

Income Inequality in Georgia

Georgia's Richest Families vs. Poorest Families

- The *richest* 20 percent of families have average incomes **6.7** times as large as the *poorest* 20 percent of families.
- This ratio was **6.5** in the late 1980s.
- The very richest families — top 5% — have average incomes **10.1** times as large as the poorest 20 percent of families.

The gap between Georgia's richest and poorest families is **31st** largest in the nation.

Georgia's Richest Families vs. Families in the Middle

- The *richest* 20 percent of families have average incomes **2.4** times as large as the *middle* 20 percent of families.
- This ratio was **2.2** in the late 1980s.

The gap between Georgia's richest families and families in the middle is **33rd** largest in the nation.

Income Grew for All Families in Georgia

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

- The average income of the *poorest* fifth of families increased by **\$2,367**, from \$14,821 to \$17,188. This is an increase of \$139 per year.
- The average income of the *middle* fifth of families increased by **\$4,139**, from \$43,643 to \$47,782. This is an increase of \$243 per year.
- The average income of the *richest* fifth of families increased by **\$18,808**, from \$96,262 to \$115,071. This is an increase of \$1,106 per year.