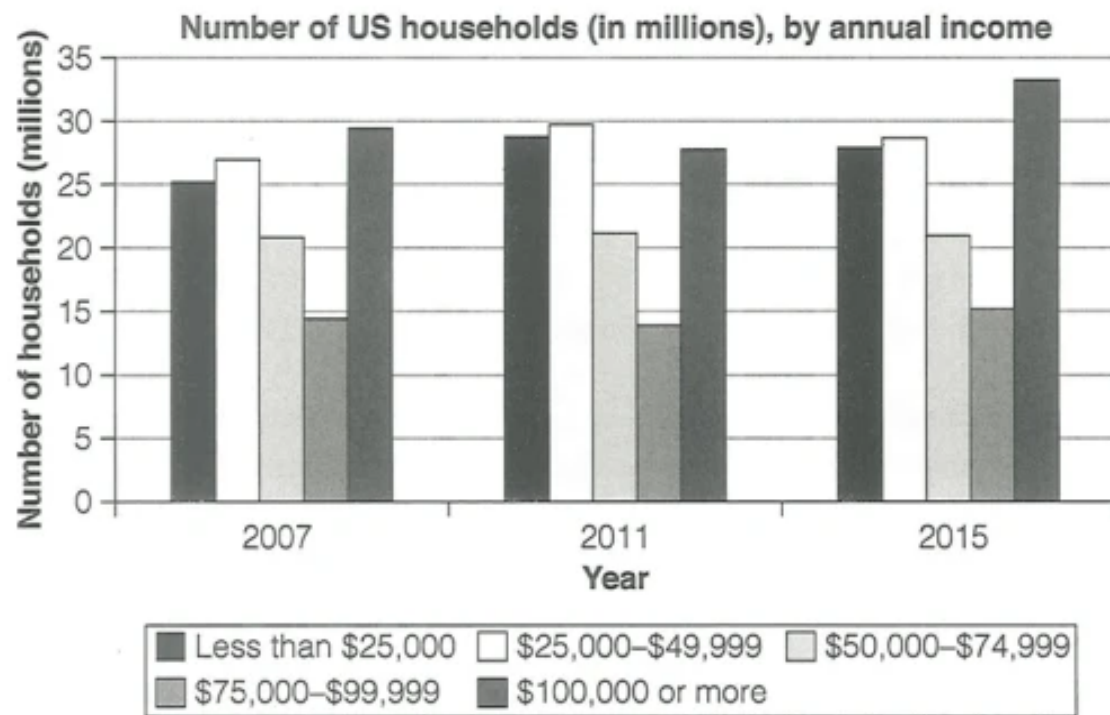


## Task 1: Bar Chart

**Subject:** The chart below shows the number of households in the US by their annual income in 2007, 2011, and 2015. Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and making comparisons where relevant.



## Model Answer #1

### Response:

The bar chart illustrates the number of households in the US based on their annual income for three different years: 2007, 2011, and 2015.

Overall, while the numbers of middle-class and upper-middle-class individuals remained almost steady throughout the given years, the numbers of lower-class, lower-middle-class, and upper-class individuals fluctuated in various ways.

It can be observed that the number of people earning between 50 and 75 thousand dollars stayed roughly the same across all three years, with their figures slightly exceeding 20 million. Similarly, the number of individuals in the upper-middle class, earning between 75 and 100 thousand dollars, did not change significantly over time, although their figures were slightly less stable than those of the middle class.

On the other hand, the number of lower-class individuals rose from just over 25 million to just under 30 million between 2007 and 2011, then slightly decreased to around 27 million in 2015. A similar pattern was observed for the lower-middle class, with an increase between 2007 and 2011 followed by a decrease to 2015, fluctuating near 27 million households. However, the number of individuals with incomes exceeding 100 thousand dollars decreased from 2007 to 2011 but then increased to over 30 million after 2011.

### Evaluation:

#### Overall Band Score: 9

**Task Response (9):** The report provides a comprehensive and accurate summary of the main features of the chart, effectively highlighting key trends and comparisons.

**Coherence & Cohesion (9):** The report is well-organized and easy to follow. The information is presented logically and smoothly, with clear transitions between paragraphs and sentences.

**Lexical Resource (8.5):** The report demonstrates a wide range of vocabulary, using precise and sophisticated language to describe the data. The choice of words is accurate and appropriate.

**Grammatical Range & Accuracy (9):** The report exhibits excellent grammatical accuracy and a wide range of grammatical structures. The sentences are varied and complex, demonstrating a high level of control over grammar.

## Model Answer #2

### Response:

The bar chart compares the number of households in the United States categorized by annual income, for the years 2007, 2011, and 2015.

Overall, upon analyzing the data, it is evident that there is no clear trend in the number of households across various income brackets. Notably, the category with the lowest number of households consistently falls within the \$75,000 to \$99,999 income range.

In 2007, approximately 25 million households earned less than \$25,000 in the United States. This figure experienced a slight increase to around 29 million in 2011, followed by a marginal decrease to 27 million in 2015. A similar pattern emerged for the \$25,000 to \$49,999 income bracket, which saw an increase from roughly 26 million to 30 million between 2007 and 2011, before dropping to approximately 28 million in 2015.

The number of households within the \$50,000 to \$74,999 and \$75,000 to \$99,999 income ranges remained relatively stable across all three years, hovering around 20 million and 15 million respectively. Lastly, households with an annual income exceeding \$100,000 declined from just under 30 million in 2007 to approximately 27 million in 2011, only to experience a significant rise to around 33 million in 2015.

### Evaluation:

#### Overall Band Score: 9

**Task Response (9):** The report provides a comprehensive and accurate summary of the main features of the chart, effectively highlighting key trends and comparisons.

