

TABLE 4.2 / Intergenerational Transfers by Race, Age, Education, and Occupation of the Household Head

Group	Inter Vivos Gifts ^a			Inheritance ^b		
	Representation ^c	Incidence	Amount ^d	Representation ^c	Incidence	Amount ^d
All	1.000	0.197 (0.398) [1127]	2,560 (9,031)	1.000	0.217 (0.412) [708]	140,155 (768,671)
Race						
Black	0.137	0.178 (0.382) [329]	805 (1,640)	0.139	0.061 (0.240) [80]	41,985 (48,574)
White	0.863	0.201 (0.401) [783]	2,824 (9,650)	0.861	0.244 (0.430) [624]	144,652 (785,660)
Age						
Less than 25	0.025	0.477 (0.500) [72]	1,130 (1,266)	0.004	0.034 (0.183) [1]	48,242 (0)
25 to 29	0.092	0.411 (0.492) [223]	1,617 (2,682)	0.057	0.093 (0.290) [22]	30,696 (33,029)
30 to 34	0.120	0.336 (0.472) [288]	1,718 (3,936)	0.109	0.109 (0.312) [58]	35,078 (80,033)
35 to 39	0.124	0.269 (0.443) [206]	3,045 (8,303)	0.132	0.147 (0.354) [85]	57,959 (103,070)

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Group	Inter Vivos Gifts ^a			Inheritance ^b		
	Representation ^c	Incidence	Amount ^d	Representation ^c	Incidence	Amount ^d
40 to 44	0.114	0.244 (0.429) [135]	4,885 (16,520)	0.121	0.181 (0.385) [97]	82,695 (134,061)
45 to 49	0.074	0.180 (0.383) [61]	2,266 (4,978)	0.079	0.184 (0.387) [49]	80,960 (131,509)
50 to 54	0.067	0.125 (0.331) [40]	1,114 (1,516)	0.076	0.220 (0.414) [48]	97,229 (152,279)
55 to 59	0.071	0.090 (0.286) [30]	9,268 (26,145)	0.077	0.277 (0.448) [62]	134,704 (311,153)
60 to 64	0.081	0.061 (0.240) [21]	2,550 (3,518)	0.093	0.333 (0.471) [89]	265,478 (1,157,477)
65 to 69	0.067	0.063 (0.243) [18]	1,168 (1,897)	0.076	0.303 (0.459) [63]	64,939 (84,855)
70 to 74	0.050	0.042 (0.201) [12]	1,171 (1,850)	0.054	0.344 (0.475) [52]	137,805 (350,937)
75 to 79	0.054	0.086 (0.281) [17]	810 (802)	0.058	0.276 (0.447) [42]	114,208 (171,628)

More than 79	0.061	0.036 (0.187) [4]	1,085 (1,753)	0.064	0.266 (0.442) [40]	415,546 (2,142,512)
Education						
Less than high school	0.237	0.110 (0.312) [175]	1,042 (1,818)	0.251	0.151 (0.358) [121]	55,110 (99,406)
High school	0.352	0.167 (0.373) [359]	1,936 (6,412)	0.345	0.192 (0.394) [217]	74,077 (218,760)
Some college	0.191	0.274 (0.446) [289]	2,345 (10,331)	0.183	0.228 (0.420) [142]	237,851 (1,394,013)
Bachelor degree	0.151	0.280 (0.449) [208]	4,579 (13,072)	0.149	0.291 (0.454) [133]	140,037 (241,057)
Graduate degree	0.069	0.262 (0.440) [88]	2,602 (5,308)	0.073	0.374 (0.484) [89]	267,501 (1,210,724)
Occupation (if working)^c						
Professional	0.213	0.311 (0.463) [221]	2,777 (6,895)	0.210	0.246 (0.431) [120]	210,004 (1,064,472)

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Group	Inter Vivos Gifts ^a			Inheritance ^b		
	Representation ^c	Incidence	Amount ^d	Representation ^c	Incidence	Amount ^d
Managerial	0.182	0.249 (0.433) [161]	5,945 (19,738)	0.185	0.228 (0.420) [103]	290,300 (1,656,437)
Farm	0.020	0.182 (0.386) [15]	2,343 (5,170)	0.023	0.395 (0.489) [19]	118,862 (377,265)
Worker	0.585	0.217 (0.412) [557]	1,621 (3,110)	0.583	0.159 (0.366) [232]	64,999 (153,052)

Source: Author's calculations based on the PSID.

Note: The data are weighted, using the 1989 PSID family weights. All dollar amounts are converted to 1989 dollars, using the implicit price deflator for personal consumption expenditures. Standard deviations appear in parentheses. The unweighted numbers of observations receiving inter vivos gifts and inheritances appear in small type within brackets in the respective incidence column. Note that some of these cell sizes are very small. For all rows except the first, sample excludes households missing the characteristic by which they are to be grouped in that row. This causes only minor variation in the sample sizes, with the exception of occupation.

^a Data are from PSID samples from 1987 to 1989. Data include only gifts received in 1987. Sample excludes those households in which the head or spouse changed between 1987 and 1989 or that had missing data on inter vivos gifts. Thus, the subsample consists of 5,718 respondents.

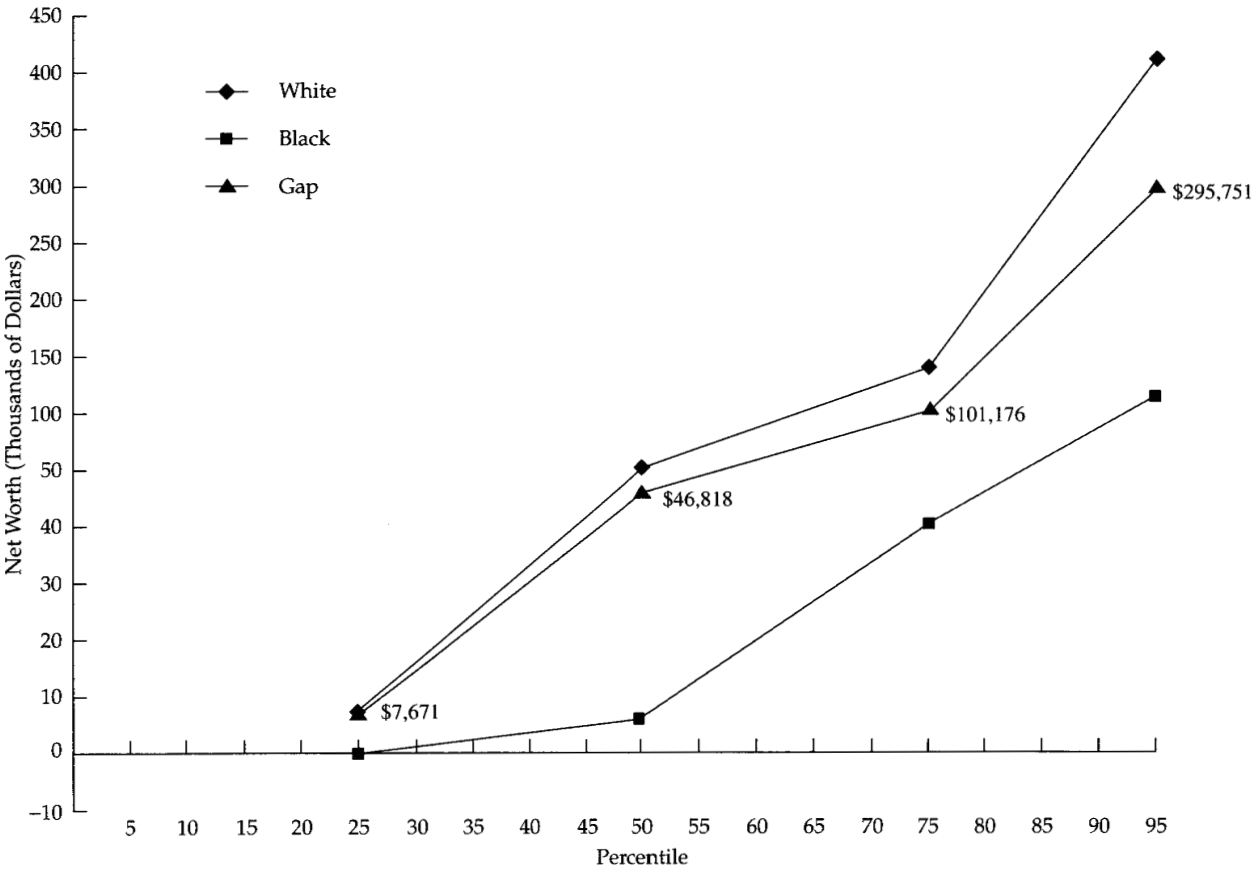
^b Data are from PSID samples from 1984 to 1989. Data includes inheritances ever received. Sample excludes those households in which the head or spouse changed between 1987 and 1989 or that had missing data on inheritance. Thus, the subsample consists of 4,415 respondents.

^c Weighted percentage of each group in the sample.

^d Dollar amounts are conditional on having received the transfer.

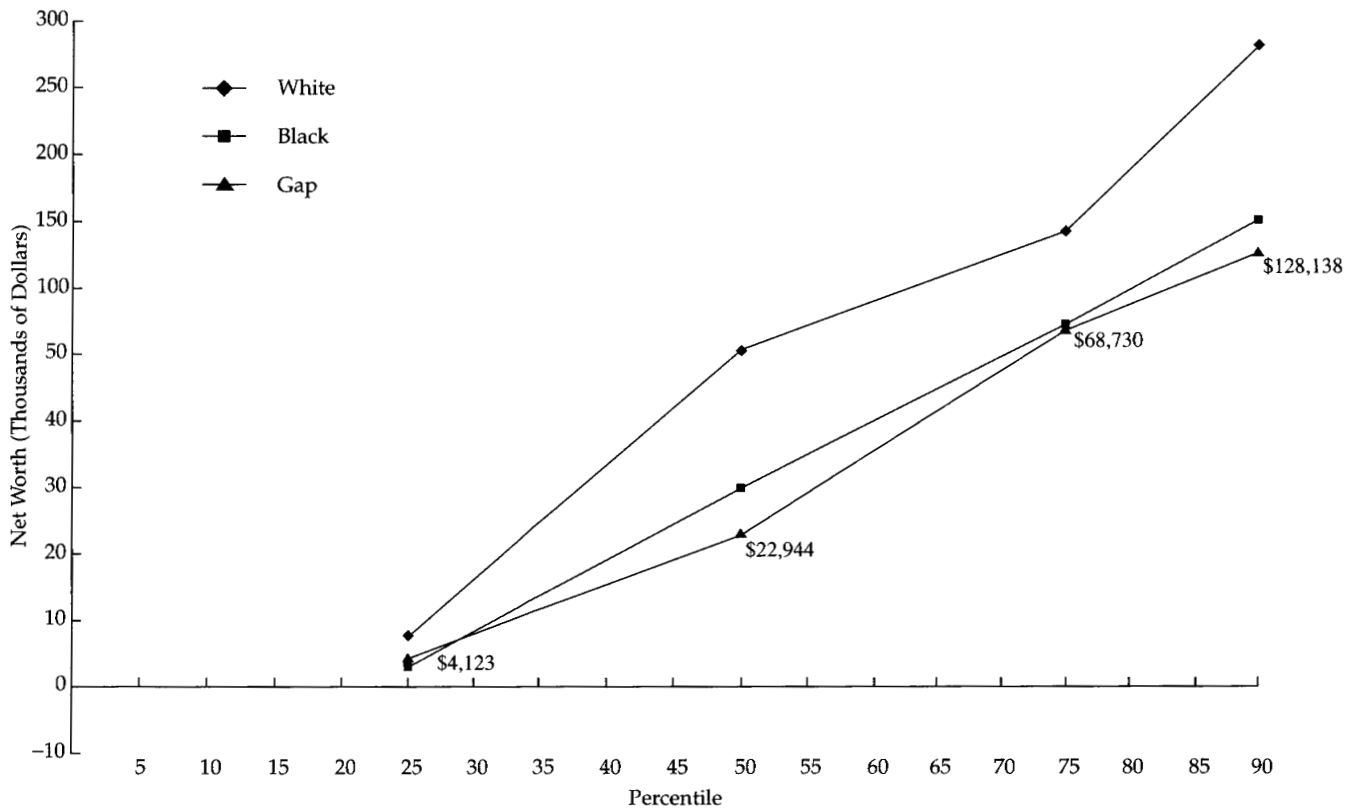
^e Occupation results exclude households in which the head was not working in either 1988 or 1989.

FIGURE 1.1 / Wealth Gap, 1994, Income Uncontrolled



Source: Bureau of the Census, 1998. 1993 Survey of Income Program Participation, Wave 7.

FIGURE 1.2 / Wealth Gap, 1994, Controlling for Income



Source: Bureau of the Census, 1998. 1993 Survey of Income Program Participation, Wave 7.

TABLE 1.1 / Wealth, by Race, 1994

Category	Median Income	Net Worth		Net Financial Assets	
		Median	Mean	Median	Mean
White	\$33,600	\$52,944	\$109,511	\$7,400	\$56,199
Black	\$20,508	\$ 6,127	\$ 28,643	\$ 100	\$ 7,611
Ratio black to white	0.61	0.12	0.26	0.01	0.14
Hispanic	\$22,644	\$ 6,723	\$ 40,033	\$ 300	\$15,709
Ratio Hispanic to white	0.67	0.13	0.37	0.03	0.27
Asian	\$40,998	\$39,846	\$117,916	\$4,898	\$57,782
Ratio Asian to white	1.22	0.67	1.02	0.51	0.98

Source: Bureau of the Census. 1998. 1993 Survey of Income and Program Participation, wave 7.

TABLE 1.2 / The Racial Gap in Income, by Age Cohort, 1994

Age Cohort and Year	Income Gap (Dollars)	Change in Income Gap (Dollars)
Age cohort 1		
1984 (20 to 29 years old)	14,468	
1989 (25 to 34 years old)	21,072	+6,604
1994 (30 to 39 years old)	18,850	-2,222
Change from 1984 to 1994		+4,382
Age cohort 2		
1984 (30 to 39 years old)	20,253	
1989 (35 to 44 years old)	24,131	+3,878
1994 (40 to 49 years old)	21,207	-2,924
Change from 1984 to 1994		+954
Age cohort 3		
1984 (40 to 49 years old)	21,634	
1989 (45 to 54 years old)	30,692	+9,058
1994 (50 to 59 years old)	20,433	-10,259
Change from 1984 to 1994		-1,201
Age cohort 4		
1984 (50 to 59 years old)	25,894	
1989 (55 to 64 years old)	24,202	-1,692
1994 (60 to 69 years old)	13,129	-11,073
Change from 1984 to 1994		-12,765

Source: University of Michigan, Panel Survey on Income Dynamics. 1984-1994.

Note: Adjusted income, 1994 = 100.

TABLE 1.3 / The Racial Gap in Net Worth, by Age Cohort, 1994

Age Cohort and Year	Net Worth Gap (Dollars)	Change in Net Worth Gap (Dollars)
Age cohort 1		
1984 (20 to 29 years old)	8,733	
1989 (25 to 34 years old)	18,585	+9,852
1994 (30 to 39 years old)	31,900	+13,315
Change from 1984 to 1994		+23,167
Age cohort 2		
1984 (30 to 39 years old)	42,174	
1989 (35 to 44 years old)	61,095	+18,921
1994 (40 to 49 years old)	63,360	+2,265
Change from 1984 to 1994		+21,186
Age cohort 3		
1984 (40 to 49 years old)	70,290	
1989 (45 to 54 years old)	78,677	+8,387
1994 (50 to 59 years old)	107,000	+28,323
Change from 1984 to 1994		+36,710
Age cohort 4		
1984 (50 to 59 years old)	100,501	
1989 (55 to 64 years old)	127,381	+26,880
1994 (60 to 69 years old)	126,005	-1,376
Change from 1984 to 1994		+25,504

Source: University of Michigan, Panel Survey on Income Dynamics. 1984–1994.

Note: Adjusted net worth, 1994 = 100.

TABLE 1.4 / The Racial Gap in Net Financial Assets, by Age Cohort, 1994

Age Cohort and Year	Net Financial Assets Gap (Dollars)	Change in Net Financial Assets Gap (Dollars)
Age cohort 1		
1984 (20 to 29 years old)	6,068	
1989 (25 to 34 years old)	9,556	+3,488
1994 (30 to 39 years old)	14,000	+4,444
Change from 1984 to 1994		+7,932
Age cohort 2		
1984 (30 to 39 years old)	13,064	
1989 (35 to 44 years old)	23,895	+10,831
1994 (40 to 49 years old)	29,750	+5,855
Change from 1984 to 1994		+16,686
Age cohort 3		
1984 (40 to 49 years old)	25,205	
1989 (45 to 54 years old)	41,890	+16,685
1994 (50 to 59 years old)	58,000	+16,110
Change from 1984 to 1994		+32,795
Age cohort 4		
1984 (50 to 59 years old)	39,618	
1989 (55 to 64 years old)	61,522	+21,904
1994 (60 to 69 years old)	57,150	-4,372
Change from 1984 to 1994		+17,532

Source: University of Michigan, Panel Survey on Income Dynamics. 1984–1994.

Note: Adjusted net financial assets, 1994 = 100.

TABLE 1.5 / Home Ownership, by Race, 1994

	Percentage, Home Owner	Mortgage Rate	Home Equity	
			Mean	Median
White	72.0	8.12%	\$74,859	\$58,000
Black	45.4	8.44	46,254	40,000
Difference	26.6	0.32	28,605	18,000

Source: Joint Center for Housing Studies 1999; Bureau of the Census. 1998. 1993 Survey of Income and Program Participation, wave 7.

TABLE 1.6 / Inheritance, by Race, 1994

Item	Sample	White	Black
Expect to give inter vivo assistance in excess of \$5,000 (percentage)	18.9	17.2	22.9
Expect to leave bequest (percentage)			
\$5,000 to \$9,999	49.1	52.1	43.7
\$10,000 to \$999,999	19.1	24.5	9.5
More than \$100,000	9.7	13.4	3.1
Received inheritance of more than \$10,000 in past five years (percentage)	3.8	5.3	1.6
Value of inheritance (dollars)			
Mean	68,999	74,219	33,363
Median	30,000	30,000	25,000

Source: University of Michigan. 1994 Panel Survey on Income Dynamics.

Note: The likelihood of leaving an inheritance, either assistance during the life course or bequest after death, is 50 percent.

TABLE 2.1 / Wealth and Income, 1983 to 1998 (Thousands, 1998 Dollars)

Category	1983	1989	1992	1995	1998	Change from 1983 to 1998 (Percentage)
Net worth						
Median	54.6	58.4	49.9	48.8	60.7	11.1
Mean	212.6	243.6	236.8	218.8	270.3	27.1
Percentage with net worth of						
Zero or negative	15.5	17.9	18.0	18.5	18.0	
\$0 to \$4,999 ^a	25.4	27.6	27.2	27.8	27.2	
Less than \$10,000 ^a	29.7	31.8	31.2	31.9	30.3	
Financial net worth wealth^b						
Median	11.8	13.9	11.7	10.6	17.8	51.0
Mean	154.3	181.8	180.5	167.9	212.3	37.6
Percentage with zero or negative financial wealth	25.7	26.8	28.2	28.7	25.7	
Income						
Median	33.1	31.6	30.3	32.1	33.4	0.8
Mean	46.9	49.0	49.7	46.6	52.3	11.4

Source: Author's calculations from the 1983, 1989, 1992, 1995, and 1998 Surveys of Consumer Finances (Federal Reserve Board). The 1983 weights are the Full Sample 1983 composite weights; and the 1989 weights are the average of the SRC-Design-S1 series (X40131) and the SRC design-based weights (X40125). The 1992 calculations are based on the design-based weights (X42000), with my adjustments (see Wolff 1996). The 1995 weights are the design-based weights (X42000). The 1998 weights are partially design-based weights (X42001), which accounts for the systematic deviations from CPS estimates of home ownership by racial or ethnic groups. The 1983, 1989, 1992, and 1995 asset and liability entries are aligned to national balance sheet totals (see note 2).

^a Constant 1995 dollars.

^b Net worth minus net equity in owner-occupied housing.

TABLE 2.2 / Size Distribution of Wealth and Income, by Percentile, 1983 to 1998 (Percentage)

Year	Gini Coefficient	Share of Wealth or Income Held by							
		Top 1.0 Percent	Next 4.0 Percent	Next 5.0 Percent	Next 10.0 Percent	Top 20.0 Percent	Fourth 20.0 Percent	Third 20.0 Percent	Bottom 40.0 Percent
Net worth									
1983	0.799	33.8	22.3	12.1	13.1	81.3	12.6	5.2	0.9
1989	0.832	37.4	21.6	11.6	13.0	83.5	12.3	4.8	-0.7
1992	0.823	37.2	22.8	11.8	12.0	83.8	11.5	4.4	0.4
1995	0.828	38.5	21.8	11.5	12.1	83.9	11.4	4.5	0.2
1998	0.822	38.1	21.3	11.5	12.5	83.4	11.9	4.5	0.2
Financial wealth									
1983	0.893	42.9	25.1	12.3	11.0	91.3	7.9	1.7	-0.9
1989	0.926	46.9	23.9	11.6	11.0	93.4	7.4	1.7	-2.5
1992	0.903	45.6	25.0	11.5	10.2	92.3	7.3	1.5	-1.1
1995	0.914	47.2	24.6	11.2	10.1	93.0	6.9	1.4	-1.3
1998	0.893	47.3	21.0	11.4	11.2	90.9	8.3	1.9	-1.1
Income									
1982	0.480	12.8	13.3	10.3	15.5	51.9	21.6	14.2	12.3
1988	0.521	16.6	13.3	10.4	15.2	55.6	20.6	13.2	10.7
1991	0.528	15.7	14.8	10.6	15.3	56.4	20.4	12.8	10.5
1994	0.518	14.4	14.5	10.4	15.9	55.1	20.6	13.6	10.7
1997	0.531	16.6	14.4	10.2	15.0	56.2	20.5	12.8	10.5

Addendum

Year	Total Number of Households (1,000s)	Number of Households (Thousands) with Net Worth Equal to or Exceeding (1995 Dollars)		
		\$1,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$10,000,000
1983	83,893	2,411	247.0	66.5
1989	93,009	3,024	296.6	64.9
1992	95,462	3,104	277.4	41.6
1995	99,101	3,015	474.1	190.4
1998	102,547	4,783	755.5	239.4

Source: Author's calculations from the 1983, 1989, 1992, 1995, and 1998 Surveys of Consumer Finances.

