

# Appendix A Federal Poverty Guidelines

The federal poverty guidelines are set annually by the US Department of Health and Human Services, as a means of determining eligibility for certain federal programs. They are based on the federal poverty threshold, developed by the US Census. The federal poverty guidelines vary, by size of the family. In 2005, the federal poverty guidelines were:

**Table A.1**  
**2005 Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)**

Family Size	100% FPG	200% FPG	300% FPG
1	\$ 9,570	\$19,140	\$28,710
2	\$12,830	\$25,660	\$38,490
3	\$16,090	\$32,180	\$48,270
4	\$19,350	\$38,700	\$58,050
5	\$22,610	\$45,220	\$67,830
6	\$25,870	\$51,740	\$77,610
7	\$29,130	\$58,260	\$87,390
8	\$32,390	\$64,780	\$97,170
For each add'l person	\$ 3,260	\$6,520	\$9,780

Source: 2005 HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines. Available online at: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/05poverty.shtml> (accessed May 17, 2005).

