

Table 5. Distribution of income or consumption

| Economy | Survey year | Gini index | Percentage share of income or consumption | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------|---|------------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|----|
| | | | Lowest 10% | Lowest 20% | Second 20% | Third 20% | Fourth 20% | Highest 20% | Highest 10% | |
| Albania | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Algeria | 1995 ^{a,b} | 35.3 | 2.8 | 7.0 | 11.6 | 16.1 | 22.7 | 42.6 | 26.8 | .. |
| Angola | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Argentina | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Armenia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Australia | 1994 ^{c,d} | 35.2 | 2.0 | 5.9 | 12.0 | 17.2 | 23.6 | 41.3 | 25.4 | .. |
| Austria | 1987 ^{c,d} | 23.1 | 4.4 | 10.4 | 14.8 | 18.5 | 22.9 | 33.3 | 19.3 | .. |
| Azerbaijan | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Bangladesh | 1995-96 ^{a,b} | 33.6 | 3.9 | 8.7 | 12.0 | 15.7 | 20.8 | 42.8 | 28.6 | .. |
| Belarus | 1998 ^{a,b} | 21.7 | 5.1 | 11.4 | 15.2 | 18.2 | 21.9 | 33.3 | 20.0 | .. |
| Belgium | 1992 ^{c,d} | 25.0 | 3.7 | 9.5 | 14.6 | 18.4 | 23.0 | 34.5 | 20.2 | .. |
| Benin | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Bolivia | 1990 ^{c,d} | 42.0 | 2.3 | 5.6 | 9.7 | 14.5 | 22.0 | 48.2 | 31.7 | .. |
| Botswana | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Brazil | 1996 ^{c,d} | 60.0 | 0.9 | 2.5 | 5.5 | 10.0 | 18.3 | 63.8 | 47.6 | .. |
| Bulgaria | 1995 ^{a,b} | 28.3 | 3.4 | 8.5 | 13.8 | 17.9 | 22.7 | 37.0 | 22.5 | .. |
| Burkina Faso | 1994 ^{a,b} | 48.2 | 2.2 | 5.5 | 8.7 | 12.0 | 18.7 | 55.0 | 39.5 | .. |
| Burundi | 1992 ^{a,b} | 33.3 | 3.4 | 7.9 | 12.1 | 16.3 | 22.1 | 41.6 | 26.6 | .. |
| Cambodia | 1997 ^{a,b} | 40.4 | 2.9 | 6.9 | 10.7 | 14.7 | 20.1 | 47.6 | 33.8 | .. |
| Cameroon | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Canada | 1994 ^{c,d} | 31.5 | 2.8 | 7.5 | 12.9 | 17.2 | 23.0 | 39.3 | 23.8 | .. |
| Central African Republic | 1993 ^{a,b} | 61.3 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 4.9 | 9.6 | 18.5 | 65.0 | 47.7 | .. |
| Chad | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Chile | 1994 ^{c,d} | 56.5 | 1.4 | 3.5 | 6.6 | 10.9 | 18.1 | 61.0 | 46.1 | .. |
| China | 1998 ^{c,d} | 40.3 | 2.4 | 5.9 | 10.2 | 15.1 | 22.2 | 46.6 | 30.4 | .. |
| Hong Kong, China | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Colombia | 1996 ^{c,d} | 57.1 | 1.1 | 3.0 | 6.6 | 11.1 | 18.4 | 60.9 | 46.1 | .. |
| Congo, Dem. Rep. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Congo, Rep. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Costa Rica | 1996 ^{c,d} | 47.0 | 1.3 | 4.0 | 8.8 | 13.7 | 21.7 | 51.8 | 34.7 | .. |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 1995 ^{a,b} | 36.7 | 3.1 | 7.1 | 11.2 | 15.6 | 21.9 | 44.3 | 28.8 | .. |
