**Michigan**

**Income Inequality Grew in Michigan Over the Past Two Decades**

**Michigan’s Richest Families vs. Poorest Families**

- The *richest* 20 percent of families have average incomes **7.0** times as large as the *poorest* 20 percent of families.
- This ratio was **6.0** in the late 1980s.
- This growth in income inequality is the **31st** largest in the nation.
- The very richest families — top 5% — have average incomes **11.5** times as large as the poorest 20 percent of families.

**The gap between Michigan’s richest and poorest families is 23rd largest in the nation.**

**Michigan’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 **28th** largest in the nation.

**The gap between Michigan’s richest families and families in the middle is 31st 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 increased by **$1,465**, from $16,469 to $17,934. This is an increase of $86 per year.
- The average income of the *middle* fifth of families increased by **$4,186**, from $47,573 to $51,758. This is an increase of $246 per year.
- The average income of the *richest* 5% of families increased by **$66,799**, from $139,094 to $205,893. This is an increase of $3,929 per year.
- The average income of the *richest* fifth of families increased by **$26,689**, from $99,576 to $126,264. This is an increase of $1,570 per year.

**MICHIGAN: Richest Families Had Greatest Income Gains Over Last Two Decades**

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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