

Table 3.E1—Weighted average poverty thresholds for nonfarm families, by size, 1959–2008 (in dollars)

Year	Unrelated individuals			Families								Annual average CPI ^a
				2 persons			3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons or more	
	All ages	Under age 65	Aged 65 or older	All ages	Householder under age 65	Householder aged 65 or older						
1959	1,467	1,503	1,397	1,894	1,952	1,761	2,324	2,973	3,506	3,944	4,849	29.2
1960	1,490	1,526	1,418	1,924	1,982	1,788	2,359	3,022	3,560	4,002	4,921	29.6
1961	1,506	1,545	1,433	1,942	2,005	1,808	2,383	3,054	3,597	4,041	4,967	29.9
1962	1,519	1,562	1,451	1,962	2,027	1,828	2,412	3,089	3,639	4,088	5,032	30.3
1963	1,539	1,581	1,470	1,988	2,052	1,850	2,442	3,128	3,685	4,135	5,092	30.6
1964	1,558	1,601	1,488	2,015	2,079	1,875	2,473	3,169	3,732	4,193	5,156	31.0
1965	1,582	1,626	1,512	2,048	2,114	1,906	2,514	3,223	3,797	4,264	5,248	31.5
1966	1,628	1,674	1,556	2,107	2,175	1,961	2,588	3,317	3,908	4,388	5,395	32.5
1967	1,675	1,722	1,600	2,168	2,238	2,017	2,661	3,410	4,019	4,516	5,550	33.4
1968	1,748	1,797	1,667	2,262	2,333	2,102	2,774	3,553	4,188	4,706	5,789	34.8
1969	1,840	1,893	1,757	2,383	2,458	2,215	2,924	3,743	4,415	4,958	6,101	36.7
1970	1,954	2,010	1,861	2,525	2,604	2,348	3,099	3,968	4,680	5,260	6,468	38.8
1971	2,040	2,098	1,940	2,633	2,716	2,448	3,229	4,137	4,880	5,489	6,751	40.5
1972	2,109	2,168	2,005	2,724	2,808	2,530	3,339	4,275	5,044	5,673	6,983	41.8
1973	2,247	2,307	2,130	2,895	2,984	2,688	3,548	4,540	5,358	6,028	7,435	44.4
1974	2,495	2,562	2,364	3,211	3,312	2,982	3,936	5,038	5,950	6,699	8,253	49.3
1975	2,724	2,797	2,581	3,506	3,617	3,257	4,293	5,500	6,499	7,316	9,022	53.8
1976	2,884	2,959	2,730	3,711	3,826	3,445	4,540	5,815	6,876	7,760	9,588	56.9
1977	3,075	3,152	2,906	3,951	4,072	3,666	4,833	6,191	7,320	8,261	10,216	60.6
1978	3,311	3,392	3,127	4,249	4,383	3,944	5,201	6,662	7,880	8,891	11,002	65.2
1979	3,689	3,778	3,479	4,725	4,878	4,390	5,784	7,412	8,775	9,914	12,280	72.6
1980	4,190	4,290	3,949	5,363	5,537	4,983	6,565	8,414	9,966	11,269	13,955	82.4
1981	4,620	4,729	4,359	5,917	6,111	5,498	7,250	9,287	11,007	12,449	...	90.9
1982	4,901	5,019	4,626	6,281	6,487	5,836	7,693	9,862	11,684	13,207	...	96.5
1983	5,061	5,180	4,775	6,483	6,697	6,023	7,938	10,178	12,049	13,630	...	99.6
1984	5,278	5,400	4,979	6,762	6,983	6,282	8,277	10,609	12,566	14,207	...	103.9
1985	5,469	5,593	5,156	6,998	7,231	6,503	8,573	10,989	13,007	14,696	...	107.6
1986	5,572	5,701	5,255	7,138	7,372	6,630	8,737	11,203	13,259	14,986	...	109.6
1987	5,778	5,909	5,447	7,397	7,641	6,872	9,056	11,611	13,737	15,509	...	113.6
1988	6,022	6,155	5,674	7,704	7,958	7,157	9,435	12,092	14,304	16,146	...	118.3
1989	6,310	6,451	5,947	8,076	8,343	7,501	9,885	12,674	14,990	16,921	...	124.0
1990	6,652	6,800	6,268	8,509	8,794	7,905	10,419	13,359	15,792	17,839	...	130.7
1991	6,932	7,086	6,532	8,865	9,165	8,241	10,860	13,924	16,456	18,587	...	136.2
1992	7,143	7,299	6,729	9,137	9,443	8,487	11,186	14,335	16,952	19,137	...	140.3
1993	7,363	7,518	6,930	9,414	9,728	8,740	11,522	14,763	17,449	19,718	...	144.5
1994	7,547	7,710	7,108	9,661	9,976	8,967	11,821	15,141	17,900	20,235	...	148.2
1995	7,763	7,929	7,309	9,933	10,259	9,219	12,158	15,569	18,408	20,804	...	152.4
1996	7,995	8,163	7,525	10,233	10,564	9,491	12,516	16,036	18,952	21,389	...	156.9
1997	8,183	8,350	7,698	10,473	10,805	9,712	12,802	16,400	19,380	21,886	...	160.5
1998	8,316	8,480	7,818	10,634	10,972	9,862	13,003	16,660	19,680	22,228	...	163.0
1999	8,501	8,667	7,990	10,869	11,214	10,075	13,290	17,029	20,127	22,727	...	166.6

