

Income in the United States: 2022

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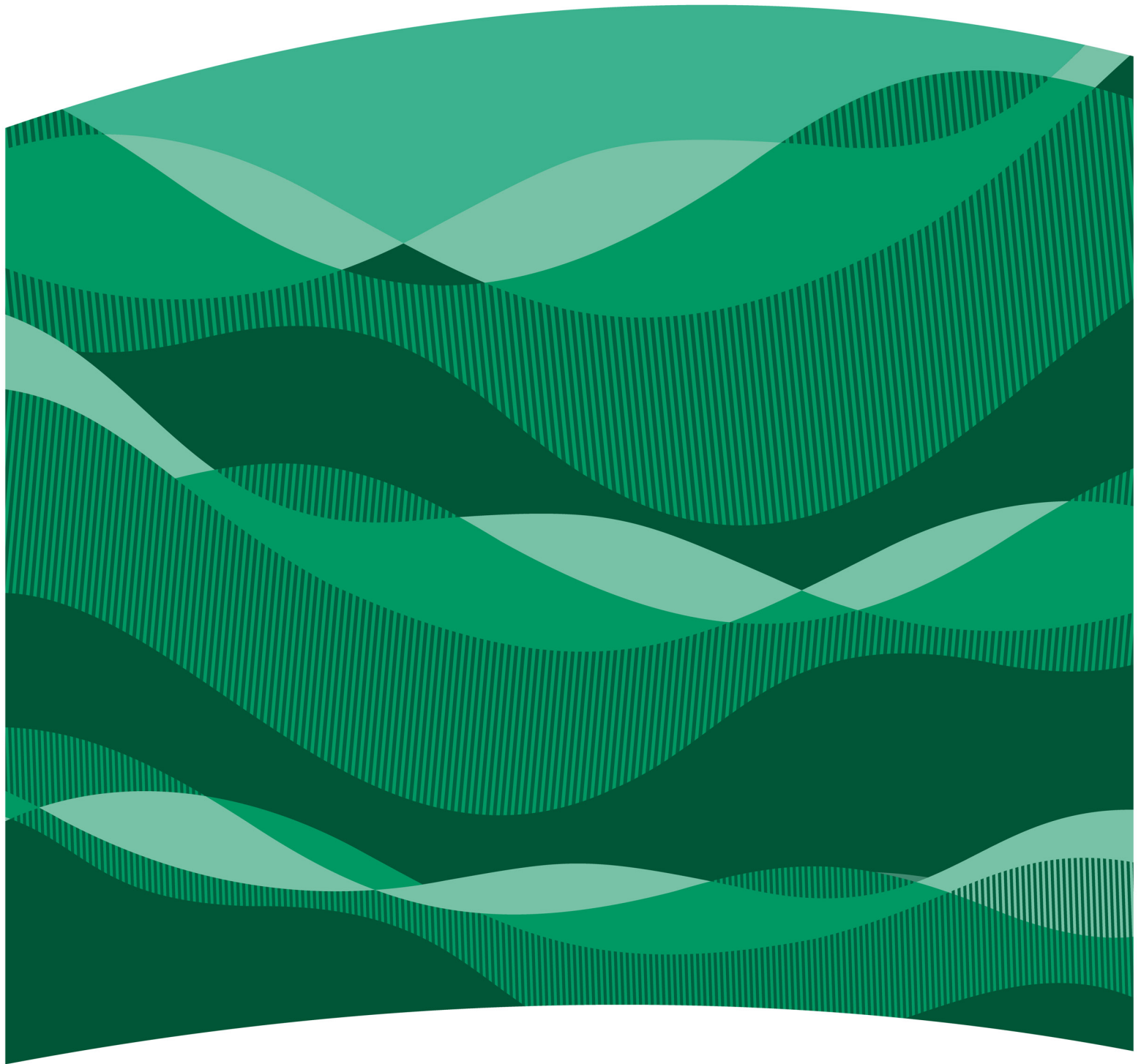
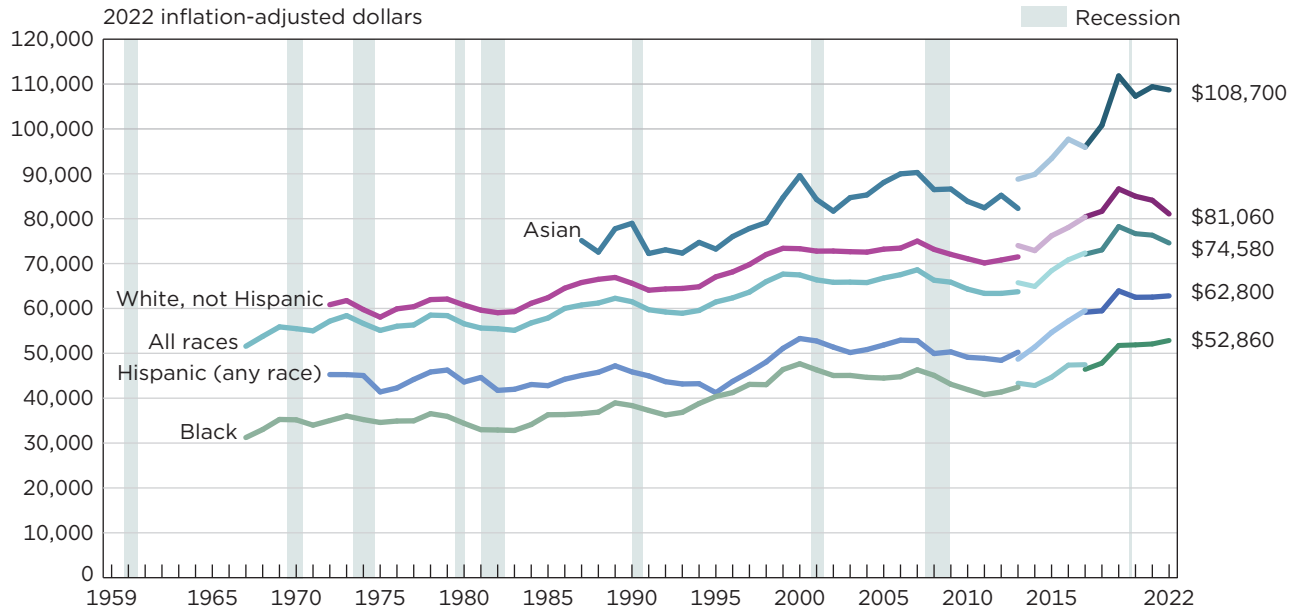