| Croatia | 1998 ^{a,b} | 26.8 | 4.0 | 9.3 | 13.8 | 17.8 | 22.9 | 36.2 | 21.6 | .. |
| Czech Republic | 1996 ^{c,d} | 25.4 | 4.3 | 10.3 | 14.5 | 17.7 | 21.7 | 35.9 | 22.4 | .. |
| Denmark | 1992 ^{c,d} | 24.7 | 3.6 | 9.6 | 14.9 | 18.3 | 22.7 | 34.5 | 20.5 | .. |
| Dominican Republic | 1996 ^{c,d} | 48.7 | 1.7 | 4.3 | 8.3 | 13.1 | 20.6 | 53.7 | 37.8 | .. |
| Ecuador | 1995 ^{a,b} | 43.7 | 2.2 | 5.4 | 9.4 | 14.2 | 21.3 | 49.7 | 33.8 | .. |
| Egypt, Arab Rep. | 1995 ^{a,b} | 28.9 | 4.4 | 9.8 | 13.2 | 16.6 | 21.4 | 39.0 | 25.0 | .. |
| El Salvador | 1996 ^{c,d} | 52.3 | 1.2 | 3.4 | 7.5 | 12.5 | 20.2 | 56.5 | 40.5 | .. |
| Eritrea | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Estonia | 1995 ^{c,d} | 35.4 | 2.2 | 6.2 | 12.0 | 17.0 | 23.1 | 41.8 | 26.2 | .. |
| Ethiopia | 1995 ^{a,b} | 40.0 | 3.0 | 7.1 | 10.9 | 14.5 | 19.8 | 47.7 | 33.7 | .. |
| Finland | 1991 ^{c,d} | 25.6 | 4.2 | 10.0 | 14.2 | 17.6 | 22.3 | 35.8 | 21.6 | .. |
| France | 1995 ^{c,d} | 32.7 | 2.8 | 7.2 | 12.6 | 17.2 | 22.8 | 40.2 | 25.1 | .. |
| Georgia | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Germany | 1994 ^{c,d} | 30.0 | 3.3 | 8.2 | 13.2 | 17.5 | 22.7 | 38.5 | 23.7 | .. |
| Ghana | 1997 ^{a,b} | 32.7 | 3.6 | 8.4 | 12.2 | 15.8 | 21.9 | 41.7 | 26.1 | .. |
| Greece | 1993 ^{c,d} | 32.7 | 3.0 | 7.5 | 12.4 | 16.9 | 22.8 | 40.3 | 25.3 | .. |
| Guatemala | 1989 ^{c,d} | 59.6 | 0.6 | 2.1 | 5.8 | 10.5 | 18.6 | 63.0 | 46.6 | .. |
| Guinea | 1994 ^{a,b} | 40.3 | 2.6 | 6.4 | 10.4 | 14.8 | 21.2 | 47.2 | 32.0 | .. |
| Haiti | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Honduras | 1996 ^{c,d} | 53.7 | 1.2 | 3.4 | 7.1 | 11.7 | 19.7 | 58.0 | 42.1 | .. |
| Hungary | 1996 ^{c,d} | 30.8 | 3.9 | 8.8 | 12.5 | 16.6 | 22.3 | 39.9 | 24.8 | .. |
| India | 1997 ^{a,b} | 37.8 | 3.5 | 8.1 | 11.6 | 15.0 | 19.3 | 46.1 | 33.5 | .. |
| Indonesia | 1996 ^{c,d} | 36.5 | 3.6 | 8.0 | 11.3 | 15.1 | 20.8 | 44.9 | 30.3 | .. |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Ireland | 1987 ^{c,d} | 35.9 | 2.5 | 6.7 | 11.6 | 16.4 | 22.4 | 42.9 | 27.4 | .. |
| Israel | 1992 ^{c,d} | 35.5 | 2.8 | 6.9 | 11.4 | 16.3 | 22.9 | 42.5 | 26.9 | .. |
| Italy | 1995 ^{c,d} | 27.3 | 3.5 | 8.7 | 14.0 | 18.1 | 22.9 | 36.3 | 21.8 | .. |
| Jamaica | 1996 ^{a,b} | 36.4 | 2.9 | 7.0 | 11.5 | 15.8 | 21.8 | 43.9 | 28.9 | .. |
| Japan | 1993 ^{c,d} | 24.9 | 4.8 | 10.6 | 14.2 | 17.6 | 22.0 | 35.7 | 21.7 | .. |
| Jordan | 1997 ^{a,b} | 36.4 | 3.3 | 7.6 | 11.4 | 15.5 | 21.1 | 44.4 | 29.8 | .. |
| Kazakhstan | 1996 ^{a,b} | 35.4 | 2.7 | 6.7 | 11.5 | 16.4 | 23.1 | 42.3 | 26.3 | .. |
| Kenya | 1994 ^{a,b} | 44.5 | 1.8 | 5.0 | 9.7 | 14.2 | 20.9 | 50.2 | 34.9 | .. |
| Korea, Rep. | 1993 ^{a,b} | 31.6 | 2.9 | 7.5 | 12.9 | 17.4 | 22.9 | 39.3 | 24.3 | .. |
| Kuwait | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Kyrgyz Republic | 1997 ^{c,d} | 40.5 | 2.7 | 6.3 | 10.2 | 14.7 | 21.4 | 47.4 | 31.7 | .. |
