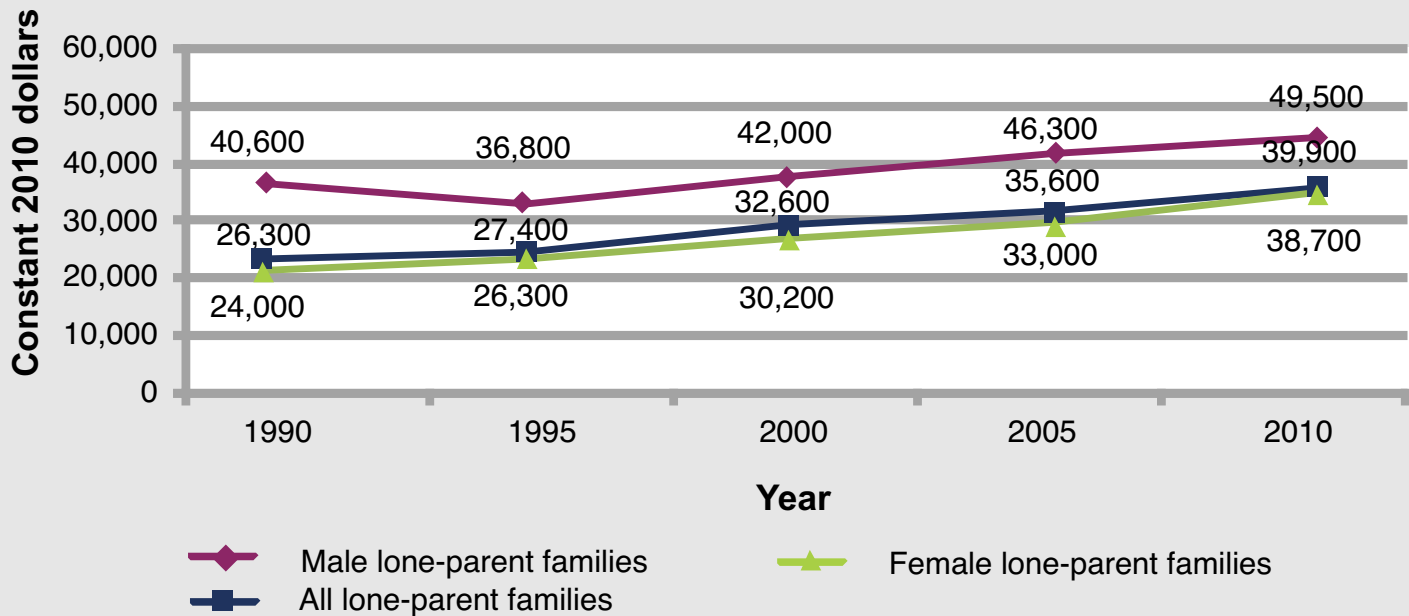




## 4.2.5 Income

**Fig. 4.2.5 Median after-tax income of lone-parent families, by gender, Canada, 1990–2010**



Adapted from Statistics Canada CANSIM database <http://cansim2.statcan.gc.ca> table no. 202-0605, accessed on June 29, 2012.

Not only are there significantly more female lone-parent families than male lone-parent families in Canada, female headed households are also more likely to have lower incomes. Of the estimated 634,000 children under 17 years living in low-income families in 2009, 31% lived in a lone-parent family headed by a woman.<sup>1</sup>

The income of all lone-parent families increased between 1990 and 2010. During that time, female lone-parent family incomes increased by 38%, to \$38,700 in 2010 from \$24,000 in 1990, whereas male lone-parents family incomes increased by 18%, to \$49,500 in 2010 from \$40,600 in 1990. Although female lone-parent family incomes increased significantly, their average after-tax income was almost \$11,000 less than their male counterparts in 2010.

<sup>1</sup> Statistics Canada. The Daily. <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/110615/dq110615b-eng.htm>, accessed on June 29, 2012.

