

**Table 3.E1—Weighted average poverty thresholds for nonfarm families, by size, 1959–2004 (in dollars)**

Year	Unrelated individuals			Families								Annual average CPI <sup>a</sup>
				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

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### 3.E Poverty

**Table 3.E1—Weighted average poverty thresholds for nonfarm families, by size, 1959–2004 (in dollars)—Continued**

Year	Unrelated individuals			Families								Annual average CPI <sup>a</sup>
	All ages	Under age 65	Aged 65 or older	2 persons			3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons or more	
				All ages	Householder under age 65	Householder aged 65 or older						
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
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

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey.

NOTES: ... = not applicable.

Three technical changes in the definition of poverty are described in "Characteristics of the Population Below the Poverty Level, 1980," U.S. 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 consumer price index. The dollar thresholds for larger families beginning in 1980 are:

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

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.

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**Table 3.E2—Number and percentage of poor persons, by age, at end of selected years 1959–2003**

Age and family status <sup>a</sup>	1959	1970	1980	1985	1990 <sup>b</sup>	1995	2000	2002	2003
<b>Total population<sup>c</sup>(millions)</b>									
All ages	176.5	202.5	225.0	236.6	248.6	263.7	275.9	285.3	287.7
Children under 18 in families—	64.0	69.9	62.2	62.0	64.9	70.3	70.6	71.5	71.9
With male householder <sup>d</sup>	58.3	60.8	50.6	49.5	49.5	52.1	54.5	54.3	54.5
With female householder	5.7	9.0	11.5	12.5	15.4	18.2	16.1	17.2	17.4
18–54 <sup>e</sup>	81.0	94.9	116.3	125.2	132.3	140.7	147.4	151.2	151.7
55–64	15.5	18.4	21.7	22.1	21.3	21.1	23.8	27.4	28.4
65 or older	15.6	19.3	24.7	27.3	30.1	31.7	33.0	34.2	34.7
In families	11.9	13.4	16.7	18.4	20.1	21.1	22.3	22.9	23.2
Unrelated individuals	3.7	5.8	8.0	8.9	10.0	10.6	10.7	11.3	11.5
Men	1.2	1.4	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.7	2.9	3.2	3.3
Women	2.5	4.4	6.3	7.0	7.7	7.9	7.8	8.2	8.2
<b>Number poor<sup>c</sup>(millions)</b>									
All ages	39.5	25.3	29.3	33.1	33.6	36.4	31.1	34.6	35.8
Children under 18 in families—	17.2	10.5	11.1	12.5	13.3	14.4	11.1	11.6	11.7
With male householder <sup>d</sup>	13.1	5.7	5.2	5.8	5.3	5.6	4.9	5.0	5.1
With female householder	4.1	4.8	5.9	6.7	8.0	8.9	6.2	6.6	6.6
18–54 <sup>e</sup>	13.4	8.2	12.2	14.8	14.6	16.5	14.1	16.5	17.6
55–64	3.3	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.8
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	1.4	1.4
Unrelated individuals	2.3	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2
Men	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Women	1.6	2.2	2.0	1.9	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.7
<b>Percentage poor<sup>c</sup></b>									
All ages	22.4	12.6	13.0	14.0	13.5	13.8	11.3	12.1	12.5
Children under 18 in families—	26.9	15.0	17.9	20.1	20.5	20.5	15.7	16.2	17.1
With male householder <sup>d</sup>	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	38.6	38.8
18–54 <sup>e</sup>	16.5	8.7	10.5	11.8	11.0	11.7	9.6	10.9	11.3
55–64	21.5	11.4	9.5	10.5	9.7	10.2	9.4	9.4	9.4
65 or older	35.2	24.6	15.7	12.6	12.2	10.5	10.2	10.4	10.2
In families	26.9	14.7	8.5	6.4	5.9	5.0	5.1	6.0	6.2
Unrelated individuals	61.9	47.1	30.6	25.6	24.8	21.4	20.8	19.5	19.8
Men	59.0	38.9	24.4	20.5	17.3	14.3	18.3	16.1	16.3
Women	63.3	49.7	32.3	27.0	26.9	23.8	21.8	20.8	21.1

SOURCES: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, public-use file of the March 2004 Income Supplement. Data for 1970 and 1975 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.

