



## Child Care Assistance Income Eligibility Thresholds and State Median Income (SMI), Family of Three, 2001-2003

*A CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) DATA SUMMARY*

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Alabama	\$3,118.00	\$1,585.00	43%	\$3,248.00	\$1,653.00	43%	2004
Alaska	\$4,481.00	NA	85%	\$4,263.00	\$3,853.00 <sup>2</sup>	77%	2002
American Samoa	NK	NK	NK	\$925.00	NA	85%	1995
Arizona	\$3,156.00	\$2,013.00	54%	\$3,336.00	\$2,099.00	53%	2004
Arkansas	\$2,776.92	\$1,960.21	60%	\$2,846.43	\$2,009.25	60%	2003
California	\$3,315.00	\$2,925.00	75%	\$3,315.00	\$2,925.00	75%	1998
Colorado <sup>3</sup>	\$3,774.00	\$2,743.00	62%	\$3,964.00	\$2,862.00	61%	2003
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	NK	NK	NK	\$1,533.00	NA	85%	NR
Connecticut	\$4,495.00	\$3,966.00	75%	\$4,910.00	\$2,889.00	50%	2004
District of Columbia	\$3,706.00	\$3,470.00	80%	\$3,773.00	\$3,470.00	78%	2003
Delaware	\$3,902.00	\$2,440.00	53%	\$4,127.00	\$2,544.00	52%	2003
Florida	NK	NK	NK	\$3,293.00	\$2,543.00 <sup>4</sup>	66%	2003
Georgia	\$3,569.00	NA	85%	\$3,792.00	\$2,035.00	46%	2003
Guam	NK	NK	NK	\$1,908.00	NA	85%	NA <sup>5</sup>

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Hawaii	\$3,479.00	\$3,274.00	80%	\$3,678.00	NA	85%	2001
Idaho	\$2,838.00	\$1,706.00	51%	\$3,197.00	\$1,706.00	45%	2003
Illinois	\$3,948.00	\$1,818.00	39%	\$3,958.00	\$2,328.00	50%	2004
Indiana	\$3,289.40	\$2,207.00	57%	\$3,694.00	\$1,615.00	37%	2003
Iowa	\$3,455.00	\$1,890.00	47%	\$3,669.00	\$1,780.00	41%	2004
Kansas	\$3,874.00	\$2,255.00	49%	\$3,379.00	\$2,353.00	59%	2003
Kentucky	\$3,105.00	\$2,012.00	55%	\$3,232.00	\$1,908.00 <sup>6</sup>	50%	2004
Louisiana	\$2,942.00	\$2,077.00	60%	\$2,942.00	\$2,596.00	75% <sup>7</sup>	2002
Maine	\$3,038.01	NA	85%	\$3,343.08 <sup>8</sup>	NA	85%	2003
Maryland	\$4,451.00	\$2,095.00	40%	\$4,249.00	\$2,499.00	50%	2002
Massachusetts	\$4,104.00	NA	50%	\$4,104.00	\$2,414.00 <sup>6</sup>	50%	2000
Michigan	NK	NK	NK	\$4,090.00	\$1,990.00	41%	2003
Minnesota	\$3,967.00	\$3,501.00	75%	\$4,322.00	\$2,225.00 <sup>9</sup>	44%	2004
Mississippi	\$2,513.00	NA	85%	\$2,513.00	NA	85%	2000
Missouri	\$3,010.00	\$1,482.00	42%	\$3,631.00	\$1,482.00	35%	2001
Montana	\$3,032.00	\$1,829.00	51%	\$2,861.00	\$1,878.00 <sup>4</sup>	56%	2004
Nebraska	\$3,373.00	\$2,104.99	53%	\$3,394.00	\$1,463.00	37%	2003
Nevada	\$3,539.00	\$3,123.00	75%	\$3,527.00	\$3,112.00	75%	2004

