Between 1979 and 2018, income increased more quickly for high-income earners.

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

- **Top 1 Percent**: Incomes up 242%
- **Top Quintile**: Incomes up 111%
- **Middle Quintile**: Incomes up 31%
- **Lowest Quintile**: Incomes up 40%


**NOTE:** Increases calculated for 1979–2018. Income before transfers and taxes is market income plus social insurance benefits such as Social Security and unemployment insurance. The top quintile includes households that are also in the top 1 percent.