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Federal Poverty Level

The federal poverty level (FPL) is the set minimum amount of income that a family needs to meet the basic needs, such as food, clothing, transportation, shelter.

The FPL is developed by the Department of Health and Human Services, and is updated yearly.

FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL, 2011*

FAMILY SIZE	GROSS (PRE-TAX) INCOME
2 people	\$14,710
3 people	\$18,530
4 people	\$22,350

* FPL for 48 Contiguous States and D.C. Source: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/11poverty.shtml>