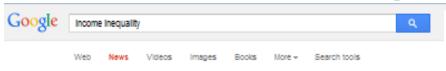
Economic Inequality

Enrique Lamas
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- "Just about every high-profile politician in the country today says income inequality is a problem." New York Times, July 6, 2015.
- "Most people regardless of whether you ask about the poor or the rich, income or wealth, the shape of the income distribution or an individual's position in it — have a terrible sense of what inequality actually looks like." Washington Post, May 18, 2015.

Outline

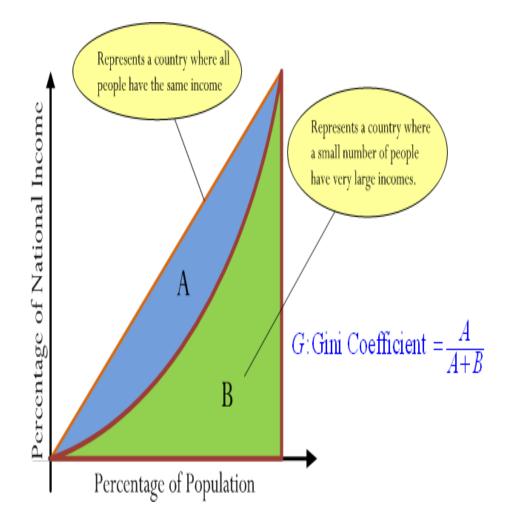
- Inequality concepts and measures
- Sources of data
- Analytical products and access to inequality data
- Proposed organization for dissemination

Economic inequality metrics

- 1. Single index numbers to describe inequality (e.g., Gini index) that allow comparisons across time and geography
- 2. Descriptions of the income/wealth distribution
 - Income amounts that define points in the income distribution, e.g., the middle, the top 5%, the top 1%
 - Share of wealth, income or income growth received by each fifth of the population
 - Ratios of the cutoffs for groups e.g., Income amount that defines the top quintile divided by the bottom quintile cutoff
- 3. Poverty rates, poverty gaps, income to poverty ratios
- 4. Size and/or well-being of the middle class
- Mobility likelihood of moving up or down the income distribution

Income inequality indices

- GINI index (2013=0.476)
 Most commonly used measure.
 Area between the Lorenz curve and hypothetical line of absolute equality. (0 perfect equality, 1 perfect inequality)
- Other index numbers reported by the Census Bureau:
 - Theil index (0.415)
 - Mean logarithmic deviation of income (.578)
 - Atkinson measures (.100, .196, .298)

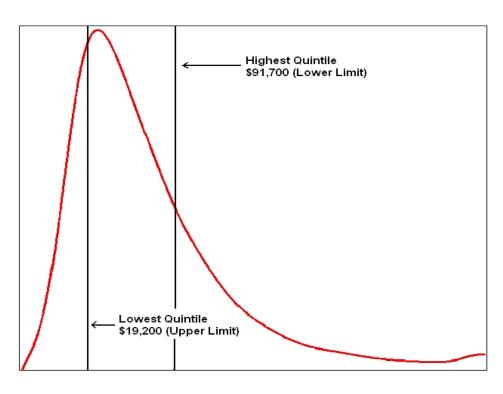




Descriptions of the income distribution

- Examine income cutoffs for each segment of the distribution: lowest quintile, median, highest quintile, 95th percentile
- Ratio of two cutoffs
 - $-90^{th}/10^{th} = 12.1$
 - $-95^{th}/20^{th} = 9.38$

Household Income: 2013

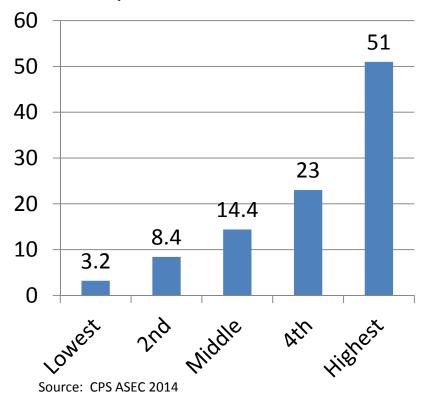


Source: 2014 CPS ASEC

Inequality measures based on shares

- Shares of aggregate income received by each quintile
- Some analyses look at the share of "growth" by quintile

