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Name and Constituency of Member of Parliament

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Question :

To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry:

For each year from 2001 to 2005, what were the median and mean monthly household per capita income for (i) all resident households in Singapore; and (ii) each quintile of resident households broken down by income.

ANSWER :

The mean and median monthly income from work per household member among resident households up to 2006 is shown in Table 1 below. Income from other sources is only available once in five years from the Household Expenditure Survey. Income data for employed households is used, instead of for all households, in order to isolate the effects caused by changes in the proportion of retiree households.

Table 1 Mean and Median Monthly Income from Work Per Household Member Among Employed Households

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mean	1,700	1,660	1,690	1,750	1,820	1,950
Median	1,190	1,160	1,170	1,200	1,250	1,310

The mean and median income from work per household member among employed households by quintile is shown in Tables 2 and 3. The lowest quintile

group showed a slight drop in the mean income between 2001 and 2003 but recovered from 2004.

Table 2 Mean Monthly Income from Work Per Household Member Among Employed Households by Quintile

Quintiles	Dollar					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
1st - 20th	390	380	380	390	390	420
21st - 40th	770	750	760	780	800	850
41st - 60th	1,200	1,170	1,180	1,210	1,260	1,320
61st - 80th	1,850	1,800	1,830	1,860	1,950	2,050
81st - 100th	4,310	4,210	4,300	4,490	4,720	5,090

Table 3 Median Monthly Income from Work Per Household Member Among Employed Households by Quintile

Quintiles	Dollar					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
1st - 20th	400	400	400	400	400	430
21st - 40th	760	750	750	780	800	850
41st - 60th	1,190	1,160	1,170	1,200	1,250	1,310
61st - 80th	1,810	1,770	1,800	1,830	1,920	2,010
81st - 100th	3,440	3,360	3,380	3,500	3,660	3,940