

Table 3-3. Comparison of Federal Benefits to Poverty Guidelines for Eligible Individuals Receiving SSI, Selected Years 1980-2012

Poverty Guidelines and Benefits	1980	1984	1988	1992	1996	2000	2004	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Poverty Guidelines ¹	\$3,790	4,980	5,770	6,810	7,740	8,350	9,310	9,800	10,210	10,400	10,830	10,830	10,890	11,170
Federal SSI Benefits:														
Dollars Per Year ²	\$2,677	3,768	4,248	5,064	5,640	6,156	6,768	7,236	7,476	7,644	8,088	8,088	8,088	8,376
Percent of Poverty	70.6	75.7	73.6	74.4	72.9	73.7	72.7	73.8	73.2	73.5	74.7	74.7	74.3	75.0

Notes: ¹Poverty 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>.

²Equals 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, 2011*, Table 1 available online at http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/ssi_asr/2011/sect01.html. This table was updated on September 14, 2012 for the 2012 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book.