
Maryland

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

Maryland'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: **\$25,200.**

7th highest

☞ For single-parent families of three: **\$24,600.**

4th highest

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

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

8th lowest

☞ For families of three with *poverty-line incomes* (\$13,737): **\$355 refund.**

**8th lowest
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☞ For families of three with *minimum-wage earnings* (\$10,712): **\$526 refund.**

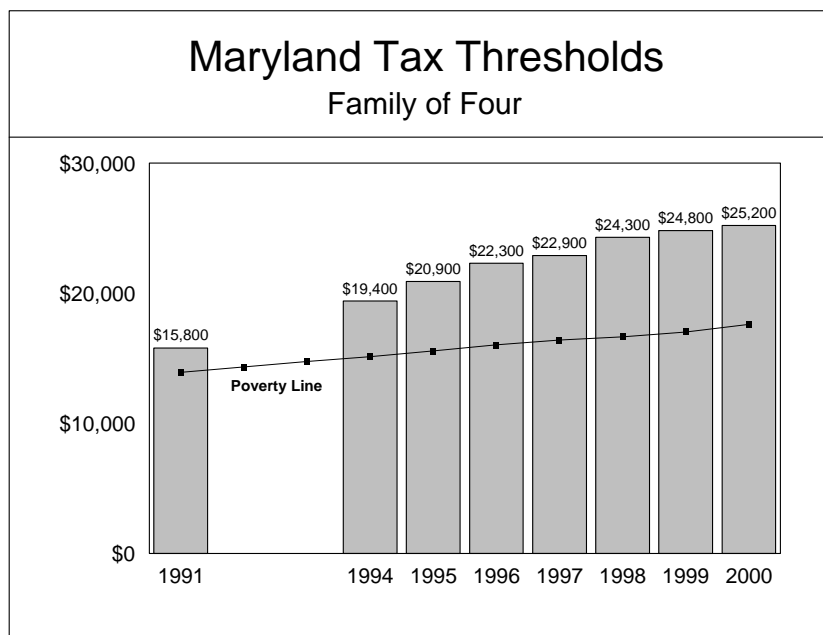
5th lowest

☞ For families of three with *incomes at 125% of the poverty-line* (\$17,171): **\$79 refund.**

8th lowest

Maryland 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 13 percent *above* the poverty line. Maryland's tax threshold is now 43 percent *above* the poverty line.



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