

Table 3.E1—Weighted average poverty thresholds for nonfarm families, by size, 1959–2019
(in dollars)

Year	Unrelated individuals			Families										Annual average CPI ^a
	All ages	Under age 65	Aged 65 or older	2 persons			3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons	9 persons or more	
				All ages	Householder under age 65	Householder aged 65 or older								
1959	1,467	1,503	1,397	1,894	1,952	1,761	2,324	2,973	3,506	3,944	...	...	...	29.2
1960	1,490	1,526	1,418	1,924	1,982	1,788	2,359	3,022	3,560	4,002	...	...	...	29.6
1961	1,506	1,545	1,433	1,942	2,005	1,808	2,383	3,054	3,597	4,041	...	...	...	29.9
1962	1,519	1,562	1,451	1,962	2,027	1,828	2,412	3,089	3,639	4,088	...	...	...	30.3
1963	1,539	1,581	1,470	1,988	2,052	1,850	2,442	3,128	3,685	4,135	...	...	...	30.6
1964	1,558	1,601	1,488	2,015	2,079	1,875	2,473	3,169	3,732	4,193	...	...	...	31.0
1965	1,582	1,626	1,512	2,048	2,114	1,906	2,514	3,223	3,797	4,264	...	...	...	31.5
1966	1,628	1,674	1,556	2,107	2,175	1,961	2,588	3,317	3,908	4,388	...	...	...	32.5
1967	1,675	1,722	1,600	2,168	2,238	2,017	2,661	3,410	4,019	4,516	...	...	...	33.4
1968	1,748	1,797	1,667	2,262	2,333	2,102	2,774	3,553	4,188	4,706	...	...	...	34.8
1969	1,840	1,893	1,757	2,383	2,458	2,215	2,924	3,743	4,415	4,958	...	...	...	36.7
1970	1,954	2,010	1,861	2,525	2,604	2,348	3,099	3,968	4,680	5,260	...	...	...	38.8
1971	2,040	2,098	1,940	2,633	2,716	2,448	3,229	4,137	4,880	5,489	...	...	...	40.5
1972	2,109	2,168	2,005	2,724	2,808	2,530	3,339	4,275	5,044	5,673	...	...	...	41.8
1973	2,247	2,307	2,130	2,895	2,984	2,688	3,548	4,540	5,358	6,028	...	...	...	44.4
1974	2,495	2,562	2,364	3,211	3,312	2,982	3,936	5,038	5,950	6,699	...	...	...	49.3
1975	2,724	2,797	2,581	3,506	3,617	3,257	4,293	5,500	6,499	7,316	...	...	...	53.8
1976	2,884	2,959	2,730	3,711	3,826	3,445	4,540	5,815	6,876	7,760	...	...	...	56.9
1977	3,075	3,152	2,906	3,951	4,072	3,666	4,833	6,191	7,320	8,261	...	...	...	60.6
1978	3,311	3,392	3,127	4,249	4,383	3,944	5,201	6,662	7,880	8,891	...	...	...	65.2
1979	3,689	3,778	3,479	4,725	4,878	4,390	5,784	7,412	8,775	9,914	...	...	...	72.6
1980	4,190	4,290	3,949	5,363	5,537	4,983	6,565	8,414	9,966	11,269	12,761	14,199	16,896	82.4
1981	4,620	4,729	4,359	5,917	6,111	5,498	7,250	9,287	11,007	12,449	14,110	15,655	18,572	90.9
1982	4,901	5,019	4,626	6,281	6,487	5,836	7,693	9,862	11,684	13,207	15,036	16,719	19,698	96.5
1983	5,061	5,180	4,775	6,483	6,697	6,023	7,938	10,178	12,049	13,630	15,500	17,170	20,310	99.6
