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2020 Poverty Guidelines

Section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)) requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to update the poverty guidelines at least annually, adjusting them on the basis of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). The poverty guidelines are used as an eligibility criterion by the Community Services Block Grant program and a number of other Federal programs. The poverty guidelines issued here are a simplified version of the poverty thresholds that the Census Bureau uses to prepare its estimates of the number of individuals and families in poverty.

As required by law, this update is accomplished by increasing the latest published Census Bureau poverty thresholds by the relevant percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

The poverty guidelines are not derived from the Census Bureau's new Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM). The figures represent annual income.

These are the 2020 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia.

Number in Household	100%	125%	133%	138%	150%	200%	250%
1	\$12,760	\$15,950	\$16,971	\$17,609	\$19,140	\$25,520	\$31,900
2	\$17,240	\$21,550	\$22,929	\$23,791	\$25,860	\$34,480	\$43,100
3	\$21,720	\$27,150	\$28,888	\$29,974	\$32,580	\$43,440	\$54,300
4	\$26,200	\$32,750	\$34,846	\$36,156	\$39,300	\$54,400	\$65,500
5	\$30,680	\$38,350	\$40,804	\$50,338	\$46,020	\$61,360	\$76,700
6	\$35,160	\$43,950	\$46,763	\$48,521	\$52,740	\$70,320	\$87,900
7	\$39,640	\$49,550	\$52,721	\$54,703	\$59,460	\$79,280	\$99,100
8	\$44,120	\$55,150	\$58,680	\$60,886	\$66,180	\$88,240	\$110,300