Share of Income by Quintile: 2013



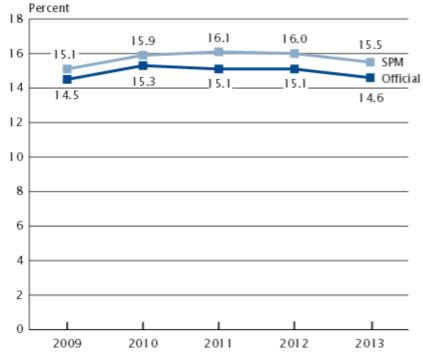


Poverty measures

- Poverty official or supplemental poverty measures
 - Head count how many people have income below the poverty thresholds?
 - Poverty gap what is the difference between the poverty thresholds and income for those in poverty
 - Income-to-poverty ratios how many people have income below 50% of poverty thresholds; below 125% of poverty thresholds, etc.
- Multi-dimensional poverty expand concept beyond income to include health, housing, neighborhoods, educational opportunities, employment, etc.

Figure 5.

Poverty Rates Using the Official Measure and the SPM: 2009 to 2013



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2010 to 2014 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.



Other Measures

Middle Class Metrics

- No official definition of the middle class
- Median household income
- Size of the middle class (given a definition)
- Income cutoffs for the middle quintiles – since no official definition of middle class has been established

Earnings Ratios

- Men vs women
- White vs Black
- White vs Hispanic

Lifetime earnings

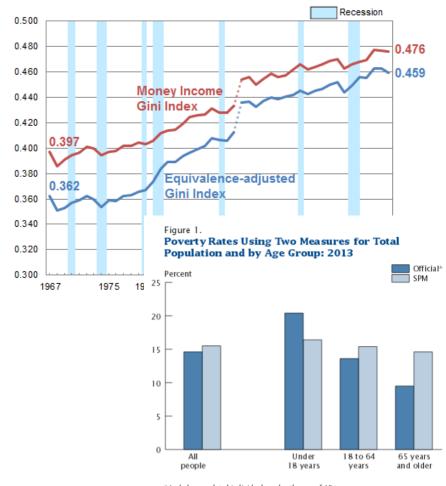
Economic mobility



How to measure resources?

- Income vs. wealth vs. consumption vs. earnings
- Measurement concerns
 - After tax payments and tax credits
 - Include the value of noncash benefits – e.g., SNAP, housing assistance
 - Include value of health insurance?
- Adjust for differences in family size – equivalence adjustment
- Adjust for geographic differences in the cost of living

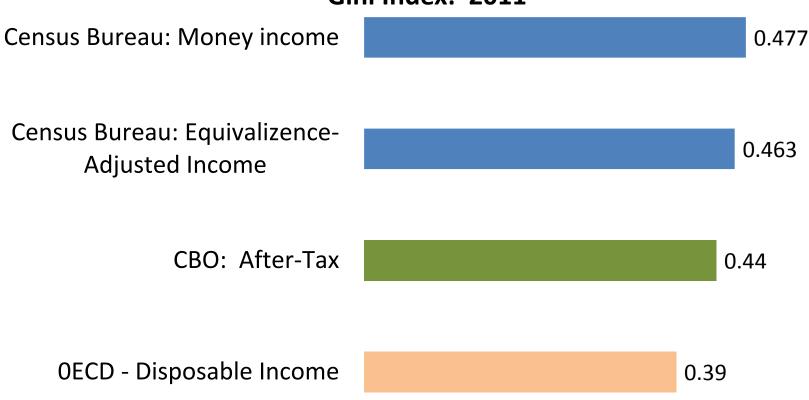
Gini Index of Equivalence-Adjusted Income Compared to Money Income: 1967 to 2013





