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## 2021 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	28,072	37,928	57,640
City of Chelsea	734-475-1771	23,606	31,894	48,470
City of Dexter	734-426-8303	28,072	37,928	57,640
City of Milan	734-439-0580	12,760	17,240	26,200
City of Saline	734-429-4907	23,107	31,284	47,638
City of Ypsilanti	734-483-1530	12,760	17,240	26,200
Ann Arbor Township	734-663-8540	12,760	17,240	26,200
Augusta Township	734-461-6117	21,200	28,600	43,400
Bridgewater Township	517-505-1462	12,760	17,240	26,200
Dexter Township	734-426-3767	19,140	25,860	39,300
Freedom Township	734-222-6662	23,606	31,894	48,470
Lima Township	734-475-2246	12,760	17,240	26,200
Lodi Township	734-665-7583	19,140	25,860	39,300
Lyndon Township	734-475-2401	23,606	31,894	48,470
Manchester Township	734-433-9724	23,107	31,284	47,638
Northfield Township	734-449-2880	12,760	17,240	26,200
Pittsfield Township	734-822-3116	23,606	31,849	48,470
Salem Township	248-349-1960	14,800	20,000	30,400
Saline Township	734-222-6050	12,760	17,240	26,200
Scio Township	734-369-9400	25,520	30,000	38,960
Sharon Township	734-428-7591	15,950	21,550	32,750
Superior Township	734-482-6099	22,000	27,000	37,000
Sylvan Township	734-475-8890	23,606	31,894	48,470
Webster Township	734-426-5103	25,520	30,000	38,960
York Township	734-439-8842	19,140	20,688	28,820
Ypsilanti Township	734-487-4927	21,350	24,400	30,450
HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines*		12,760	17,240	26,200

<https://aspe.hhs.gov/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.**

**Applications are also available at [washtenaw.org/2339/Poverty-Exemptions](https://washtenaw.org/2339/Poverty-Exemptions)**

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. Contact your city or township Treasurer for an application.

**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: [washtenaw.org/2351/Income-Tax-Assistance](https://washtenaw.org/2351/Income-Tax-Assistance)

If you believe your property assessment value is too high, you can appeal the value at the March Board of Review hearing: [washtenaw.org/2347/Appeal-Your-Assessment](https://washtenaw.org/2347/Appeal-Your-Assessment)

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.