

2017 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA *

(For households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,180 for each additional person.)

Persons in Household	2017 Federal Poverty Level	125% 2017 Federal Poverty Level
1	\$12,060	\$15,075
2	\$16,240	\$20,300
3	\$20,420	\$25,525
4	\$24,600	\$30,750
5	\$28,780	\$35,975
6	\$32,960	\$41,200
7	\$37,140	\$46,425
8	\$41,320	\$51,650

The poverty guidelines are a simplified version of the federal poverty thresholds used for administrative purposes — for instance, determining financial eligibility for certain federal programs. They are issued each year in the Federal Register by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

To make a statutory reference to the poverty guidelines, use the phrase “the poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of [42 U.S.C. 9902\(2\)](#) .

* For more complete information, go to the Website of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, at:

<https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/01/31/2017-02076/annual-update-of-the-hhs-poverty-guidelines>