Indiana

Income Inequality Grew in Indiana Over the Past Two Decades

Indiana'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 5.3 in the late 1980s.
- This growth in income inequality is the 20th largest in the nation.
- The very richest families — top 5% — have average incomes 10.6 times as large as the poorest 20 percent of families.

Indiana'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 2.1 in the late 1980s.
- This growth in income inequality is the 25th largest in the nation.

A Closer Look: Short- and Long-term Trends

Late 1990s to mid-2000s
- The average income of the poorest fifth of families decreased by $3,117, from $20,753 to $17,635.
- The average income of the middle fifth of families did not change significantly.
- The average income of the richest fifth of families did not change significantly.

Late 1980s to mid-2000s
- The average income of the poorest fifth of families did not change significantly.
- The average income of the middle fifth of families increased by $6,760, from $41,604 to $48,364.
- The average income of the richest fifth of families increased by $32,255, from $85,822 to $118,078.

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Based on the latest available data (2004-2006)
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