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Born: 5 March 1934, Tel Aviv, British Mandate of Palestine (now Israel)

Affiliation at the time of the award: Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, USA

Prize motivation: “for having integrated insights from psychological research into economic science, especially concerning human judgment and decision-making under uncertainty”

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Born: 19 October 1945, Edinburgh, Scotland

Affiliation at the time of the award: Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, USA

Prize motivation: “for his analysis of consumption, poverty, and welfare”

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A new study by Princeton University researchers puts a figure on happiness: \$75,000 a year

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People say money doesn't buy happiness. Except, according to a new study from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School, it sort of does ☐ up to about \$75,000 a year. The lower a person's annual income falls below that benchmark, the unhappier he or she feels. But no matter how much more than \$75,000 people make, they don't report any greater degree of happiness.

Before employers rush to hold ☐ or raise ☐ everyone's salary to \$75,000, the study points out that there are actually two types of happiness. There's your changeable, day-to-day mood: whether you're stressed or blue or feeling emotionally sound. Then there's the deeper satisfaction you feel about the way your life is going ☐ the kind of thing Tony Robbins tries to teach you . While having an income above the magic \$75,000 cutoff doesn't seem to have an impact on the former (emotional well-being), it definitely improves people's Robbins-like life satisfaction. In other words, the more people make above \$75,000, the more they feel their life is working out on the whole. But it doesn't make them any more jovial in the mornings.

The study, by economist Angus Deaton and psychologist Daniel Kahneman, who has won a Nobel Prize for Economics, analyzed the responses of 420,000 Americans polled by Gallup and Healthways in 2008 and 2009. Participants were asked how they had felt the previous day and whether they were living the best possible life for them. They were also asked about their income.

The authors found that most Americans ☐ 85% ☐ regardless of their annual income, felt happy each day. Almost 40% of respondents also reported feeling stressed (which is not mutually exclusive with happiness) and 24% had feelings of sadness. Most people were also satisfied with the way their life was going.



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