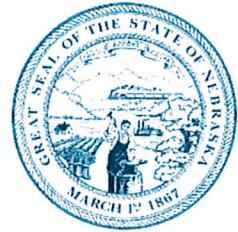


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Notice

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	Effective date July 31, 2026
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TO

Chief Elected Officials
Local Workforce Development Boards
Local Workforce Development Area Administrative Entity Staff
Local Workforce Development Area Title I Youth Program Staff

FROM

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SUBJECT

High-poverty areas

PURPOSE

To provide chief elected officials, local boards, and local area staff with the current list of high-poverty areas to be used when determining an individual's eligibility for a WIOA Title I youth program based on residence in a high-poverty area census tract.

ACTION

Effective July 31, 2026, the list of high-poverty areas provided in this notice must be used when determining an individual's eligibility for a WIOA Title I youth program based on residence in a high-poverty area census tract.

NOTICE

Pursuant to 20 CFR §§ 681.250(d) and 681.260, an individual living in a high-poverty area census tract is automatically considered a low-income individual for purposes of determining eligibility for the youth program.

A *high-poverty area*, as it relates to youth program eligibility, is a census tract, a set of contiguous census tracts, a county, an American Indian Reservation, Oklahoma Tribal Statistical Area (as defined by the US Census Bureau), Alaska Native Village Statistical Area or Alaska Native Regional Corporation Area, Native Hawaiian Homeland Area, or other tribal land as defined by the Secretary of Labor in guidance, that has a poverty rate of at least 25 percent, as set every five years using American Community Survey 5-year data. The entirety of the geographic areas of the Omaha, Pine Ridge, and Santee Reservations are considered high-poverty areas, in addition to the Census tracts listed in Table 1¹.

Table 1. Nebraska high-poverty areas by census tract and county

Census tract #	County	Total estimated census tract population #	Total estimated population below poverty level #	Total estimated population below poverty level %
9661	Adams County	1775	543	30.60%
74.73	Douglas County	371	246	66.30%
29	Douglas County	5886	2943	50.00%
53	Douglas County	2832	1295	45.70%
16	Douglas County	1214	554	45.60%
61.01	Douglas County	2748	1243	45.20%
6	Douglas County	1274	560	44.00%
52	Douglas County	1730	662	38.30%
12	Douglas County	4603	1754	38.10%
34.01	Douglas County	3775	1333	35.30%
49	Douglas County	4789	1666	34.80%
59.01	Douglas County	2641	910	34.50%
3	Douglas County	2762	933	33.80%
65.06	Douglas County	3326	1125	33.80%
62.02	Douglas County	5299	1725	32.60%
5	Douglas County	2394	762	31.80%
61.02	Douglas County	4464	1411	31.60%
19	Douglas County	1807	569	31.50%
20	Douglas County	3760	1136	30.20%

¹ <https://ina.workforcegps.org/resources/2024/01/30/14/45/Youth-Program-Poverty-Guidelines>

Census tract #	County	Total estimated census tract population #	Total estimated population below poverty level #	Total estimated population below poverty level %
60	Douglas County	4474	1324	29.60%
11	Douglas County	2710	776	28.60%
7	Douglas County	1113	311	27.90%
40	Douglas County	3280	906	27.60%
51	Douglas County	2388	648	27.10%
68.06	Douglas County	2291	620	27.10%
28	Douglas County	3383	908	26.80%
65.04	Douglas County	3701	990	26.70%
21	Douglas County	2405	602	25.00%
70.01	Douglas County	4452	1114	25.00%
2	Hall County	5295	1609	30.40%
11	Hall County	4609	1191	25.80%
9638	Jefferson County	1237	429	34.70%
35	Lancaster County	39	26	66.70%
6	Lancaster County	457	291	63.70%
18	Lancaster County	2935	1665	56.70%
19	Lancaster County	1710	946	55.30%
5	Lancaster County	2572	1036	40.30%
20.02	Lancaster County	2851	1095	38.40%
4	Lancaster County	5426	1676	30.90%
8	Lancaster County	3980	1100	27.60%
21	Lancaster County	2428	669	27.60%
20.01	Lancaster County	2360	610	25.80%
9607	Madison County	2968	749	25.20%
9537	Scotts Bluff County	3506	1232	35.10%

Source: data.census.gov American Community Survey 2024: ACS 5-Year Estimates Table

Local Title I youth program staff may identify the census tract for an individual's residential address using the Census Geocoder.²

² The Census Geocoder is accessible at <https://geocoding.geo.census.gov/geocoder/geographies/address?form>. Instructions for using the Geocoder are accessible at <https://www2.census.gov/data/api-documentation/Address%20Search%20-%20Geocoder%20and%20TIGERweb/How%20to%20Find%20Geo%20Info%20from%20Address.pdf>.