

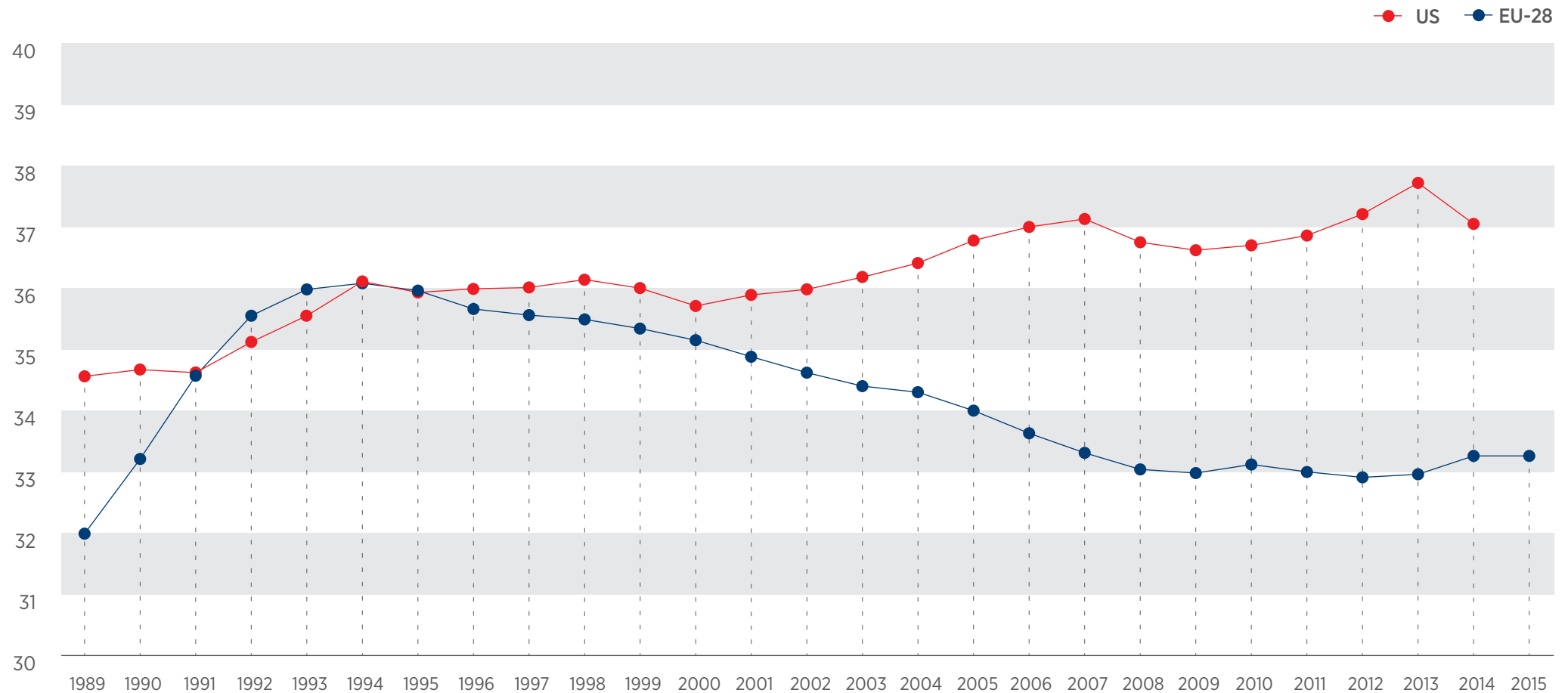
EU income inequality lower than in the US

The Gini coefficient* shows that inequality in the EU as whole declined in 1994-2008, after which it remained broadly stable. Today, inequality is much lower among EU citizens than in other parts of the world.



One of the benefits of the EU has been to deliver growth and prosperity while at the same time keeping income inequality at a relative lower level.

Gini coefficient of disposable income inequality - 1989 -2015



* A Gini index of zero represents perfect equality (incomes are perfectly evenly distributed) and a Gini index of 100 indicates perfect inequality (all incomes are owned by one person).