

The federal poverty level (FPL), also known as the poverty guideline, is a measure of poverty that determines if an individual or family's income qualifies them for federal benefits and programs. The FPL is calculated by adjusting the 2022 Census Bureau's poverty thresholds for price changes between 2022 and 2023 using the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U). For 2024, the FPL is as follows:

- Individual: \$15,060
- Family of 2: \$20,440
- Family of 3: \$25,820
- Family of 4: \$31,200

For each additional person in the household, \$5,140 is added to the total. For example, the poverty guideline for a family of four is \$30,000 per year.