1984	5,278	5,400	4,979	6,762	6,983	6,282	8,277	10,609	12,566	14,207	16,096	17,961	21,247	103.9
1985	5,469	5,593	5,156	6,998	7,231	6,503	8,573	10,989	13,007	14,696	16,656	18,512	22,083	107.6
1986	5,572	5,701	5,255	7,138	7,372	6,630	8,737	11,203	13,259	14,986	17,049	18,791	22,497	109.6
1987	5,778	5,909	5,447	7,397	7,641	6,872	9,056	11,611	13,737	15,509	17,649	19,515	23,105	113.6
1988	6,022	6,155	5,674	7,704	7,958	7,157	9,435	12,092	14,304	16,146	18,232	20,253	24,129	118.3
1989	6,310	6,451	5,947	8,076	8,343	7,501	9,885	12,674	14,990	16,921	19,162	21,328	25,480	124.0
1990	6,652	6,800	6,268	8,509	8,794	7,905	10,419	13,359	15,792	17,839	20,241	22,582	26,848	130.7
1991	6,932	7,086	6,532	8,865	9,165	8,241	10,860	13,924	16,456	18,587	21,058	23,582	27,942	136.2
1992	7,143	7,299	6,729	9,137	9,443	8,487	11,186	14,335	16,952	19,137	21,594	24,053	28,745	140.3
1993	7,363	7,518	6,930	9,414	9,728	8,740	11,522	14,763	17,449	19,718	22,383	24,838	29,529	144.5
1994	7,547	7,710	7,108	9,661	9,976	8,967	11,821	15,141	17,900	20,235	22,923	25,427	30,300	148.2
1995	7,763	7,929	7,309	9,933	10,259	9,219	12,158	15,569	18,408	20,804	23,552	26,237	31,280	152.4
1996	7,995	8,163	7,525	10,233	10,564	9,491	12,516	16,036	18,952	21,389	24,268	27,091	31,971	156.9
1997	8,183	8,350	7,698	10,473	10,805	9,712	12,802	16,400	19,380	21,886	24,802	27,593	32,566	160.5
1998	8,316	8,480	7,818	10,634	10,972	9,862	13,003	16,660	19,680	22,228	25,257	28,166	33,339	163.0
1999	8,499	8,667	7,990	10,864	11,213	10,075	13,289	17,030	20,128	22,730	25,918	28,970	34,436	166.6
2000	8,791	8,959	8,259	11,235	11,589	10,418	13,740	17,604	20,815	23,533	26,750	29,701	35,150	172.2
2001	9,039	9,214	8,494	11,569	11,920	10,715	14,128	18,104	21,405	24,195	27,517	30,627	36,286	177.1
2002	9,183	9,359	8,628	11,756	12,110	10,885	14,348	18,392	21,744	24,576	28,001	30,907	37,062	179.9
2003	9,393	9,573	8,825	12,015	12,384	11,133	14,680	18,810	22,245	25,122	28,544	31,589	37,656	184.0
2004	9,646	9,827	9,060	12,335	12,714	11,430	15,066	19,307	22,830	25,787	29,233	32,641	39,062	188.9
2005	9,973	10,160	9,367	12,755	13,145	11,815	15,577	19,971	23,613	26,683	30,249	33,610	40,288	195.3
2006	10,294	10,488	9,669	13,167	13,569	12,201	16,079	20,614	24,382	27,560	31,205	34,774	41,499	201.6
2007	10,590	10,787	9,944	13,540	13,954	12,550	16,530	21,203	25,080	28,323	32,233	35,816	42,739	207.3
2008	10,991	11,201	10,326	14,051	14,489	13,030	17,163	22,025	26,049	29,456	33,529	37,220	44,346	215.3
2009	10,956	11,161	10,289	13,991	14,439	12,982	17,098	21,954	25,991	29,405	33,372	37,252	44,366	214.5

