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Income Shares¹

The income share going to the bottom 90 percent of Americans shrank between 1970 and 2017. Among the top 10%, the higher a person ranked the more one's slice of the economic pie grew.

Year	Bottom 90%	90% to 95%	95% to 99%	99% to 99.5%	99.5% to 99.9%	99.9% to 99.99%	Top 0.01%
1970	67.10%	11.10%	12.70%	2.80%	3.50%	1.80%	1.00%
2000	52.00%	11.10%	15.20%	4.10%	6.60%	5.90%	5.10%
2017	52.44%	12.53%	16.97%	4.20%	6.19%	4.43%	3.24%
1970-2017	-21.85%	12.88%	33.62%	50.00%	76.86%	146.11%	224.00%

Source: Piketty & Saez (cited in David Cay Johnston, *Perfectly Legal*) (updated)

¹ *The Delray Democrat*, August 2019, p. 5.