

The poverty guidelines are a version of the federal poverty measure. They are published each year in the *Federal Register* by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The guidelines are a simplification of the poverty thresholds for use for administrative purposes — for instance, determining financial eligibility for certain federal programs, including Head Start/Early Head Start.

HHS Poverty Guidelines for 2025

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2025 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$15,650
2	\$21,150
3	\$26,650
4	\$32,150
5	\$37,650
6	\$43,150
7	\$48,650
8	\$54,150

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,500 for each additional person.

The Federal Register where they were published January 17, 2025, and can be accessed [here](#).