

# Minnesota

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

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

- The *richest* 20 percent of families have average incomes **6.0** times as large as the *poorest* 20 percent of families.
- This ratio was **5.2** in the late 1980s.
- The very richest families — top 5% — have average incomes **10.1** times as large as the poorest 20 percent of families.

The gap between Minnesota's richest and poorest families is **41st** largest in the nation.

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

- The *richest* 20 percent of families have average incomes **2.3** 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 **27th** largest in the nation.

The gap between Minnesota's richest families and families in the middle is **36th** largest in the nation.

### Gains for Rich Families Outpaced Gains for Middle Families

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

- The average income of the *poorest* fifth of families increased by **\$5,641**, from \$17,703 to \$23,343. This is an increase of \$332 per year.
- The average income of the *middle* fifth of families increased by **\$13,074**, from \$46,603 to \$59,677. This is an increase of \$769 per year.
- The average income of the *richest* fifth of families increased by **\$47,092**, from \$92,896 to 139,989. This is an increase of \$2,770 per year.

