

Social Class in the United States

Social Class	Education	Occupation	Income	% of Pop.
Capitalist	Prestigious University	Investors & Heirs, Top Executives	\$500,000+	1%
Upper Middle	College or University; often Postgraduate	Professionals and Upper Managers	\$100,000+	15%
Lower Middle	High School or College; often Apprenticeship	Semiprofessionals and Lower Managers, Craftpeople, Foremen	About \$60,000	34%
Working	High School	Factory Workers, Clerical Workers, Low-paid Retail Sales, and Craftpeople	About \$35,000	30%
Working Poor	Some High School	Laborers, Service Workers, Low-Paid Salespeople	About \$17,000	16%
Underclass	Some High School	Unemployed and Part-time, on Welfare	Under \$10,000	4%

Source: James Henslin, 2004, *Essentials of Sociology*