

## Appendix B: Demographics of adults in lower-, middle- and upper-income tiers

### Characteristics of the adult population in lower-, middle- and upper-income households

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	All adults				Adults in lower-income households				Adults in middle-income households				Adults in upper-income households			
	1971	2001	2011	2015	1971	2001	2011	2015	1971	2001	2011	2015	1971	2001	2011	2015
18 to 29	28	22	22	21	25	24	25	24	30	23	22	22	25	17	17	17
30 to 44	26	31	26	25	20	27	24	24	29	34	27	26	22	31	24	24
45 to 64	31	31	35	34	24	23	28	29	31	30	35	34	45	43	47	44
65 and older	15	16	17	19	31	27	23	24	9	13	16	18	7	9	12	15
Married, with children at home	44	31	28	28	32	24	21	20	51	35	31	30	36	32	31	32
Married, no children at home	25	24	24	24	25	20	17	17	22	23	24	24	34	34	34	33
Unmarried	31	44	48	49	43	57	62	63	26	41	45	46	30	33	34	35
White	78	70	67	65	65	58	54	52	80	73	69	67	88	82	80	77
Hispanic	12	13	14	15	16	21	22	23	11	12	13	15	7	6	6	7
Black	9	11	11	12	18	17	17	17	7	10	10	11	4	6	5	6
Asian/Pacific Islander	NA	4	5	6	NA	3	4	5	NA	4	5	6	NA	6	7	8
Foreign born	NA	14	16	16	NA	18	21	22	NA	13	14	15	NA	11	12	13
Less than high school grad	40	17	13	12	64	34	27	24	35	12	10	9	18	4	3	3
High school grad	36	32	30	30	25	36	37	37	41	35	32	31	36	18	16	15
Some college/Two-year degree	13	27	28	28	7	21	25	26	14	31	32	32	20	26	25	24
Bachelor's degree or more	11	24	28	30	3	8	11	12	10	22	26	28	27	52	56	58

Note: Households are assigned to income tiers based on their size-adjusted income in the calendar year prior to the survey year. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. Whites, blacks and Asians include only the single-race, non-Hispanic component of those groups. Hispanics are of any race. Other racial/ethnic groups are not shown. "Unmarried" includes "married, spouse absent," never married, divorced, separated or widowed. "With children" includes adults with a biological, adopted or step child of any age residing in the household.

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**Industries of the employed adult population in lower-, middle- and upper-income households**

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	<b>All employed adults</b>				<b>Employed adults in lower-income households</b>				<b>Employed adults in middle-income households</b>				<b>Employed adults in upper-income households</b>			
	1971	2001	2011	2014	1971	2001	2011	2014	1971	2001	2011	2014	1971	2001	2011	2014
Agriculture and mining	5	3	3	3	13	5	5	5	3	2	3	3	2	2	2	3
Construction	6	7	6	6	7	8	9	8	6	7	6	7	5	5	4	4
Nondurable manufacturing	10	5	4	4	9	5	4	4	11	5	4	4	9	5	4	4
Durable manufacturing	15	9	7	7	11	7	5	5	17	10	7	7	14	10	7	7
Transportation	5	5	4	5	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	3	4
Communications	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
Utilities	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
Wholesale trade	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	4	4	3	3	5	5	3	3
Retail trade	15	15	17	17	18	23	26	26	15	16	17	18	12	9	10	10
Finance, insurance & real estate	5	7	7	7	3	4	3	3	5	7	6	7	7	10	10	10
Business services	1	6	5	6	1	6	6	6	1	5	5	5	1	8	6	7
Repair services	1	2	1	1	2	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
Personal services	5	3	3	3	12	6	5	5	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
Entertainment	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2
Professional services	18	25	30	29	14	20	22	22	17	25	29	28	27	31	36	35
Public administration	5	5	5	5	2	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	6	6	7	6

Note: Households are assigned to income tiers based on their size-adjusted income in the calendar year prior to the survey year. Based on adults who were employed in the week prior to the survey date. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. For a listing of each industry included in the categories shown, see Appendix C.

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## Occupations of the employed adult population in lower-, middle- and upper-income households

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	All employed adults				Employed adults in lower-income households				Employed adults in middle-income households				Employed adults in upper-income households			
	1971	2001	2011	2014	1971	2001	2011	2014	1971	2001	2011	2014	1971	2001	2011	2014
Executives and managers	13	15	15	15	8	5	5	5	11	14	12	13	22	27	27	27
Professional specialties	2	4	4	3	<0.5	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	5	8	7	7
Medical professionals	2	3	4	4	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	4	5	6	8	7
Teachers	5	5	7	7	2	2	4	4	4	5	7	7	9	7	8	8
Librarians and curators	3	4	4	4	1	2	3	2	2	4	4	4	5	6	6	7
Technicians	2	3	4	4	1	2	2	2	3	4	4	4	3	4	5	5
Sales	8	12	11	11	6	12	12	12	8	11	11	11	8	13	10	10
Administrative	16	14	13	13	9	13	12	11	17	16	15	15	19	10	10	10
Protective services	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2
Service occupations	11	11	14	14	22	23	28	28	10	11	14	13	5	4	5	5
Farming, forestry and fishing	4	2	2	3	13	5	4	5	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
Mechanics and repairers	12	11	9	9	10	12	11	9	13	12	11	10	9	7	5	6
Operators	12	6	4	4	12	8	6	5	14	6	4	5	6	2	1	2
Transportation occupations	9	8	7	7	13	12	11	12	10	8	7	8	4	3	3	3

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