

Ohio

Poor Families in Ohio Remain Subject to the Income Tax

Ohio'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: **\$12,500.** **7th lowest**
- ☛ For single-parent families of three: **\$10,000.** **8th lowest (tie)**

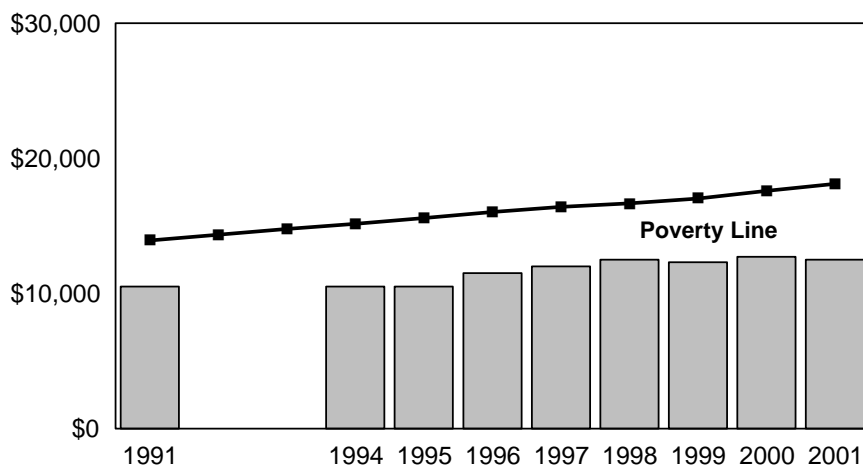
Ohio's 2001 income tax on working-poor and near-poor families:

- ☛ For families of four with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$18,104): **\$136.** **14th highest**
- ☛ For families of three with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$14,129): **\$72.** **11th highest**
- ☛ For families of three with *minimum-wage earnings* (\$10,712): **\$11.** **10th highest**
- ☛ For families of three with *incomes at 125% of poverty line* (\$17,661): **\$177.** **16th highest**
- ☛ For families of four with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line* (\$22,630): **\$292.** **16th highest**

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

- ☛ Because Ohio's tax threshold for families of four has increased less than the poverty line over the last decade, the gap between the threshold and the poverty line has increased.
- ☛ In 1991, a family of four owed tax when its income exceeded 75 percent of the poverty line. For 2001, Ohio's tax threshold has fallen to 69 percent of the poverty line.

Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four



| Year | Threshold |
|------|-----------|
| 1991 | \$10,500 |
| 1994 | \$10,500 |
| 1995 | \$10,500 |
| 1996 | \$11,500 |
| 1997 | \$12,000 |
| 1998 | \$12,500 |
| 1999 | \$12,300 |
| 2000 | \$12,700 |
| 2001 | \$12,500 |