

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Treats Working-Poor and Near-Poor Families Under Its Income Tax Better Than Most Other States

Pennsylvania'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: \$25,500 36
- For two-parent families of four: \$32,000 40

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

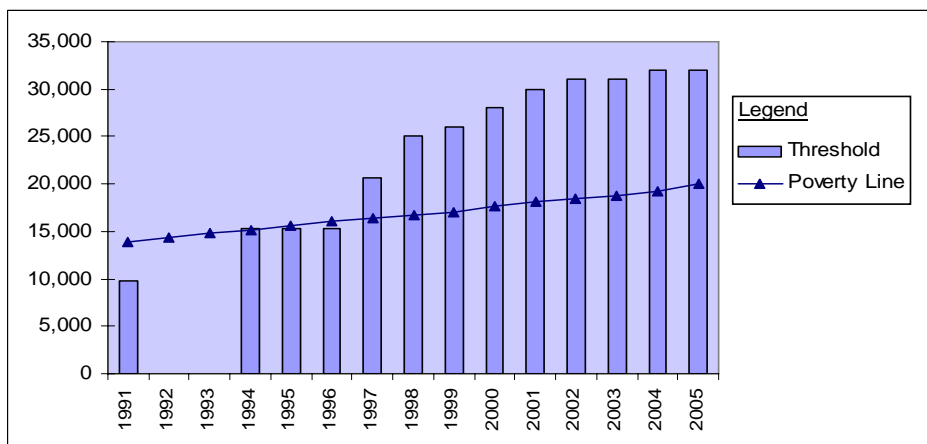
Rank (1 = highest tax)

- For families of three with incomes at the poverty line (\$15,577): \$0 (tied for) 17
- For families of four with incomes at the poverty line (\$19,961): \$0 (tied for) 20
- 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): \$0 (tied for) 28
- For families of four with incomes at 125% of poverty line (\$24,951): \$0 (tied for) 32

Pennsylvania's income tax threshold has improved dramatically since 1991.

- Pennsylvania has substantially increased its income tax threshold in the past fifteen years.
- Since the mid-1990s, Pennsylvania's income tax threshold for families of four has more than tripled, from \$9,800 in 1991 to \$32,000 in 2005.

Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four



Year	Threshold
1991	\$9,800
1992	no data
1993	no data
1994	\$15,300
1995	\$15,300
1996	\$15,300
1997	\$20,600
1998	\$25,000
1999	\$26,000
2000	\$28,000
2001	\$30,000
2002	\$31,000
2003	\$31,000
2004	\$32,000
2005	\$32,000