How do I calculate my percentage of federal poverty?

To calculate your percentage of poverty, divide your income by the poverty guideline for your household size. Carry the decimal two places in your result; add a percentage sign, and you have your answer.

[**Federal poverty guidelines**](https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines)

**Income ÷ poverty guideline for household size = percentage of poverty guideline**

**Example 1**: You are a single individual with an income of $25,000. The 2017 poverty guideline for a one-person household is $12,060.[[10]](applewebdata://304C6A65-F9E4-4F56-878E-A047E541BF8B" \l "_ftn10" \o ")

$24,120 ÷ $12,060 = 2

2 x 100 = 200 – You are at 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines and likely qualify for the tax credit in 2018.

**Example 2:**  You are married with three kids, and your household’s annual income is $150,000. The 2017 poverty guideline for a five-person family or household is $28,780.[[11]](applewebdata://304C6A65-F9E4-4F56-878E-A047E541BF8B" \l "_ftn11" \o ")

$150,000 ÷ $28,780 = 5.21

5.21x 100 = 521 – You are at 521 percent of the federal poverty guidelines and are *unlikely* to qualify for a subsidy.

Poverty Guidelines

HHS POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR 2018

The 2018 poverty guidelines are in effect as of January 13, 2018.  
See also the [Federal Register notice of the 2018 poverty guidelines](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/01/18/2018-00814/hhs-poverty-guidelines-update), published January 18, 2018

| 2018 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | |
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| PERSONS IN FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD | POVERTY GUIDELINE |
| For families/households with more than 8 persons, add $4,320 for each additional person. | |
| 1 | $12,140 |
| 2 | $16,460 |
| 3 | $20,780 |
| 4 | $25,100 |
| 5 | $29,420 |
| 6 | $33,740 |
| 7 | $38,060 |
| 8 | $42,380 |

| 2018 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR ALASKA | |
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| PERSONS IN FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD | POVERTY GUIDELINE |
| For families/households with more than 8 persons, add $5,400 for each additional person. | |
| 1 | $15,180 |
| 2 | $20,580 |
| 3 | $25,980 |
| 4 | $31,380 |
| 5 | $36,780 |
| 6 | $42,180 |
| 7 | $47,580 |
| 8 | $52,980 |

| 2018 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR HAWAII | |
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| PERSONS IN FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD | POVERTY GUIDELINE |
| For families/households with more than 8 persons, add $4,970 for each additional person. | |
| 1 | $13,960 |
| 2 | $18,930 |
| 3 | $23,900 |
| 4 | $28,870 |
| 5 | $33,840 |
| 6 | $38,810 |
| 7 | $43,780 |
| 8 | $48,750 |