

# Oregon

## Income Inequality Grew in Oregon Over the Past Two Decades

### Oregon's Richest Families vs. Poorest Families

- The *richest* 20 percent of families have average incomes **6.9** times as large as the *poorest* 20 percent of families.
- This ratio was **5.1** in the late 1980s.
- This growth in income inequality is the **11th** largest in the nation.
- The very richest families — top 5% — have average incomes **11.9** times as large as the poorest 20 percent of families.

The gap between Oregon's richest and poorest families is **26th** largest in the nation.

### Oregon's Richest Families vs. Families in the Middle

- The *richest* 20 percent of families have average incomes **2.7** times as large as the *middle* 20 percent of families.
- This ratio was **2.0** in the late 1980s.
- This growth in income inequality is the **2nd** largest in the nation.

The gap between Oregon's richest families and families in the middle is **11th** 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 **\$3,673**, from \$44,012 to \$47,685. This is an increase of \$216 per year.
- The average income of the *richest* fifth of families increased by **\$40,196**, from \$87,052 to \$127,248. This is an increase of \$2,364 per year.

