

## The 2009 Health & Human Services (HHS) Poverty Guidelines

Source: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/09poverty.shtml>

### Computations for the 2009 Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines

Persons in family or household	2009 poverty guidelines (100% of poverty)	130% of poverty	145% of poverty	150% of poverty	185% of poverty	200% of poverty
1	\$10,830	14,079	15,704	16,245	20,036	21,660
2	14,570	18,941	21,127	21,855	26,955	29,140
3	18,310	23,803	26,550	27,465	33,874	36,620
4	22,050	28,665	31,973	33,075	40,793	44,100
5	25,790	33,527	37,396	38,685	47,712	51,580
6	29,530	38,389	42,819	44,295	54,631	59,060
7	33,270	43,251	48,242	49,905	61,550	66,540
8	37,010	48,113	53,665	55,515	68,469	74,020
For each additional person add	3,740	4,862	5,423	5,610	6,919	7,480

- Note: The rounding rules for these calculations, as well as procedures for calculating monthly income, are determined by the federal, state, and local program offices that use the poverty guidelines for eligibility purposes.
- These figures are for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia
- This guide is updated each year in February.

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**The following programs use the HHS poverty guidelines or multiples of them:**

**100% - Head Start; Early Head Start**

**130% - Shared Visions; National School Lunch Program (Free - at or below 130%); Medicaid (133%)**

**145% - Child Care Subsidy**

**150% - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP); Weatherization**

**185% - WIC; Title V - Maternal & Child Health Services; National School Lunch Program (Reduced fees - between 130% - 185%)**

**200% - Empowerment Low-Income Preschool Tuition Assistance; *hawk-i*;**