.	(%)	(%)	Lower limit	Upper limit.
Italy	11.1	2.54	10.5	11.7	12.7	2.27	12.1	13.3
Piemonte	5.9	11.09	4.6	7.2	7.3	10.19	5.8	8.8
Valle d'Aosta/Valleè d'Aoste	4.3	12.08	3.3	5.3	8.7	14.33	6.3	11.1
Lombardia	4.2	13.26	3.1	5.3	6.0	9.79	4.8	7.2
Trentino Alto Adige	6.7	13.68	4.9	8.5	6.0	10.25	4.8	7.2
<i>Bolzano-Bozen</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>14.36</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>13.3</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>12.57</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>9.7</i>
<i>Trento</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>32.91</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>17.53</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>5.9</i>
Veneto	4.3	12.50	3.2	5.4	5.8	11.74	4.5	7.1
Friuli Venezia Giulia	5.4	20.49	3.2	7.6	6.1	15.72	4.2	7.9
Liguria	6.2	15.96	4.3	8.1	8.1	12.59	6.1	10.1
Emilia Romagna	5.2	12.92	3.9	6.5	5.1	11.86	3.9	6.3
North	4.9	5.70	4.4	5.4	6.2	4.78	5.6	6.8
Toscana	5.2	14.68	3.7	6.7	6.8	10.75	5.4	8.2
Umbria	8.9	25.71	4.4	13.4	11.0	15.14	7.7	14.3
Marche	5.2	12.07	4.0	6.4	8.6	13.91	6.3	10.9
Lazio	7.1	13.60	5.2	9.0	6.3	13.80	4.6	8.0
Centre	6.4	8.50	5.3	7.5	7.1	7.24	6.1	8.1
Abruzzo	13.4	17.62	8.8	18.0	16.5	17.66	10.8	22.2
Molise	18.2	6.26	16.0	20.4	20.5	7.96	17.3	23.7
Campania	22.4	6.29	19.6	25.2	25.8	7.21	22.2	29.4
Puglia	22.6	7.46	19.3	25.9	28.2	7.14	24.3	32.1
Basilicata	23.3	7.92	19.7	26.9	24.5	7.99	20.7	28.3
Calabria	26.2	7.16	22.5	29.9	27.4	9.76	22.2	32.6
Sicilia	27.3	5.44	24.4	30.2	29.6	4.42	27.0	32.1
Sardegna	21.1	8.93	17.4	24.8	20.7	6.81	17.9	23.5
South and Islands	23.3	2.99	21.9	24.7	26.2	2.76	24.8	27.6

Table 4. Relative poverty incidence by household size, household typology, number of minor children and elderly in the households by geographical area. Years 2011-2012 (percentage values)

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
Household size								
1 member	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.1	16.2	15.6	6.7	6.8
2 members	4.6	5.6	5.9	5.5	20.1	24.5	9.4	10.8
3 members	5.9	7.9	7.1	9.4	22.8	30.8	11.7	15.9
4 members	6.2	8.9	8.0	10.1	28.7	31.8	15.6	18.1
5 or more members	12.9	17.4	19.5	23.7	45.2	42.9	28.5	30.2
Household typology								
Single member under 65	1.2	2.6	*	*	10.6	11.7	3.6	4.9
Single member 65 and over	5.4	4.2	5.8	3.4	21.1	18.9	10.1	8.6
Couple with r.p. (a) under 65	2.0	3.8	*	*	12.1	18.1	4.6	7.0
Couple with r.p. (a) 65 and over	5.9	5.4	6.8	6.1	23.2	27.8	11.3	11.9
Couple with one child	4.8	7.4	7.3	8.2	20.5	31.3	10.4	15.4
Couple with 2 children	5.7	8.4	7.0	8.8	27.5	30.9	14.8	17.4
Couple with 3 or more children	10.0	13.6	17.9	21.6	43.0	43.3	27.2	29.8
Single parent	7.8	7.8	6.8	10	24.3	27.6	13.2	14.8
Other typology (with aggregate members)	11.9	16.3	13.8	17.2	42.6	34.3	22.0	22.3
Household with minor children								
With 1 minor child	5.8	7.6	8.3	7.1	26.0	32.7	13.5	15.7
With 2 minor children	7.3	10.9	8.5	12.3	30.5	34.3	16.2	20.1
With 3 or more minor children	12.4	17.4	*	*	50.6	40.2	27.8	28.5
With at least 1 minor child	6.8	9.5	9.0	10.3	29.7	33.9	15.6	18.3
Households with elderly								
With 1 elderly	5.9	5.2	7.2	6.8	22.1	21.9	11.2	10.8
With 2 or more elderly	7.4	7.2	9.0	8.0	27.6	32.6	14.3	15.4
With at least 1 elderly	6.4	5.8	7.8	7.2	24.0	25.4	12.2	12.3

