

# Real women declare fall's look is full of winners

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women aren't figuring out how to adapt the look for themselves.

Nationally, skinny pants—if not skinny jeans—are ringing up strong sales at the Gap, store officials say, perhaps thanks in part to the comforting presence of the late Audrey Hepburn, the star of an ad campaign ubiquitous in many markets.

With Audrey wildly dancing and vamping to AC/DC's "Back in Black" wearing her "Funny Face" look of skinny black pants and a simple sleek black turtleneck, several women interviewed said the campaign has made them curious about the whole slim-leg thing, if not more willing to try it.

"Audrey Hepburn is the ultimate style icon. She set the tone of being sophisticated and chic," said Gap spokeswoman Erica Archambault.

(It's worth noting that the Gap pants are slim but not clingy, and the color black helps, too.)

Even if women aren't embracing the skinniest of pants, they are certainly buying into slimmed-down looks for the legs, and that is having a domino effect: Things that look good with them also are selling well, including long T-shirts and wide belts, merchants report.

"Matchstick cords are being worn with the little lace antique blouses and Edwardian vests," said J. Crew's Jenna Lyons Mazaew, senior vice president of women's design.

She, too, points out that there is plenty for skinny-leg averse women to choose from that isn't so extreme.

"To me, you can find jeans that are straight and still look right, just put away the boot cut," she said.

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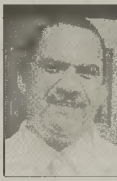
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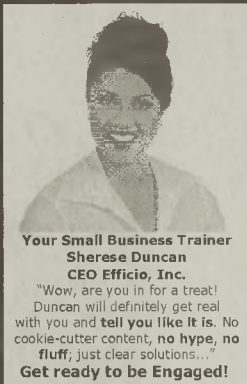
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NEW YORK — Queens is the only large county in the nation where the median income of black residents has surpassed that of white residents, a newspaper analysis found.

The picture is quite different across the river in Manhattan, where the gap between whites and blacks is wider than in any other large county in the country, according to a New York Times analysis of Census data.

The report, published Sunday, examined Census Bureau data from all U.S. counties with more than 65,000 residents.

In Manhattan, the annual median income of whites was \$86,494—greatly outpacing the \$28,116 reported by blacks.

In Queens, home to about 2 million people, black households reported a median income of \$51,836—higher than the \$50,960 reported for non-Hispanic whites. Asians in the borough reported a median income of nearly \$58,000, while Hispanics reported incomes of about \$44,000.

Some residents pointed to the success of immigrants from the West Indies and elsewhere as one reason for the shift in the borough. The earnings of foreign-born blacks outpaced the income of blacks born in the United States.

An economist at New York University, Professor Edward Wolff, said the wealthiest whites may have left the city for the suburbs, shifting the income balance.

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