

## 2018 Health and Human Services Department Poverty Guidelines

[RCW 10.101.010](#) provides multiple definitions of “Indigent” for purposes of the appointment of counsel in criminal, juvenile, involuntary commitment, and dependency cases, and any other case where the right to counsel attaches. RCW 10.101.010(3)(c) in particular defines indigent as “receiving an annual income, after taxes, of one hundred twenty-five percent or less of the current federally established poverty level.” The following chart provides, by household size, the 2018 rates for 125% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines.

Size of Family Unit/Household	125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
1	\$15,175
2	\$20,575
3	\$25,975
4	\$31,375
5	\$36,775
6	\$42,175
7	\$47,575
8	\$52,975

For family units with more than 8 members, add **\$5,400** for each additional member to meet 125% of the federal poverty guidelines.

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