| Lao PDR | 1992 ^{a,b} | 30.4 | 4.2 | 9.6 | 12.9 | 16.3 | 21.0 | 40.2 | 26.4 | .. |
| Latvia | 1998 ^{c,d} | 32.4 | 2.9 | 7.6 | 12.9 | 17.1 | 22.1 | 40.3 | 25.9 | .. |
| Lebanon | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Lesotho | 1986-87 ^{a,b} | 56.0 | 0.9 | 2.8 | 6.5 | 11.2 | 19.4 | 60.1 | 43.4 | .. |
| Lithuania | 1996 ^{a,b} | 32.4 | 3.1 | 7.8 | 12.6 | 16.8 | 22.4 | 40.3 | 25.6 | .. |
| Macedonia, FYR | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Madagascar | 1993 ^{a,b} | 46.0 | 1.9 | 5.1 | 9.4 | 13.3 | 20.1 | 52.1 | 36.7 | .. |
| Malawi | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Malaysia | 1995 ^{c,d} | 48.5 | 1.8 | 4.5 | 8.3 | 13.0 | 20.4 | 53.8 | 37.9 | .. |

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| Mali | 1994 ^{a,b} | 50.5 | 1.8 | 4.6 | 8.0 | 11.9 | 19.3 | 56.2 | 40.4 |
| Mauritania | 1995 ^{a,b} | 38.9 | 2.3 | 6.2 | 10.8 | 15.4 | 22.0 | 45.6 | 29.9 |
| Mexico | 1995 ^{c,d} | 53.7 | 1.4 | 3.6 | 7.2 | 11.8 | 19.2 | 58.2 | 42.8 |
| Moldova | 1992 ^{c,d} | 34.4 | 2.7 | 6.9 | 11.9 | 16.7 | 23.1 | 41.5 | 25.8 |
| Mongolia | 1995 ^{a,b} | 33.2 | 2.9 | 7.3 | 12.2 | 16.6 | 23.0 | 40.9 | 24.5 |
| Morocco | 1998–99 ^{a,b} | 39.5 | 2.6 | 6.5 | 10.6 | 14.8 | 21.3 | 46.6 | 30.9 |
| Mozambique | 1996–97 ^{a,b} | 39.6 | 2.5 | 6.5 | 10.8 | 15.1 | 21.1 | 46.5 | 31.7 |
| Myanmar | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Namibia | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Nepal | 1995–96 ^{a,b} | 36.7 | 3.2 | 7.6 | 11.5 | 15.1 | 21.0 | 44.8 | 29.8 |
| Netherlands | 1994 ^{c,d} | 32.6 | 2.8 | 7.3 | 12.7 | 17.2 | 22.8 | 40.1 | 25.1 |
| New Zealand | 1991 ^{c,d} | 43.9 | 0.3 | 2.7 | 10.0 | 16.3 | 24.1 | 46.9 | 29.8 |
| Nicaragua | 1993 ^{a,b} | 50.3 | 1.6 | 4.2 | 8.0 | 12.6 | 20.0 | 55.2 | 39.8 |
| Niger | 1995 ^{a,b} | 50.5 | 0.8 | 2.6 | 7.1 | 13.9 | 23.1 | 53.3 | 35.4 |
| Nigeria | 1996–97 ^{a,b} | 50.6 | 1.6 | 4.4 | 8.2 | 12.5 | 19.3 | 55.7 | 40.8 |
| Norway | 1995 ^{c,d} | 25.8 | 4.1 | 9.7 | 14.3 | 17.9 | 22.2 | 35.8 | 21.8 |
| Pakistan | 1996–97 ^{a,b} | 31.2 | 4.1 | 9.5 | 12.9 | 16.0 | 20.5 | 41.1 | 27.6 |
| Panama | 1997 ^{a,b} | 48.5 | 1.2 | 3.6 | 8.1 | 13.6 | 21.9 | 52.8 | 35.7 |
| Papua New Guinea | 1996 ^{a,b} | 50.9 | 1.7 | 4.5 | 7.9 | 11.9 | 19.2 | 56.5 | 40.5 |
| Paraguay | 1995 ^d | 59.1 | 0.7 | 2.3 | 5.9 | 10.7 | 18.7 | 62.4 | 46.6 |
| Peru | 1996 ^{c,d} | 46.2 | 1.6 | 4.4 | 9.1 | 14.1 | 21.3 | 51.2 | 35.4 |
| Philippines | 1997 ^{a,b} | 46.2 | 2.3 | 5.4 | 8.8 | 13.2 | 20.3 | 52.3 | 36.6 |
| Poland | 1996 ^{c,d} | 32.9 | 3.0 | 7.7 | 12.6 | 16.7 | 22.1 | 40.9 | 26.3 |
| Portugal | 1994–95 ^{c,d} | 35.6 | 3.1 | 7.3 | 11.6 | 15.9 | 21.8 | 43.4 | 28.4 |
| Romania | 1994 ^{c,d} | 28.2 | 3.7 | 8.9 | 13.6 | 17.6 | 22.6 | 37.3 | 22.7 |
