

Economic Inequality in California Counties: Same Patterns, Mixed Impacts After COVID-19

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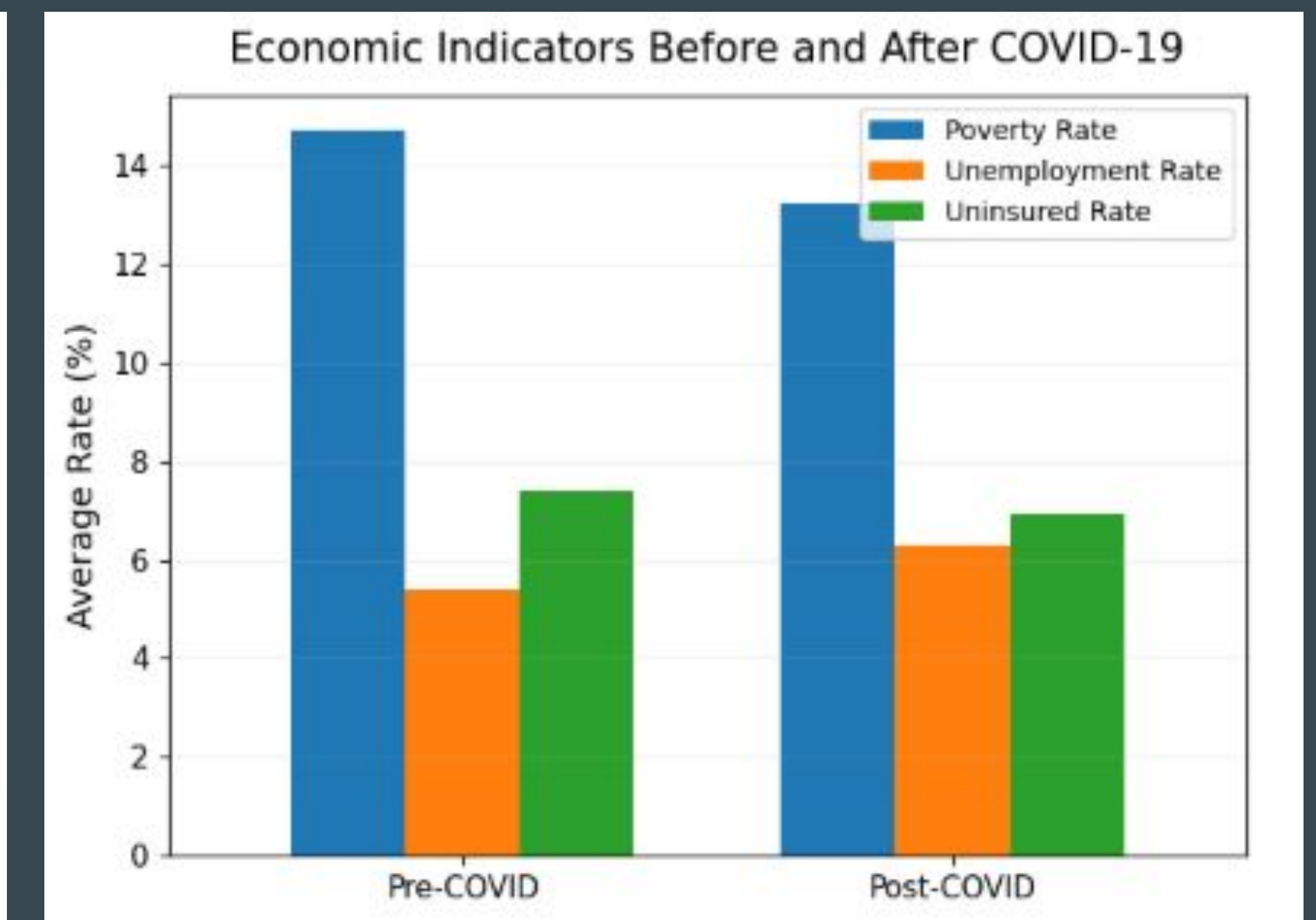
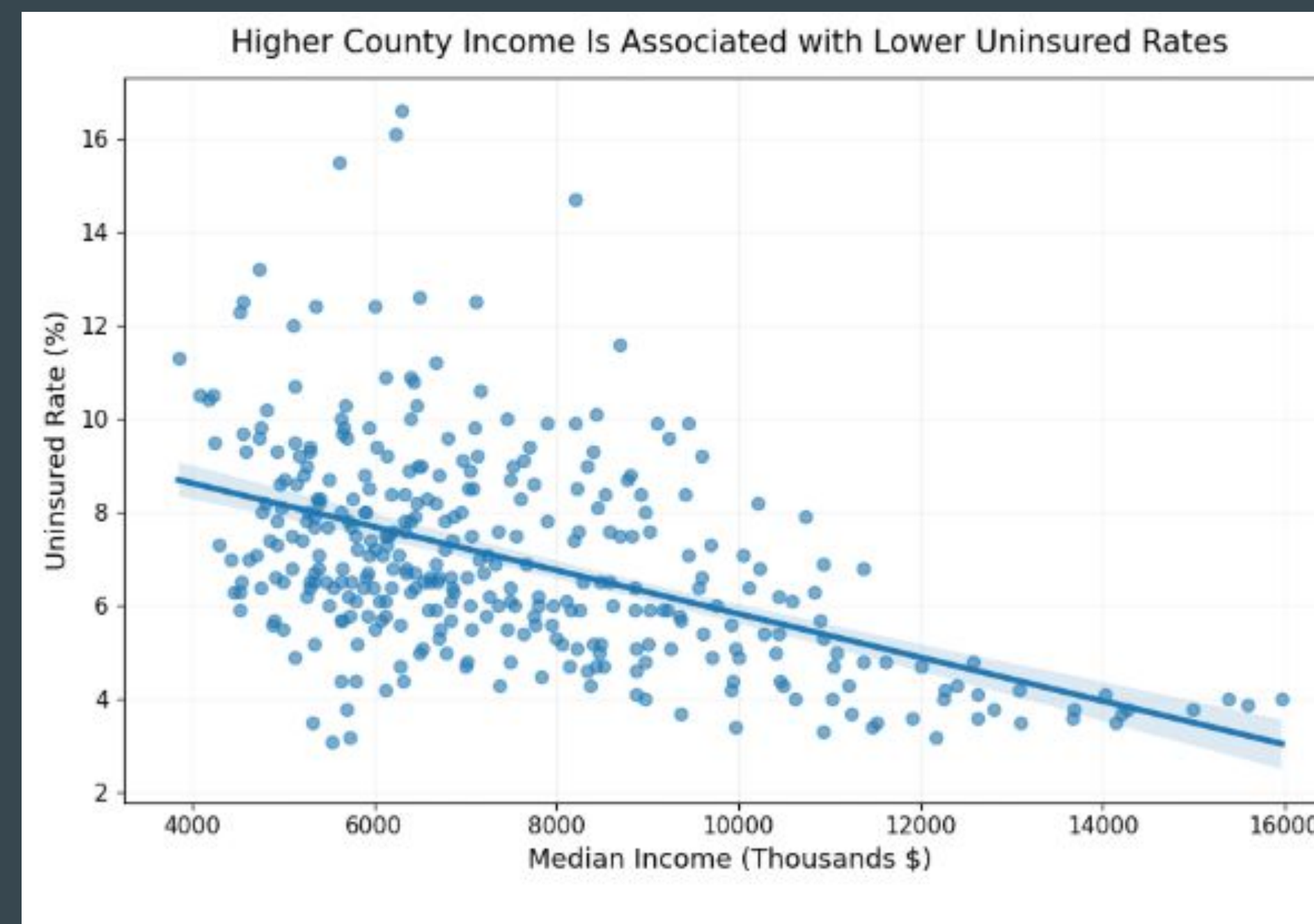
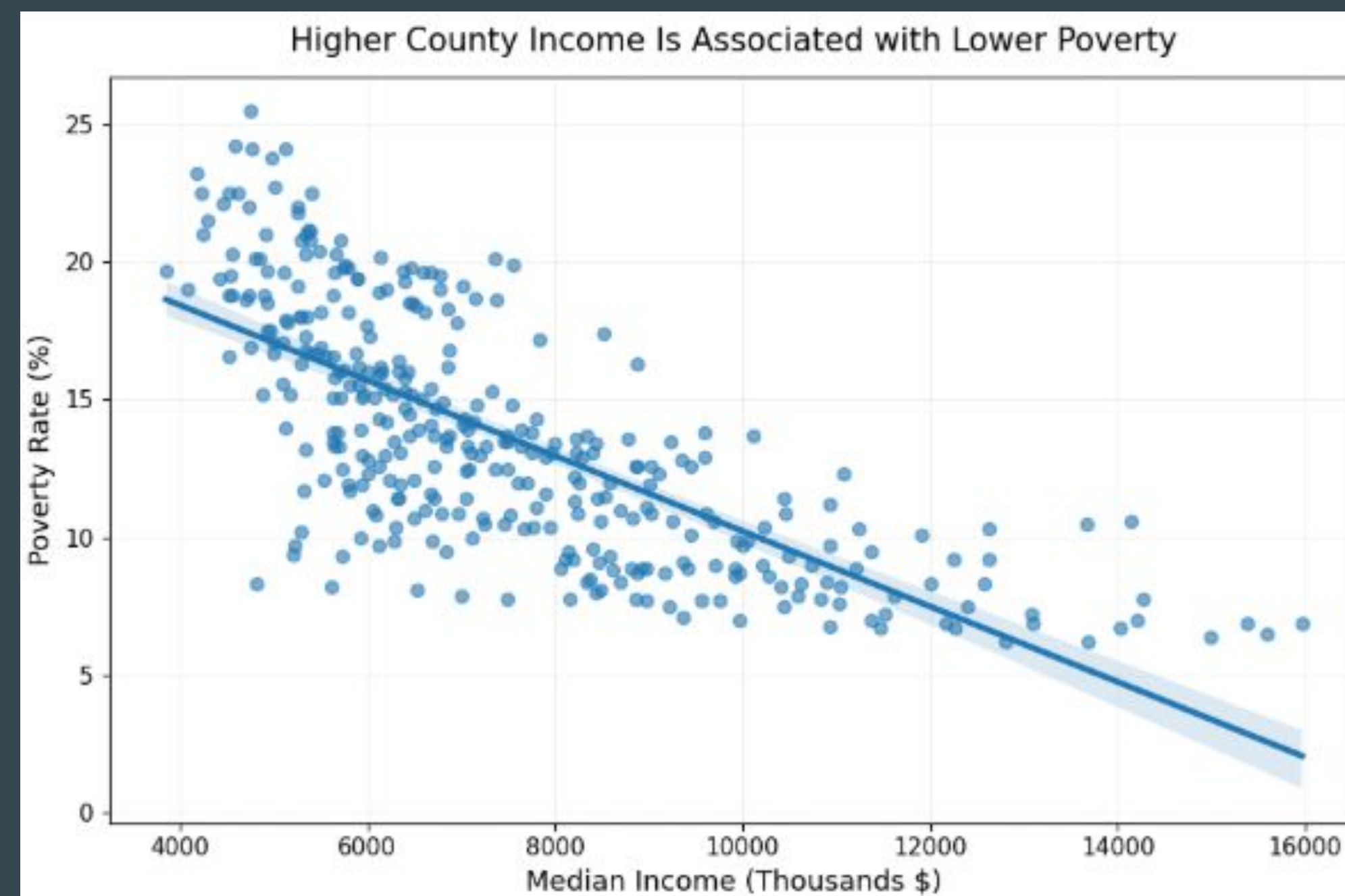
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Findings:

Higher-income counties have lower poverty rates.

The same pattern appears for uninsured rates.

COVID caused mixed changes but did not alter overall inequality patterns.



Conclusion:

Counties with higher incomes consistently have lower poverty and uninsured rates, and this pattern stayed the same even after COVID-19. While some economic conditions changed during the pandemic, the overall structure of inequality did not. This shows that income differences continue to play the biggest role in shaping economic outcomes across counties.