

Chart F: Poverty Guidelines

To use this chart, you must first determine your family size, which is the number of people whom you support. Include yourself and your spouse. Include your children if they get more than half their support from you. Include other people only if they meet all of the following criteria:

- * They live with you
- * They now get more than half their support from you
- * They will continue to get this support from you

Support includes money, gifts, loans, housing, food, clothes, car, medical and dental care, payment of college costs, and so on.

Next, find the column that represents your place of residence. Read down to your family size. This is the poverty guideline for you.

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Family Size	All states and the District of Columbia ¹ (except Alaska, Hawaii)	Alaska ²	Hawaii ³
1	8,050	10,070	9,260
2	10,850	13,570	12,480
3	13,650	17,070	15,700
4	16,450	20,570	18,920
5	19,250	24,070	22,140
6	22,050	27,570	25,360
7	24,850	31,070	28,580
8	27,650	34,570	31,800

¹For families with more than eight members, add \$2,800 for each additional member.

²For families with more than eight members, add \$3,500 for each additional member.

³For families with more than eight members, add \$3,220 for each additional member.

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