| Russian Federation | 1998 ^{a,b} | 48.7 | 1.7 | 4.4 | 8.6 | 13.3 | 20.1 | 53.7 | 38.7 |
| Rwanda | 1983–85 ^{a,b} | 28.9 | 4.2 | 9.7 | 13.2 | 16.5 | 21.6 | 39.1 | 24.2 |
| Saudi Arabia | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Senegal | 1995 ^{a,b} | 41.3 | 2.6 | 6.4 | 10.3 | 14.5 | 20.6 | 48.2 | 33.5 |
| Sierra Leone | 1989 ^{a,b} | 62.9 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 9.8 | 23.7 | 63.4 | 43.6 |
| Singapore | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Slovak Republic | 1992 ^{c,d} | 19.5 | 5.1 | 11.9 | 15.8 | 18.8 | 22.2 | 31.4 | 18.2 |
| Slovenia | 1995 ^{c,d} | 26.8 | 3.2 | 8.4 | 14.3 | 18.5 | 23.4 | 35.4 | 20.7 |
| South Africa | 1993–94 ^{a,b} | 59.3 | 1.1 | 2.9 | 5.5 | 9.2 | 17.7 | 64.8 | 45.9 |
| Spain | 1990 ^{c,d} | 32.5 | 2.8 | 7.5 | 12.6 | 17.0 | 22.6 | 40.3 | 25.2 |
| Sri Lanka | 1995 ^{a,b} | 34.4 | 3.5 | 8.0 | 11.8 | 15.8 | 21.5 | 42.8 | 28.0 |
| Sweden | 1992 ^{c,d} | 25.0 | 3.7 | 9.6 | 14.5 | 18.1 | 23.2 | 34.5 | 20.1 |
| Switzerland | 1992 ^{c,d} | 33.1 | 2.6 | 6.9 | 12.7 | 17.3 | 22.9 | 40.3 | 25.2 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Tajikistan | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Tanzania | 1993 ^{a,b} | 38.2 | 2.8 | 6.8 | 11.0 | 15.1 | 21.6 | 45.5 | 30.1 |
| Thailand | 1998 ^{a,b} | 41.4 | 2.8 | 6.4 | 9.8 | 14.2 | 21.2 | 48.4 | 32.4 |
| Togo | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Tunisia | 1990 ^{a,b} | 40.2 | 2.3 | 5.9 | 10.4 | 15.3 | 22.1 | 46.3 | 30.7 |
| Turkey | 1994 ^{a,b} | 41.5 | 2.3 | 5.8 | 10.2 | 14.8 | 21.6 | 47.7 | 32.3 |
| Turkmenistan | 1998 ^{a,b} | 40.8 | 2.6 | 6.1 | 10.2 | 14.7 | 21.5 | 47.5 | 31.7 |
| Uganda | 1992–93 ^{a,b} | 39.2 | 2.6 | 6.6 | 10.9 | 15.2 | 21.3 | 46.1 | 31.2 |
| Ukraine | 1996 ^{a,b} | 32.5 | 3.9 | 8.6 | 12.0 | 16.2 | 22.0 | 41.2 | 26.4 |
| United Kingdom | 1991 ^{c,d} | 36.1 | 2.6 | 6.6 | 11.5 | 16.3 | 22.7 | 43.0 | 27.3 |
| United States | 1997 ^{c,d} | 40.8 | 1.8 | 5.2 | 10.5 | 15.6 | 22.4 | 46.4 | 30.5 |
| Uruguay | 1989 ^{c,d} | 42.3 | 2.1 | 5.4 | 10.0 | 14.8 | 21.5 | 48.3 | 32.7 |
| Uzbekistan | 1993 ^{c,d} | 33.3 | 3.1 | 7.4 | 12.0 | 16.7 | 23.0 | 40.9 | 25.2 |
| Venezuela, RB | 1996 ^{c,d} | 48.8 | 1.3 | 3.7 | 8.4 | 13.6 | 21.2 | 53.1 | 37.0 |
| Vietnam | 1998 ^{a,b} | 36.1 | 3.6 | 8.0 | 11.4 | 15.2 | 20.9 | 44.5 | 29.9 |
| Yemen, Rep. | 1992 ^{a,b} | 39.5 | 2.3 | 6.1 | 10.9 | 15.3 | 21.6 | 46.1 | 30.8 |
| Zambia | 1996 ^{a,b} | 49.8 | 1.6 | 4.2 | 8.2 | 12.8 | 20.1 | 54.8 | 39.2 |
| Zimbabwe | 1990–91 ^{a,b} | 56.8 | 1.8 | 4.0 | 6.3 | 10.0 | 17.4 | 62.3 | 46.9 |

Note: For data comparability and coverage, see the Technical Notes. Figures in italics are for years other than those specified.

a. Refers to consumption shares by percentiles of population. b. Ranked by per capita consumption. c. Refers to income shares by percentiles of population. d. Ranked by per capita income.