

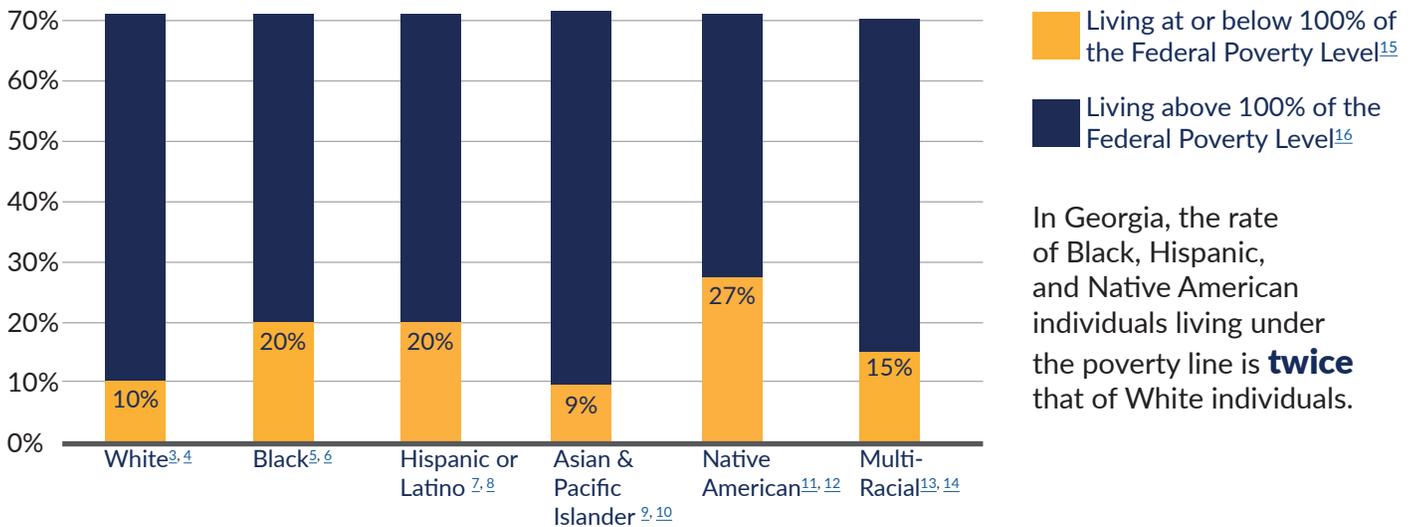


The U.S. [Federal Poverty Guidelines](#) determine financial eligibility for certain federal programs. The poverty guidelines are published in January by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and are designated by the year in which they are issued (i.e., guidelines issued in January 2023 are the 2023 poverty guidelines).¹

2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines²

Family/Household Size	100%	200%	400%
1 person	\$14,580	\$29,160	\$58,320
2 people	\$19,720	\$39,440	\$78,880
3 people	\$24,860	\$49,720	\$99,440
4 people	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$120,000

Georgia Poverty Rates by Race/Ethnicity



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	Maximum Yearly Income (Family of 4)	Maximum % of Guidelines
Childcare and Parent Services - Initial Eligibility	\$44,966 ¹⁷	150% ^{26*}
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	\$39,000 ¹⁸	130% ²⁷
Medicaid for Pregnant Women	\$66,000 ¹⁹	220% ²⁸
Women, Infants, and Children	\$55,000 ²⁰	185% ²⁹
Medicaid (children up to 1 year)	\$63,000 ²¹	210% ³⁰
Medicaid (children ages 1-5)	\$46,200 ²²	154% ³¹
Medicaid (children ages 6-18)	\$41,400 ²³	138% ³²
PeachCare for Kids [®] (children ages 0-18)	\$74,100 ²⁴	247% ³³
Marketplace (Health Insurance) Premium Tax Credit	\$120,000 ²⁵	400% ³⁴

*CAPS - Initial Eligibility for Very Low-Income Priority Group: **\$15,000** (maximum income) is based on **50% of state median income** (not federal income levels)

Federal and State Program Definitions

Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS): The Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program offers low-income families 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](#)

Express Lane Eligibility (ELE): ELE, implemented in October 2022, allows the state to automatically enroll or renew eligible children in Medicaid or PeachCare for Kids®. This should allow close to 70,000 of Georgia's previously uninsured children to gain coverage.

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.

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](#)

PeachCare for Kids®: 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](#)

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): SNAP offers nutrition assistance to millions of eligible individuals and families with low-income through electronic benefit cards.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF): TANF is the state's monthly cash assistance program supporting low-income families with children under age 18, children age 18 attending school full-time, and pregnant women. Parents receiving TANF benefits must engage in work activities. Families can only receive assistance for 4 years.**

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): The Women, Infants, and Children program 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. During 2022, Georgia WIC is transitioning benefits from paper vouchers to an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card.

**All adult recipients are required to participate in work activities and training for at least 30 hours weekly. These work activities help recipients gain the experience needed to find a job and become self-sufficient.

Receipt of cash assistance is limited to 48 months (4 years) in a lifetime. Temporary extensions to the 48-month limit may be granted on a case-by-case basis via hardship waivers.



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