

2008 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR IMMIGRANT VISA PROCESSING

The following are the **2008 Poverty Guidelines**. When processing immigrant visa cases subject to the Affidavit of Support (I-864) requirement under INA 212(a)(4)(C), posts must use the figures in the column on the right (125% of poverty guidelines) as the minimum income that a petitioner and/or a joint sponsor must demonstrate, or the column on the left (100%) for an active member of the U.S. Armed Forces sponsoring his or her spouse or children. In cases in which the sponsor has filed the Form I-864 prior to March 1, 2008, use the guidelines that were in effect at the time of the submission.

The following are the 2008 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia:

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guidelines	125% of Poverty Guidelines
1	\$10,400	\$13,000
2	14,000	17,500
3	17,600	22,000
4	21,200	26,500
5	24,800	31,000
6	28,400	35,500
7	32,000	40,000
8	35,600	44,500

For family units with more than 8 members, add \$3,600 for each additional member to meet the poverty guideline; \$4,500 to meet 125% of the poverty guideline.

3. The following are the Poverty Guidelines for Alaska:

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guidelines	125% of Poverty Guidelines
1	\$13,000	\$16,250
2	17,500	21,875
3	22,000	27,500
4	26,500	33,125
5	31,000	38,750
6	35,500	44,375
7	40,000	50,000
8	44,500	55,625

Add \$4,500 for each additional family member to meet the poverty guideline; \$5,625 to meet 125% of the poverty guideline.

The following are the Poverty Guidelines for Hawaii:

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guidelines	125% of Poverty Guidelines
1	\$11,960	\$14,950
2	16,100	20,125
3	20,240	25,300
4	24,380	30,475
5	28,520	35,650
6	32,660	40,825
7	36,800	46,000
8	40,940	51,175

Add \$4,140 for each additional family member to meet the poverty guideline; \$5,175 to meet 125% of the poverty guideline