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## 2023 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	29,898	40,282	61,050
City of Chelsea	734-475-1771	25,142	33,874	51,338
City of Dexter	734-426-8303	29,898	40,282	61,050
City of Milan	734-439-0580	13,590	18,310	27,750
City of Saline	734-429-4907	25,142	33,874	51,338
City of Ypsilanti	734-483-1530	24,750	28,290	31,980
Ann Arbor Township	734-663-8540	20,385	27,465	41,175
Augusta Township	734-461-6117	22,000	26,800	36,400
Bridgewater Township	517-505-1462	13,590	18,310	27,750
Dexter Township	734-426-3767	20,385	27,465	41,625
Freedom Township	734-222-6662	13,590	18,310	27,750
Lima Township	734-475-2246	20,385	27,465	41,625
Lodi Township	734-665-7583	16,988	22,298	34,688
Lyndon Township	734-475-2401	25,142	33,874	51,338
Manchester Township	734-433-9724	25,142	33,874	51,338
Northfield Township	734-449-2880	13,590	18,310	27,750
Pittsfield Township	734-822-3116	25,142	33,874	51,338
Salem Township	248-349-1960	15,800	21,200	32,200
Saline Township	734-222-6050	25,142	33,874	51,338
Scio Township	734-369-9400	27,180	36,620	55,500
Sharon Township	734-428-7591	16,988	22,298	34,688
Superior Township	734-482-6099	25,142	30,142	40,142
Sylvan Township	734-475-8890	25,142	33,874	51,338
Webster Township	734-426-5103	27,180	36,620	55,500
York Township	734-439-8842	20,385	25,105	34,545
Ypsilanti Township	734-487-4927	24,750	28,300	35,350
HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines*		13,590	18,310	27,750

<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.