

**Junior Research Paper Convention: Abstract Form**  
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Wu, Cassin. Section C. "Income Inequality and Its Social Effects: A Comparative Study of Urban and Rural Communities in Northern Taiwan."

This study examines the impact of income inequality on urban and rural communities, focusing on disparities in education, healthcare, and social mobility. Income inequality shapes access to essential resources, with urban areas often facing challenges like housing affordability and unequal access to services despite a greater concentration of resources. In contrast, rural areas contend with limited healthcare, education, and fewer economic opportunities. By analyzing how income disparities affect individuals and households in both settings, the research highlights how varying levels of income influence access to quality education, healthcare, and overall life chances. This paper can help policymakers, community leaders, and organizations better understand the specific needs of rural and urban populations, guiding more effective interventions to reduce inequality and improve access to essential services.

**Notes:**

1. My RP belongs to the category of: Social Studies

2. Related websites:

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