

# 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.

The gap between Indiana's richest and poorest families is **30th** largest in the nation.

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

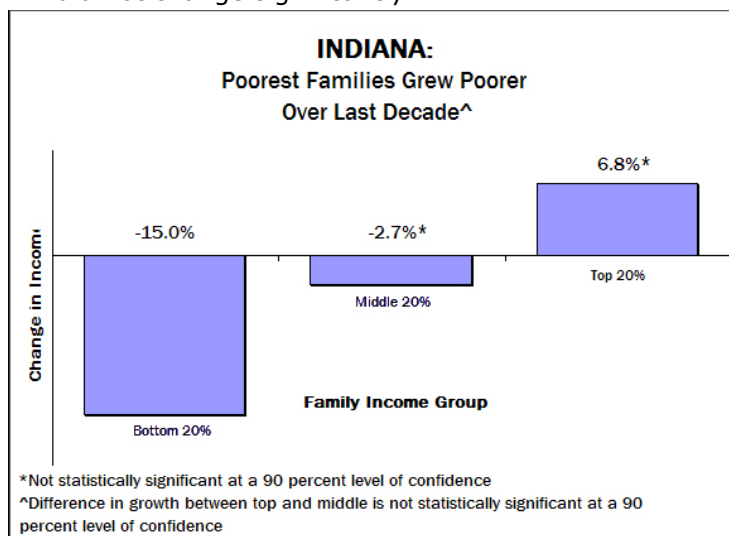
- The *richest* 20 percent of families have average incomes **2.4** times as large as the *middle* 20 percent of families.
- This ratio was **2.1** in the late 1980s.
- This growth in income inequality is the **25th** largest in the nation.

The gap between Indiana's richest families and families in the middle is **30th** 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.

