

A. Income Distribution in the United States

Table I-1: Share of Money Income Received by Family Units—By Income Rank and Income Group: 1955 to 1970

[A family unit is two or more people living in the same dwelling unit and related to each other by blood, marriage, or adoption. A single person unrelated to the other occupants in the dwelling unit or living alone is a family unit by himself.]

FAMILY UNITS INCOME RANK. ¹	PERCENT OF TOTAL INCOME			LOWEST INCOME (dollars)			INCOME GROUP	SHARE OF TOTAL MONEY INCOME (percent distribution)			
	1960	1965	1970	1960	1965	1970		1955	1961	1965	1970
							Total	100	100	100	100
Lowest tenth . .	1	1	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	Under \$1,000 . . .	1	1	(Z)	(Z)
Second tenth . .	3	3	3	1,500	1,870	2,700	\$1,000–\$1,900 . . .	3	2	1	1
Third tenth . . .	5	5	5	2,640	3,000	4,000	\$2,000–\$2,999 . . .	6	4	3	1
Fourth tenth . .	7	6	6	3,700	4,200	5,500	\$3,000–\$3,999 . . .	9	5	3	2
Fifth tenth . . .	8	8	7	4,000	5,500	7,000	\$4,000–\$4,999 . . .	11	7	4	3
Sixth tenth . . .	9	9	9	5,500	6,670	8,600	\$5,000–\$5,999 . . .	13	10	6	3
Seventh tenth . .	11	11	11	6,275	8,000	10,045	\$6,000–\$7,499 . . .	15	14	11	7
Eighth tenth . .	13	13	13	7,200	9,220	12,010	\$7,500–\$9,999 . . .	15	19	19	12
Ninth tenth . . .	16	16	17	8,593	11,200	15,000	\$10,000–\$14,999 . .	14	19	26	27
Highest tenth . .	27	28	27	11,000	14,680	20,000	\$15,000 and over . .	13	19	27	44

NA Not available.

Z Less than 0.5 percent.

¹Ranking based on size of money income before taxes.

SOURCE: *Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1972* (Washington: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1972), Table 529.

B. Income Distribution in Other Nations

Table I-2: Income Distribution Estimates—Percentage Shares in Total National Income
Going to Population Groups of Different Income Levels in 44 Countries

	<i>Poorest 20%</i>	<i>Poorest 60%</i>	<i>Middle 40–60%</i>	<i>Highest 20%</i>	<i>Highest 5%</i>
Argentina	7.00	30.40	13.10	52.00	29.40
Bolivia	4.00	26.60	8.90	59.10	35.70
Brazil	3.50	22.70	10.20	61.50	38.40
Burma	10.00	36.00	13.00	48.50	28.21
Ceylon	4.45	27.47	13.81	52.31	18.38
Chad	12.00	35.00	12.00	43.00	23.00
Chile	5.40	27.00	12.00	52.30	22.60
Colombia	2.21	15.88	8.97	68.06	40.36
Costa Rica	6.00	25.40	12.10	60.00	35.00
Dahomey	8.00	30.00	12.00	50.00	32.00
Ecuador	6.30	42.60	26.10	41.80	21.50
El Salvador	5.50	23.60	11.30	61.40	33.00
Gabon	2.00	15.00	7.00	71.00	47.00
Greece	9.00	34.10	12.30	49.50	23.00
India	8.00	36.00	16.00	42.00	8.00
Iraq	2.00	16.00	8.00	68.00	34.00
Israel	6.80	38.80	18.60	39.40	11.20
Ivory Coast	8.00	30.00	12.00	55.00	29.00
Jamaica	2.20	19.00	10.80	61.50	31.20
Japan	4.70	31.10	15.80	46.00	14.80
Kenya	7.00	21.00	7.00	64.00	22.20
Lebanon	3.00	23.00	15.80	61.00	34.00
Libya	0.11	1.78	1.28	89.50	46.40
Malagasy	7.00	23.00	9.00	59.00	37.00
Mexico	3.66	21.75	11.25	58.04	28.52
Morocco	7.10	22.20	7.70	65.40	20.60
Niger	12.00	35.00	12.00	42.00	23.00
Nigeria	7.00	23.00	9.00	60.90	38.38
Pakistan	6.50	33.00	15.50	45.00	20.00
Panama	4.90	28.10	13.80	56.70	34.50
Peru	4.04	17.10	8.30	67.60	48.30
Philippines	4.30	24.70	12.00	55.80	27.50
Rhodesia	4.00	20.00	8.00	65.00	60.00
Senegal	3.00	20.00	10.00	64.00	36.00
Sierra Leone	3.80	19.20	9.10	64.10	33.80
South Africa	1.94	16.27	10.16	57.36	39.38
Sudan	5.60	29.30	14.30	48.10	17.10
Surinam	10.70	37.00	14.74	42.40	15.40
Taiwan	4.50	29.00	14.80	52.00	24.10
Tanzania	9.75	29.25	9.85	61.00	42.90
Trinidad & Tobago	3.60	18.52	9.16	57.00	26.60
Tunisia	4.97	20.57	9.95	65.00	22.44
Venezuela	4.40	30.00	16.60	47.10	23.20
Zambia	6.27	26.95	11.10	57.10	37.50
<i>Averages</i>	5.6	26	12	56	30

SOURCE: 9 *Development Digest* 27 (October 1971), Table 1.

