

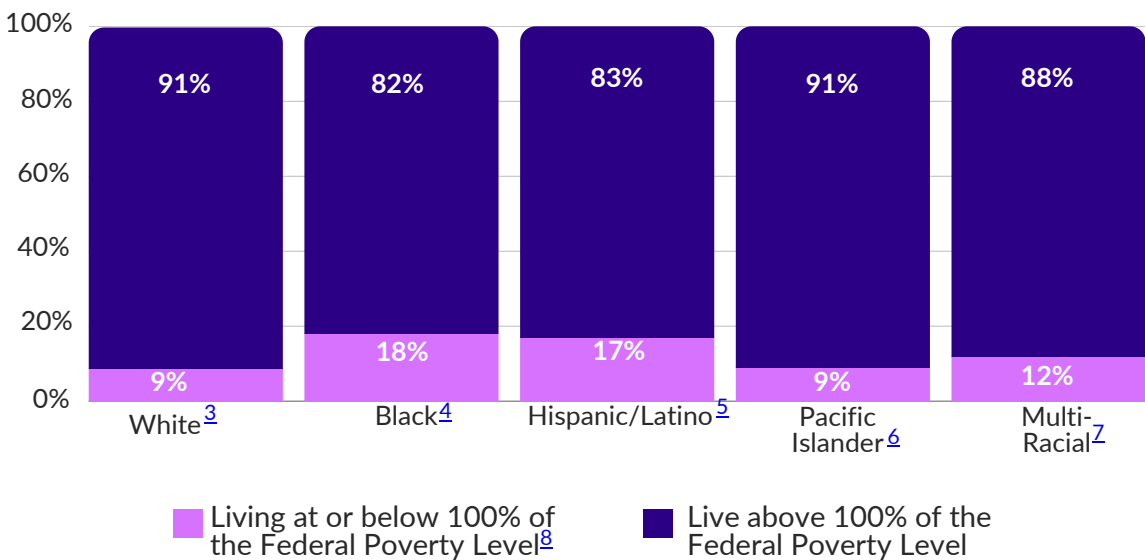
2026 FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES

The U.S. Federal Poverty Guidelines determine financial eligibility for certain federal programs. The poverty guidelines are published in January by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and are designated by the year in which they are issued (i.e., guidelines issued in January 2026 are the 2026 poverty guidelines).¹

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Family/Household Size	100%	200%	400%
1 person	\$15,960	\$31,920	\$63,840
2 people	\$21,640	\$43,280	\$86,560
3 people	\$27,320	\$54,640	\$109,280
4 people	\$33,000	\$66,000	\$132,000

GEORGIA POVERTY RATES BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2024*



In Georgia, the rate of Black and Hispanic individuals living under the poverty line is **twice** that of White individuals.

*2024 is the most recent data available. The U.S. Census Bureau's poverty threshold for a family of 3 was \$25,249 in 2024.



Federal and State Program Eligibility Based on Federal Poverty Guidelines

Certain federal programs use the Federal Poverty Guidelines to determine eligibility. The following chart details specific programs and the maximum yearly income a family of four can earn to remain eligible.

Program and Description	Maximum Yearly Income (Family of 4)	Maximum % of Guidelines
Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) - Initial Eligibility CAPS offers families with low incomes subsidies to pay for quality child care, afterschool, and summer programs for children up to age 12, and for children up to age 17 with special needs. See Voices' CAPS factsheet for more details	\$49,500 ⁹	150% ^{10**}
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) SNAP offers nutrition assistance to millions of eligible individuals and families with low incomes through electronic benefit cards.	\$42,900 ¹¹	130% ¹²
Medicaid Medicaid in the United States is a joint federal and state program that helps with medical costs for some people with limited income and resources. Medicaid also offers benefits not normally covered by Medicare, like nursing home care and personal care services. See Voices' How Medicaid and PeachCare Money Work factsheet for more details		
For Pregnant Women	\$40,260 ¹³	220% ¹⁴
Children up to 1 year	\$69,300 ¹⁵	210% ¹⁶
Children ages 1-5	\$50,820 ¹⁷	154% ¹⁸
Children ages 6-18	\$45,540 ¹⁹	138% ²⁰
PeachCare for Kids® (children ages 0-18) PeachCare for Kids is a comprehensive health care program for uninsured children (under age 19) living in Georgia, whose parents earn too much to qualify for Medicaid, but not enough to pay for private coverage. See Voices' How Medicaid and PeachCare Money Work factsheet for more details	\$83,160 ²¹	247% ²²
Marketplace (Health Insurance) Premium Tax Credit Individuals with incomes at 100-400% FPL who purchase health insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplace can receive federal premium tax credits to reduce their monthly insurance premium payments.	\$132,000 ²³	400% ²⁴
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) WIC provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for pregnant, breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding postpartum women with low incomes, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk.	\$61,050 ²⁵	185% ²⁶

**The threshold for initial eligibility is 50% of the state median income.²⁷

***All adult recipients are required to work, volunteer, or participate in training for at least 20 hours a week. Parents or guardians are exempt if they have children under 14 years old in the home.²⁸



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