

## 2009 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR IMMIGRANT VISA PROCESSING

The following are the **2009 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, 2009, use the guidelines that were in effect at the time of the submission.

The following are the 2009 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia:

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guidelines	125% of Poverty Guidelines
1	\$10,830	\$13,538
2	14,570	18,213
3	18,310	22,888
4	22,050	27,563
5	25,790	32,238
6	29,530	36,913
7	33,270	41,588
8	37,010	46,263

For family units with more than 8 members, add \$3,740 for each additional member to meet the poverty guideline; \$4,675 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	\$13,530	\$16,913
2	18,210	22,763
3	22,890	28,613
4	27,570	34,463
5	32,250	40,313
6	36,930	46,163
7	41,610	52,013
8	46,290	57,863

Add \$4,680 for each additional family member to meet the poverty guideline; \$5,850 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	\$12,460	\$15,575
2	16,760	20,950
3	21,060	26,325
4	25,360	31,700
5	29,660	37,075
6	33,960	42,450
7	38,260	47,825
8	42,560	53,200

Add \$4,300 for each additional family member to meet the poverty guideline; \$5,375 to meet 125% of the poverty guideline