

Definitions: [24 CFR 5.100](#), [24 CFR 5.403](#) and [24 CFR 5.603](#)

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Description	CFR	Definition
Earned Income	24 CFR 5.100	Income or earnings from wages, tips, salaries, other employee compensation, and net income from self-employment. Earned income does not include any pension or annuity, payments made or income received in which no goods or services are being paid for, such as welfare, social security, and governmental subsidies for certain benefits, or any cash or in-kind benefits.
Unearned Income	24 CFR 5.100	Any annual income, as calculated under § 5.609 , that is not earned income.
Family	24 CFR 5.403	Includes, but is not limited to, the following, regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status: (1) A single person, who may be: (i) An elderly person, displaced person, disabled person, near-elderly person, or any other single person; (ii) An otherwise eligible youth who has attained at least 18 years of age and not more than 24 years of age and who has left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days. (2) A group of persons residing together, and such group includes, but is not limited to: (i) A family with or without children (a child who is temporarily away from the home because of placement in foster care is considered a member of the family), an elderly family, a near-elderly family, a disabled family, a displaced family and the remaining member of a tenant family.
Day Laborer	24 CFR 5.603	An individual hired and paid one day at a time without an agreement that the individual will be hired or work again in the future.
Independent Contractor	24 CFR 5.603	An individual who qualifies as an independent contractor instead of an employee in accordance with the IRS Code Federal income tax requirements and whose earnings are consequently subject to the Self-Employment Tax. In general, an individual is an independent contractor if the payer has the right to control or direct only the result of the work and not what will be done and how it will be done.
Seasonal Worker	24 CFR 5.603	An individual who is hired into a short-term position and the employment begins about the same time each year (such as summer or winter). Typically, the individual is hired to address seasonal demands that arise for the particular employer or industry.
Dependent	24 CFR 5.603	A member of the family (which excludes foster children and foster adults) other than the family head or spouse who is under 18 years of age, or is a person with a disability, or is a full-time student.
Foster Child	24 CFR 5.603	A member of the household who meets the definition of a foster child under State law. In general, a foster child is placed with the family by an authorized placement agency (<i>e.g.</i> , public child welfare agency) or by judgment, decree, or other order of any court of competent jurisdiction.
Foster Adult	24 CFR 5.603	A member of the household who is 18 years of age or older and meets the definition of a foster adult under State law. In general, a foster adult is a person who is 18 years of age or older, is unable to live independently due to a debilitating physical or mental condition and is placed with the family by an authorized placement agency or by judgment, decree, or other order of any court of competent jurisdiction.
Health and Medical Expenses	24 CFR 5.603	Health and medical care expenses are any costs incurred in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease or payments for treatments affecting any structure or function of the body. Health and medical care expenses include medical insurance premiums and long-term care premiums that are paid or anticipated during the period for which annual income is computed.