

2016 Federal Poverty Level Chart*

The Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) issues poverty guidelines that are often referred to as the “federal poverty level” (FPL). Federally-facilitated Marketplaces will use the 2016 guidelines when making calculations for the insurance affordability programs starting November 1, 2015.

Household Size	100%	138%	150%	200%	250%	300%	400%
1	\$11,770	\$16,242	\$17,655	\$23,540	\$29,425	\$35,310	\$47,080
2	\$15,930	\$21,983	\$23,895	\$31,860	\$39,825	\$47,790	\$63,720
3	\$20,090	\$27,724	\$30,135	\$40,180	\$50,225	\$60,270	\$80,360
4	\$24,250	\$33,465	\$36,375	\$48,500	\$60,625	\$72,750	\$97,000
5	\$28,410	\$39,205	\$42,615	\$56,820	\$71,025	\$85,230	\$113,640
6	\$32,570	\$44,946	\$48,855	\$65,140	\$81,425	\$97,710	\$130,280
7	\$36,730	\$50,687	\$55,095	\$73,460	\$91,825	\$110,190	\$146,920
8	\$40,890	\$56,428	\$61,335	\$81,780	\$102,225	\$122,670	\$163,360

*Chart is for 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia; for Hawaii and Alaska please visit the website of the HHS Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE): <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/14poverty.cfm>.

**Dollar amounts are calculated based on 100% column; rounding rules may vary across federal, state, and local programs.

Every year, the perimeters of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) increase based on the cost of living. Families need to understand where they fall on the FPL so they know whether they are eligible for Medicaid in their state or whether they are eligible for a federal subsidy because they earn between 100 and 400 percent of the FPL, or whether they are eligible for a tax credit because they purchased a Silver plan and earn less than 250 percent of the FPL.

To qualify for Cost-Sharing, one must be enrolled in a Silver level plan through a Marketplace

Cost-sharing reductions are not available for coverage purchased outside of the Marketplace.

Individuals and families with household incomes generally up to 250% of the FPL may be eligible to receive cost-sharing reductions. Household income is determined by calculating a consumer's modified adjusted gross income (MAGI). Members of federally recognized tribes may qualify for additional cost-sharing benefits.