

Oregon

Poor Families in Oregon Are Subject to the Income Tax

Oregon's 2000 income tax threshold — the income level at which families begin paying income tax:

Ranking among 42 states with income taxes

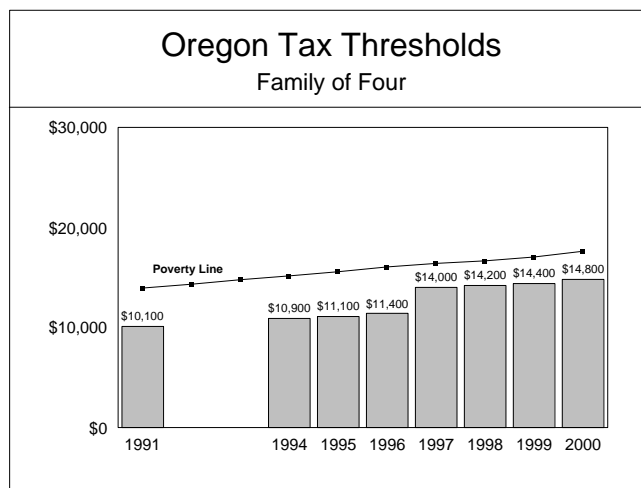
- ☞ For two-parent families of four: **\$14,800.** **13th lowest**
- ☞ For single-parent families of three: **\$12,700.** **14th lowest**

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

- ☞ For families of four with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$17,601): **\$278.** **8th highest**
- ☞ For families of three with *incomes at the poverty line* (\$13,737): **\$75.** **10th highest**
- ☞ For families of three with *minimum-wage earnings* (\$13,520): **\$59.** **8th highest**
- ☞ For families of four with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line* (\$22,001): **\$720.** **3rd highest**
- ☞ For families of three with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line* (\$17,171): **\$403.** **5th highest**

Despite progress, Oregon continues to tax families with incomes below the poverty line.

- ☞ Oregon's tax threshold for families of four increased in 1997 with the adoption of a low-income tax credit. However, it remains below the poverty line.
- ☞ In 1991, a family of four owed tax when its income exceeded 73 percent of the poverty line. For 2000, Oregon's tax threshold is 84 percent of the poverty line.



Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.