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New Hampshire	\$3,630.00	\$2,648.00	62%	\$4,264.00	\$2,407.00	48% <sup>7</sup>	2000
New Jersey	\$4,223.50	\$3,047.92	61%	\$4,674.00	\$3,179.00	58%	2003
New Mexico	\$2,658.00	\$2,438.00	78%	\$3,016.27	\$2,543.33	72%	2002
New York	\$3,400.00	\$2,438.00	61%	\$3,839.00	\$2,543.00	56%	2003
North Carolina	\$3,232.00	\$2,852.00	75%	\$3,339.00	\$2,946.00	75%	2002
North Dakota	\$3,035.00	\$2,463.00	69%	\$3,281.00	\$2,463.00	64%	2004
Ohio	\$3,346.00	\$2,255.00	57%	\$3,825.00	\$1,272.00	28%	2003
Oklahoma	\$3,110.00	\$1,936.00	53%	\$2,883.00	\$2,825.00 <sup>9</sup>	83%	2003
Oregon	\$3,208.00	\$2,255.00	60%	\$3,495.00	\$1,908.00	46%	2003
Pennsylvania	\$3,543.00	\$2,438.00	58%	\$3,934.74	\$2,543.33	55%	2004
Puerto Rico	\$1,279.00	NA	85%	\$1,279.00	NA	85%	1994
Rhode Island	\$3,844.50	\$2,743.17	61%	\$4,192.00	\$2,861.00	58%	2003
South Carolina	\$3,330.00	\$1,829.00	47%	\$3,349.00	\$1,908.00	48%	2003
South Dakota	\$3,504.00	\$1,829.00	44%	\$3,553.00	\$2,544.00	61%	2003
Tennessee	\$3,093.00	\$2,027.00	56%	\$3,336.00	\$2,355.00	60%	2004
Texas <sup>3, 10</sup>	\$3,171.00	NA	85%	\$3,368.00	NA	85%	2003
Utah	\$3,406.00	\$2,244.00	56%	\$3,406.00	\$2,244.00	56%	2002
Vermont	\$2,867.33	\$2,586.00	77%	\$2,664.00	\$2,586.00	83%	1999

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Virginia <sup>11</sup>	\$3,829.00	\$1,950.00	43%	\$4,141.00	\$1,908.00	39%	2004
Virgin Islands	NK	NK	NK	\$2,022.50	NA	85%	2000
Washington	\$3,670.00	\$2,743.00	64%	\$3,821.00	\$2,544.00	57%	2003
West Virginia	\$2,689.00	\$2,358.00	75%	\$2,943.00	\$1,769.00 <sup>6</sup>	51%	2004
Wisconsin	\$3,774.00	\$2,255.00	51%	\$3,894.00	\$2,353.00 <sup>6</sup>	51%	2004
Wyoming	\$3,310.00	\$2,255.00	58%	\$3,324.00	\$2,544.00	65%	2003

Sources: Information compiled from State CCDF Plans, FFY 2002-2003 and FFY 2004-2005, effective October 1, 2001 and October 1, 2003 respectively. Approved Plans for Florida, Michigan, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the Virgin Islands were not included in the FFY 2002-2003 summary.

Key: NA – Not Applicable; NK – Not Known; NR – Not Reported

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Monthly State Median Income is derived based on information provided in the State Plans, which does not necessarily coincide with most recent year SMI. SMI used by each State is indicated. In 2003, the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for a family of three for the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia was \$15,260. The FPL for Alaska was \$19,070 and the FPL for Hawaii was \$17,550. See *Federal Register*, Vol. 68, No. 26, February 7, 2003, pp. 6456–6458.

<sup>2</sup> The adjusted gross income levels that Alaska reported are equal to 85% SMI less an estimated amount of the 2002 Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, which is not used in calculating the adjusted gross income amount.

<sup>3</sup> Colorado and Texas permit sub-State jurisdictions to set different income eligibility limits. In Texas, local Workforce Boards set their own income eligibility limits to meet local needs, within the State-imposed cap of 85% of SMI; the State reported that most Boards have established limits that are below 85% of SMI.

<sup>4</sup> Florida and Montana each have a two-tiered eligibility threshold and reported the upper limit, which is applied to families already receiving child care assistance.

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*Notes (continued):*

<sup>5</sup> The Lead Agency reported that there is no current SMI calculated for Guam and it uses 150% of the 2003 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines for Contiguous States and the District of Columbia to limit eligibility.

<sup>6</sup> Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Wisconsin each have a two-tiered eligibility threshold. Kentucky, Massachusetts, and Wisconsin reported the lower limit, which is applied to families newly applying for child care assistance; Minnesota and West Virginia reported both limits, the lower of which is included here.

<sup>7</sup> New Hampshire SMI is derived from information reported in FFY 2004-2005 CCDF Plan, from which the percentage was calculated.

<sup>8</sup> Maine's Monthly State Median Income was derived from its annual SMI (\$40,117) as reported in the plan.

<sup>9</sup> Oklahoma's maximum eligible income threshold depends on the number of children in care.

<sup>10</sup> Texas' FFY 2002-2003 CCDF Plan extended into FFY 2004; data reported are from the draft Texas FFY 2004-2005 CCDF Plan.

<sup>11</sup> Virginia thresholds reflect local cost of living and are established for three groups of localities. Income limits are set at or below a defined percentage of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), adjusted for family size, ranging from 150% FPL to 185% FPL.

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