Note: For the computation of percentile shares of net worth, households are ranked according to their net worth; for percentile shares of financial wealth, households are ranked according to their financial wealth; and for percentile shares of income, households are ranked according to their income.

TABLE 2.3 / Mean Wealth Holdings and Income, by Wealth or Income Class, 1983 to 1998 (Thousands, 1998 Dollars)

Category	Top 1.0 Percent	Next 4.0 Percent	Next 5.0 Percent	Next 10.0 Percent	Top 20.0 Percent	Fourth 20.0 Percent	Third 20.0 Percent	Bottom 40.0 Percent	All
Net worth									
1983	7,175	1,187	516.2	278.7	864.5	133.6	55.5	4.7	212.6
1998	10,204	1,441	623.5	344.9	1,126.7	161.3	61.0	1.1	270.3
Change (percentage)	42.2	21.4	20.8	23.7	30.3	20.7	10.0	-76.3	27.1
Gain (percentage) ^a	52.5	17.7	9.3	11.5	91.0	9.6	1.9	-2.5	100.0
Financial wealth									
1983	6,187	906	354.0	158.7	658.3	57.0	12.3	-6.3	144.2
1998	10,044	1,114	485.8	237.6	965.3	88.0	19.9	-5.9	212.3
Change (percentage)	62.3	23.0	37.2	49.7	46.6	54.4	62.7	0.0	47.2
Gain (percentage) ^a	55.6	12.0	9.5	11.4	88.6	8.9	2.2	0.3	100.0
Income									
1982	602.7	155.7	96.7	72.6	121.7	50.8	33.2	13.5	46.9
1997	869.8	188.3	106.4	78.4	147.0	53.5	33.5	13.7	52.3
Change (percentage)	44.3	20.9	10.1	8.1	20.7	5.4	0.8	1.4	11.4
Gain (percentage)	46.7	22.7	8.5	10.2	88.2	9.6	0.9	1.3	100.0

Source: Author's calculations from the 1983, 1989, 1992, 1995, and 1998 Surveys of Consumer Finances.

Note: For the computation of percentile shares of net worth, households are ranked according to their net worth; for percentile shares of financial wealth, households are ranked according to their financial wealth; and for percentile shares of income, households are ranked according to their income.

^a The computation is performed by dividing the total increase in wealth of a given group by the total increase of wealth for all households over the period, under the assumption that the number of households in each group remains unchanged over the period. It should be noted that the households found in each group (such as the top quintile) may be different in each year.

TABLE 2.4 / Composition of Total Household Wealth, 1983 to 1998 (Percentage)

Category	1983	1989	1992	1995	1998
Assets^a					
Principal residence (gross value)	30.1	30.2	29.8	30.4	29.0
Other real estate (gross value)	14.9	14.0	14.7	11.0	10.0
Unincorporated business equity ^b	18.8	17.2	17.7	17.9	17.7
Liquid assets ^c	17.4	17.5	12.2	10.0	9.6
Pension accounts ^d	1.5	2.9	7.2	9.0	11.6
Financial securities ^e	4.2	3.4	5.1	3.8	1.8
Corporate stock and mutual funds	9.0	6.9	8.1	11.9	14.8
Net equity in personal trusts	2.6	3.1	2.7	3.2	3.8
Miscellaneous assets ^f	1.3	4.9	2.5	2.8	1.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Debt^a					
Debt on principal residence	6.3	8.6	9.8	11.0	10.7
All other debt ^g	6.8	6.4	6.0	5.3	4.2
Total debt	13.1	15.0	15.7	16.3	15.0
Wealth ratios					
Debt to equity	15.1	17.6	18.7	19.4	17.6
Net home equity to total assets ^h	23.8	21.6	20.1	19.5	18.2
Principal residence debt to house value	20.9	28.6	32.7	36.0	37.0

Source: Author's calculations from the 1983, 1989, 1992, 1995, and 1998 Surveys of Consumer Finances.

^a Percentage of gross assets.

^b Net equity in unincorporated farm and nonfarm businesses and closely held corporations.

^c Checking accounts, savings accounts, time deposits, money market funds, certificates of deposit, and the cash surrender value of life insurance.

^d IRAs, Keogh plans, 401(k) plans, the accumulated value of defined-contribution pension plans, and other retirement accounts.

^e Corporate bonds, government bonds, open-market paper, and notes.

^f Gold and other precious metals, royalties, jewelry, antiques, furs, loans to friends and relatives, future contracts, and miscellaneous assets.

^g Credit card, installment, and other consumer debt; mortgage debt on all real property except principal residence.

^h Ratio of gross value of principal residence less mortgage debt on principal residence to total assets.

TABLE 2.5 / Composition of Household Wealth, by Assets 1998 (Percentage)

Category	Top 1 Percent ^a	Next 19 Percent ^b	Middle 3 Quintiles ^c
Asset share of total wealth			
Principal residence	7.8	28.8	59.8
Liquid assets (bank deposits, money market funds, and cash surrender value of life insurance)	5.0	11.3	11.8
Pension accounts	6.9	14.9	12.3
Corporate stock, financial securities, mutual funds, and personal trusts	31.6	20.0	5.5
Unincorporated business equity, other real estate	46.9	23.2	8.8
Miscellaneous assets	1.8	1.8	1.8
Debt to equity	3.3	12.9	51.3
Debt to income	49.4	90.2	101.6
All stocks to total assets ^d	28.7	24.1	11.2
Asset ownership			
Principal residence	97.5	94.7	73.3
Mobile home	0.1	0.8	5.7
Other real estate	76.5	47.3	13.7
Vacation home	26.8	13.8	3.6
Pension assets	84.3	77.9	48.5
Unincorporated business	65.7	28.3	8.5
Corporate stock, financial securities, mutual funds, and personal trusts	91.9	71.5	26.7
Stocks, directly or indirectly owned ^d	93.2	82.2	46.6
\$5,000 or more	93.2	78.9	33.5
\$10,000 or more	92.1	77.2	27.7

Source: Author's calculations from the 1998 Surveys of Consumer Finances.

^a Net worth of \$3,352,100 or more.

^b Net worth between \$257,700 and \$3,352,100.

^c Net worth between \$263 and \$257,700.

^d Includes direct ownership of stock shares and indirect ownership through mutual funds, trusts, and IRAs, Keogh plans, 401(k) plans, and other retirement accounts.

TABLE 2.6 / Share of Total Assets Held, by Wealth Class, 1998 (Percentage)

Category	Top 1.0 Percent ^a	Next 9.0 Percent ^b	Bottom 90.0 Percent ^c	Share of Top 10 Percent				
				1983	1989	1992	1995	1998
Investment assets								
Stocks and mutual funds	49.4	35.7	14.9	90.4	86.0	86.3	88.4	85.1
Financial securities	50.8	33.2	15.9	82.9	87.1	91.3	89.8	84.1
Trusts	54.0	36.8	9.2	95.4	87.9	87.9	88.5	90.8
Business equity	67.7	24.0	8.3	89.9	89.8	91.0	91.7	91.7
Non-home real estate	35.8	39.1	25.1	76.3	79.6	83.0	78.7	74.9
Total for group	54.1	32.1	13.8	85.6	85.7	87.6	87.5	86.2
Stocks, directly or indirectly owned ^d	42.1	36.6	21.3	89.7	80.8	78.7	81.9	78.7
Housing, liquid assets, pension assets, and debt								
Principal residence	9.0	26.2	64.8	34.2	34.0	36.0	31.7	35.2
Deposits ^e	19.5	31.5	49.0	52.9	61.5	59.7	62.3	51.0
Life insurance	11.3	41.5	47.2	33.6	44.6	45.0	44.9	52.8
Pension accounts ^f	19.7	40.2	40.2	67.5	50.5	62.3	62.3	59.8
Total for group	13.0	31.0	56.0	41.0	43.9	45.2	42.5	44.0
Total debt	7.1	19.9	73.0	31.8	29.4	37.5	28.3	27.0

Source: 1983, 1989, 1992, 1995, and 1998 Surveys of Consumer Finances.

^a Net worth of \$3,352,100 or more.

^b Net worth between \$475,600 and \$3,352,100.

^c Net worth less than \$475,600.

^d Includes direct ownership of stock shares and indirect ownership through mutual funds, trusts, and IRAs, Keogh plans, 401(k) plans, and other retirement accounts.

^e Includes demand deposits, savings deposits, time deposits, money market funds, and certificates of deposit.

^f IRAs, Keogh plans, 401(k) plans, the accumulated value of defined contribution pension plans, and other retirement accounts.

TABLE 2.7 / Family Income and Wealth for Non-Hispanic Whites and Non-Hispanic African Americans, 1983 to 1998

Category	Mean			Median		
	Non-Hispanic Whites	Non-Hispanic African Americans	Ratio White to African American	Non-Hispanic Whites	Non-Hispanic African Americans	Ratio White to African American
Income ^a						
1983	51.0	27.4	0.54	35.9	20.0	0.56
1989	55.8	24.8	0.45	37.2	14.1	0.38
1992	55.5	27.8	0.50	34.2	19.4	0.57
1995	51.0	24.6	0.48	34.2	18.2	0.53
1998	57.8	28.4	0.49	37.0	20.0	0.54
Net worth ^a						
1983	248.4	46.8	0.19	71.5	4.8	0.07
1989	293.9	49.3	0.17	84.9	2.2	0.03
1992	284.4	52.9	0.19	71.3	12.0	0.17
1995	259.2	43.6	0.17	65.2	7.9	0.12
1998	320.9	58.3	0.18	81.7	10.0	0.12
Financial wealth ^a						
1983	183.0	23.6	0.13	19.9	0.0	0.00
1989	222.2	24.1	0.11	26.9	0.0	0.00

1992	219.0	30.1	0.14	21.9	0.2	0.01
1995	201.5	22.7	0.11	19.3	0.2	0.01
1998	254.8	37.6	0.15	37.6	1.2	0.03

Home ownership
rate^b

1983	68.1	44.3	0.65
1989	69.3	41.7	0.60
1992	69.0	48.5	0.70
1995	69.4	46.8	0.67
1998	71.8	46.3	0.67

Households with
zero or negative
net worth^b

1983	11.3	34.1	3.01
1989	12.1	40.7	3.38
1992	13.8	31.5	2.28
1995	15.0	31.3	2.09
1998	14.8	27.4	2.09

Source: 1983, 1989, 1992, 1995, and 1998 Survey of Consumer Finances.

Note: Households are divided into four racial or ethnic groups: non-Hispanic whites, non-Hispanic blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asians, and others. For 1995 and 1998, the classification scheme does not explicitly indicate non-Hispanic whites and non-Hispanic blacks for the first two categories, so that Hispanics may have classified themselves either as whites or as blacks.

^a Thousands, 1998 dollars.

^b Percentage.

TABLE 2.8 / Family Income and Wealth for Non-Hispanic Whites and Hispanics, 1983 to 1998

Category	Mean			Median		
	Non-Hispanic Whites	Hispanics	Ratio White to Hispanic	Non-Hispanic Whites	Hispanics	Ratio White to Hispanic
Income^a						
1983	51.0	30.8	0.60	35.9	23.8	0.66
1989	55.8	25.4	0.46	37.2	17.8	0.48
1992	55.5	26.2	0.47	34.2	18.2	0.53
1995	51.0	33.0	0.65	34.2	23.5	0.69
1998	57.8	31.1	0.54	37.0	23.0	0.62
Net worth^a						
1983	248.4	40.4	0.16	71.5	2.8	0.04
1989	293.9	48.4	0.16	84.9	1.8	0.02
1992	284.4	63.2	0.22	71.3	4.3	0.06
1995	259.2	54.9	0.21	65.2	5.3	0.08
1998	320.9	79.2	0.25	81.7	3.0	0.04
Financial wealth^a						
1983	183.0	11.9	0.07	19.9	0.0	0.00
1989	222.2	23.7	0.11	26.9	0.0	0.00

1992	219.0	40.6	0.19	21.9	0.0	0.00
1995	201.5	31.3	0.16	19.3	0.0	0.00
1998	254.8	50.4	0.20	37.6	0.0	0.00

Home ownership
rate^b

1983	68.1	32.6	0.48
1989	69.3	39.8	0.57
1992	69.0	43.1	0.62
1995	69.4	44.4	0.64
1998	71.8	44.2	0.64

Households with
zero or negative
net worth^b

1983	11.3	40.3	3.55
1989	12.1	39.9	3.31
1992	13.8	41.2	2.98
1995	15.0	38.3	2.56
1998	14.8	36.2	2.56

Source: 1983, 1989, 1992, 1995, and 1998 Survey of Consumer Finances.

Note: See footnote to table 2.7 for details on racial and ethnic categories.

^a Thousands, 1998 dollars.

^b Percentage.

TABLE 2.9 / Wealth and Stock Ownership, by Race and Income Group, 1998

Category and Income Group	Non-Hispanic Whites	Non-Hispanic African Americans	Ratio of Non-Hispanic Whites to Non-Hispanic African Americans
Frequency distribution			
Less than \$15,000	17.6	40.9	
\$15,000 to \$24,999	15.2	16.9	
\$25,000 to \$49,999	29.5	24.8	
\$50,000 to \$74,999	19.3	11.1	
\$75,000 and more	18.4	6.2	
All	100.0	100.0	
Average net worth (1998 dollars)			
Less than \$15,000	63,836	16,152	0.25
\$15,000 to \$24,999	108,696	31,913	0.29
\$25,000 to \$49,999	136,455	62,635	0.46
\$50,000 to \$74,999	245,647	96,625	0.39
\$75,000 and more	1,119,335	320,223	0.29
All	320,920	58,281	0.18
Percentage owning stock			
Less than \$15,000	12.9	6.5	
\$15,000 to \$24,999	34.6	21.1	
\$25,000 to \$49,999	55.0	44.9	
\$50,000 to \$74,999	72.7	63.1	
\$75,000 and more	86.4	85.2	
All	53.7	29.7	
Average stock holdings (owners only; 1998 dollars)			
Less than \$15,000	39,489	18,506	0.47
\$15,000 to \$24,999	43,983	6,923	0.16
\$25,000 to \$49,999	44,367	13,712	0.31
\$50,000 to \$74,999	82,949	27,062	0.33
\$75,000 and more	411,694	99,039	0.24
All	162,789	31,767	0.20
Ratio of stocks to total assets			
Less than \$15,000	7.0	6.1	
\$15,000 to \$24,999	12.1	3.3	
\$25,000 to \$49,999	14.3	6.2	
\$50,000 to \$74,999	18.9	10.7	
\$75,000 and more	28.5	21.1	
All	23.4	11.3	

Source: 1998 Survey of Consumer Finances. See footnote to table 2.7 for details on racial and ethnic categories.

Note: Stock ownership includes direct ownership of stock shares and indirect ownership through mutual funds, trusts, and IRAs, Keogh plans, 401(k) plans, and other retirement accounts.

TABLE 2.10 / Age and Wealth Profiles and Homeownership Rates, by Age, 1983 to 1998

Category	1983	1989	1992	1995	1998
Mean net worth (ratio to overall mean)					
Overall	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Younger than 35	0.21	0.29	0.20	0.16	0.22
35 to 44	0.71	0.72	0.71	0.65	0.68
45 to 54	1.53	1.50	1.42	1.39	1.27
55 to 64	1.67	1.58	1.82	1.81	1.91
65 to 74	1.93	1.61	1.59	1.71	1.68
75 and older	1.05	1.26	1.20	1.32	1.12
Mean financial wealth (ratio to overall mean)					
Overall	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Younger than 35	0.17	0.28	0.18	0.14	0.21
35 to 44	0.59	0.68	0.69	0.62	0.67
45 to 54	1.53	1.48	1.45	1.43	1.31
55 to 64	1.72	1.60	1.89	1.86	1.99
65 to 74	2.12	1.69	1.60	1.75	1.66
75 and older	1.10	1.27	1.14	1.26	1.00
Home ownership rate (percentage)					
Overall	63.4	62.8	64.1	64.7	66.3
Younger than 35	38.7	36.3	36.8	37.9	39.2
35 to 44	68.2	64.1	64.4	64.7	66.7
45 to 54	78.2	75.1	75.5	75.4	74.5
55 to 64	77.0	79.2	77.9	82.3	80.6
65 to 74	78.3	78.1	78.8	79.4	81.7
75 and older	69.4	70.2	78.1	72.5	76.9

Source: 1983, 1989, 1992, 1995, and 1998 Survey of Consumer Finances.

Note: Households are classified according to the age of the head of the household.

TABLE 2.11 / Mean Wealth for Households with and without Children, 1983 and 1998

Category	1983	1998	Change from 1983 to 1998 (Percentage)
Net worth (thousands, 1998 dollars)			
All households	212.6	270.3	27.1
Married couples, under the age of 65			
With children	176.6	253.7	43.7
Without children	343.6	415.1	20.8
Female head, under the age of 65			
With children	48.1	63.0	31.0
Without children	103.7	109.1	5.2
65 and older, married	508.5	561.9	10.5
Financial wealth (thousands, 1998 dollars)			
All households	154.3	212.3	37.6
Married couples, under the age of 65			
With children	112.6	200.8	78.3
Without children	260.8	338.6	29.9
Female head, under the age of 65			
With children	22.7	51.0	125.1
Without children	72.4	77.6	7.1
65 and older, married	415.3	430.2	3.6
Ratio of debt to equity (percentage)			
All households	15.1	17.6	16.4
Married couples, under the age of 65			
With children	27.8	31.3	12.3
Without children	13.7	15.6	14.1
Female head, under the age of 65			
With children	33.6	29.3	-12.8
Without children	23.6	26.5	12.2
65 and older, married	2.4	4.4	87.1
Rate of home ownership (percentage)			
All households	63.4	66.3	4.5
Married couples, under the age of 65			
With children	73.2	76.5	4.4
Without children	75.3	74.6	-0.9

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TABLE 2.11 / *Continued*

Category	1983	1998	Change from 1983 to 1998 (Percentage)
Female head, under the the age of 65			
With children	39.6	30.8	-22.3
Without children	41.5	49.7	19.8
65 and older, married	84.1	92.7	10.3

Source: 1983 and 1998 Survey of Consumer Finances.

Note: Households are classified according to the presence of children in the household under the age of eighteen and by age group according to the age of the head of the household.

TABLE 2.12 / Mean Household Net Worth by Income and Age, 1983 to 1998

Income Group (1995 Dollars)	Mean Net Worth (Thousands, 1998 Dollars)					Change (Percentage)		
	1983	1989	1992	1995	1998	1983 to 1989	1989 to 1998	1983 to 1998
All	212.6	243.6	236.8	218.8	270.3	14.6	11.0	27.1
Age less than 65	181.9	212.2	208.3	185.8	240.0	16.6	13.1	31.9
Less than \$15,000	33.7	22.2	27.7	34.1	32.0	-34.0	44.1	-4.9
\$15,000 to \$24,999	53.2	76.4	47.1	53.7	42.2	43.7	-44.8	-20.7
\$25,000 to \$49,999	93.1	110.8	84.8	82.7	81.4	19.0	-26.5	-12.5
\$50,000 to \$74,999	175.7	183.7	167.7	181.3	175.7	4.5	-4.4	0.0
\$75,000 or more	883.4	884.3	995.7	828.2	846.8	0.1	-4.2	-4.1
Age 65 or older	341.4	356.7	338.4	336.4	381.8	4.5	7.0	11.9
Less than \$15,000	58.5	59.6	63.0	78.5	77.4	1.9	29.8	32.4
\$15,000 to \$24,999	161.8	176.6	159.9	145.2	170.4	9.1	-3.5	5.3
\$25,000 to \$49,999	294.9	316.1	334.6	289.1	293.3	7.2	-7.2	-0.5
\$50,000 to \$74,999	597.0	755.9	661.0	636.0	481.8	26.6	-36.3	-19.3
\$75,000 or more	2,782.7	2,893.6	2,884.3	2,577.4	2,046.5	4.0	-29.3	-26.5

Source: 1983, 1989, 1992, 1995, and 1998 Survey of Consumer Finances.

Note: Households are classified according to the age of the head of the household.

TABLE 2.13 / Accumulated Financial Reserves of Middle-Age Families, by Income Quintile, 1983 to 1998

Income Quintile	Number of Months Current Consumption Can be Sustained ^a	Number of Months Consumption at 125 percent of Poverty Standard Can be Sustained ^b
1983		
Top quintile	16.5	51.4
Fourth quintile	5.7	14.6
Third quintile	2.3	4.6
Second quintile	0.9	1.3
Bottom quintile	0.0	0.0
1989		
Top quintile	18.7	72.6
Fourth quintile	4.7	14.6
Third quintile	3.6	9.0
Second quintile	0.5	0.9
Bottom quintile	0.0	0.0
1995		
Top quintile	19.0	61.3
Fourth quintile	3.5	7.9
Third quintile	1.2	1.8
Second quintile	0.1	0.1
Bottom quintile	0.0	0.0
1998		
Top quintile	25.2	81.5
Fourth quintile	8.2	18.4
Third quintile	2.2	3.4
Second quintile	0.1	0.1
Bottom quintile	0.0	0.0

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics 1983, 1989, 1995, 1998.

