



# Child Care for Low Income Families:

State Income Eligibility for Assistance Funded under the Child Care Development Fund

As of October 1999

State	Which Families May Receive Subsidies?		Income Eligibility Guidelines (family of three)			
	Working	In Education/Training	Initial Monthly Income	FPL Equivalent	Max Monthly Income	FPL Equivalent
<b>Totals</b>	51	36 Yes 15 No	Range: \$1446 - \$3817	Range: 125% - 330%	Range: \$1446 - \$3817	Range: 125% - 330%
Alabama	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$1504	130 %	\$2313	200 %
Alaska	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	85 % of SMI which is \$ 3694	255 %	Same as initial limit	
Arizona	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must be employed for at least a month with an average of 20 hours per week, unless a teen parent	165 % of FPL which is \$1909 Priority for families under 100% of FPL	165 %	Same as initial limit	
Arkansas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$1533	133 %	Same as initial limit	

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California	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must be in a county approved post-CalWORKs plan for education or eligible through a community college funding stream	75 % of SMI which is \$2821	244 %	Same as initial limit	
Colorado	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	185 % of FPL which is \$2139 Counties may set guidelines up to this limit.	185 %	Same as initial limit	
Connecticut	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	75 % of SMI which is \$3818	330 %	Same as initial limit	
Delaware	2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	155 % of FPL which is \$1793	155 %	Same as initial limit	
Dist of Columbia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must be in job oriented training for maximum of 20 hours per week during child care hours	\$2326	201 %	Same as initial limit	
Florida	3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	150 % of FPL which is \$1706	150 %	185 % of FPL which is \$2140	185 %

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Georgia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> May be in vocational programs or seeking a high school diploma/GED	\$2023	175 %	Same as initial limit	
Hawaii	4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	240 % of FPL which is \$3192	240 %	Same as initial limit	
Idaho	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	147 % of FPL which is \$1706	147 %	Same as initial limit	
Illinois	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must work 20 hours per week; capped program	50 % of SMI which is \$ 1818	157 %	Same as initial limit	
Indiana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	143 % of FPL which is \$1654	143 %	181 % of FPL which is \$2094 At county discretion	181 %
Iowa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	155 % of FPL which is \$1793 175% of FPL for special needs children	155 %	Same as initial limit	
Kansas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	185 % of FPL which is \$2139	185 %	Same as initial limit	
Kentucky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	160 % of FPL which is \$1851	160 %	Same as initial limit	
Louisiana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	75 % of SMI which is \$ 2420	209 %	Same as initial limit	

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Maine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	85 % of SMI which is \$ 2894	250 %	Same as initial limit	
Maryland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$1870	162 %	Same as initial limit	
Massachusetts <sup>5</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	50 % of SMI which is \$ 1931	167 %	85 % of SMI which is \$3213	278 %
Michigan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$2172	188 %	Same as initial limit	
Minnesota	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	75 % of SMI which is \$ 3181	275 %	Same as initial limit	
Mississippi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must work 20 hours per week if a single parent; must work 55 hours per week total combined for two-parent families	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> College students must work a minimum of 19 hours per week and provide documentation of their academic program to be eligible for full-time care.	\$2333	202 %	Same as initial limit	
Missouri	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$1482	128 %	Same as initial limit	
Montana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	150 % of FPL which is \$1735	150 %	Same as initial limit	
Nebraska	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	182 % of FPL which is \$2105	182 %	Same as initial limit	

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Nevada	6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	75 % of SMI which is \$2675	231 %	Same as initial limit	
New Hampshire	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Also available for job search	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For no more than two years	190 % of FPL which is \$2198	190 %	Same as initial limit	
New Jersey	7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	150 % of FPL which is \$1735	150 %	250 % of FPL which is \$2892	250 %
New Mexico	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	82.5% of SMI which is \$2313	200 %	Same as initial limit	
New York	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	202 % of FPL which is \$2338 Counties may set guidelines up to this limit.	202 %	Same as initial limit	
North Carolina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	75 % of SMI which is \$2719	235 %	Same as initial limit	
North Dakota	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	85 % of SMI which is \$2445	211 %	Same as initial limit	
Ohio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	182 % of FPL which is \$2105	182 %	Same as initial limit	

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Oklahoma	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must be an absence of a suitable alternative caregiver; must pursue all other potential income sources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> May not be at the post-graduate level; in two-parent families one must be employed or in high school while other is in education/training	\$1936	167 %	Same as initial limit	
Oregon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	181 % of FPL which is \$2088	181 %	Same as initial limit	
Pennsylvania	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must work 25 hours per week	185 % of FPL which is \$2140	185 %	235 % of FPL which is \$2718	235 %
Rhode Island	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	225 % of FPL which is \$2603	225 %	Same as initial limit	
South Carolina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	125 % of FPL which is \$1446	125 %	175 % of FPL which is \$2024	175 %
South Dakota	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must first meet the work requirement	150 % of FPL which is \$1735	150 %	Same as initial limit	
Tennessee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must work 20 hours	<input type="checkbox"/>	60 % of SMI which is \$2027	175 %	Same as initial limit	

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Texas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	85 % of SMI which is \$2740 Local workforce development boards may set guidelines up to this limit.	237 %	Same as initial limit	
Utah	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$1794	155 %	Same as initial limit	
Vermont	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	83 % of SMI which is \$2586	224 %	Same as initial limit	
Virginia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	185 % of FPL which is \$2140 Localities may set guidelines up to this limit.	185 %	Same as initial limit	
Washington 8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must work 20 hours per week; no more than two years	175 % of FPL which is \$2024	175 %	Same as initial limit	
West Virginia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	150 % of FPL which is \$1735	150 %	Same as initial limit	
Wisconsin 9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must be employed in unsubsidized employment for nine consecutive months and continue to be so employed	165 % of FPL which is \$1909	165 %	200 % of FPL which is \$2314	200 %

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Wyoming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	133 % of FPL which is \$1539	133 %	Same as initial limit	

**Notes: In this report, SPDP survey data were supplemented by Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) state plan data.**

**SMI = State Median Income; FPL = Federal Poverty Level (All calculations of FPL equivalent used 1999 standard of \$13,880 for a family of three)**

1. Alaska's FPL is set higher than the 50 contiguous states and DC, in 1999 it was \$17,360 for a family of three.
2. Delaware's initial income limit rose to 200% of FPL in January 2000.
3. Florida allows an exception to the income limit for families receiving subsidy through the state's public/private Child Care Executive Partnership Program; families up to 200% of FPL are eligible.
4. Hawaii's FPL is set higher than the 48 contiguous states and DC; in 1999 it was \$15,970 for a family of three. The initial limit changed to \$3069 in 2000, based on family adjusted gross income only. In addition, the state uses SMI to set eligibility limits now.
5. Massachusetts raised initial (\$2276) and maximum (\$3869) income limits according to more recent SMI figures in May 2000.
6. Nevada's initial income limit rose to \$2798 in January 2000.
7. New Jersey's initial income limit rose to 200% of FPL in 2000.
8. Washington's initial income limit rose to 225% of FPL in 2000.
9. Wisconsin's initial income limit rose to 185% of FPL in March 2000.