

Administrative Office of the Courts

Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant Utah Supreme Court Chair, Utah Judicial Council

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Judges, Commissioners, Trial Court Executives, Clerks of Court

FROM: Office of General Counsel

RE: 2024 Poverty Guidelines

The Indigent Defense Act is codified at Title 78B, Chapter 22 of the Utah Code. Under Utah Code Section 78B-22-202, an individual is considered indigent for the purpose of appointing counsel if the individual has an income level at or below 150% of the United States poverty level as defined by the most recent poverty income guidelines published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The following table has been generated from the HHS poverty guidelines published in the Federal Register on January 16, 2024.

Number of family members	Federal guidelines (Annual)	150% of poverty income guidelines	
		Annual	Hourly
			*2080 hrs per yr (2088 leap yr)
1	\$15,060.00	\$22,590.00	\$10.86
2	\$20,440.00	\$30,660.00	\$14.74
3	\$25,820.00	\$38,730.00	\$18.62
4	\$31,200.00	\$46,800.00	\$22.50
5	\$36,580.00	\$54,870.00	\$26.38
6	\$41,960.00	\$62,940.00	\$30.26
7	\$47,340.00	\$71,010.00	\$34.14
8	\$52,720.00	\$79,080.00	\$38.02
For each additional family member, add	\$5,380.00	\$8,070.00	\$3.88

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