

This example is used to illustrate the difference between the two different types of average: the *mean* and the *median*. Let's imagine that the salaries in the dinner before Bill Gates walked in were:

Diner	Salary
Anna	\$85,000
Bob	\$50,000
Cathy	\$45,000
Dave	\$40,000
Eric	\$30,000
Fran	\$30,000
Gail	\$35,000

1. Find the mean and median salary *before* Bill Gates walked into the diner.
2. Are the two measurements pretty similar? Would they represent a "typical" diner's salary? Which would you choose to represent a "typical" diner's salary? Are the two measurements close enough that it really doesn't matter too much?

Now, Bill Gates walks in with annual income of, say, \$1 billion.

3. Find the mean and median salary *after* Bill Gates walked into the diner.
4. Are the two measurements pretty similar? Which measurement would you choose (the mean or the median) to represent a "typical" diner's salary? Explain your answer briefly.