Note: For households with age of head of household between twenty-five and fifty-four.

^a Defined as the ratio of median financial wealth (total net worth less the equity in owner-occupied housing) to the median consumption expenditures for the income group.

^b Defined as the ratio of median financial wealth of the income class to 125 percent of the poverty standard for a family of four.

TABLE 2.14 / Summary Statistics on Net Worth and Income Inequality, 1983 to 1995

Source and Year	Net Worth ^a (Thousands, 1995 Dollars)		Wealth of the Wealthiest ^b (Thousands, Current Dollars)		
	Median	Mean	Households (Percentage)	Wealth Held (Percentage)	Share of Total Wealth Held by Top 5 Percent (Percentage)
Survey of Income and Program Participation					
1984	47.9	115.5	1.9	25.9	
1988	46.1	118.5	2.8	27.1	
1993	39.6	105.2	3.6	30.5	
Change, 1984 to 1993 (percentage)	-17.3	-8.9	86.4	18.9	
Panel Study of Income Dynamics					
1984	44.6	140.5			49.5
1989	45.2	153.6			47.0
1994	48.3	150.8			44.5
Change, 1984 to 1994 (percentage)	8.3	7.3			-10.1
Survey of Consumer Finances					
1983	58.3	206.3	4.2	51.5	54.5
1989	62.4	237.7	6.3	60.6	57.2
1995	55.8	215.7	7.3	63.9	58.0
Change, 1983 to 1995 (percentage)	-4.4	4.6	74.1	24.0	6.5

Sources: Bureau of the Census 1986, tables 1 and 3; 1990, tables 1 and 3; 1993, tables 4 and 5. Hurst, Luoh, and Stafford 1998, 270, 277. Survey of Consumer Finances 1983, 1989, 1995.

^a Net worth includes vehicles.

^b Net worth of \$500,000 or more.

TABLE 2.15 / Alternative Estimates of Size Distribution of Household Wealth

	Mean ^a	Median ^a	Gini Coefficient	Percentage of Wealth Held by					All	Ratio of Financial Assets to FRB FOF ^b
				Top 0.5 Percent	Next 0.5 Percent	Top 1.0 Percent	Next 9.0 Percent	Bottom 90.0 Percent		
Wolff^c										
1983	206.3	58.3	0.779	25.3	7.3		33.9	33.5	100.0	0.998
1989	237.7	62.4	0.811	29.2	6.8		32.6	31.4	100.0	0.923
1992	230.8	55.3	0.802	29.0	6.9		34.0	30.1	100.0	0.894
1995	215.7	55.8	0.799	28.6	7.8		32.9	30.7	100.0	0.766
Kennickell and Woodburn										
1989	229.3	57.0	0.788	23.0	7.3		37.1	32.5	100.0	0.750
1992	202.7	55.1	0.782	22.7	7.5		36.9	32.9	100.0	0.669
1995	207.2	55.1	0.788	27.5	7.6		33.2	31.5	100.0	0.685
Weicher										
1983 (B3016)	230.8		0.773			30.0				
1983 (B3019)	250.1		0.788			34.0				
1989 (X40125)	248.0		0.801			36.0				
1989 (X40131)	255.3		0.813			38.0				

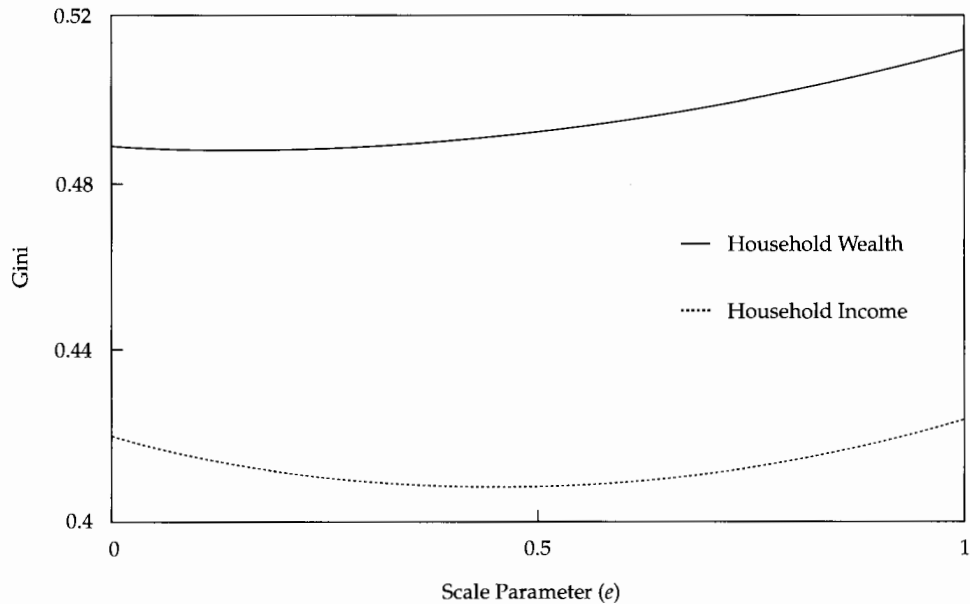
Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System 1998; Kennickell and Woodburn 1999; Weicher 1995, 1996.

^a Thousands, 1995 dollars.

^b Includes deposits, bonds, other financial securities, stocks, mutual funds, trust funds, and defined-contribution pension accounts. In the Flow of Funds, the various assets held in the pension accounts, such as stocks and bonds, are consolidated out into their individual financial types (such as stocks and bonds).

^c Includes vehicles. Asset values are adjusted to Federal Reserve Board Flow of Funds figures. The 1983 weights are the FRB extended income weights (B3016) and the SCF revised composite weights (B3019); the 1989 weights are the SRC-Design-S1 series (X40131) and the SRC design-based weights (X40125).

FIGURE 3.1 / Gini Coefficient by Household Equivalence Scale



Source: Authors' compilation.

TABLE 3.1 / Distribution of Total Net Household Wealth and Its Components, by 1992 Household-Based Wealth Decile (1992 Dollars)

Wealth Decile	Net Total Wealth		Net Financial Wealth		Net Housing Wealth		Net Social Security Wealth		Net Pension Wealth ^a	
	Original	Replicated	Original	Replicated	Original	Replicated	Original	Replicated	Original	Replicated
Bottom	39,470	43,317	1,520	826	-5,719	-6,292	42,312	47,881	1,356	903
2	97,452	98,361	10,579	10,336	11,052	10,997	69,239	72,013	6,583	5,014
3	156,288	156,316	18,235	16,354	24,951	22,721	93,920	100,878	19,181	16,363
4	219,797	215,371	32,632	31,170	37,095	37,431	115,224	119,266	34,845	27,504
5	287,692	274,533	55,020	51,907	53,787	51,570	128,377	131,243	50,509	39,813
6	364,802	341,340	75,793	69,193	68,637	63,822	136,116	141,200	84,255	67,126
7	459,858	426,393	109,811	102,714	81,432	81,336	142,981	148,545	125,635	93,799
8	590,079	543,508	159,054	150,452	95,414	97,543	149,310	155,612	186,301	139,901
9	804,934	738,287	265,967	258,652	112,039	115,122	158,976	158,533	267,953	205,981
Top	1,764,414	1,719,153	1,032,049	1,066,496	180,894	184,910	161,605	170,504	389,865	297,243
All	478,313	455,889	175,974	175,974	65,940	65,940	119,793	124,580	116,606	89,395

Source: Values in original columns taken from table 1 in Moore and Mitchell 2000; values in replicated columns calculated by the authors using Health and Retirement Study data.

Note: In each wealth category, the first column is taken from Moore and Mitchell's original distribution table; the second column contains our replication of their results, using the HRS data available to us. Hence our net pension wealth and net social security wealth data are somewhat different. Equivalence scale is $e = 0.0$. Sample size is 7,607 households containing at least one person between the ages of 50 and 62 in 1992.

^a Based on experimental version of employer-based questionnaire information.

TABLE 3.2 / Distribution of Total Net Household Wealth, Household Income, and Poverty, by 1992 Person-Based Decile

Wealth Decile	Household Wealth		Household Income		Poverty (Percentage)	
	Mean (Dollars)	Share (Percentage)	Mean (Dollars)	Share (Percentage)	Decile Rate	Share of Total
Bottom	50,270	1.0	16,921	3.2	40	49
2	118,625	2.4	26,024	4.9	19	23
3	181,231	3.7	33,317	6.3	8	9
4	242,450	4.9	40,308	7.6	5	6
5	302,039	6.1	46,063	8.7	2	3
6	372,109	7.6	50,827	9.6	3	3
7	458,460	9.3	55,899	10.6	2	2
8	581,555	11.8	63,277	12.0	1	1
9	781,317	15.9	74,729	14.2	1	1
Top	1,830,966	37.2	120,331	22.8	2	3
All	491,984	100.0	52,774	100.0	8	100
Gini ^a	0.49		0.42			
90-10 ratio ^b	10.98		8.91			
Theil I(0) ^c	0.45		0.35			
Theil I(1) ^c	0.47		0.33			

Source: Health and Retirement Study, wave 1, final release.

Note: HRS sample weights were used to make the sample representative of men and women aged fifty-one through sixty-one in 1992.

^a All negative values are given a zero value in these calculations.

^b The 90-10 ratio is the ratio of household wealth of the person at the 90th percentile of the total wealth distribution divided by the household wealth of the person at the 10th percentile of the total wealth distribution. The percentile is calculated on a continuous range so that a person could be in the 90.01 percentile of the distribution.

^c All negative values are given a value of \$1 in these calculations.

TABLE 3.3 / Effect of Changes in Equivalence Scale on Measurement of Distribution of Total Net Household Wealth, by 1992 Person-Based Decile

Wealth Decile	$e = 0.0$		$e = 0.5$		$e = 1.0$	
	Mean Household Wealth (Dollars)	Share of Household Wealth (Percentage)	Mean Household Wealth (Dollars)	Share of Household Wealth (Percentage)	Mean Household Wealth (Dollars)	Share of Household Wealth (Percentage)
Bottom	50,270	1.0	34,087	1.1	19,915	0.9
2	118,625	2.4	77,892	2.4	48,845	2.2
3	181,231	3.7	115,628	3.6	73,494	3.3
4	242,450	4.9	155,144	4.8	98,933	4.5
5	302,039	6.1	195,654	6.1	127,397	5.8
6	372,109	7.6	243,018	7.5	160,713	7.3
7	458,460	9.3	301,502	9.3	202,358	9.2
8	581,555	11.8	380,650	11.8	259,947	11.8
9	781,317	15.9	518,343	16.0	362,182	16.4
Top	1,830,966	37.2	1,210,223	37.5	856,065	38.8
All	491,984	100.0	323,251	100.0	221,016	100.0
Gini ^a	0.49		0.49		0.51	
90-10 ratio ^b	10.98		10.93		12.27	
Theil I(0) ^c	0.45		0.49		0.53	
Theil I(1) ^c	0.47		0.51		0.53	

Source: Health and Retirement Study, wave 1, final release.

Note: HRS sample weights were used to make the sample representative of men and women aged fifty-one through sixty-one in 1992.

^a All negative values are given a zero value in these calculations.

^b The 90-10 ratio is the ratio of household wealth of the person at the 90th percentile of the total wealth distribution divided by the household wealth of the person at the 10th percentile of the total wealth distribution. The percentile is calculated on a continuous range so that a person could be in the 90.01 percentile of the distribution.

^c All negative values are given a value of \$1 in these calculations.

TABLE 3.4 / Effect of Changes in Equivalence Scale on the Social Characteristics of Deciles of Net Household Wealth, by 1992 Person-Based Decile (Percentage)

Wealth Decile	$e = 0.0$			$e = 0.5$			$e = 1.0$		
	Adult Couple	Single Female	Single Male	Adult Couple	Single Female	Single Male	Adult Couple	Single Female	Single Male
Bottom	12	64	24	23	58	19	37	48	15
2	52	32	16	58	28	14	65	25	10
3	71	21	8	73	18	9	74	17	9
4	82	12	6	82	13	5	80	12	8
5	86	9	5	86	9	5	83	11	6
6	85	9	6	85	9	6	85	10	5
7	91	5	4	85	8	7	85	9	6
8	90	6	4	85	9	6	83	9	8
9	92	4	4	89	6	5	82	11	7
Top	93	3	4	87	6	7	78	11	11
All	75	16	9	75	16	9	75	16	9

Source: Health and Retirement Study, wave 1, final release.

Note: HRS sample weights were used to make the sample representative of men and women aged 51 through 61 in 1992.

TABLE 3.5 / Characteristics of Deciles of Net Household Wealth, by 1992 Person-Based Decile (Percentage)

Wealth Decile	Race ^a			Labor Force Participation		Health Limitation		Employee Pension		Home Ownership (Household)	Health Insurance (Some Coverage)
	White	Black	Hispanic	Individual	Household	Individual	Household	Individual	Household		
Bottom	49	30	17	57	58	45	50	15	16	20	62
2	64	18	15	71	81	28	41	32	36	49	73
3	77	11	7	74	85	27	41	42	58	70	81
4	83	9	5	76	89	20	33	47	68	79	86
5	87	7	4	77	88	19	34	51	77	84	93
6	89	7	3	77	87	17	30	59	85	87	93
7	89	5	4	73	87	17	29	56	82	90	94
8	91	5	2	74	86	12	25	60	84	91	94
9	94	3	1	72	85	11	20	63	85	92	94
Top	94	2	1	69	85	10	18	51	69	90	92
All	82	10	6	72	83	21	32	48	65	75	86

Source: Health and Retirement Study, wave 1, final release.

Note: HRS sample weights were used to make the sample representative of men and women aged fifty-one through sixty-one in 1992.

^a The total unweighted sample sizes are 7,013 white persons, 1,679 black persons, and 912 Hispanic persons.

TABLE 3.6 / Bequest Plans of Deciles of Net Household Wealth, by 1992 Person-Based Decile (Percentage)

Wealth Decile	Leaving Bequest Is Either Very Important or Somewhat Important	Either Definitely or Probably Will Leave a Sizable Bequest
Bottom	64	7
2	64	15
3	66	19
4	63	19
5	63	25
6	63	28
7	67	32
8	64	38
9	70	45
Top	73	61
All	65	29

Source: Health and Retirement Study, wave 1, final release.

Note: HRS sample weights were used to make the sample representative of men and women aged fifty-one through sixty-one in 1992.

TABLE 3.7 / Distribution of Total Net Household Wealth and Its Components, 1992 by Person-Based Wealth Decile (1992 Dollars)

Wealth Decile	Mean Net Total Wealth	Mean Net Financial Wealth	Mean Net Housing Wealth	Mean Net Social Security Wealth	Mean Net Pension Wealth
Bottom	34,087	3,808	-5,982	35.142	1,119
Column share	1.1	0.30	-1.33	4.07	0.18
Row share	100	11.17	-17.55	103.09	3.28
2	77,892	6,198	8,769	58,306	4,619
Column share	2.4	0.48	1.95	6.76	0.72
Row share	100	7.96	11.26	74.85	5.93
3	115,628	15,079	18,140	71,875	10,533
Column share	3.6	1.18	4.02	8.33	1.65
Row share	100	13.04	15.69	62.16	9.11
4	155,144	22,834	28,499	83,791	20,021
Column share	4.8	1.78	6.32	9.70	3.13
Row share	100	14.72	18.37	54.01	12.90
5	195,654	34,888	35,820	90,917	34,029
Column share	6.1	2.73	7.95	10.55	5.34
Row share	100	17.83	18.31	46.47	17.39
6	243,018	51,597	44,868	94,952	51,602
Column share	7.5	4.03	9.94	11.00	8.08
Row share	100	21.23	18.46	39.07	21.23

7	301,502	79,608	54,770	99,803	67,321
Column share	9.3	6.21	12.14	11.57	10.55
Row share	100	26.40	18.17	33.10	22.33
8	380,650	109,979	64,768	104,946	100,958
Column share	11.8	8.60	14.38	12.18	15.84
Row share	100	28.89	17.02	27.57	26.52
9	518,343	187,192	76,867	108,921	145,363
Column share	16.0	14.62	17.04	12.62	22.77
Row share	100	36.11	14.83	21.01	28.04
Top	1,210,223	769,235	124,345	114,070	202,574
Column share	37.5	60.08	27.58	13.22	31.75
Row share	100	63.56	10.27	9.43	16.74
All	323,251	128,061	45,092	86,276	63,823
Column share	100	100	100	100	100
Row share	100	39.62	13.95	26.69	19.74
Gini ^a	0.49	0.77	0.57	0.10	0.73
90-10 ratio ^b	10.93	4,058.50	∞	3.46	∞

Source: Health and Retirement Study, wave 1, final release.

Note: HRS sample weights were used to make the sample representative of men and women aged fifty-one through sixty-one in 1992.

Equivalence scale is $e = 0.5$. Column share is the contribution of a decile to a total wealth component in percentage terms; row share is the contribution of a wealth component to the total wealth of a decile in percentage terms.

^a All negative values were given a value of 0 in this calculation.

^b The 90-10 ratio is the ratio of household wealth of the person at the 90th percentile of the total wealth distribution divided by the household wealth of the person at the 10th percentile of the total wealth distribution. The percentile is calculated on a continuous range so that a person could be in the 90.01 percentile of the distribution.

TABLE 3.8 / Change in Total Net Household Wealth from 1992 to 1996, by 1992 Person-Based Decile (Nominal Dollars)

1992 Wealth Decile	Mean Net Household Wealth		Mean Wealth Increase from 1992 to 1996	Median Wealth Increase from 1992 to 1996	Share of New Wealth from 1992 to 1996
	1992	1996			
Bottom	33,237 (1.10)	57,718 (1.46)	24,481	12,613	2.64
2	78,141 (2.58)	109,720 (2.78)	31,579	25,351	3.40
3	115,511 (3.81)	159,925 (4.04)	44,413	35,967	4.78
4	154,521 (5.10)	203,067 (5.13)	48,457	45,281	5.23
5	194,938 (6.44)	272,469 (6.89)	77,531	60,082	8.35
6	243,047 (8.02)	327,058 (8.26)	84,011	73,421	9.04
7	300,031 (9.91)	394,548 (9.97)	94,516	91,582	10.18

8	378,761 (12.53)	536,673 (13.59)	157,913	111,128	17.03
9	517,086 (17.08)	699,212 (17.68)	182,126	154,059	19.62
Top	1,139,617 (37.66)	1,352,489 (34.20)	212,871	177,283	22.94
All	302,676 (100.00)	395,502 (100.00)	92,827	50,572	100.00
Gini ^a	0.494	0.495			
90-10 ratio ^b	12.72	12.53			

Source: Health and Retirement Study, wave 1, final release, and wave 3, preliminary release.

Note: HRS sample weights adjusted for attrition were used to make the sample representative of men and women aged fifty-one through sixty-one in 1992. This is a subsample of wave 1 respondents who also responded in wave 3. Equivalence scale is $e = 0.5$. Column shares are in parentheses.

^a All negative wealth values are assigned a zero value in calculations.

^b The 90-10 ratio is the ratio of household wealth of the person at the 90th percentile of the total wealth distribution divided by the household wealth of the person at the 10th percentile of the total wealth distribution. The percentile is calculated on a continuous range so that a person could be in the 90.01 percentile of the distribution.

TABLE 3.9 / Share of Ownership of Wealth Components, 1992 and 1996, by 1992 Person-Based Wealth Decile (Percentage)

Wealth Component	Wealth Decile											Low Top ^c	High Top ^d	All
	Low Bottom ^a	High Bottom ^b	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9				
Other real estate														
1992	0.04	0.04	0.07	0.13	0.21	0.18	0.25	0.27	0.35	0.46	0.57	0.74	0.25	
1996	0.02	0.04	0.07	0.13	0.16	0.22	0.26	0.25	0.33	0.45	0.54	0.65	0.24	
Vehicles														
1992	0.41	0.56	0.83	0.93	0.96	0.98	0.97	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.98	0.99	0.9	
1996	0.37	0.52	0.78	0.92	0.93	0.95	0.97	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.97	0.93	0.87	
Business equity														
1992	0.03	0.01	0.08	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.23	0.21	0.19	0.25	0.36	0.51	0.18	
1996	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.07	0.13	0.13	0.17	0.12	0.15	0.22	0.22	0.37	0.13	
Individual retirement accounts and Keoghs														
1992	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.22	0.31	0.45	0.42	0.59	0.67	0.82	0.83	0.78	0.42	
1996	0.04	0.03	0.09	0.22	0.35	0.46	0.47	0.62	0.65	0.76	0.80	0.75	0.42	
Stocks														
1992	0.02	0.01	0.05	0.11	0.19	0.25	0.32	0.39	0.49	0.61	0.70	0.71	0.30	
1996	0.03	0.01	0.05	0.12	0.19	0.31	0.30	0.45	0.53	0.63	0.73	0.72	0.32	
Checking and savings accounts														
1992	0.35	0.42	0.59	0.77	0.87	0.91	0.95	0.95	0.98	0.96	0.98	0.96	0.81	
1996	0.35	0.53	0.63	0.80	0.90	0.93	0.94	0.95	0.94	0.99	0.96	0.95	0.83	
Certificates of deposit, savings bonds, and Treasury bills														
1992	0.02	0.02	0.1	0.12	0.19	0.26	0.24	0.39	0.38	0.44	0.47	0.47	0.25	
1996	0.02	0.03	0.08	0.11	0.15	0.21	0.22	0.27	0.26	0.39	0.35	0.32	0.2	

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TABLE 3.9 / *Continued*

Wealth Component	Wealth Decile											Low Top ^c	High Top ^d	All
	Low Bottom ^a	High Bottom ^b	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9				
Corporate and government bonds														
1992	0	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.08	0.07	0.18	0.24	0.3	0.07	
1996	0	0	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.11	0.17	0.29	0.23	0.07	
Other savings and assets														
1992	0.02	0.03	0.07	0.07	0.15	0.18	0.15	0.24	0.25	0.27	0.49	0.39	0.18	
1996	0.02	0.04	0.07	0.10	0.17	0.20	0.14	0.31	0.32	0.39	0.41	0.41	0.20	
Other debt														
1992	0.37	0.36	0.50	0.45	0.50	0.47	0.43	0.40	0.28	0.35	0.29	0.28	0.40	
1996	0.28	0.33	0.41	0.44	0.46	0.44	0.37	0.33	0.29	0.29	0.16	0.19	0.35	
Value of second home														
1992	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.13	0.14	0.16	0.19	0.24	0.38	0.49	0.14	
1996 ^e	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.13	0.14	0.16	0.19	0.24	0.38	0.49	0.14	
Amount owed on second home														
1992	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.10	0.09	0.11	0.22	0.06	
1996 ^e	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.10	0.09	0.11	0.22	0.06	

Source: Authors' calculation from subsample of 4,811 HRS respondents who were interviewed in both wave 1, final release, and wave 3, preliminary release, and who reported an amount for every component of financial wealth.

