

# Maryland

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

**Maryland'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: **\$26,300**. **7<sup>th</sup> highest**
- ☞ For single-parent families of three: **\$25,600**. **4<sup>th</sup> highest**

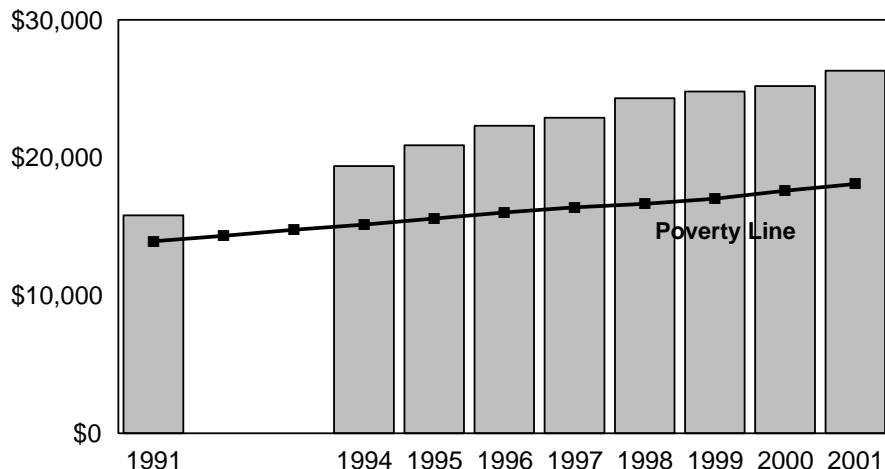
**Maryland's 2001 income tax on working-poor and near-poor families:**

- ☞ For families of three with *full-time minimum-wage earnings* (\$10,712): **\$526 refund**. **5<sup>th</sup> highest refund**
- ☞ For families of four with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$18,104): **\$203 refund**. **8<sup>th</sup> highest refund**
- ☞ For families of three with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$14,129): **\$428 refund**. **8<sup>th</sup> highest refund**
- ☞ For families of three with *incomes at 125% of poverty line* (\$17,661): **\$139 refund**. **9<sup>th</sup> highest refund**

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

- ☞ In 1991, a family of four owed tax when its income reached 13 percent above the poverty line. Maryland's tax threshold is now 45 percent above the poverty line.

**Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four**



Year	Threshold
1991	\$15,800
1994	\$19,400
1995	\$20,900
1996	\$22,300
1997	\$22,900
1998	\$24,300
1999	\$24,800
2000	\$25,200
2001	\$26,300