

2021 HHS Eligibility Guidelines



Before you can enroll your child/children in the Head Start program; you must meet the US Department of Health and Human Services Income guidelines. For example, for a family of 4, the total household income must be at or below \$26,500. Head Start of Greater Dallas will however accept families that are over this guideline by 10% only after all income eligible families are served.

2021 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and The District of Columbia (Annual)

Persons in Family/Household	Poverty Guideline
1	\$12,880
2	\$17,420
3	\$21,960
4	\$26,500
5	\$31,040
6	\$35,580
7	\$40,120
8	\$44,660

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,540 for each additional person.

2021 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and The District of Columbia (Monthly)

Persons in Family/Household	Poverty Guideline
1	\$1,063
2	\$1,437
3	\$1,810
4	\$2,183
5	\$2,557
6	\$2,930
7	\$3,303
8	\$3,677

The Federal Register notice for the 2020 Poverty Guidelines was published January 13, 2021.

2021 Poverty Guidelines for Alaska (Annual)

Persons in Family/Household	Poverty Guideline
1	\$16,090
2	\$21,770
3	\$27,450
4	\$33,130
5	\$38,810
6	\$44,490
7	\$50,170
8	\$55,850

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,680 for each additional person.

2021 Poverty Guidelines for Hawaii (Annual)

Persons in Family/Household	Poverty Guideline
1	\$14,820
2	\$20,040
3	\$25,260
4	\$30,480
5	\$35,700
6	\$40,920
7	\$46,140
8	\$51,360

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,220 for each additional person.