^a "Low bottom" is lowest 5 percent of the distribution.

^b "High bottom" is the 5th to the 10th percentile.

^c "High top" is the highest 5 percent of the distribution.

^d "Low top" is the 90th to 95th percentile.

^e Wave 3 second-home data is not consistent with the wave 1 definition. We assume no change in the second-home ownership.

TABLE 3.10 / Mean Wealth Values of Financial Wealth Components, 1992 and 1996, by 1992 Person-Based Wealth Decile
(Nominal Dollars)

Wealth Component	Wealth Decile												
	Low Bottom ^a	High Bottom ^b	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Low Top ^c	High Top ^d	All
Other real estate													
1992	939	755	915	5,966	5,608	7,101	10,467	17,159	22,915	54,905	120,818	477,248	39,628
1996	6,798	942	1,913	9,252	4,302	14,806	16,188	1,592	38,771	64,836	121,993	419,813	41,358
Vehicles													
1992	1,551	1,697	4,550	8,389	9,480	11,725	12,270	14,959	15,767	22,856	23,309	69,114	14,082
1996	1,354	1,859	4,517	8,011	10,847	12,216	14,115	15,819	18,015	21,617	26,666	34,691	13,131
Business equity													
1992	1,494	11	352	2,498	3,159	5,363	12,110	17,525	17,419	28,020	66,528	405,652	30,109
1996	1,345	59	1,561	3,495	4,367	9,924	16,802	13,854	23,502	36,389	48,549	232,964	23,543
Individual retirement accounts and Keoghs													
1992	219	441	656	3,675	4,826	9,057	11,140	20,309	29,648	46,248	72,949	95,627	19,775
1996	303	472	1,171	4,502	8,578	15,798	22,245	46,729	64,050	90,578	130,607	154,047	37,321
Stocks													
1992	53	15	270	905	2,725	2,898	7,844	14,480	22,473	31,071	67,335	165,749	18,625
1996	419	185	495	2,596	6,313	8,961	12,398	23,101	43,853	56,979	153,819	371,883	39,047
Checking and savings accounts													
1992	521	822	1,986	3,804	6,102	8,950	10,563	13,735	16,787	20,519	38,518	52,247	12,149
1996	590	1,184	2,372	5,168	7,062	10,381	12,963	16,612	25,809	24,273	40,066	52,470	14,397

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TABLE 3.10 / *Continued*

Wealth Component	Wealth Decile											All	
	Low Bottom ^a	High Bottom ^b	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Low Top ^c		High Top ^d
Certificates of deposit, savings bonds, and treasury bills													
1992	10	38	447	989	1,770	3,581	4,036	7,368	9,723	11,305	15,303	36,516	6,135
1996	48	102	659	980	1,982	4,104	6,563	8,261	8,499	13,117	16,587	54,833	7,502
Corporate and government bonds													
1992	0	5	6	29	93	86	483	1,192	1,792	4,620	10,175	30,922	2,684
1996	0	6	14	34	507	262	539	2,985	24,273	6,271	28,697	45,599	6,814
Other savings and assets													
1992	122	257	780	773	2,475	3,098	3,840	6,992	7,950	14,757	44,160	96,298	10,378
1996	196	3,651	1,955	1,613	2,698	3,511	4,671	10,135	13,834	20,138	21,648	40,257	8,707

Other debt													
1992	16,981	2,483	2,777	2,619	3,101	2,598	2,977	2,854	4,051	2,023	2,904	6,110	3,896
1996	5,431	1,330	2,509	4,211	3,944	3,305	3,805	2,908	3,454	2,107	2,074	3,629	3,249
Value of second home													
1992	327	1,101	1,266	2,826	2,752	5,910	7,608	11,146	17,289	20,290	47,062	104,414	13,681
1996 ^e	369	1,245	1,432	3,196	3,112	6,684	8,604	12,606	19,554	22,948	53,227	118,092	15,474
Amount owed on second home													
1992	188	668	379	1,594	577	2,420	1,490	1,774	4,162	3,372	7,637	14,815	2,609
1996 ^e	212	755	428	1,802	652	2,737	1,685	2,007	4,707	3,813	8,637	16,756	2,951

Source: Authors' calculation from subsample of 4,811 HRS respondents who were interviewed in both wave 1, final release, and wave 3, preliminary release, and who reported an amount for every component of financial wealth.

^a "Low bottom" is lowest 5 percent of the distribution.

^b "High bottom" is the 5th to the 10th percentile.

^c "High top" is the highest 5 percent of the distribution.

^d "Low top" is the 90th to 95th percentile.

^e Wave 3 second-home data is not consistent with the wave 1 definition. We assume no change in the second-home ownership.

TABLE 3.11 / Changes in Total Net Household Wealth and Its Components from 1992 to 1996, by 1992 Person-Based Decile (Nominal Dollars)

1992 Wealth Deciles	Change in Total Wealth		Change in Net Financial Wealth		Change in Net Housing Wealth		Change in Net Social Security Wealth		Change in Net Pension Wealth	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
Bottom	24,481	12,613	4,257	0	13,263	0	13,968	11,741	630	0
2	31,579	25,351	3,907	250	5,266	0	13,586	19,576	2,072	0
3	44,413	35,967	6,168	418	5,438	257	26,009	25,214	4,727	828
4	48,457	45,281	6,388	1,789	5,649	4,041	29,339	28,142	8,732	3,913
5	77,531	60,082	20,407	7,665	2,776	4,619	33,279	32,379	14,455	9,084
6	84,011	73,421	22,094	4,738	4,636	5,657	32,672	32,562	21,950	15,275
7	94,516	91,582	29,394	14,708	4,410	7,071	33,502	33,793	25,425	19,308
8	157,913	111,128	77,922	25,026	1,710	5,480	36,241	34,908	40,100	34,772
9	182,126	154,059	72,063	43,134	7,615	7,778	35,580	35,948	54,805	60,777
Top	212,871	177,283	63,176	46,561	12,471	10,000	38,904	38,519	83,658	53,249
All	92,827	50,572	29,562	2,151	6,274	2,309	30,149	29,217	25,734	5,325

Source: Health and Retirement Study, wave 1, final release, and wave 3, preliminary release.

Note: HRS sample weights adjusted for attrition were used to make the sample representative of men and women aged fifty-one through sixty-one in 1992. This is a subsample of wave 1 respondent who also responded in wave 3. Equivalence scale is $e = 0.50$.

TABLE 3.12 / Across-Decile Mobility Between 1992 and 1996, by 1992 Person-Based Wealth Decile (Percentage)

1992 Wealth Decile	1996 Wealth Decile									
	Bottom	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Top
Bottom	68.02	24.77	4.92	0.36	1.37	0.00	0.00	0.42	0.14	0.00
2	11.92	48.19	31.52	6.65	1.26	0.16	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	4.64	13.83	41.39	24.88	7.80	5.15	0.96	0.55	0.81	0.00
4	2.68	3.03	11.62	44.54	26.75	8.79	1.92	0.67	0.00	0.00
5	0.18	1.34	2.64	12.23	43.59	24.08	10.17	4.95	0.19	0.64
6	0.07	0.88	2.08	7.72	15.49	40.68	20.09	7.93	5.05	0.00
7	0.00	0.35	2.57	2.23	3.44	16.73	43.25	21.39	9.12	0.92
8	0.00	0.45	0.00	1.31	2.41	4.67	19.72	39.59	23.24	8.62
9	0.00	0.29	0.00	1.03	0.95	3.89	5.19	22.56	44.66	21.42
Top	0.17	0.00	0.63	0.25	0.63	1.67	1.55	3.98	19.73	71.39

Source: Health and Retirement Study, wave 1, final release, and wave 3, preliminary release.

Note: Percentages are the weighted percentage of people in a 1996 decile who came from a 1992 decile. It is the conditional frequency of being in a 1996 decile position given the 1992 decile position. In this table we trim both the bottom and top 5 percent of the wealth distribution in 1992.

Numbers in boldface type represent the percentage of individuals in the decile in 1992 who were in the same decile in 1996.

TABLE 3.13 / Across-Decile Mobility Between 1991 and 1995, by 1992 Person-Based Income Decile (Percentage)

	1995 Wealth Decile									
	Bottom	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Top
1991 Wealth Decile										
Bottom	57.68	18.69	8.44	3.46	3.41	1.97	2.07	1.41	0.17	2.70
2	19.32	29.62	20.89	15.72	4.61	4.69	3.17	0.94	0.00	1.04
3	8.40	20.30	24.72	20.80	10.56	7.82	3.79	3.23	0.39	0.00
4	8.36	12.33	15.07	17.58	21.01	13.43	9.19	0.72	1.28	1.04
5	4.65	7.56	10.66	15.11	19.62	17.09	13.01	5.11	4.12	3.07
6	2.04	7.35	8.61	8.94	15.81	14.53	23.47	12.01	4.22	3.02
7	4.19	5.48	4.47	10.13	8.15	13.80	12.93	21.92	13.59	5.33
8	0.53	1.96	4.22	4.39	7.88	14.72	11.85	25.21	24.99	4.25
9	0.64	0.63	3.33	4.51	5.31	6.95	12.83	16.86	27.49	21.45
Top	0.50	0.24	2.83	1.54	3.73	5.05	6.40	9.44	18.40	51.87

Source: Health and Retirement Study, wave 1, final release, and wave 3, preliminary release.

Note: Percentages are the weighted percentage of people in a 1995 decile who came from a 1991 decile. It is the conditional frequency of being in a 1995 decile position given the 1991 decile position. In this table, we trim both the bottom and top 5 percent of the wealth distribution in 1991. Numbers in boldface type represent the percentage of individuals in the decile in 1991 who were in the same decile in 1995.

TABLE 3A.1 / Questions Used to Construct Wave 1 Financial and Housing Wealth Measures

Category	Question
Financial Wealth	
Asset	
Business equity	<p>Do you (or your husband/wife/partner) own part or all of a business or farm?</p> <p>If you sold all that and then paid off any debts on it, about how much would you get?</p>
Vehicles	<p>Do you (or your husband/wife/partner) own anything for transportation, like cars, trucks, a trailer, a motor home, a boat, or an airplane?</p>
Individual retirement accounts, Keogh accounts	<p>Do you (or your husband/wife/partner) currently have any money or assets that are held in an individual retirement account, that is, in an IRA or KEOGH account?</p> <p>How many IRA or KEOGH accounts do you (and your husband/wife/partner) have? Let's talk about the largest IRA or KEOGH account. About how much is in this account at the present time?</p> <p>If 2 or more IRAs: Let's talk about the next largest IRA or KEOGH account. About how much is in this account at the present time?</p> <p>If number of IRAs = 3: About how much is in that IRA or KEOGH account at the present time?</p> <p>Otherwise: About how much is in these other IRA or KEOGH accounts at the present time?</p>
Stock shares, stock mutual funds	<p>Do you (or your husband/wife/partner) have any shares of stock or stock mutual funds?</p> <p>If you sold all those and paid off anything you owed on them, about how much would you have?</p>
Checking and savings accounts	<p>Do you (or your husband/wife/partner) have any checking or savings accounts or money market funds?</p> <p>If you added up all such accounts, about how much would they amount to right now?</p>
Certificates of deposit, savings bonds, treasury bills, other bonds	<p>Do you (or your husband/wife/partner) have any money in certificates of deposit, government savings bonds, or Treasury bills?</p> <p>If you added up all such accounts, about how much would they amount to right now?</p>

Category	Question
Other assets	<p>Do you (or your husband/wife/partner) have any corporate, municipal, government, or foreign bonds or bond funds?</p> <p>If you sold all those bonds or bond funds and paid off anything you owed on them, about how much would you have?</p>
Second home	<p>Do you (or your husband/wife/partner) have any other savings or assets, such as jewelry, money owed to you by others, a collection for investment purposes, rights in a trust or estate where you are the beneficiary, or an annuity that you haven't already told us about? EXCLUDE THE CASH VALUE OF ANY LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES.</p> <p>If you sold all that and then paid off any debts on it, about how much would you have?</p>
Other real estate	<p>If respondent owns all of second home: What is its present value? Otherwise: What is the present value of your part of it? I mean, about what would it bring if it were sold today?</p> <p>Do you (or your husband/wife/partner) have any real estate (other than your main home or second home), such as land, rental real estate, a partnership, or money owed to you on a land contract or mortgage?</p> <p>If you sold all that and then paid off any debts on it, about how much would you get?</p>
Debt	
Financial debt	<p>And do you (or your husband/wife/partner) have any debts that we haven't asked about, such as credit card balances, medical debts, life insurance policy loans, loans from relatives, and so forth?</p> <p>Altogether, about how much would that amount to?</p>
Second home mortgage, land contract, home equity loan	<p>Do you have a mortgage, land contract, second mortgage, or any other loan that uses the property as collateral? Please do not include home equity lines of credit.</p> <p>About how much do you still owe on the mortgage or land contract?</p> <p>About how much do you still owe on that second mortgage?</p>

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Category	Question
	<p>About how much do you still owe on that loan?</p> <p>Do you (or your husband/wife/partner) have a home equity line of credit on it?</p> <p>About how much is currently owed?</p>
Housing Wealth	
Asset	
Value of house/farm/ mobile home property	<p>If respondent owns all ranch/farm/house: Could you tell me the present value of this house and the immediately surrounding land? I mean, about what would it bring if it were sold today?</p> <p>If respondent owns only part of ranch/farm/house: Could you tell me the present value of just this house and immediately surrounding land? I mean, about what would it bring if it were sold today?</p> <p>If respondent only owns site, not mobile home: Could you tell me the present value of the site? I mean, about what would it bring if it were sold today?</p> <p>If respondent only owns mobile home, not site: Could you tell me the present value of this mobile home? I mean, about what would it bring if it were sold today?</p> <p>If respondent owns both mobile home and site: Could you tell me the present value of this home and site? I mean, about what would they bring if they were sold today?</p> <p>If respondent owns multiple housing-unit structure: What is the present value of this (home and land apartment/property)? I mean, about what would it bring if it were sold today?</p>
Debt	
Mortgages, land contracts, home equity loans	<p>First mortgage or land contract: How much is still owed on this loan?</p> <p>Second mortgage or land contract: How much is still owed on this loan?</p> <p>Home equity loan: How much is still owed on this loan?</p> <p>Home equity line of credit: How much is currently owed?</p>

Source: Health and Retirement Study, wave 1, survey questions.

TABLE 3A.2 / Questions Used to Construct Wave 3 Financial and Housing Wealth Measures

Category	Question
Financial Wealth	
Asset	
Business equity	Do you (or your husband/wife/partner) own part or all of a business or farm? If you sold all that and then paid off any debts on it, about how much would you get?
Vehicles	Do you (or your husband/wife/partner) own anything for transportation, like cars, trucks, a trailer, a motor home, a boat, or an airplane?
Individual retirement accounts, Keogh accounts	Do you (or your husband/wife/partner) currently have any money or assets that are held in an individual retirement account, that is, in an IRA or KEOGH account? How many IRA or KEOGH accounts do you (and your husband/wife/partner) have? Let's talk about the largest IRA or KEOGH account. About how much is in this account at the present time? If 2 or more IRAs: Let's talk about the next largest IRA or KEOGH account. About how much is in this account at the present time? If number of IRAs = 3: About how much is in that IRA or KEOGH account at the present time? Otherwise: About how much is in these other IRA or KEOGH accounts at the present time?
Stock shares, stock mutual funds	Do you (or your husband/wife/partner) have any shares of stock or stock mutual funds? If you sold all those and paid off anything you owed on them, about how much would you have?
Checking and savings accounts	Do you (or your husband/wife/partner) have any checking or savings accounts or money market funds? If you added up all such accounts, about how much would they amount to right now?
Certificates of deposit, savings bonds, treasury bills	Do you (or your husband/wife/partner) have any money in certificates of deposit, government savings bonds, or Treasury bills? If you added up all such accounts, about how much would they amount to right now?

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TABLE 3A.2 / *Continued*

Category	Question
Other bonds	<p>Do you (or your husband/wife/partner) have any corporate, municipal, government, or foreign bonds or bond funds?</p> <p>If you sold all those bonds or bond funds and paid off anything you owed on them, about how much would you have?</p>
Other assets	<p>Do you (or your husband/wife/partner) have any other savings or assets, such as jewelry, money owed to you by others, a collection for investment purposes, rights in a trust or estate where you are the beneficiary, or an annuity that you haven't already told us about?</p> <p>EXCLUDE THE CASH VALUE OF ANY LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES.</p> <p>If you sold all that and then paid off any debts on it, about how much would you have?</p>
Second home	<p>If respondent owns all of 2d home: What is its present value?</p> <p>Otherwise: What is the present value of your part of it?</p> <p>I mean, about what would it bring if it were sold today?</p>
Other real estate	<p>Do you (or your husband/wife/partner) have any real estate other than your main home or second home), such as land, rental real estate, a partnership, or money owed to you on a land contract or mortgage?</p> <p>If you sold all that and then paid off any debts on it, about how much would you get?</p>
Debt	
Financial debt	<p>And do you (or your husband/wife/partner) have any debts that we haven't asked about, such as credit card balances, medical debts, life insurance policy loans, loans from relatives, and so forth?</p> <p>Altogether, about how much would that amount to?</p>
Second home mortgage, land contract, home equity loan	<p>Do you have a mortgage, land contract, second mortgage, or any other loan that uses the property as collateral?</p> <p>Please do not include home equity lines of credit.</p> <p>About how much do you still owe on the mortgage or land contract?</p> <p>About how much do you still owe on that second mortgage?</p>

TABLE 3A.2 / *Continued*

Category	Question
Housing Wealth	<p>About how much do you still owe on that loan?</p> <p>Do you (or your husband/wife/partner) have a home equity line of credit on it?</p> <p>About how much is currently owed?</p>
Assets	<p>Home or Condominium: If respondent owns entire building: the entire property.</p> <p>Otherwise: your unit only.</p> <p>Farm: If respondent owns part of farm (F4 = 2) but doesn't own house and immediately surrounding land (or dk/rf whether) (F4d = 5, 8, 9): The following questions refer to the part of the farm that you (and your husband/wife/partner) personally own.</p> <p>Otherwise: The following questions refer to your house and the immediately surrounding land.</p> <p>Mobile Home: If owns only mobile home: The following questions refer to your mobile home only.</p> <p>If respondent owns only site of mobile home: The following questions refer to your mobile home site only.</p> <p>Otherwise: The following questions refer to your mobile home and site.</p> <p>What is its present value? I mean, about what would it bring if it were sold today?</p>
Debt	<p>Do you have a mortgage, land contract, second mortgage, or any other loan that uses the property as collateral? Please do not include home equity lines of credit.</p> <p>About how much do you still owe on the (mortgage)/ (land contract)?</p> <p>About how much do you still owe on that second mortgage?</p> <p>About how much do you still owe on that loan?</p>
Home equity loan	<p>Do you (or your husband/wife/partner) have a home equity line of credit?</p> <p>Do you currently have a loan against this line of credit?</p> <p>About how much is currently owed?</p>

Source: Health and Retirement Study, wave 3, survey questions.

TABLE 3A.3 / Distribution of Ages of Household Members in Sample Member's Household (Percentage)

Household Size	Number of Sample Members	Missing	0 to 17 Years	18 to 49 Years	50 to 62 Years	63 Years and Older
1	1,148	0	0	0	100	0
2	4,519	0	1	13	75	11
3	2,151	0	10	34	49	7
4	1,158	0	19	40	37	3
5	471	1	28	41	27	3
6	212	0	34	38	23	4
7	77	1	39	38	20	3
8	57	1	46	32	17	4
9	14	1	41	41	13	5
10	7	0	40	45	13	2
11	6	2	45	40	13	0
12	3	0	50	38	13	0
13	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	1	0	50	43	7	0
Total	9,824	0	13	27	53	7

Source: Health and Retirement Study, wave 1, final release.

Note: Percentages are rounded, so columns may not add to exactly 100 percent.

TABLE 3A.4 / Distribution of Relationship of Household Members to Sample Member (Percentage)

Household Size	Number of Sample Members	Respondent	Spouse	Child	Grandchild	Parent	Other Relative	Nonrelative
1	1,148	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	4,519	50	40	6	1	2	1	1
3	2,151	33	28	31	3	2	1	1
4	1,158	25	21	43	6	2	1	1
5	471	20	15	48	13	1	2	1
6	212	17	13	44	21	1	2	2
7	77	14	12	45	26	1	1	0
8	57	13	10	42	32	1	2	1
9	14	11	8	47	29	0	4	1
10	7	10	7	42	38	0	2	2
11	6	9	5	51	35	0	0	0
12	3	8	8	63	4	0	0	17
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	1	7	7	57	29	0	0	0
Total	9,824	38	26	26	6	2	1	1

Source: Health and Retirement Study, wave 1, final release.

