

Oregon

Poor Families in Oregon Remain Subject to Income Tax

Oregon's 2003 income tax threshold — the income level at which families begin paying income tax:

*Ranking among
42 states with
income taxes*

⇒ For single-parent families of three: **\$13,500.**

14th lowest

⇒ For two-parent families of four: **\$16,000.**

13th lowest

Oregon's 2003 income tax on working-poor and near-poor families:

⇒ For families of three with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$14,675): **\$93.**

8th highest

⇒ For families of four with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$18,811): **\$279.**

7th highest

⇒ For families of three with *minimum-wage earnings* (\$14,352): **\$69**

5th highest

⇒ No tax on families of four with *minimum-wage earnings* (\$13,520).

⇒ For families of three with *incomes at 125% of poverty line* (\$18,344): **\$450.**

6th highest

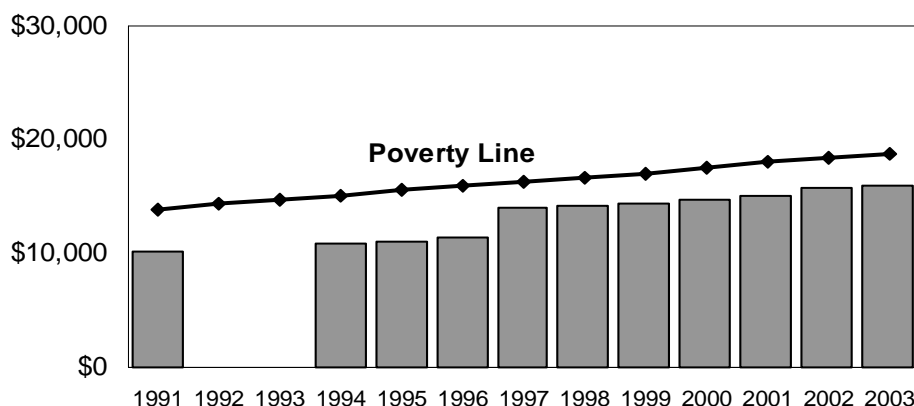
⇒ For families of four with *incomes at 125% of poverty line* (\$23,514): **\$752.**

2nd highest

Despite Progress, Oregon continues to tax families with income below the poverty line.

- ⇒ Oregon's tax threshold for families of four increased in 1997 with the adoption of a low-income tax credit. However, it remains below the poverty line.
- ⇒ In 1991, a family of four owed tax when its income exceeded 73 percent of the poverty line. For 2003, Oregon's tax threshold is 85 percent of the poverty line.

Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four



Year	Threshold
1991	\$10,100
1994	\$10,900
1995	\$11,100
1996	\$11,400
1997	\$14,000
1998	\$14,200
1999	\$14,400
2000	\$14,800
2001	\$15,100
2002	\$15,800
2003	\$16,000

Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, *State Income Tax Burdens on Low-Income Families in 2003*, April 8, 2003.