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Poverty guidelines since 1982 for the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia can be calculated by addition using the figures shown below. (This simple calculation procedure gives correct guideline figures for each year, but it is not identical to the procedure by which the poverty guidelines are calculated from the poverty thresholds each year; see an [example calculation](#).) Before 1982, the poverty guidelines were issued by the Office of Economic Opportunity/Community Services Administration.

NOTE: The poverty guideline figures below are NOT the figures the Census Bureau uses to calculate the number of poor persons.

The figures that the Census Bureau uses are the [poverty thresholds](#).

HHS Poverty Guidelines

YEAR	FIRST PERSON	EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON	(FOUR-PERSON FAMILY)	PAGE WITH COMPLETE DETAILS
2020	\$12,760	\$4,480	(\$26,200)	2020 Guidelines
2019	\$12,490	\$4,420	(\$25,750)	2019 Guidelines
2018	\$12,140	\$4,320	(\$25,100)	2018 Guidelines



2017	\$12,060	\$4,180	(\$24,600)	2017 Guidelines
2016	\$11,880	Varies	(\$24,300)	2016 Guidelines
2015	\$11,770	\$4,160	(\$24,250)	2015 Guidelines
2014	\$11,670	\$4,060	(\$23,850)	2014 Guidelines
2013	\$11,490	\$4,020	(\$23,550)	2013 Guidelines
2012	\$11,170	\$3,960	(\$23,050)	2012 Guidelines
2011	10,890	3,820	(22,350)	2011 Guidelines
2010	10,830	3,740	(22,050)	Guidelines for Remainder of 2010 Extension of 2009 Guidelines Until at Least 5/31/2010
2009	10,830	3,740	(22,050)	2009 Guidelines
2008	10,400	3,600	(21,200)	2008 Guidelines
2007	10,210	3,480	(20,650)	2007 Guidelines
2006	9,800	3,400	(20,000)	2006 Guidelines
2005	9,570	3,260	(19,350)	2005 Guidelines
2004	9,310	3,180	(18,850)	2004 Guidelines
2003	8,980	3,140	(18,400)	2003 Guidelines
2002	8,860	3,080	(18,100)	2002 Guidelines
2001	8,590	3,020	(17,650)	2001 Guidelines
2000	8,350	2,900	(17,050)	2000 Guidelines
1999	8,240	2,820	(16,700)	1999 Guidelines
1998	8,050	2,800	(16,450)	1998 Guidelines
1997	7,890	2,720	(16,050)	1997 Guidelines
1996	7,740	2,620	(15,600)	1996 Guidelines

1995	7,470	2,560	(15,150)	
1994	7,360	2,480	(14,800)	
1993	6,970	2,460	(14,350)	
1992	6,810	2,380	(13,950)	
1991	6,620	2,260	(13,400)	
1990	6,280	2,140	(12,700)	
1989	5,980	2,040	(12,100)	
1988	5,770	1,960	(11,650)	
1987	5,500	1,900	(11,200)	
1986	5,360	1,880	(11,000)	
1985	5,250	1,800	(10,650)	
1984	4,980	1,740	(10,200)	
1983	4,860	1,680	(9,900)	
1982*	4,680	1,540	(9,300)	
* Figures for nonfarm families only.				

For a table showing the poverty guidelines for all family sizes back to 1965, see [Table 3.E8](#) in the most recent Annual Statistical Supplement of the Social Security Bulletin .

Poverty guidelines for the years shown above can be found in the *Federal Register* as follows:

- 2020 Vol. 85, No. 12, January 17, 2020, pp. 3060-3061
- 2019 Vol. 84, No. 22, February 1, 2019, pp. 1167-1168
- 2018 Vol. 83, No. 12, January 18, 2018, pp. 2642-2644
- 2017 Vol. 82, No. 19, January 31, 2017, pp. 8831-8832
- 2016 Vol. 81, No.15 January 25, 2016, pp. 4036-4037

- 2015 Vol. 80, No. 14, January 22, 2015, pp. 3236-3237
- 2014 Vol. 79, No. 14, January 22, 2014, pp. 3593-3594
- 2013 Vol. 78, No. 16, January 24, 2013, pp. 5182-5183
- 2012 Vol. 77, No. 17, January 26, 2012, pp. 4034-4035
- 2011 Vol. 76, No. 13, January 20, 2011, pp. 3637-3638

2010 (Delayed update) Vol. 75, No. 148, August 3, 2010, pp. 45628-45629
(Extension of the 2009 poverty guidelines until at least March 1, 2010)¹ Vol. 75, No. 14, January 22, 2010, pp. 3734-3735

2009 Vol. 74, No. 14, January 23, 2009, pp. 4199-4201

2008 Vol. 73, No. 15, January 23, 2008, pp. 3971-3972

2007 Vol. 72, No. 15, January 24, 2007, pp. 3147-3148

2006 Vol. 71, No. 15, January 24, 2006, pp. 3848-3849

2005 Vol. 70, No. 33, February 18, 2005, pp. 8373-8375

2004 Vol. 69, No. 30, February 13, 2004, pp. 7336-7338

2003 Vol. 68, No. 26, February 7, 2003, pp. 6456-6458

2002 Vol. 67, No. 31, February 14, 2002, pp. 6931-6933

2001 Vol. 66, No. 33, February 16, 2001, pp. 10695-10697

2000 Vol. 65, No. 31, February 15, 2000, pp. 7555-7557

1999 Vol. 64, No. 52, March 18, 1999, pp. 13428-13430

1998 Vol. 63, No. 36, February 24, 1998, pp. 9235-9238

1997 Vol. 62, No. 46, March 10, 1997, pp. 10856-10859

1996 Vol. 61, No. 43, March 4, 1996, pp. 8286-8288

1995 Vol. 60, No. 27, February 9, 1995, pp. 7772-7774

1994 Vol. 59, No. 28, February 10, 1994, pp. 6277-6278

1993 Vol. 58, No. 28, February 12, 1993, pp. 8287-8289

1992 Vol. 57, No. 31, February 14, 1992, pp. 5455-5457

1991 Vol. 56, No. 34, February 20, 1991, pp. 6589-6861

1990 Vol. 55, No. 33, February 16, 1990, pp. 5664-5666

1989 Vol. 54, No. 31, February 16, 1989, pp. 7097-7098

1988 Vol. 53, No. 29, February 12, 1988, pp. 4213-4214

1987 Vol. 52, No. 34, February 20, 1987, pp. 5340-5341

1986 Vol. 51, No. 28, February 11, 1986, pp. 5105-5106

1985 Vol. 50, No. 46, March 8, 1985, pp. 9517-9518 ²

1984 Vol. 49, No. 39, February 27, 1984, pp. 7151-7152

1983 Vol. 48, No. 34, February 17, 1983, pp. 7010-7011

1982 Vol. 47, No. 69, April 9, 1982, pp. 15417-15418

¹ The Congress subsequently extended the 2009 guidelines until at least March 31 and then until at least May 31, 2010. HHS reported those extensions on the Poverty Guidelines web site.

² For a correction of a typographical error in one figure for Hawaii for 1985, see Federal Register , Vol. 50, No. 50, March 14, 1985, p. 10319.

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