Note: Percentages are rounded, so columns may not add to exactly 100 percent.

TABLE 4.1 / Summary Statistics of Inter Vivos Gifts

	Received a Gift	Received a Gift of \$1,000 or More	Average Amount Received, Conditional on Having Received (Dollars)	Aggregate Annual Flow (Dollars)
All transfers, 1988, PSID ^a	0.215		2,540	52.1 billion
Large transfers, 1988, PSID ^b		0.088	5,520	47.4 billion
Average transfer, 1983 to 1985, SCF ^c		0.053	14,860	65.1 billion
Average transfer, 1983 to 1985, SCF in 1989 dollars ^d			16,888	74.0 billion

Source: Author's calculations based on the PSID and Gale and Scholz (1994).

^a Data are weighted, using the 1988 PSID family weights. Dollar amounts are in 1989 dollars. The sample excludes households with missing data on inter vivos gifts.

^b Data from 1988 PSID given in first row, recalculated with gifts of less than \$1,000 treated as 0. Thus, these figures represent one-year totals for those receiving \$1,000 or more in 1987.

^c Three-year totals for those receiving \$3,000 or more between 1982 and 1986.

^d Data from SCF given in third row, converted to 1989 dollars, using the implicit price deflator for personal consumption expenditures.

TABLE 4.3 / Receipt of Inter Vivos Gifts, by Family Income Quintile

Income Quintile	Current Income Sample (1987) ^a		Permanent Income Sample (1984 to 1988) ^b			
	Average Income	Received a Gift in 1987	Average Gift Amount	Average Income	Received a Gift in 1987	Average Gift Amount
All	38,505	0.200 (0.400)	2,507 (8,799)	38,838	0.163 (0.370)	2,717 (8,726)
First	7,066 [12,490]	0.177 (0.382)	1,038 (1,290)	7,868 [13,420]	0.130 (0.337)	1,271 (1,555)
Second	17,995 [23,570]	0.224 (0.417)	1,648 (4,487)	19,183 [25,320]	0.179 (0.384)	1,467 (2,749)
Third	29,628 [35,905]	0.215 (0.411)	1,897 (2,836)	30,822 [37,090]	0.190 (0.392)	3,146 (9,300)
Fourth	44,778 [54,992]	0.207 (0.405)	2,837 (8,657)	45,532 [55,735]	0.165 (0.371)	2,398 (6,733)
Fifth	92,959	0.175 (0.380)	5,428 (17,383)	90,666	0.152 (0.359)	5,187 (15,113)

Source: Author's calculations based on the PSID.

Note: Gift amounts are conditional on having received a gift and are expressed in 1989 dollars. Standard deviations appear in parentheses. The upper boundaries of income quintiles appear in square brackets below quintile average income.

^a The sample (of 6,208 respondents) excludes families in which either the husband or wife changed between 1987 and 1988 (707 observations) or that had missing data on receipt of transfers (199 observations). The data are weighted, using the 1988 PSID family weights.

^b The sample (of 4,443 respondents) excludes families in which either the husband or wife changed between 1984 and 1989 (2,538) or which had missing data on whether monetary transfers were received (133 observations). The data are weighted, using the 1989 PSID family weights. The use of the 1989 weights is conceptually correct and turns out to make little difference in the results. Income is averaged from 1984 to 1988.

TABLE 4.4 / Inheritance, by Family Income Quintile

Income Quintile	Current Income Sample (1988)			Permanent Income Sample (1984 to 1988) ^a		
	Average Income	Ever Inherited	Average Amount of Inheritance ^b	Average Income	Ever Inherited	Average Amount of Inheritance ^b
All	39,149	0.217 (0.412)	140,155 (768,671)	38,856	0.217 (0.412)	140,155 (768,671)
First	6,926 [12,220]	0.149 (0.356)	60,324 (116,613)	7,990 [13,675]	0.131 (0.338)	60,527 (122,271)
Second	18,093 [23,695]	0.222 (0.416)	90,029 (183,824)	19,300 [25,320]	0.214 (0.410)	64,714 (139,489)
Third	29,721 [36,430]	0.218 (0.413)	56,921 (77,685)	30,858 [37,140]	0.211 (0.408)	92,390 (172,851)
Fourth	44,895 [55,000]	0.232 (0.422)	149,134 (386,847)	45,553 [55,655]	0.246 (0.430)	123,192 (349,697)
Fifth	96,118	0.263 (0.440)	289,042 (1,494,805)	90,522	0.282 (0.450)	285,157 (1,446,266)

Source: Author's calculations based on the PSID.

Note: Inherited amounts are conditional on having inherited and are expressed in 1989 dollars. Standard deviations appear in parentheses. The upper boundaries of income quintiles appear in square brackets below quintile average income. The sample (of 4,415 respondents) excludes families in which either the husband or wife changed between 1984 and 1989 (2,538 observations) or that had missing data on inheritance (161 observations). The data are weighted, using the 1989 PSID family weights.

^a Average income from 1984 to 1988.

^b Inheritance amounts include 2 percent growth.

TABLE 4.5 / Distribution of Inter Vivos Gifts and Inheritance

Income Quintile	Average Amount of Inter Vivos Gifts ^a				Average Amount of Inheritance ^b			
	Average Income	Recipient's Gift Amount			Average Income	Heir's Inheritance Amount		
		25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile		25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile
All	38,838	272	543	2,064	38,856	12,060	31,596	90,453
First	7,868 [13,420]	217	543	1,629	7,990 [13,675]	11,262	23,304	60,890
Second	19,183 [25,320]	272	543	1,086	19,300 [25,320]	7,790	20,696	57,906
Third	30,822 [37,090]	326	760	2,172	30,858 [37,140]	12,599	33,837	90,231
Fourth	45,532 [55,735]	217	543	1,629	45,553 [55,655]	12,011	24,299	95,709
Fifth	90,666	380	869	3,258	90,522	19,142	55,209	119,483

Source: Author's calculations based on the the PSID.

Note: Gift and inherited amounts are conditional on having received an inter vivos gift or inheritance and are expressed in 1989 dollars. The data are weighted, using the 1989 PSID family weights. The upper boundaries of income quintiles appear in square brackets below quintile average incomes. Note that the quintile boundaries and quintile average incomes for inter vivos gifts and inheritance are the same as those in tables 4.3 and 4.4, respectively.

^a The sample consists of those in the right-hand panel ("Permanent Income Sample") in table 4.3 who received an inter vivos gift.

^b The sample consists of those in the right-hand panel ("Permanent Income Sample") in table 4.4 who received an inheritance.

TABLE 4.6 / Self-Employment Status of Heads of Household, by Inheritance Status and Permanent Income Quintile, 1989

	Average Income ^a	Self-Employed Heads of Households	
		Nonheirs	Heirs
All	46,928	0.150 (0.357)	0.249 (0.433)
First	14,061 [20,785]	0.089 (0.284)	0.271 (0.444)
Second	26,668 [31,737]	0.126 (0.332)	0.126 (0.332)
Third	38,239 [45,055]	0.137 (0.343)	0.220 (0.414)
Fourth	53,392 [64,115]	0.160 (0.367)	0.221 (0.415)
Fifth	102,189	0.256 (0.437)	0.356 (0.479)

Source: Author's calculations based on the PSID.

Note: The sample (of 2,960 respondents) is the same as that in table 4.4 except that it excludes families in which the head is not working or the head's self-employment dates are missing. The data are weighted using the 1989 PSID family weights. Standard deviations appear in parentheses. The upper boundaries of the quintile are listed in square brackets below the respective quintile average incomes.

^a Average income from 1984 to 1988.

TABLE 4.7 / Probit Models of Self-Employment for Male Heads of Households, 1989

Variable	Effect of Having Inherited	Effect of Size of Inheritance
Ever inherited	0.181** (0.084) [0.045]	
Inherited some amount, but less than \$8,896	—	0.004 (0.153) [0.001]
Inherited between \$8,896 and \$68,631	—	0.235** (0.110) [0.060]
Inherited more than \$68,631	—	0.271* (0.157) [0.071]
$-2[\ln(L_0) - \ln(L)]$	129.35	131.55
<i>p</i> value	0.000	0.000

Source: Author's calculations based on the PSID.

Note: The sample is that described in table 4.6 except that only male heads of households are included (2,287 respondents). The data are not weighted. The unweighted self-employment rate is 0.165. Each model includes controls for age (significantly positive), education (significantly positive), race (significantly negative), and marital status (insignificant). The dollar amounts \$8,896 and \$68,631 are the respective lower and upper quartile boundaries of the positive inheritances in the sample under consideration. Standard deviations appear in parentheses, and effects of membership in the inheritance categories (variable = 1) on the probability of self-employment are in square brackets.

* Significant at 10 percent. ** Significant at 5 percent.

TABLE 5.1 / Distribution of Assets, 1993, by Age Cohort (1997 Dollars)

Ownership Distribution (Percentile)	Net Worth	Financial Assets	Housing Equity
All			
90th	233,019	82,638	129,415
75th	110,846	26,101	61,324
50th	35,035	3,943	14,061
25th	4,276	222	0
10th	0	0	0
Ages 25 to 34			
90th	84,702	29,211	48,234
75th	36,073	8,886	15,550
50th	9,108	1,499	0
25th	666	110	0
10th	-1,633	0	0
Ages 35 to 44			
90th	198,695	69,698	111,951
75th	98,688	23,325	54,426
50th	34,150	3,894	13,493
25th	4,341	244	0
10th	0	0	0
Ages 45 to 54			
90th	286,564	107,741	145,615
75th	157,012	40,791	85,370
50th	65,908	7,775	34,433
25th	13,068	444	0
10th	500	0	0
Ages 55 to 64			
90th	378,522	160,944	183,270
75th	216,541	67,199	108,289
50th	98,021	12,496	55,536
25th	29,989	555	7,775
10th	1,388	0	0

Source: Authors' calculations using SIPP (Bureau of the Census).

TABLE 5.2 / Proportion of Households with Very Low Assets, 1993, by Age Cohort
(Percentage)

Value of Assets (1997 Dollars)	Net Worth	Financial Assets	Housing Equity
All			
0	12.7	15.8	39.7
≤1,000	17.4	35.6	40.3
≤5,000	26.3	52.9	43.3
Ages 25 to 34			
0	19.8	18.8	59.9
≤1,000	26.5	44.1	60.7
≤5,000	40.9	66.3	65.1
Ages 35 to 44			
0	12.8	15.3	39.1
≤1,000	17.5	35.8	39.8
≤5,000	26.2	53.1	43.0
Ages 45 to 54			
0	8.5	13.8	28.9
≤1,000	11.9	30.7	29.4
≤5,000	18.4	45.3	31.7
Ages 55 to 64			
0	6.6	14.4	22.0
≤1,000	9.5	28.1	22.2
≤5,000	13.3	40.7	23.7

Source: Authors' calculations using SIPP.

TABLE 5.3 / Holdings of Specific Assets and Debts, 1993, by Age and Wealth

Characteristic	All	Aged 25 to 34		Aged 35 to 44		Aged 45 to 54		Aged 55 to 64	
		Bottom 50 Percent	Top 50 Percent	Bottom 50 Percent	Top 50 percent	Bottom 50 Percent	Top 50 Percent	Bottom 50 Percent	Top 50 Percent
Asset or debt held (percentage)									
Checking or savings account	81.7	64.3	92.2	69.9	94.2	71.7	96.3	71.4	96.3
Stocks or mutual funds	18.3	4.5	23.4	5.8	29.6	6.8	35.7	5.8	38.8
Individual retire- ment account	24.6	4.0	21.7	8.2	39.2	11.2	50.5	12.6	61.6
401(k)	25.1	13.0	38.7	15.4	39.3	15.5	39.8	8.7	23.9
401(k) eligibility	38.5	29.3	52.9	31.9	53.3	29.3	50.7	17.9	31.9
Defined benefit coverage	37.6	22.0	42.6	32.7	50.5	35.0	54.1	23.5	35.9
Defined contribution coverage	14.2	11.1	20.0	13.1	18.6	11.3	16.3	7.7	11.2
Nonvehicle consumer debt	62.1	61.8	70.5	61.4	69.0	59.1	64.4	49.6	51.1
Vehicle debt	39.5	36.0	53.3	37.6	44.8	37.1	41.3	28.4	28.5
Vehicle asset	87.2	75.0	95.1	79.3	95.9	81.8	96.3	78.9	96.5
House	63.4	15.4	73.1	35.7	92.6	51.6	95.6	63.1	96.3
Other real estate	14.3	1.6	12.9	4.1	22.4	6.2	31.3	8.2	36.0
Mortgage debt	48.8	14.0	65.5	31.9	79.7	41.2	72.2	33.1	47.0
Home equity loan	6.5	0.5	5.2	3.2	12.2	5.1	15.1	2.9	8.5
Positive net worth	87.3	60.3	100.0	74.4	100.0	82.9	100.0	86.8	100.0

Mean holdings of those with positive holdings (constant 1997 dollars)									
Checking or savings account	11,374	1,211	7,501	1,986	14,295	2,979	20,300	6,106	36,189
Stocks or mutual funds	42,668	1,622	25,550	3,781	34,249	6,848	58,794	11,156	83,448
Individual retirement account	24,835	3,094	11,555	5,911	23,008	10,718	31,223	13,723	40,344
401(k)	22,675	2,888	13,512	6,027	28,051	9,655	38,641	13,755	47,143
Nonvehicle consumer debt	6,609	8,006	4,706	7,827	5,067	6,845	5,466	12,941	4,691
Vehicle debt	8,040	6,386	8,470	7,075	9,532	7,389	9,353	6,434	8,333
Vehicle asset	8,147	3,424	8,811	4,699	10,429	5,734	12,675	5,989	12,604
House value	118,279	56,842	111,349	63,855	142,910	66,667	160,944	60,959	154,372
Other real estate	67,743	6,246	42,689	11,441	67,528	14,210	83,707	21,587	103,225
Mortgage debt	67,563	57,464	78,647	57,398	76,941	53,242	73,078	43,729	52,660
Net worth	99,286	3,539	62,849	11,690	140,525	24,755	212,353	40,564	280,567
Median holdings of those with positive holdings (constant 1997 dollars)									
Checking or savings account	2,221	555	2,666	722	4,443	889	6,052	1,666	13,329
Stocks or mutual funds	8,861	945	5,554	2,221	9,997	3,332	11,107	4,443	27,768
Individual retirement account	13,329	2,444	6,664	3,888	13,329	6,664	19,993	8,886	27,768

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TABLE 5.3 / *Continued*

Characteristic	All	Aged 25 to 34		Aged 35 to 44		Aged 45 to 54		Aged 55 to 64	
		Bottom 50 Percent	Top 50 Percent	Bottom 50 Percent	Top 50 percent	Bottom 50 Percent	Top 50 Percent	Bottom 50 Percent	Top 50 Percent
401(k)	9,997	1,666	7,775	3,332	16,661	5,554	25,547	6,664	38,875
Nonvehicle consumer debt	2,555	3,610	2,355	3,332	2,221	2,666	2,221	2,166	1,350
Vehicle debt	6,664	4,665	7,220	5,554	8,330	5,554	7,346	4,655	6,664
Vehicle asset	5,942	2,777	7,571	3,665	8,689	4,026	10,644	4,221	10,358
House value	94,412	53,315	94,412	57,758	122,180	57,758	138,841	55,536	138,841
Other real estate	33,322	3,332	22,215	9,441	33,322	11,107	55,536	11,107	66,644
Mortgage debt	54,730	54,981	69,269	49,543	64,705	42,835	54,980	29,892	36,661
Net worth	48,789	3,173	35,904	8,907	98,688	21,126	157,073	39,296	216,592
Sample characteristics									
Median age (years)	41	30	31	39	40	49	49	59	60
Median nonasset income (constant 1997 dollars)	33,322	20,446	40,819	25,548	51,735	24,991	55,181	17,654	39,140
Median education (years)	12	12	14	12	14	12	14	12	13
Probability married	60.4	43.5	69.1	47.2	75.6	50.2	75.8	47.5	75.4
Probability black	12.5	19.5	7.3	20.9	5.6	18.4	4.6	18.3	3.3
Probability on public assistance	20.2	39.0	11.7	34.0	8.2	26.8	5.2	26.3	5.1

Probability self-employed	12.3	5.7	11.0	9.6	17.1	11.1	19.9	10.0	15.6
Average family size	2.8	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.4	2.6	2.9	2.1	2.2
Sample size	20,249	2,726	2,917	3,139	3,328	2,245	2,389	1,719	1,786
Ratio of net financial assets to nonasset income									
10th percentile	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0
25th percentile	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.4
50th percentile	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.0	1.4
75th percentile	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.0	0.1	1.6	0.2	3.5
90th percentile	1.7	0.1	1.0	0.2	1.9	0.4	3.0	1.0	7.2
Ratio of net financial assets to poverty threshold									
10th percentile	-0.4	-1.0	-0.2	-0.8	-0.1	-0.6	0.0	-0.4	0.1
25th percentile	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.6	0.0	1.6
50th percentile	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	1.4	0.0	3.0	0.0	6.3
75th percentile	2.1	0.0	1.8	0.1	4.5	0.3	7.9	0.6	13.9
90th percentile	7.4	0.2	4.2	0.7	9.1	1.4	15.4	2.6	25.0
Net worth (constant 1997 dollars)									
10th percentile	0	-5,779	12,068	-2,807	43,516	0	79,647	0	113,276
25th percentile	4,276	-612	19,078	0	59,132	1,144	103,520	3,924	146,226
50th percentile	35,035	666	35,904	4,341	98,688	13,154	157,073	29,989	216,592
75th percentile	110,846	3,888	72,308	15,069	172,052	36,902	251,238	62,625	332,664
90th percentile	233,019	6,630	141,156	25,202	289,724	53,798	390,464	81,089	534,426

Source: Authors' compilation.

TABLE 5.4 / Holdings of Specific Assets and Debts, 1993, by Household Characteristics

Characteristic	All	Race		Public Assistance	Education (Years)		Income		Wealth	
		White	Black		≤ 12	> 12	≤ Median	> Median	≤ Median	> Median
Asset or debt held (percentage)										
Checking or savings account	81.7	85.7	55.3	51.0	72.2	91.5	68.0	95.5	69.3	94.1
Stocks or mutual funds	18.3	20.2	6.4	3.6	9.5	27.2	8.8	27.7	6.4	30.1
Individual retirement account	24.6	27.5	6.8	5.5	15.3	34.1	13.5	35.7	7.5	41.7
401(k)	25.1	26.5	16.6	9.9	18.1	32.2	11.0	39.2	15.5	34.7
401(k) eligibility	38.5	39.9	30.3	19.8	30.3	47.0	21.8	55.3	30.3	46.8
Defined benefit coverage	37.6	38.0	35.6	20.4	32.3	43.0	21.4	53.8	28.8	46.4
Defined contribution coverage	14.2	14.8	10.1	7.4	11.7	16.7	8.6	19.8	11.9	16.5
Nonvehicle consumer debt	62.1	64.5	48.2	47.8	56.3	68.1	52.0	72.3	60.0	64.3
Vehicle debt	39.5	41.1	30.2	27.0	37.1	42.0	29.8	49.3	37.4	41.6
Vehicle asset	87.2	90.5	66.0	69.1	83.0	91.6	79.0	95.5	78.9	95.5
House	63.4	66.8	42.5	37.4	59.7	67.2	47.6	79.2	33.9	92.9
Other real estate	14.3	15.5	6.7	5.6	11.2	17.6	9.0	19.7	3.7	25.0
Mortgage debt	48.8	51.6	29.9	26.6	40.4	57.4	30.4	67.2	28.9	68.7
Home equity loan	6.5	7.0	3.5	2.7	4.4	8.7	2.6	10.5	2.2	10.9
Net worth	87.3	89.5	72.2	69.3	84.5	90.1	80.1	94.5	74.6	1.0

Mean holdings of those with positive holdings (constant 1997 dollars)										
Checking or savings account	11,374	12,107	3,931	3,299	7,618	14,401	7,761	13,950	2,150	18,164
Stocks or mutual funds	42,668	42,803	31,416	19,645	26,305	48,477	36,164	44,742	4,236	50,814
Individual retirement account 401(k)	24,835	25,180	13,931	21,489	20,300	26,917	21,403	26,134	6,031	28,215
Nonvehicle consumer debt	22,675	23,300	15,000	13,356	19,576	24,458	14,386	24,996	5,758	30,216
Vehicle debt	6,609	6,685	5,676	5,529	5,596	7,465	5,252	7,585	8,215	5,110
Vehicle asset	8,040	8,174	6,685	5,883	7,291	8,717	6,129	9,196	6,937	9,032
House	8,147	8,453	5,011	4,457	7,104	9,113	5,682	10,188	4,807	10,906
Other real estate	118,279	120,490	76,046	73,996	89,940	143,960	85,193	138,178	61,274	139,065
Mortgage debt	67,743	68,807	43,430	42,467	56,061	75,301	63,511	69,688	11,165	76,012
Net worth	67,563	67,500	53,519	47,015	50,183	80,082	47,589	76,599	57,105	71,951
	99,286	106,139	39,745	34,819	69,551	127,761	60,560	132,125	11,704	164,542
Median assets of those with positive holdings (constant 1997 dollars)										
Checking or savings account	2,221	2,331	722	444	1,221	3,332	889	3,665	778	5,275
Stocks or mutual funds	8,861	8,886	4,443	4,332	4,665	9,997	4,554	9,913	2,110	12,218
Individual retirement account	13,329	14,384	5,554	7,442	11,552	14,951	11,107	14,439	4,134	16,661

(Table continues on p. 182.)

