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Relationship Between Tax Entry Thresholds and Poverty, Selected Years 1980-2011

	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Tax Entry Threshold Before Credits																
Single, No Children	3,300	3,440	5,300	6,400	7,200	7,450	7,700	7,800	7,950	8,200	8,450	8,750	8,950	9,350	9,350	9,500
Single, One Child	4,300	4,470	8,850	10,700	12,050	12,450	12,900	13,100	13,350	13,700	14,150	14,650	15,000	15,650	15,700	15,900
Single, Two Children	5,300	5,510	10,900	13,200	14,850	15,350	15,900	16,150	16,450	16,900	17,450	18,050	18,500	19,300	19,350	19,600
Married, No Children	5,400	5,620	9,550	11,550	12,950	13,400	13,850	15,600	15,900	16,400	16,900	17,500	17,900	18,700	18,700	19,000
Married, One Child	6,400	6,660	11,600	14,050	15,750	16,300	16,850	18,650	19,000	19,600	20,200	20,900	21,400	22,350	22,350	22,700
Married, Two Children	7,400	7,700	13,650	16,550	18,550	19,200	19,850	21,700	22,100	22,800	23,500	24,300	24,900	26,000	26,000	26,400
Tax Entry Threshold After Credits (\$) [1]																
Single, No Children	3,300	3,440	5,300	7,357	8,274	8,863	9,154	9,287	9,487	9,741	10,044	10,414	14,954	13,394	13,401	11,304
Single, One Child	6,948	7,865	13,415	17,788	21,590	24,168	24,860	26,488	26,988	27,555	28,323	29,276	32,779	32,317	32,379	31,484
Single, Two Children	7,510	8,369	14,645	20,955	27,144	29,860	30,706	33,328	33,928	34,621	35,524	36,674	43,653	39,874	39,936	39,308
Married, No Children	5,400	5,620	9,550	11,700	12,950	13,400	13,850	15,604	15,904	16,404	16,904	17,504	29,904	26,704	26,704	19,001
Married, One Child	8,125	8,940	15,064	19,458	23,381	25,978	27,373	29,891	30,440	31,711	32,540	33,573	43,419	40,199	40,249	37,887
Married, Two Children	8,687	9,435	16,295	22,424	28,682	31,738	33,210	39,700	40,200	41,000	41,869	42,853	55,586	50,236	50,253	45,776
Poverty Level Income (\$)																
Single, No Children	4,284	5,593	6,800	7,929	8,959	9,214	9,359	9,573	9,827	10,160	10,488	10,787	11,201	11,161	11,429	10,890
Single, One Child	5,676	7,410	9,009	10,504	11,869	12,207	12,400	12,682	13,020	13,461	13,896	14,291	14,840	14,787	15,142	14,710
Single, Two Children	6,635	8,662	10,530	12,278	13,874	14,269	14,494	14,824	15,219	15,735	16,242	16,705	17,346	17,285	17,700	18,530
Married, No Children	5,514	7,199	8,752	10,205	11,531	11,859	12,400	12,321	12,649	13,078	13,500	13,884	14,417	14,366	14,711	14,710
Married, One Child	6,628	8,654	10,520	12,267	13,861	14,255	14,480	14,810	15,205	15,720	16,227	16,689	17,330	17,268	17,682	18,530
Married, Two Children	8,351	10,903	13,254	15,455	17,463	17,960	18,244	18,660	19,157	19,806	20,444	21,027	21,834	21,756	22,278	22,350
Tax Entry Threshold After Credits as a Percentage of Poverty [1]																
Single, No Children	77%	62%	78%	93%	92%	96%	98%	97%	97%	96%	96%	97%	134%	120%	117%	104%
Single, One Child	122%	106%	149%	169%	182%	198%	200%	209%	207%	205%	204%	205%	221%	219%	214%	214%
Single, Two Children	113%	97%	139%	171%	196%	209%	212%	225%	223%	221%	219%	220%	252%	231%	226%	212%
Married, No Children	98%	78%	109%	115%	112%	113%	112%	127%	126%	126%	125%	126%	207%	186%	182%	129%
Married, One Child	123%	103%	143%	159%	169%	182%	189%	202%	200%	202%	201%	201%	251%	233%	228%	204%
Married, Two Children	104%	87%	123%	145%	164%	177%	182%	213%	210%	208%	205%	204%	255%	231%	226%	205%

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Relationship Between Tax Entry Thresholds and Poverty, Selected Years 1980-2011 (2011\$)

