

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

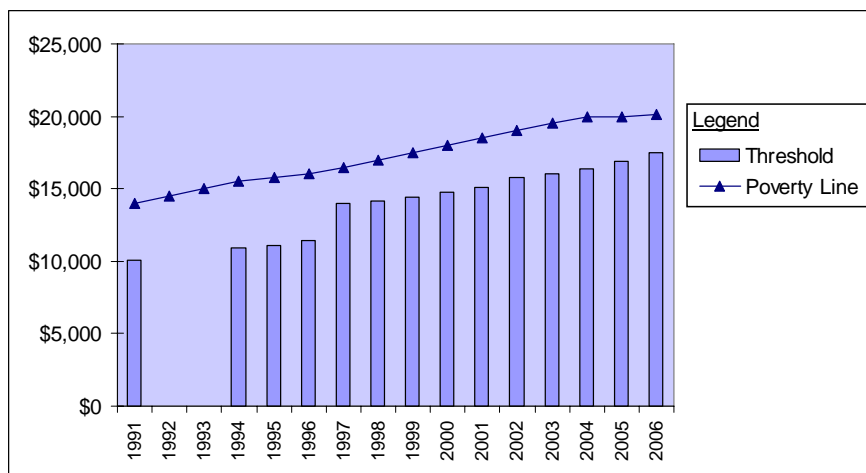
Rank (1 = highest tax)

- 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