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Perfectly Legal: The covert campaign to rig our tax system to benefit the super rich

Incomes Grew Most at the Top

Average incomes for nearly all Americans declined from 1970 to 2000, but the higher a person stood on the income ladder the more that income grew.

Pretax incomes in 2000 dollars

	Bottom 90%	90 to 95	95 to 99	99 to 99.5	99.5 to 99.9	99.9 to 99.99	Top 13,400 Households
1970	\$ 27,060	\$ 80,148	\$ 115,472	\$ 202,792	\$ 317,582	\$ 722,480	\$ 3,641,285
2000	\$ 27,035	\$ 103,860	\$ 178,067	\$ 384,192	\$ 777,450	\$ 3,049,226	\$ 23,969,767
Percentage Change	-0.1%	29.6%	54.2%	89.5%	144.8%	322.0%	558.3%

Source: Piketty & Saez

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