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2019 City and Township Poverty Exemption Guidelines

Poverty exemptions will allow eligible homeowners a one year property tax exemption granted by their city or township Board of Review.

- Poverty Exemption must be filed for annually.
- Homeowners must be below the **poverty guideline** set by their city or township Board of Review (see chart below, call local assessing unit for more details).
- The owner of the property must be its **principal resident**.
- Applications for poverty exemption must be submitted before the last day of the Board of Review.

CITY OR TOWNSHIP	Phone Number	POVERTY GUIDELINE 1 PPL (MAX INCOME)	POVERTY GUIDELINE 2 PPL (MAX INCOME)	POVERTY GUIDELINE 4 PPL (MAX INCOME)
City of Ann Arbor	734-994-2663	24,280	29,032	38,536
City of Chelsea	734-475-1771	22,459	30,451	46,435
City of Dexter	734-426-8303	24,280	32,920	50,200
City of Milan	734-439-0580	15,615	21,140	32,190
City of Saline	734-429-4907	22,785	30,518	45,984
City of Ypsilanti	734-483-1530	12,140	16,460	25,100
Ann Arbor Township	734-663-8540	12,140	16,460	25,100
Augusta Township	810-531-7276	20,300	27,500	41,700
Bridgewater Township	517-505-1462	12,140	16,460	25,100
Dexter Township	734-426-3767	17,603	23,044	32,630
Freedom Township	734-222-6662	12,140	16,460	25,100
Lima Township	734-475-2246	12,140	16,460	25,100
Lodi Township	734-665-7583	12,140	16,460	25,100
Lyndon Township	734-433-9724	22,459	30,451	46,435
Manchester Township	734-433-9724	22,459	30,451	46,435
Northfield Township	734-449-2880	13,961	18,929	28,865
Pittsfield Township	734-822-3116	19,100	25,100	37,200
Salem Township	248-912-6736	14,100	19,150	29,400
Saline Township	734-222-6050	12,140	16,460	25,100
Scio Township	734-369-9400	24,280	28,600	37,240
Sharon Township	734-428-7591	15,615	21,135	32,190
Superior Township	734-482-6099	22,000	27,000	37,000
Sylvan Township	734-475-8890	22,459	30,451	46,435
Webster Township	734-426-5103	24,280	28,600	37,240
York Township	734-439-8842	18,824	21,639	27,202
Ypsilanti Township	734-487-4927	19,500	22,300	27,850
HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines*		12,140	16,460	25,100

<https://aspe.hhs.gov/2018-poverty-guidelines>



Lower Your Property Tax Bill with a Poverty Exemption

Michigan law (MCL 211.7u) provides for a reduction in property taxes for eligible, low-income homeowners. Every city, village, and township must offer an application process and set eligibility requirements that are no more restrictive than the federal poverty guidelines.

Contact your local assessor to request a poverty exemption application and instructions. You can expect to be asked for the following:

- Proof that you own the property as your principal residence (having a mortgage is okay)
- Documentation of your income and the income of other members of your household. Copies of your most recent income tax return are best. If you are not required to file income taxes, you may complete an exemption affidavit.
- Information about other bank accounts and other assets that you might own.
- Information about the other members of your household.

Submit your application for the Board of Review. **Hearings are held in March, July, and December.** Ask your local assessor when your application materials are due. Poverty exemptions or reductions are for one year at a time so you will need to apply every year if you are eligible.

Other Options for Lowering Your Property Tax Bill

Seniors and certain disabled homeowners may be eligible for a [deferment](#) which allows them to pay their property taxes by a later deadline without additional fees or interest.

Disabled veterans may be eligible for a complete exemption of property taxes under Public Act 161 of 2013. Your local assessor or veterans' service agency can give you more information about this program.

Many homeowners are eligible for a **property tax credit** on their Michigan income taxes. [Free income tax preparation assistance](#) is available for seniors and low/limited incomes.

If you believe your property assessment value is too high, you can [appeal the value](#) at the March Board of Review hearing.

The best source of information about poverty exemptions, disabled veterans exemptions, and assessment appeals is your local city, village or township assessor's office. We have provided contact information on the other side.