

# Poverty Guidelines for Older Americans Act and Older Californians Act Programs

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The purpose of this document is to provide a convenient place for Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) and their service providers to find information on poverty guidelines for Older Americans Act programs. Various programs use the guidelines for eligibility criteria, targeting, and or/reporting purposes. Tables A, B, C, D and E, along with the Individual Program Eligibility criteria, provide the most current poverty guidelines available. It is the AAA's responsibility to implement program eligibility criteria updates in accordance with the information provided.

The Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) are updated periodically in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). On January 18, 2018, HHS published the new 2018 poverty guidelines.

**Please provide these eligibility, reporting, and targeting requirements to the applicable service providers to ensure program compliance. Inquiries may be directed to the CDA Data Team at [DataTeam.Reports@aging.ca.gov](mailto:DataTeam.Reports@aging.ca.gov).**

## 2018 HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$12,140	\$15,180	\$13,960
2	16,460	20,580	18,930
3	20,780	25,980	23,900
4	25,100	31,380	28,870
5	29,420	36,780	33,840
6	33,740	42,180	38,810
7	38,060	47,580	43,780
8	42,380	52,980	48,750
For each additional person, add	\$4,320	\$5,400	\$4,970

**SOURCE:** *Federal Register*, Vol.83, No.12, January 18, 2018, 2642-2644

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/01/18/2018-00814/annual-update-of-the-hhs-poverty-guidelines>

## Program Table

**TABLE - A**

PROGRAM	DEFINITION	PURPOSE	REFERENCE	ANNUAL AMOUNT FOR INDIVIDUAL	MONTHLY AMOUNT FOR INDIVIDUAL*	ANNUAL AMOUNT FOR COUPLE	MONTHLY AMOUNT FOR COUPLE*	LAST UPDATE
<b>Title III OAA</b>	100% FPG	Targeting & Reporting	OAA, Title I Sec. 102(a)(23) CCR, Title 22, Sec. 7310(a)(1)	\$12,140	\$1,012	\$16,460	\$1,372	Jan 2018
<b>Title V SCSEP</b>	125% FPG	Eligibility & Reporting	OAA, Title V Sec. 518(a)(3)(A)	\$15,175	\$1,265	\$20,575	\$1,715	Jan 2018
<b>HICAP</b>								

\*Monthly amount may not total yearly amount due to rounding.

**Older Americans Act (OAA) Title III Programs** shall use the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) for targeting and reporting purposes. These programs do not have income eligibility requirements for participation. The AAAs shall consider the needs of individuals at or below 100 percent of the FPG in targeting services. Services shall be targeted to those with the greatest social and economic need with particular attention to low-income minority individuals, as set forth in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 1.8, Chapter 3, Article 3, Section 7310. See FPG Table B.

**Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Title V** shall use 125 percent of the FPG for eligibility criteria and reporting purposes. For additional information, refer to the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration Advisory System at <http://www.doleta.gov/seniors>. The Department of Labor FPG rates were adjusted per the Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 10-17, March 19, 2018, located at [https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL\\_10-17\\_Acc.pdf](https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL_10-17_Acc.pdf). See FPG Table C.

**Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP)** provides federal poverty level (FPL) information to beneficiaries and their representatives for referral and assistance to other programs, as needed.

## Percent of 2018 Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG) Tables

(Poverty levels at 100%, 125%, 135%, and 150%)

<b>TABLE - B</b>	
<b>2018 POVERTY GUIDELINES</b>	
<b>PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT</b>	<b>POVERTY GUIDELINE at 100%</b>
1	\$12,140
2	16,460
3	20,780
4	25,100
5	29,420
6	33,740
7	38,060
8	42,380
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$4,320 for each additional person.	

<b>TABLE - C</b>	
<b>2018 POVERTY GUIDELINES</b>	
<b>PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT</b>	<b>POVERTY GUIDELINE at 125%</b>
1	\$15,175
2	20,575
3	25,975
4	31,375
5	36,775
6	42,175
7	47,575
8	52,975
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$5,400 for each additional person.	

<b>TABLE - D</b>	
<b>2018 POVERTY GUIDELINES</b>	
<b>PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT</b>	<b>POVERTY GUIDELINE at 135%</b>
1	\$16,389
2	22,221
3	28,053
4	33,885
5	39,717
6	45,549
7	51,381
8	57,213
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$5,832 for each additional person.	

<b>TABLE - E</b>	
<b>2018 POVERTY GUIDELINES</b>	
<b>PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT</b>	<b>POVERTY GUIDELINE at 150%</b>
1	\$18,210
2	24,690
3	31,170
4	37,650
5	44,130
6	50,610
7	57,090
8	63,570
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$6,480 for each additional person.	