

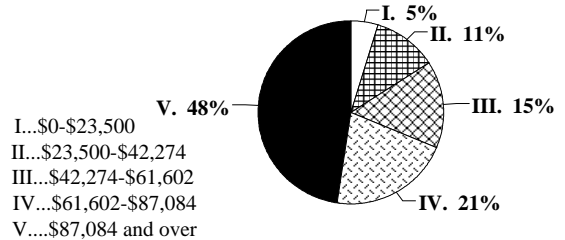
# RHODE ISLAND

## Income Inequality Among Families In Rhode Island Has Increased Since the 1970s

### Income Gaps, Late 1990s

	Rank (1 is most unequal)
Richest fifth vs. poorest fifth	6
Richest fifth vs. middle fifth	8

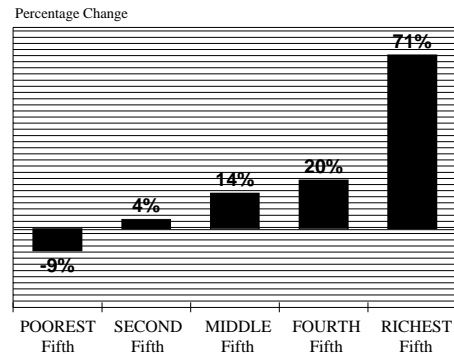
### Share of Income Held by Each Income Fifth, Late 1990s



### Inflation-Adjusted Change in Incomes Late 1970s to Late 1990s

	Dollar Change	% Change
Poorest Fifth . . .	-\$1,340*	-9%
Middle Fifth . . . .	\$6,450*	14%
Richest Fifth . . . .	\$66,450*	71%

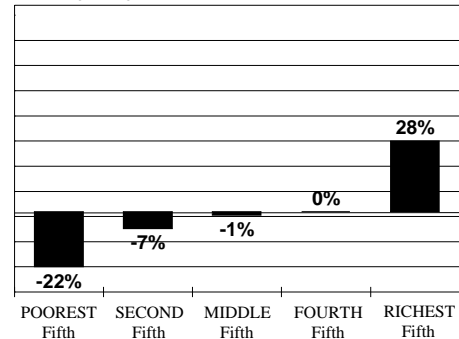
### Income Change for Rhode Island Families Late 1970s to Late 1990s, by Fifth of Families



### Inflation-Adjusted Change in Incomes Late 1980s to Late 1990s

	Dollar Change	% Change
Poorest Fifth . . .	-\$3,780*	-22%
Middle Fifth . . . .	-\$750	-1%
Richest Fifth . . . .	\$35,150*	28%

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\* Change is statistically significant at the 95 percent level of confidence. No statistical significance test was conducted for percentage changes.