

# 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. 9002(2). On January 20, 2011, HHS published the new 2011 poverty guidelines.

**Please provide these eligibility, reporting, and targeting requirements to the applicable service providers to ensure program compliance. Inquiries should be directed to your assigned AAA-Based Team.**

## **2011 HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)**

<b>Persons in Family or Household</b>	<b>48 Contiguous States and D.C.</b>	<b>Alaska</b>	<b>Hawaii</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>\$10,890</b>	<b>\$13,600</b>	<b>\$12,540</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>14,710</b>	<b>18,380</b>	<b>16,930</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>18,530</b>	<b>23,160</b>	<b>21,320</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>22,350</b>	<b>27,940</b>	<b>25,710</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>26,170</b>	<b>32,720</b>	<b>30,100</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>29,990</b>	<b>37,500</b>	<b>34,490</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>33,810</b>	<b>42,280</b>	<b>38,880</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>37,630</b>	<b>47,060</b>	<b>43,270</b>
<b>For each additional person, add</b>	<b>3,820</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>4,390</b>

**SOURCE:** *Federal Register*, Vol.76, No.13, January 20, 2011, pp. 3637-3638  
<http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/11poverty.shtml>

## 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 III Sec. 301-316; CCR, Title 22, Sec. 7310(a)(1)	\$10,890	\$908	\$14,710	\$1,226	Jan 2011
<b>Title V SCSEP</b>	125% FPG	Eligibility & Reporting	OAA, Title V Sec. 501-518	\$13,613	\$1,134	\$18,388	\$1,532	Jan 2011
<b>HICAP</b>								

\*Monthly amount may not total yearly amount due to rounding. February 2011 document corrects the monthly amount for individual.

**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 PLG 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 2011 FPG rates were adjusted per the Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 18-10, January 28, 2011, located at [http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr\\_doc.cfm?DOCN=2981](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=2981). See PLG 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 2011 Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG) Tables**

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

<b>TABLE - B</b>	
<b>2011 POVERTY GUIDELINES</b>	
<b>PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT</b>	<b>POVERTY GUIDELINE at 100%</b>
1	\$10,890
2	14,710
3	18,530
4	22,350
5	26,170
6	29,990
7	33,810
8	37,630
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$3,820 for each additional person.	

<b>TABLE - C</b>	
<b>2011 POVERTY GUIDELINES</b>	
<b>PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT</b>	<b>POVERTY GUIDELINE at 125%</b>
1	\$13,613
2	18,388
3	23,163
4	27,938
5	32,713
6	37,488
7	42,263
8	47,038
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$4,775 for each additional person.	

<b>TABLE - D</b>	
<b>2011 POVERTY GUIDELINES</b>	
<b>PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT</b>	<b>POVERTY GUIDELINE at 135%</b>
1	\$14,702
2	19,859
3	25,016
4	30,173
5	35,330
6	40,487
7	45,644
8	50,801
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$5,157 for each additional person.	

<b>TABLE - E</b>	
<b>2011 POVERTY GUIDELINES</b>	
<b>PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT</b>	<b>POVERTY GUIDELINE at 150%</b>
1	\$16,335
2	22,065
3	27,795
4	33,525
5	39,255
6	44,985
7	50,715
8	56,445
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$5,730 for each additional person.	