

# Missouri

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

### Missouri'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: \$13,300 9
- For two-parent families of four: \$16,700 12

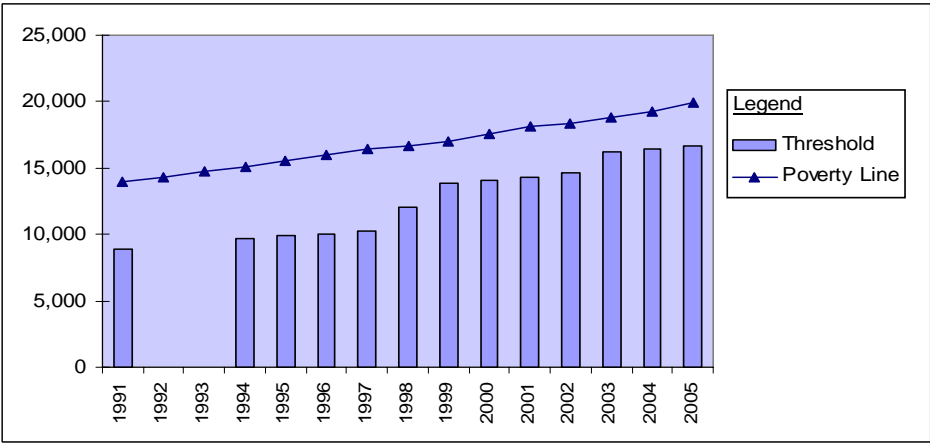
### Missouri's 2005 income tax levied on working-poor

- For families of three with incomes at the poverty line (15,577): \$44 13
- For families of four with incomes at the poverty line (19,961): \$71 17
- 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): \$176 18
- For families of four with incomes at 125% of poverty line (24,951): \$279 18

### Missouri has consistently taxed families with incomes below the

- Missouri's tax threshold for families of four has increased substantially since 1991, but a gap remains between the threshold and the poverty line.
- In 1991, a family of four owed tax when its income exceeded 64 percent of the poverty line. By 2005, Missouri's tax threshold had grown to 84 percent of the poverty line.

**Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four**



Year	Threshold
1991	\$8,900
1992	no data
1993	no data
1994	\$9,700
1995	\$9,900
1996	\$10,000
1997	\$10,200
1998	\$12,000
1999	\$13,900
2000	\$14,100
2001	\$14,300
2002	\$14,600
2003	\$16,200
2004	\$16,400
2005	\$16,700