

The Inequality Debate

An Introduction

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In the years after the Second World War, New Zealand was considered one of the world's more equal societies. However, the divide between New Zealand's poorest and wealthiest inhabitants has widened alarmingly over recent years, faster than in most other developed countries.

Max Rashbrooke's concise introduction to income inequality in New Zealand is drawn from the larger work *Inequality: A New Zealand Crisis* and updated with the latest evidence in December 2015. Rashbrooke starts by explaining 'Why Inequality Matters' and then moves on to explore the various factors that have contributed to inequality in New Zealand.

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