

Wealth inequality

**The top 0.1 percent
and the bottom 90 percent
of American households
hold close to the same amount of wealth.
That's one of the statistics most frequently
cited to describe the problem of economic
inequality in the United States today.**

Here are some others:

**Nearly two-thirds of Americans are now living
paycheck to paycheck. An estimated 41 percent
— 135 million people — are considered either
poor or low-income. Eighteen percent of
households earn less than \$25,000 a year.**

**Even before the pandemic hit, one in four
Black families had a net worth of zero.**

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