

# Louisiana

## Poor Families in Louisiana Are Subject to the Income Tax

**Louisiana'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: **\$13,000.**

**9<sup>th</sup> lowest (tie)**

☞ For single-parent families of three: **\$11,000.**

**10<sup>th</sup> lowest**

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

☞ For families of four with *incomes at the poverty line (\$17,601)*: **\$133.**

**13<sup>th</sup> highest**

☞ For families of three with *incomes at the poverty line (\$13,737)*: **\$105.**

**9<sup>th</sup> highest**

☞ For families of four with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line (\$22,001)*: **\$265.**

**16<sup>th</sup> highest**

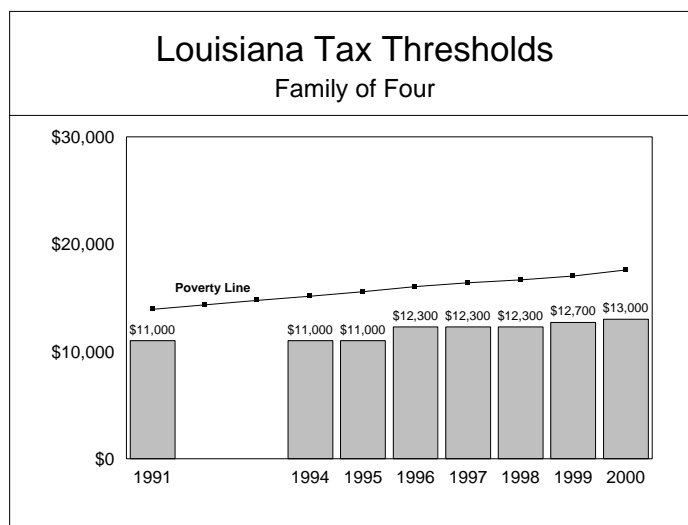
☞ For families of three with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line (\$17,171)*: **\$245.**

**12<sup>th</sup> highest**

**Louisiana has consistently taxed families with incomes below the poverty line.**

☞ Because Louisiana's tax threshold for families of four has increased less than the poverty line over the last decade, the gap between the threshold and the poverty line has increased.

☞ In 1991, a family of four owed tax when its income exceeded 79 percent of the poverty line. For 2000, Louisiana's tax threshold has declined to 74 percent of the poverty line.



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