TABLE 5.4 / *Continued*

Characteristic	All	Race		Public Assistance	Education (Years)		Income		Wealth	
		White	Black		≤ 12	> 12	≤ Median	> Median	≤ Median	> Median
401(k)	9,997	10,693	3,999	4,443	7,775	11,107	4,998	11,107	3,332	16,661
Nonvehicle consumer debt	2,555	2,555	2,333	2,221	2,221	3,194	2,221	3,163	3,110	2,221
Vehicle debt	6,664	6,664	5,132	3,888	5,554	7,220	4,443	7,775	5,554	7,775
Vehicle asset	5,942	6,267	3,665	2,777	4,776	7,034	3,702	8,108	3,665	8,858
House	94,412	97,744	64,422	55,536	72,197	122,180	66,644	111,073	55,536	111,073
Other real estate	33,322	33,322	21,104	14,995	22,770	38,875	27,768	33,322	7,775	41,097
Mortgage debt	54,730	54,927	43,226	34,627	38,875	69,015	36,654	66,029	49,012	57,485
Net worth	48,789	54,848	14,967	10,144	33,878	68,643	20,451	80,011	8,488	110,846
Ratio of net financial assets to nonasset income										
10th percentile	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3	0.0
25th percentile	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.1
50th percentile	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.4
75th percentile	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.7	0.0	1.3
90th percentile	1.7	1.8	0.4	0.2	1.2	2.0	1.5	1.7	0.2	2.9
Ratio of net financial assets to poverty threshold										
10th percentile	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.7	-0.1
25th percentile	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.2
50th percentile	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.8
75th percentile	2.1	2.5	0.1	0.0	0.7	3.8	0.4	4.1	0.1	5.8

Net worth (constant 1997 dollars)										
10th percentile	0	0	-223	-1,122	0	28	-484	4,400	-2,705	46,095
25th percentile	4,276	6,613	0	0	1,666	9,636	555	23,303	0	64,257
50th percentile	35,035	43,643	4,498	2,610	21,222	54,446	9,598	72,871	4,276	110,846
75th percentile	110,846	123,797	32,279	21,365	75,612	151,642	53,236	164,336	14,912	201,649
90th percentile	233,019	247,661	76,000	66,644	163,108	298,882	137,836	296,818	26,038	339,513
Sample characteristics										
Median age (years)	41	41	40	38	42	40	41	41	37	46
Median nonasset income (constant 1997 dollars)	33,322	35,688	19,487	14,302	24,981	44,185	17,541	54,388	23,672	46,637
Median education (years)	12	13	12	12	12	16	12	14	12	14
Percentage married	60.4	63.4	37.2	47.2	59.3	61.4	40.6	80.1	46.7	74.0
Percentage black	12.5	0.0	100.0	27.1	15.3	9.6	18.1	6.8	19.1	5.9
Percentage on public assistance	20.2	16.4	43.9	100.0	29.6	10.5	34.3	6.1	33.0	7.3
Percentage self-employed	12.3	13.6	3.3	5.7	10.1	14.7	10.7	14.0	8.3	16.4
Average family size	2.8	2.7	2.8	3.5	2.9	2.7	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Sample size	20,249	17,352	2,174	4,029	10,075	10,174	9,890	10,359	9,866	10,383

Source: Authors' compilation.

TABLE 5.5 / Ownership of Transactions Accounts, by Ownership of Other Assets, 1993
(Percentage)

Value of Asset	Households with Transactions Account	Households Without Transactions Account
Gross Financial Assets		
> 0	81.8	2.5
= 0	0.0	15.8
Net Financial Assets		
> 0	60.5	1.9
≤ 0	21.3	16.3
Consumer Debt		
> 0	55.8	6.4
= 0	26.0	11.9
Home Ownership		
Yes	57.3	6.1
No	24.4	21.1
Vehicle Ownership		
Yes	75.7	11.6
No	6.1	6.7

Source: Authors' compilation.

TABLE 5.6 / Distribution of Net Worth, 1984 to 1993, by Age Cohort
(In Constant 1997 Dollars)

Net Worth Distribution (Percentile)	1984	1987	1991	1993
All				
90th	214,412	226,886	238,776	233,019
75th	116,227	115,042	114,305	110,846
50th	44,892	39,560	35,264	35,035
25th	6,133	4,592	4,478	4,276
10th	0	0	0	0
Ages 25 to 34				
90th	92,531	97,028	93,979	84,702
75th	42,560	40,090	37,425	36,073
50th	11,465	9,325	8,767	9,108
25th	1,313	706	725	666
10th	-794	-1,710	-1,718	-1,633
Ages 35 to 44				
90th	198,269	203,875	218,115	198,695
75th	111,454	108,578	106,057	98,688
50th	50,716	41,022	37,184	34,150
25th	9,296	5,793	5,833	4,341
10th	8	0	0	0
Ages 45 to 54				
90th	260,562	265,601	306,103	286,564
75th	156,444	155,378	163,269	157,012
50th	80,244	72,903	67,993	65,908
25th	20,596	17,618	15,467	13,068
10th	772	706	589	500
Ages 55 to 64				
90th	324,553	330,973	364,416	378,522
75th	191,859	206,668	211,510	216,541
50th	104,384	101,796	93,365	98,021
25th	36,146	34,191	26,514	29,989
10th	2,935	1,413	884	1,388

Source: Authors' compilation.

TABLE 5.7 / Proportion of Households with Very Low Net Worth, 1984 to 1993,
by Age Cohort (Percentage)

Net Worth (Constant 1997 Dollars)	1984	1987	1991	1993
All				
0	11.1	12.6	12.7	12.7
1,000	14.8	17.0	16.8	17.4
5,000	23.2	25.8	25.9	26.3
Ages 25 to 34				
0	17.6	20.8	20.3	19.8
1,000	23.6	26.9	26.3	26.5
5,000	37.6	41.1	41.4	40.9
Ages 35 to 44				
0	9.9	11.6	11.8	12.8
1,000	13.3	15.6	15.6	17.5
5,000	20.7	23.7	23.6	26.2
Ages 45 to 54				
0	8.6	8.1	8.2	8.5
1,000	10.8	11.2	10.8	11.9
5,000	15.6	17.5	16.7	18.4
Ages 55 to 64				
0	5.3	5.8	7.1	6.6
1,000	7.5	9.2	10.2	9.5
5,000	11.9	13.2	15.1	13.3

Source: Authors' compilation.

TABLE 5.8 / Distribution of Financial Assets, 1984 to 1993, by Age Cohort
(Constant 1997 Dollars)

Ownership Distribution (Percentile)	1984	1987	1991	1993
All				
90th	54,221	64,991	76,051	82,638
75th	16,683	21,119	25,100	26,101
50th	2,790	3,250	3,830	3,943
25th	193	244	309	222
10th	0	0	0	0
Ages 25 to 34				
90th	17,340	23,785	25,689	29,211
75th	5,714	7,135	7,778	8,886
50th	1,081	1,272	1,414	1,499
25th	62	85	78	110
10th	0	0	0	0
Ages 35 to 44				
90th	44,182	50,806	65,402	69,698
75th	13,946	17,237	25,598	23,325
50th	2,777	3,108	4,714	3,894
25th	238	283	471	244
10th	0	0	0	0
Ages 45 to 54				
90th	67,853	82,085	104,584	107,741
75th	24,098	29,441	38,474	40,791
50th	4,634	6,146	7,364	7,775
25th	317	410	530	444
10th	0	0	0	0
Ages 55 to 64				
90th	112,767	132,023	133,750	160,944
75th	46,262	57,503	60,360	67,199
50th	12,356	13,705	13,124	12,496
25th	711	660	589	555
10th	0	0	0	0

Source: Authors' compilation.

TABLE 5.9 / Proportion of Households with Very Low Financial Assets, 1984 to 1993, by Age Cohort (Percentage)

Value of Assets (Constant 1997 dollars)	1984	1987	1991	1993
All				
0	16.6	16.2	14.9	15.8
1,000	38.2	37.1	34.7	35.6
5,000	58.1	55.5	53.1	52.9
Ages 25 to 34				
0	20.2	19.1	19.0	18.8
1,000	49.2	47.3	44.6	44.1
5,000	73.3	70.1	68.2	66.3
Ages 35 to 44				
0	15.3	14.7	13.0	15.3
1,000	37.7	36.6	31.9	35.8
5,000	59.4	56.3	51.0	53.1
Ages 45 to 54				
0	15.1	15.1	13.5	13.8
1,000	33.1	31.0	30.0	30.7
5,000	51.4	47.7	45.2	45.3
Ages 55 to 64				
0	14.3	15.1	13.3	14.4
1,000	27.1	27.5	28.7	28.1
5,000	39.6	39.2	41.3	40.7

Source: Authors' compilation.

TABLE 5.10 / Distribution of Housing Equity, 1984 to 1993, by Age Cohort
(Constant 1997 Dollars)

Ownership Distribution (Percentile)	1984	1987	1991	1993
All				
90th	131,304	133,727	135,518	129,415
75th	77,238	70,643	59,510	61,324
50th	27,806	19,780	14,141	14,061
25th	0	0	0	0
10th	0	0	0	0
Ages 25 to 34				
90th	61,790	63,578	49,493	48,234
75th	26,261	21,193	15,319	15,550
50th	0	0	0	0
25th	0	0	0	0
10th	0	0	0	0
Ages 35 to 44				
90th	130,601	134,221	129,626	111,951
75th	76,465	70,643	58,921	54,426
50th	32,441	22,606	16,498	13,493
25th	3,090	0	0	0
10th	0	0	0	0
Ages 45 to 54				
90th	154,476	148,350	164,978	145,615
75th	100,409	93,248	88,381	85,370
50th	54,375	45,211	32,406	34,433
25th	3,090	0	0	0
10th	0	0	0	0
Ages 55 to 64				
90th	157,565	176,607	195,911	183,270
75th	108,133	105,964	106,057	108,289
50th	64,880	59,340	49,493	55,536
25th	10,813	9,890	4,124	7,775
10th	0	0	0	0

Source: Authors' compilation.

TABLE 5.11 / Assets, 1984 to 1993, by Race

Characteristic	1984		1987		1991		1993	
	White	Black	White	Black	White	Black	White	Black
Level of assets (percentage)								
Gross financial assets = 0	12.4	46.6	12.0	44.6	11.4	40.6	12.1	40.6
Net financial assets ≤ 0	39.1	78.8	36.0	65.3	35.3	62.2	34.4	60.1
Net worth = 0	1.7	12.4	2.3	18.2	2.2	17.4	2.5	17.3
Net worth ≤ 0	8.4	30.8	10.0	30.8	10.4	30.3	10.5	27.8
Net worth ≤ \$1,000	11.6	37.5	13.7	39.2	13.9	37.9	14.6	36.3
Net worth ≤ \$5,000	19.1	50.6	21.8	52.8	22.5	50.8	22.6	51.1
Value of assets (1997 dollars)								
Mean net worth	99,304	28,203	92,167	28,639	95,684	28,539	94,048	27,920
Median net worth	54,097	4,789	48,461	4,058	42,364	4,478	43,643	4,498
Given net worth > 0	63,798	19,197	60,753	16,700	54,265	15,025	54,848	14,967
Median net financial assets	1,545	0	2,119	0	2,591	0	2,888	0
Given net financial assets > 0	11,431	2,007	13,067	2,102	15,260	2,946	15,633	2,677

Source: Authors' compilation.

TABLE 5.12 / Net Worth, 1993

Variable	Probit			Adjusted OLS	
	Coefficient	P-value	dP/dX	Coefficient	P-value
Intercept	1.979	<0.001	0.329	8,770	0.348
Nonasset income (1997 dollars)					
<10,000	-0.536	<0.001	-0.089	-59,280	<0.001
10,000 to 19,999	-0.273	<0.001	-0.045	-32,787	<0.001
20,000 to 29,999	-0.075	0.101	-0.012	-7,011	0.005
40,000 to 49,999	0.143	0.008	0.024	20,311	<0.001
50,000 to 74,999	0.321	<0.001	0.053	45,869	<0.001
>75,000	0.438	<0.001	0.073	127,698	<0.001
Age (years)					
25 to 29	-0.471	<0.001	-0.078	-97,992	<0.001
30 to 34	-0.372	<0.001	-0.062	-80,672	<0.001
35 to 39	-0.274	0.198	-0.045	-52,112	<0.001
40 to 44	-0.066	<0.001	-0.011	-25,989	<0.001
50 to 54	0.225	<0.001	0.037	33,343	<0.001
55 to 59	0.339	<0.001	0.056	74,580	<0.001
60 to 64	0.502	<0.001	0.083	97,831	<0.001
Education (years)					
<12	-0.159	<0.001	-0.027	-47,175	<0.001
12	0.023	0.512	0.004	-7,193	0.001

16	0.038	0.408	0.006	30,289	<0.001
>16	-0.078	0.107	-0.013	41,822	<0.001
On public assistance	-0.466	<0.001	-0.078	-66,470	<0.001
Married	0.142	0.001	0.024	44,044	<0.001
Anyone in household employed	0.115	0.002	0.019	-16,537	<0.001
Single female head of household	-0.057	0.140	-0.009	-10,540	<0.001
Race					
Black	-0.370	<0.001	-0.062	-56,101	<0.001
Native American	-0.093	0.481	-0.015	-26,402	<0.001
Asian	-0.005	0.949	-0.001	-8,769	0.184
State unemployment, 1993	-0.020	0.061	-0.003	2,610	0.011
Ratio of state welfare benefits to poverty level, 1993	-0.006	<0.001	-0.001	482	<0.001
Number of children	0.033	0.003	0.005	4,456	<0.001
Married, two earners	-0.036	0.354	-0.006	-29,589	<0.001
Mills ratio					
<i>N</i>			20,249		17,814
Log likelihood/adjusted <i>R</i> -squared			-6,144		0.24

Source: Authors' compilation.

TABLE 5.13 / Net Worth, Black Households, 1993

Variable	Probit			Adjusted OLS	
	Coefficient	P-value	dP/dX	Coefficient	P-value
Intercept	1.943	<0.001	0.495	35,323	0.015
Nonasset income (1997 dollars)					
<10,000	-0.629	<0.001	-0.160	-39,405	<0.001
10,000 to 19,999	-0.336	0.008	-0.086	-23,193	<0.001
20,000 to 29,999	-0.037	0.778	-0.009	-10,996	0.021
40,000 to 49,999	0.076	0.658	0.019	11,485	0.057
50,000 to 74,999	0.178	0.306	0.045	31,411	0.002
>75,000	0.161	0.485	0.410	88,399	<0.001
Age (years)					
25 to 29	-0.405	0.002	-0.103	-39,247	<0.001
30 to 34	-0.385	0.001	-0.098	-30,999	<0.001
35 to 39	-0.261	0.027	-0.066	-16,897	0.022
40 to 44	0.018	0.888	0.004	-6,561	0.217
50 to 54	0.288	0.058	0.073	31,146	0.001
55 to 59	0.450	0.005	0.115	39,072	<0.001
60 to 64	0.556	<0.001	0.142	44,333	<0.001
Education (years)					
<12	-0.183	0.070	-0.047	-21,817	<0.001
12	-0.007	0.938	-0.002	-5,192	0.220
16	0.168	0.236	0.043	12,316	0.109
>16	0.113	0.484	0.029	21,593	0.086

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TABLE 5.13 / *Continued*

Variable	Probit			Adjusted OLS	
	Coefficient	P-Value	dP/dX	Coefficient	P-Value
On public assistance	-0.454	<0.001	-0.116	-19,695	0.001
Married	0.453	<0.001	0.115	18,110	0.053
Anyone in household employed	0.335	0.001	0.085	8,264	0.283
Single female head of household	0.022	0.814	0.006	-6,429	0.300
State unemployment, 1993	0.000	0.999	0.000	961	0.539
Ratio of state welfare benefits to poverty level, 1993	-0.016	<0.001	-0.004	-327	0.177
Number of children	0.018	0.434	0.005	861	0.511
Married, two earners	-0.109	0.415	-0.028	-9,335	0.125
Mills ratio				75,866	0.005
N			2,174		1,597
Log likelihood/adjusted R-squared			-988		-0.220

Source: Authors' compilation.

TABLE 5.14 / Financial Assets, 1993

Variable	Probit			Adjusted OLS	
	Coefficient	P-Value	dP/dX	Coefficient	P-Value
Intercept	1.313	<0.001	0.199	5,596	0.477
Nonasset income (in 1997 dollars)					
<10,000	-1.028	<0.001	-0.156	-29,731	<0.001
10,000 to 19,999	-0.618	<0.001	-0.094	-18,012	<0.001
20,000 to 29,999	-0.192	<0.001	-0.029	-2,137	0.181
40,000 to 49,999	0.217	0.001	0.033	10,131	<0.001
50,000 to 74,999	0.490	<0.001	0.074	18,668	<0.001
>75,000	0.510	<0.001	0.077	59,748	<0.001
Age (years)					
25 to 29	-0.082	0.123	-0.012	-25,385	<0.001
30 to 34	-0.045	0.382	-0.007	-21,190	<0.001
35 to 39	-0.044	0.390	-0.007	-13,331	0.003
40 to 44	-0.005	0.926	-0.001	-9,963	0.037
50 to 54	0.202	0.001	0.031	9,286	0.057
55 to 59	0.275	<0.001	0.042	28,404	<0.001
60 to 64	0.409	<0.001	0.062	42,839	<0.001
Education (years)					
<12	-0.678	<0.001	-0.103	-32,554	<0.001
12	-0.276	<0.001	-0.042	-9,255	<0.001
16	0.255	<0.001	0.039	18,298	<0.001
>16	0.321	<0.001	0.049	31,837	<0.001

(Table continues on p. 198.)

TABLE 5.14 / *Continued*

Variable	Probit			Adjusted OLS	
	Coefficient	P-Value	dP/dX	Coefficient	P-Value
On public assistance	-0.559	<0.001	-0.085	-19,727	<0.001
Married	0.237	<0.001	0.036	11,311	<0.001
Anyone in household employed	0.219	<0.001	0.033	-3,678	0.241
Single female head of household	0.207	<0.001	0.031	-3,333	0.106
Race					
Black	-0.553	<0.001	-0.084	-22,251	<0.001
Native American	-0.202	0.123	-0.031	-12,323	0.002
Asian	-0.044	0.597	-0.007	-10,226	0.023
State unemployment, 1993	-0.050	<0.001	-0.008	302	0.719
Ratio of state welfare benefits to poverty level, 1993	-0.006	<0.001	0.001	256	<0.001
Number of children	-0.037	0.001	0.006	-2,715	<0.001
Married, two earners	0.084	0.054	0.013	-10,550	<0.001
Mills ratio				62,580	<0.001
N			20,249		17,216
Log likelihood/adjusted R-squared			-5,545		0.100

Source: Authors' compilation.

TABLE 5.15 / Transactions Accounts and Other Assets and Debts, 1993 Data

Wealth Category	Coefficient on Having a Transactions Account	
	Ownership Probit (Percentage) ^a	Asset Level Equation (Dollars)
Net financial assets > 0	43.6 (46.4)	36,825 (10.4)
Consumer debt > 0	19.2 (19.1)	1,406 (0.3)
Home ownership	13.2 (16.0)	10,757 (3.4)
Vehicle ownership	7.8 (15.4)	2,512 (11.6)

Source: Authors' compilation.

Note: T-statistics in parentheses.

^a Expressed as the change in the probability of owning the asset, evaluated at sample means.

TABLE 5A.1 / Sample Limitations, 1993 ($N = 20,249$)

Exclusion	Observations Removed	Resulting Sample Size
Full sample		31,022
Head of household less than twenty-five or more than sixty-four years of age	8,332	22,690
State coded in a group	1,483	21,207
Household switched states	176	21,031
Inconsistent asset data	782	20,249

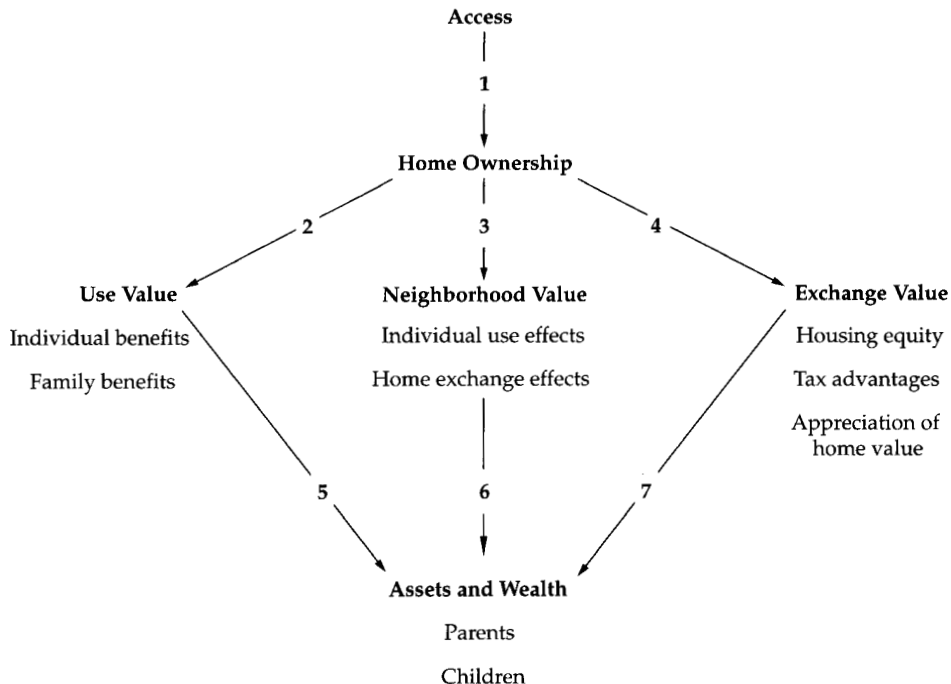
Source: Authors' compilation.

