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2016 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia

Household/ Family Size	25%	50%	75%	100%	125%	150%	175%	200%	225%	250%	275%	300%	325%	350%	375%	400%
1	2,970	5,940	8,910	11,880	14,850	17,820	20,790	23,760	26,730	29,700	32,670	35,640	38,610	41,580	44,550	47,520
2	4,005	8,010	12,015	16,020	20,025	24,030	28,035	32,040	36,045	40,050	44,055	48,060	52,065	56,070	60,075	64,080
3	5,040	10,080	15,120	20,160	25,200	30,240	35,280	40,320	45,360	50,400	55,440	60,480	65,520	70,560	75,600	80,640
4	6,075	12,150	18,225	24,300	30,375	36,450	42,525	48,600	54,675	60,750	66,825	72,900	78,975	85,050	91,125	97,200
5	7,110	14,220	21,330	28,440	35,550	42,660	49,770	56,880	63,990	71,100	78,210	85,320	92,430	99,540	106,650	113,760
6	8,145	16,290	24,435	32,580	40,725	48,870	57,015	65,160	73,305	81,450	89,595	97,740	105,885	114,030	122,175	130,320
7	9,183	18,365	27,548	36,730	45,913	55,095	64,278	73,460	82,643	91,825	101,008	110,190	119,373	128,555	137,738	146,920
8	10,223	20,445	30,668	40,890	51,113	61,335	71,558	81,780	92,003	102,225	112,448	122,670	132,893	143,115	153,338	163,560
9	11,263	22,525	33,788	45,050	56,313	67,575	78,838	90,100	101,363	112,625	123,888	135,150	146,413	157,675	168,938	180,200
10	12,303	24,605	36,908	49,210	61,513	73,815	86,118	98,420	110,723	123,025	135,328	147,630	159,933	172,235	184,538	196,840
11	13,343	26,685	40,028	53,370	66,713	80,055	93,398	106,740	120,083	133,425	146,768	160,110	173,453	186,795	200,138	213,480
12	14,383	28,765	43,148	57,530	71,913	86,295	100,678	115,060	129,443	143,825	158,208	172,590	186,973	201,355	215,738	230,120
13	15,423	30,845	46,268	61,690	77,113	92,535	107,958	123,380	138,803	154,225	169,648	185,070	200,493	215,915	231,338	246,760
14	16,463	32,925	49,388	65,850	82,313	98,775	115,238	131,700	148,163	164,625	181,088	197,550	214,013	230,475	246,938	263,400

2016 Poverty Guidelines for Alaska

Household/ Family Size	25%	50%	75%	100%	125%	150%	175%	200%	225%	250%	275%	300%	325%	350%	375%	400%
1	3,710	3,710	7,420	14,840	18,550	22,260	25,970	29,680	33,390	37,100	40,810	44,520	48,230	51,940	55,650	59,360
2	5,005	5,005	10,010	20,020	25,025	30,030	35,035	40,040	45,045	50,050	55,055	60,060	65,065	70,070	75,075	80,080
3	6,300	6,300	12,600	25,200	31,500	37,800	44,100	50,400	56,700	63,000	69,300	75,600	81,900	88,200	94,500	100,800
4	7,595	7,595	15,190	30,380	37,975	45,570	53,165	60,760	68,355	75,950	83,545	91,140	98,735	106,330	113,925	121,520
5	8,890	8,890	17,780	35,560	44,450	53,340	62,230	71,120	80,010	88,900	97,790	106,680	115,570	124,460	133,350	142,240
6	10,185	10,185	20,370	40,740	50,925	61,110	71,295	81,480	91,665	101,850	112,035	122,220	132,405	142,590	152,775	162,960
7	11,480	11,480	22,960	45,920	57,400	68,880	80,360	91,840	103,320	114,800	126,280	137,760	149,240	160,720	172,200	183,680
8	12,780	12,780	25,560	51,120	63,900	76,680	89,460	102,240	115,020	127,800	140,580	153,360	166,140	178,920	191,700	204,480
9	14,080	14,080	28,160	56,320	70,400	84,480	98,560	112,640	126,720	140,800	154,880	168,960	183,040	197,120	211,200	225,280
10	15,380	15,380	30,760	61,520	76,900	92,280	107,660	123,040	138,420	153,800	169,180	184,560	199,940	215,320	230,700	246,080
11	16,680	16,680	33,360	66,720	83,400	100,080	116,760	133,440	150,120	166,800	183,480	200,160	216,840	233,520	250,200	266,880
12	17,980	17,980	35,960	71,920	89,900	107,880	125,860	143,840	161,820	179,800	197,780	215,760	233,740	251,720	269,700	287,680
13	19,280	19,280	38,560	77,120	96,400	115,680	134,960	154,240	173,520	192,800	212,080	231,360	250,640	269,920	289,200	308,480
14	20,580	20,580	41,160	82,320	102,900	123,480	144,060	164,640	185,220	205,800	226,380	246,960	267,540	288,120	308,700	329,280