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3.E Poverty

**Table 3.E1—Weighted average poverty thresholds for nonfarm families, by size, 1959–2019
(in dollars)—Continued**

Year	Unrelated individuals			Families											Annual average CPI ^a
	All ages	Under age 65	Aged 65 or older	2 persons			3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons	9 persons or more		
				All ages	Householder under age 65	Householder aged 65 or older									
2010	11,137	11,344	10,458	14,216	14,676	13,194	17,373	22,315	26,442	29,904	34,019	37,953	45,224	218.1	
2011	11,484	11,702	10,788	14,657	15,139	13,609	17,916	23,021	27,251	30,847	35,085	39,064	46,572	224.9	
2012	11,720	11,945	11,011	14,937	15,450	13,892	18,284	23,492	27,827	31,471	35,743	39,688	47,297	229.6	
2013	11,880	12,119	11,173	15,139	15,678	14,097	18,554	23,844	28,234	31,887	36,239	39,930	48,343	233.0	
2014	12,071	12,316	11,354	15,379	15,934	14,326	18,850	24,230	28,695	32,473	36,927	40,968	49,021	236.7	
2015	12,082	12,331	11,367	15,391	15,952	14,342	18,871	24,257	28,741	32,542	36,998	41,029	49,177	237.0	
2016	12,228	12,486	11,511	15,569	16,151	14,522	19,105	24,563	29,111	32,928	37,458	41,781	49,721	240.0	
2017	12,485	12,752	11,756	15,880	16,491	14,829	19,515	25,093	29,716	33,610	38,170	42,642	50,723	245.1	
2018	12,784	13,064	12,043	16,247	16,889	15,193	19,985	25,701	^b 30,454	34,533	39,194	43,602	51,393	251.1	
2019	13,011	13,300	12,261	16,521	17,196	15,468	20,335	26,172	31,021	35,129	40,016	44,461	52,875	255.7	

SOURCE: Census Bureau, Current Population Survey.

NOTES: CPI = Consumer Price Index; . . . = not applicable.

Poverty thresholds in dollars for larger families before 1981 are:

Year	7 persons or more
1959	4,849
1960	4,921
1961	4,967
1962	5,032
1963	5,092
1964	5,156
1965	5,248
1966	5,395
1967	5,550
1968	5,789
1969	6,101
1970	6,468
1971	6,751
1972	6,983
1973	7,435
1974	8,253
1975	9,022
1976	9,588
1977	10,216
1978	11,002
1979	12,280
1980	13,955

Beginning with poverty reports for 1981, the Census Bureau discontinued making distinctions based on householder's sex or between farm and nonfarm families of the same size and composition. Additionally, larger Current Population Survey samples permitted separate poverty income criteria for families of 7, 8, and 9 or more persons. The Social Security Administration developed separate criteria for these larger families by number of children for the base year 1978 on the same basis as the original poverty matrix for smaller families, and has since updated the criteria by means of the all-items CPI. For additional details, see Census Bureau's *Current Population Reports Series P-60, No. 133, "Characteristics of the Population Below the Poverty Level, 1980."*

a. Beginning in January 1978, the Bureau of Labor Statistics introduced a new price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) for all items (1982–1984 = 100) that forms a continuous series with the earlier index for urban wage earners and for clerical workers as of December 1977.

b. Revised.

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NOTE: We are suspending publication of Tables 3.E2, 3.E3, 3.E4, and 3.E6 for the 2020 edition of the *Annual Statistical Supplement* as we continue to evaluate the adequacy of their data source, the Annual Social and Economic Supplement (also known as the March Supplement) of the Current Population Survey (CPS). Findings from our initial evaluation are available in Dushi, Irena, and Brad Trenkamp. 2021. "[Improving the Measurement of Retirement Income of the Aged Population](#)." ORES Working Paper No. 116. Washington, DC: SSA, Office of Retirement and Disability Policy, Office of Research, Evaluation, and Statistics.

3.E Poverty

Table 3.E8—Poverty guidelines for families of specified size, 1965–2020 (in dollars)

