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MEMORANDUM

TO: Judges, Commissioners, Court Administrators, Trial Court Executives, Clerks of Court
FROM: Office of General Counsel
RE: 2025 Poverty Guidelines

The Indigent Defense Act is codified at Title 78B, Chapter 22 of the Utah Code. Utah Code Section [78B-22-202\(1\)\(a\)](#) states that 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 2025 poverty guidelines published on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ website here: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines>

Number of family members	Federal guidelines (Annual)	150% of poverty income guidelines		
		Annual	Monthly	Hourly *2080 hrs per yr (2088 leap yr)
1	\$15,650.00	\$23,475.00	\$1,956.25	\$11.29
2	\$21,150.00	\$31,725.00	\$2,643.75	\$15.25
3	\$26,650.00	\$39,975.00	\$3,331.25	\$19.22
4	\$32,150.00	\$48,225.00	\$4,018.75	\$23.19
5	\$37,650.00	\$56,475.00	\$4,706.25	\$27.15
6	\$43,150.00	\$64,725.00	\$5,393.75	\$31.12
7	\$48,650.00	\$72,975.00	\$6,081.25	\$35.08
8	\$54,150.00	\$81,225.00	\$6,768.75	\$39.05
For each additional family member, add	\$5,500.00	\$8,250.00	\$687.50	\$3.97

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