

Illinois

Poor Families in Illinois Remain Subject to the Income Tax

Illinois'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: **\$14,300.**

11th lowest (tie)

☞ For single-parent families of three: **\$12,700.**

12th lowest (tie)

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

☞ For families of four with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$18,104): **\$156.**

12th highest

☞ For families of three with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$14,129): **\$54.**

12th highest

☞ No tax on families of three or four with *full-time minimum wage earnings* (\$10,712).

☞ For families of four with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line* (\$22,630): **\$339.**

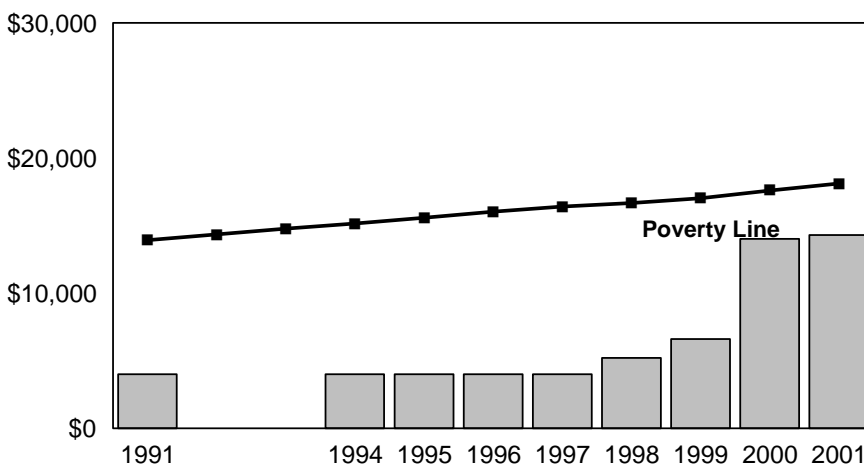
14th highest

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

☞ Illinois's tax threshold for families of four increased substantially in 2000. However, a gap remains between the threshold and the poverty line.

☞ The tax credit that is most responsible for the increased threshold is scheduled to expire after 2002. If that occurs, income taxes on working-poor families will increase substantially.

Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four



Year	Threshold
1991	\$4,000
1994	\$4,000
1995	\$4,000
1996	\$4,000
1997	\$4,000
1998	\$5,200
1999	\$6,600
2000	\$14,000
2001	\$14,300