Gini index depends on resource measure used

Gini Index: 2011



Sources of Data

- Household surveys
 - CPS ASEC national data, long time series
 - American Community Survey smaller geographies
 - Survey of Income and Program Participation wealth and mobility over time
 - Consumer Expenditure Survey consumption
 - Federal Reserve Survey of Consumer Finances wealth
- Administrative Data
 - IRS Statistics of Income sample of tax returns
- Bureau of Economic Analysis
 - Per capita income
 - Gross domestic product

How do we share data?

- Reports
- Tables
- Data tools
- Maps/mapping tools
- Infographics
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Income and Poverty in the United States: 2013

Current Population Reports

By Carmen DeNavas-Walt and Bernadette D. Piocitor Issued September 2014

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Household Income Inequality Within U.S. Counties: 2006–2010

American Community Survey Briefs

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Issued February 2012

Household income: Includes pretax money income of the householder and all other people 15 years and older in the household, whether or not they are related to the householder.

Gini index: Summary measure of income inequality. The Gini index varies between zero and one. A value of one indicates perfect inequality where only one household has any income. A value of zero indicates perfect equality, where all households have outal

reports

Since 1967, U.S. household income inequality has grown 18 percent. Nearly half of that growth occurred during the 1980s. More recently, the growth in income inequality has tapered off. Levels of inequality vary across the country. This report presents measures of household income inequality for counties in the United States, based on data pooled from 5 years (2006 to 2010) of American Community Survey (ACS) data.²

The Supplemental Poverty Measure: 2013

Current Population Reports

By Kathleen Short Issued October 2014

INTRODUCTION

This is the fourth report describing the Supplemental Poverty Measure SPM released by the U.S. Census Bureau, with support from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The SPM extends the official powerty measure by taking account of many of the government programs designed to assist low-income families and individuals that are not included in the current official poverty measure.

Concerns about the adequacy of the official measure culminated in a congressional appropriation in 1990 for an independent scientific study of the concepts, measurement methods and information needed for a poverty measure. In response, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) established the Panel on Poverty and Family Assistance, which released its report. Measuring Poverty: A New Approach, in the spring of 1995 (Citro and Michael, 1995). In March of 2010, an Interagency Technical Working Group on Developing a Supplemental Poverty Measure (ITWG) listed suggestions for a new measure that would supplement the current official measure

of poverty.! The ITWG was charged with developing a set of initial starting points to permit the Census Bureau, in cooperation with the BLS, to produce the SPM that would be released along with the official measure each year. Their suggestions included:

The SPM thresholds should

represent a dollar amount spent on a basic set of goods that includes food, clothing, shelter, and utilities (FCSU), and a small additional amount to allow for other needs (e.g., household supplies, personal care, nonwork related transportation). This threshold should be calculated with 5 years of expenditure data for family units with exactly two children using Consumer Expenditure Survey data, and it should be adjusted (using a specified equivalence scale) to reflect the needs of different family types and geographic differences in housing costs. Adjustments to thresholds should be made over time to reflect real change in

¹ For information, see ITWC, Observations From the histogency Technic at Working Group on Developing a Supplemental Powerty Measure (in teragen cyl, Marc hol 10, as a lib blo at sowww.comiss.gov/histogrow/powerty /SFM, TWCDbservations.pdfh., accessed September 20.4. expenditures on this basic bundle of goods at the 33rd percentile of the expenditure distribution. So far as possible with available data, the calculation of FSCU should include any non-cash benefits that are counted on the resource side for food, shelter, dothing, and utilities. This is necessary for consistency of the threshold and resource