	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Tax Entry Threshold Before Credits																
Single, No Children	8,846	7,062	8,957	9,276	9,236	9,292	9,454	9,364	9,296	9,274	9,259	9,322	9,182	9,627	9,472	9,500
Single, One Child	11,527	9,176	14,957	15,509	15,457	15,528	15,839	15,726	15,611	15,495	15,504	15,607	15,389	16,113	15,904	15,900
Single, Two Children	14,208	11,311	18,422	19,132	19,049	19,146	19,523	19,388	19,236	19,114	19,120	19,229	18,980	19,872	19,602	19,600
Married, No Children	14,476	11,537	16,140	16,741	16,612	16,713	17,006	18,728	18,593	18,549	18,517	18,644	18,365	19,254	18,943	19,000
Married, One Child	17,157	13,672	19,605	20,364	20,203	20,330	20,689	22,389	22,218	22,168	22,133	22,266	21,955	23,012	22,641	22,700
Married, Two Children	19,837	15,807	23,069	23,988	23,795	23,947	24,373	26,051	25,843	25,788	25,749	25,888	25,546	26,770	26,338	26,400
Tax Entry Threshold After Credits (\$) [1]																
Single, No Children	8,846	7,062	8,957	10,663	10,614	11,055	11,240	11,149	11,094	11,017	11,005	11,095	15,342	13,791	13,575	11,304
Single, One Child	18,626	16,146	22,672	25,782	27,695	30,144	30,524	31,799	31,558	31,166	31,033	31,189	33,630	33,274	32,800	31,484
Single, Two Children	20,132	17,181	24,751	30,372	34,819	37,243	37,702	40,010	39,674	39,157	38,923	39,070	44,786	41,055	40,455	39,308
Married, No Children	14,476	11,537	16,140	16,958	16,612	16,713	17,006	18,732	18,597	18,553	18,522	18,648	30,680	27,495	27,051	19,001
Married, One Child	21,781	18,353	25,459	28,203	29,992	32,401	33,610	35,884	35,595	35,866	35,654	35,767	44,546	41,390	40,772	37,887
Married, Two Children	23,287	19,369	27,540	32,502	36,792	39,586	40,777	47,660	47,008	46,372	45,875	45,653	57,029	51,724	50,906	45,776
Poverty Level Income (\$)																
Single, No Children	11,484	11,482	11,492	11,492	11,492	11,492	11,491	11,492	11,491	11,491	11,492	11,492	11,492	11,492	11,577	10,890
Single, One Child	15,216	15,212	15,226	15,225	15,225	15,225	15,225	15,225	15,225	15,225	15,226	15,225	15,225	15,225	15,339	14,710
Single, Two Children	17,787	17,782	17,796	17,796	17,797	17,797	17,796	17,796	17,796	17,797	17,796	17,797	17,796	17,797	17,930	18,530
Married, No Children	14,781	14,779	14,791	14,791	14,791	14,791	15,225	14,791	14,791	14,792	14,792	14,791	14,791	14,791	14,902	14,710
Married, One Child	17,768	17,766	17,779	17,780	17,780	17,780	17,779	17,779	17,780	17,780	17,780	17,780	17,780	17,779	17,912	18,530
Married, Two Children	22,387	22,383	22,400	22,401	22,401	22,401	22,401	22,401	22,401	22,401	22,400	22,401	22,401	22,400	22,568	22,350
Tax Entry Threshold After Credits as a Percentage of Poverty [1]																
Single, No Children	77%	62%	78%	93%	92%	96%	98%	97%	97%	96%	96%	97%	134%	120%	117%	104%
Single, One Child	122%	106%	149%	169%	182%	198%	200%	209%	207%	205%	204%	205%	221%	219%	214%	214%
Single, Two Children	113%	97%	139%	171%	196%	209%	212%	225%	223%	220%	219%	220%	252%	231%	226%	212%
Married, No Children	98%	78%	109%	115%	112%	113%	112%	127%	126%	125%	125%	126%	207%	186%	182%	129%
Married, One Child	123%	103%	143%	159%	169%	182%	189%	202%	200%	202%	201%	201%	251%	233%	228%	204%
Married, Two Children	104%	87%	123%	145%	164%	177%	182%	213%	210%	207%	205%	204%	255%	231%	226%	205%

Notes: Assumes all income is wages; children qualify for EITC and CTC; and no childcare expenses.

