

Comparing the US and Canada (or New York and Ontario)

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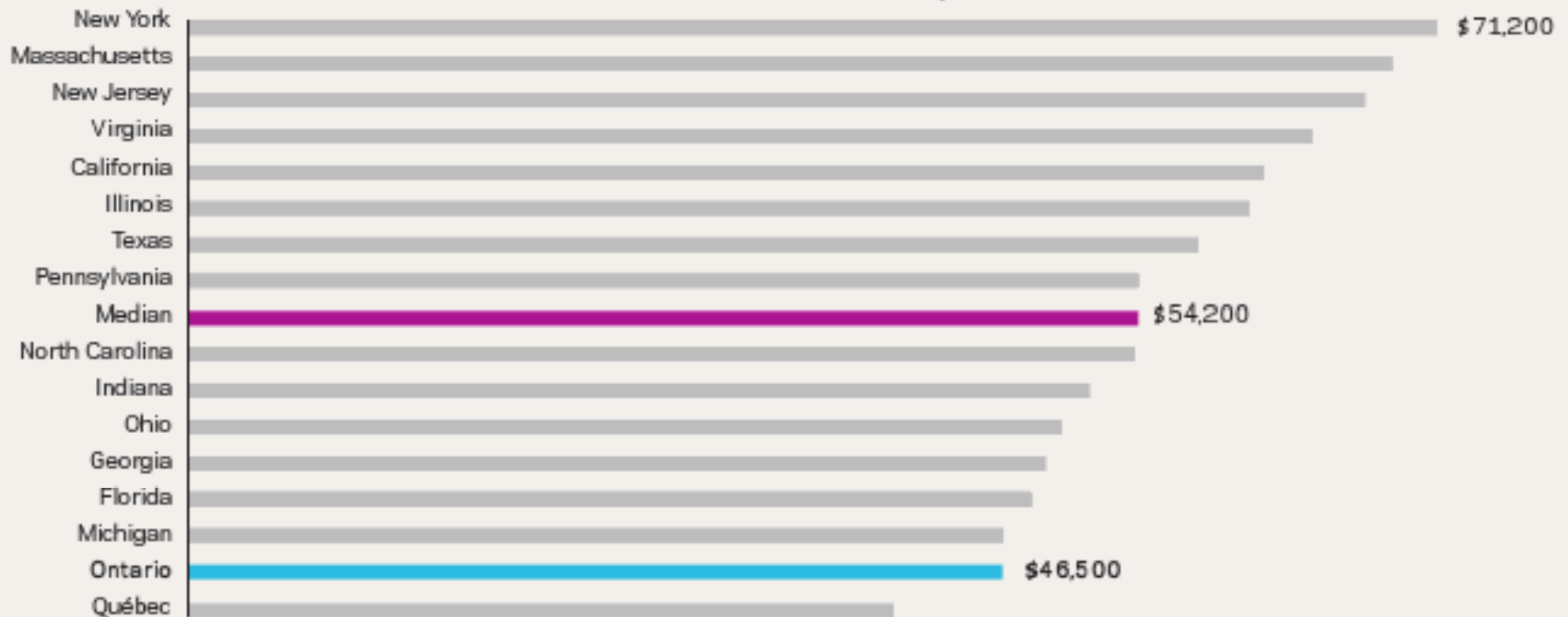
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GDP per capita tells one story...