· The SPM family unit resources should be defined as the value of cash income from all sources, plus the value of noncash benefits that are available to buy the basic bundle of goods (FCSU) minus necessary expenses for critical goods and services not included in the thresholds. In-kind benefits include nutritional assistance subsidized housing, and home en er gy assistance. Ne cessary expenses that must be subtracted include in come taxes, Social Security payroll taxes, child care and other work-related expenses, child support payments to another household, and contributions toward the cost of medical care health insurance premiums, and other medical out-of-pocket costs

The ITWG stated that the official poverty measure, as defined in

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o questions present themselves when considering geographic concentration of high-income households geographic concentration of high-income households a? Second, where are the highest concentrations of hi-income households? This brief are wers the first estion by estimating the number of high-income useholds in each rare. This brief answers the second estion by presenting estimates of the proportions households they are among the top 5 percent.

is brief is based on data from the American immunity Survey pooled across survey ars 2007 through 2011, referring to income served from January 2006 to November 2011. Irring this period, the top 5 percent of housefilds received at least \$191.469 per your.

pure 1 depicts the number of high-income houseids in each county, while Figure 2 maps the mber of all households in each county. These ures illustrate that, like the general populan, most high-income households lived in highpulation counties, especially along the coasts.⁵

are interested not only in where most high-income useholds lived, but also in which places had the shest concentrations of high-income households. jure 3 illustrates the proportion of households thin each county that were among the top 5

All income data are adjusted for inflation to 2011 dollars.

Source 2007-2011 American Community Survey 5-Year Estiics, Base Bable 819000 Noveshold income Quintile Upper Limits.

The correlation between the number of high-income household such country and the number of other households was 0.88. percent of U.S. households with respect to income. This map highlights how the geographic distribution of high-income households differed from that of other households. Some sparsely populated areas, for example, may have low absolute numbers of highincome households (relative to other counties), and yet have high concentrations of such households.

Inspection of Figure 3 suggests that high-concentration counties are especially prevalent in the coastal areas as well. The Pacific, Middle Adartist, and New England divisions had high proportions of counties with high concentrations of high-income households. In contrast, the East South Central division's counties tended to have unusually low concentrations of high-income households.

Table 1 presents proportions of households that were in the top 15 percent of the national distribution for each of the 50 most populous metropolitan statistical areas MS-50. This table suggests that high-population areas often had high-income households not only in large numbers, but also in high concentrations. These 50 most populous metropolitan areas contained \$1.9 percent of all U.S. households, and 71.9 percent of the p5 percent of households. Within MS-5A, the central cities had lower concentrations than the suburbs, as 4.9 percent of households in the central cities were among the top 5 percent, compared to 6.1 percent of those within MSAs but outside central cities.

⁶ Among households residing outside MSAs, 1.3 percent were in the top 5 percent.

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Individual Income Tax Returns, Preliminary Data, 2013

or Tax Year 2013, taxpayers filed 147.7 million U.S. individual income tax returns, an increase of 1.9 percent from the 144.9 million returns filed for Tax Year 2012. Several notable items showed increases in 2013. While AGI and taxable income both increased just 0.8 percent from 2012 to 2013, total income tax increased 3.6 percent to \$1.2 trillion and total tax liability increased 4.5 percent to \$1.3 trillion. The larger percentage increase in total income tax and total tax liability relative to AGI and taxable income coincided with the new higher marginal tax rates for ordinary income (39.6 percent) and certain capital gain income (20 percent), as well as the new net investment income and additional Medicare taxes (see Changes

self-employment health insurance deduction grew to \$24.4 bil-

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to \$1,989.5 billion (up 0.2 percent) in Tax payers (68.6 percent) claimed a standard at claimed increased 6.5 percent while the reased 2.5 percent to \$8,436. Standard deor 43.0 percent of total deductions. While Ill returns filed for 2013 claimed itemized inted for more than half (57.0 percent) of amount of itemized deductions claimed to \$1,134.9 billion and the average de-\$25,568. A portion of this decrease is atin the law for 2013 that limited taxpayers' their adjusted gross income exceeded

lion, a 6.0-percent increase. Payments to self-employed retirement (Keogh) plans rose 4.9 percent to \$20.2 billion, while payments to IRAs increased 10.1 percent to \$13.3 billion. Other adjustments that increased from 2012 levels were the deductions for moving expenses (up 19.0 percent), health savings account deduction (up 12.6 percent), and student loan interest deduction (up 9.0 percent). In addition, the total amount claimed for exemptions increased 1.7 percent to \$1,116.2 billion.