The tax entry threshold is the income level at which a household begins to owe income tax. The first panel shows the income level at which tax is owed before credits; the second panel shows the point at which tax begins to exceed EITC and the child tax credit.

[1] Calculations include CTC and EITC in years in which they were effective. The CTC was first effective in 1998. The EITC for families with children was first effective in 1975; individuals with no children first claimed the EITC in 1994. Calculations include the Recovery Rebate Credit in 2008 and the Making Work Pay Credit in 2009 and 2010.

Sources: Tax entry thresholds calculated by Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center; poverty thresholds from 1980-2010 from U.S. Census Bureau. Poverty thresholds for 2011 is derived from the 2011 HHS Poverty Guidelines, available at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/11poverty.shtml>.

Relationship Between Tax Entry Thresholds and Poverty under Current Law, 2012-2021

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Tax Entry Threshold Before Credits										
Single, No Children	9,650	9,750	9,900	10,100	10,300	10,500	10,750	11,000	11,300	11,550
Single, One Child	16,150	16,350	16,600	16,950	17,200	17,600	18,050	18,450	18,900	19,350
Single, Two Children	19,900	20,150	20,450	20,900	21,200	21,700	22,250	22,750	23,300	23,850
Married, No Children	19,300	17,550	17,800	18,200	18,500	18,900	19,350	19,800	20,300	20,750
Married, One Child	23,050	21,350	21,650	22,150	22,500	23,000	23,550	24,100	24,700	25,250
Married, Two Children	26,800	25,150	25,500	26,100	26,500	27,100	27,750	28,400	29,100	29,750
Tax Entry Threshold After Credits (\$) [1]										
Single, No Children	11,480	11,203	11,370	11,593	11,817	12,058	12,345	12,635	12,959	13,253
Single, One Child	31,917	28,660	29,064	29,585	30,090	30,715	31,423	32,112	32,837	33,566
Single, Two Children	39,828	35,770	36,252	36,892	37,515	38,283	39,135	39,907	40,406	40,910
Married, No Children	19,301	17,551	17,801	18,201	18,501	18,901	19,351	19,801	20,301	20,751
Married, One Child	38,414	31,081	31,509	32,102	32,656	33,329	34,086	34,848	35,645	36,423
Married, Two Children	46,398	37,850	38,352	39,055	39,719	40,530	41,423	42,333	43,276	44,203
Poverty Level Income (\$)										
Single, No Children	11,609	11,758	11,932	12,146	12,384	12,651	12,951	13,257	13,564	13,878
Single, One Child	15,380	15,577	15,808	16,092	16,408	16,762	17,158	17,564	17,971	18,387
Single, Two Children	17,978	18,209	18,479	18,811	19,179	19,593	20,057	20,531	21,007	21,493
Married, No Children	14,942	15,134	15,358	15,634	15,940	16,284	16,670	17,064	17,460	17,863
Married, One Child	17,961	18,191	18,460	18,792	19,160	19,574	20,037	20,510	20,986	21,472
Married, Two Children	22,629	22,919	23,258	23,677	24,140	24,661	25,245	25,841	26,441	27,052
Tax Entry Threshold After Credits as a Percentage of Poverty [1]										
Single, No Children	99%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	96%	95%
Single, One Child	208%	184%	184%	184%	183%	183%	183%	183%	183%	183%
Single, Two Children	222%	196%	196%	196%	196%	195%	195%	194%	192%	190%
Married, No Children	129%	116%	116%	116%	116%	116%	116%	116%	116%	116%
Married, One Child	214%	171%	171%	171%	170%	170%	170%	170%	170%	170%
Married, Two Children	205%	165%	165%	165%	165%	164%	164%	164%	164%	163%