(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 2011-2012
(percentage values)

Age class	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
Up to 34 years	3.9	7.5	6.1	11.0	24.0	27.5	10.8	14.7
From 35 to 44 years	5.1	7.0	6.0	7.8	23.9	28.1	11.0	13.6
From 45 to 54 years	5.1	6.5	7.1	5.6	23.8	26.9	11.4	12.8
From 55 to 64 years	2.7	5.5	3.7	6.6	20.3	23.9	8.5	11.6
Over 64	6.2	5.7	7.8	7.2	24.0	25.7	12.2	12.4

Table 6. Relative poverty incidence by reference person educational level and geographical area. Years 2011-2012
(percentage values)

Educational level	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
Illiterate-primary school	8.3	9.6	11.8	10.8	32.9	34.7	18.1	19.0
Middle school	6.0	8.3	8.1	11.1	28.0	31.2	14.1	16.8
High school and upper	2.6	3.1	3.0	3.5	11.3	15.2	5.0	6.4

Table 7. Relative poverty incidence by reference person occupation and professional position and geographical area. Years 2011-2012 (percentage values)

Occupation and professional position	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
EMPLOYED	3.9	5.5	5.2	5.6	20.0	23.4	9.1	10.8
-DEPENDENT	4.2	5.7	5.2	6.2	20.6	24.1	9.4	11.3
--Manager and employee	1.8	2.2	1.9	*	11.1	16.4	4.4	6.5
--Worker	7.3	9.6	9.8	10.8	30.0	32.3	15.4	16.9
-SELF EMPLOYED	2.9	4.8	5.4	3.6	17.6	20.7	7.9	9.0
--Entrepreneur and freelance	*	*	*	*	7.0	11.8	3.4	4.9
--Self employed worker	3.8	6.6	7.4	*	23.8	25.6	11.2	11.9
NOT EMPLOYED	6.1	7.0	7.7	8.9	26.5	28.7	13.3	14.8
-Retired	5.5	5.8	6.7	7.4	23.5	25.4	11.0	12.0
-Seeking employment	11.7	22.3	18.8	17.2	42.5	49.7	27.8	35.6
-Other	8.2	7.7	7.9	12.7	28.5	26.9	17.6	17.6

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Table 8. Relative poverty incidence by members occupation. Years 2011-2012 (percentage values)

	2011	2012
HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT EMPLOYED OR RETIRED	50.7	49.1
HOUSEHOLDS WITH EMPLOYED AND WITHOUT RETIRED	9.2	10.8
-all components are employed	4.1	5.1
- no component seeking employment and at least one component in other condition (a)	14.1	16.2
- at least one component seeking employment	28.2	29.8
HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT EMPLOYED AND WITH RETIRED	11.1	11.7
- all components are retired	9.6	9.7
- no component seeking employment and at least one component in other condition (a)	13.5	16.4
- at least one component seeking employment	38.2	36.9
HOUSEHOLDS WITH EMPLOYED AND RETIRED	9.3	11.5
- without other components	5.7	8.6
- at least one component seeking employment or in other condition (a)	15.2	15.7

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

Graph 3. Poor and non poor households by different poverty lines. Year 2012 (percentage composition)