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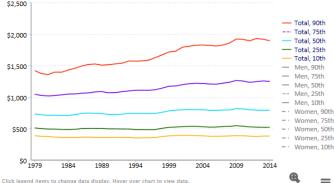
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Income Inequality in the United States

Selected percentiles of usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers age 16 and older, in 2014 dollars, 1979-2014 \$2,500

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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

1979, unchanged for lowest earners

Real earnings increased

for highest earners since

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In 2014, median weekly earnings for full-time wage and salary workers age 16 and older were \$791. That means that half of these workers earned at least \$791 per week and half earned less than that amount. In 1979, median weekly earnings in 2014 dollars were \$733. So what we call "real" or inflation-adjusted median weekly earnings increased by about 8 percent over that 35-year span. Over that same period, real earnings for the the highest paid 10 percent of workers-those whose earnings were at or above the 90th percentile-increased from a minimum of \$1,422 per week in 1979 to \$1,898 per week in 2014, a gain of 33 percent. By contrast, real weekly earnings for the lowest paid 10 percent of workers (or those whose earnings are below the 10th percentile) were basically unchanged over the period, as these workers earned less than \$383 per week in 1979 and less than \$379 per week in 2014. Women's real median weekly earnings



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Measures of income dispersion

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Selected Measures of Household Income Dispersion: 1967 to 2013

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(Income in 2013 CPI-U-RS adjusted dollars. Beginning with 2010, standard errors were calculated using replicate weights. For further explanation of income inequality measures, see Current Population Reports, Series P60-204, The Changing Shape of the Nation's Income Distribution: 1947-1998. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see ftp2/ftp2.census.gov/programs-surveys/cps/techdocs/cpsmar14.pdf)

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Table H-1. Income Limits for Each Fifth and Top 5 Percent of All Households: 1967 to 2013



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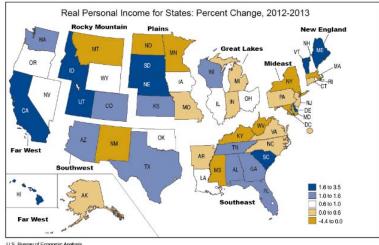
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Real Personal Income for States and Metropolitan Areas, 2013

Real personal income across all regions rose by an average of 0.8 percent in 2013. This growth rate reflects the year-over-year change in nominal personal income across all regions adjusted by the change in the national personal consumption expenditures (PCE) price index. On a nominal basis, personal income across all regions grew an average of 2.0 percent in 2013. In 2013, the U.S. PCE price index grew 1.2 percent.



