

Hawaii

Poor and Near-Poor Families in Hawaii Are Hit Harder by the Income Tax Than Those in Other States

Hawaii's 2000 income tax threshold — the income level at which families begin paying income tax:

Ranking among 42 states with income taxes

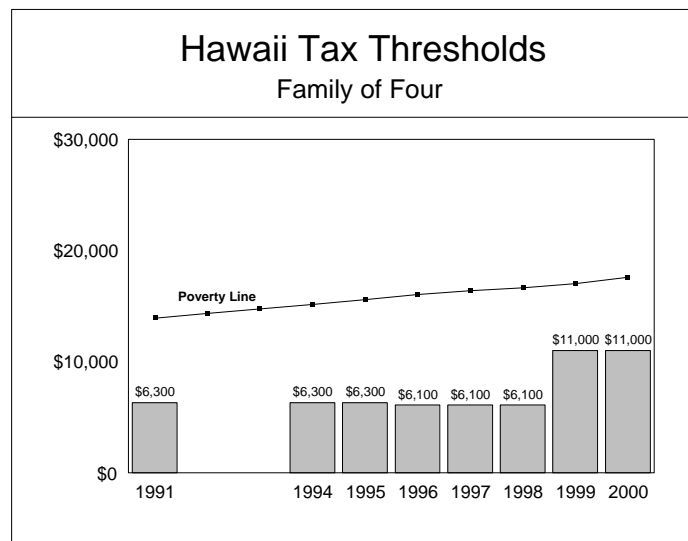
- ☞ For two-parent families of four: **\$11,000.** **6th lowest**
- ☞ For single-parent families of three: **\$9,200.** **5th lowest**

Hawaii's 2000 income tax on working-poor and near-poor families:

- ☞ For families of four with *incomes at the poverty line (\$17,601)*: **\$420.** **3rd highest**
- ☞ For families of three with *incomes at the poverty line (\$13,737)*: **\$292.** **3rd highest**
- ☞ For families of three with *minimum-wage earnings (\$10,920)*: **\$102.** **5th highest**
- ☞ For families of four with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line (\$22,001)*: **\$759.** **2nd highest**
- ☞ For families of three with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line (\$17,171)*: **\$574.** **Highest**

Hawaii has consistently taxed families with significantly incomes below the poverty line.

- ☞ As a result of changes enacted in 1998, Hawaii's income tax threshold increased substantially in 1999, but Hawaii continues to levy income tax on poor families.



Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.