

# Kansas

## Kansas Treats Poor Families Under Its Income Tax Better Than Most Other States

**Kansas' 2000 income tax threshold — the income level at which families begin paying income tax:**

*Ranking among 42 states with income taxes*

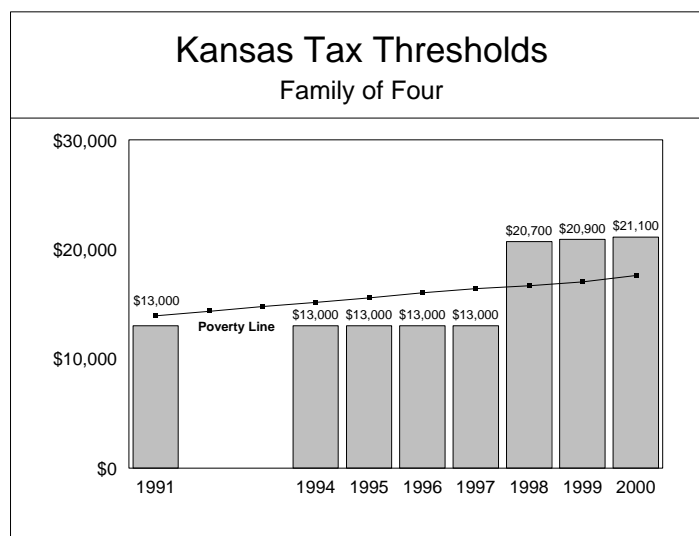
- ☞ For two-parent families of four: **\$21,100.** **13<sup>th</sup> highest**
- ☞ For single-parent families of three: **\$20,200.** **10<sup>th</sup> highest**

**Kansas' 2000 income tax on working-poor and near-poor families:**

- ☞ For families of four with *poverty-line incomes* (\$17,601): **\$193 refund.** **7<sup>th</sup> lowest**
- ☞ For families of three with *poverty-line incomes* (\$13,737): **\$359 refund.** **7<sup>th</sup> lowest**
- ☞ For families of three or four with *minimum-wage earnings* (\$10,712): **\$389 refund.** **6<sup>th</sup> lowest (tie)**
- ☞ For families of four with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line* (\$22,001): **\$53 tax.** **14<sup>th</sup> lowest**
- ☞ For families of three with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line* (\$17,171): **\$166 refund.** **6<sup>th</sup> lowest**

**Since 1998, Kansas has exempted families with below-poverty earnings from the income tax.**

- ☞ In 1991, a family of four owed tax when its income exceeded 93 percent *of* the poverty line. Kansas' tax threshold is now 20 percent *above* the poverty line.



Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.