

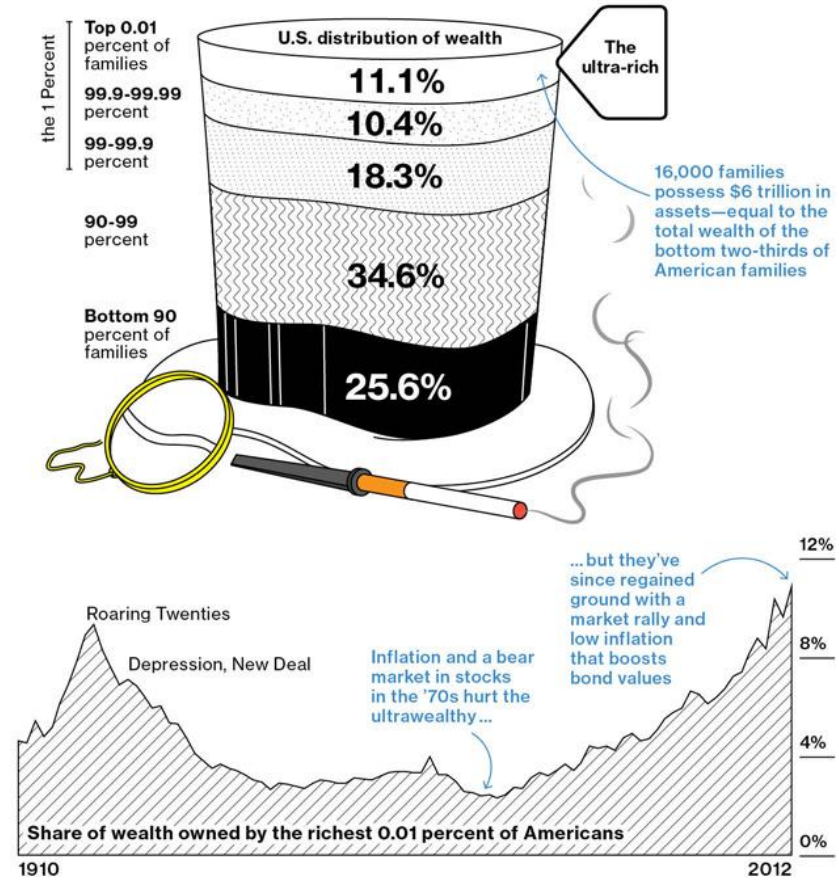


Welcome to the Civic Lab!

This resource page includes conversation starters and materials for exploring income inequality.

Conversation Questions

The New Gilded Age



from "The Richest Rich Are in a Class by Themselves" on *Bloomberg.com*, 3 April 2014

1. How would you describe or interpret the information in this infographic?
2. Does the information presented surprise you? Why or why not?
3. Do you see income inequality locally? What does it look like to you?
4. Family question: Should people be paid enough money at their jobs that they can afford the things they need?



The Civic Lab at Skokie Public Library offers information and thought-provoking activities to support dialogue and engagement on issues that affect our community.

Core Resources

These items were selected by our librarians as core resources for the Civic Lab.

For adults:

- *The Divide: American Injustice in the Age of the Wealth Gap* by Matt Taibbi
- *The Price of Inequality* by Joseph E. Stiglitz

For young adults:

- *Inequality for All* from Anchor Bay Entertainment
- *Pitch Black: Don't Be Skerd* by Youme Landowne and Anthony Horton

For children and families:

- *Hold Fast* by Blue Balliett
- *Yard Sale* by Eve Bunting

Additional Resources

These library materials are excellent choices for further exploration.

For adults:

- *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich
- *Savage Inequalities: Children in America's Schools* by Jonathan Kozol
- *The Unwinding: An Inner History of the New America* by George Packer
- *Family Properties: Race, Real Estate, and the Exploitation of Black Urban America* by Beryl Satter

For young adults:

- *The Bullie\$ of Wall St: This Is How Greed Messed Up Our Economy* by Sheila Bair
- *Street Angel* by Jim Rugg and Brian Maruca

For children and families:

- *Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate
- *Maddi's Fridge* by Lois Brandt
- *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña
- *The Adventures of Beanboy* by Lisa Harkrader