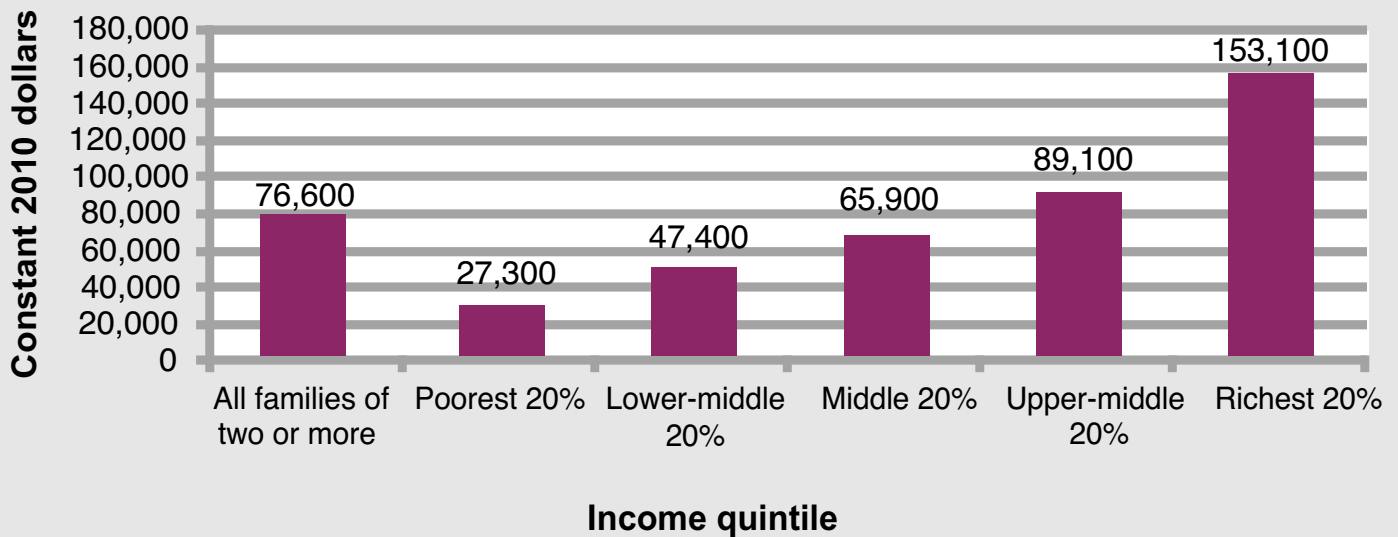




4.2.8 Income

Fig. 4.2.8 Average after-tax income for families of two or more, by income quintile, 2010



Adapted from Statistics Canada CANSIM database <http://cansim2.statcan.gc.ca> table no. 202-0701, accessed on June 29, 2012.

In 2010, the average after-tax income of all families with two or more children was \$76,600. The richest 20% earned \$125,800 more than the poorest 20% (about 5.6 times greater).

Implications

Income is perhaps the most important social determinant of health for Canadian families. Level of income shapes overall living conditions, affects psychological functioning and well-being, and influences health-related behaviours. Level of income also determines the quality of other social determinants of health, including food security, housing, and access to social and cultural resources.¹

¹ Mikkonen J, Raphael D. (2010). "Social Determinants of Health: The Canadian Facts." Toronto, ON: York University School of Health Policy and Management. http://www.thecanadianfacts.org/The_Canadian_Facts.pdf, accessed on June 29, 2012.

