

Montana

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

Montana'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: \$9,300 2
- For two-parent families of four: \$11,300 3

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

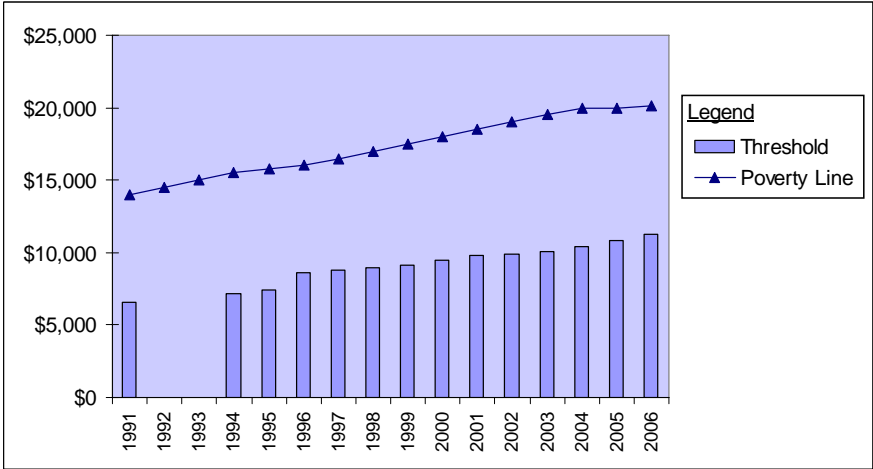
Rank (1 = highest tax)

- For families of three with incomes at the poverty line (\$16,079): \$142 6
- For families of four with incomes at the poverty line (\$20,615): \$211 10
- For families of three with minimum-wage earnings (\$10,712): \$15 6
- For families of three with incomes at 125% of poverty line (\$20,099): \$287 11
- For families of four with incomes at 125% of poverty line (\$25,769): \$429 11

Montana's income tax threshold has changed little since 1991.

- In 1991, Montana's income tax threshold was 47 percent of the federal poverty line. In 2006, it is 55 percent.

Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four



Year	Threshold
1991	\$6,600
1992	no data
1993	no data
1994	\$7,200
1995	\$7,400
1996	\$8,600
1997	\$8,800
1998	\$9,000
1999	\$9,100
2000	\$9,500
2001	\$9,800
2002	\$9,900
2003	\$10,100
2004	\$10,400
2005	\$10,800
2006	\$11,300