Exhibit 2 Ontario trails its North American peers

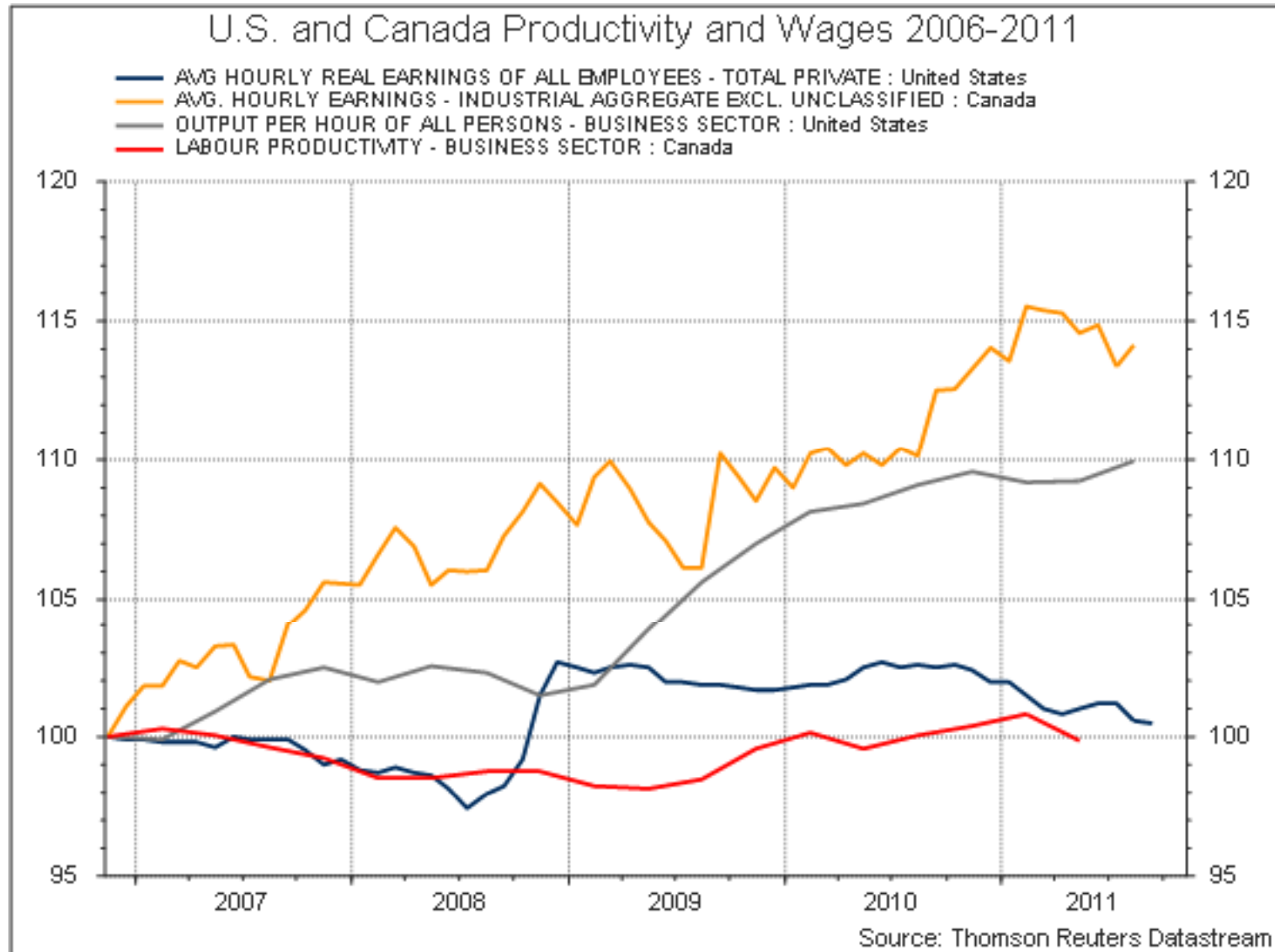
2010 GDP per capita (C\$ 2010)
Ontario and North American peers



