

Arkansas

Income Inequality in Arkansas

Arkansas's Richest Families vs. Poorest Families

- The *richest* 20 percent of families have average incomes **6.4** times as large as the *poorest* 20 percent of families.
- This ratio was **6.2** in the late 1980s.
- The very richest families — top 5% — have average incomes **10.0** times as large as the poorest 20 percent of families.

The gap between
Arkansas's
richest and poorest
families is
32nd
largest in the nation.

Arkansas'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 **2.3** in the late 1980s.

The gap between
Arkansas's richest
families and families in
the middle is
28th
largest in the nation.

Income Grew for All Families in Arkansas

Between the late 1980s and the mid-2000s:

- The average income of the *poorest* fifth of families increased by **\$3,624**, from \$12,005 to \$15,628. This is an increase of \$213 per year.
- The average income of the *middle* fifth of families increased by **\$8,607**, from \$31,925 to \$40,533. This is an increase of \$506 per year.
- The average income of the *richest* fifth of families increased by **\$25,935**, from \$74,346 to \$100,280. This is an increase of \$1,526 per year.