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Relationship Between Tax Entry Thresholds and Poverty under Current Law, 2012-2021 (2011\$)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Tax Entry Threshold Before Credits										
Single, No Children	9,500	9,477	9,483	9,503	9,505	9,485	9,487	9,483	9,521	9,512
Single, One Child	15,900	15,893	15,900	15,949	15,873	15,899	15,929	15,906	15,924	15,935
Single, Two Children	19,592	19,587	19,588	19,666	19,565	19,603	19,635	19,613	19,632	19,641
Married, No Children	19,001	17,059	17,050	17,125	17,073	17,074	17,076	17,070	17,104	17,088
Married, One Child	22,693	20,753	20,738	20,842	20,764	20,777	20,782	20,777	20,811	20,794
Married, Two Children	26,385	24,447	24,425	24,558	24,456	24,481	24,489	24,484	24,519	24,500
Tax Entry Threshold After Credits (\$) [1]										
Single, No Children	11,302	10,890	10,891	10,908	10,905	10,893	10,894	10,893	10,919	10,914
Single, One Child	31,422	27,859	27,839	27,838	27,769	27,747	27,730	27,684	27,667	27,642
Single, Two Children	39,211	34,780	34,724	34,713	34,621	34,584	34,536	34,405	34,043	33,690
Married, No Children	19,002	17,060	17,051	17,126	17,074	17,075	17,077	17,071	17,105	17,089
Married, One Child	37,819	30,212	30,181	30,206	30,137	30,108	30,080	30,043	30,033	29,995
Married, Two Children	45,679	36,792	36,736	36,748	36,655	36,614	36,555	36,496	36,463	36,402
Poverty Level Income (\$)										
Single, No Children	11,429	11,429	11,429	11,429	11,429	11,429	11,429	11,429	11,429	11,429
Single, One Child	15,142	15,142	15,142	15,142	15,142	15,142	15,142	15,142	15,142	15,142
Single, Two Children	17,700	17,700	17,700	17,700	17,700	17,700	17,700	17,700	17,700	17,700
Married, No Children	14,711	14,711	14,711	14,711	14,711	14,711	14,711	14,711	14,711	14,711
Married, One Child	17,682	17,682	17,682	17,682	17,682	17,682	17,682	17,682	17,682	17,682
Married, Two Children	22,278	22,278	22,278	22,278	22,278	22,278	22,278	22,278	22,278	22,278
Tax Entry Threshold After Credits as a Percentage of Poverty [1]										
Single, No Children	99%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	96%	95%
Single, One Child	208%	184%	184%	184%	183%	183%	183%	183%	183%	183%
Single, Two Children	222%	196%	196%	196%	196%	195%	195%	194%	192%	190%
Married, No Children	129%	116%	116%	116%	116%	116%	116%	116%	116%	116%
Married, One Child	214%	171%	171%	171%	170%	170%	170%	170%	170%	170%
Married, Two Children	205%	165%	165%	165%	165%	164%	164%	164%	164%	163%

Notes: Assumes all income is wages; children qualify for EITC and CTC; and no childcare expenses.

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[1] Calculations include the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Credit.

Source: Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center.

Relationship Between Tax Entry Thresholds and Poverty under Current Policy [1], 2012-2021

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Tax Entry Threshold Before Credits										
Single, No Children	9,650	9,750	9,900	10,100	10,300	10,500	10,750	11,000	11,300	11,550
Single, One Child	16,150	16,350	16,600	16,950	17,200	17,600	18,050	18,450	18,900	19,350
Single, Two Children	19,900	20,150	20,450	20,900	21,200	21,700	22,250	22,750	23,300	23,850
Married, No Children	19,300	19,500	19,800	20,200	20,600	21,000	21,500	22,000	22,600	23,100
Married, One Child	23,050	23,300	23,650	24,150	24,600	25,100	25,700	26,300	27,000	27,600
Married, Two Children	26,800	27,100	27,500	28,100	28,600	29,200	29,900	30,600	31,400	32,100
Tax Entry Threshold After Credits (\$) [2]										
Single, No Children	11,480	11,614	11,786	12,016	12,247	12,499	12,796	13,098	13,429	13,735
Single, One Child	31,917	32,291	32,719	33,281	33,826	34,500	35,256	35,994	36,775	37,561
Single, Two Children	39,828	40,276	40,779	41,454	42,111	42,921	43,815	44,704	45,633	46,567
Married, No Children	19,301	19,501	19,801	20,201	20,601	21,001	21,501	22,001	22,601	23,101
Married, One Child	38,414	38,845	39,366	40,034	40,732	41,513	42,409	43,317	44,270	45,197
Married, Two Children	46,398	46,915	47,520	48,317	49,135	50,071	51,124	52,199	53,321	54,420
Poverty Level Income (\$)										
Single, No Children	11,609	11,758	11,932	12,146	12,384	12,651	12,951	13,257	13,564	13,878
Single, One Child	15,380	15,577	15,808	16,092	16,408	16,762	17,158	17,564	17,971	18,387
Single, Two Children	17,978	18,209	18,479	18,811	19,179	19,593	20,057	20,531	21,007	21,493
Married, No Children	14,942	15,134	15,358	15,634	15,940	16,284	16,670	17,064	17,460	17,863
Married, One Child	17,961	18,191	18,460	18,792	19,160	19,574	20,037	20,510	20,986	21,472
Married, Two Children	22,629	22,919	23,258	23,677	24,140	24,661	25,245	25,841	26,441	27,052
Tax Entry Threshold After Credits as a Percentage of Poverty [2]										
Single, No Children	98%	98%	98%	98%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%
Single, One Child	205%	205%	205%	205%	204%	203%	203%	202%	202%	202%
Single, Two Children	219%	219%	219%	218%	217%	216%	216%	215%	215%	214%
Married, No Children	128%	128%	128%	128%	127%	127%	127%	127%	127%	127%
Married, One Child	205%	205%	205%	204%	203%	203%	202%	202%	202%	201%
Married, Two Children	201%	201%	200%	199%	198%	196%	195%	194%	194%	194%

