

APPENDIX A

INCOME DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are used to define income levels:

- Very Low-Income: 31 to 50 percent of the Shasta County Median Income
- Low-Income: 51 to 80 percent of the Shasta County Median Income
- Moderate-Income: 81 to 120 percent of the Shasta County Median Income
- Above-Moderate-Income: More than 120 percent of the Shasta County Median Income

Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) estimates median family incomes for each urban area and county in the country. Based on the estimate, HUD revises its guidelines for income levels by household size. The California Department of Housing and Community Development uses these federal income guidelines to define income levels by household size in California. Table D-1 contains the 2002 income guidelines.

Number of Persons in Family

Income Group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Very low income	\$13,700	\$15,700	\$17,650	\$19,600	\$21,150	\$22,750	\$24,300	\$25,850
Lower income	\$21,950	\$25,100	\$28,200	\$31,350	\$33,850	\$36,400	\$38,900	\$41,400
Median income	\$27,450	\$31,350	\$35,300	\$39,200	\$42,350	\$45,450	\$48,600	\$51,750
Moderate income	\$32,950	\$37,650	\$42,350	\$47,050	\$50,800	\$54,600	\$58,350	\$62,100

Source: Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information, 2001 Lower Living Income Levels and Poverty Guidelines for California Counties

Notes:

Shasta County Median: \$39,300. Higher income limits apply to families with more than eight persons. For all income groups, the income limits for families larger than eight persons are determined as follows: for each person in excess of eight, add eight percent of the four-person income limit base to the eight-person limit, and round the answer to the nearest \$50. For example, the nine-person very low income limit for Shasta County is \$28,000. ($\$25,850 \times .08 = \$2,068$; $\$25,850 + \$2,068 = \$27,918$; $\$27,918$ rounded = $\$28,000$)