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3.E Poverty

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Year	Unrelated individuals			Families								Annual average CPI ^a
				2 persons			3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons or more	
	All ages	Under age 65	Aged 65 or older	All ages	Householder under age 65	Householder aged 65 or older						
2000	8,794	8,959	8,259	11,239	11,590	10,419	13,738	17,603	20,819	23,528	...	172.2
2001	9,039	9,214	8,494	11,569	11,920	10,715	14,128	18,104	21,405	24,195	...	177.1
2002	9,183	9,359	8,628	11,756	12,110	10,885	14,348	18,392	21,744	24,576	...	179.9
2003	9,393	9,573	8,825	12,015	12,384	11,133	14,680	18,810	22,245	25,122	...	184.0
2004	9,645	9,827	9,060	12,334	12,714	11,430	15,067	19,307	22,831	25,788	...	188.9
2005	9,973	10,160	9,367	12,755	13,145	11,815	15,577	19,971	23,613	26,683	...	195.3
2006	10,294	10,488	9,669	13,167	13,569	12,201	16,079	20,614	24,382	27,560	...	201.6
2007	10,590	10,787	9,944	13,540	13,954	12,550	16,530	21,203	25,080	28,323	...	207.3
2008 ^b	10,997	11,201	10,326	14,060	14,490	13,032	17,165	22,017	26,043	29,410	...	215.3

SOURCE: Census Bureau, Current Population Survey.

NOTES: CPI = Consumer Price Index; ... = not applicable.

Three technical changes in the definition of poverty are described in "Characteristics of the Population Below the Poverty Level, 1980," Census Bureau, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-60, No. 133: (1) Distinctions based on the sex of the family householder will no longer be made; (2) income thresholds for farm families will be the same as for nonfarm families of the same size and composition, and (3) the increased sample size will now permit separate poverty income criteria for families of 7, 8, and 9 or more persons. Separate criteria for these family sizes by number of children have been developed by the Social Security Administration for the base year 1978 on the same basis as the original poverty matrix for smaller family sizes, and then updated by means of the all-items CPI. The dollar thresholds for larger families beginning in 1980 are:

Year	9 persons		
	7 persons	8 persons	or more
1980	12,761	14,199	16,896
1981	14,110	15,655	18,572
1982	15,036	16,719	19,698
1983	15,500	17,170	20,310
1984	16,096	17,961	21,247
1985	16,656	18,512	22,083
1986	17,049	18,791	22,497
1987	17,649	19,515	23,105
1988	18,232	20,253	24,129
1989	19,162	21,328	25,480
1990	20,241	22,582	26,848
1991	21,058	23,605	27,942
1992	21,594	24,053	28,745
1993	22,383	24,838	29,529
1994	22,923	25,427	30,300
1995	23,552	26,237	31,280
1996	24,268	27,091	31,971
1997	24,802	27,593	32,566
1998	25,257	28,166	33,339
1999	25,912	28,967	34,417
2000	26,754	29,701	35,060
2001	27,517	30,627	36,286
2002	28,001	30,907	37,062
2003	28,544	31,589	37,656
2004	29,236	32,641	39,048
2005	30,249	33,610	40,288
2006	31,205	34,774	41,499
2007	32,233	35,816	42,739
2008 ^b	33,471	37,191	44,380

a. Beginning in January 1978, the Bureau of Labor Statistics introduced a new price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) for all items (1982–1984 = 100) that forms a continuous series with the earlier index for urban wage earners and for clerical workers as of December 1977.

b. Preliminary estimates.

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Table 3.E2—Number and percentage of poor persons, by age, at end of selected years 1959–2007

Age and family status ^a	1959	1970	1980	1985	1990 ^b	1995	2000	2005	2007
Total population ^c (millions)									
All ages	176.5	202.5	225.0	236.6	248.6	263.7	275.9	293.1	298.7
Children under 18 in families—	64.0	69.9	62.2	62.0	64.9	70.3	70.6	72.0	72.6
With male householder ^d	58.3	60.8	50.6	49.5	49.5	52.1	54.5	54.4	54.1
With female householder	5.7	9.0	11.5	12.5	15.4	18.2	16.1	17.6	18.6
18–54 ^e	81.0	94.9	116.3	125.2	132.3	140.7	147.4	153.6	154.8
55–64	15.5	18.4	21.7	22.1	21.3	21.1	23.8	31.0	33.3
65 or older	15.6	19.3	24.7	27.3	30.1	31.7	33.0	35.5	36.8
In families	11.9	13.4	16.7	18.4	20.1	21.1	22.3	23.8	24.7
Unrelated individuals	3.7	5.8	8.0	8.9	10.0	10.6	10.7	11.7	12.1
Men	1.2	1.4	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.7	2.9	3.4	3.4
Women	2.5	4.4	6.3	7.0	7.7	7.9	7.8	8.3	8.7
Number poor ^c (millions)									
All ages	39.5	25.3	29.3	33.1	33.6	36.4	31.1	36.9	37.3
Children under 18 in families—	17.2	10.5	11.1	12.5	13.3	14.4	11.1	12.3	12.8
With male householder ^d	13.1	5.7	5.2	5.8	5.3	5.6	4.9	5.0	5.0
With female householder	4.1	4.8	5.9	6.7	8.0	8.9	6.2	7.3	7.7
18–54 ^e	13.4	8.2	12.2	14.8	14.6	16.5	14.1	18.0	17.7
55–64	3.3	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.7	2.9
65 or older	5.5	4.7	3.9	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.6
In families	3.2	2.0	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.3
Unrelated individuals	2.3	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.2
Men	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4
Women	1.6	2.2	2.0	1.9	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.8
Percentage poor ^c									
All ages	22.4	12.6	13.0	14.0	13.5	13.8	11.3	12.6	12.5
Children under 18 in families—	26.9	15.0	17.9	20.1	20.5	20.5	15.7	17.1	17.6
With male householder ^d	22.4	9.3	10.4	11.7	10.7	10.7	8.9	9.2	9.3
With female householder	72.2	53.4	50.8	53.6	52.1	48.6	38.4	41.6	41.7
18–54 ^e	16.5	8.7	10.5	11.8	11.0	11.7	9.6	11.7	11.4
55–64	21.5	11.4	9.5	10.5	9.7	10.2	9.4	8.7	8.6
65 or older	35.2	24.6	15.7	12.6	12.2	10.5	10.2	10.1	9.7
In families	26.9	14.7	8.5	6.4	5.9	5.0	5.1	5.6	5.4
Unrelated individuals	61.9	47.1	30.6	25.6	24.8	21.4	20.8	19.5	18.4
Men	59.0	38.9	24.4	20.5	17.3	14.3	18.3	15.6	13.1
Women	63.3	49.7	32.3	27.0	26.9	23.8	21.8	21.1	20.4

SOURCES: Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, public-use file of the March 2008 Income Supplement. Data for 1970 are based on the 1970 Census of Population controls.

