





2. Approximately how much did median weekly earnings increase between 1980 and 2023 in both current dollars and constant 2023 dollars?

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3. Compare the rate at which earnings increased in current dollars versus constant 2023 dollars.

DOK 2

4. The gray bars on the graph represent times of recession, which is a time when there is a decline in economic activity, usually for six months or longer. Do you feel like that would cause median earnings to go up or down? How does that compare to what happened to earnings during the recessions shown?

DOK 2

5. Pretend you've been at the same job for 10 years. Your pay has increased every year, but your purchasing power has stayed the same. Develop a logical argument you could use to convince your boss to increase your pay.

DOK 3