

# New Hampshire

## Income Inequality Grew in New Hampshire Over the Past Two Decades

### New Hampshire'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 **4.5** in the late 1980s.
- This growth in income inequality is the **29th** largest in the nation.
- The very richest families — top 5% — have average incomes **8.6** times as large as the poorest 20 percent of families.

The gap between New Hampshire's richest and poorest families is **49th** largest in the nation.

### New Hampshire's Richest Families vs. Families in the Middle

- The *richest* 20 percent of families have average incomes **2.2** times as large as the *middle* 20 percent of families.
- This ratio was **1.9** in the late 1980s.
- This growth in income inequality is the **32nd** largest in the nation.

The gap between New Hampshire's richest families and families in the middle is **49th** 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 **\$8,535**, from \$53,388 to \$61,923. This is an increase of \$502 per year.
- The average income of the *richest* fifth of families increased by **\$33,646**, from \$101,221 to \$134,867. This is an increase of \$1,979 per year.

