Idaho

Income Inequality in Idaho

Idaho's Richest Families vs. Poorest Families
- The richest 20 percent of families have average incomes 5.6 times as large as the poorest 20 percent of families.
- This ratio was 5.1 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.

Idaho'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.

Income Grew for All Families in Idaho
Between the late 1980s and the mid-2000s:
- The average income of the poorest fifth of families increased by $4,141, from $15,567 to $19,708. This is an increase of $244 per year.
- The average income of the middle fifth of families increased by $9,714, from $36,595 to $46,309. This is an increase of $571 per year.
- The average income of the richest fifth of families increased by $30,848, from $79,426 to $110,274. This is an increase of $1,815 per year.

Based on the latest available data (2004-2006)
Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and Economic Policy Institute
Pulling Apart: A State By State Analysis of Income Trends
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