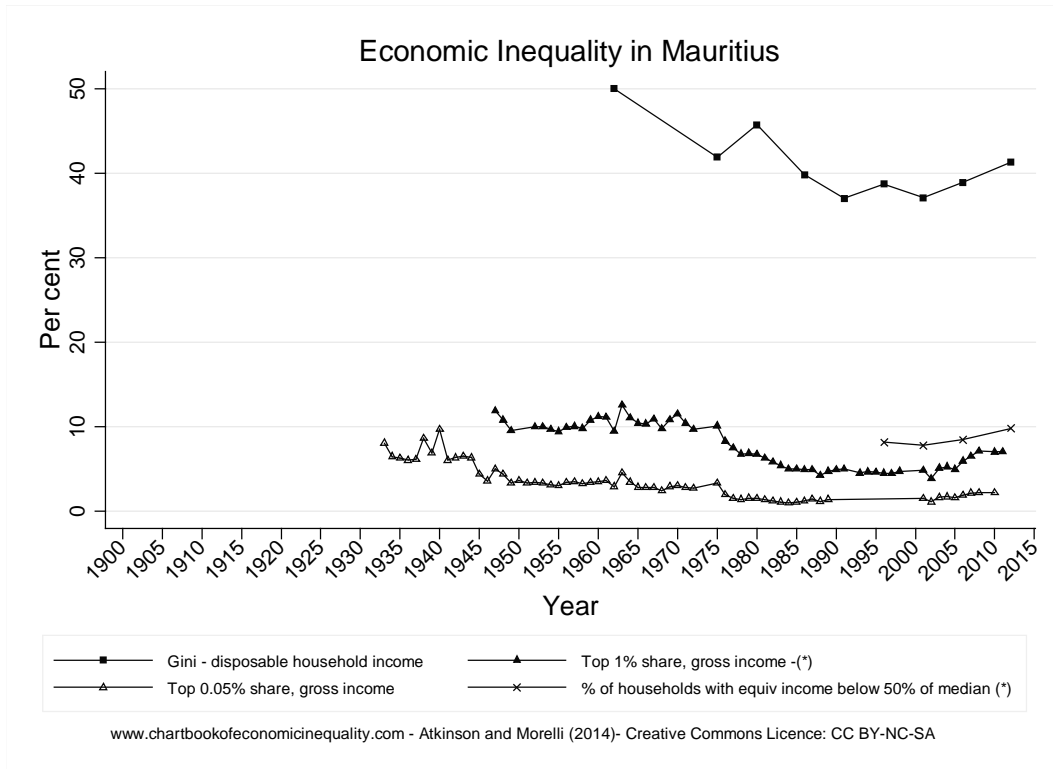


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<i>Has the dispersion of earnings been increasing in recent decades?</i>	No evidence.
<i>Has overall inequality increased in recent years?</i>	Yes, the Gini coefficient increased by 4 percentage points since 2001 after a period of sustained reduction in inequality.
<i>Have there been periods when overall inequality fell for a sustained period?</i>	Yes, the Gini coefficient fell by 13 percentage points between 1962 and 1991.
<i>Has poverty been falling or rising in recent decades?</i>	Insufficient evidence.
<i>Has there been a U-pattern for top income shares over time?</i>	Yes, top gross income shares were falling from mid-1970s to mid-1990s and rising in the most recent decade.
<i>Has the distribution of wealth followed the same pattern as income?</i>	No evidence
<i>Additional noteworthy features</i>	

Sources for the historical data series:

Overall inequality: Gini coefficient for monthly household disposable income (*not equivalised*) from report on [Household Budget Survey \(HBS\) 2012](#), Table 3, report on HBS 2006/07, Table 3, and report on HBS 2001/02, Table 5, linked to earlier series for 1975 to 1991 from WIID, and figure for 1962 given by Subramanian (2001, page 2).

Top income shares: Shares of top 1 and 0.1 per cent in total gross income from [WTID](#), based on work of Atkinson (2011).

Poverty: Proportion of households with equivalised income below *50 per cent* of the median from report on [Household Budget Survey \(HBS\) 2012](#), Table 7 and report on HBS 2006/07, Table 7.

Individual Earnings: To the best of our knowledge no data on earnings decile ratio are available for Mauritius.

Wealth: To the best of our knowledge no data on wealth distribution are available for Mauritius.

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