

# New Jersey

## New Jersey Exempts Poor Families From the Income Tax

**New Jersey'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: **\$20,000.**

**19<sup>th</sup> highest**

☞ For single-parent families of three: **\$20,000.**

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

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

☞ For families of four with *incomes at the poverty line (\$17,601)*: **\$109 refund.**

**9<sup>th</sup> lowest**

☞ For families of three with *incomes at the poverty line (\$13,737)*: **\$367 refund.**

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

☞ For families of three 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)*: **\$238.**

**21<sup>st</sup> highest**

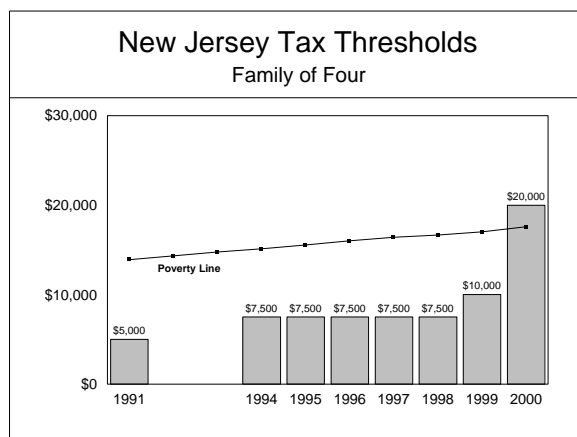
☞ For families of three with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line (\$17,171)*: **\$110 refund.**

**7<sup>th</sup> lowest**

**New Jersey's tax threshold moved above the poverty line in 2000.**

☞ New Jersey's tax threshold for families of four increased by \$10,000 in 2000.

☞ In 1991, a family of four owed tax when its income exceeded 36 percent of the poverty line. New Jersey's tax threshold is now 114 percent of the poverty line.



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