



**LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)
POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES***

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2016

| PEOPLE IN THE HOUSEHOLD | 150% |
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| 1 | \$17,820 |
| 2 | \$24,030 |
| 3 | \$30,240 |
| 4 | \$36,450 |
| 5 | \$42,660 |
| 6 | \$48,870 |
| 7 | \$55,095 |
| 8 | \$61,335 |
| For each additional person in the household with more than 8 people, add: | \$ 6,240 |

* These figures are based on the 2016 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) poverty guidelines published in the *Federal Register* on January 25, 2016.

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FY 2016 SOURCES OF INCOME
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| INCLUDED SOURCES OF INCOME (Includes total annual cash receipts before taxes from all sources) | EXCLUDED SOURCES OF INCOME |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Money wages and salaries before any deductions 2. Net receipts from non-farm employment (receipts from a person's own unincorporated business, professional enterprise, or partnership, after deductions for business expenses) 3. Net receipts from farm self-employment (receipts from a farm which one operates as an owner, renter, or sharecropper, after deductions for farm operating expenses) 4. <u>REGULAR PAYMENTS FROM:</u> Social Security Railroad retirement Unemployment compensation Strike benefits from union funds Worker's compensation Veteran's payments Public Assistance or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income, and non-federally funded General Assistance or General Relief money payments. 5. Payments to foster children age 18 or older received through the Independent Living Program 6. Training stipends 7. Alimony 8. Child Support 9. Social Security Benefit Garnishes for Non-Payment of School Loans. (The total amount of the Social Security Retirement benefit including the garnished deduction must be used when calculating the applicant's income.) 10. Military family allotment or other regular support from a family member or someone not living in the household 11. Private pensions 12. Government employee pensions (including military retirement pay) 13. Regular insurance or annuity payments 14. Educational Assistance: Grants, Fellowships, Assistantships, College or University Scholarships – <u>Only count as income those funds specifically allotted for living expenses</u> 15. Dividends 16. Interest 17. Net rental income 18. Net royalties 19. Periodic receipts from estates or trusts 20. Net gambling or lottery winnings | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>CAPITAL GAINS</u> Any Assets drawn down as withdrawals from a bank, the sale of property, a house or a car. 2. Tax Refunds 3. Gifts 4. Loans 5. Lump-sum inheritances 6. One-time insurance payments 7. Foster Care Payments* 8. Compensation for injury 9. Combat zone pay to the military 10. Adoption Subsidies 11. Reverse Mortgage Payments 12. <u>NON-CASH BENEFITS</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Employer-paid or union paid portion of health insurance or other employee benefits (b) Food or housing received in lieu of wages (c) The value of food and fuel produced and consumed on farms. (d) The imputed value of rent from owner-occupied non-farm or farm housing. (e) Federal non-cash benefit programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, school lunches, and housing assistance. 13. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits cannot be garnished for any reason <u>unless</u> a recipient received an overpayment of benefits. The total amount of the SSI benefit minus the garnished deduction for recoupment must be used when calculating the applicant's income. <p style="margin-top: 20px;">*Persons whose cost of residence is paid through a foster care or residential program administered by the state cannot be counted as household members.</p> |