NOTES: Table includes civilian noninstitutionalized population residing in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

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- a. Income and poverty status refer to the calendar year shown; family status is as of March of the succeeding year.
- b. Based on revised methodology.
- c. Includes armed forces in the United States living off post or with families on post. Excludes unrelated individuals under age 16.
- d. Includes children in families with both spouses present and in families with male householder with no spouse present.
- e. Includes persons under age 18 listed as unrelated individual, family householder, spouse of householder, or other family member.

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3.E Poverty

Table 3.E3—Shares of money income from earnings and other sources for aged and nonaged families, 2007

Type of money income received during year	Aged family units						Nonaged family units					
	Individuals aged 65 or older living alone or with nonrelatives only			Multiperson families with householder aged 65 or older			Individuals under age 65 living alone or with nonrelatives only			Multiperson families with householder under age 65		
	Total	Nonpoor	Poor ^a	Total	Nonpoor	Poor ^a	Total	Nonpoor	Poor ^a	Total	Nonpoor	Poor ^a
Number of families and unrelated individuals (millions)	12.1	9.9	2.2	12.5	11.8	0.7	39.4	31.3	8.1	65.4	58.5	6.9
Percentage receiving income of specified type^b												
Earnings	17	20	3	47	48	19	81	93	37	93	97	65
Public program payments												
Social Security ^c	89	91	77	90	91	67	7	6	12	11	11	12
Supplemental Security Income	5	3	15	4	3	13	3	1	12	3	2	9
Other public assistance	2	2	2	3	3	5	8	7	11	10	9	20
Other programs ^d	3	4	1	7	7	3	5	6	3	8	8	5
Other sources												
Dividends, interest, rent	50	57	19	61	64	21	37	44	11	52	57	11
Employment-related pensions, alimony, annuities	39	46	8	49	52	10	6	7	3	15	15	14
Percentage distribution of income, by type												
Total percent	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Earnings	18	19	1	38	38	14	88	89	47	90	90	69
Public program payments												
Social Security ^c	43	41	83	30	30	68	2	2	21	2	2	10
Supplemental Security Income	1	^e	10	^e	^e	8	1	^e	16	^e	^e	6
Other public assistance	^e	^e	^e	^e	^e	2	2	1	9	1	1	7
Other programs ^d	1	1	^e	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2
Other sources												
Dividends, interest, rent	17	17	2	14	14	4	4	4	1	4	4	1
Employment-related pensions, alimony, annuities	20	21	3	16	17	4	3	3	3	3	3	5
Median income (dollars)	17,118	20,274	7,381	42,044	44,367	9,178	27,750	34,017	4,234	56,529	56,895	10,183

SOURCE: Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, public-use file of the March 2008 Income Supplement.

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- a. Poverty status based on money income of all family members after receipt of Social Security and any other cash transfer payments.
- b. Received by individuals or any family member at any time during 2007. Most individuals or families received more than one type of income during the year.
- c. Social Security may include more than one type of income during the year.
- d. Unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, or veterans' payments.
- e. Less than 0.5 percent.

