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Summary: Over a five-year horizon, shown in Panel (b), earnings growth for Black earners was consistently slower than growth for White and Asian earners across starting income groups, and any shifts in growth around the Great Recession are less stark. Since 2005, five-year earnings growth has consistently been fastest for Asian earners at all income levels, with the largest relative gains in growth coming for the highest earners over this period. The patterns in earnings growth reveal that Black earners experienced gaps in the level of growth, particularly over longer horizons, combined with a larger and more persistent slowdown in earnings growth after the Great Recession. [Slower] earnings growth among higher-earning Black people may contribute to [this] decline in relative earnings.

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