Figure 2.
Real Median Household Income by Race and Hispanic Origin: 1967 to 2022
 (Households as of March of the following year)



Note: The data for 2017 and beyond reflect the implementation of an updated processing system. The data for 2013 and beyond reflect the implementation of the redesigned income questions. Refer to Table A-2 for historical race footnotes. The data points are placed at the midpoints of the respective years. Median household income data are not available prior to 1967. Income is in 2022 dollars, adjusted using the C-CPI-U (2000-2022) and R-CPI-U-RS (pre-2000). More information on the inflation adjustment and recessions is available in Appendix A. Information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions is available at <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar23.pdf>.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1968 to 2023 Annual Social and Economic Supplements (CPS ASEC).

A-1).¹⁷ Foreign-born individuals can be classified into two categories: those who are naturalized U.S. citizens and those who are not U.S. citizens. Neither group experienced a statistically significant change in their median household income between 2021 and 2022.¹⁸

Households maintained by naturalized citizens had the highest median household incomes in 2022 (\$80,760), followed by native-born individuals (\$75,210) and then noncitizens (\$62,030).

Region¹⁹

Between 2021 and 2022, the Midwest, Northeast, and West experienced a decrease in real median household income (4.7

percent, 3.8 percent, and 3.2 percent, respectively), while real median household income in the South was not statistically different from 2021 (Figure 1 and Table A-1).²⁰ Median household incomes were highest in the West (\$82,890) and the Northeast (\$80,360), followed by the Midwest (\$73,070) and the South (\$68,230).²¹

Residence²²

In 2022, real median household income for households inside metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) declined by 2.6 percent. The 2022 real median income of households outside of metropolitan areas was not statistically different from 2021.²³ Among households inside

metropolitan areas, those outside principal cities experienced a decrease in median household income of 3.0 percent, while the median for those inside principal cities was not statistically different from 2021.²⁴ Households inside metropolitan areas but outside principal cities had the highest median income (\$83,230), followed by households inside principal cities (\$69,940). Households outside metropolitan areas had the lowest median income (\$55,960).

