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## MIDDLE CLASS INCOME MANAGES TO RISE IN SOME STATES



For the typical American household, income fell during the recession. However, in 21 states and the District of Columbia, households in the middle of the pay scale saw their incomes rise despite the recession based largely on the growth of the federal government, higher energy and agriculture prices, and the rebound on Wall Street. D.C. enjoyed the steepest climb in median income over the past four years, and extended to surrounding Virginia and Maryland, thanks to an increase in government contract work. Energy-rich states also got a boost in incomes due to higher commodity prices and the drive to extract coal and natural gas from the ground.

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