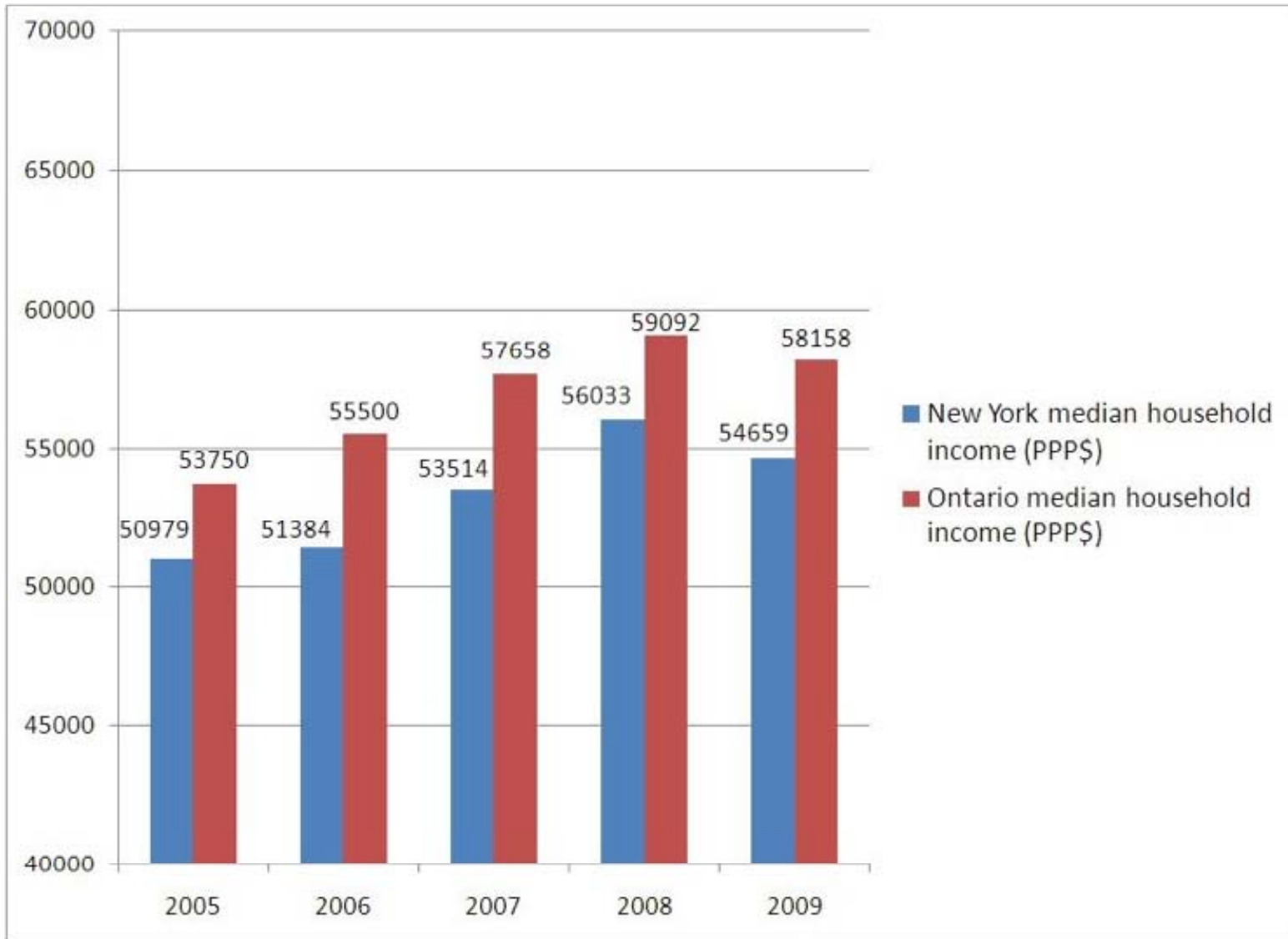
Note: US GDP numbers converted to Canadian dollars using 2010 PPP.

Source: Institute for Competitiveness & Prosperity analysis based on data from Statistics Canada; Ontario Ministry of Finance; Banque de données des statistiques officielles sur le Québec; US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis and US Census Bureau.

