

# MARRIAGE:

## ONE OF THE BEST PROTECTIONS AGAINST POVERTY



ANNUAL MEDIAN INCOME

**\$90K**

(\$90,386)

PERCENT BELOW POVERTY LINE

**4.9%**



**\$61K**

(\$60,843)

**12.4%**

(2.5x higher rate than married couple)



**\$42K**

(\$41,703)

**25.7%**

(5.2x higher rate than married couple)

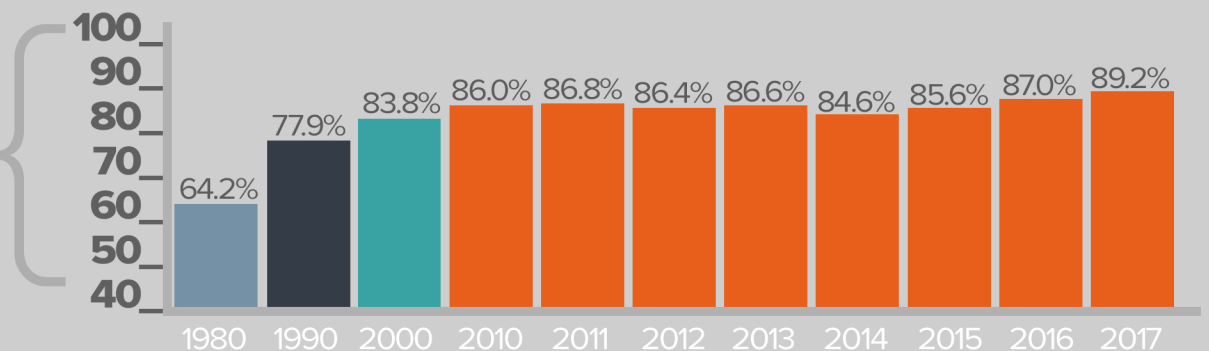
Data Source: US Census Bureau's 2017 Income & Poverty in the U.S.: [bit.ly/2017PovertyReport](https://www.census.gov/pov/data/income-poverty/2017/)

## WHAT ABOUT EQUAL PAY?



"Equal Pay" doesn't change these dynamics. The disparity in rates below the poverty line comparing a Female Head of House to a Married Couple were nearly identical: 5.3x higher in 1980 and 5.2x higher in 2017. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the difference in pay is mostly attributed to the fact that men work more hours & in higher paying & higher risk construction, production & transportation jobs.

Earnings of women  
(16 yrs and older) as a  
percentage of men's  
for full-time wage &  
salary workers.



DATA FROM TABLE 12: [HTTPS://WWW.BLS.GOV/OPUB/REPORTS/WOMENS-EARNINGS/2017/HOME.HTM](https://www.bls.gov/opub/reports/womens-earnings/2017/home.htm)