

Shares of family income going to income fifths and to the top 5%, 1947-2007

| Year | Lowest Fifth | Second fifth | Middle fifth | Fourth fifth | Top fifth | Breakdown of top fifth | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|------------------------|--------|
| | | | | | | First 15% | Top 5% |
| 1947 | 5.0% | 11.9% | 17.0% | 23.1% | 43.0% | 25.5% | 17.5% |
| 1973 | 5.5 | 11.9 | 17.5 | 24.0 | 41.1 | 25.6 | 15.5 |
| 1979 | 5.4 | 11.6 | 17.5 | 24.1 | 41.4 | 26.1 | 15.3 |
| 1989 | 4.6 | 10.6 | 16.5 | 23.7 | 44.6 | 26.7 | 17.9 |
| 2000 | 4.3 | 9.8 | 15.4 | 22.7 | 47.7 | 26.6 | 21.1 |
| 2006 | 4.0 | 9.5 | 15.1 | 22.9 | 48.5 | 27.0 | 21.5 |
| Percentage-point change | | | | | | | |
| 1947-73 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.9 | -1.9 | 0.1 | -2.0 |
| 1973-79 | -0.1 | -0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 | -0.2 |
| 1979-89 | -0.8 | -1.0 | -1.0 | -0.4 | 3.2 | 0.6 | 2.6 |
| 1989-2000 | -0.3 | -0.8 | -1.1 | -1.0 | 3.1 | -0.1 | 3.2 |
| 2000-06 | -0.3 | -0.3 | -0.3 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.4 |

Source: Authors' analysis of U.S. Bureau of the Census data.

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