

Oregon

Poor Families in Oregon Are Subject to the Income Tax

Oregon's 1999 income tax threshold — the income level at which families begin paying income tax:

Ranking among 42 states with income taxes

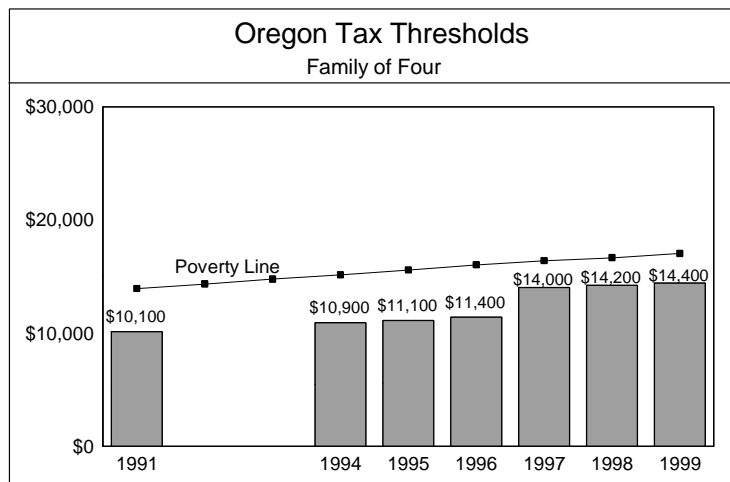
- ☞ For two-parent families of four: **\$14,400.** **15th lowest**
- ☞ For single-parent families of three: **\$12,400.** **15th lowest (tie)**

Oregon's 1999 income tax on working-poor and near-poor families:

- ☞ For families of four with *incomes at the poverty line (\$17,028)*: **\$256.** **9th highest**
- ☞ For families of three with *incomes at the poverty line (\$13,290)*: **\$67.** **13th highest**
- ☞ For families of three with *minimum-wage earnings (\$13,520)*: **\$84.** **9th highest**
- ☞ For families of four with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line (\$21,285)*: **\$679.** **4th highest**
- ☞ For families of three with *incomes at 125% of the poverty line (\$16,613)*: **\$376.** **6th highest**

Despite progress, Oregon continues to tax families with incomes below the poverty line.

- ☞ Oregon's tax threshold for families of four increased in 1997 with the adoption of a low-income tax credit. However, it remains below the poverty line.
- ☞ In 1991, a family of four owed tax when its income exceeded 73 percent of the poverty line. For 1999, Oregon's tax threshold is 85 percent of the poverty line.



Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.