

Utah

Families in Utah with Incomes Just Below the Poverty Line Are Subject to the Income Tax

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

Ranking among 42 states with income taxes

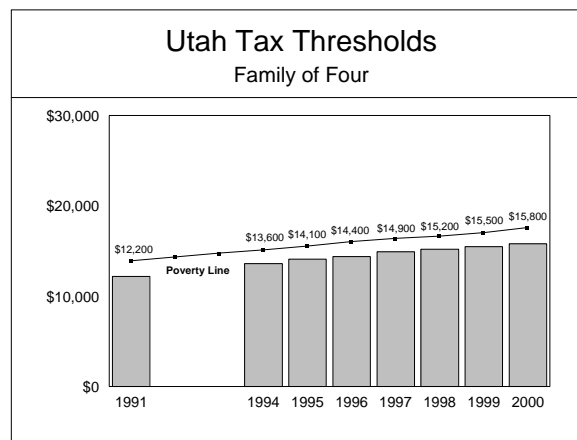
- ☞ For two-parent families of four: **\$15,800.** **16th lowest**
- ☞ For single-parent families of three: **\$12,800.** **15th lowest**

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

- ☞ For families of four with *incomes at the poverty line (\$17,601)*: **\$47.** **17th highest**
- ☞ For families of three with *incomes at the poverty line (\$13,737)*: **\$23.** **14th highest**
- ☞ No tax on families of three or four with *full-time minimum-wage earnings (\$10,712)*.
- ☞ For families of four with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line (\$22,001)*: **\$240.** **20th highest**
- ☞ For families of three with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line (\$17,171)*: **\$144.** **18th highest**

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

- ☞ Utah's tax threshold for families of four has increased over the last decade, but a gap remains between the threshold and the poverty line.
- ☞ In 1991, a family of four owed tax when its income exceeded 88 percent of the poverty line. For 2000, Utah's tax threshold is 90 percent of the poverty line.



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