

Mississippi

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

Mississippi's 2005 income tax threshold (The income level at which families begin paying income tax)

Rank among the 42 states with income taxes
(1 = lowest threshold)

- For single-parent families of three: \$14,400 14
- For two-parent families of four: \$19,600 19

Mississippi's 2005 income tax levied on working-poor and near-poor families

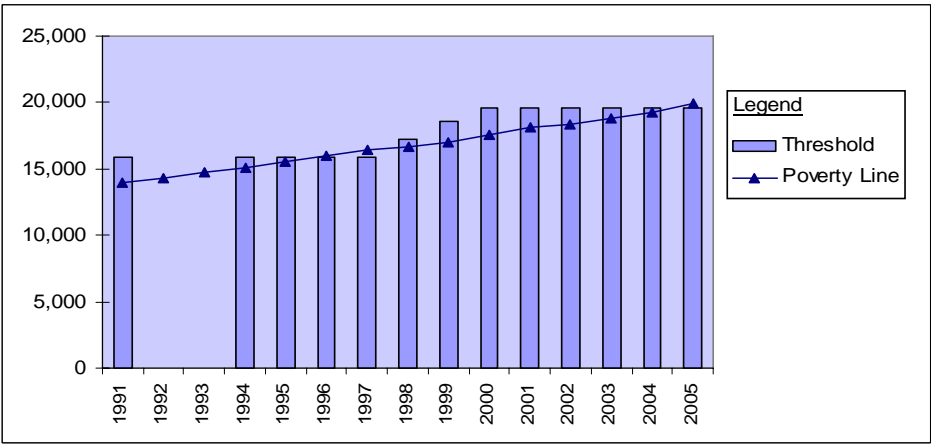
Rank (1 = highest tax)

- For families of three with incomes at the poverty line (\$15,577): \$35 15
- For families of four with incomes at the poverty line (\$19,961): \$11 19
- 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 (\$19,471): \$153 21
- For families of four with incomes at 125% of poverty line (\$24,951): \$164 23

In 2005 Mississippi's income tax threshold for families of four fell below the poverty line.

- Mississippi's tax threshold for families of four has not risen since 2000, and in 2005 fell below the poverty line for the first time in eight years. Without legislative action, Mississippi will tax working families in deeper poverty in years to come.
- Mississippi is one of just four states in which the income tax threshold for families of four has fallen compared to the poverty line since 1991 — from 14 percent above the poverty line to 2 percent below the poverty line.

Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four



Year	Threshold
1991	\$15,900
1992	no data
1993	no data
1994	\$15,900
1995	\$15,900
1996	\$15,900
1997	\$15,900
1998	\$17,200
1999	\$18,600
2000	\$19,600
2001	\$19,600
2002	\$19,600
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2004	\$19,600
2005	\$19,600