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| **2015 HHS Poverty Guidelines**The annual update of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Poverty Guidelines was published in the [**Federal Register**](http://hsicc.cmail2.com/t/j-l-dtwfl-hjjkllkty-i/) on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015.Section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1981 ([**42 U.S.C. 9902**](http://hsicc.cmail2.com/t/j-l-dtwfl-hjjkllkty-h/)(2)) requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to update the poverty guidelines at least annually, adjusting them on the basis of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). The poverty guidelines are used as an eligibility criterion by the Community Services Block Grant program and a number of other federal programs. The poverty guidelines issued here are a simplified version of the poverty thresholds that the Census Bureau uses to prepare its estimates of the number of individuals and families in poverty.As required by law, this update is accomplished by increasing the latest published Census Bureau poverty thresholds by the relevant percentage change in the CPI-U. The guidelines in this 2015 notice reflect the 1.6 percent price increase between calendar years 2013 and 2014. After this inflation adjustment, the guidelines are rounded and adjusted to standardize the differences between family sizes. The same calculation procedure was used this year as in previous years. (Note that these 2015 guidelines are roughly equal to the poverty thresholds for calendar year 2014, which the Census Bureau expects to publish in final form in September 2015.)The poverty guidelines continue to be derived from the Census Bureau's current official poverty thresholds; they are not derived from the Census Bureau's new Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM).The following guideline figures represent annual income.

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| **2015 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia** |
| **Persons in family/household** | **Poverty guideline**  |
| 1 | $11,770 |
| 2 | 15,930 |
| 3 | 20,090 |
| 4 | 24,250 |
| 5 | 28,410 |
| 6 | 32,570 |
| 7 | 36,730 |
| 8 | 40,890 |
| For families/households with more than eight persons, add $4,160 for each additional person. |

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