

Macro Roundup Article

Headline: [Bringing Home the Bacon: Have Trends in Men's Pay Weakened the Traditional Family?](#)

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Tweet: [@swinshi](#) argues that the changes in family formation have not been driven by changes in men's relative earnings, as the percent of all men aged 25-29 earning at least the post-tax comp of the 25th percentile of young married fathers falls only from 63% in 1979 to 58% in 2021.

Summary: I use, as a marriageability threshold, the 25th percentile of pretax earnings among married fathers aged 25–29 who were sole breadwinners. The other choice involves what year to use as a reference point for “the past.” [The available data] is poorly suited for [estimating the tax burdens of young male sole breadwinners] before 1979. For that reason, I use 1979 as my reference point. Rather than [the share of single men earning pretax incomes less than the 25th percentile of married men] falling from 72% to 57% from 1969 to 2019, marriageability [only] falls ... from 63% to 58% [from 1979 to 2019].

Primary Topic: Wages/Income

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