

# Kansas

## Income Inequality Grew in Kansas Over the Past Two Decades

### Kansas's Richest Families vs. Poorest Families

- The *richest* 20 percent of families have average incomes **6.8** times as large as the *poorest* 20 percent of families.
- This ratio was **5.0** in the late 1980s.
- This growth in income inequality is the **8th** largest in the nation.
- The very richest families — top 5% — have average incomes **11.2** times as large as the poorest 20 percent of families.

The gap between  
Kansas's  
richest and poorest  
families is  
**28th**  
largest in the nation.

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

- The *richest* 20 percent of families have average incomes **2.5** times as large as the *middle* 20 percent of families.
- This ratio was **2.0** in the late 1980s.
- This growth in income inequality is the **12th** largest in the nation.

The gap between  
Kansas's  
richest families and  
families in the middle is  
**22nd**  
largest in the nation.

### Gains for Rich Families Outpaced Gains for Poor Families

Between the late 1980s and the 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 **\$5,775**, from \$44,635 to \$50,410. This is an increase of \$340 per year.
- The average income of the *richest* fifth of families increased by **\$37,756**, from \$90,207 to \$127,963. This is an increase of \$2,221 per year.