TABLE 5A.2 / Distribution of Housing Equity, Home Owners Only, 1984 to 1993,
by Age Cohort (Constant 1997 Dollars)

Ownership Distribution (Percentile)	1984	1987	1991	1993
All				
90th	154,476	155,414	176,762	155,502
75th	100,409	98,900	94,273	92,841
50th	60,610	56,514	43,601	45,488
25th	28,269	24,018	16,498	17,772
10th	10,813	8,477	3,535	4,443
Ages 25 to 34				
90th	92,685	100,313	93,095	87,160
75th	56,692	56,514	44,780	44,755
50th	29,350	25,431	18,855	19,471
25th	13,903	11,129	5,892	6,664
10th	3,244	2,826	0	355
Ages 35 to 44				
90th	154,476	148,350	169,692	136,006
75th	95,775	97,487	84,846	82,036
50th	57,928	53,688	38,888	40,788
25th	30,895	24,018	15,319	16,136
10th	12,358	8,477	2,585	4,123
Ages 45 to 54				
90th	162,199	172,368	176,762	166,609
75th	115,857	113,028	111,949	110,808
50th	74,148	70,643	56,564	57,561
25th	40,094	35,321	23,568	27,094
10th	16,992	14,129	6,540	8,348
Ages 55 to 64				
90th	185,371	197,799	212,115	199,931
75th	123,580	120,092	129,626	130,853
50th	77,238	77,707	70,705	72,197
25th	46,343	43,798	35,352	38,875
10th	21,627	19,780	16,498	16,661
Home ownership rate	65.8	63.2	64.4	63.4

Source: Authors' compilation.

FIGURE 7.1 / Pathways of Asset Building Through Home Ownership



Source: Author's compilation.

TABLE 7.1 / Home Ownership Rates, by Race and Age Cohort, 1960 to 1990

Age	Black Owners				White Owners				Ratio of Black to White Owners			
	1960	1970	1980	1990	1960	1970	1980	1990	1960	1970	1980	1990
All												
25 to 29	17.4	23.1	24.5	16.1	44.3	45.3	48.0	40.1	0.393	0.510	0.510	0.401
30 to 34	27.1	32.0	38.9	28.2	61.5	64.3	66.3	58.5	0.441	0.498	0.587	0.482
35 to 39	34.2	40.8	45.5	39.5	69.3	72.6	75.3	68.3	0.494	0.562	0.604	0.578
40 to 44	38.2	45.1	52.3	47.2	70.8	76.1	79.4	74.0	0.540	0.593	0.659	0.638
45 to 49	42.9	49.4	57.6	53.5	71.1	77.2	81.3	77.8	0.603	0.640	0.708	0.688
50 to 54	46.8	50.7	58.7	56.9	70.1	76.5	82.1	80.7	0.668	0.663	0.715	0.705
55 to 59	49.2	52.7	59.6	60.2	68.5	74.7	81.6	82.7	0.718	0.705	0.730	0.728
60 to 64	52.4	52.7	60.1	59.9	69.2	72.7	80.2	82.5	0.757	0.725	0.749	0.726
65 to 69	51.1	50.9	57.7	62.0	69.7	70.8	77.1	81.8	0.733	0.719	0.748	0.758
70 to 74	54.4	51.1	59.0	61.3	69.5	63.4	73.4	78.6	0.783	0.806	0.804	0.780
Lower 40 per- cent of the income distribution												
25 to 29	14.4	16.9	15.1	10.5	30.0	32.3	28.5	24.6	0.480	0.523	0.530	0.427
30 to 34	20.2	22.2	23.9	17.9	41.9	45.8	42.2	36.8	0.482	0.485	0.566	0.486
35 to 39	26.1	28.7	28.6	25.2	48.4	52.4	52.3	44.4	0.539	0.548	0.547	0.568
40 to 44	31.2	33.1	35.7	29.5	51.5	55.1	56.1	48.6	0.606	0.601	0.636	0.607
45 to 49	37.1	37.7	42.2	35.1	54.6	58.0	59.3	55.0	0.679	0.650	0.712	0.638
50 to 54	42.3	41.2	43.3	41.0	56.3	60.5	63.2	62.0	0.751	0.681	0.685	0.661
55 to 59	44.4	45.6	46.7	48.2	58.7	62.7	67.7	68.6	0.756	0.727	0.690	0.703
60 to 64	49.6	47.8	51.4	50.4	62.4	65.5	71.1	73.2	0.795	0.730	0.723	0.689
65 to 69	49.0	48.0	52.6	55.0	66.3	67.7	71.5	75.2	0.739	0.709	0.736	0.731
70 to 74	52.6	49.7	55.8	57.3	67.4	66.5	69.6	72.9	0.780	0.747	0.802	0.786

Source: Author's calculations from IPUMS data, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990. (Ruggles and Sobek 1997).

TABLE 7.2 / Predicted Probability of Owning a Home, by Education Level, Income, Race and Age, 1960 to 1990

Age (Years)	High School Diploma, Mean Income				Less than High School Diploma, 50 Percent of Mean Income			
	1960	1970	1980	1990	1960	1970	1980	1990
Black owners								
30	0.389	0.452	0.544	0.459	0.274	0.329	0.372	0.286
40	0.482	0.551	0.650	0.597	0.356	0.423	0.479	0.412
50	0.577	0.551	0.742	0.722	0.447	0.522	0.588	0.551
60	0.666	0.551	0.817	0.819	0.541	0.620	0.689	0.682
White owners								
30	0.581	0.634	0.693	0.635	0.451	0.508	0.528	0.451
40	0.670	0.721	0.778	0.753	0.546	0.606	0.635	0.590
50	0.748	0.794	0.845	0.842	0.637	0.697	0.730	0.715
60	0.813	0.852	0.894	0.903	0.720	0.774	0.807	0.815
Ratio of black to white ownership								
30	0.670	0.713	0.785	0.723	0.608	0.648	0.705	0.634
40	0.719	0.764	0.835	0.793	0.652	0.698	0.754	0.698
50	0.771	0.694	0.878	0.857	0.702	0.749	0.805	0.771
60	0.819	0.647	0.914	0.907	0.751	0.801	0.854	0.837

Source: Regression equation in table 7A.1, in the appendix.

Note: All probabilities are for married veterans who are employed full-time and living in the Northeast.

TABLE 7.3 / Mean Value of Owned Home, by Race and Age Cohort, 1960 to 1990 (1990 Dollars)

Age	Black Owned				White Owned				Ratio of Black Owned to White Owned			
	1960	1970	1980	1990	1960	1970	1980	1990	1960	1970	1980	1990
All												
25 to 29	34,153	44,988	57,735	53,789	55,195	64,509	81,656	77,121	0.619	0.697	0.707	0.697
30 to 34	36,850	47,840	64,239	60,101	61,887	71,354	96,912	95,733	0.595	0.670	0.663	0.628
35 to 39	39,615	47,787	65,106	65,124	64,991	75,437	107,111	108,299	0.610	0.633	0.608	0.601
40 to 44	36,757	45,816	62,914	73,020	65,103	75,340	105,404	118,239	0.565	0.608	0.597	0.618
45 to 49	35,006	45,319	58,425	75,377	63,029	73,980	102,844	120,643	0.555	0.613	0.568	0.625
50 to 54	32,170	41,665	53,620	72,417	60,835	70,080	97,679	114,426	0.529	0.595	0.549	0.633
55 to 59	30,575	38,708	49,592	67,547	58,037	64,596	92,316	109,812	0.527	0.599	0.537	0.615
60 to 64	29,955	37,124	47,105	61,460	55,960	59,665	84,216	103,051	0.535	0.622	0.559	0.596
65 to 69	26,486	31,775	44,000	57,361	51,574	54,693	76,242	95,735	0.514	0.581	0.577	0.599
70 to 74	25,768	29,726	37,934	54,706	48,105	51,892	69,946	88,714	0.536	0.573	0.542	0.617
Lower 40 percent of the income distribution												
25 to 29	26,947	35,746	46,550	38,016	40,513	48,133	64,909	45,727	0.665	0.743	0.717	0.831
30 to 34	27,923	37,878	46,779	40,113	43,337	50,377	71,411	52,389	0.644	0.752	0.655	0.766
35 to 39	30,447	36,294	46,740	40,191	44,134	51,640	75,360	60,167	0.690	0.703	0.620	0.668
40 to 44	29,508	34,578	44,987	43,110	43,953	50,789	74,243	65,688	0.671	0.681	0.606	0.656
45 to 49	27,224	35,239	44,101	45,544	42,617	50,080	69,194	65,068	0.639	0.704	0.637	0.700
50 to 54	25,831	32,423	40,925	44,628	41,864	47,582	65,358	62,211	0.617	0.681	0.626	0.717
55 to 59	26,116	31,847	39,042	45,071	40,352	44,357	63,740	64,194	0.647	0.718	0.613	0.702
60 to 64	25,921	32,394	38,291	46,531	42,293	43,771	61,165	65,640	0.613	0.740	0.626	0.709
65 to 69	23,969	29,002	39,218	47,030	41,857	44,949	59,628	67,162	0.573	0.645	0.658	0.700
70 to 74	23,925	27,928	34,658	48,324	41,044	44,261	57,249	65,998	0.583	0.631	0.605	0.732

Source: Author's calculations from IPUMS data, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990 (Ruggles and Sobek 1997).

TABLE 7.4 / Predicted Home Values, by Education Level, Income, Race, and Age, 1960 to 1990 (1990 Dollars)

Age (Years)	High School Diploma, Mean Income				Less than High School Diploma, 50 percent Mean Income			
	1960	1970	1980	1990	1960	1970	1980	1990
Black owners								
30	52,287	59,483	51,360	87,222	42,370	49,485	34,801	67,132
40	53,501	59,307	52,158	92,311	43,944	49,310	35,599	72,221
50	54,716	59,132	52,956	97,400	45,159	49,135	36,396	77,310
60	54,716	58,957	53,754	102,489	46,373	48,960	37,194	82,399
White owners								
30	61,556	69,169	69,964	99,160	51,998	59,172	53,405	79,070
40	62,770	68,994	70,762	104,249	53,213	58,996	54,203	84,159
50	63,984	68,819	71,560	109,338	54,427	58,821	55,001	89,248
60	65,198	68,644	72,358	114,427	55,641	58,646	55,798	94,337
Ratio of black to white housing value								
30	0.849	0.860	0.734	0.880	0.815	0.836	0.652	0.849
40	0.852	0.860	0.737	0.885	0.826	0.836	0.657	0.858
50	0.855	0.859	0.740	0.891	0.830	0.835	0.662	0.866
60	0.839	0.859	0.743	0.896	0.833	0.835	0.667	0.873

Source: Regression equation in table 7A.2, in the appendix.

TABLE 7.5 / Tract-Level Median Housing Values and Housing Appreciation, by Race, Washington, D.C., 1990

Percentage Black	Black Housing Units (Percentage)	Housing Value (1990 Dollars)		Appreciation, 1980 to 1990 (Percentage)	
		Black	White	Black	White
Central city (N = 49,951 housing units)					
<5	0.9	330,182	315,568	130.0	46.2
5 to 9	0.9	338,608	353,219	36.1	59.6
10 to 19	0.8	155,597	204,119	39.2	45.5
20 to 29	0.1	180,233	454,837	86.3	218.5
30 to 39	0.3	154,030	202,996	13.6	10.3
40 to 49	1.0	198,117	243,679	64.1	70.6
50 to 59	1.3	125,896	231,296	18.9	12.0
60 to 69	3.6	197,250	218,927	41.4	5.5
70 to 79	5.2	115,901	196,701	17.1	41.8
80 to 89	21.7	119,639	167,917	15.0	13.3
90 to 100	64.2	91,956	110,464	9.1	13.7
Suburbs (N = 85,269)					
<5	10.4	219,146	248,453	38.6	32.2
5 to 9	11.0	145,623	172,165	31.7	35.2
10 to 19	12.5	144,727	176,205	36.0	41.9
20 to 29	14.3	130,889	138,202	27.7	22.4
30 to 39	7.7	120,084	152,747	18.1	18.7
40 to 49	4.5	109,034	152,770	23.9	30.8
50 to 59	18.0	118,228	125,885	17.3	23.8
60 to 69	6.5	108,606	114,999	7.5	9.2
70 to 79	1.5	95,703	94,957	5.5	3.4
80 to 89	6.8	89,569	91,229	11.3	10.0
90 to 100	6.8	82,899	73,561	8.8	5.0

Source: 1980 and 1990 STF4 data.

TABLE 7.6 / Average Neighborhood Characteristics of Poor White and Black Owners and Renters, 1990

Neighborhood Characteristic	Black Owners	Black Renters	Black Own-Rent	White Owners	White Renters	White Own-Rent	Black Owners to White Owners
Percentage white	24.5	28.4	-3.9	81.4	73.9	7.5	-56.9
Percentage black	66.5	56.8	9.7	6.5	8.3	-1.8	60.0
Percentage new residents	41.2	50.6	-9.4	48.2	55.6	-7.4	-7.0
Percentage 4+ years of college	12.2	14.3	-2.1	20.5	23.8	-3.3	-8.3
Percentage single parent family	22.7	27.5	-4.8	9.7	12.6	-2.9	13.0
Percentage on public assistance	16.6	19	-2.4	5.9	7.3	-1.4	10.7
Percentage houses boarded up	12.9	10.7	2.2	2.5	2.6	-0.1	10.4
Percentage houses owner occupied	57.7	35.2	22.5	69.0	49.3	19.7	-11.3
Year built	1941	1942	-1	1951	1948	3	-10
Household income (1990 dollars)	24,383	21,949	2,434	35,125	31,466	3,659	-10,742
Housing value (1990 dollars)	66,843	90,022	-23,179	112,450	131,760	-19,310	-45,607

Source: Data from 1990 STF4.

Note: Poor households are defined here as those with yearly income of less than \$35,000. Means are weighted by the number of black and white owners or renters living in each tract.

TABLE 7A.1 / Logistic Regression Predicting Home Ownership

Variable	1960			1970			1980			1990		
	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
Intercept	0.675	-1.296	-2.664	0.835	-1.351	2.725	0.991	-1.968	-2.971	0.873	-2.475	-3.384
Black	-1.116	-0.781	-0.778	-1.091	-0.78	-0.743	-1.056	-0.704	-0.637	-1.078	-0.782	-0.718
Age		0.025	0.038		0.027	0.040		0.036	0.044		0.047	0.056
Family income		0.030	0.022		0.027	0.016		0.044	0.028		0.036	0.024
Married			0.909			1.101			1.285			1.156
Full-time work			0.178			0.289			0.253			0.280
Veteran			0.149			0.117			-0.011			-0.113
Education												
Less than high school			-0.216			-0.233			-0.232			-0.284
High school			ref.			ref.			ref.			ref.
Some college			-0.156			-0.152			-0.082			-0.043
More than four years of college			-0.309			-0.320			-0.167			-0.142
Region												
Northeast			ref.			ref.			ref.			ref.
South			0.504			0.512			0.550			0.419
Midwest			0.463			0.500			0.524			0.413
West			0.284			0.146			0.157			-0.071
N	371,118	371,118	371,118	441,298	441,298	441,298	536,858	536,858	536,858	614,770	614,770	614,770
Chi-squared	10,432	34,702	51,037	12,429	45,962	74,210	15,142	95,257	133,023	18,830	130,191	166,602
df	1	3	12	1	3	12	1	3	12	1	3	12
Predicted correctly (percentage)	16.1	67.9	71.4	17.3	69.7	74.0	19.0	75.0	79.4	17.5	77.2	79.9

Source: Data from IPUMS. All coefficients statistically significant at $p < .01$ except veteran status in 1980 model.

Note: Ref. means it is the reference category against which others are compared (for example, the effects for south, midwest, and west are how much they differ from northeast).

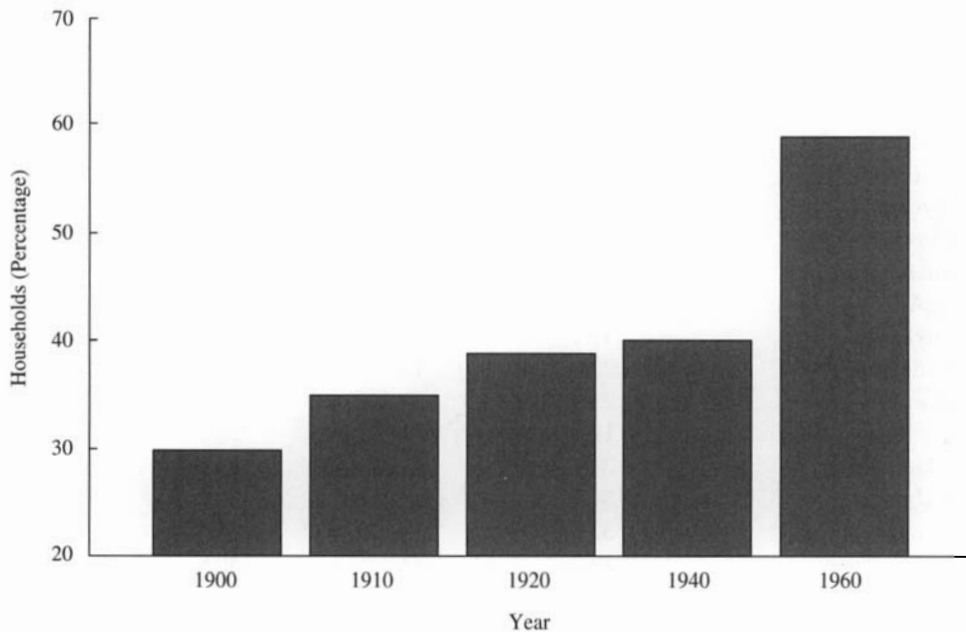
TABLE 7A.2 / OLS Regression Predicting Value of Home

Variable	1960			1970			1980			1990		
	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
Intercept	13,616	7,817	8,462	20,168	13,666	14,633	58,695	33,511	25,908	104,799	28,386	52,364
Black	-6,086.0	-3,258.0	-2,099.0	-7,784.8	-4,571.0	-2,875.6	-23,839.0	-16,246.0	-11,729.0	-39,291.0	-23,628.0	-11,938.0
Age		-11.4	27.5		-52.5	-5.2		-102.9	50.3		357.8	508.9
Family income		853.6	682.8		732.7	563.7		1,186.0	987.7		1,262.5	1,032.1
Married			-106.9			214.6			-580.4			774.4
Full-time work			-23.0			-539.3			-2,511.0			-5,542.5
Veteran			454.6			445.7			-1,096.4			-3,882.3
Education												
Less than high school			-2,444.2			-2,968.5			-6,945.9			-12,097.0
High school			ref.			ref.			ref.			ref.
Some college			1,860.0			3,125.6			8,276.8			15,008.0
Four or more years of college			3,602.3			6,522.5			19,231.0			37,488.0
Region												
Northeast			ref.			ref.			ref.			ref.
South			-2,073.5			-3,280.0			-999.2			-46,330.0
Midwest			-650.5			-2,045.0			-1,939.3			-53,244.0
West			400.1			826.1			25,484.0			7,607.0
N	216,586	216,586	216,586	265,500	265,500	265,500	321,320	321,320	321,320	436,305	436,305	436,305
R-squared	0.037	0.312	0.393	0.030	0.316	0.409	0.030	0.277	0.416	0.016	0.302	0.432
Adj. R-squared	0.037	0.312	0.393	0.030	0.316	0.409	0.030	0.277	0.416	0.016	0.302	0.432

Source: Data from IPUMS. All coefficients statistically significant at $p < .01$ except full-time work in 1960 model.

