

Hi, Bob

The estimates I calculated were as follows:

In 1989, 8.5 percent of WA household incomes were \$75,000 or more, thus the schedule was advisory for approximately 8.5 percent of WA households.

In 1999, 24.2 percent of WA household incomes were \$75,000 or more, such that the schedule is now advisory for approximately 24 percent of WA households.

Of course, these are not exact figures. For one thing, I had to translate "net" into "gross" income. My adjustment (net = 72 percent of gross) was based on figures from the FinalGrant205.pdf on the DCS website, pg. 61. The income figures came from the Census Bureau which provides the percent of Washington State's households at different income levels. (That's a messy web site address for me to copy -- let me know if you want me to fax you the two tables - 1989 and 1999 - that I used.)

Hope that helps!

All the best,
Kate

From: Shirley, Bob (DSHS/DCS) [mailto:shirlrb@dshs.wa.gov]
Sent: Wed 3/5/2008 8:06 AM
To: Kate J Stirling
Subject: RE: : Percent of Families to Which the WA Support Schedule Applied in 1988-89 -- when do you need this?

Kate – I understand completely. I am in no hurry; anytime that is convenient for you will still assist me very much.

Thank you.

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From: Kate J Stirling [mailto:stirling@ups.edu]
Sent: Monday, March 03, 2008 8:03 PM
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Subject: : Percent of Families to Which the WA Support Schedule Applied in 1988-89 -- when do you need this?

Hi, Bob

Well, that month just flew by! It's been a very busy one, so now I'm wondering when do you need this? This week is still pretty busy, but mid-March is eminently reasonable (it'll be Spring Break!).

Kate

From: Shirley, Bob (DSHS/DCS [mailto:shirlrb@dshs.wa.gov])
Sent: Fri 2/1/2008 3:25 PM
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Subject: Percent of Families to Which the WA Support Schedule Applied in 1988-89

Kate – Thank you again for offering to respond to my question.

To jog your memory a month from now...

From p. 24 of the January 2006 report:

“A subcommittee ...recommended the combined net income presumptive amount be raised to \$12,000. This was in part to cover approximately the same number of parents in the presumptive part of the schedule that the economic table covered as when the current \$5,000 combined net income cap was instituted.”

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