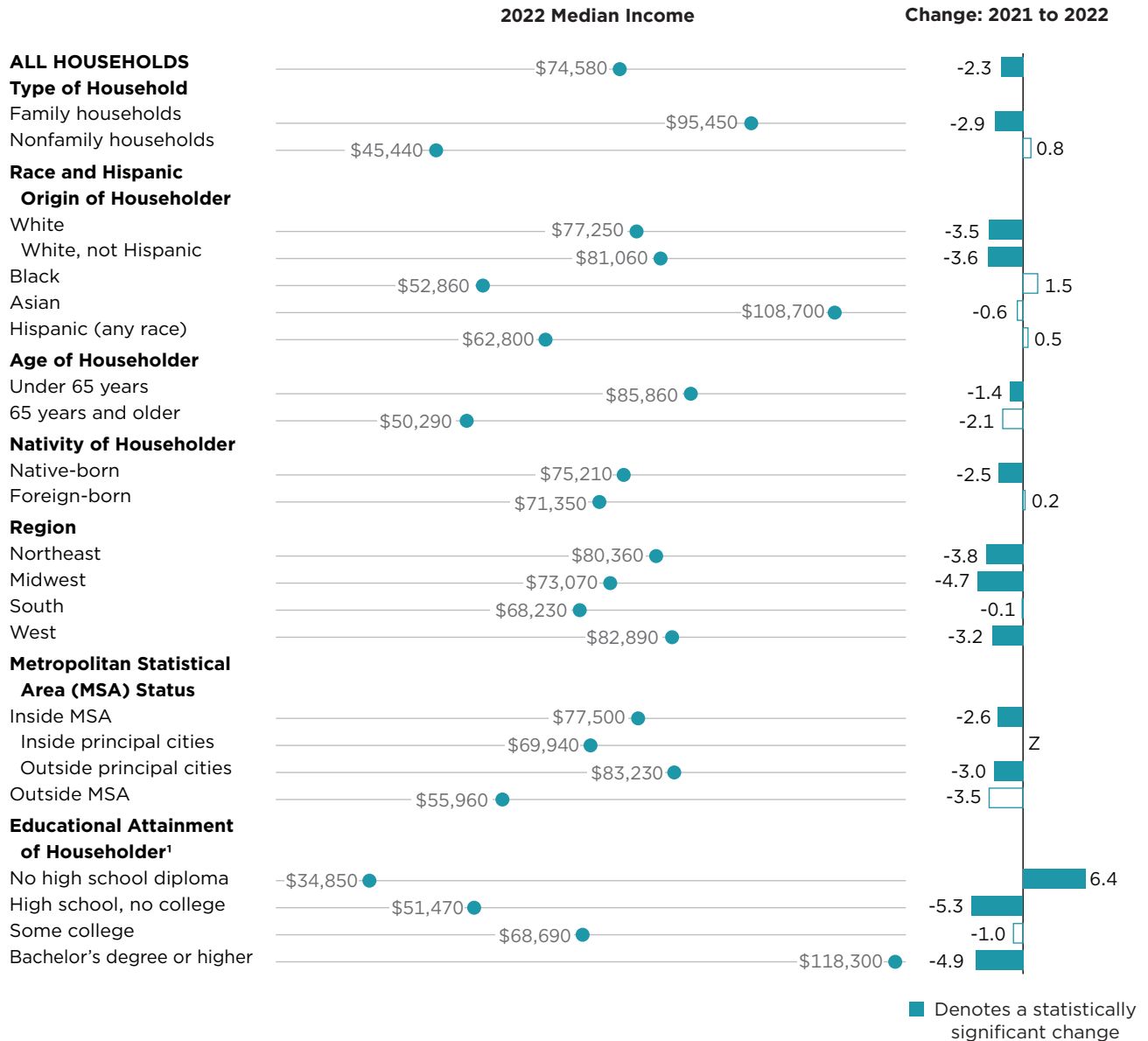
Educational Attainment²⁵

From 2021 to 2022, among householders aged 25 and over, real median incomes declined for those who obtained at least a

Figure 1.

Median Household Income and Percent Change by Selected Characteristics

(Households as of March of the following year)



Z Rounds to zero.

¹ Householders aged 25 and older. In 2022, the median household income for this group was \$75,980.

Note: Statistically significant indicates the change is statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level. Margins of error and other related estimates and notes are available in Table A-1. Information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions is available at <<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar23.pdf>>.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2022 and 2023 Annual Social and Economic Supplements (CPS ASEC).

householders 25 to 34 (\$80,240), and householders aged 15 to 24 (\$52,460).¹⁵ Householders aged 65 and over (\$50,290) had the lowest median incomes.

Nativity¹⁶

Between 2021 and 2022, the real median income of households maintained by a native-born

person declined 2.5 percent, while the median income of households maintained by a foreign-born person was not statistically different from 2021 (Figure 1 and Table