

Table 3-4. Comparison of Federal Benefits to Poverty Guidelines for Eligible Couples Receiving SSI, Selected Years 1980-2014

| Poverty Guidelines And Benefits | 1980 | 1984 | 1988 | 1992 | 1996 | 2000 | 2004 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|------------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Poverty Guidelines ¹ | \$5,010 | 6,720 | 7,730 | 9,190 | 10,360 | 11,250 | 12,490 | 14,000 | 14,570 | 14,570 | 14,710 | 15,130 | 15,510 | 15,730 |
| Federal SSI Benefits: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dollars Per Year ² | \$4,016 | 5,664 | 6,384 | 7,596 | 8,460 | 9,228 | 10,152 | 11,472 | 12,132 | 12,132 | 12,132 | 12,576 | 12,792 | 12,984 |
| Percent of Poverty | 80.2 | 84.3 | 82.6 | 82.7 | 81.7 | 82.0 | 81.1 | 81.9 | 83.3 | 83.3 | 82.5 | 83.1 | 82.5 | 82.5 |

Notes: ¹ Poverty guidelines for a family of two in the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.

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

Sources: 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 the *SSI Annual Statistical Report, 2013*, Table 1 available online at http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/ssi_asr/2013/sect01.html#table1.

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