2026 US Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines for Voluntary Pre-K Enrollment

Household Size	*Annual Income	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every two weeks	Weekly
1	$29,526.00	$2,460.50	$1,230.25	$1,135.62	$567.81
2	$40,034.00	$3,336.17	$1,668.08	$1,539.77	$769.88
3	$50,542.00	$4,211.83	$2,105.92	$1,943.92	$971.96
4	$61,050.00	$5,087.50	$2,543.75	$2,348.08	$1,174.04
5	$71,558.00	$5,963.17	$2,981.58	$2,752.23	$1,376.12
6	$82,066.00	$6,838.83	$3,419.42	$3,156.38	$1,578.19
7	$92,574.00	$7,714.50	$3,857.25	$3,560.54	$1,780.27
8	$103,082.00	$8,590.17	$4,295.08	$3,964.69	$1,982.35
For each additional person, add:	$10,508.00	$875.67	$437.83	$404.15	$202.08

*Annual income levels reflect 185% of the 2026 US Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines

This chart is to be used when reviewing the pre-K income eligibility application as part of the universal preschool application to determine if a family meets the income qualifications for **economically disadvantaged**. Families making at or below the annual income amount, based on household size, meet the income eligibility criteria for participation in the Voluntary Pre-K program for the 2026-2027 school year. Verification must include total income of all household family members as indicated on pre-K income eligibility application as part of the universal preschool application. Meeting income eligibility requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the VPK program due to limited space and the possibility of more students applying than seats available. For questions, please contact TDOE.EarlyLearning@tn.gov.

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