



Poverty Income Guidelines (2012)

For all states (except Alaska and Hawaii) and the District of Columbia

Household Size	100%	115%	125%	130%	135%	165%	185%	200%
1	11,170	12,846	13,963	14,521	15,080	18,431	20,665	22,340
2	15,130	17,400	18,913	19,669	20,426	24,965	27,991	30,260
3	19,090	21,954	23,863	24,817	25,772	31,499	35,317	38,180
4	23,050	26,508	28,813	29,965	31,118	38,033	42,643	46,100
5	27,010	31,062	33,763	35,113	36,464	44,567	49,969	54,020
6	30,970	35,616	38,713	40,261	41,810	51,101	57,295	61,940
7	34,930	40,170	43,663	45,409	47,156	57,635	64,621	69,860
8	38,890	44,724	48,613	50,557	52,502	64,169	71,947	77,780
Each Additional	3,960	4,554	4,950	5,148	5,346	6,534	7,326	7,920

Source: Federal Register, Vol. 77, No. 17, January 26, 2012, pp. 4034-4035.

Here are some programs for which eligibility is partially based on Federal Poverty Guidelines. Programs vary when updated guidelines become effective.

Food Programs

SNAP (formerly called Food Stamps/Food Support)*	Below 165% of poverty level (changed 11/10)
Free school meals	Below 130% of poverty level
Reduced price school meals	130% to 185% of poverty level
Women, Infants & Children (WIC)	Below 185% of poverty level, pregnant women, infants, and children to age 5

*SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)

Education and Legal Programs

Head Start	At or below 100% of poverty level
Legal Aid Services	At or below 125% of poverty level

Minnesota Programs

Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)	At or below 115% of poverty level
Telephone Service Discount	At or below 135% of poverty
Family Assets for Independence in MN	At or below 200% of poverty level

Food Program Sources:

www.fns.usda.gov/snap/government/FY12_Income_Standards.htm
www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/governance/notices/iegs/IEGs11-12.pdf
www.fns.usda.gov/wic/howtoapply/eligibilityrequirements.htm

Education & Legal Program Sources:

[http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/family/For%20Parents/Inside%20Head%20Start/Frequently%20Asked%20Questions%20\(FAQs\)/Howdolapplyfo.htm](http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/family/For%20Parents/Inside%20Head%20Start/Frequently%20Asked%20Questions%20(FAQs)/Howdolapplyfo.htm)
www.legal-aid.org/en/las/aboutus/legalaidsocietyfaq.aspx

Minnesota Program Sources:

<http://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-5830-ENG>
www.puc.state.mn.us/PUC/consumers/telephone-discounts/index.html
www.helpmnsave.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={4C7E7026-187D-44E5-9772-523507712D4C}

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