

Louisiana

Poor Families in Louisiana Remain Subject to the Income Tax

Louisiana'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: **\$13,400.**

9th lowest (tie)

☞ For single-parent families of three: **\$11,000.**

10th lowest

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

☞ For families of four with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$18,104): **\$143.**

13th highest

☞ For families of three with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$14,129): **\$125.**

9th highest

☞ For families of three with *incomes at 125% of poverty line* (\$17,661): **\$265.**

12th highest

☞ For families of four with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line* (\$22,630): **\$285.**

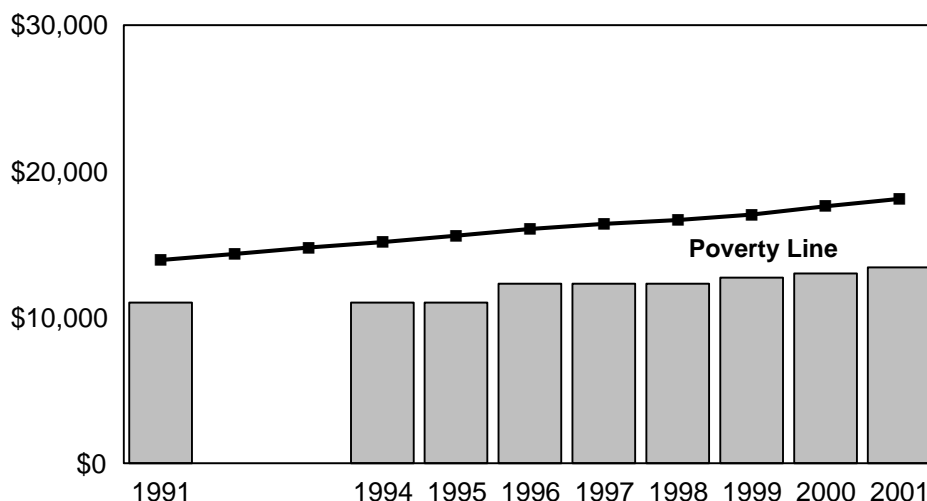
17th highest

Louisiana has consistently taxed families with incomes below the poverty line.

☞ In 1991, a family of four owed tax when its income exceeded 79 percent of the poverty line. For 2001, Louisiana's tax threshold has fallen to 74 percent of the poverty line.

☞ The tax on a family of four with poverty-level income (\$143) represents a 44 percent increase since 1994.

Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four



Year	Threshold
1991	\$11,000
1994	\$11,000
1995	\$11,000
1996	\$12,300
1997	\$12,300
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1999	\$12,700
2000	\$13,000
2001	\$13,400