



CURRENT FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES

The January 15, 2026 *Federal Register* includes a notice from the Department of Health and Human Services of the annual updated federal poverty guidelines, which are used to establish eligibility for various federal assistance programs. These guidelines are effective 60 days from the date of publication for the facilities obligated under the Hill-Burton Uncompensated Services Program, which requires certain hospitals and other healthcare facilities to provide free or reduced fee services to persons unable to pay for such care. The 2026 poverty guidelines for Illinois are:

Family Size	Poverty Guidelines
1	\$15,960
2	\$21,640
3	\$27,320
4	\$33,000
5	\$38,680
6	\$44,360
7	\$50,040
8	\$55,720

For families/households with more than eight persons, add \$5,680 for each additional person.