

Middle Class Economic Security Fact Sheet

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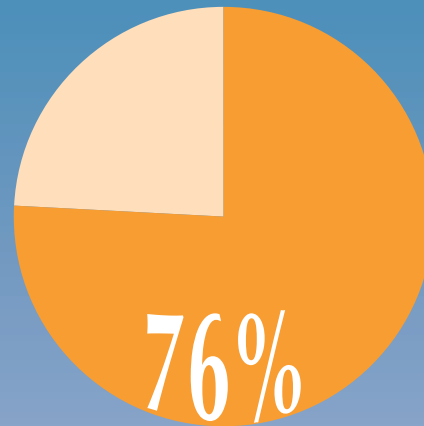
Middle-Class Families on the Edge, 2000-2006

Education	% of Middle-Class Families in Which Head of Household or Partner/Spouse has High School Diploma or Less	26%
Assets	% of Families Who Do Not Have Enough Net Financial Assets to Cover 3/4 of Essential Expenses for at Least 3 Months	76%
Budget	% of Families Who Have Less Than \$100 Per Week Left Over After Meeting Expenses	27%
Housing Costs	% of Families Who Spend 30% or More of Income on Housing	37%
Healthcare	% of Families Where at Least 1 Member of Family Lacks Health Insurance	25%

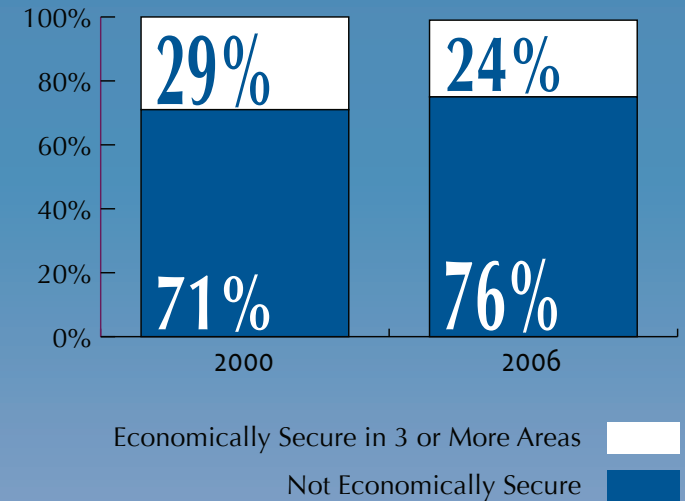
Three out of four middle-class families are poorly positioned to weather the current economic downturn. This is because they lack the basics of financial security.

23 million middle-class families are sufficiently weak in at least three of the five categories of assets, education, housing costs, essential expenses, and health care access that they face ongoing and persistent threats to their economic stability.

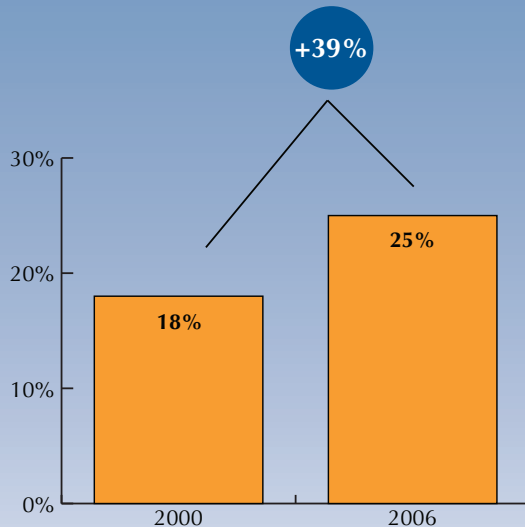
Percent of Middle-Class Families That Do Not Have Enough Net Assets to Meet 3/4 of Basic Expenses for Even 3 Months, 2006



Declining Middle-Class Economic Security, 2000-2006



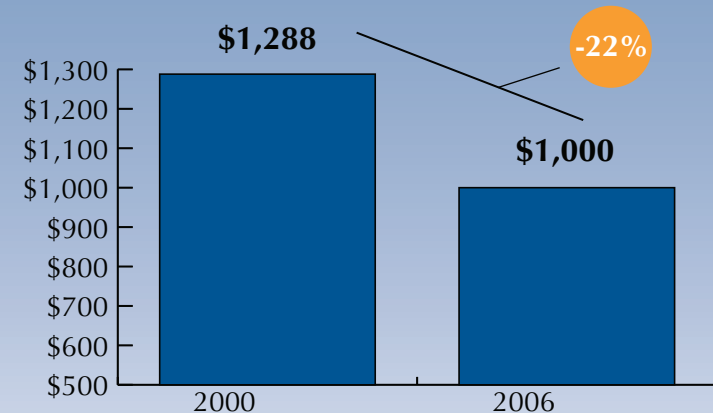
Percent of Middle-Class Families in Which At Least 1 Member Lacks Health Insurance Coverage, 2000-2006



Characteristics of the Middle Class, 2006

Median Assets	\$1,000
Median Debt (negative)	\$3,000
Monthly Essential Expenses	\$2,544
Monthly Housing Expenses	\$961

Decline in Median Assets of Middle-Class Families, 2000-2006



*all data From *Middle to Shaky Ground: The Economic Decline of America's Middle Class, 2000-2006* and *By a Thread: The New Experience of America's Middle Class*