

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Treats Poor Families Under Its Income Tax Better Than Most States

Wisconsin'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: **\$21,600.** **14th highest**
- ☞ For single-parent families of three: **\$18,500.** **16th highest**

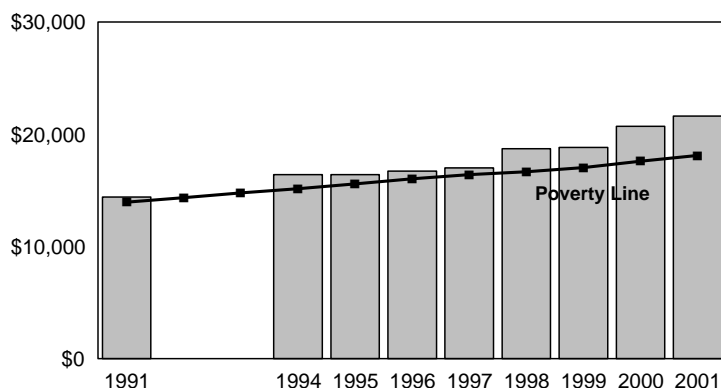
Wisconsin's 2001 income tax on working-poor and near-poor families:

- ☞ For families of three or four with *full-time minimum-wage earnings* (\$10,712): **\$561 refund** **8th highest refund**
- ☞ For families of four with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$18,104): **\$401 refund.** **7th highest refund**
- ☞ For families of three with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$14,129): **\$381 refund.** **9th highest refund**
- ☞ For families of three with *incomes at 125% of poverty line* (\$17,661): **\$79 refund.** **10th highest refund**
- ☞ For families of four with *incomes at 125% of poverty line* (\$22,630): **\$86** **25th highest tax.**

Wisconsin 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. Wisconsin's tax threshold is now 19 percent *above* the poverty line.
- ☞ Under changes enacted in 1999, Wisconsin's tax threshold increased in 2000 and again in 2001.

Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four



Year	Threshold
1991	\$14,400
1994	\$16,400
1995	\$16,400
1996	\$16,700
1997	\$17,000
1998	\$18,700
1999	\$18,800
2000	\$20,700
2001	\$21,600