

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services published its annual update of the Poverty Guidelines on February 13, 2004. These guidelines are used in calculating levels of income and assets that a complainant must demonstrate to qualify for a waiver of the filing fee through an Affidavit for Proceeding *In Forma Pauperis*.

The following are the 2004 Poverty Guideline income levels for Minnesota:

Size of Family Unit	125 Percent of DHHS Poverty Guidelines
1	\$11,638
2	\$15,613
3	\$19,588
4	\$23,563
5	\$27,538
6	\$31,513
7	\$35,488
8	\$39,463

Add 3,975 for each additional family member over eight to meet the 125% of the poverty guideline.