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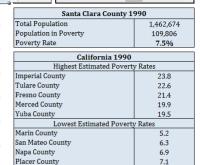
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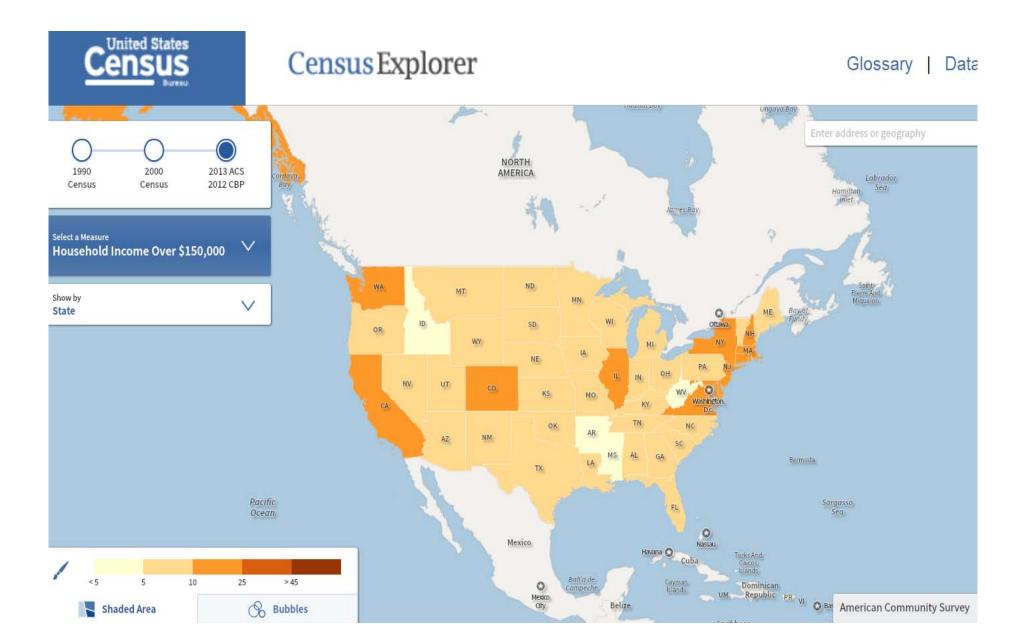
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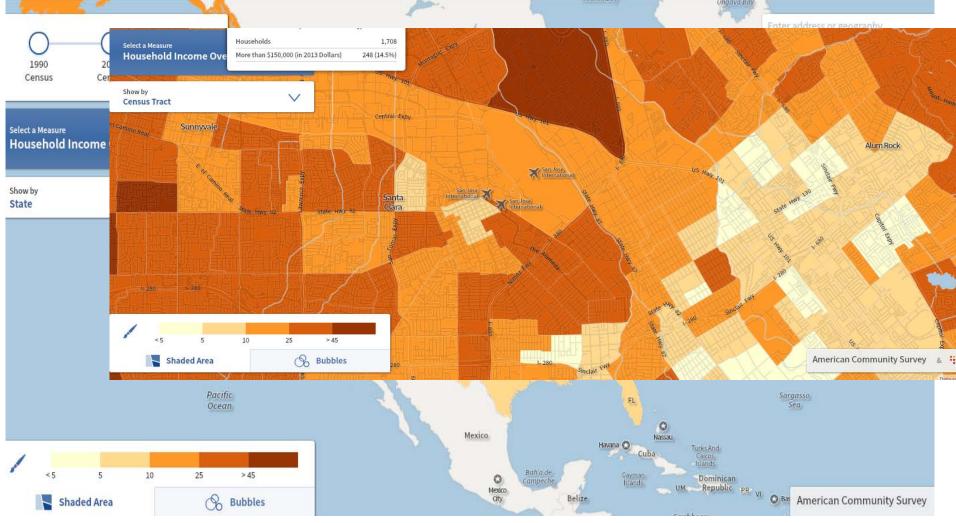


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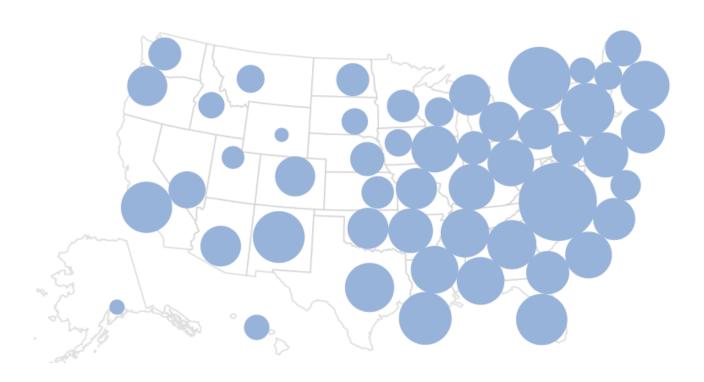
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Explore how income inequality has worsened, median income has fallen and poverty has risen over time

The 51 circles represent each state and the District of Columbia. They're sized according to degree of inequality (smaller is better); median income (bigger is better); or poverty rate (smaller is better). Hover over or tap a circle to see underlying data.