C. Government Expenditures for the Low-Income Population

Table I-3: Families Below and Above Low Income Level, by Type of Income and Sex of Head: 1970

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Earnings	88.6	49.4	89.4	90.0	58.7	90.4	68.4	32.4	72.8
Wages or salary	80.1	48.2	80.8	81.1	57.1	81.4	65.9	32.1	70.1
Nonfarm self-employment	7.2	1.0	7.3	7.6	1.5	7.7	1.9	0.2	2.1
Farm self-employment	1.3	0.1	1.3	1.3	0.1	1.4	0.5	0.1	0.5
Income other than earnings	11.4	50.5	10.6	10.0	41.2	9.6	31.6	67.4	27.2
Soc. Sec. and Government railroad retirement	3.3	18.7	3.0	2.9	21.9	2.6	9.8	12.8	9.4
Dividends, interest, and rent . . .	3.7	2.1	3.7	3.6	2.8	3.6	4.9	0.8	5.4
Public assistance income	0.9	21.7	0.4	0.4	9.8	0.2	7.9	43.3	3.5
Other transfer payments ¹	2.0	3.8	2.0	1.9	4.8	1.9	3.0	2.0	3.1
Private pensions, alimony, annuities	1.5	4.3	1.5	1.2	2.0	1.2	6.0	8.4	5.7

— Represents zero.

¹Unemploy. and workmen's comp., gov. employee pensions, veterans' payments.

SOURCE: *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, 1972 (Washington: U. S. Government Printing Office, 1972), Table 546.

D. Profile and Income of Legal Community

Table I-4: Lawyers—Selected Characteristics: 1954 to 1970

CHARACTERISTIC	1954	1957	1960	1963	1966	Total	1970		
							In cities with population—		
							Less than 200,000	200,000—499,999	500,000 or more
All lawyers ¹ . . .	241,514	262,320	285,933	296,069	316,856	355,242	172,030	41,075	142,137
Lawyers reporting ²	221,600	235,783	252,385	268,782	289,404	324,818	159,291	37,411	128,116
In cities with population: ³									
Less than 200,000 . . .	105,709	111,543	115,453	124,092	135,515	159,291	159,291	(X)	(X)
200,000–499,999 . . .	30,651	33,001	37,388	39,279	41,205	37,411	(X)	37,411	(X)
500,000 or more . . .	85,240	91,239	99,544	105,411	112,684	128,116	(X)	(X)	128,116
Male	216,564	229,433	245,897	261,639	281,336	315,715	155,356	36,428	123,931
Female	5,036	6,350	6,488	7,143	8,068	9,103	3,935	983	4,185
Year of birth:									
1904 and earlier . . .	83,582	76,479	69,017	60,346	52,026	42,454	22,050	4,545	15,859
1905–1914	58,526	59,491	59,327	58,055	56,378	52,956	25,524	5,557	21,875
1915–1924	54,793	60,235	62,704	63,566	63,944	63,077	32,784	7,565	22,728
1925–1934	19,100	36,225	57,082	70,692	76,651	79,679	39,276	9,518	30,885
1935 and later	19,100	36,225	1,891	14,345	38,559	85,980	39,403	10,126	36,451
Not reported	5,599	3,353	2,364	1,778	1,846	672	254	100	318
Education:									
Attended college . . .	171,687	191,198	211,711	232,617	256,823	296,572	145,556	33,984	117,032
College degree	107,617	122,767	146,359	168,179	194,120	238,213	114,081	26,997	97,135
Attended law school . .	194,273	214,019	233,600	253,250	276,327	314,453	153,094	36,391	124,973
Law degree	170,597	188,883	213,178	234,684	259,402	301,076	145,618	34,850	120,608
Unknown	18,695	14,893	12,358	10,052	8,597	6,078	3,166	649	2,263