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Table 3.E4—Current living arrangements of persons aged 65 or older, by sex and poverty status, March 2008

Living arrangement	Population (thousands)			Percentage distribution			Percentage officially poor
	Total	Poor	Nonpoor	Total	Poor	Nonpoor	
All persons aged 65 or older							
Total	36,790	3,556	33,234	100.0	100.0	100.0	9.7
Unrelated individuals	12,080	2,218	9,861	32.8	62.4	29.7	18.4
Family members	24,710	1,337	23,373	67.2	37.6	70.3	5.4
Householder or spouse	22,417	1,154	21,263	60.9	32.5	64.0	5.1
Other relative ^a	2,293	183	2,110	6.2	5.1	6.4	8.0
Poor by own income	946	141	805	2.6	4.0	2.4	14.9
Not poor by own income	1,347	42	1,305	3.7	1.2	3.9	3.1
Men							
Subtotal	15,762	1,033	14,729	42.8	29.0	44.3	6.6
Unrelated individuals	3,367	442	2,924	9.2	12.4	8.8	13.1
Family members	12,395	590	11,805	33.7	16.6	35.5	4.8
Householder	7,786	357	7,429	21.2	10.0	22.4	4.6
Spouse of householder	4,002	195	3,807	10.9	5.5	11.5	4.9
Other relative ^a	608	39	569	1.7	1.1	1.7	6.3
Poor by own income	205	28	177	0.6	0.8	0.5	13.6
Not poor by own income	403	11	392	1.1	0.3	1.2	2.6
Women							
Subtotal	21,028	2,523	18,505	57.2	71.0	55.7	12.0
Unrelated individuals	8,713	1,776	6,937	23.7	50.0	20.9	20.4
Family members	12,315	747	11,568	33.5	21.0	34.8	6.1
Householder, no husband present	1,871	243	1,628	5.1	6.8	4.9	13.0
Householder with husband present	3,114	133	2,981	8.5	3.7	9.0	4.3
Wife of householder	5,645	226	5,418	15.3	6.4	16.3	4.0
Other relative ^a	1,686	144	1,541	4.6	4.1	4.6	8.6
Poor by own income	741	113	628	2.0	3.2	1.9	15.3
Not poor by own income	944	31	913	2.6	0.9	2.7	3.3

SOURCE: Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, public-use file of the March 2008 Income Supplement.

NOTES: Living arrangements as of March 2008.

Poverty status in 2007 as reflected by income of unrelated individual or family money income for year compared with official poverty income criterion for families of appropriate size and composition.

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- a. Aged family members who are neither the family householder nor the spouse of the householder. Official poverty classification is based on combined income of all related persons living together. Persons in this group are classified here on the basis of official poverty criteria for family income and on a comparison of their own income with official poverty criteria for elderly persons maintaining their own households. The hidden poor are other relatives in nonpoor households whose own income is below the official poverty line for unrelated individuals or married couples.

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3.E Poverty

Table 3.E6—Percentage distribution of aged families receiving Social Security benefits, by share of income from benefits and race, 2007

Social Security share of money income for year ^a	Individuals aged 65 or older living alone or with nonrelatives only				Multiperson families with householder aged 65 or older			
	Total	Nonpoor	Poor	Percent poor	Total	Nonpoor	Poor	Percent poor
All races ^b								
Number (thousands)	12,063	9,851	2,212	...	12,902	12,064	837	...
Percent	100	100	100	18	100	100	100	6
No Social Security benefits	11	9	23	37	11	9	33	21
Some Social Security benefits	89	91	77	16	89	91	67	5
Less than one-fourth of income	10	12	1	2	22	24	0	0
One-fourth to one-half of income	16	20	1	2	23	24	5	1
One-half to three-fourths of income	17	20	5	6	19	19	10	3
Three-fourths or more of income	46	40	70	28	25	23	52	13
White only								
Number (thousands)	10,386	8,742	1,645	...	10,939	10,444	495	...
Percent	100	100	100	16	100	100	100	5
No Social Security benefits	10	8	21	32	9	8	34	17
Some Social Security benefits	90	92	79	14	91	92	66	3
Less than one-fourth of income	10	12	1	1	23	24	1	0
One-fourth to one-half of income	17	20	1	1	24	25	5	1
One-half to three-fourths of income	17	20	5	5	19	20	10	2
Three-fourths or more of income	45	40	72	25	25	24	50	9
Black only								
Number (thousands)	1,275	828	447	...	1,003	837	166	...
Percent	100	100	100	35	100	100	100	17
No Social Security benefits	19	14	27	51	16	14	28	29
Some Social Security benefits	81	86	73	31	84	86	72	14
Less than one-fourth of income	5	7	1	5	20	24	1	1
One-fourth to one-half of income	12	17	2	5	21	24	5	4
One-half to three-fourths of income	15	20	5	13	17	18	15	14
Three-fourths or more of income	50	42	65	46	26	21	52	33

SOURCE: Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, public-use file of the March 2008 Income Supplement.

