

**Income Inequality in the U.S.
by State,
Metropolitan Area,
and County**

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Regional inequality & national inequality alike ?

- NATIONWIDE
 - Piketty & Saez, *Income Inequality in the United States, 1913-2002*.
 - Saez, *Striking It Richer*.
- STATE- or COUNTY-LEVEL
 - EPI, *Pulling Apart*

Top 1 / bottom 99 by state, 2015

- Nationwide, the top 1 percent of families earned 26.3 times as much income as the bottom 99 percent in 2015.
- New York (44.4), Florida (39.5), Connecticut (37.2), Nevada (32.7), Wyoming (31.2), Massachusetts (30.9), California (30.7), Illinois (27.0), New Jersey (24.3), and Washington (24.2).
- Mississippi (16.4), Nebraska (16.3), Vermont (16.2), North Dakota (15.8), New Mexico (15.5), Maine (15.4), West Virginia (15.3), Iowa (14.7), Hawaii (13.7), and Alaska (12.7).

Top 1 / bottom 99 by metropolitan area, 2015

- Nationwide, the top 1 percent of families earned 26.3 times as much income as the bottom 99 percent in 2015.
- The 10 metropolitan areas displaying the largest gaps between the top 1 percent and the bottom 99 percent mostly concentrate in Florida.
- Except the Jackson metropolitan area spanning Wyoming & Idaho with the largest income gap (132).
- In the 10 metropolitan areas with the smallest income gaps, the top 1 percent earned between 5.4 and 8.5 times the income of the bottom 99 percent of families.

Top 1 / bottom 99 by county, 2015

- Nationwide, the top 1 percent of families earned 26.3 times as much income as the bottom 99 percent in 2015.
- Teton county, Wyoming (142.2), New York county, NY (113), La Salle, TX (92.1), Collier, FL (90.1), Monroe, FL (81.3), Palm Beach, FL (77.9), Pitkin & San Miguel, Colorado (72.2 & 69.2), Walton, FL (68.5) and Indian River, FL (67.2).
- In the 10 counties with the smallest income gaps, the top 1 percent earned between 5 and 6 times the income of the bottom 99 percent. They mostly concentrate in the two Dakotas, Alaska, Nebraska & Virginia.

Local top income thresholds, 2015

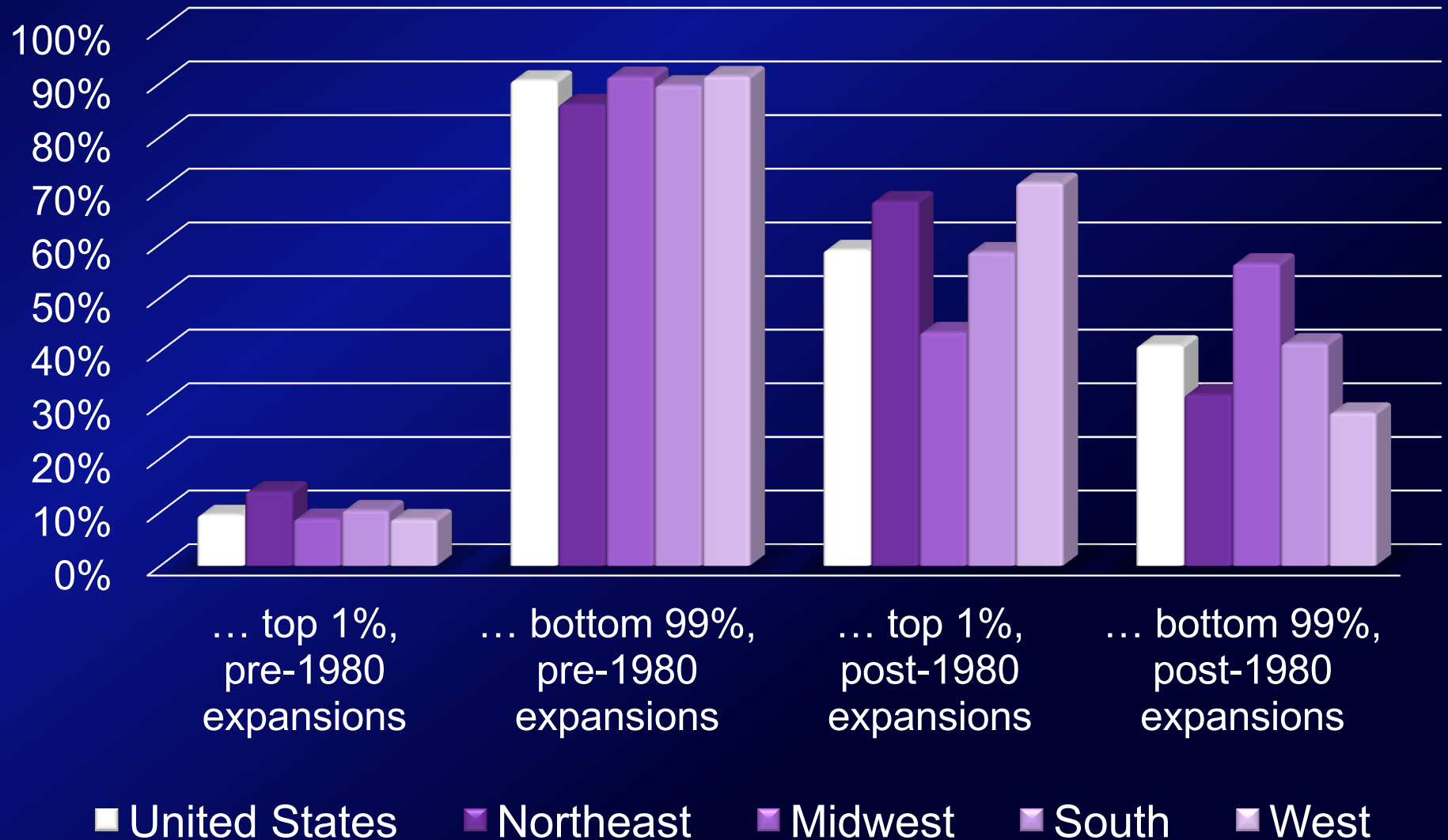
- The national income threshold for entering the top 1% of families in 2015 is \$421,926.
- By state (min-max) : Connecticut \$700,800 and Arkansas \$255,050.
- By metro area (min-max) : \$1.7 million in Jackson, Wyoming-Idaho and \$121,339 in Rio Grande City, Texas.
- By county (min-max) : \$2.25 million in Teton, Wyoming and \$98,832 in Liberty, Georgia.

US top income threshold, 2015

- The national income threshold for entering the top 1% of families in 2015 is \$421,926.
- By state, highest share : 17.4% in California.
 - Lowest share : 0.11% in Vermont.
- By metro area, highest share : 14.9% in New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA.
 - 638 metropolitan areas out of 916 score less than 0.02% but more than 0.
- By county, highest share in New York, NY (6%).
 - 2 603 counties out of 3 061 display a share below 0.02%, but none scores 0.

Top income growth since 1949

Share of total growth captured by...



The new Gilded Age

Top 1% income share, U.S. & regions, 1917-2015