For a discussion of standard errors of estimated numbers and percentages, see U.S. Census Bureau, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-60.

- 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, 2003**

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 <sup>a</sup>	Total	Nonpoor	Poor <sup>a</sup>	Total	Nonpoor	Poor <sup>a</sup>	Total	Nonpoor	Poor <sup>a</sup>
Number of families and unrelated individuals (millions)	11.4	9.2	2.2	11.7	11	0.7	36.2	28.2	7.9	64.6	58.1	6.8
<b>Percentage receiving income of specified type<sup>b</sup></b>												
Earnings	16	18	3	44	44	20	82	93	38	94	97	66
Public program payments												
Social Security <sup>c</sup>	92	94	84	91	93	66	7	5	11	10	10	12
Supplemental Security Income	6	2	19	4	4	17	4	1	11	3	2	9
Other public assistance	2	2	3	3	4	6	10	9	14	11	10	23
Other programs <sup>d</sup>	5	5	2	8	9	5	7	8	4	12	12	8
Other sources												
Dividends, interest, rent	55	61	25	63	68	30	43	50	15	59	63	18
Employment-related pensions, alimony, annuities	39	47	7	51	54	12	6	7	3	16	16	16
<b>Percentage distribution of income, by type</b>												
Total percent	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Earnings	18	18	1	34	34	11	89	89	46	90	91	65
Public program payments												
Social Security <sup>c</sup>	46	43	84	33	33	66	2	1	20	2	2	10
Supplemental Security Income	1	1	9	1	<sup>e</sup>	9	1	<sup>e</sup>	16	<sup>e</sup>	<sup>e</sup>	6
Other public assistance	1	1	<sup>e</sup>	<sup>e</sup>	<sup>e</sup>	2	2	2	10	1	1	9
Other programs <sup>d</sup>	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	4	1	1	3
Other sources												
Dividends, interest, rent	16	17	2	12	12	3	3	3	2	3	3	1
Employment-related pensions, alimony, annuities	20	21	3	19	19	7	3	3	3	3	3	5
Median income (dollars)	14,864	17,112	6,293	33,967	36,121	8,661	24,293	30,306	3,822	56,127	56,476	8,964

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, public-use file of the March 2004 Income Supplement.

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

For a discussion of standard errors of estimated numbers and percentages, see U.S. Census Bureau, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-60.

- 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 2003. 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 2004**

Living arrangement	Population (thousands)			Percentage distribution			Percentage officially poor
	Total	Poor	Nonpoor	Total	Poor	Nonpoor	
<b>All persons aged 65 or older</b>							
Total	34,659	3,552	31,107	100.0	100.0	100.0	10.2
Unrelated individuals	11,401	2,056	9,345	31.9	57.9	30.0	19.4
Family members	23,258	1,496	21,762	67.1	42.1	70.0	5.9
Householder or spouse	20,788	1,312	19,476	59.9	36.9	62.6	6.0
Other relative <sup>a</sup>	2,480	184	2,296	7.2	5.2	7.4	7.0
Poor by own income	992	136	856	2.9	3.8	2.8	13.4
Not poor by own income	1,488	48	1,440	4.3	1.4	4.6	3.0
<b>Men</b>							
Subtotal	14,719	1,074	13,645	42.5	30.2	43.9	7.8
Unrelated individuals	3,216	495	2,721	9.3	13.9	8.7	16.0
Family members	11,513	579	10,934	33.2	16.3	35.2	5.4
Householder	7,907	402	7,505	22.8	11.3	24.2	5.5
Spouse of householder	3,052	134	2,918	8.8	3.8	9.4	5.5
Other relative <sup>a</sup>	554	43	511	1.6	1.2	1.6	6.6
Poor by own income	173	33	140	0.5	0.9	0.4	15.9
Not poor by own income	381	10	371	1.1	0.3	1.2	2.1
<b>Women</b>							
Subtotal	19,940	2,478	17,462	57.5	69.8	56.1	12.5
Unrelated individuals	8,185	1,561	6,624	23.6	44.0	21.3	21.3
Family members	11,755	917	10,838	33.9	25.8	34.8	6.9
Householder, no husband present	1,734	270	1,464	5.0	7.6	4.7	13.7
Householder with husband present	2,289	165	2,124	6.6	4.6	6.8	5.0
Wife of householder	5,806	341	5,465	16.7	9.6	17.6	5.1
Other relative <sup>a</sup>	1,926	141	1,785	5.6	4.0	5.7	7.8
Poor by own income	819	104	715	2.4	2.9	2.3	12.6
Not poor by own income	1,107	37	1,070	3.2	1.1	3.4	3.7

