

New York

New York Treats Working-Poor and Near-Poor Families Under Its Income Tax Better Than Most States

New York'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: \$26,300 37
- For two-parent families of four: \$29,300 36

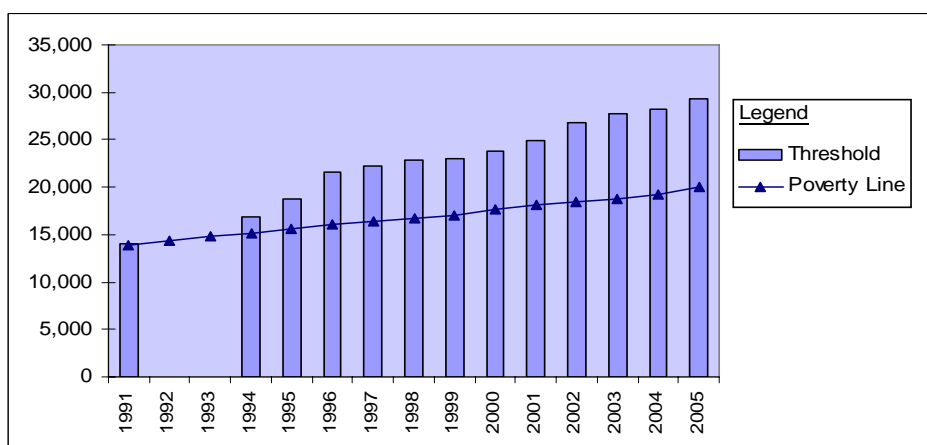
New York's 2005 income tax levied on working-poor

- For families of three with incomes at the poverty line (\$15,577): \$1,121 refund 41
- For families of four with incomes at the poverty line (\$19,961): \$957 refund 40
- For families of three with minimum-wage earnings (\$12,480): \$1,320 refund 41
- For families of three with incomes at 125% of poverty line (\$19,471): \$719 refund 40
- For families of four with incomes at 125% of poverty line (\$24,951): \$441 refund 40

New York has consistently exempted families with below-poverty earnings from its income tax.

- Since 1991, New York's income tax threshold for families of four has grown from 1 percent above the poverty line to 46 percent above the poverty line.
- New York's Earned Income Tax Credit provides two-parent families of four at the poverty line a tax refund of \$957 to help them work their way out poverty — the third largest refund in the country for such families.

Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four



Year	Threshold
1991	\$14,000
1992	no data
1993	no data
1994	\$16,900
1995	\$18,700
1996	\$21,600
1997	\$22,300
1998	\$22,800
1999	\$23,000
2000	\$23,800
2001	\$24,900
2002	\$26,800
2003	\$27,700
2004	\$28,200
2005	\$29,300