2016 Poverty Guidelines for Hawaii

Household/ Family Size	25%	50%	75%	100%	125%	150%	175%	200%	225%	250%	275%	300%	325%	350%	375%	400%
1	3,418	6,835	10,253	13,670	17,088	20,505	23,923	27,340	30,758	34,175	37,593	41,010	44,428	47,845	51,263	54,680
2	4,608	9,215	13,823	18,430	23,038	27,645	32,253	36,860	41,468	46,075	50,683	55,290	59,898	64,505	69,113	73,720
3	5,798	11,595	17,393	23,190	28,988	34,785	40,583	46,380	52,178	57,975	63,773	69,570	75,368	81,165	86,963	92,760
4	6,988	13,975	20,963	27,950	34,938	41,925	48,913	55,900	62,888	69,875	76,863	83,850	90,838	97,825	104,813	111,800
5	8,178	16,355	24,533	32,710	40,888	49,065	57,243	65,420	73,598	81,775	89,953	98,130	106,308	114,485	122,663	130,840
6	9,368	18,735	28,103	37,470	46,838	56,205	65,573	74,940	84,308	93,675	103,043	112,410	121,778	131,145	140,513	149,880
7	10,558	21,115	31,673	42,230	52,788	63,345	73,903	84,460	95,018	105,575	116,133	126,690	137,248	147,805	158,363	168,920
8	11,753	23,505	35,258	47,010	58,763	70,515	82,268	94,020	105,773	117,525	129,278	141,030	152,783	164,535	176,288	188,040
9	12,948	25,895	38,843	51,790	64,738	77,685	90,633	103,580	116,528	129,475	142,423	155,370	168,318	181,265	194,213	207,160
10	14,143	28,285	42,428	56,570	70,713	84,855	98,998	113,140	127,283	141,425	155,568	169,710	183,853	197,995	212,138	226,280
11	15,338	30,675	46,013	61,350	76,688	92,025	107,363	122,700	138,038	153,375	168,713	184,050	199,388	214,725	230,063	245,400
12	16,533	33,065	49,598	66,130	82,663	99,195	115,728	132,260	148,793	165,325	181,858	198,390	214,923	231,455	247,988	264,520
13	17,728	35,455	53,183	70,910	88,638	106,365	124,093	141,820	159,548	177,275	195,003	212,730	230,458	248,185	265,913	283,640
14	18,923	37,845	56,768	75,690	94,613	113,535	132,458	151,380	170,303	189,225	208,148	227,070	245,993	264,915	283,838	302,760

Calculating the 2016 Poverty Guidelines

The January 2016 poverty guidelines are calculated by taking the 2014 Census Bureau's poverty thresholds and adjusting them for price changes between 2014 and 2015 using the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U). The poverty thresholds used by the Census Bureau for statistical purposes are complex and are not composed of standardized increments between family sizes. Since many program officials prefer to use guidelines with uniform increments across family sizes, the poverty guidelines include rounding and standardizing adjustments in the formula.

When the change in the CPI-U is positive but small, it is possible that the poverty guidelines drop for certain family sizes due to these adjustments. This occurred in 2016, when the change in the CPI-U between 2014 and 2015 was small enough so that the rounding and standardizing adjustments in the formula resulted in small decreases in the poverty guidelines between 2015 and 2016 for households with 7 or more members (8 or more for Alaska and Hawaii). To avoid a decrease in the poverty guidelines when inflation was not negative, a small adjustment was made to the 2016 guideline formula which fixed the 2016 poverty guidelines at the 2015 guidelines for the affected family sizes, which are households of 7 or more persons (8 or more for Alaska and Hawaii).

This means that the increments are not exactly the same between some family sizes for the January 2016 poverty guidelines. For example, the increments for family sizes one through six for the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia is \$4,140. The poverty guideline for family size of six is \$32,570 (i.e., the same as the 2015 guidelines) and the increments for family sizes of eight and larger is \$4,160, which are the same increments used for the 2015 guidelines. Visit aspe.hhs.gov/poverty for more information.

Multiples of the 2016 HHS Poverty Guidelines

The purpose of these spreadsheets is to provide a tool for organizations to create different multiples of the poverty guidelines. Be aware, however, that the rounding rules for these calculations, as well as procedures for calculating monthly income, are determined by the federal, state, and local program offices that use the poverty guidelines for eligibility purposes. Therefore, the numbers in these spreadsheets could differ somewhat from what is used by other federal, state, or other organizations. The only official poverty guidelines estimates calculated by ASPE are those published in the *Federal Register* each year.

Column E in the spreadsheets represents the poverty guidelines as published in the January 2016 *Federal Register*. The numbers can be changed to reflect poverty guidelines for different years by substituting the alternative numbers in the cells highlighted in yellow.

Some hospitals and other organizations may want to use a different set of percentages than those shown in row three of each of the sheets. In general, one can calculate alternative percentage multiples of the guidelines by taking the current guidelines and multiplying each number by 1.25 for 125 percent, 1.50 for 150 percent, etc. The percentages can be changed by typing in a different percentage on line three. For example, if an organization wanted to calculate a number for 133% of the guidelines then 1.33 should be typed in one of the cells in row three (for example, one could place 1.33 in cell F:3). Changes made to row three will result in changes for the rest of the spreadsheet.

The Census Bureau's poverty thresholds are the same nationwide, with no separate figures for different states, metropolitan areas, or cities. The Department of Health and Human Services' poverty guidelines, which are a simplified version of the Census Bureau's poverty thresholds used for program eligibility purposes, are the same for the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia. Due to administrative practices beginning in the 1966-1970 period, there are separate poverty guidelines for Alaska and for Hawaii.

Please note that ASPE does not provide sliding fee scales for hospitals and other organizations. The only way to get these fee scales is to contact the organization or office that prepared it. While ASPE calculates the poverty guidelines each year, ASPE does not calculate or prepare any sliding fee scales even though such scales may indicate the HHS poverty guidelines as the source.

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