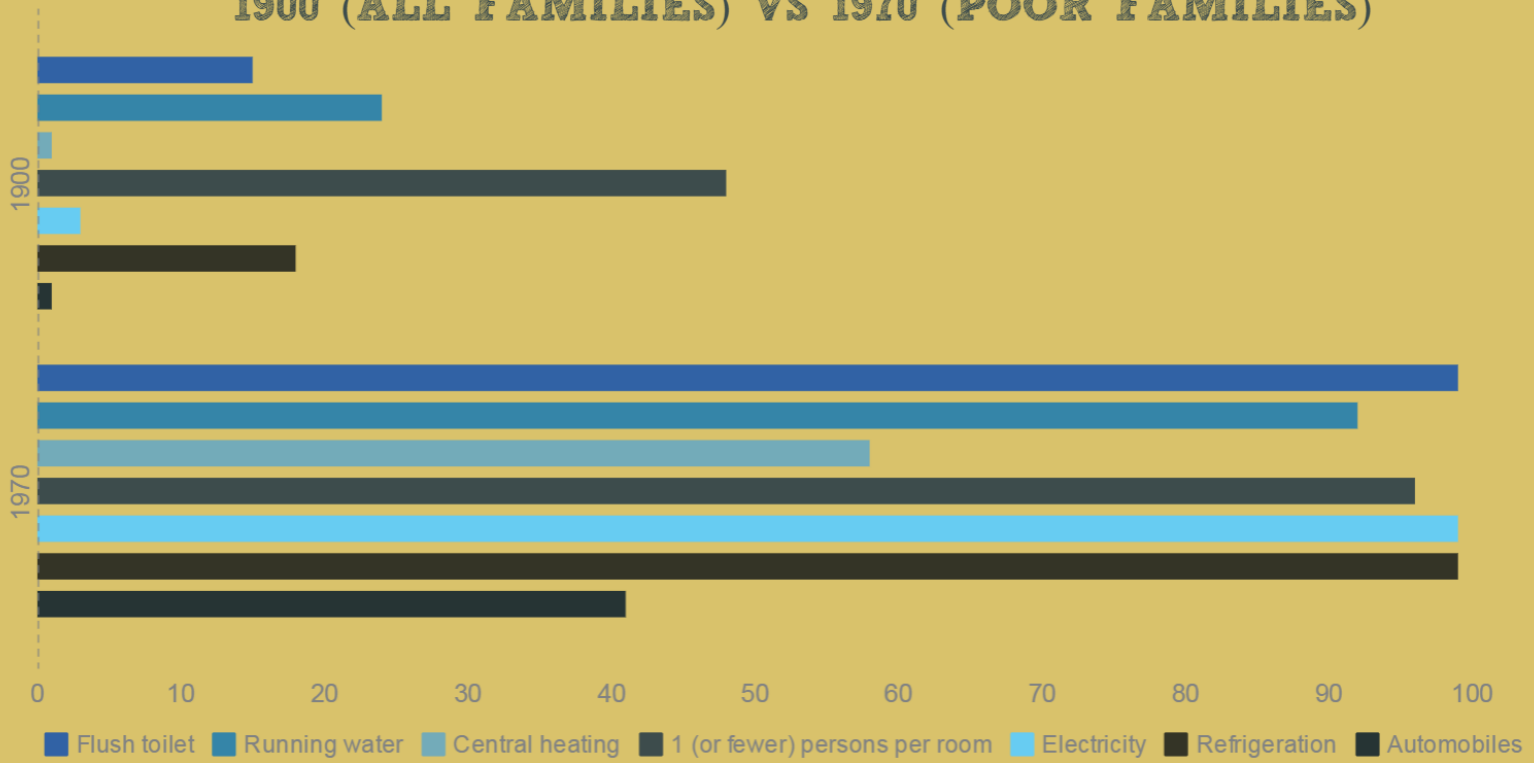


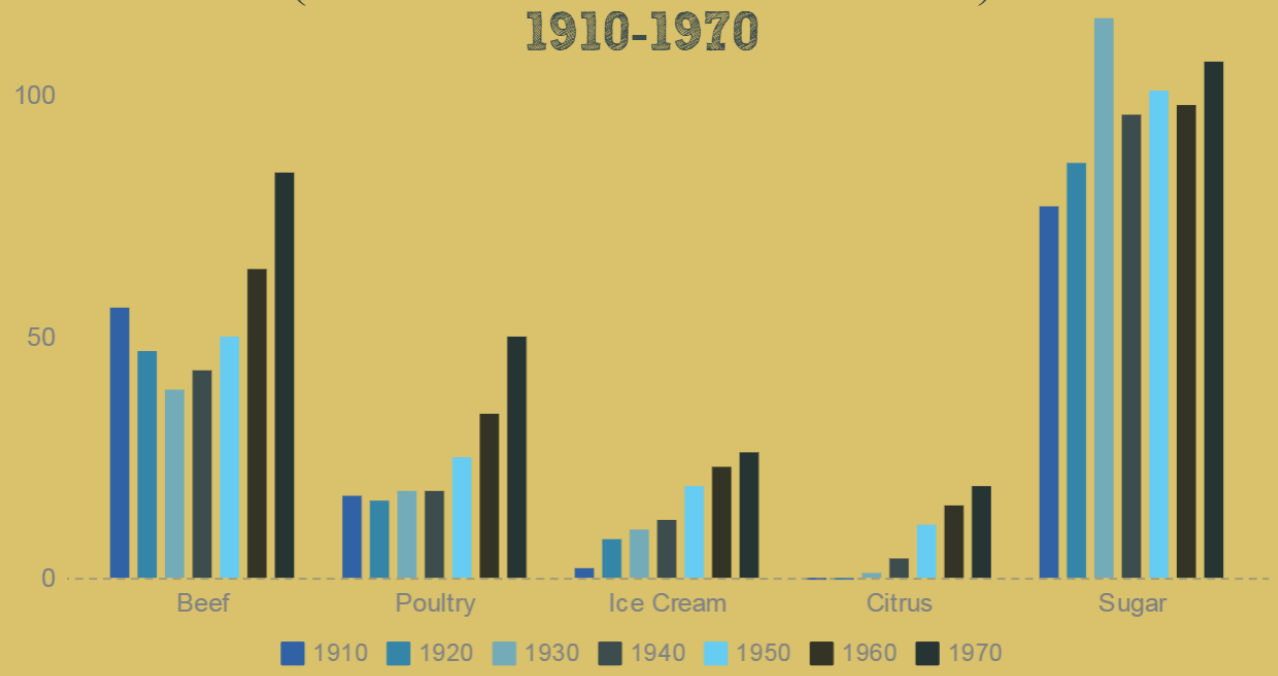
Changing Living Standards

**STANDARD OF LIVING
(PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES)
1900 (ALL FAMILIES) VS 1970 (POOR FAMILIES)**



Source: US Commissioner of Labor Statistics

**US CONSUMPTION TRENDS
(POUNDS PER CAPITA)
1910-1970**



Source: US Department of Agriculture

How have living standards changed over time? What factors might have contributed to these changes?

Is a poor family in 1970 materially better off than a typical American family in 1900? If not, why not?