

# Oregon

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

### Oregon's 2006 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: \$14,600 14
- For two-parent families of four: \$17,500 13

### Oregon's 2006 income tax levied on working-poor and near-poor families

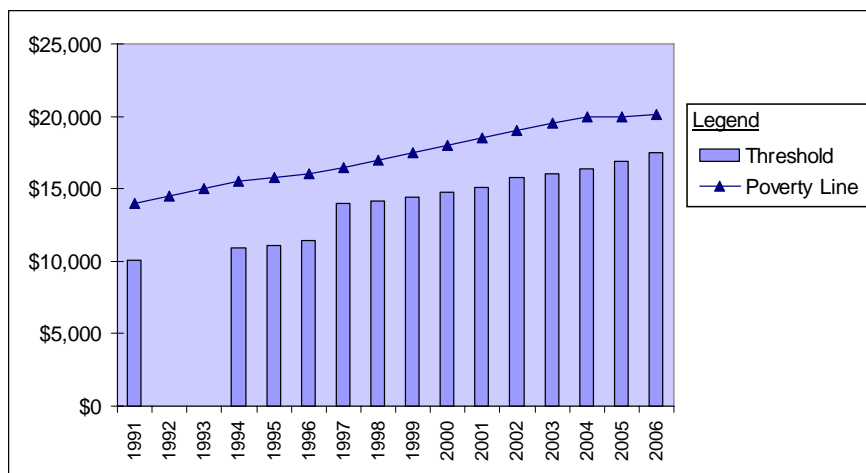
Rank (1 = highest tax)

- For families of three with incomes at the poverty line (\$16,079): \$120 8
- For families of four with incomes at the poverty line (\$20,615): \$319 5
- For families of three with minimum-wage earnings (\$15,599): \$80 4
- For families of three with incomes at 125% of poverty line (\$20,099): \$511 3
- For families of four with incomes at 125% of poverty line (\$25,769): \$832 3

### Oregon has consistently levied income tax on working-poor families.

- Oregon's tax threshold for families of four has increased since 1991, but it remains below the poverty line.
- Oregon's Earned Income Tax Credit became refundable in 2006 and will be increased in 2008, but its thresholds will still be lower than the poverty line.

#### Income Tax Threshold for Family of Four



Year	Threshold
1991	\$10,100
1992	no data
1993	no data
1994	\$10,900
1995	\$11,100
1996	\$11,400
1997	\$14,000
1998	\$14,200
1999	\$14,400
2000	\$14,800
2001	\$15,100
2002	\$15,800
2003	\$16,000
2004	\$16,400
2005	\$16,900
2006	\$17,500