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... = not applicable.

a. Payments under Social Security program any time in 2007 to any family member as reported in the March 2008 Current Population Survey.

b. Includes other races.

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Table 3.E8—Poverty guidelines for families of specified size, 1965–2009 (in dollars)

Date of issuance ^a	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons	Increment ^b
December 1965	1,540	1,990	2,440	3,130	3,685	4,135	4,635	5,135	500
August 1967	1,600	2,000	2,500	3,200	3,800	4,200	4,700	5,300	500
September 1968	1,600	2,100	2,600	3,300	3,900	4,400	4,900	5,400	500
September 1969	1,800	2,400	3,000	3,600	4,200	4,800	5,400	6,000	600
December 1970	1,900	2,500	3,100	3,800	4,400	5,000	5,600	6,200	600
November 1971	2,000	2,600	3,300	4,000	4,700	5,300	5,900	6,500	600
October 1972	2,100	2,725	3,450	4,200	4,925	5,550	6,200	6,850	650
March 1973	2,200	2,900	3,600	4,300	5,000	5,700	6,400	7,100	700
May 1974	2,330	3,070	3,810	4,550	5,290	6,030	6,770	7,510	740
March 1975	2,590	3,410	4,230	5,050	5,870	6,690	7,510	8,330	820
April 1976	2,800	3,700	4,600	5,500	6,400	7,300	8,200	9,100	900
April 1977	2,970	3,930	4,890	5,850	6,810	7,770	8,730	9,690	960
April 1978	3,140	4,160	5,180	6,200	7,220	8,240	9,260	10,280	1,020
May 1979	3,400	4,500	5,600	6,700	7,800	8,900	10,000	11,100	1,100
April 1980	3,790	5,010	6,230	7,450	8,670	9,890	11,110	12,330	1,220
March 1981	4,310	5,690	7,070	8,450	9,830	11,210	12,590	13,970	1,380
April 1982	4,680	6,220	7,760	9,300	10,840	12,380	13,920	15,460	1,540
February 1983	4,860	6,540	8,220	9,900	11,580	13,260	14,940	16,620	1,680
February 1984	4,980	6,720	8,460	10,200	11,940	13,680	15,420	17,160	1,740
March 1985	5,250	7,050	8,850	10,650	12,450	14,250	16,050	17,850	1,800
February 1986	5,360	7,240	9,120	11,000	12,880	14,760	16,640	18,520	1,880
February 1987	5,500	7,400	9,300	11,200	13,100	15,000	16,900	18,800	1,900
February 1988	5,770	7,730	9,690	11,650	13,610	15,570	17,530	19,490	1,960
February 1989	5,980	8,020	10,060	12,100	14,140	16,180	18,220	20,260	2,040
February 1990	6,280	8,420	10,560	12,700	14,840	16,980	18,120	21,260	2,140
February 1991	6,620	8,880	11,140	13,400	15,660	17,920	20,180	22,440	2,260
February 1992	6,810	9,190	11,570	13,950	16,330	18,710	21,090	23,470	2,380
February 1993	6,970	9,430	11,890	14,350	16,810	19,270	21,730	24,190	2,460
February 1994	7,360	9,840	12,320	14,800	17,280	19,760	22,240	24,720	2,480
February 1995	7,470	10,030	12,590	15,150	17,710	20,270	22,830	25,390	2,560
March 1996	7,740	10,360	12,980	15,600	18,220	20,840	23,460	26,080	2,620
March 1997	7,890	10,610	13,330	16,050	18,770	21,490	24,210	26,960	2,720
February 1998	8,050	10,850	13,650	16,450	19,250	22,050	24,850	27,650	2,800
March 1999	8,240	11,060	13,880	16,700	19,520	22,340	25,160	27,980	2,820