**Coherence & Cohesion (9):** The report is well-organized and easy to follow. The information is presented logically and smoothly, with clear transitions between paragraphs and sentences.

**Lexical Resource (8.5):** The report demonstrates a wide range of vocabulary, using precise and sophisticated language to describe the data. The language is natural and appropriate for the task.

**Grammatical Range & Accuracy (9):** The report exhibits a wide range of grammatical structures, used accurately and flexibly. The grammar and punctuation are flawless.

## Model Answer #3

### Response:

The provided bar graph illustrates the distribution of households in the United States categorized by their annual income in the years 2007, 2011, and 2015.

Overall, the data highlights varying trends in the number of households across different income brackets over the specified timeframe, with significant fluctuations evident in upper-income households.

Middle-income brackets, encompassing households earning between \$25,000-\$49,999, \$50,000-\$74,999, and \$75,000-\$99,999, remained relatively stable with minimal changes, maintaining a consistent number of approximately 25 million households. In contrast, households with an annual income of \$100,000 experienced a notable transformation, exhibiting a slight decrease initially, followed by a substantial increase, peaking at close to 35 million households by 2015.

The observed trend signifies a significant shift in the distribution of upper-income households over the examined period, while middle-income segments demonstrated consistency in their numbers. These findings underscore the dynamic nature of household income distributions in the US during the years 2007 to 2015.

### Evaluation:

#### Overall Band Score: 9

**Task Response (9):** The report provides a clear and accurate summary of the main features of the chart, highlighting the key trends and making relevant comparisons. It demonstrates a strong understanding of the data and effectively conveys the information to the reader.

**Coherence & Cohesion (9):** The report is well-organized and logically structured, with clear transitions between paragraphs and sentences. The ideas flow smoothly and effortlessly, making the report easy to follow.

**Lexical Resource (9):** The report uses a wide range of vocabulary, including sophisticated and precise terms, to describe the data and trends. The language is accurate and appropriate, demonstrating a high level of lexical control.

**Grammatical Range & Accuracy (9):** The report demonstrates a wide range of grammatical structures, used accurately and flexibly. The sentences are grammatically correct and well-constructed, with no errors in punctuation or grammar.

## Model Answer #4

### Response:

The provided bar graph illustrates the distribution of US households by their annual income across three distinct time periods: 2007, 2011, and 2015.

The graph reveals a mixed trend, with some income categories demonstrating stability, while others exhibit significant changes over the examined period.

Upon closer examination, it becomes apparent that the middle-income categories, specifically those earning between \$25,000 and \$49,999, and those earning between \$75,000 and \$99,999, exhibit a remarkable stability, with minimal fluctuations across the three surveyed years. The former category maintained a consistent level of around 25 million households, while the latter retained a steady level of slightly over 25 million households.

In contrast, a notable change is observed in the highest income category, comprising households with an annual income of \$100,000 or more. This group experienced a slight decline, followed by a significant surge, reaching a peak of nearly 35 million households in 2015. This upward trend is the most discernible change across the surveyed period.

### Evaluation:

#### Overall Band Score: 9

**Task Response (9):** The report accurately summarizes the main features of the chart, making relevant comparisons and highlighting the most notable trends and changes across the surveyed years.

**Coherence & Cohesion (9):** The report is extremely well-organized, with a clear and logical structure that facilitates effortless comprehension. Cohesive devices are skillfully employed to link ideas and paragraphs.

**Lexical Resource (9):** The report showcases a wide range of vocabulary, used accurately and appropriately to convey nuanced meanings. The language is sophisticated, precise, and natural, with a high degree of flexibility.

**Grammatical Range & Accuracy (9):** The report demonstrates a masterful command of grammatical structures, with a wide range of sentence types and complexities used with precision and accuracy. Punctuation is flawless throughout.

## Model Answer #5

### Response:

The following report analyzes the bar graph illustrating the distribution of US households according to their annual income in the years 2007, 2011, and 2015.

Overall, the chart displays changes in household income brackets over the three mentioned years, categorizing households into five income groups. There is a noticeable increase in households earning over \$100,000, while households with incomes below \$25,000 experienced a slight decrease from 2011 to 2015.

The data reveals a significant rise in the number of households earning more than \$100,000, surpassing 30 million in 2015. Conversely, households with incomes between \$45,000 and \$99,999 remained relatively stable over the period. Although there was an uptick in the number of households earning less than \$25,000 in 2011, this figure slightly declined by 2015. The proportion of households earning between \$50,000 and \$74,999 also exhibited consistency throughout the years.

The substantial increase in households earning \$100,000 or more, accompanied by a decrease in those earning less than \$25,000, indicates a positive economic growth trajectory. This pattern suggests a shift towards higher-income brackets among US households during the years under consideration.

### Evaluation:

#### Overall Band Score: 9

**Task Response (9):** The report fully addresses the task by summarizing the main features of the bar graph, making relevant comparisons, and providing a clear overview of the changes in household income distribution over the three years. The response meets the word count requirement and effectively analyzes the data presented.

**Coherence & Cohesion (9):** The report is well-structured with clear paragraphing and logical progression of ideas. The information is presented in a cohesive manner, making it easy to follow the analysis of the data. Transition words are used effectively to connect ideas and comparisons are made seamlessly.

**Lexical Resource (9):** The report demonstrates a wide range of vocabulary, used accurately and precisely throughout. The language is sophisticated and appropriate for an academic task, enhancing the overall quality of the response. Specialized terms related to income brackets and economic trends are effectively incorporated.

**Grammatical Range & Accuracy (9):** There is a full range of grammatical structures used with precision and accuracy. The report is free from grammatical errors, and punctuation is correctly

applied. The complexity of sentence structures adds to the overall coherence and clarity of the response.