...but only one story

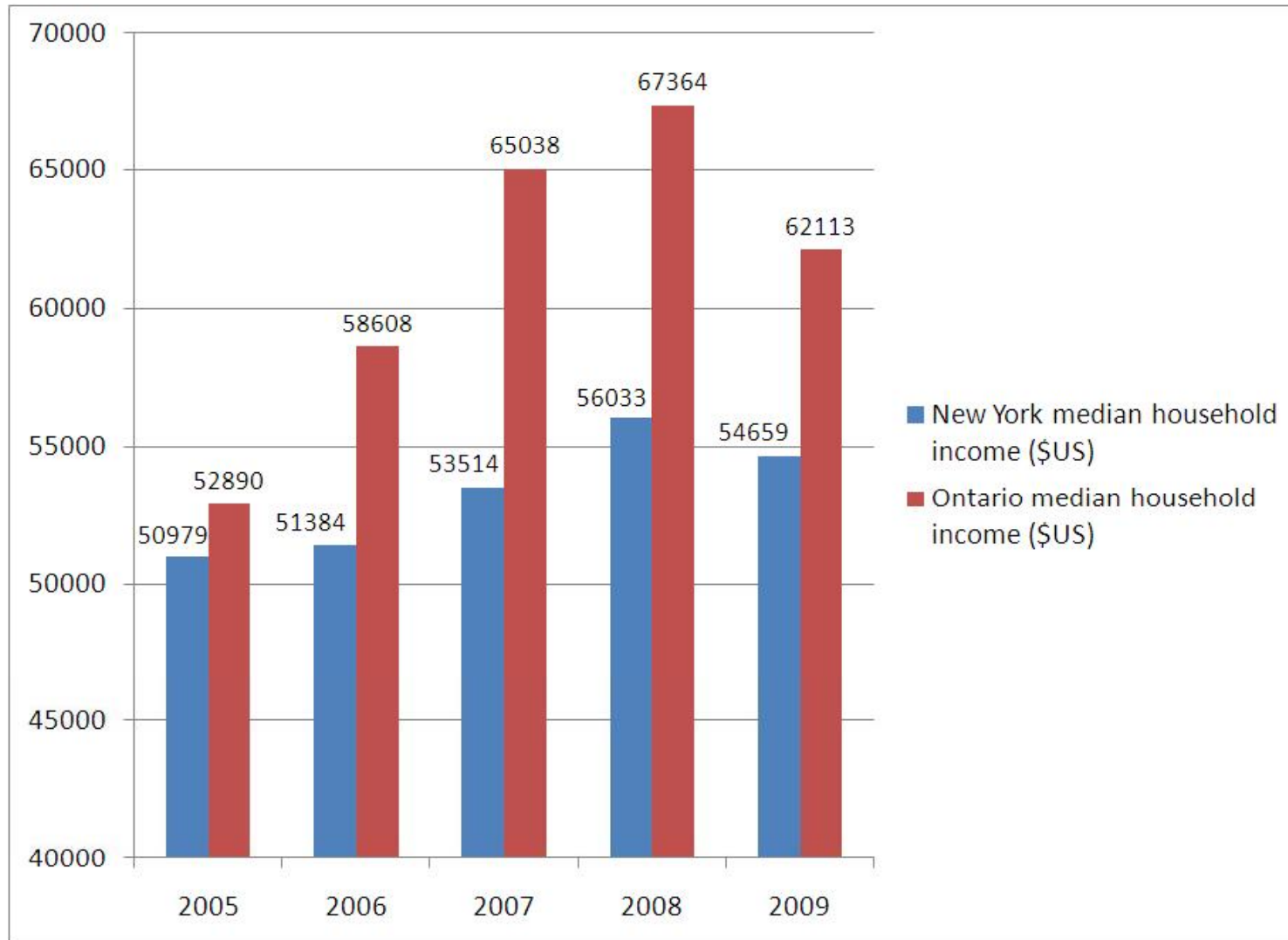


Median income tells another...



