

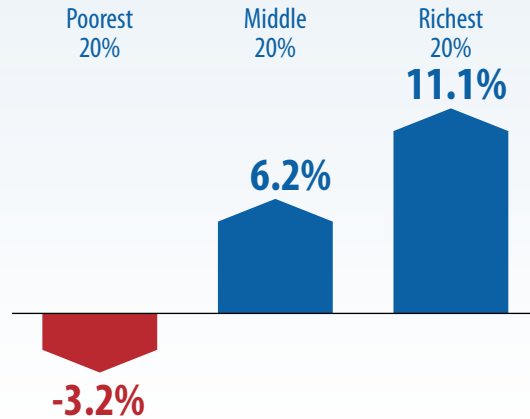
INCOME INEQUALITY HAS GROWN IN RHODE ISLAND

A Lost Decade for Rhode Island's Low- and Middle-Income Households

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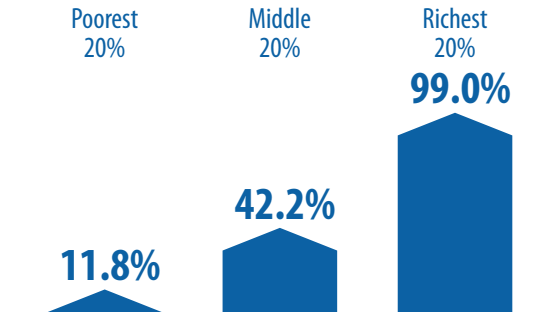
The average drop in incomes among the bottom 20 percent of households over the last decade.

Change in income by household income group, late 1990s to mid-2000s



Inequality Worsening Since the 1970s

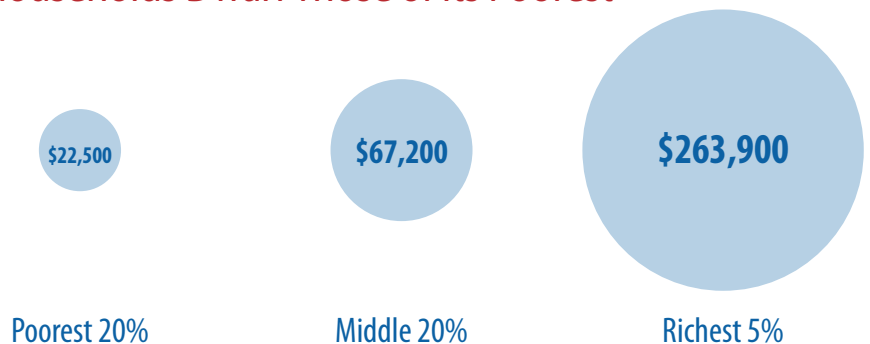
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Incomes of Rhode Island's Richest Households Dwarf Those of Its Poorest

After decades of widening inequality, Rhode Island's richest households have dramatically bigger incomes than its poorest households.

The richest 5 percent of households have average incomes 11.7 times as large as the bottom 20 percent of households and 3.9 times as large as the middle 20 percent of households.



Source: Economic Policy Institute/Center on Budget and Policy Priorities analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data. Income is post-federal tax and includes the value of the EITC and the value of food stamps and housing subsidies. Income is adjusted for inflation (to 2009 dollars) and for household size. Changes shown are significant at the 90% level. For more detail, see *Pulling Apart: A State-by-State Analysis of Income Trends*, November 2012.