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Table 3.E8—Poverty guidelines for families of specified size, 1965–2009 (in dollars)—Continued

Date of issuance ^a	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons	Increment ^b
February 2000	8,350	11,250	14,150	17,050	19,950	22,850	25,750	28,650	2,900
February 2001	8,590	11,610	14,630	17,650	20,670	23,690	26,710	29,730	3,020
February 2002	8,860	11,940	15,020	18,100	21,180	24,260	27,340	30,420	3,080
February 2003	8,980	12,120	15,260	18,400	21,540	24,680	27,820	30,960	3,140
February 2004	9,310	12,490	15,670	18,850	22,030	25,210	28,390	31,570	3,180
February 2005	9,570	12,830	16,090	19,350	22,610	25,870	29,130	32,390	3,260
January 2006	9,800	13,200	16,600	20,000	23,400	26,800	30,200	33,600	3,400
January 2007	10,210	13,690	17,170	20,650	24,130	27,610	31,090	34,570	3,480
January 2008	10,400	14,000	17,600	21,200	24,800	28,400	32,000	35,600	3,600
January 2009	10,830	14,570	18,310	22,050	25,790	29,530	33,270	37,010	3,740

SOURCES: Department of Health and Human Services, *Federal Register*, vol. 74, no. 14 (January 23, 2009), pp. 4199–4201; earlier *Federal Register* notices (1968–2008); and Israel Putnam, "Poverty Thresholds: Their History and Future Development" [November 1970], p. 281 in Mollie Orshansky [editor], *Documentation of Background Information and Rationale for Current Poverty Matrix* (Technical Paper I of *The Measure of Poverty*), Washington, D.C., U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, 1977.

NOTES: Except for Alaska and Hawaii. Guidelines for Alaska and Hawaii since 1980 are:

Year	Alaska		Hawaii	
	1 person	Increment	1 person	Increment
1980	4,760	1,520	4,370	1,400
1981	5,410	1,720	4,980	1,580
1982	5,870	1,920	5,390	1,770
1983	6,080	2,100	5,600	1,930
1984	6,240	2,170	5,730	2,000
1985	6,560	2,250	6,040	2,070
1986	6,700	2,350	6,170	2,160
1987	6,860	2,380	6,310	2,190
1988	7,210	2,450	6,650	2,250
1989	7,480	2,550	6,870	2,350
1990	7,840	2,680	7,230	2,460
1991	8,290	2,820	7,610	2,600
1992	8,500	2,980	7,830	2,740
1993	8,700	3,080	8,040	2,820
1994	9,200	3,100	8,470	2,850
1995	9,340	3,200	8,610	2,940
1996	9,660	3,280	8,910	3,010
1997	9,870	3,400	9,070	3,130
1998	10,070	3,500	9,260	3,220
1999	10,320	3,520	9,490	3,240
2000	10,430	3,630	9,590	3,340
2001	10,730	3,780	9,890	3,470
2002	11,080	3,850	10,200	3,540
2003	11,210	3,930	10,330	3,610
2004	11,630	3,980	10,700	3,660
2005	11,950	4,080	11,010	3,750
2006	12,250	4,250	11,270	3,910
2007	12,770	4,350	11,750	4,000
2008	13,000	4,500	11,960	4,140
2009	13,530	4,680	12,460	4,300

Separate figures for Alaska and Hawaii reflect Office of Economic Opportunity administrative practice beginning in the 1966–1970 period. The Census Bureau, producer of the primary version of the poverty measure (the poverty thresholds), does not produce separate figures for Alaska and Hawaii.

Before 1983, the guidelines shown are for nonfarm families only.

- The guidelines are effective from the date of issuance (unless otherwise specified by a particular program using them).
- Add this amount for each additional family member. Before 1973, increments between some of the smaller family sizes differed from the increment shown in the table. Beginning in 1973, the increment has been the same for all family sizes in each year's set of guidelines.

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