

The following table shows (in column 3) the percentage of the total pool of married men, divorced and widowed men and women, and single men and women age 20 and over (rather misleadingly labeled "tax units" under the assumption that any and all of them might theoretically have been "income earners) who actually filed returns each year.

Table A0: Reference totals for tax units and income

| Year | Tax units | | | Income (excluding capital gains) | | Income (including capital gains) | | Inflation |
|------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | (1) N. tax units (thousands) | (2) N. tax returns (thousands) | (3) (2)/(1) (%) | (4) Total income (millions 2000 \$) | (5) Average income (2000 \$) | (6) Total income (millions 2000 \$) | (7) Average income (2000 \$) | (8) CPI (p(2000)/p(n)) |
| 1913 | 37,701 | 358 | 0.9 | 480,989 | 12,758 | 480,989 | 12,758 | 17.4076 |
| 1914 | 38,513 | 358 | 0.9 | 480,268 | 12,470 | 480,268 | 12,470 | 17.1843 |
| 1915 | 39,154 | 337 | 0.9 | 492,960 | 12,590 | 492,960 | 12,590 | 17.0141 |
| 1916 | 39,790 | 437 | 1.1 | 544,831 | 13,693 | 552,681 | 13,890 | 15.8124 |
| 1917 | 40,387 | 3,473 | 8.6 | 563,361 | 13,949 | 567,799 | 14,059 | 13.4688 |
| 1918 | 40,451 | 4,425 | 10.9 | 534,260 | 13,208 | 537,810 | 13,295 | 11.4726 |
| 1919 | 41,052 | 5,333 | 13.0 | 530,830 | 12,931 | 540,483 | 13,166 | 9.9848 |
| 1920 | 41,909 | 7,260 | 17.3 | 483,394 | 11,534 | 492,223 | 11,745 | 8.6225 |
| 1921 | 42,835 | 6,662 | 15.6 | 436,067 | 10,180 | 440,010 | 10,272 | 9.6556 |
| 1922 | 43,543 | 6,787 | 15.6 | 500,266 | 11,489 | 510,033 | 11,713 | 10.3048 |
| 1923 | 44,409 | 7,698 | 17.3 | 567,487 | 12,779 | 578,910 | 13,036 | 10.1226 |
| 1924 | 45,384 | 7,370 | 16.2 | 572,981 | 12,625 | 588,406 | 12,965 | 10.1024 |
| 1925 | 46,190 | 4,171 | 9.0 | 589,131 | 12,754 | 620,340 | 13,430 | 9.8560 |
| 1926 | 46,940 | 4,138 | 8.8 | 604,950 | 12,888 | 630,438 | 13,431 | 9.7584 |
| 1927 | 47,723 | 4,102 | 8.6 | 619,649 | 12,984 | 651,177 | 13,645 | 9.9474 |
| 1928 | 48,445 | 4,071 | 8.4 | 641,912 | 13,250 | 693,544 | 14,316 | 10.0785 |
| 1929 | 49,085 | 4,044 | 8.2 | 678,079 | 13,814 | 725,328 | 14,777 | 10.0785 |
| 1930 | 49,750 | 3,708 | 7.5 | 622,694 | 12,516 | 637,336 | 12,811 | 10.3369 |
| 1931 | 50,462 | 3,226 | 6.4 | 573,062 | 11,356 | 578,706 | 11,468 | 11.3343 |
| 1932 | 51,117 | 3,877 | 7.6 | 488,247 | 9,551 | 489,812 | 9,582 | 12.6358 |
| 1933 | 51,757 | 3,724 | 7.2 | 481,465 | 9,302 | 488,770 | 9,444 | 13.3148 |
| 1934 | 52,430 | 4,094 | 7.8 | 535,684 | 10,217 | 540,669 | 10,312 | 12.8770 |
| 1935 | 53,147 | 4,575 | 8.6 | 587,946 | 11,063 | 598,817 | 11,267 | 12.5630 |
| 1936 | 53,844 | 5,413 | 10.1 | 653,771 | 12,142 | 675,305 | 12,542 | 12.4386 |
| 1937 | 54,539 | 6,350 | 11.6 | 694,447 | 12,733 | 702,059 | 12,873 | 12.0063 |
| 1938 | 55,342 | 6,204 | 11.2 | 648,171 | 11,712 | 658,203 | 11,893 | 12.2389 |
| 1939 | 56,181 | 7,633 | 13.6 | 701,067 | 12,479 | 709,924 | 12,636 | 12.4127 |
| 1940 | 57,115 | 14,665 | 25.7 | 746,234 | 13,065 | 754,617 | 13,212 | 12.2898 |
| 1941 | 57,392 | 25,855 | 45.0 | 876,435 | 15,271 | 886,481 | 15,446 | 11.7045 |
| 1942 | 57,736 | 36,538 | 63.3 | 1,024,331 | 17,742 | 1,031,289 | 17,862 | 10.5732 |
| 1943 | 58,250 | 43,602 | 74.9 | 1,195,041 | 20,516 | 1,210,493 | 20,781 | 9.9653 |
| 1944 | 58,656 | 46,920 | 80.0 | 1,274,511 | 21,728 | 1,289,904 | 21,991 | 9.7987 |
| 1945 | 58,997 | 49,933 | 84.6 | 1,252,872 | 21,236 | 1,285,938 | 21,797 | 9.5784 |
| 1946 | 59,297 | 52,817 | 89.1 | 1,191,811 | 20,099 | 1,233,454 | 20,801 | 8.8280 |
| 1947 | 60,118 | 55,099 | 91.7 | 1,159,544 | 19,288 | 1,183,856 | 19,692 | 7.7168 |
| 1948 | 60,825 | 52,072 | 85.6 | 1,193,880 | 19,628 | 1,218,138 | 20,027 | 7.1585 |
| 1949 | 61,537 | 51,814 | 84.2 | 1,193,117 | 19,389 | 1,210,661 | 19,674 | 7.2308 |
| 1950 | 62,446 | 53,060 | 85.0 | 1,306,832 | 20,927 | 1,340,774 | 21,471 | 7.1592 |
| 1951 | 63,060 | 55,447 | 87.9 | 1,359,720 | 21,562 | 1,389,819 | 22,040 | 6.6350 |
| 1952 | 63,684 | 56,528 | 88.8 | 1,416,803 | 22,247 | 1,441,219 | 22,631 | 6.4922 |
| 1953 | 64,273 | 57,838 | 90.0 | 1,492,937 | 23,228 | 1,512,810 | 23,537 | 6.4407 |
| 1954 | 64,928 | 56,747 | 87.4 | 1,489,846 | 22,946 | 1,524,333 | 23,477 | 6.4086 |
| 1955 | 65,589 | 58,250 | 88.8 | 1,608,893 | 24,530 | 1,661,662 | 25,334 | 6.4344 |
| 1956 | 66,257 | 59,197 | 89.3 | 1,709,657 | 25,803 | 1,754,072 | 26,474 | 6.3393 |
| 1957 | 66,947 | 59,825 | 89.4 | 1,734,734 | 25,912 | 1,767,978 | 26,408 | 6.1190 |
| 1958 | 67,546 | 59,085 | 87.5 | 1,697,095 | 25,125 | 1,735,613 | 25,695 | 5.9581 |

Source: [Income Equality in the United States, 1913-2002](#)

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