

Kansas

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

Kansas'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: **\$21,500**. **15th highest**
- ☞ For single-parent families of three: **\$20,500**. **11th highest**

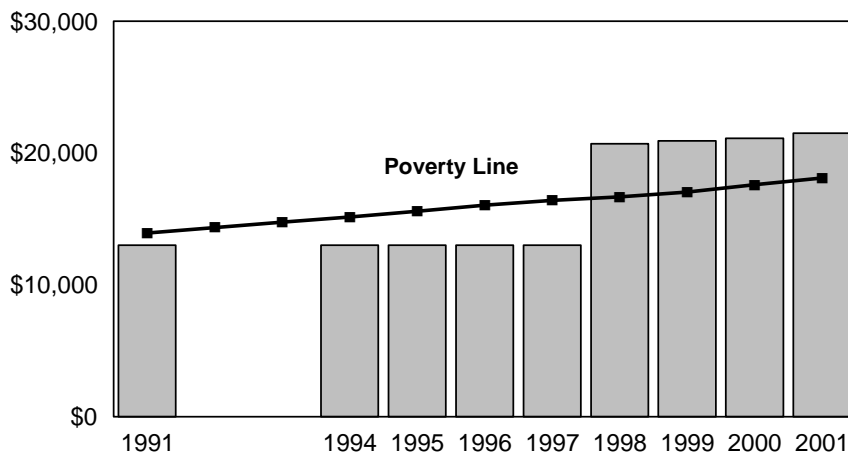
Kansas's 2001 income tax on working-poor and near-poor families:

- ☞ For families of three or four with *full-time minimum-wage earnings* (\$10,712): **\$401 refund**. **10th highest refund**
- ☞ For families of four with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$18,104): **\$186 refund**. **10th highest refund**
- ☞ For families of three with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$14,129): **\$357**. **10th highest refund**
- ☞ For families of three with *incomes at 125% of poverty line* (\$17,661): **\$158 refund**. **8th highest refund**
- ☞ For families of four with *incomes at 125% of poverty line* (\$22,630): **\$67 tax**. **27th highest tax**

Since 1998, Kansas has exempted families with below-poverty earnings from the income tax.

- ☞ In 1991, a family of four owed tax when its income exceeded 93 percent of the poverty line. Kansas's tax threshold is now 19 percent *above* the poverty line.

Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four



Year	Threshold
1991	\$13,000
1994	\$13,000
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1996	\$13,000
1997	\$13,000
1998	\$20,700
1999	\$20,900
2000	\$21,100
2001	\$21,500