

# Missouri

## Poor Families in Missouri Are Hit Harder by the Income Tax Than Those in Most Other States

**Missouri'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.**

**11<sup>th</sup> lowest (tie)**

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

**12<sup>th</sup> lowest (tie)**

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

☞ For families of four with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$18,104): **\$89.**

**15<sup>th</sup> highest**

☞ For families of three with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$14,129): **\$26.**

**14<sup>th</sup> highest**

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

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

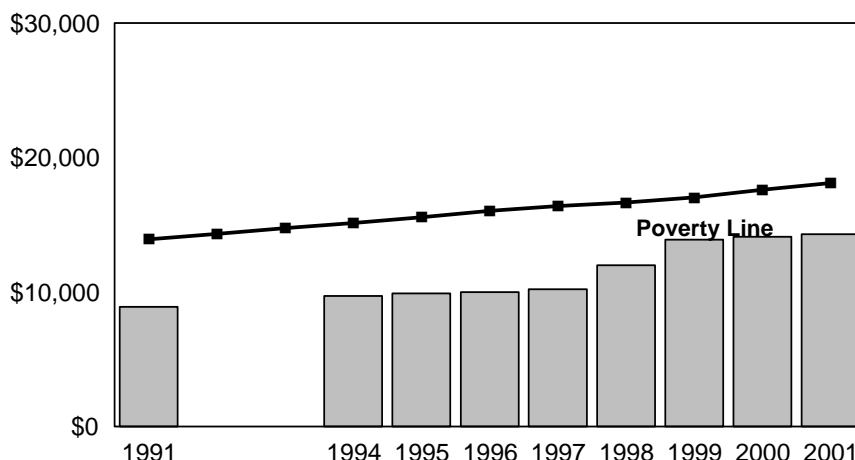
**17<sup>th</sup> highest (tie)**

**Missouri has consistently taxed families with incomes below the poverty line.**

☞ Missouri's tax threshold for families of four increased during the last decade, but a substantial gap remains between the threshold and the poverty line.

☞ In 1991, a family of four owed tax when its income exceeded 64 percent of the poverty line. For 2001, Missouri's tax threshold is 79 percent of the poverty line.

**Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four**



Year	Threshold
1991	\$8,900
1994	\$9,700
1995	\$9,900
1996	\$10,000
1997	\$10,200
1998	\$12,000
1999	\$13,900
2000	\$14,100
2001	\$14,300