

**A BLACK PAPER ON THE DISASTEROUS EFFECT OF  
THE K-SHAPED RECOVERY ON BLACK & BROWN  
#HurtingHomeOwners AND THEIR COMMUNITIES**

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**THE BACKDROP**

*The Pandemic Has Created a Class of Super-Savers*

By Joe Pinsker [The Atlantic September 3, 2020]

*“A lot of the money that well-off people aren’t spending right now is money that lower-paid people would normally receive as income. Many industries that employ lots of lower-wage workers, such as restaurants, hotels, and child care, are ones that make life more comfortable or fun for higher-income people. So when those people’s spending on in-person services dries up, those lower-wage workers’ pay dries up too.”*

<https://www.theatlantic.com/family/archive/2020/09/saving-money-pandemic/615949/>

**FACTS & FIGURES**

1) *Worries grow over a K-shaped economic recovery that favors the wealthy*

By Jeff Cox [CNBC September 4, 2020]

*"Rather than a V-shaped recovery, economists have warned we face an uneven K-shaped recovery, where the wealthy quickly bounce back to pre-pandemic prosperity while lower-income families continue to suffer economic harm," Rep. James Clyburn (D-S.C.) told Mnuchin.*

<https://www.cnbc.com/2020/09/04/worries-grow-over-a-k-shaped-economic-recovery-that-favors-the-wealthy.html>

2) *Meet the 'K-shaped' recession, where professional workers are largely fine and everyone else is doing awful*

By Allana Akhtar [Business Insider September 5, 2020]

*"What 'K' means is those at the top are seeing things go up, and those in the middle and below are seeing things go down and get worse."*

<https://www.businessinsider.com/what-is-a-k-shaped-recovery-coronavirus-pandemic>

3) *Sadly, One Letter Perfectly Captures the Recovery*

By Barry Ritholtz [Bloomberg Opinion September 2, 2020]

*Once a nation of "Haves" and "Have Nots," we are now a nation of "Haves," "Have Nots," and "Have Much More." The last category has left the first two in the dust.*

<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2020-09-02/the-k-shaped-recovery-is-real-and-it-perfectly-captures-the-economy>

4) *The Finance 202: Economists talking up 'K shaped' recovery as stocks surge but inequality widens*

By Tory Newmyer with Brent D. Griffiths [The Washington Post August 19, 2020]

*President Trump has called the surging market evidence of a strong economic rebound.*

*That would come as news to the more than 28 million jobless Americans, the 29 million who have reported not having enough to eat in the previous week, and the growing numbers of people missing mortgage payments now that enhanced federal unemployment support has run out, along with an eviction moratorium.*

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/08/19/finance-202-economists-talking-up-k-shaped-recovery-stocks-surge-inequality-widens/>