

## Income Inequality in Alaska

### Alaska's Richest Families vs. Poorest Families

- The *richest* 20 percent of families have average incomes **6.2** times as large as the *poorest* 20 percent of families.
- This ratio was **6.2** in the late 1980s.
- The very richest families — top 5% — have average incomes **9.3** times as large as the poorest 20 percent of families.

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Alaska's  
richest and poorest  
families is  
**38th**  
largest in the nation.

### Alaska's Richest Families vs. Families in the Middle

- The *richest* 20 percent of families have average incomes **2.2** times as large as the *middle* 20 percent of families.
- This ratio was **2.1** in the late 1980s.

The gap between  
Alaska's  
richest families and  
families in the middle is  
**45th**  
largest in the nation.

### Income Grew for All Families in Alaska

Between the late 1980s and the mid-2000s:

- The average income of the *poorest* fifth of families increased by **\$3,208**, from \$17,878 to \$21,086. This is an increase of \$189 per year.
- The average income of the *middle* fifth of families increased by **\$4,977**, from \$53,525 to \$58,503. This is an increase of \$293 per year.
- The average income of the *richest* fifth of families increased by **\$19,514**, from \$111,226 to \$130,740. This is an increase of \$1,148 per year.