

# Georgia

## Poor Families in Georgia Remain Subject to the Income Tax

**Georgia'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: **\$15,300.** **14<sup>th</sup> lowest**
- ☛ For single-parent families of three: **\$12,100.** **11<sup>th</sup> lowest**

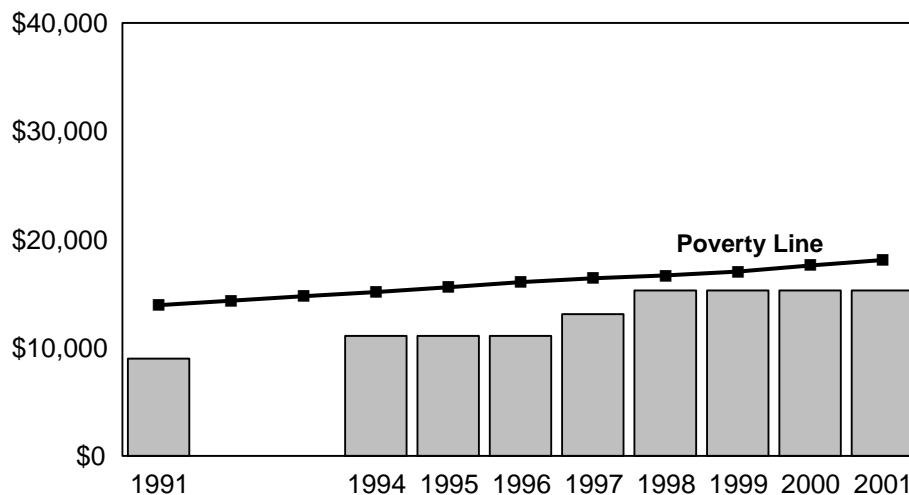
**Georgia's 2001 income tax on working-poor and near-poor families:**

- ☛ For families of four with *incomes at the poverty line (\$18,104)*: **\$70.** **16<sup>th</sup> highest**
- ☛ For families of three with *incomes at the poverty line (\$14,129)*: **\$48.** **13<sup>th</sup> highest**
- ☛ For families of three with *incomes at 125% of poverty line (\$17,661)*: **\$187.** **15<sup>th</sup> highest**
- ☛ For families of three with *minimum-wage earnings (\$10,712)*: **\$21 refund.** **12<sup>th</sup> highest refund**

**Despite some progress, Georgia continues to tax families with incomes below the poverty line.**

- ☛ Georgia's tax threshold for families of four increased during the mid-1990's, but has not changed in the last four years.
- ☛ In 1991, a family of four owed tax when its income exceeded 65 percent of the poverty line. For 2001, Georgia's tax threshold has risen to 85 percent of the poverty line.

### Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four



Year	Threshold
1991	\$9,000
1994	\$11,100
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1997	\$13,100
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