### **TENNESSEE**

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

### **Income Gaps, Late 1990s**

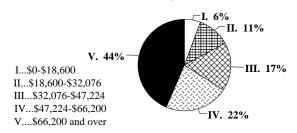
### Rank

(1 is most unequal)

Richest fifth vs. poorest fifth 27

Richest fifth vs. middle fifth 30

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



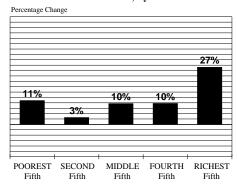
## Inflation-Adjusted Change in Incomes Late 1970s to Late 1990s

	Dollar Change	% Change
Poorest Fifth	\$1,170*	11%
Middle Fifth	\$3,500*	10%
Richest Fifth	. \$22,790*	27%

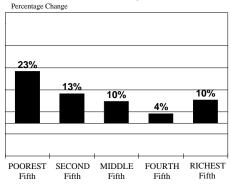
# Inflation-Adjusted Change in Incomes Late 1980s to Late 1990s

	Dollar Change	% Change
Poorest Fifth	\$2,220*	23%
Middle Fifth	\$3,530*	10%
Richest Fifth	. \$10,260*	10%

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



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

Source: Economic Policy Institute/Center on Budget and Policy Priorities