

Missouri

Poor Families in Missouri Are Hit Harder by the Income Tax Than Those in Other States

Missouri'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: **\$14,100.**

12th lowest

☞ For single-parent families of three: **\$12,500.**

12th lowest (tie)

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

☞ For families of four with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$17,601): **\$80.**

15th highest

☞ For families of three with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$13,737): **\$22.**

15th highest

☞ No tax on families of three or four with *minimum-wage earnings* (\$10,712).

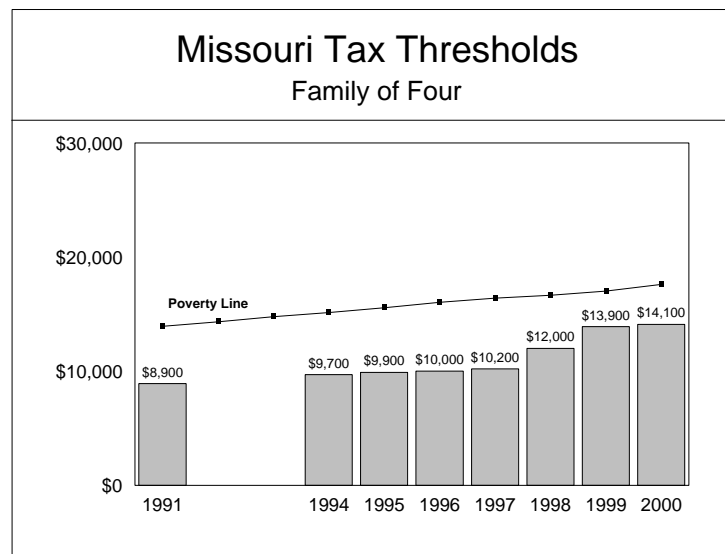
☞ For families of four with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line* (\$22,001): **\$263.**

17th highest

Missouri has consistently taxed families with incomes below the poverty line.

☞ Missouri's tax threshold for families of four has increased over the last decade, but a substantial gap remains between the threshold and the poverty line.

☞ In 1991, a family of four owed tax when its income exceeded 64 percent of the poverty line. For 2000, Missouri's tax threshold is 80 percent of the poverty line.



Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.