The Unequal States of America

Income inequality in Connecticut

Income trends have varied from state to state, and within states. But a pattern is apparent: the growth of top 1% incomes. Explore inequality in this interactive feature.

- $2,402,339
  - Average annual income of the top 1%

- $56,445
  - Average income of everyone else (the bottom 99%)

- 42.6x
  - The top 1% makes 42.6 times more than the bottom 99%

What you need to make to be in the top 1%:

- $659,979

The top 1% takes home 29.7% of all the income in Connecticut.

Share of income captured by the top 1%, 1917–2013

The share of all income held by the top 1% in recent years has approached or surpassed historical highs.

Inside Connecticut
Metropolitan areas

- **Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk** is the most unequal metro area in Connecticut.
- The top 1% there makes 73.7 times more than the bottom 99%.
- Average income of the top 1% in Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk is **$6,061,230**.
- The average income of the bottom 99% is **$82,222**.

Counties

- **Fairfield County** is the most unequal county in Connecticut.
- The top 1% there makes 73.7 times more than the bottom 99%.
- Average income of the top 1% in Fairfield County is **$6,061,230**.
- The average income of the bottom 99% is **$82,222**.

See inequality numbers for all counties [+ or metro areas [+]

How does Connecticut compare with the rest of the country?

**Connecticut ranks #2 of the 50 states in income inequality**, based on the ratio of top 1% to bottom 99% income.

Inequality at the national level

- Minimum annual income to be in the top 1%: **$389,436**
- Average annual income of the top 1%: **$1,153,293**
- Average annual income of the bottom 99%: **$45,567**
- Ratio of top 1% to bottom 99%: **25.3x**

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