Income growth since 1979 has been larger for high-income earners, even when including transfers and taxes.

**Average Annual Income After Transfers and Taxes (2018 Dollars)**

- **Top 1 Percent** (incomes up 268%)
- **Top Quintile** (incomes up 120%)
- **Middle Quintile** (incomes up 47%)
- **Lowest Quintile** (incomes up 91%)


**NOTES:** Increases calculated for 1979–2018. Income after transfers and taxes is comprised of market income plus income from social insurance programs (i.e. Social Security), plus means-tested transfers received (i.e. Medicaid), minus federal taxes. The top quintile includes households that are also in the top 1 percent.