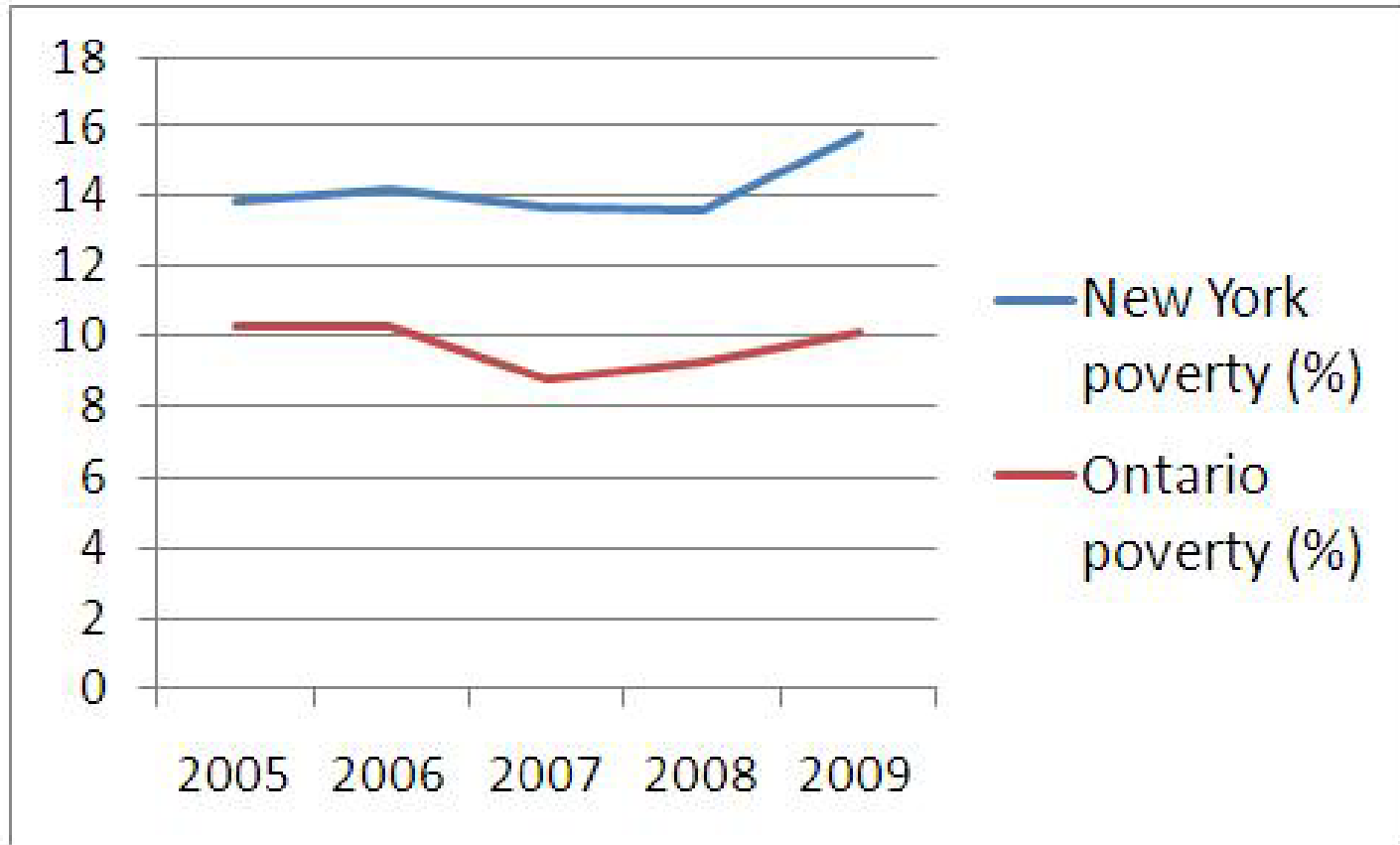
Ontario via CANSIM figure divided by 1.2 for PPP purposes
New York via US Census American Community Survey

...especially in US dollars...



Ontario via CANSIM figure multiplied by year's exchange rate
New York via US Census American Community Survey

...as does poverty



Ontario poverty CANSIM after-tax LICO, 1992 base

New York poverty US Census American Community Survey

What does innovation get you?

- CDOs
- CDSs
- Value-at-risk
- The Gaussian Copula Function
- AIG's securities-lending operation
- Repo-to-maturity
- Option-ARMs

What does productivity get you?

- More inequality
- The rich getting richer
- Competition for the cream of the crop
- Layoffs