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State of New Jersey
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

2026-2027
INCOME ELIGIBILITY SCHEDULES
FOR PUBLICLY SUBSIDIZED
CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE or SERVICES

Family Size	Federal Head Start Program	Income Eligibility for the Child Care Assistance Program and Other Selected Child Care Programs Including Preschool Wrap Around Child Care Administered through the New Jersey Department of Human Services					State Funded Kinship Child Care Services	
	Maximum Allowable Annual Family Gross Income	Maximum Allowable Annual Gross Family Income for <i>Entry Level and/or Initial Eligibility</i>			Maximum Allowable Annual Gross Family Income <i>At Redetermination</i>	Maximum Allowable Annual Gross Family Income <i>Prior to Exit</i>	Maximum Allowable Annual Gross Family Income for <i>Eligibility for Clients Under Age 60</i>	Maximum Allowable Annual Gross Family Income for <i>Eligibility for Clients Over Age 60</i>
	Represents 100% of the 2026 Federal Poverty Index	<i>TIER A</i> Represents 150% of the 2026 Federal Poverty Index	<i>TIER B</i> Represents 175% of the 2026 Federal Poverty Index	<i>TIER C</i> Represents 200% of the 2026 Federal Poverty Index	<i>TIER D</i> Represents 250% of the 2026 Federal Poverty Index	<i>TIER E*</i> Represents 85% of the 2026 New Jersey State Median Income	Represents 350% of the 2026 Federal Poverty Index	Represents 500% of the 2026 Federal Poverty Index
1	\$15,960	\$23,940	\$27,930	\$31,920	\$39,900	\$72,197	\$55,860	\$79,800
2	\$21,640	\$32,460	\$37,870	\$43,280	\$54,100	\$88,516	\$75,740	\$108,200
3	\$27,320	\$40,980	\$47,810	\$54,640	\$68,300	\$113,577	\$95,620	\$136,600
4	\$33,000	\$49,500	\$57,750	\$66,000	\$82,500	\$139,244	\$115,500	\$165,000
5	\$38,680	\$58,020	\$67,690	\$77,360	\$96,700	\$148,679	\$135,380	\$193,400
6	\$44,360	\$66,540	\$77,630	\$88,720	\$110,900	\$158,114	\$155,260	\$221,800
7	\$50,040	\$75,060	\$87,570	\$100,080	\$125,100	\$167,549	\$175,140	\$250,200
8	\$55,720	\$83,580	\$97,510	\$111,440	\$139,300	\$176,984	\$195,020	\$278,600
9	\$61,400	\$92,100	\$107,450	\$122,800	\$153,500	\$186,419	\$214,900	\$307,000
10	\$67,080	\$100,620	\$117,390	\$134,160	\$167,700	\$195,854	\$234,780	\$335,400
11	\$72,760	\$109,140	\$127,330	\$145,520	\$181,900	\$205,289	\$254,660	\$363,800
12	\$78,440	\$117,660	\$137,270	\$156,880	\$196,100	\$214,724	\$274,540	\$392,200
For each additional family member add:	\$5,680	\$8,520	\$9,940	\$11,360	\$14,200	\$9,435	\$19,880	\$28,400

Source : Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines, *Federal Register*, Vol. 91, No. 10, Friday, January 15, 2026, Page 1798

*Tier E represents the one-time Graduated Phase-Out period of child care assistance that may be utilized for one year. The source for Tier E is the Census Bureau Median Family Income by Family Size, Department of Justice, Cases Filed On or After November 1, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/>