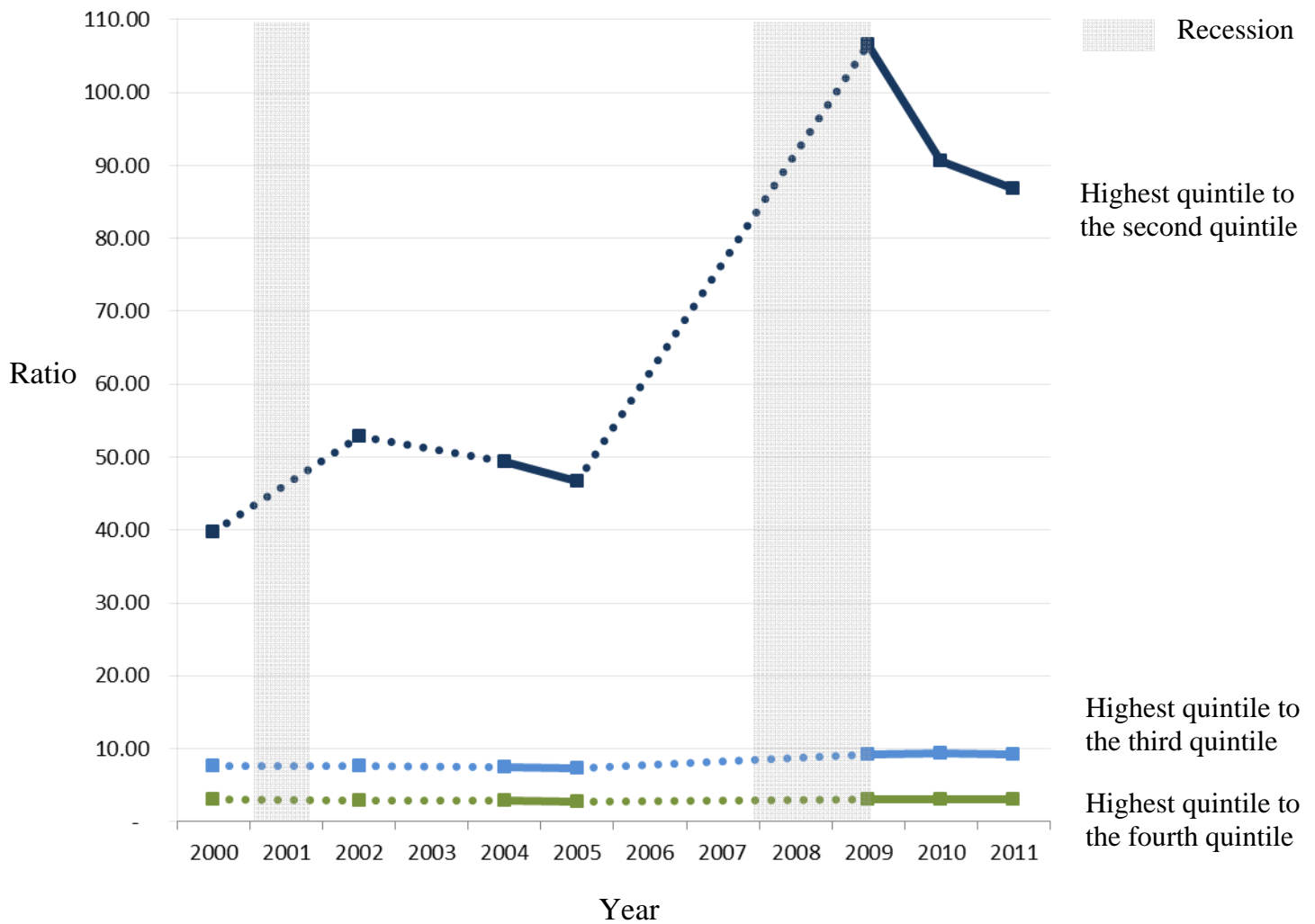


Figure 2. Ratio of Median Net Worth of Households, by Net Worth Quintiles: 2000 to 2011<sup>2</sup>



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 1996, 2001, 2004, and 2008 Panels.

<sup>2</sup> All dollar figures are in 2011 constant dollars. Median net worth statistics within quintiles of the net worth distribution are at the 10<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup>, and 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles. The first, or the bottom, net worth quintile includes households with zero or negative net worth. Net worth may be zero or negative because a household's gross wealth is zero or because the value of a household's liabilities exceeds the value of its assets. No relative comparisons (percent change over time, ratios of the medians, etc.) will be made for this quintile.