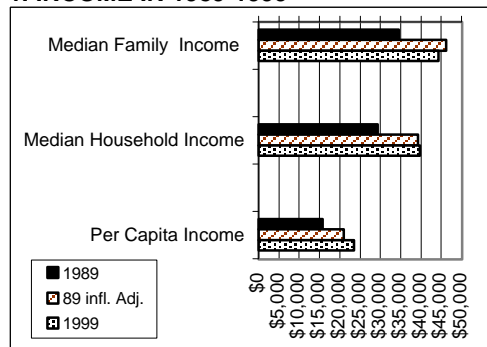




**Boston Income Trends:**

- Median family income increased from \$34,377 to \$44,151 - a 28% increase - but not enough to keep up with inflation which equaled 34% (Boston CPI-U) during the same period. Family incomes at the first and third quartiles (bottom 25% and top 25%) also did not keep up with inflation, though family incomes at the third quartile came close, growing by 31% from \$58,288 to \$76,364, while those in the first quartile gained only 27% from \$17,450 to \$22,105.
- Household income did keep up with inflation during the decade rising by \$10,449 or 36% from \$29,180 to \$39,629. Household incomes at the first and third quartiles (bottom 25% and top 25%) also kept pace with inflation, with first quartile incomes growing 35% from \$13,031 to \$17,544, and third quartile incomes gaining 41% from \$50,817 to \$71,676.
- The increase in per capita income far outpaced inflation rising by 50% or \$7,772 from \$15,581 to \$23,353.
- Full-time male workers earned \$37,435 compared to \$32,421 for full-time female workers - a \$5000 or 15% difference.
- The percentage of households earning \$100,000 or more jumped from 4.7% in 1989 to 12.8% in 1999. The percentage of families earning \$100,000 or more jumped from 6% to 14.5%. Even after adjusting for inflation, the percentage of households and families earning over \$100,000 increased by 1.8% and 2.7% respectively.
- The percentage of persons earning Social Security dropped from 21.1% in 1989 to 18.7% in 1999. The mean Social Security income was \$9,243.
- The percentage of households with public assistance income dropped from 27,213 in 1989 to 9,766 in 1999, a drop from 11.9% of the households then to 4.1% now.
- The percentage of households with retirement income dropped slightly from 11.9% in 1989 to 10.9% in 1999. The mean retirement income in 1999 was \$15,498.

**1. INCOME IN 1989-1999**

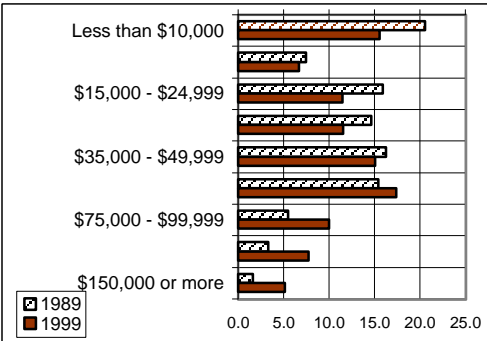


Subject	1989	Infl. Adj. to 1999	1999
<b>Median Family Income</b>	\$34,377	\$46,065	\$44,151
<b>Median Household Income</b>	\$29,180	\$39,101	\$39,629
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	\$15,581	\$20,879	\$23,353
<b>Inflation multiplier</b>	<b>1.00</b>		<b>1.34</b>

(Note: \$1.00 earned in 1989 is equivalent to \$1.34 earned in 1999.)

1989 income is adjusted to 1999 to reflect inflation.)

**2. HOUSEHOLD INCOME**



	Number	%	Number	%
<b>HOUSEHOLDS</b>	227,958	100	239,603	100
Less than \$10,000	46,705	20.5	37,230	15.5
\$10,000 - \$14,999	16,829	7.4	15,764	6.6
\$15,000 - \$24,999	36,105	15.8	27,276	11.4
\$25,000 - \$34,999	33,184	14.6	27,496	11.5
\$35,000 - \$49,999	36,967	16.2	35,928	15
\$50,000 - \$74,999	34,920	15.3	41,496	17.3
\$75,000 - \$99,999	12,358	5.4	23,784	9.9
\$100,000 - \$149,999	7,370	3.2	18,496	7.7
\$150,000 or more	3,520	1.5	12,133	5.1
<b>Median household income</b>	<b>\$29,180</b>		<b>\$39,629</b>	

