

# 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 25, 2016, HHS published the new 2016 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).**

## 2016 HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$11,880	\$14,840	\$13,670
2	16,020	20,020	18,430
3	20,160	25,200	23,190
4	24,300	30,380	27,950
5	28,440	35,560	32,710
6	32,580	40,740	37,470
7	36,730	45,920	42,230
8	40,890	51,120	47,010
For each additional person, add	\$4,160	\$5,200	\$4,780

**SOURCE:** *Federal Register*, Vol.81, No.15, January 25, 2016, 4036-4037

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/01/25/2016-01450/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)	\$11,880	\$990	\$16,020	\$1,335	Jan 2016
<b>Title V SCSEP</b>	125% FPG	Eligibility & Reporting	OAA, Title V Sec. 518(a)(3)(A)	\$14,850	\$1,238	\$20,025	\$1,669	Jan 2016
<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. 12-15, February 16, 2016, located at [https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL\\_12-15.pdf](https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL_12-15.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 2016 Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG) Tables**

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

<b>TABLE - B</b>	
<b>2016 POVERTY GUIDELINES</b>	
<b>PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT</b>	<b>POVERTY GUIDELINE at 100%</b>
1	\$11,880
2	16,020
3	20,160
4	24,300
5	28,440
6	32,580
7	36,730
8	40,890
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$4,160 for each additional person.	

<b>TABLE - C</b>	
<b>2016 POVERTY GUIDELINES</b>	
<b>PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT</b>	<b>POVERTY GUIDELINE at 125%</b>
1	\$14,850
2	20,025
3	25,200
4	30,375
5	35,550
6	40,725
7	45,913
8	51,113
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$5,200 for each additional person.	

<b>TABLE - D</b>	
<b>2016 POVERTY GUIDELINES</b>	
<b>PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT</b>	<b>POVERTY GUIDELINE at 135%</b>
1	\$16,038
2	21,627
3	27,216
4	32,805
5	38,394
6	43,983
7	49,586
8	55,202
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$5,616 for each additional person.	

<b>TABLE - E</b>	
<b>2016 POVERTY GUIDELINES</b>	
<b>PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT</b>	<b>POVERTY GUIDELINE at 150%</b>
1	\$17,820
2	24,030
3	30,240
4	36,450
5	42,660
6	48,870
7	55,095
8	61,335
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$6,240 for each additional person.	