

Income Inequality in Hawaii

Hawaii's Richest Families vs. Poorest Families

- The *richest* 20 percent of families have average incomes **5.8** times as large as the *poorest* 20 percent of families.
- This ratio was **5.3** in the late 1980s.
- The very richest families — top 5% — have average incomes **8.9** times as large as the poorest 20 percent of families.

The gap between
Hawaii's
richest and poorest
families is
45th
largest in the nation.

Hawaii'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 **2.0** in the late 1980s.

The gap between
Hawaii's
richest families and
families in the middle is
47th
largest in the nation.

Income Grew for All Families in Hawaii

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

- The average income of the *poorest* fifth of families increased by **\$2,468**, from \$20,860 to \$23,328. This is an increase of \$145 per year.
- The average income of the *middle* fifth of families increased by **\$6,652**, from \$54,477 to \$61,130. This is an increase of \$391 per year.
- The average income of the *richest* fifth of families increased by **\$24,952**, from \$110,574 to \$135,525. This is an increase of \$1,468 per year.