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2016 Metro Area Median Household Income; 2016 Poverty Rates – Regions Footprint

As a follow up to our September 21 release on 2016 state level median household income and 2016 poverty rates, we present a tabular summary of the metro area level data. The following table shows, for the group of in-footprint metro areas we cover in our monthly data updates, real 2016 median household income. We also show, for each metro area, the level of 2016 median household income as a percentage of the peak over the 2005-16 period, and the level of 2016 median household income as a percentage of the U.S. level. As is the case nationally, many of the in-footprint metro areas have yet to see inflation adjusted median household income return to the pre-recession peak. For those metro areas for which 2016 represents the peak level of real median household income over the 2005-16 period, the value in this column will be 100.00.

Additionally, the following table shows the 2016 poverty rate (i.e., the percentage of the total population living below the poverty line) for each in-footprint metro area. As we did in our write-up of the state level data, we also provide splits based on employment status, i.e., poverty rates for those working full-time, those working part-time, and those not working at all. Note that the splits based on employment status are based on the 16-to-64 year-old population.

The data presented in the following table are drawn from the American Community Survey (ACS). For those not familiar, the *American Community Survey* is an annual nationwide survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau that is to a large extent usurping the Decennial Census as the main source of basic demographic and economic information on sub-national geographies (those geographic units with a population of 65,000 or more persons) for which it is generally difficult to obtain such information from a consistent source. While a much welcomed addition to our tool box, the ACS is nonetheless limited by a short history (most of the data go back only to 2005), an annual frequency, and a significant lag between the gathering of the data and its release. For instance, the 2016 state and metro area level data have only recently been released. Still, the ACS data do provide us with useful information that is not otherwise available.

In our write-up of the state level data, we discussed the main trends in the data and some of the key drivers behind these trends. As such, we won't repeat that discussion here but simply offer the following summary table. As always, feel free to follow up with any specific questions about any specific metro area and we'll do our best to provide an answer.