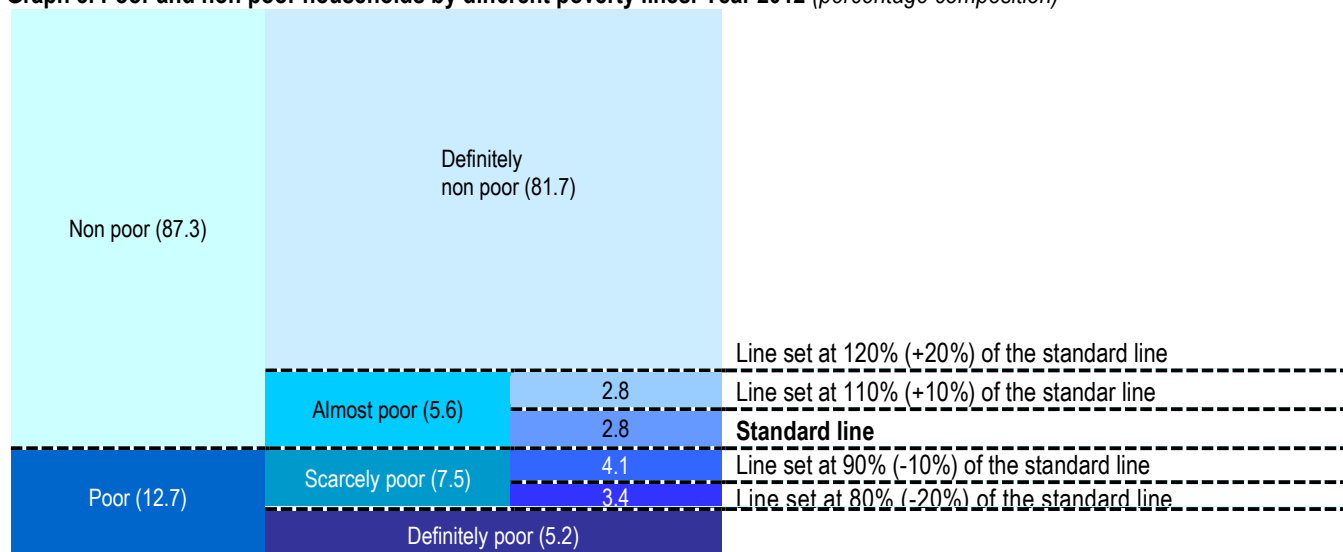


Table 9. Absolute poverty indicators by geographical area. Years 2011-2012 (in thousands and percentage values)

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
Absolute values in thousands								
Poor households	454	677	203	256	640	792	1,297	1,725
Resident households	12,163	12,267	4,988	5,037	8,014	8,080	25,165	25,384
Poor individuals	1,096	1,783	491	684	1,828	2,347	3,415	4,814
Resident individuals	27,578	27,693	11,885	11,947	20,824	20,810	60,287	60,450
Poverty incidence (%)								
Households	3.7	5.5	4.1	5.1	8.0	9.8	5.2	6.8
Individuals	4.0	6.4	4.1	5.7	8.8	11.3	5.7	8.0
Poverty intensity (%)								
Households	16.4	16.7	18.4	17.0	18.8	18.0	17.8	17.3

Table 10. Absolute poverty incidence by household size, household typology, number of minor children and elderly in the household. Years 2011-2012 (percentage values)

	2011	2012
Household size		
1 member	5.1	5.5
2 members	4.1	5.5
3 members	4.7	6.6
4 members	5.2	8.3
5 or more members	12.3	17.2
Household typology		
Single member under 65	3.5	4.9
Single member 65 and over	6.8	6.2
Couple with r.p. (a) under 65	2.6	4.6
Couple with r.p. (a) 65 and over	4.3	4.0
Couple with one child	4.0	5.9
Couple with 2 children	4.9	7.8
Couple with 3 or more children	10.4	16.2
Single parent	5.8	9.1
Other typology (with aggregate members)	10.4	13.3
Number of minor children		
With 1 minor child	5.7	7.1
With 2 minor children	5.8	10.0
With 3 or more minor children	10.9	17.1
With at least 1 minor child	6.1	8.9
Number of elderly		
With 1 elderly	6.3	6.5
With 2 or more elderly	5.3	5.1
With at least 1 elderly	6.0	6.1

