

South Carolina

South Carolina Exempts Working-Poor and Near-Poor Families from Income Tax

South Carolina'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: \$20,100 (tied for) 29
- For two-parent families of four: \$27,000 35

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

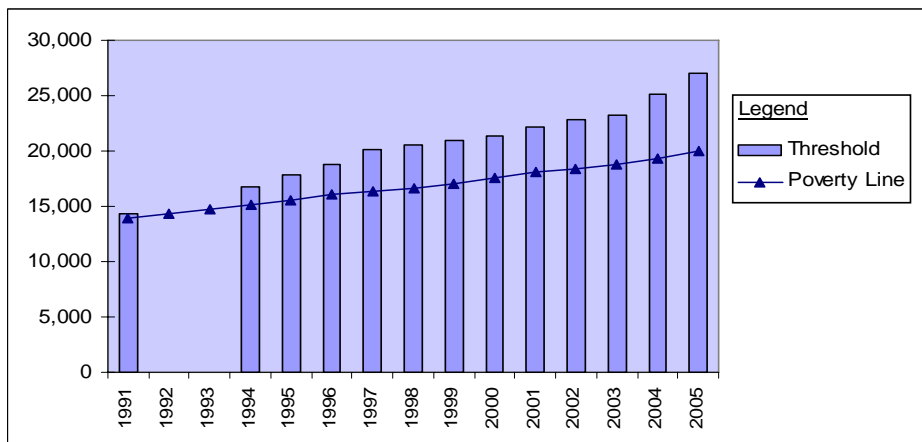
Rank (1 = highest tax)

- 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

South Carolina has consistently exempted families with below-poverty earnings from the income tax.

- South Carolina's tax threshold for families of four has risen steadily since the early 1990s, from just 3 percent above the poverty line in 1991 to 35 percent above the poverty line in 2005.

Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four



Year	Threshold
1991	\$14,300
1992	no data
1993	no data
1994	\$16,800
1995	\$17,800
1996	\$18,800
1997	\$20,200
1998	\$20,600
1999	\$21,000
2000	\$21,400
2001	\$22,100
2002	\$22,900
2003	\$23,200
2004	\$25,200
2005	\$27,000