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Relationship Between Tax Entry Thresholds and Poverty under Current Policy [1], 2012-2021 (\$2011)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Tax Entry Threshold Before Credits										
Single, No Children	9,500	9,477	9,483	9,503	9,505	9,485	9,487	9,483	9,521	9,512
Single, One Child	15,900	15,893	15,900	15,949	15,873	15,899	15,929	15,906	15,924	15,935
Single, Two Children	19,592	19,587	19,588	19,666	19,565	19,603	19,635	19,613	19,632	19,641
Married, No Children	19,001	18,955	18,966	19,007	19,011	18,971	18,973	18,967	19,042	19,023
Married, One Child	22,693	22,649	22,653	22,724	22,702	22,675	22,680	22,674	22,749	22,729
Married, Two Children	26,385	26,342	26,341	26,440	26,394	26,378	26,386	26,381	26,457	26,435
Tax Entry Threshold After Credits (\$) [2]										
Single, No Children	11,302	11,289	11,289	11,391	11,302	11,291	11,292	11,292	11,315	11,311
Single, One Child	31,422	31,388	31,340	31,315	31,217	31,166	31,112	31,031	30,985	30,932
Single, Two Children	39,211	39,150	39,061	39,005	38,863	38,774	38,666	38,540	38,449	38,349
Married, No Children	19,002	18,956	18,967	19,008	19,012	18,972	18,974	18,967	19,043	19,024
Married, One Child	37,819	37,759	37,707	37,669	37,590	37,502	37,425	37,344	37,300	37,221
Married, Two Children	45,679	45,604	45,517	45,463	45,345	45,233	45,116	45,002	44,926	44,816
Poverty Level Income (\$)										
Single, No Children	11,429	11,429	11,429	11,429	11,429	11,429	11,429	11,429	11,429	11,429
Single, One Child	15,142	15,142	15,142	15,142	15,142	15,142	15,142	15,142	15,142	15,142
Single, Two Children	17,700	17,700	17,700	17,700	17,700	17,700	17,700	17,700	17,700	17,700
Married, No Children	14,711	14,711	14,711	14,711	14,711	14,711	14,711	14,711	14,711	14,711
Married, One Child	17,682	17,682	17,682	17,682	17,682	17,682	17,682	17,682	17,682	17,682
Married, Two Children	22,278	22,278	22,278	22,278	22,278	22,278	22,278	22,278	22,278	22,278
Tax Entry Threshold After Credits as a Percentage of Poverty [2]										
Single, No Children	98%	98%	98%	98%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%
Single, One Child	205%	205%	205%	205%	204%	203%	203%	202%	202%	202%
Single, Two Children	219%	219%	219%	218%	217%	216%	216%	215%	215%	214%
Married, No Children	128%	128%	128%	128%	127%	127%	127%	127%	127%	127%
Married, One Child	205%	205%	205%	204%	203%	203%	202%	202%	202%	201%
Married, Two Children	201%	201%	200%	199%	198%	196%	195%	194%	194%	194%

Notes: Assumes all income is wages; children qualify for EITC and CTC; and no childcare expenses.

The tax entry threshold is the income level at which a household begins to owe income tax. The first panel shows the income level at which tax is owed before credits; the second panel shows the point at which tax begins to exceed EITC and the child tax credit.

[1] Current policy extends the 2009 AMT patch and indexes the AMT exemption, rate bracket threshold, and phaseout exemption threshold for inflation; makes the 2001 and 2003 individual income tax cuts permanent; and makes 2009 estate tax law permanent.

[2] Calculations include the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Credit.

Source: Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center.