	<u>Real Median Household Income</u>			<u>2016 Poverty Rate</u>			
	<u>2016 level, \$</u>	<u>2016, % of max</u>	<u>2016, % of U.S.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Work Full Time</u>	<u>Work Part Time</u>	<u>Do Not Work</u>
United States	46,873	98.09		14.0	3.6	38.8	44.5
Albany, GA	33,084	80.28	70.58	25.0	1.3	52.1	51.0
Alexandria, LA	34,279	88.71	73.13	19.7	4.9	52.0	54.0
Anniston-Oxford-Jacksonville, AL	33,914	93.33	72.35	16.3	5.9	40.5	44.8
Athens-Clarke County, GA	35,116	91.45	74.92	20.7	8.6	59.8	50.2
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	50,938	92.53	108.67	13.1	3.3	35.0	46.3
Auburn-Opelika, AL	39,095	100.00	83.41	19.1	8.8	66.2	56.9
Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC	39,491	93.41	84.25	18.2	3.6	44.5	45.7
Austin-Round Rock, TX	57,761	100.00	123.23	10.9	3.9	38.3	50.4
Baton Rouge, LA	42,700	94.62	91.10	17.2	4.8	49.5	54.8
Birmingham-Hoover, AL	42,487	94.96	90.64	13.9	5.2	41.8	45.3
Bloomington, IL	49,886	93.50	106.43	12.8	5.0	50.7	48.7
Bloomington, IN	35,546	95.34	75.83	23.7	2.5	66.3	58.2
Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	43,043	90.15	91.83	12.9	3.5	29.2	33.5
Cedar Rapids, IA	51,566	100.00	110.01	9.9	3.6	30.5	35.0
Champaign-Urbana, IL	41,135	94.63	87.76	18.1	9.6	53.9	63.4
Charleston-North Charleston, SC	46,907	98.87	100.07	13.0	3.5	34.6	49.6
Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC	48,795	97.37	104.10	12.3	2.3	39.5	43.7
Chattanooga, TN-GA	37,859	92.09	80.77	14.3	2.8	40.6	41.5
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	53,709	96.25	114.58	12.4	2.8	35.2	42.9
Clarksville, TN-KY	41,793	98.18	89.16	15.5	5.3	52.9	51.2
Cleveland, TN	36,512	97.31	77.90	13.0	5.6	43.7	40.5
Columbia, MO	42,915	100.00	91.56	17.5	5.6	59.9	43.1
Columbia, SC	42,504	94.81	90.68	15.1	4.3	48.1	44.8
Columbus, GA-AL	35,317	89.43	75.35	18.8	4.0	55.6	52.6
Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin, FL	47,692	90.42	101.75	10.5	5.3	40.3	34.9
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	51,913	100.00	110.75	12.7	3.1	37.0	47.7
Dalton, GA	35,265	89.59	75.23	18.4	2.7	47.6	48.0
Decatur, AL	36,263	85.05	77.36	16.2	2.3	27.5	41.4
Decatur, IL	37,583	89.16	80.18	17.2	2.2	32.1	38.5
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach, FL	37,496	89.59	79.99	13.5	3.1	40.2	40.5
Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	53,452	100.00	114.04	9.5	3.2	33.2	37.8
Dothan, AL	33,387	90.37	71.23	19.5	5.5	46.3	45.7
Evansville, IN-KY	40,803	93.83	87.05	15.0	6.4	44.1	46.4
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO	42,180	98.55	89.99	13.2	1.9	44.9	48.3
Florence-Muscle Shoals, AL	36,842	100.00	78.60	15.7	3.2	49.6	39.2
Fort Smith, AR-OK	33,330	95.06	71.11	18.2	7.5	45.0	49.6
Gadsden, AL	33,478	93.74	71.42	16.7	0.2	43.3	44.4
Gainesville, FL	36,836	95.23	78.59	23.0	5.5	57.5	60.5
Gainesville, GA	44,677	91.59	95.31	13.2	2.9	46.0	45.0
Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin, SC	41,200	96.77	87.90	13.0	3.3	47.1	43.6
Gulfport-Biloxi-Pascagoula, MS	37,775	90.68	80.59	18.8	5.0	39.7	39.5