Date of issuance ^a	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons	Increment ^b
December 1965	1,540	1,990	2,440	3,130	3,685	4,135	4,635	5,135	500
August 1967	1,600	2,000	2,500	3,200	3,800	4,200	4,700	5,300	500
September 1968	1,600	2,100	2,600	3,300	3,900	4,400	4,900	5,400	500
September 1969	1,800	2,400	3,000	3,600	4,200	4,800	5,400	6,000	600
December 1970	1,900	2,500	3,100	3,800	4,400	5,000	5,600	6,200	600
November 1971	2,000	2,600	3,300	4,000	4,700	5,300	5,900	6,500	600
October 1972	2,100	2,725	3,450	4,200	4,925	5,550	6,200	6,850	650
March 1973	2,200	2,900	3,600	4,300	5,000	5,700	6,400	7,100	700
May 1974	2,330	3,070	3,810	4,550	5,290	6,030	6,770	7,510	740
March 1975	2,590	3,410	4,230	5,050	5,870	6,690	7,510	8,330	820
April 1976	2,800	3,700	4,600	5,500	6,400	7,300	8,200	9,100	900
April 1977	2,970	3,930	4,890	5,850	6,810	7,770	8,730	9,690	960
April 1978	3,140	4,160	5,180	6,200	7,220	8,240	9,260	10,280	1,020
May 1979	3,400	4,500	5,600	6,700	7,800	8,900	10,000	11,100	1,100
April 1980	3,790	5,010	6,230	7,450	8,670	9,890	11,110	12,330	1,220
March 1981	4,310	5,690	7,070	8,450	9,830	11,210	12,590	13,970	1,380
April 1982	4,680	6,220	7,760	9,300	10,840	12,380	13,920	15,460	1,540
February 1983	4,860	6,540	8,220	9,900	11,580	13,260	14,940	16,620	1,680
February 1984	4,980	6,720	8,460	10,200	11,940	13,680	15,420	17,160	1,740
March 1985	5,250	7,050	8,850	10,650	12,450	14,250	16,050	17,850	1,800
February 1986	5,360	7,240	9,120	11,000	12,880	14,760	16,640	18,520	1,880
February 1987	5,500	7,400	9,300	11,200	13,100	15,000	16,900	18,800	1,900
February 1988	5,770	7,730	9,690	11,650	13,610	15,570	17,530	19,490	1,960
February 1989	5,980	8,020	10,060	12,100	14,140	16,180	18,220	20,260	2,040
February 1990	6,280	8,420	10,560	12,700	14,840	16,980	18,120	21,260	2,140
February 1991	6,620	8,880	11,140	13,400	15,660	17,920	20,180	22,440	2,260
February 1992	6,810	9,190	11,570	13,950	16,330	18,710	21,090	23,470	2,380
February 1993	6,970	9,430	11,890	14,350	16,810	19,270	21,730	24,190	2,460
February 1994	7,360	9,840	12,320	14,800	17,280	19,760	22,240	24,720	2,480
February 1995	7,470	10,030	12,590	15,150	17,710	20,270	22,830	25,390	2,560
March 1996	7,740	10,360	12,980	15,600	18,220	20,840	23,460	26,080	2,620
March 1997	7,890	10,610	13,330	16,050	18,770	21,490	24,210	26,960	2,720
February 1998	8,050	10,850	13,650	16,450	19,250	22,050	24,850	27,650	2,800
March 1999	8,240	11,060	13,880	16,700	19,520	22,340	25,160	27,980	2,820
February 2000	8,350	11,250	14,150	17,050	19,950	22,850	25,750	28,650	2,900
February 2001	8,590	11,610	14,630	17,650	20,670	23,690	26,710	29,730	3,020
February 2002	8,860	11,940	15,020	18,100	21,180	24,260	27,340	30,420	3,080
February 2003	8,980	12,120	15,260	18,400	21,540	24,680	27,820	30,960	3,140
February 2004	9,310	12,490	15,670	18,850	22,030	25,210	28,390	31,570	3,180
February 2005	9,570	12,830	16,090	19,350	22,610	25,870	29,130	32,390	3,260
January 2006	9,800	13,200	16,600	20,000	23,400	26,800	30,200	33,600	3,400
January 2007	10,210	13,690	17,170	20,650	24,130	27,610	31,090	34,570	3,480
January 2008	10,400	14,000	17,600	21,200	24,800	28,400	32,000	35,600	3,600
January 2009	10,830	14,570	18,310	22,050	25,790	29,530	33,270	37,010	3,740
January 2010	10,830	14,570	18,310	22,050	25,790	29,530	33,270	37,010	3,740
January 2011	10,890	14,710	18,530	22,350	26,170	29,990	33,810	37,630	3,820
January 2012	11,170	15,130	19,090	23,050	27,010	30,970	34,930	38,890	3,960
January 2013	11,490	15,510	19,530	23,550	27,570	31,590	35,610	39,630	4,020
January 2014	11,670	15,730	19,790	23,850	27,910	31,970	36,030	40,090	4,060

