

# Wisconsin Budget Project

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## 2008 Federal Poverty Guidelines

for the 48 Contiguous States  
and the District of Columbia

Number in Family	Gross Yearly Income	Gross Monthly Income	Approximate Hourly Income
1	\$10,400	\$867	\$5.00
2	\$14,000	\$1,167	\$6.73
3	\$17,600	\$1,467	\$8.46
4	\$21,200	\$1,767	\$10.19
5	\$24,800	\$2,067	\$11.92
6	\$28,400	\$2,367	\$13.65
7	\$32,000	\$2,667	\$15.38
8	\$35,600	\$2,967	\$17.12
Over 8 add for each person	+ \$3,600	+ \$300	+ \$1.73

Source: *Federal Register*, Vol. 73, No. 15, January 23, 2008, pp. 3971–3972. Monthly and hourly data calculated by WCCF and rounded to the nearest dollar and cent, respectively. The hourly rate is based on 40 hours of work per week for a full year (2080 hours).

### Federal Poverty Guidelines

In January or February of each year the Federal Government releases an official income level for poverty called the Federal Poverty Guidelines, and often informally referred to as the "Federal Poverty Level". The benefit levels of many low-income assistance programs are based on these poverty figures.