

Oklahoma

Poor Families in Oklahoma Remain Subject to the Income Tax

Oklahoma'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: **\$13,400.**

9th lowest (tie)

☞ For single-parent families of three: **\$9,600.**

6th lowest

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

☞ For families of four with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$18,104): **\$252.**

9th highest

☞ For families of three with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$14,129): **\$139.**

8th highest

☞ For families of three with *minimum-wage earnings* (\$10,712): **\$63.**

6th highest

☞ For families of three with *incomes at 125% of poverty line* (\$17,661): **\$279.**

11th highest

☞ For families of four with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line* (\$22,630): **\$493.**

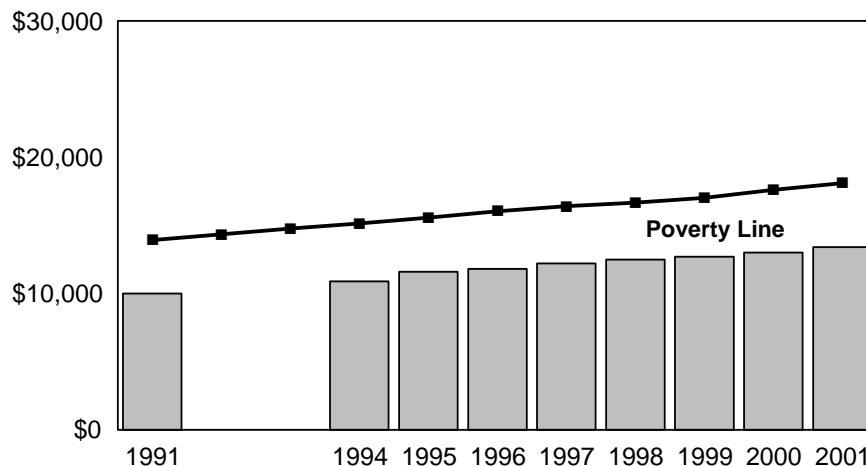
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Oklahoma has consistently taxed families with incomes below the poverty line, but income taxes on poor families will decline in 2002.

☞ Oklahoma income tax on a family of four at the poverty level has increased since 1994 by 52 percent to its current level of \$252.

☞ A new state Earned Income Tax Credit will reduce or eliminate tax liability for many working poor families beginning in tax year 2002.

Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four



Year	Threshold
1991	\$10,000
1994	\$10,900
1995	\$11,600
1996	\$11,800
1997	\$12,200
1998	\$12,500
1999	\$12,700
2000	\$13,000
2001	\$13,400

Source: CBPP, *State Income Tax Burdens on Low-Income Families in 2001*, February 26, 2002.