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Table 3.E8—Poverty guidelines for families of specified size, 1965–2020 (in dollars)—Continued

Date of issuance ^a	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons	Increment ^b
January 2015	11,770	15,930	20,090	24,250	28,410	32,570	36,730	40,890	4,160
January 2016	11,880	16,020	20,160	24,300	28,440	32,580	36,730	40,890	4,160
January 2017	12,060	16,240	20,420	24,600	28,780	32,960	37,140	41,320	4,180
January 2018	12,140	16,460	20,780	25,100	29,420	33,740	38,060	42,380	4,320
January 2019	12,490	16,910	21,330	25,750	30,170	34,590	39,010	43,430	4,420
January 2020	12,760	17,240	21,720	26,200	30,680	35,160	39,640	44,120	4,480

SOURCES: Department of Health and Human Services, *Federal Register*, vol. 85, no. 12 (January 17, 2020), pp. 3060–3061; earlier *Federal Register* notices (1968–2019); and Israel Putnam, "Poverty Thresholds: Their History and Future Development" [November 1970], p. 281 in Mollie Orshansky [editor], *Documentation of Background Information and Rationale for Current Poverty Matrix (Technical Paper I of The Measure of Poverty)*, Washington, D.C., U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, 1977.

NOTES: Except for Alaska and Hawaii. Guidelines for Alaska and Hawaii since 1980 are:

Year	Alaska		Hawaii	
	1 person	Increment	1 person	Increment
1980	4,760	1,520	4,370	1,400
1981	5,410	1,720	4,980	1,580
1982	5,870	1,920	5,390	1,770
1983	6,080	2,100	5,600	1,930
1984	6,240	2,170	5,730	2,000
1985	6,560	2,250	6,040	2,070
1986	6,700	2,350	6,170	2,160
1987	6,860	2,380	6,310	2,190
1988	7,210	2,450	6,650	2,250
1989	7,480	2,550	6,870	2,350
1990	7,840	2,680	7,230	2,460
1991	8,290	2,820	7,610	2,600
1992	8,500	2,980	7,830	2,740
1993	8,700	3,080	8,040	2,820
1994	9,200	3,100	8,470	2,850
1995	9,340	3,200	8,610	2,940
1996	9,660	3,280	8,910	3,010
1997	9,870	3,400	9,070	3,130
1998	10,070	3,500	9,260	3,220
1999	10,320	3,520	9,490	3,240
2000	10,430	3,630	9,590	3,340
2001	10,730	3,780	9,890	3,470
2002	11,080	3,850	10,200	3,540
2003	11,210	3,930	10,330	3,610
2004	11,630	3,980	10,700	3,660
2005	11,950	4,080	11,010	3,750
2006	12,250	4,250	11,270	3,910
2007	12,770	4,350	11,750	4,000
2008	13,000	4,500	11,960	4,140
2009	13,530	4,680	12,460	4,300
2010	13,530	4,680	12,460	4,300
2011	13,600	4,780	12,540	4,390
2012	13,970	4,950	12,860	4,550
2013	14,350	5,030	13,230	4,620
2014	14,580	5,080	13,420	4,670
2015	14,720	5,200	13,550	4,780
2016	14,840	5,200	13,670	4,780
2017	15,060	5,230	13,860	4,810
2018	15,180	5,400	13,960	4,970
2019	15,600	5,530	14,380	5,080
2020	15,950	5,600	14,680	5,150

Separate figures for Alaska and Hawaii reflect Office of Economic Opportunity administrative practice beginning in the 1966–1970 period. The Census Bureau, producer of the primary version of the poverty measure (the poverty thresholds), does not produce separate figures for Alaska and Hawaii.

Before 1983, the guidelines shown are for nonfarm families only.

a. The guidelines are effective from the date of issuance (unless otherwise specified by a particular program using them).

b. Add this amount for each additional family member. Before 1973, increments between some of the smaller family sizes differed from the increment shown in the table. Beginning in 1973, the increment is the same for all family sizes in each year's set of guidelines, with rare exceptions (such as in 2016) caused by rounding and standardizing adjustments.

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