

**Table 1: 2000 Earnings by Race for U.S. Full-time Civilian Workers, CPS**

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50-75K	16.5%	9.9%	7.0%	16.7%	8.8%	14.7%
75K+	11.1%	4.0%	2.6%	12.2%	2.1%	9.4%
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- 4) Of those making more than \$75,000, 2.6% are Hispanic. (F)
- 5) 14.3% of Asians and American Indians make more than \$75,000. (F)
- 6) OF those making less than 15,000, 9.9% are White. (F)
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- 8) Of those making \$50,000-75,000, only 7% are Hispanic. (F)
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## Rules:

- Start with a general statement without numbers. (“Men make more than women.”)
- Back up your claim with stats – and follow same direction of statement (e.g, if say “men make more than women” then show how more men fall into the high-income categories, not how more women fall into the low-income categories).
- When using percentages, always say \_\_\_ % of \_\_\_ (e.g. “10% of Hispanics”). Do NOT say “Hispanics are 10%.”
- When showing similarities across groups, use ‘and’
- When showing differences, use “compared to” or “while only” etc.
- Have a summary statement at the end.
- Write as if you care about what you found – these numbers mean something!

## Useful phrases:

- a higher proportion of ... fall into the (lower income/higher income) category
- a disproportionately high/low number of ... fall into the ...
- ... are overrepresented/underrepresented among low-income/high-income groups...

## Bouma’s attempt at describing race differences in income for the US (ACS 2008)

When examining race differences in earnings in 2008, we see that Non-Hispanic Whites and Asians have the highest earnings, and African Americans, Native Americans and Hispanics have the lowest. For example, we see that more than one-quarter of all Asians and one-fifth of whites earn above \$70,000. This compares to only about one in ten African Americans or Native Americans, and less than one in twelve Hispanics earning this much. When we examine the low-income categories, we now see that Blacks, Native Americans, and especially Hispanics are over-represented. Over 30% of both African Americans and Native Americans earn less than \$25,000 every year, and a full 43% of Hispanics earn this little. This means that about two out of every five Hispanics earned less than \$25,000 in 2008. This compares to just 19% of Whites and 21% of Asians. Overall then, we see that Asians and Whites fall disproportionately into the high-income categories, and Blacks, Native Americans, and especially Hispanics fall disproportionately into the low-income categories. *[Do not use this description in your paper; I’m sure you can write a better one.]*

***2008 Earnings by Race for U.S. Full-time Civilian Workers, ACS***

	NHWhite	Black	Asian	Hispanic	AmIndian	NHOther	NHMulti	TOTAL
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50-69K	18.5%	13.9%	16.9%	10.3%	12.6%	13.4%	16.4%	16.7%
70-99K	12.1%	6.8%	14.7%	5.0%	6.3%	9.2%	9.7%	10.6%
100K+	11.2%	3.3%	13.8%	3.1%	3.6%	6.6%	7.1%	9.3%
TOTAL	100% 66,678,276	100% 10,610,592	100% 4,694,340	100% 13,309,425	100% 611,753	100% 216,348	100% 962,917	97,083,651

Source: wgtd 2006-08 ACS, SSDAN/U-Michigan