Table 11. Absolute poverty incidence by reference person age class. Years 2011-2012 (percentage values)

Age class	2011	2012
Up to 34 years	5.3	8.1
From 35 to 44 years	4.8	7.4
From 45 to 54 years	5.3	7.3
From 55 to 64 years	3.8	6.6
Over 64	6.0	6.1

Table 12. Absolute poverty incidence by reference person educational level. Years 2011-2012 (percentage values)

Educational level	2011	2012
Illiterate-primary school	9.4	10.0
Middle school	6.2	9.3
High school and upper	2.0	3.3

Table 13. Absolute poverty incidence by reference person occupation and professional position. Years 2011-2012 (percentage values)

Occupation and professional position	2011	2012
EMPLOYED	3.9	5.5
-DEPENDENT	4.1	5.8
--Manager and employee	1.3	2.6
--Worker	7.5	9.4
-SELF EMPLOYED	2.9	4.6
--Entrepreneur and freelance	*	2.6
--Self employed worker	4.2	6.0
NOT EMPLOYED	6.6	8.2
-Retired	5.4	5.8
-Seeking employment	15.5	23.6
-Other	8.4	11.3

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Table 14. Absolute poverty incidence by members occupation. Years 2011-2012 (percentage values)

	2011	2012
HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT EMPLOYED OR RETIRED	22.3	30.8
HOUSEHOLDS WITH EMPLOYED AND WITHOUT RETIRED	3.9	5.5
-all components are employed	2.5	3.6
- no component seeking employment and at least one component in other condition (a)	4.8	6.8
- at least one component seeking employment	11.5	15.4
HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT EMPLOYED AND WITH RETIRED	5.7	5.8
- all components are retired	5.5	5.3
- no component seeking employment and at least one component in other condition (a)	5.2	6.8
- at least one component seeking employment	16.5	14.6
HOUSEHOLDS WITH EMPLOYED AND RETIRED	3.6	5.3
- without other components	2.4	4.6
- at least one component seeking employment or in other condition (a)	5.6	6.4

Table 15. Monthly absolute poverty threshold for selected households typologies, geographical area and municipality type.
Year 2012 (euros)

