

The poverty guidelines are sometimes loosely referred to as the “federal poverty level” (FPL), but that phrase is ambiguous and should be avoided, especially in situations (e.g., legislative or administrative) where precision is important.

Key differences between poverty thresholds and poverty guidelines are outlined in a table under Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). See also the discussion of this topic on the Institute for Research on Poverty’s web site.

The following figures are the 2019 HHS poverty guidelines which will be published in the Federal Register

2019 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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PERSONS IN FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD	POVERTY GUIDELINE	200%
1	\$12,490	\$24,980
2	\$16,910	\$33,820
3	\$21,330	\$42,660
4	\$25,750	\$51,500
5	\$30,170	\$60,340
6	\$34,590	\$69,180
7	\$39,010	\$78,020
8	\$43,430	\$86,860
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,420 for each additional person. \$8,840		