

Thursday, January 26, 2023. Written comments will be shared with the Committee, so that they have an opportunity to consider them prior to the meeting.

Individuals who need special assistance or another reasonable accommodation should notify Alaina Harris at the address and phone number listed above at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

**Maria G. Button,**

*Director, Executive Secretariat.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Announcement of First Meeting of the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee and Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services (FNCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture announce the first meeting of the newly appointed 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (Committee). This meeting will be open to the public virtually. Additionally, this notice opens a public comment period that will remain open until late 2024, throughout the Committee's deliberations.

**DATES:** The first meeting will be held February 9–10, 2023. The public comment period opens with the publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:**

(a) The meeting will be accessible online via livestream and recorded for later viewing. Registrants will receive the livestream information prior to the meeting.

(b) You may send comments, identified by Docket OASH–2022–0021, by either of the following methods:

- *Online (preferred method):* Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

- *Mail:* Janet M. de Jesus, MS, RD, HHS/OASH Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP), 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 420, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket OASH–2022–0021. For detailed instructions on sending comments, see

the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Designated Federal Officer, 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, Janet M. de Jesus, MS, RD; HHS/OASH/ODPHP, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 420, Rockville, MD 20852; Phone: 240–453–8266; Email [DietaryGuidelines@hhs.gov](mailto:DietaryGuidelines@hhs.gov). Additional information is available on the internet at [www.DietaryGuidelines.gov](http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Authority and Purpose:* Under section 301 of Public Law 101–445 (7 U.S.C. 5341, the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990, title III), the Secretaries of HHS and USDA are directed to publish the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans (Dietary Guidelines)* jointly at least every five years. The law instructs that this publication shall contain nutritional and dietary information and guidelines for the general public; shall be based on the preponderance of scientific and medical knowledge current at the time of publication; and shall be promoted by each Federal agency in carrying out any Federal food, nutrition, or health program. The current edition of the *Dietary Guidelines (2020–2025)* provides guidance on the entire lifespan, from birth to older adulthood, including pregnancy and lactation. The *Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2025–2030* will continue to provide food-based dietary guidance across the entire lifespan to help meet nutrient needs, promote health, and reduce the risk of chronic disease. HHS and USDA appointed the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (Committee) to conduct an independent scientific review that will help inform the Departments' development of the next edition of the *Dietary Guidelines*. The Committee's review and advice will focus on the scientific questions prioritized by HHS and USDA, with the potential to inform nutrition guidance for Americans across the lifespan. Information on the 2025 Committee membership and the scientific questions will be available at [www.DietaryGuidelines.gov](http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov).

The 2025 Committee's formation is governed under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C. app), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

*Committee's Task:* The work of the Committee will be solely advisory in nature and time limited. The Committee will examine evidence on the scientific questions, using approaches including

systematic reviews, food pattern modeling, and data analysis. The Committee will then develop a scientific report to be submitted to the HHS and USDA Secretaries. The scientific report should describe the Committee's review and conclusions and provide science-based advice and rationale to the Departments based on the preponderance of evidence reviewed. HHS and USDA will consider the Committee's scientific report as they develop the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2025–2030*. The Committee will hold approximately six meetings, open to the public virtually, to review the evidence and discuss recommendations. Future meeting dates, times, and other relevant information will be announced via **Federal Register** notice and at [www.DietaryGuidelines.gov](http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov). As stipulated in the charter, the Committee will disband after delivery of its final report to the Secretaries of HHS and USDA, or two years from the date the charter was filed, whichever comes first.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* In accordance with FACA, and to promote transparency of the process, deliberations of the Committee will occur in a public forum. The purpose of this first meeting is to orient the Committee to the *Dietary Guidelines* process and mark the beginning of its work.

*Meeting Agenda:* The first meeting agenda will include (a) review of operations for the Committee members, (b) overview of the proposed scientific questions identified by the Departments to be examined by the Committee, (c) presentations on the evidence-based approaches for reviewing the scientific evidence, and (d) plans for future Committee work.

*Meeting Registration:* The meeting is open to the public. The meeting will be accessible online via livestream and recorded for later viewing. Registration is required for the livestream. To register, go to

[www.DietaryGuidelines.gov](http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov) and click on the link for "Meeting Registration." Online registration begins on January 18, 2023 and ends on February 10, 2023. To request a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations, please email [dietaryguidelines@hhs.gov](mailto:dietaryguidelines@hhs.gov) by February 5, 2023. All registrants will be asked to provide their name, affiliation, email address, and days attending. After registration, individuals will receive livestream access information via email.