HOUSEHOLD TYPOLOGY typology	North			Centre			South and Islands		
	Metropoli- tan area	Big municipality	Small municipality	Metropoli- tan area	Large municipality	Small municipality	Metropoli- tan area	Large municipality	Small municipality
1 comp. 18-59	806.78	768.36	723.99	785.84	744.56	696.88	593.09	572.72	537.29
1 comp. 60-74	776.79	738.37	694.00	760.45	719.17	671.49	568.09	547.72	512.29
1 comp. 75+	736.89	698.47	654.10	724.80	683.52	635.84	533.02	512.65	477.22
2 comp. 18-59	1,112.12	1,065.76	1,013.19	1,067.06	1,017.24	960.75	844.42	820.62	779.66
2 comp. 60-74	1,052.57	1,006.21	953.64	1,016.30	966.48	909.99	794.45	770.65	729.69
2 comp. 75+	981.98	935.62	883.05	953.14	903.32	846.83	732.31	708.51	667.55
1 comp. 60-74 and 1 comp. 75+	1,016.99	970.63	918.06	984.47	934.65	878.16	763.14	739.34	698.38
1 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 75+	1,045.20	998.84	946.27	1,008.47	958.65	902.16	786.75	762.95	721.99
1 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 60-74	1,081.70	1,035.34	982.77	1,041.11	991.29	934.80	818.87	795.07	754.11
1 comp. 11-17 and 1 comp. 18-59	1,126.16	1,079.80	1,027.23	1,079.51	1,029.69	973.20	857.14	833.34	792.38
1 comp. 4-10 and 1 comp. 18-59	1,071.26	1,024.90	972.33	1,032.26	982.44	925.95	810.51	786.71	745.75
1 comp. 18-59 and 2 comp. 75+	1,253.06	1,199.56	1,139.74	1,202.57	1,145.08	1,080.80	955.41	928.65	883.02
1 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 60-74 and 1 comp. 75+	1,287.25	1,233.75	1,173.93	1,233.17	1,175.68	1,111.40	985.52	958.76	913.13
1 comp. 18-59 and 2 comp. 60-74	1,321.98	1,268.48	1,208.66	1,264.26	1,206.77	1,142.49	1,016.12	989.36	943.73
2 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 75+	1,317.42	1,263.92	1,204.10	1,259.00	1,201.51	1,137.23	1,010.95	984.19	938.56
2 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 60-74	1,353.11	1,299.61	1,239.79	1,290.95	1,233.46	1,169.18	1,042.39	1,015.63	970.00
3 comp. 18-59	1,385.67	1,332.17	1,272.35	1,318.90	1,261.41	1,197.13	1,069.90	1,043.14	997.51
1 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,398.45	1,344.95	1,285.13	1,330.21	1,272.72	1,208.44	1,081.45	1,054.69	1,009.06
1 comp. 4-10 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,349.73	1,296.23	1,236.41	1,288.32	1,230.83	1,166.55	1,040.10	1,013.34	967.71
1 comp. 0-3 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,252.21	1,198.71	1,138.89	1,200.09	1,142.60	1,078.32	952.78	926.02	880.39
2 comp. 18-59 and 2 comp. 60-74	1,599.47	1,533.33	1,460.93	1,523.74	1,452.68	1,374.89	1,232.58	1,200.85	1,147.55
3 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 60-74	1,633.15	1,567.01	1,494.61	1,552.77	1,481.71	1,403.92	1,261.16	1,229.43	1,176.13
4 comp. 18-59	1,668.41	1,602.27	1,529.87	1,583.19	1,512.13	1,434.34	1,291.10	1,259.37	1,206.07
1 comp. 11-17 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,680.44	1,614.30	1,541.90	1,593.84	1,522.78	1,444.99	1,301.95	1,270.22	1,216.92
2 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,692.49	1,626.35	1,553.95	1,604.50	1,533.44	1,455.65	1,312.82	1,281.09	1,227.79
1 comp. 4-10 and 1 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,648.05	1,581.91	1,509.51	1,566.32	1,495.26	1,417.47	1,275.13	1,243.40	1,190.10
2 comp. 4-10 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,603.16	1,537.02	1,464.62	1,527.77	1,456.71	1,378.92	1,237.08	1,205.35	1,152.05
1 comp. 0-3 and 1 comp. 4-10 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,507.59	1,441.45	1,369.05	1,441.28	1,370.22	1,292.43	1,151.47	1,119.74	1,066.44
1 comp. 4-10 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,635.95	1,569.81	1,497.41	1,555.61	1,484.55	1,406.76	1,264.22	1,232.49	1,179.19
2 comp. 0-3 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,414.46	1,348.32	1,275.92	1,356.98	1,285.92	1,208.13	1,068.03	1,036.30	983.00
3 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 75+	1,597.34	1,531.20	1,458.80	1,520.71	1,449.65	1,371.86	1,229.59	1,197.86	1,144.56
1 comp. 0-3 and 1 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,552.38	1,486.24	1,413.84	1,479.77	1,408.71	1,330.92	1,189.46	1,157.73	1,104.43
5 comp. 18-59	1,924.02	1,847.84	1,765.68	1,820.21	1,738.36	1,650.07	1,494.08	1,458.64	1,399.73
1 comp. 11-17 and 4 comp. 18-59	1,935.57	1,859.39	1,777.23	1,830.42	1,748.57	1,660.28	1,504.48	1,469.04	1,410.13
1 comp. 4-10 and 2 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,917.56	1,841.38	1,759.22	1,815.57	1,733.72	1,645.43	1,490.48	1,455.04	1,396.13
2 comp. 11-17 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,947.14	1,870.96	1,788.80	1,840.65	1,758.80	1,670.51	1,514.90	1,479.46	1,420.55
1 comp. 4-10 and 1 comp. 11-17 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,905.93	1,829.75	1,747.59	1,805.29	1,723.44	1,635.15	1,480.00	1,444.56	1,385.65
2 comp. 4-10 and 1 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,876.01	1,799.83	1,717.67	1,779.92	1,698.07	1,609.78	1,455.27	1,419.83	1,360.92

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