

Oklahoma

Poor Families in Oklahoma Are Subject to the Income Tax

Oklahoma'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.**

9th lowest (tie)

☞ For single-parent families of three: **\$9,300.**

6th lowest

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

☞ For families of four with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$17,601): **\$232.**

10th highest

☞ For families of three with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$13,737): **\$127.**

8th highest

☞ For families of three with *minimum-wage earnings* (\$10,712): **\$63.**

7th highest

☞ For families of four with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line* (\$22,001): **\$457.**

11th highest

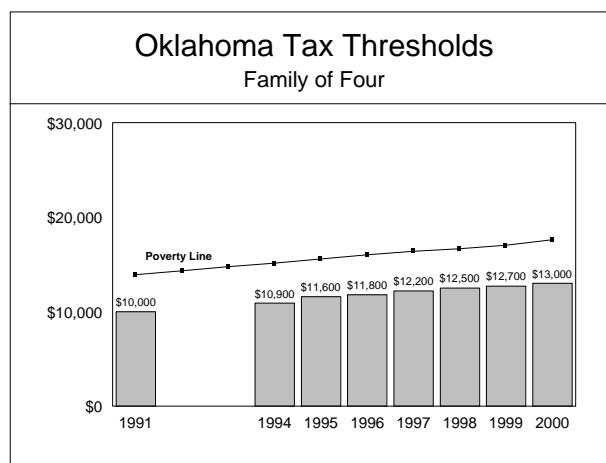
☞ For families of three with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line* (\$17,171): **\$254.**

11th highest

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

☞ Oklahoma's tax threshold for families of four increased during the 1990s, but the gap between the threshold and the poverty line has remained large. Taxes on a family of four with poverty-level income increased between 1994 and 2000.

☞ In 1991, a family of four owed tax when its income exceeded 72 percent of the poverty line. For 2000, Oklahoma's tax threshold is 74 percent of the poverty line.



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