Status in practice: ⁴

Government	21,279	24,245	25,621	29,314	31,280	35,803	16,116	3,613	16,074
Federal	9,040	12,458	13,045	15,113	16,284	18,710	5,234	1,591	11,885
State	3,561	4,000	4,316	6,486	7,416	9,293	5,444	1,332	2,517
City or county . .	8,678	7,787	8,260	7,715	7,580	7,800	5,438	690	1,672
Judicial	7,903	7,910	8,180	8,748	9,712	10,349	7,392	997	1,960
Federal	621	769	599	707	800	878	363	145	370
State or county . .	5,041	5,056	5,301	5,712	6,823	7,548	5,672	660	1,216
City	2,241	2,085	2,280	2,329	2,089	1,923	1,357	192	374
Private practice . . .	189,423	188,955	192,353	200,586	212,662	236,085	119,507	27,166	89,412
Individual	127,389	122,389	116,911	113,127	113,273	118,963	62,377	12,529	44,057
Partner	51,668	54,966	60,709	70,064	78,544	92,442	48,697	11,285	32,460
Associate ⁵	10,366	11,600	14,733	17,395	20,845	24,680	8,433	3,352	12,895
Salaried	16,648	21,054	25,198	29,510	33,222	40,486	15,453	5,562	19,471
Private industry . .	15,063	18,911	22,533	26,492	29,405	33,593	12,372	4,806	16,415
Educational inst . . .	1,351	1,504	1,798	2,100	2,717	3,732	2,092	435	1,205
Other private employ .	234	639	867	918	1,100	3,161	989	321	1,851
Inactive or retired . .	6,581	7,661	10,887	12,024	14,881	16,812	11,353	1,502	3,957

X Not applicable.

¹Includes lawyers not reporting and an adjustment (subtraction) for duplications.

²Includes duplications: 1954, 4,440; 1957, 4,506; 1960, 4,504; 1963, 5,918; 1966, 6,787; 1970, 8,834.

³1954–1957, 1950 Census of Population; 1960, 1960 Census of Population; 1963 and 1966 unofficial estimates, of *Editor & Publisher Yearbook*; and 1970, 1970 Census of Population.

⁴In some cases, if more than 1 subentry was applicable the individual was tabulated in each.

⁵Lawyers employed by individual practitioners or partnerships.

SOURCE: *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, 1972 (Washington: U. S. Government Printing Office, 1972), Table 258.

Table I-5: Law Firms—Selected Data: 1967

[Money figures in millions of dollars]

ITEM	All firms, total	FIRMS OPERATED ENTIRE YEAR, WITH RECEIPTS OF—				SELECTED STATES			
		Under \$25,000	\$25,000— \$100,000	\$100,000 and over	Calif.	Ill.	N. Y.	Pa.	Tex.
ALL FIRMS									
Number	143,069	88,032	42,893	10,811	13,416	8,458	23,040	6,600	7,016
Sole practitioners	121,930	85,116	34,413	1,922	11,397	7,146	19,979	5,756	5,993
Partnerships ¹	21,139	2,916	8,482	8,887	2,019	1,312	3,061	844	1,023
Receipts	6,334	1,046	1,998	3,187	733	450	1,150	311	282
Sole practitioners	2,853	1,009	1,490	335	323	183	450	140	128
Partnerships ¹	3,481	38	510	2,852	410	267	700	171	154
FIRMS WITH PAYROLL									
Number	69,891	29,195	28,875	10,785	6,637	3,838	9,728	3,231	3,446
Receipts	5,230	530	1,421	3,183	613	374	965	259	234
Payroll	1,172	162	266	722	143	85	245	58	50
Paid employees ²	201,699	33,772	57,642	105,567	21,576	12,940	35,723	10,539	8,999
With 4 or more employees:									
Number	11,862	236	3,087	8,341	1,356	699	1,715	606	530
Receipts	3,114	4	203	2,856	390	238	662	169	135
Payroll	753	2	54	684	100	60	183	39	30
Paid employees	118,435	1,096	14,699	99,639	14,052	8,314	24,623	6,758	4,939

¹Includes corporations.²For week including March 12.SOURCE: *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, 1972 (Washington: U. S. Government Printing Office, 1972), Table 259.

E. Dimensions of Civil Legal Assistance—1959, 1965 and 1971

Table I-6: Dimensions of Civil Legal Assistance—1959, 1965 and 1971

	1959 ¹	1965 ²	1971 ³
TOTAL BUDGET	\$2,084,125	\$5,375,890	\$77,272,710
SOURCE OF BUDGET:			
Government	143,031	*	60,848,725
Community Chest	1,148,245	2,469,373	3,767,262
Bar Association	264,032	891,823	2,275,412
Other	528,817	1,994,694	10,371,311
NUMBER OF LAWYERS	292	*	2,534
TOTAL CASES	447,096	426,457	1,237,275
TYPES OF CASES:			
Family	42%	*	36.6%
Economic	28%	*	15.9%
Housing	15%	*	14.4%
Administrative	*	*	11.2%
Other	15%	*	21.9%
DISPOSITION OF CASES:			
Referred	22%	*	17.0%
Advice Only	54%	*	42.0%
Litigated	6%	*	17.0%
Service without Court Action	13%	*	17.3%
Administrative	*	*	2.2%
Withdrawn	*	*	4.5%
Partial Service	5%	*	*

*Figures not available

- SOURCES: 1. BROWNELL, LEGAL AID IN THE UNITED STATES, Supplement (Rochester: Lawyers Co-operative, 1961), pp. 37, 44, 47, 62.
2. 1966 SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS of the 44th ANNUAL CONFERENCE (Chicago: NLADA, 1966) pp. 46-47.
3. 1971 STATISTICS OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE WORK (Chicago: NLADA, 1972), pp. iv-v; 1-22.