

Ohio

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

Ohio's 2005 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: \$14,100 12
- For two-parent families of four: \$15,400 8

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

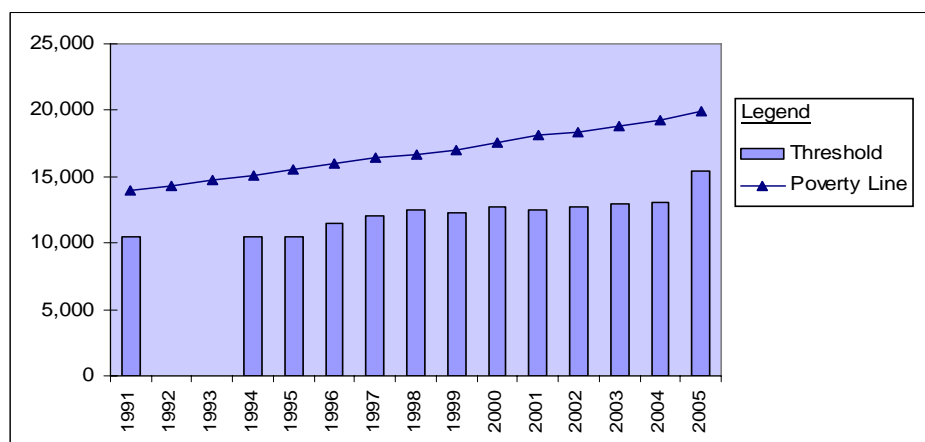
Rank (1 = highest tax)

- For families of three with incomes at the poverty line (\$15,577): \$90 9
- For families of four with incomes at the poverty line (\$19,961): \$157 14
- 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): \$204 16
- For families of four with incomes at 125% of poverty line (\$24,951): \$332 16

Ohio raised its threshold in 2005, but it still taxes families below the poverty line.

- In 2005, Ohio passed a provision cancelling the income tax liability of very poor Ohioans, raising the tax threshold for families of four from \$13,100 to \$15,400. This threshold remains well below the poverty line.
- Relative to the poverty line, Ohio's income tax threshold for families of four has changed little since the early 1990s. In 1991, a family of four owed tax when its income reached 75 percent of the poverty line. Ohio's tax threshold is now 77 percent of the poverty line.

Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four



Year	Threshold
1991	\$10,500
1992	no data
1993	no data
1994	\$10,500
1995	\$10,500
1996	\$11,500
1997	\$12,000
1998	\$12,500
1999	\$12,300
2000	\$12,700
2001	\$12,500
2002	\$12,700
2003	\$12,900
2004	\$13,100
2005	\$15,400