



Latest Poverty Lines by Afghanistan Provinces, March 2026

Poverty lines (PL) are in Afghanis (AFN) per person per month.

Province	Food PL (AFN)	Non-food PL (AFN)	Total PL (AFN)
Afghanistan (national average)	1,713	1,100	2,813
Badakhshan - Rural	1,713	532	2,245
Badakhshan - Urban	1,713	1,128	2,841
Badghis - Rural	1,713	618	2,331
Badghis - Urban	1,713	1,421	3,134
Baghlan - Rural	1,713	536	2,249
Baghlan - Urban	1,713	1,135	2,848
Balkh - Rural	1,713	840	2,553
Balkh - Urban	1,713	1,826	3,539
Bamyan - Rural	1,713	417	2,130
Daykundi - Rural	1,713	461	2,174
Farah - Rural	1,713	618	2,331
Farah - Urban	1,713	1,421	3,134
Faryab - Rural	1,713	654	2,367
Faryab - Urban	1,713	1,422	3,135
Ghazni - Rural	1,713	494	2,207
Ghor - Rural	1,713	498	2,211
Helmand - Rural	1,713	1,069	2,782
Helmand - Urban	1,713	1,555	3,268
Herat - Rural	1,713	618	2,331
Herat - Urban	1,713	1,421	3,134
Jawzjan - Rural	1,713	658	2,371
Jawzjan - Urban	1,713	1,431	3,144
Kabul - Rural	1,713	994	2,707
Kabul - Urban	1,713	2,475	4,188
Kandahar - Rural	1,713	979	2,692
Kandahar - Urban	1,713	1,424	3,137
Kapisa - Rural	1,713	856	2,569
Kapisa - Urban	1,713	2,131	3,844
Khost - Rural	1,713	702	2,415
Kunar - Rural	1,713	649	2,362
Kunar - Urban	1,713	1,866	3,579
Kunduz - Rural	1,713	561	2,274
Kunduz - Urban	1,713	1,189	2,902
Laghman - Rural	1,713	649	2,362
Laghman - Urban	1,713	1,866	3,579

Province	Food PL (AFN)	Non-food PL (AFN)	Total PL (AFN)
Logar - Rural	1,713	916	2,629
Logar - Urban	1,713	2,282	3,995
Nangarhar - Rural	1,713	649	2,362
Nangarhar - Urban	1,713	1,866	3,579
Nimroz - Rural	1,713	1,028	2,741
Nimroz - Urban	1,713	1,496	3,209
Nuristan - Rural	1,713	649	2,362
Nuristan - Urban	1,713	1,866	3,579
Paktia - Rural	1,713	822	2,535
Paktika - Rural	1,713	671	2,384
Panjsher - Rural	1,713	916	2,629
Panjsher - Urban	1,713	2,282	3,995
Parwan - Rural	1,713	894	2,607
Parwan - Urban	1,713	2,227	3,940
Samangan - Rural	1,713	724	2,437
Samangan - Urban	1,713	1,575	3,288
Sar-e-Pul - Rural	1,713	739	2,452
Sar-e-Pul - Urban	1,713	1,608	3,321
Takhar - Rural	1,713	545	2,258
Takhar - Urban	1,713	1,154	2,867
Uruzgan - Rural	1,713	1,028	2,741
Uruzgan - Urban	1,713	1,496	3,209
Wardak - Rural	1,713	916	2,629
Wardak - Urban	1,713	2,282	3,995
Zabul - Rural	1,713	1,028	2,741
Zabul - Urban	1,713	1,496	3,209

Food poverty line is uniform across provinces (anchored to Kabul prices, updated with Kabul food CPI). Non-food poverty line varies by 14 areas (region x urban/rural residence combinations), updated with province-level non-food CPI. NSIA splits provinces into eight regions. Two regions only have rural areas (South and West-Central). Values rounded to the nearest Afghani.



Methodology

Baseline poverty lines

Poverty lines are drawn from Afghanistan's Income, Expenditure and Labour Force Survey 2020 (IE&LFS; 2020), conducted by the National Statistics and Information Authority (NSIA) and the World Bank. Poverty lines are estimated per person per month. The food poverty line is set at the cost of obtaining 2,100 kcal per person per day from a reference basket reflecting actual Afghan food consumption, priced at Central Urban (Kabul) prices in Q1 2019 (October–December 2019). Its value was AFN 1,330 per person per month. Non-food poverty lines are area-specific (14 areas covering 8 regions × urban/rural residence) and priced in Q1 2019 (October–December 2019) prices at the time of the survey (IE&LFS; 2020). South and West Central regions are classified as rural-only and have no urban poverty line. As NSIA publishes CPI data only for 20 provinces, we fill missing provinces' CPI with average provincial CPI by region.

Updating to current prices

The food poverty line is updated monthly using the Kabul food CPI (NSIA), maintaining consistency with the Kabul price base of the original survey. The non-food poverty line for each area's associated provinces is updated using province-level non-food CPI from NSIA, hence preserving the spatial variation estimated in 2019–2020. This approach produces a total poverty line per person per month in current Afghani for each province × urban/rural residence combination.

Interpretation

The total poverty line represents the minimum monthly expenditure per person needed to meet basic food and non-food needs in each province and residence type. To estimate a household transfer value, multiply the per-person total poverty line by household size. Upward adjustments for vulnerable households (female-headed, displaced, disabled, returnee, refugee, disaster-affected, carrying debt) can be applied using our online calculator at <https://dataforafghanistan.org/aidtoolkit/>

Data sources

IE&LFS; 2020 poverty line baselines, NSIA. Monthly food and non-food CPI by province, NSIA.

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