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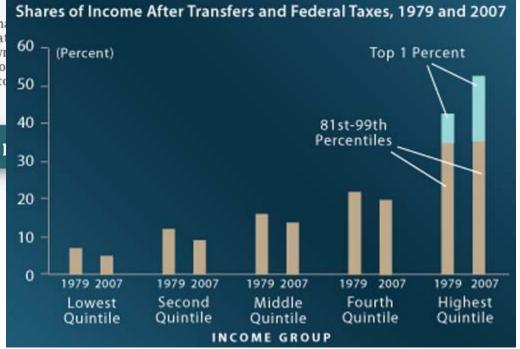
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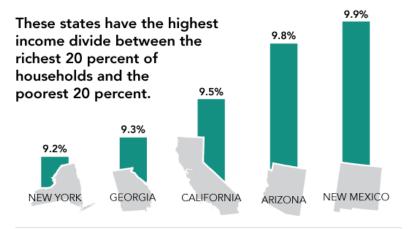


In 2012, there were 46.5 million p





WORST STATES FOR INCOME INEQUALITY



Sources: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Economic Policy Institute THE HUFFINGTON POST

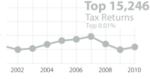
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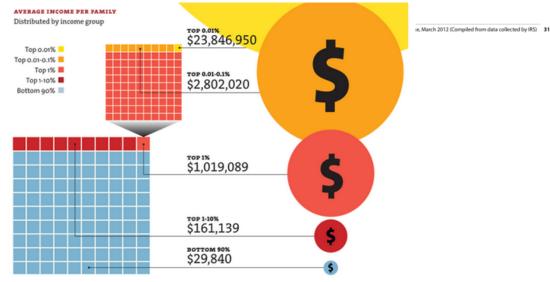
Average Income of the Top 400 Tax Returns

HOW RICH ARE THE SUPERRICH?

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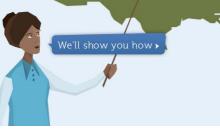


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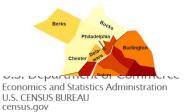
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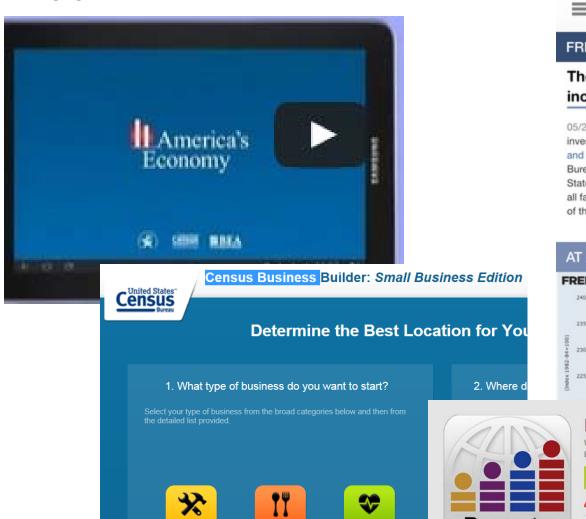
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The mean vs. the median of family income

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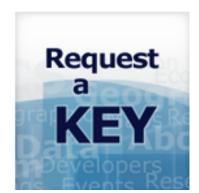
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- Link to other federal government resources on this topic
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Census Bureau Data Tools

American Factfinder – ACS Data

http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml

- Median household/family income
- Poverty rates/Gini coefficients
- CPS ASEC Table Creator

http://www.census.gov/cps/data/cpstablecreator.html

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