

C. Eligibility for Families at or below 75% of State Median Income

Income eligibility for NC Pre-K is determined by family size and gross income.

| Table 1. 75 % STATE MEDIAN INCOME | |
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| Family Size | 75 Percent State Median Income |
| 1 | \$26,069 |
| 2 | \$34,090 |
| 3 | \$42,112 |
| 4 | \$50,133 |
| 5 | \$58,154 |
| 6 | \$66,176 |
| 7 | \$67,680 |
| 8 | \$69,184 |
| 9 | \$70,688 |
| 10 | \$72,192 |
| 11 | \$73,696 |
| 12 | \$75,200 |
| Effective August 1, 2015 | |

D. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families/Maintenance of Effort

When a child is determined eligible for services, a % of poverty category must be determined (see Table 2), entered on the **NC Pre-K Program Eligibility Form (Scorecard)** and in NC Pre-K Kids and APP. **This information will be used for the purposes of meeting TANF/MOE requirements and will not affect eligibility determination.**

| Table 2. Determining Percent of Poverty Category for TANF/MOE Reporting | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|----------|----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Family Size | Federal Poverty | 130% | 150% | 185% | 200% | 250% | 300% |
| 1 | \$11,770 | \$15,301 | \$17,655 | \$21,775 | \$23,540 | \$29,425 | \$35,310 |
| 2 | \$15,930 | \$20,709 | \$23,895 | \$29,471 | \$31,860 | \$39,825 | \$47,790 |
| 3 | \$20,090 | \$26,117 | \$30,135 | \$37,167 | \$40,180 | \$50,225 | \$60,270 |
| 4 | \$24,250 | \$31,525 | \$36,375 | \$44,863 | \$48,500 | \$60,625 | \$72,750 |
| 5 | \$28,410 | \$36,933 | \$42,615 | \$52,559 | \$56,820 | \$71,025 | \$85,230 |
| 6 | \$32,570 | \$42,341 | \$48,855 | \$60,255 | \$65,140 | \$81,425 | \$97,710 |
| 7 | \$36,730 | \$47,749 | \$55,095 | \$67,951 | \$73,460 | \$91,825 | \$110,190 |
| 8 | \$40,890 | \$53,157 | \$61,335 | \$75,647 | \$81,780 | \$102,225 | \$122,670 |
| 9 | \$45,050 | \$58,565 | \$67,575 | \$83,343 | \$90,100 | \$112,625 | \$135,150 |
| 10 | \$49,210 | \$63,973 | \$73,815 | \$91,039 | \$98,420 | \$123,025 | \$147,630 |
| 11 | \$53,370 | \$69,381 | \$80,055 | \$98,735 | \$106,740 | \$133,425 | \$160,110 |
| 12 | \$57,530 | \$74,789 | \$86,295 | \$106,431 | \$115,060 | \$143,825 | \$172,590 |
| *Based on 2015 Federal Poverty Levels | | | | Revised July 2015 | | | |

E. Definitions and Recommended Documentation for Verification

During the application process, at a minimum, the items and documentation identified in the chart below must be collected for each child and family. This information will serve two purposes: (1) to determine NC Pre-K eligibility and (2) for the state to determine TANF (Temporary Aid to Needy Families) and CCDF (Child Care and Development Fund) Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and matching contributions.

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| Data Element | Parent, guardian or caregiver statement substantiated by parent, guardian or caregiver signature is required for family size and kinship. (e.g., signed and dated NC Pre-K Child Application) |
| Child's Name | Parent, guardian or caregiver statement |
| Birth Date | Child's birth certificate, medical records, immunization records or recorded in Family Bible |
| Child's SS # | Verification of child's social security number, if applicable |
| County | County of child's residence as documented on NC Pre-K Child Application |
| Military Status | Military Member's leave and earnings statement |
| Kinship (signature required) | <p>Kinship is established when the child in care lives with an adult blood relative or with a non-relative who has legal custody or guardianship*. If child is living with non-relatives or other adults that have legal custody or guardianship, guardian must present a <u>legal document</u> verifying they have <u>legal custody</u> or <u>guardianship</u>*.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A parent which includes a natural mother or father, a legal mother or father or adoptive parent(s) after issuance of the final order of adoption. 2. Alleged mother or father or other alleged maternal or paternal relative. 3. A blood or half-blood relative or adoptive relative limited to brother, sister, grandparent, great-grandparent, great-great-grandparent, uncle or aunt, great-uncle or aunt, great-great-uncle or aunt, nephew, niece or first cousin. 4. A step relative limited to stepparent, stepbrother and stepsister. 5. Spouses of anyone in the above groups, even after the marriage has been terminated by death or divorce. 6. Other adults who have legal custody or guardianship of a child. Foster parents do not have legal custody or guardianship. Custody remains with the Department of Social Services. |
| Family Size (signature required) (Number in Family: parents, stepparents, all siblings) | <p>Include the following individuals living in the child's home:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The NC Pre-K child plus all minor brothers and sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters, stepbrothers and stepsisters. 2. Parents and stepparents of these children. 3. Incarcerated or institutionalized individuals are <u>not</u> included. 4. If a child is living with a relative such as a grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc., or another individual and these adult(s) are caregivers or have legal custody, then the family size consists of the NC Pre-K child, plus all minor brothers and sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters, stepbrothers and stepsisters living in the same household. The adults are not included, nor are the children of these adults counted. 5. If a child is living with a relative such as a grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc., or another individual and these adult(s) have legal guardianship*, then the family size consists of the NC Pre-K child, plus all minor brothers and sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters, stepbrothers and stepsisters living in the same household. The adults and children of these adults are counted as well. |
| Family Income (To convert weekly income to annual, multiply weekly by 4.3 to obtain monthly, then by 12 for annual.) | <p>Count parent or stepparent's regular gross income (documentation required).</p> <p>Regular gross income may include regular employment, income earned through sales commissions averaged over several months, regular employment through a temporary employment agency, child support payments, alimony payments, workman's compensation and retirement/disability benefit income.</p> <p>Excluded from regular gross income are parent, stepparent and child Supplemental Security Income, adoptive assistance, foster care payments and irregular income (e.g., over-time, temporary unemployment pay, Work First, Food Stamps, student loans).</p> <p>If legal custodian, or other caregiver, only count the child's income including Social Security Income and Child Support Payments. Do not count Supplemental Security Income. Count income from any <u>minor</u> siblings living in the home.</p> <p>If legal guardian* count the adult's income and child's income including Social Security Income and Child Support Payments. Count income from any <u>minor</u> siblings living in the home. Do not count Supplemental Security Income.</p> |

* Guardians are only counted in the family unit, and their income is counted, only if both biological parents are deceased or their parental rights have been terminated by the court.