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	<u>2016 level, \$</u>	<u>2016, % of max</u>	<u>2016, % of U.S.</u>		<u>Work Full Time</u>	<u>Work Part Time</u>	<u>Do Not Work</u>
Hattiesburg, MS	38,045	100.00	81.17	19.8	7.8	60.9	45.2
Hot Springs, AR	34,840	100.00	74.33	18.6	1.9	21.4	44.4
Houma-Thibodaux, LA	40,619	87.61	86.66	20.9	6.6	45.1	46.0
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	50,201	98.38	107.10	14.8	3.5	36.3	49.1
Huntsville, AL	47,378	95.44	101.08	14.0	4.8	35.4	40.9
Indianapolis-Carmel-Anderson, IN	46,168	92.32	98.50	13.3	2.9	37.3	42.1
Iowa City, IA	47,003	95.30	100.28	17.7	3.2	64.8	62.0
Jackson, MS	41,191	98.47	87.88	16.2	4.8	39.7	46.0
Jackson, TN	34,472	89.16	73.54	17.8	2.5	50.5	49.1
Jacksonville, FL	46,241	93.49	98.65	12.5	2.8	37.9	42.5
Jefferson City, MO	44,769	89.41	95.51	8.6	0.8	27.6	36.6
Johnson City, TN	33,308	89.45	71.06	17.2	8.3	44.5	44.4
Jonesboro, AR	33,938	93.09	72.40	17.6	1.9	56.7	49.1
Kingsport-Bristol-Bristol, TN-VA	33,201	93.65	70.83	18.2	3.0	35.2	44.6
Knoxville, TN	40,564	96.62	86.54	14.4	4.7	47.4	44.5
Kokomo, IN	37,180	79.81	79.32	15.0	6.7	36.7	33.3
Lafayette, LA	36,942	85.64	78.81	20.3	3.6	51.2	61.0
Lafayette-West Lafayette, IN	41,824	100.00	89.23	18.0	1.7	58.4	54.7
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL	37,711	90.29	80.45	16.4	2.9	41.3	41.4
Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR	41,898	96.63	89.39	15.9	3.5	39.0	52.2
Longview, TX	37,238	91.20	79.44	15.9	5.7	54.0	34.5
Louisville/Jefferson County, KY-IN	44,375	100.00	94.67	12.7	3.4	39.1	40.0
Macon, GA	32,519	84.08	69.38	21.7	6.8	47.3	49.6
Memphis, TN-MS-AR	40,521	94.10	86.45	19.4	4.3	39.1	49.5
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	41,785	90.12	89.14	15.4	4.5	33.7	50.2
Mobile, AL	37,214	99.29	79.39	19.4	5.0	40.5	51.1
Monroe, LA	30,917	89.38	65.96	24.0	5.9	50.4	49.5
Montgomery, AL	38,451	91.31	82.03	17.5	4.4	45.7	42.5
Morristown, TN	36,078	98.96	76.97	17.6	8.0	59.7	39.2
Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island, FL	49,811	89.77	106.27	11.4	3.9	40.5	26.1
Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin, TN	48,836	100.00	104.19	11.6	3.3	38.8	45.2
New Orleans-Metairie, LA	39,704	87.63	84.70	17.0	5.1	40.3	50.7
North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton, FL	43,626	93.92	93.07	11.6	5.0	27.5	31.6
Ocala, FL	32,039	82.55	68.35	17.6	4.3	49.0	42.3
Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	42,617	88.92	90.92	14.7	4.4	38.8	47.6
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL	41,640	87.81	88.83	15.0	3.4	36.4	36.4
Panama City, FL	38,682	83.85	82.52	15.2	0.7	31.2	34.5
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent, FL	41,080	94.05	87.64	12.6	5.6	39.3	37.1
Peoria, IL	46,444	97.24	99.09	11.4	1.5	39.9	39.4
Punta Gorda, FL	35,958	81.75	76.71	12.6	2.6	30.4	22.9
Raleigh, NC	58,318	100.00	124.42	10.0	2.5	38.3	41.0
Rome, GA	40,567	100.00	86.55	12.7	1.1	40.4	49.2
Savannah, GA	45,993	99.47	98.12	14.2	5.9	44.5	44.9

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Shreveport-Bossier City, LA	32,903	86.86	70.20	24.2	8.5	40.6	52.9
Spartanburg, SC	37,873	92.40	80.80	16.8	4.8	47.7	45.4
Springfield, IL	43,766	90.09	93.37	14.1	3.8	35.6	36.8
Springfield, MO	36,883	89.72	78.69	15.8	6.8	48.9	47.2
St. Louis, MO-IL	48,633	98.43	103.75	11.4	3.9	36.1	35.5
Tallahassee, FL	41,209	93.32	87.92	18.3	5.4	58.9	60.4
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	41,584	94.74	88.72	14.2	4.0	37.9	41.2
Terre Haute, IN	38,196	100.00	81.49	15.5	5.0	53.6	37.5
Texarkana, TX-AR	34,586	88.08	73.79	20.6	3.1	35.7	50.7
Tuscaloosa, AL	37,492	97.92	79.99	18.8	8.6	62.9	50.6
Tyler, TX	42,769	99.97	91.24	16.2	6.3	37.4	43.4
Valdosta, GA	32,325	84.12	68.96	22.6	5.2	49.4	61.0
Warner Robins, GA	48,331	90.95	103.11	18.7	3.4	57.4	53.0
Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA	43,831	100.00	93.51	14.6	9.6	48.4	39.5
Wilmington, NC	40,803	93.49	87.05	17.9	2.6	47.8	57.6

Note: 2016 % of max value = 100.00 means 2016 is max for median household income for 2005-16 period

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; Regions Economics Division