Total Worker Compensation and Productivity since 1973

- Productivity: +81%
- Total compensation adjusted with IPD: +78%
- Average hourly wage adjusted with CPI: +10%

Factors explaining the productivity-wage gap:
- 45% difference between payroll survey and NIPA all-employee compensation
- 39% difference in inflation deflators (IPD vs CPI)
- 12% inclusion of self-employed worker’s productivity while excluding their pay
- 4% other

*gap between payroll-based compensation growth and productivity growth in nonfarm business sector