

# Wyoming

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

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

- The *richest* 20 percent of families have average incomes **5.9** times as large as the *poorest* 20 percent of families.
- This ratio was **4.8** in the late 1980s.
- This growth in income inequality is the **28th** largest in the nation.
- The very richest families — top 5% — have average incomes **9.1** times as large as the poorest 20 percent of families.

The gap between Wyoming's richest and poorest families is **43rd** largest in the nation.

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

- The *richest* 20 percent of families have average incomes **2.1** times as large as the *middle* 20 percent of families.
- This ratio was **1.9** in the late 1980s.
- This growth in income inequality is the **33rd** largest in the nation.

The gap between Wyoming's richest families and families in the middle is **50th** 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 **\$3,719**, from \$46,955 to \$50,674. This is an increase of \$219 per year.
- The average income of the *richest* fifth of families increased by **\$21,202**, from \$87,351 to \$108,553. This is an increase of \$1,247 per year.

