



Division of Reemployment Services

Notice

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TO

- Local Chief Elected Officials (CEOs)
- Local Workforce Development Boards (Local Boards)
- Local Workforce Development Area administrative entity staff (Admin Entity Staff)
- Local Workforce Development Area WIOA¹ Title I adult and youth program leadership (Adult and Youth Program Service Providers)

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SUBJECT

Guidelines for income-based eligibility determinations for WIOA Title I adult and youth programs

¹ WIOA refers to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014.

PURPOSE

To provide CEOs, Local Boards, Admin Entity Staff, and Adult and Youth Program Service Providers with current guidelines for income-based eligibility determinations for WIOA Title I adult and youth programs

CHANGES

Table 1 has been revised to reflect current family income thresholds for determining low-income status for potential Title I adult and youth program participants residing in Nebraska's metro and non-metro areas.

ACTION

Effective June 23, 2023, income guidelines described in this notice must be used by Adult and Youth Program Service Providers to determine whether potential program participants are *low-income individuals* for purposes of income-based eligibility determinations for Title I adult and youth programs. WIOA Sec. 3(36)(A)(ii) defines a *low-income individual* as an individual whose total annual family income does not exceed the higher of:

- the Federal poverty line;² or
- 70 percent of the lower living standard income level (LLSIL).³

Admin Entity Staff and Adult and Youth Program Service Providers must provide the information in this notice to adult and youth program case managers to ensure compliant income-based eligibility determinations for Title I adult and youth programs.

NOTICE

The US Department of Health and Human Services published 2023 poverty-level guidelines in the Federal Register on January 19, 2023, Vol. 88, No. 12 (pages 3,424 – 3,425). The US Department of Labor (USDOL) subsequently announced the availability guidelines in the Federal Register on May 8, 2023, Vol. 88, No. 88 (pages 29,694 – 29,696) concerning LLSILs for 2023, which are accessible at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/llsil>.

² The US Department of Health and Human services annually publishes poverty-level guidelines based on family size (i.e., poverty levels).

³ US Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration, “Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) 2023 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL),” <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-05-08/pdf/2023-09662.pdf> [accessed June 22, 2023]

Table 1 provides income guidelines Adult and Youth Program Staff must follow when determining income-based eligibility for Title I youth and adult programs. In other words, a potential Title I adult or youth program participant is a *low-income individual* if they are in a family with total family income that does not exceed the amounts listed in Table 1, based on the individual's geographic residence. Refer to the footnotes at the bottom of this page to determine whether a potential Title I adult or youth participant resides in a non-metropolitan area or an MSA (metropolitan statistical area).

Table 1. Income guidelines for income-based eligibility determinations for Title I adult and youth programs

Size of Family	Nebraska non-metropolitan areas	Omaha–Council Bluffs MSA ⁴	Lincoln MSA ⁵	Grand Island MSA ⁶	Sioux City MSA ⁷
1	\$14,580	\$14,580	\$14,580	\$14,580	\$14,580
2	\$19,720	\$19,720	\$19,720	\$19,720	\$19,720
3	\$24,860	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
4	\$30,000	\$30,863	\$30,863	\$30,863	\$30,863
5	\$35,140	\$36,419	\$36,419	\$36,419	\$36,419
6	\$40,889	\$42,600	\$42,600	\$42,600	\$42,600
7 or more	add \$5,749 for each additional family member	add \$6,181 for each additional family member	add \$6,181 for each additional family member	add \$6,181 for each additional family member	add \$6,181 for each additional family member

⁴ Omaha–Council Bluffs MSA includes Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders, and Washington Counties in Nebraska and Harrison, Mills, and Pottawattamie Counties in Iowa (Nebraska Department of Labor, Geography Maps, “Nebraska Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)”)

https://networks.nebraska.gov/admin/gsipub/htmlarea/uploads/Map_NebraskaMSA.pdf [accessed June 22, 2023]

⁵ Lincoln MSA includes Lancaster and Seward Counties in Nebraska (Nebraska Department of Labor, Geography Maps, “Nebraska Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)”)

https://networks.nebraska.gov/admin/gsipub/htmlarea/uploads/Map_NebraskaMSA.pdf [accessed June 22, 2023]

⁶ Grand Island MSA includes Hall, Hamilton, Howard, and Merrick Counties in Nebraska (Nebraska Department of Labor, Geography Maps, “Nebraska Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)”)

https://networks.nebraska.gov/admin/gsipub/htmlarea/uploads/Map_NebraskaMSA.pdf [accessed June 22, 2023]

⁷ Sioux City MSA includes Dakota and Dixon Counties in Nebraska, Union County in South Dakota, and Woodbury County in Iowa (United States Census Bureau, “Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas of the United States and Puerto Rico”), https://www2.census.gov/geo/maps/metroarea/us_wall/Mar2020/CBSA_WallMap_Mar2020.pdf [accessed June 22, 2023]