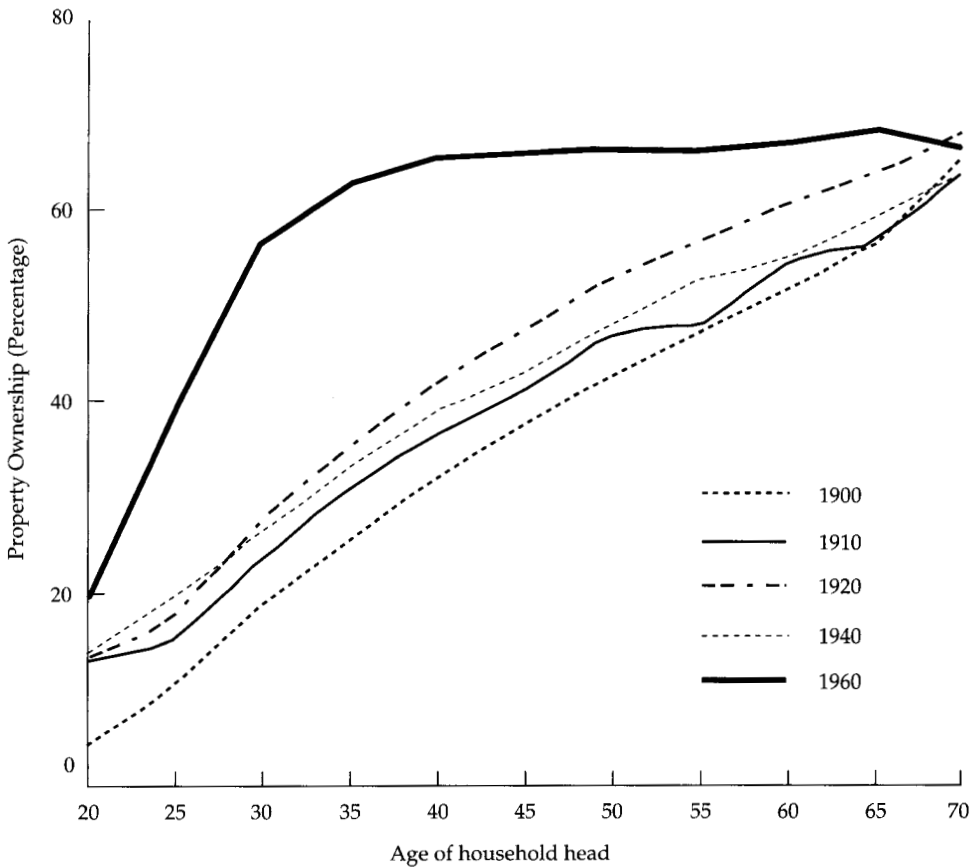
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FIGURE 8.1 / Property Ownership Rate, Metropolitan Households, United States, 1900 to 1960



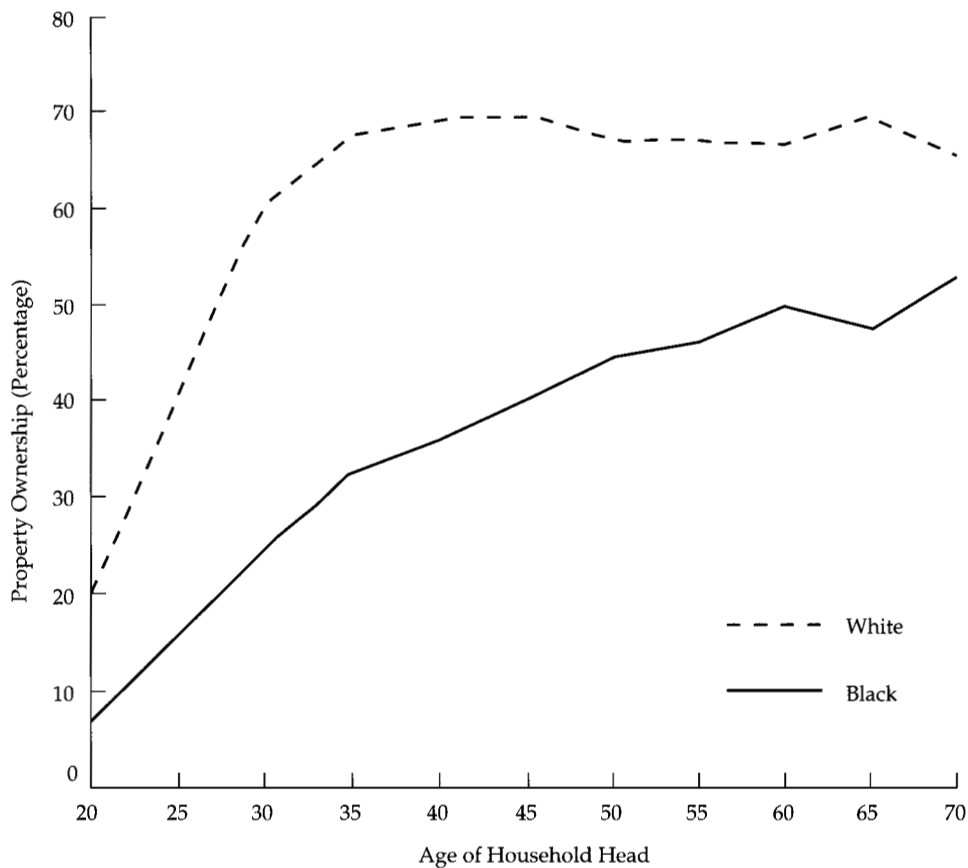
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FIGURE 8.2 / Property Ownership Rate, by Age of Head of Household and Year, Metropolitan Households, United States, 1900 to 1960



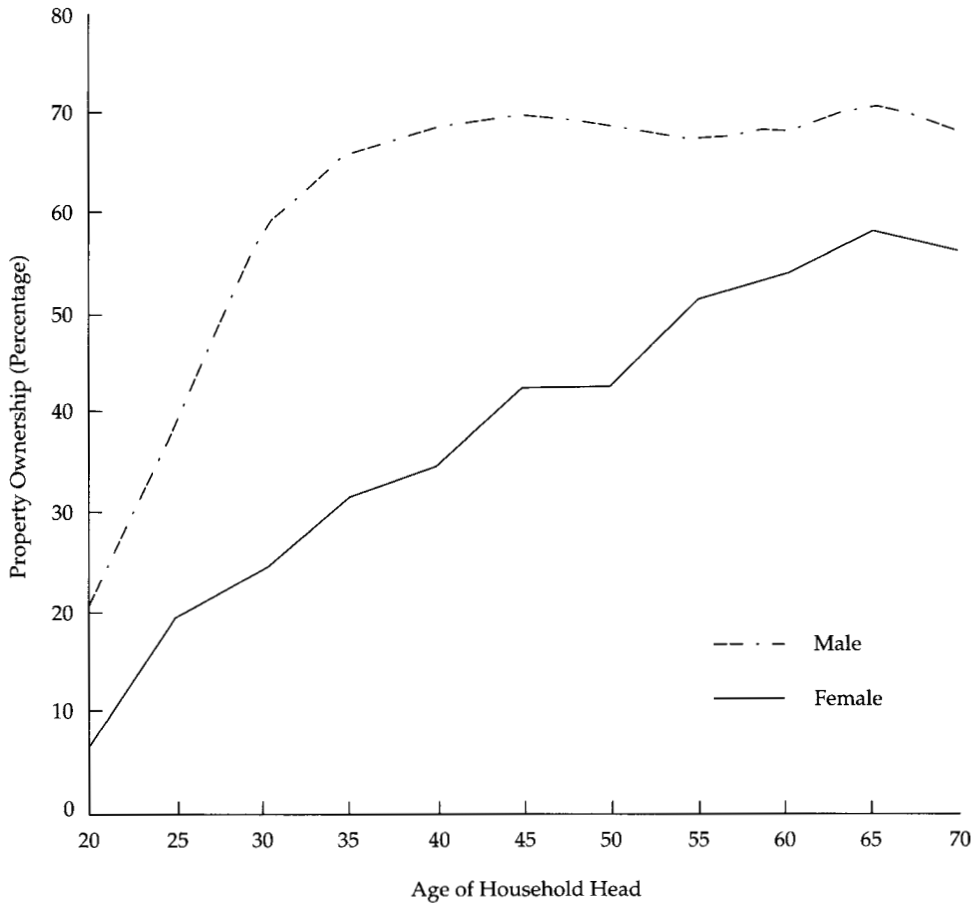
Source: Ruggles and Sobek (1997).

FIGURE 8.3 / Property Ownership Rates, by Age and Race of Head of Household, Metropolitan Households, 1960



Source: Ruggles and Sobek (1997).

FIGURE 8.4 / Property Ownership Rate, by Age and Gender of Head of Household, Metropolitan Households, 1960



Source: Ruggles and Sobek (1997).

TABLE 8.1 / Property Ownership Rate, U.S. Metropolitan Households, 1900 to 1960

Year	Homeowners	
	<i>N</i>	Percentage of All Households
1900	6,676	29.6
1910	30,051	34.8
1920	52,940	38.7
1940	11,255	39.7
1960	16,196	59.2

Source: Bureau of the Census, Public-Use Microdata Samples.

TABLE 8.2 / Property Ownership Rate, by Major Metropolitan Area, U.S. Metropolitan Households, 1900 to 1940 (Percentage)

City	1900	1910	1920	1940
Baltimore	30.9	36.0	42.7	40.4
Boston	34.5	30.1	34.2	37.3
Buffalo	35.4	40.0	45.4	35.9
Chicago	27.0	31.2	33.0	33.6
Cincinnati	29.1	32.9	38.8	43.1
Cleveland	38.1	37.2	40.9	44.5
Detroit	41.9	42.7	48.2	46.5
Indianapolis	26.1	35.5	28.9	45.1
Los Angeles	45.8	53.2	43.8	41.7
Milwaukee	41.1	36.9	41.6	37.3
Minneapolis	20.8	43.8	47.1	46.3
New Orleans	23.9	25.5	23.2	26.4
New York	17.6	19.8	22.8	27.1
Philadelphia	24.1	35.6	44.8	42.5
Pittsburgh	34.2	37.0	38.0	39.8
St. Louis	32.1	34.4	32.7	39.2
San Francisco	28.7	43.0	40.8	40.8
Seattle	32.0	54.3	60.1	50.7
Washington, D.C.	22.2	59.3	61.1	41.9

Source: Bureau of the Census, Public-Use Microdata Samples.

TABLE 8.3 / Property Ownership Rate by Selected Occupations, U.S. Metropolitan Households, 1900 to 1960 (Percentage)

Occupation	1900	1910	1920	1940	1960
Professionals and managers	35.7	41.7	44.7	45.3	67.8
Clerical and sales workers	24.2	32.4	36.3	35.8	57.9
Craft workers	27.1	31.7	38.2	44.0	66.2
Operatives and service workers	18.8	23.7	28.3	30.6	51.9
Total	29.7	34.8	38.7	39.7	59.2

Source: Bureau of the Census, Public-Use Microdata Samples.

TABLE 8.4 / Property Ownership Rate, by Ethnicity and Region, U.S. Metropolitan Households, 1900 to 1960 (Percentage)

Ethnicity and Region	1900	1910	1920	1940	1960
Northern native-born whites, with native-born parents	34.7	40.3	42.3	40.7	63.0
Northern native-born whites, with foreign parents	28.0	35.1	40.2	—	—
Northern black and other	15.7	19.8	22.3	22.2	34.2
Southern white	28.5	34.6	38.2	39.8	64.1
Southern black	11.9	19.7	21.0	18.4	37.8
Foreign-born, northern and western European	33.6	39.9	45.1	48.9	57.2
Foreign-born, southern and eastern European	14.0	18.6	31.5	40.8	58.6
Other	23.6	27.8	31.6	29.9	46.2
Total	29.7	34.8	38.7	39.7	59.2

Source: Bureau of the Census, Public-Use Microdata Samples.

Note: In 1940 and 1960, northern, native-born with native-born parents includes all northern, native born.

TABLE 9.1 / Estimated Federal Tax Expenditures to Individuals, Fiscal Year 2000

Type	Amount spent (Billions)
Asset building	
Home ownership: mortgage interest deduction, exclusion of capital gains, and so on	\$75.2
Retirement accounts: exclusion of pension contributions, individual retirement accounts, Keoghs, and so on	123.6
Investments and business property: capital gains rates and exclusions, exclusion of interest on government bonds, and so on	89.7
Total asset-building tax expenditures to individuals	288.5
Other	219.8
Total tax expenditures to individuals	508.3

Source: U.S. House 1998.

TABLE 9.2 / Hypotheses of the Institutional View of Saving

Saving Element	Hypothesis
Incentives	The higher the matching deposits, the greater the participation and savings.
	The higher the earnings on savings, the greater the participation and savings.
	The more feasible the saving goal (home purchase, microenterprise, job training), the greater the participation and savings.
Information	The more the program outreach, the greater the participation and savings.
	The more educational programming and "economic literacy," the greater the participation and savings.
	The more peer modeling and information sharing, the greater the participation and savings.
Access	The greater the proximity of the savings program, the greater the participation and savings.
	The greater the use of electronic deposits, the greater the participation and savings.
	The fewer the organizational barriers, the greater the participation and savings.
Facilitation	The more involved the program and staff in assisting with savings, the greater the participation and savings.
	The more automatic the system (especially automatic deposits), the greater the participation and savings.

Source: Sherraden 1999.

TABLE 9.3 / Savings Outcomes in American Dream Demonstration of Individual Development Accounts (Dollars) ($N = 1,326$)

Outcome	Mean	Median	Standard Deviation
Participant savings	286	181	309
Average monthly deposit	33	23	44
Deposit regularity	0.66	0.70	0.29
Proportion of savings goal	0.71	0.59	0.84

Source: Sherraden et al. 2000.

Note: Participant savings is total participant deposits, minus unapproved withdrawals, plus interest. Average monthly deposit is participant savings divided by the number of months in the IDA program. Deposit regularity is number of months in which deposits were made divided by the number of months in the program. Proportion of savings goal is participant savings divided by the amount that could be saved and matched. At this data collection point, June 30, 1999, the mean and median length of participation was nine months.

TABLE 9.4 / Savings by Poverty Level in American Dream Demonstration of Individual Development Accounts (N = 1,326)

Income in Relation to Poverty Level	Average Monthly Deposit (Dollars)		Ratio of Average Monthly Deposit to Household Monthly Income	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
.50 and below	29.10	20.10	0.083	0.040
.51 to .75	31.00	19.50	0.038	0.023
.76 to 1.00	30.60	22.60	0.031	0.023
1.01 to 1.25	36.60	22.50	0.029	0.018
1.26 to 1.50	35.80	28.00	0.025	0.018
1.51 to 1.75	31.60	24.10	0.020	0.015
1.76 to 2.00	38.20	25.30	0.020	0.013
Over 2.00	36.30	34.40	0.017	0.014
Total	33.30	23.50	0.033	0.019

Source: Sherraden et al. 2000.

TABLE 10.1 / Top Twenty-Five Tax Expenditures, Ranked by Revenue Loss, 1999

Provision	1999 Revenue Loss (Billions of Dollars)
1. Exclusion of employer contributions for medical insurance premiums and medical care	76
2. Net exclusion of employer pension-plan contributions and earnings	72
3. Deductibility of mortgage interest on owner-occupied homes	54
4. Deductibility of nonbusiness state and local taxes other than taxes on owner-occupied homes	33
5. Earned income tax credit (including outlays)	29
6. Accelerated depreciation of machinery and equipment	29
7. Capital gains (other than agriculture, timber, iron ore, and coal)	26
8. Deductibility of charitable contributions	25
9. Child credit	19
10. Exclusion of social security benefits for retired workers	19
11. Deduction of state and local property taxes on owner-occupied homes	18
12. Exclusion of interest on public purpose bonds	15
13. Exclusion of interest on life insurance savings	14
14. Net exclusion of individual retirement account contributions and earnings	11
15. Capital gains exclusion on home sales	9
16. Step-up basis of capital gains at death	9
17. Exclusion of interest on state and local debt for various nonpublic purposes	7
18. Exclusion of workmen's compensation benefits	5
19. Graduated corporation income tax rate	5
20. Deductibility of medical expenses	5
21. HOPE tax credit	4
22. Exclusion of social security benefits for dependents and survivors	4
23. Net exclusion of Keogh plan contributions and earnings	4
24. Exception from passive loss rules for \$25,000 of rental loss	4
25. Accelerated depreciation of buildings other than rental housing	3

Source: U.S. Executive Office of the President 1998.

TABLE 10.2 / Tax Expenditures and Direct Expenditures, Fiscal Year 1995
(Billions of Dollars)

Category	Tax Expenditure		Direct Expenditure	
	Total Amount	Example	Total Amount	Example
Income security	203	Employer pensions (76)	481	Social security (295)
Health care	99	Employer health insurance (77)	272	Medicare (157) Medicaid (88)
Housing	97	Home mortgage interest deduction (51) Deferral of capital gains on sale of residence (17)	24	
Social services	30	Charity (25)	16	
Education	6		32	
Veterans	2		38	
Employment and training	0		32	Unemployment insurance (24)
Total	438		896	

Source: Howard 1997, 26.

TABLE 10.3 / Distribution of Selected Tax Expenditures, 1994

Tax Expenditure	Total Amount (Billions of Dollars)	Share of Total Dollar Amount Claimed, by Income Class (Percentage)				
		Up to \$10,000	\$10,000 to \$30,000	\$30,000 to \$50,000	\$50,000 to \$100,000	More than \$100,000
Deduction of home mortgage interest	51	0	2	10	44	44
Deduction of state and local income and personal property taxes	24	0	1	5	32	62
Exclusion of social security and railroad retirement benefits	22	0	35	47	16	1
Earned Income Tax Credit	20	26	71	3	0	0
Deduction of charitable contributions	17	0	3	10	34	52
Deduction of real estate taxes	13	0	2	10	44	43
Deduction of extraordinary medical expenses	4	0	10	26	44	20
Tax credit for child and dependent care expenses	3	0	21	28	42	9

Source: Howard 1997, 28.

TABLE 10.4 / Earned Income Credit Parameters, 1975 to 1997

Year	Credit Rate (Percentage)	Minimum Income for Maximum Credit (Dollars)	Maximum Credit (Dollars)	Phase-Out Rate (Percentage)	Phase-Out Range (Dollars)	
					Beginning Income	Ending Income
1975 to 1978	10.00	4,000	400	10.00	4,000	8,000
1979 to 1984	10.00	5,000	500	12.50	6,000	10,000
1985 to 1986	14.00	5,000	550	12.22	6,500	11,000
1987	14.00	6,080	851	10.00	6,920	15,432
1988	14.00	6,240	874	10.00	9,840	18,576
1989	14.00	6,500	910	10.00	10,240	19,340
1990	14.00	6,810	953	10.00	10,730	20,264
1991						
One child	16.70	7,140	1,192	11.93	11,250	21,250
Two children	17.30	7,140	1,235	12.36	11,250	21,250
1992						
One child	17.60	7,520	1,324	12.57	11,840	22,370
Two children	18.40	7,520	1,384	13.14	11,840	22,370
1993						
One child	18.50	7,750	1,434	13.21	12,200	23,050
Two children	19.50	7,750	1,511	13.93	12,200	23,050

1994						
No children	7.65	4,000	306	7.65	5,000	9,000
One child	26.30	7,750	2,038	15.98	11,000	23,755
Two children	30.00	8,425	2,528	17.68	11,000	25,296
1995						
No children	7.65	4,100	314	7.65	5,130	9,230
One child	34.00	6,160	2,094	15.98	11,290	24,396
Two children	36.00	8,640	3,110	20.22	11,290	26,673
1996						
No children	7.65	4,220	323	7.65	5,280	9,500
One child	34.00	6,330	2,152	15.98	11,610	25,078
Two children	40.00	8,890	3,556	21.06	11,610	28,495
1997						
No children	7.65	4,340	332	7.65	5,430	9,770
One child	34.00	6,500	2,210	15.98	11,930	25,750
Two children	40.00	9,140	3,656	21.06	11,930	29,290

Source: U.S. House 1998, 867.

Note: Dollar amounts unadjusted for inflation.

TABLE 10.5 / Distribution of Earned Income Tax Credit, 1997

Income Class (Dollars)	Joint Returns		Head of Household and Single Returns		All Returns	
	Number	Amount (Dollars)	Number	Amount (Dollars)	Number	Amount (Dollars)
0 to 10,000	681	924	4,495	4,816	5,175	5,740
10,000 to 20,000	1,615	3,592	4,824	9,270	6,439	12,862
20,000 to 30,000	2,038	2,873	3,067	3,900	5,106	6,773
30,000 to 40,000	920	711	730	602	1,650	1,313
40,000 to 50,000	112	93	18	18	130	111
50,000 to 75,000	29	35	5	12	33	47
75,000 and more	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5,394	8,229	13,139	18,618	18,534	26,847
Distribution by type of return (percentage)	29.1	30.7	70.9	69.3	100.0	100.0

Source: U.S. House 1998, 871.

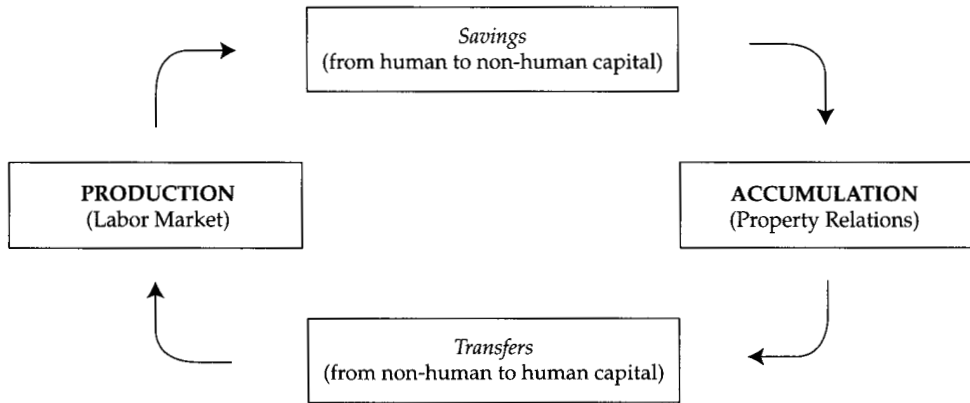
TABLE 10.6 / Earned Income Tax Credit: Number of Recipients and Amount of Credit, 1975 to 2000

Year	Number of Recipient Families (Thousands)	Total Amount of Credit (Millions of Dollars)	Refunded Portion of Credit (Millions of Dollars)	Average Credit per Family (Dollars)
1975	6,215	1,250	900	201
1976	6,437	1,295	890	200
1977	5,627	1,127	880	200
1978	5,192	1,048	801	202
1979	7,135	2,052	1,395	288
1980	6,954	1,986	1,370	286
1981	6,717	1,912	1,278	285
1982	6,395	1,775	1,222	278
1983	7,368	1,795	1,289	224
1984	6,376	1,638	1,162	257
1985	7,432	2,088	1,499	281
1986	7,156	2,009	1,479	281
1987	8,738	3,391	2,930	450
1988	11,148	5,896	4,257	529
1989	11,696	6,595	4,636	564
1990	12,542	7,542	5,266	601
1991	13,665	11,105	8,183	813
1992	14,097	13,028	9,959	924
1993	15,117	15,537	12,028	1,028
1994 ^a	19,017	21,105	16,598	1,110
1995 ^a	19,335	25,956	20,829	1,342
1996 ^a	18,525	25,935	20,826	1,400
1997 ^a	18,652	26,919	21,684	1,443
1998 ^a	18,788	27,677	22,452	1,473
1999 ^a	18,954	28,728	23,416	1,516
2000 ^a	19,212	29,921	24,380	1,557

Source: U.S. House 1998, 872.

^a Estimated.

FIGURE 11.1 / Parallel Systems of Stratification



Source: Author's compilation.