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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Works Committee

DATE: 2-11-05

RE: Information on Income/Poverty Levels

I have attached to this memo what information that I have been able to gather pursuant to Alderman French's request for income and poverty level figures. In most cases the smallest unit I could find information for was Pennington County. The median income in Pennington County according to the US Census Bureau is \$37,728. The Census Bureau figures indicate that 12.5% or 11,332 Pennington County residents live in poverty. These are based on the 2002 numbers which were the most recent that I could obtain. I have attached the 2004 poverty thresholds used by the Census Bureau to give you some idea of what the numbers represent. I have also attached the Health and Human Services Federal Poverty Guidelines for you to review. These guidelines are the guidelines the State uses for its energy assistance program and for the Food Tax Refund Program. The State's energy assistance program provides aid to those at 160% of the poverty level and the food tax program provides aid to those at up to 150% of the poverty level.

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**U.S. Census Bureau****Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates  
Annual Estimates for States, Counties & School Districts****estimates for south dakota counties, 2002****All ages in poverty, 2002**

ID	State and County	Number	90% Confidence Interval	Percent	90% Confidence Interval
46103	Pennington County	11,332	8,855 to 13,809	12.5	9.7 to 15.2

**Median household income, in dollars, 2002**

ID	State and County	Estimate	90% Confidence Interval
46103	Pennington County	37,728	35,447 to 40,155

Final release date for these estimates: December 2004

There is uncertainty associated with all estimates in this program. Where possible, we quantify this uncertainty through confidence intervals (please see a basic explanation of confidence intervals).

Before attempting to compare census estimates and model-based estimates, model-based estimates for the same county in different years, model-based estimates for the same state in different years, or model-based estimates for different counties in the same year, please see the General Cautions page.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division, Small Area Estimates Branch  
For assistance, please contact our information line at 301-763-INFO (4636)

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**U.S. Census Bureau****Poverty Thresholds 2004***(Use landscape & legal printer options to print this table)*

Poverty Thresholds for 2004 by Size of Family and Number of Related Children Under 18 Years

Size of family unit	Related children under 18 years						
	None	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
One person (unrelated individual)....							
Under 65 years.....	9,827						
65 years and over.....	9,060						
Two persons.....							
Householder under 65 years.....	12,649	13,020					
Householder 65 years and over.....	11,418	12,971					
Three persons.....	14,776	15,205	15,219				
Four persons.....	19,484	19,803	19,157	19,223			
Five persons.....	23,497	23,838	23,108	22,543	22,199		
Six persons.....	27,025	27,133	26,573	26,037	25,241	24,768	
Seven persons.....	31,096	31,290	30,621	30,154	29,285	28,271	
Eight persons.....	34,778	35,086	34,454	33,901	33,115	32,119	
Nine persons or more.....	41,836	42,039	41,480	41,010	40,240	39,179	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

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**2004 HHS Poverty Guidelines**

For All States (Except Alaska and Hawaii) and for the District of Columbia

<b>Size of family unit</b>	<b>100 Percent of Poverty</b>	<b>110 Percent of Poverty</b>	<b>125 Percent of Poverty</b>	<b>150 Percent of Poverty</b>	<b>160 Percent of Poverty</b>	<b>175 Percent of Poverty</b>
1	\$9,310	\$10,241	\$11,638	\$13,965	\$14,896	\$16,293
2	\$12,490	\$13,739	\$15,613	\$18,735	\$19,984	\$21,858
3	\$15,670	\$17,237	\$19,588	\$23,505	\$25,072	\$27,423
4	\$18,850	\$20,735	\$23,566	\$28,275	\$30,160	\$32,988
5	\$22,030	\$24,233	\$27,538	\$33,045	\$35,248	\$38,553
6	\$25,210	\$27,731	\$31,513	\$37,815	\$40,336	\$44,118
7	\$28,390	\$31,229	\$35,488	\$42,585	\$45,424	\$49,683
8	\$31,570	\$34,727	\$39,463	\$47,355	\$50,512	\$55,248

For family units with more than 8 members, add \$3,180 for each additional member.

Note: For optional use in FFY 2004 and mandatory use in FFY 2005