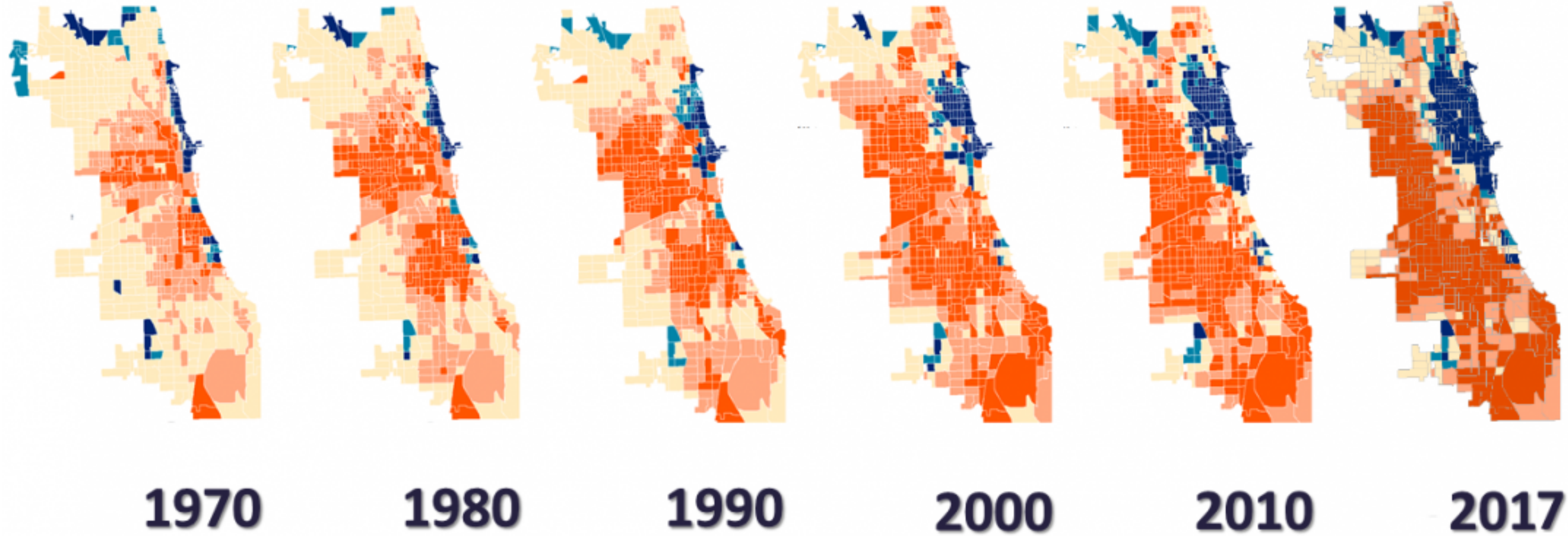


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Census Tract proportion of Metro Area Weighted Average Income.

- Very High Income**
Income 40 percent above average
- High Income**
Income 20 percent above average
- Middle Income**
Between 20 percent above and below
- Low Income**
Income 20 percent below average
- Very Low Income**
Income 40 percent below average

Average Individual Income

City of Chicago, Relative to Seven County Metro Area

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Following a method created by the University of Toronto Centre for Urban and Community Studies, we found an average income for the Chicago seven-county region for six time periods, and then divided the per capita income of each census tract by the corresponding regional average income of that time period. Next, we identified five income categories to describe how the census tract's average income compared to the region's aggregate average income.

As illustrated by our research, between the nearly fifty-year time period, poverty and wealth has substantially increased while middle-income earning populations have largely declined.