

# New Mexico

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

**New Mexico'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: **\$21,300.** **16<sup>th</sup> highest**
- ☞ For single-parent families of three: **\$18,400.** **17<sup>th</sup> highest**

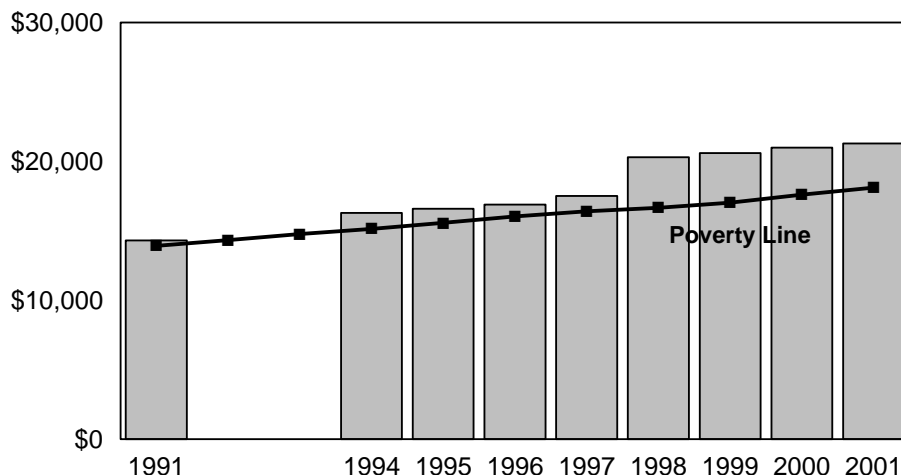
**New Mexico's 2001 income tax on working-poor and near-poor families:**

- ☞ For families of three with *full-time minimum-wage earnings* (\$10,712): **\$100 refund.** **11<sup>th</sup> highest refund**
- ☞ For families of four with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$18,104): **\$60 refund.** **11<sup>th</sup> highest refund**
- ☞ For families of three with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$14,129): **\$75 refund.** **11<sup>th</sup> highest refund**
- ☞ For families of three with *incomes at 125% of poverty line* (\$17,661): **\$20 refund.** **11<sup>th</sup> highest refund**
- ☞ For families of four with *incomes at 125% of poverty line* (\$22,630): **\$59 tax.** **28<sup>th</sup> highest tax**

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

- ☞ In 1991, a family of four owed no tax until its income reached 3 percent above the poverty line. New Mexico's tax threshold is now 18 percent above the poverty line.

**Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four**



Year	Threshold
1991	\$14,300
1994	\$16,300
1995	\$16,600
1996	\$16,900
1997	\$17,500
1998	\$20,300
1999	\$20,600
2000	\$21,000
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