

## Income Inequality in Idaho

### Idaho'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 **5.1** in the late 1980s.
- The very richest families — top 5% — have average incomes **8.9** times as large as the poorest 20 percent of families.

The gap between Idaho's richest and poorest families is **48th** largest in the nation.

### Idaho'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 **2.2** in the late 1980s.

The gap between Idaho's richest families and families in the middle is **35th** largest in the nation.

### Income Grew for All Families in Idaho

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

- The average income of the *poorest* fifth of families increased by **\$4,141**, from \$15,567 to \$19,708. This is an increase of \$244 per year.
- The average income of the *middle* fifth of families increased by **\$9,714**, from \$36,595 to \$46,309. This is an increase of \$571 per year.
- The average income of the *richest* fifth of families increased by **\$30,848**, from \$79,426 to \$110,274. This is an increase of \$1,815 per year.