*Public Comments and Meeting Documents:* Written comments from the public will be accepted throughout the Committee's deliberative process for the next approximately two years.

Opportunities to present oral comments to the Committee will be provided at a future meeting.

- *Online (preferred method):* Follow the instructions for submitting comments at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, will be posted to Docket OASH–2022–0021.

- *Mail:* Mail/courier to Janet M. de Jesus, MS, RD, HHS/OASH/ODPHP, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 420, Rockville, MD 20852. For written/paper submissions, ODPHP will post your comment, as well as any attachments, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Meeting materials for each meeting will be accessible at [www.DietaryGuidelines.gov](http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov). Materials may be requested by email at [dietaryguidelines@hhs.gov](mailto:dietaryguidelines@hhs.gov).

**Paul Reed,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines**

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides an update of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) poverty guidelines to account for last calendar year’s increase in prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

**DATES:** January 12, 2023 unless an office administering a program using the guidelines specifies a different effective date for that particular program.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 404E, Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 20201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information about how the guidelines are used or how income is defined in a particular program, contact the federal, state, or local office that is responsible for that program. For information about poverty figures for immigration forms, the Hill-Burton Uncompensated Services Program, and the number of people in poverty, use the specific telephone numbers and addresses given below.

For general questions about the poverty guidelines themselves, contact

Kendall Swenson, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 404E.3, Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 20201—telephone: (202) 795–7309—or visit <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/>.

For information about the percentage multiple of the poverty guidelines to be used on immigration forms such as USCIS Form I–864, Affidavit of Support, contact U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at 1–800–375–5283. You also may visit <https://www.uscis.gov/i-864>.

For information about the Hill-Burton Uncompensated Services Program (free or reduced-fee health care services at certain hospitals and other facilities for persons meeting eligibility criteria involving the poverty guidelines), visit <https://www.hrsa.gov/get-health-care/affordable/hill-burton/index.html>.

For information about the number of people in poverty, visit the Poverty section of the Census Bureau’s website at <https://www.census.gov/topics/income-poverty/poverty.html> or contact the Census Bureau’s Customer Service Center at 1–800–923–8282 (toll-free) or visit <https://ask.census.gov> for further information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)) requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to update the poverty guidelines at least annually, adjusting them on the basis of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI–U). The poverty guidelines are used as an eligibility criterion by Medicaid and a number of other federal programs. The *poverty guidelines* issued here are a simplified version of the *poverty thresholds* that the Census Bureau uses to prepare its estimates of the number of individuals and families in poverty.

As required by law, this update is accomplished by increasing the latest published Census Bureau poverty thresholds by the relevant percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI–U). The guidelines in this 2023 notice reflect the 8.0 percent price increase between calendar years 2021 and 2022. After this inflation adjustment, the guidelines are rounded and adjusted to standardize the differences between family sizes. In rare circumstances, the rounding and standardizing adjustments in the formula result in small decreases in the poverty guidelines for some household sizes even when the inflation factor is

not negative. In cases where the year-to-year change in inflation is not negative and the rounding and standardizing adjustments in the formula result in reductions to the guidelines from the previous year for some household sizes, the guidelines for the affected household sizes are fixed at the prior year’s guidelines. As in prior years, these 2023 guidelines are roughly equal to the poverty thresholds for calendar year 2022 which the Census Bureau expects to publish in final form in September 2023.

The poverty guidelines continue to be derived from the Census Bureau’s current official poverty thresholds; they are not derived from the Census Bureau’s Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM).

The following guideline figures represent annual income.

**2023 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1 .....	\$14,580
2 .....	19,720
3 .....	24,860
4 .....	30,000
5 .....	35,140
6 .....	40,280
7 .....	45,420
8 .....	50,560

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,140 for each additional person.

**2023 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR ALASKA**

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1 .....	\$18,210
2 .....	24,640
3 .....	31,070
4 .....	37,500
5 .....	43,930
6 .....	50,360
7 .....	56,790
8 .....	63,220

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$6,430 for each additional person.

**2023 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR HAWAII**

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1 .....	\$16,770
2 .....	22,680
3 .....	28,590
4 .....	34,500