

# Connecticut

## Connecticut Treats Poor Families Under Its Income Tax Better Than Most Other States

**Connecticut's 2001 income tax threshold — the income level at which families begin paying income tax:**

*Ranking among 42 states with income taxes*

☞ For two-parent families of four: **\$24,100.**

**9<sup>th</sup> highest**

☞ For single-parent families of three: **\$19,100.**

**15<sup>th</sup> highest**

**Connecticut's 2001 income tax on working-poor and near-poor families:**

☞ No tax on families with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$18,104 for family of four, \$14,129 for family of three).

☞ No tax on families of three or four with *full-time minimum-wage earnings* (\$13,312).

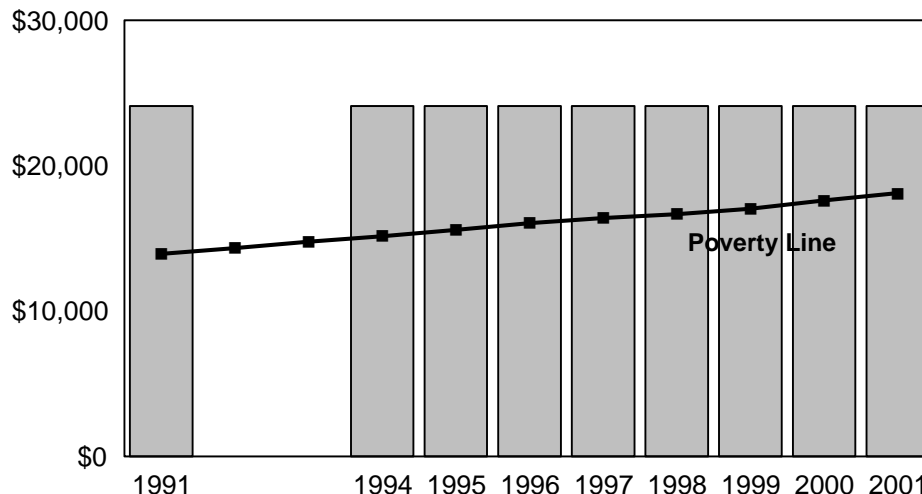
☞ No tax on families with *incomes at 125% of poverty line* (\$22,630 for a family of four, \$17,661 for a family of three).

☞ The only states with more favorable income tax treatment of working-poor and near-poor families are states that have refundable income tax credits.

**Connecticut has consistently exempted families with below-poverty earnings from the income tax.**

☞ In 1991, a family of four owed no tax until its income reached 73 percent above the poverty line. Connecticut's tax threshold is now only 33 percent above the poverty line.

**Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four**



Year	Threshold
1991	\$24,100
1994	\$24,100
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