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, public-use file of the March 2004 Income Supplement.

NOTES: Living arrangements as of March 2004.

Poverty status in 2003 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.

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

For a discussion of standard errors of estimated numbers and percentages, see U.S. Census Bureau, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-60.

- 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, 2003**

Social Security share of money income for year <sup>a</sup>	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
<b>All races <sup>b</sup></b>								
Number (thousands)	11,504	9,261	2,243	...	12,165	11,193	972	...
Percent	100	100	100	19	100	100	100	7
No Social Security benefits	7	6	16	38	9	7	35	27
Some Social Security benefits	93	94	84	17	91	93	65	5
Less than one-fourth of income	11	11	1	3	21	22	1	1
One-fourth to one-half of income	17	21	2	3	25	26	4	1
One-half to three-fourths of income	19	21	9	9	19	21	9	2
Three-fourths or more of income	46	41	72	30	25	23	51	14
<b>White only</b>								
Number (thousands)	9,977	8,246	1,731	...	10,355	9,790	565	...
Percent	100	100	100	17	100	100	100	5
No Social Security benefits	7	6	14	35	7	6	36	25
Some Social Security benefits	93	94	86	16	93	94	64	4
Less than one-fourth of income	11	11	1	2	21	23	1	1
One-fourth to one-half of income	16	21	3	3	26	27	3	1
One-half to three-fourths of income	19	21	8	7	21	21	8	2
Three-fourths or more of income	47	41	75	26	25	23	52	10
<b>Black only</b>								
Number (thousands)	1,127	711	416	...	996	811	185	...
Percent	100	100	100	36	100	100	100	20
No Social Security benefits	13	12	17	45	16	12	28	35
Some Social Security benefits	87	88	83	33	84	88	72	17
Less than one-fourth of income	7	10	2	17	21	24	2	2
One-fourth to one-half of income	12	17	3	5	20	23	5	5
One-half to three-fourths of income	16	19	10	25	15	16	14	15
Three-fourths or more of income	52	42	68	48	28	24	51	35

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, public-use file of the March 2004 Income Supplement.

NOTES: Civilian noninstitutionalized population residing in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

For a discussion of standard errors of estimated numbers and percentages, see Bureau of the Census, *Current Population Reports*, Series P-60.

... = not applicable.

a. Payments under Social Security program any time in 2003 to any family member as reported in the March 2004 Current Population Survey.

b. Includes other races.

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**Table 3.E8—Poverty guidelines for families of specified size, 1965–2005 (dollars)**

Date of issuance <sup>a</sup>	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons	Increment <sup>b</sup>
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

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**Table 3.E8—Poverty guidelines for families of specified size, 1965–2005 (dollars)—Continued**

Date of issuance <sup>a</sup>	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons	Increment <sup>b</sup>
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
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

SOURCE: Department of Health and Human Services, *Federal Register*, vol. 70, no. 33, February 18, 2005, pp. 8373–8375.

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

Separate figures for Alaska and Hawaii reflect Office of Economic Opportunity administrative practice beginning in the 1966–1970 period. The U.S. 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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