

Missouri

Working-Poor and Near-Poor Families in Missouri Are Hit Harder by the Income Tax Than Those in Most Other States

Missouri's 2006 income tax threshold

Rank among the 42 states with income taxes

(The income level at which families begin paying income tax)

(1 = lowest threshold)

- For single-parent families of three: \$13,600 (tied for) 9
- For two-parent families of four: \$17,000 12

Missouri's 2006 income tax levied on working-poor and near-poor families

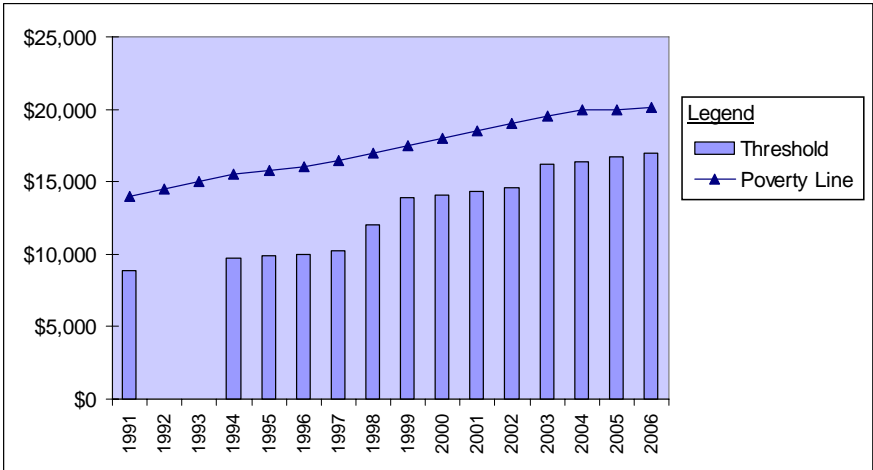
Rank (1 = highest tax)

- For families of three with incomes at the poverty line (\$16,079): \$51 13
- For families of four with incomes at the poverty line (\$20,615): \$83 16
- For families of three with minimum-wage earnings (\$10,712): \$0 (tied for) 7
- For families of three with incomes at 125% of poverty line (\$20,099): \$194 17
- For families of four with incomes at 125% of poverty line (\$25,769): \$307 16

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

- Missouri's tax threshold for families of four has increased substantially since 1991, but it remains well below the poverty line.
- In 1991, a family of four owed tax when its income exceeded 64 percent of the poverty line. By 2005, Missouri's tax threshold had grown to 82 percent of the poverty line.

Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four



Year	Threshold
1991	\$8,900
1992	no data
1993	no data
1994	\$9,700
1995	\$9,900
1996	\$10,000
1997	\$10,200
1998	\$12,000
1999	\$13,900
2000	\$14,100
2001	\$14,300
2002	\$14,600
2003	\$16,200
2004	\$16,400
2005	\$16,700
2006	\$17,000