

Mississippi

Mississippi Exempts Poor Families from the Income Tax

Mississippi'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: **\$19,600.**

**21st lowest
(tie)**

☞ For single-parent families of three: **\$14,400.**

18th lowest

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

☞ No tax on families with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$18,104 for family of four, \$14,129 for family of three).

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

☞ For families of three with *incomes at 125% of poverty line* (\$17,661):
\$98.

20th highest

☞ For families of four with *incomes at 125% of poverty line* (\$22,630):
\$91.

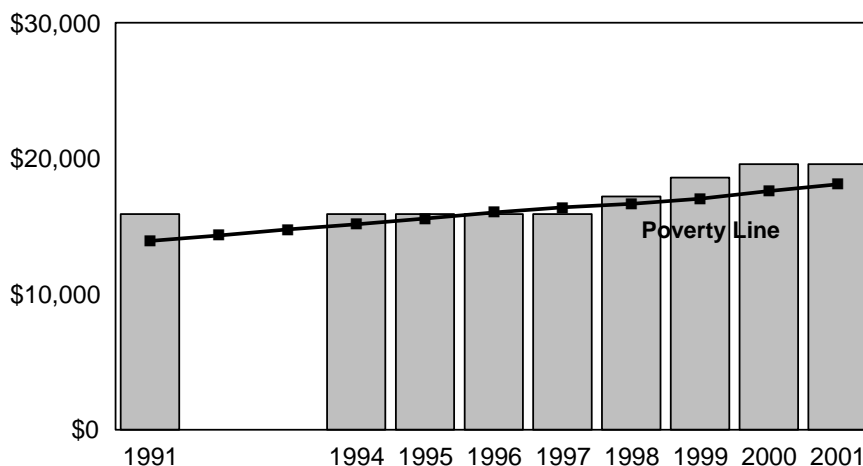
24th highest

Mississippi once again exempts families with below-poverty earnings from the income tax.

☞ Mississippi's tax threshold for families of four was below the poverty line in 1996 and 1997, but now is above the poverty line. (See chart.)

☞ In 1991, a family of four owed no tax until its income reached 14 percent above the poverty line. Mississippi's tax threshold is now 8 percent above the poverty line

Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four



Year	Threshold
1991	\$15,900
1994	\$15,900
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1996	\$15,900
1997	\$15,900
1998	\$17,200
1999	\$18,600
2000	\$19,600
2001	\$19,600