

FFY 2004 (the period of October 1, 2003, through September 30, 2004).

Section 2605(b)(2)(B)(ii) of the LIHEAP statute provides that 60 percent of the median income for each State, as annually established by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, is one of the income criteria that LIHEAP grantees may use in determining a household's eligibility for LIHEAP.

LIHEAP is currently authorized through the end of FFY 2004 by the Coats Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-285, which was enacted on October 27, 1998.

Estimates of the median income of a four-person family for each State and the District of Columbia for FFY 2004 have been developed by the Bureau of the Census of the U.S. Department of Commerce, using the most recently available income data. In developing the median income estimates for FFY 2004, the Bureau of the Census used the following three sources of data: (1) The Current Population Survey 2002 Annual Demographic File; (2) the 2000 Decennial Census of Population; and (3) 2001 per capita personal income estimates, by State, from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

As indicated above, the Current Population Survey 2000 Annual Demographic File is one of the data sources used in developing the State median estimates for FFY 2004. The use of this file introduces the following changes in development of the estimates:

1. The Annual Demographic File enhances income estimates produced by the Bureau of the Census from the March Current Population (CPS). In 2001, the Bureau of the Census began referring to the March CPS file as the CPS Annual Demographic File (ADF) due to a significant sample expansion to improve the accuracy of State estimates of children's health insurance coverage and an expansion of the months in which the survey is conducted.

This sample expansion, known as the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) sample, has three components: (1) Asking the March Income Supplement questions of selected households in the February and April CPS samples, that is, of the households not also included in the March sample; (2) interviewing selected sample households from the preceding November CPS sample during the February-April period using the March Income Supplement; and (3) increasing the monthly CPS sample in States with high sampling errors for uninsured children. The sample increase added

about 28,000 interviewed households to the 2001 ADF, resulting in a total sample size of about 78,000 interviewed households.

Although the expanded sample was implemented in 2001, only information from the regular 2001 March CPS sample was released when the FFY 2003 State median income estimates were calculated. The FFY 2004 estimates shown below use the expanded sample from the 2002 ADF.

2. Prior income estimates from the March CPS have been based on population controls from the 1990 Decennial Census of Population. The 2002 ADF estimates are based on population controls from the 2000 Decennial Census of Population. Nationally, the use of Census 2000-based population controls lowered the national median household income by 0.3 percent.

For further information on the estimating method and data sources, contact the Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division, at the Bureau of the Census (301-763-3243).

A state-by-state listing of median income, and 60 percent of median income, for a four-person family for FFY 2004 follows. The listing describes the method for adjusting median income for families of different sizes as specified in regulations applicable to LIHEAP, at 45 CFR 96.85(b), which was published in the **Federal Register** on March 3, 1988 at 53 FR 6824.

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ESTIMATED STATE MEDIAN INCOME FOR A FOUR-PERSON FAMILY, BY STATE, FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2004¹

States	Estimated State median income for a four-person family ²	60 percent of estimated State median income for a four- person family
Alabama	\$54,594	\$32,756
Alaska	71,395	42,837
Arizona	56,067	33,640
Arkansas	47,838	28,703
California	63,761	38,257
Colorado	67,634	40,580
Connecticut	82,517	49,510
Delaware	73,301	43,981
District of Col.	61,799	37,079
Florida	56,824	34,094
Georgia	59,497	35,698
Hawaii	66,014	39,608
Idaho	51,098	30,659
Illinois	66,507	39,904
Indiana	63,573	38,144
Iowa	61,656	36,994

ESTIMATED STATE MEDIAN INCOME FOR A FOUR-PERSON FAMILY, BY STATE, FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2004¹—Continued

States	Estimated State median income for a four-person family ²	60 percent of estimated State median income for a four- person family
Kansas	61,686	37,012
Kentucky	54,319	32,591
Louisiana	51,234	30,740
Maine	58,425	35,055
Maryland	82,879	49,727
Massachusetts	80,247	48,148
Michigan	68,337	41,002
Minnesota	72,635	43,581
Mississippi	46,810	28,086
Missouri	61,036	36,622
Montana	48,078	28,847
Nebraska	60,626	36,376
Nevada	59,283	35,570
New Hampshire ..	72,606	43,564
New Jersey	80,577	48,346
New Mexico	46,596	27,958
New York	66,498	39,899
North Carolina	56,500	33,900
North Dakota	55,138	33,083
Ohio	64,282	38,569
Oklahoma	53,949	32,369
Oregon	58,737	35,242
Pennsylvania	66,130	39,678
Rhode Island	70,446	42,268
South Carolina	59,212	35,527
South Dakota	59,718	35,831
Tennessee	56,052	33,631
Texas	56,606	33,964
Utah	59,035	35,421
Vermont	62,938	37,763
Virginia	69,616	41,770
Washington	65,997	39,598
West Virginia	49,470	29,682
Wisconsin	65,441	39,265
Wyoming	58,541	35,125

Note—FFY 2004 covers the period of October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004. The estimated median income for a four-person family living in the United States is \$63,278 for FFY 2004. The estimates are effective for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) at any time between the date of this publication and October 1, 2003, or by the beginning of a LIHEAP grantee's fiscal year, whichever is later.

¹In accordance with 45 CFR 96.85, each State's estimated median income for a four-person family is multiplied by the following percentages to adjust for family size: 52% for one person, 68% for two persons, 84% for three persons, 100% for four persons, 116% for five persons, and 132% for six persons. For each additional family member above six persons, add 3% to the percentage for a six-person family (132%), and multiply the new percentage by the State's estimated median income for a four-person family.

²Prepared by the Bureau of the Census from the Current Population Survey 2002 Annual Demographic File, 2000 Decennial Census of Population and Housing, and 2001 per capita personal income estimates, by State, from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). For further information, contact the Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division at the Bureau of the Census (301-763-3243).