

Table 3-3. Comparison of Federal Benefits to Poverty Guidelines for Eligible Individuals Receiving SSI, Selected Years 1975-2010

Poverty Guidelines and Benefits	1975	1980	1984	1988	1992	1996	2000	2004	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Poverty Guidelines ¹	2,590	3,790	4,980	5,770	6,810	7,740	8,350	9,310	9,800	10,210	10,400	10,830	10,830
Federal SSI Benefits:													
Dollars Per Year ²	1,822	2,677	3,768	4,248	5,064	5,640	6,156	6,768	7,236	7,476	7,644	8,088	8,088
Percent of Poverty	70.4	70.6	75.7	73.6	74.4	72.9	73.7	72.7	73.8	73.2	73.5	74.7	74.7

Notes: ¹ Poverty guidelines for a family of one in 48 contiguous states as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services, available online at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/figures-fed-reg.shtml>.

² Equals the Federal Benefit Rate (FBR) for an individual living in their own household multiplied by 12 months.

Source: Table prepared by CRS with Poverty Guideline data from the Department of Health and Human Services, available online at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/figures-fed-reg.shtml> and FBR data from the *SSI Annual Statistical Report, 2009*, Table 1 available online at http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/ssi_asr/2009/sect01.html.