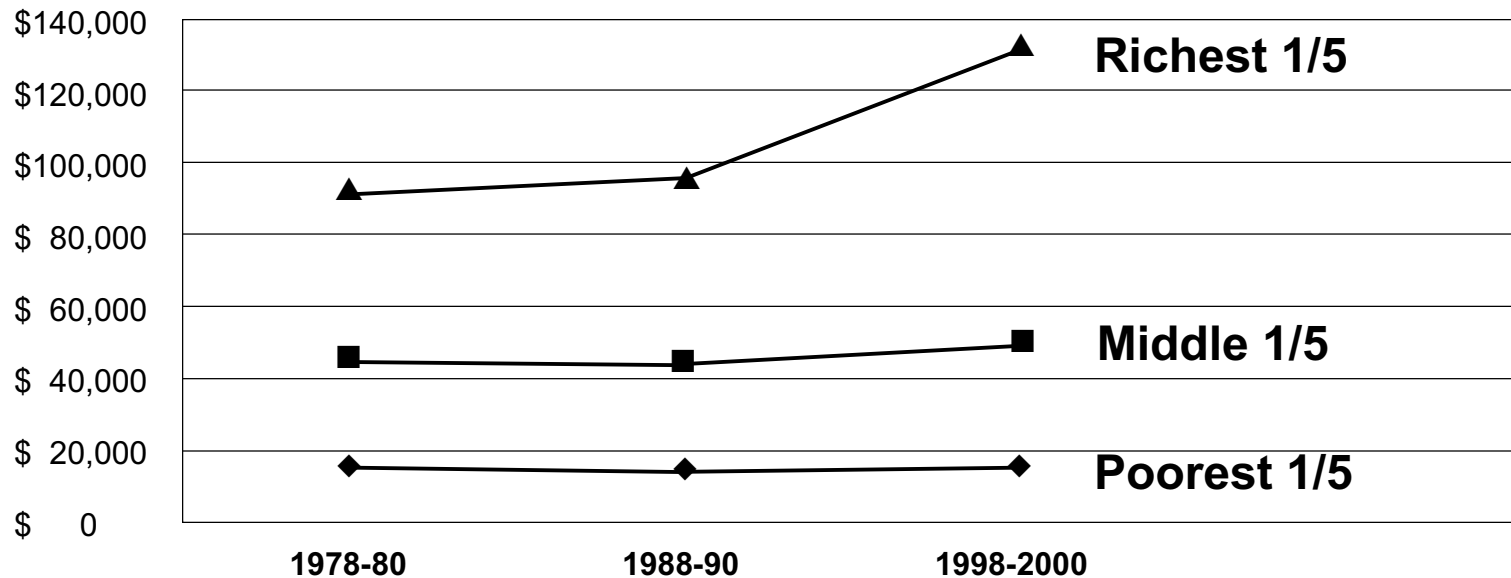


A Widening Gap:

Average Income of Iowa Families, Late 1970s to Late 1990s

Income group	Average Income			Percent Change		
	1978-80	1988-90	1998-2000	1978-80 to 1988-90	1988-90 to 1998-2000	1978-80 to 1998-2000
Richest fifth	91,903	96,250	131,668	4.7 %	36.8 %	43.3 %
Middle fifth	44,875	43,633	49,940	- 2.8 %	14.5 %	11.3 %
Poorest fifth	16,037	14,736	16,586	- 8.1 %	12.6 %	3.4 %



Source: Analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and the Economic Policy Institute in their report, *Pulling Apart: A State-by-State Analysis of Income Trends*, April 2002.

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