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# **Division of Reemployment Services**

# **Notice**

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## TO

Chief Elected Officials Local Workforce Development Boards Local Workforce Development Area Administrative Entities

#### **FROM**

John H. Albin Commissioner/State WIOA Liaison Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL)

#### **SUBJECT**

Income guidelines for income-based program eligibility determinations for WIOA Title IB youth and adult programs

## **PURPOSE**

To provide Chief Elected Officials, local boards, and local area administrative entities with updated income guidelines for determining income-based program eligibility for WIOA Title IB youth and adult programs



#### **ACTION**

Effective April 21, 2021, income guidelines described in this notice must be used when determining whether youth and adults are low-income individuals (defined below) for purposes of income-based program eligibility for WIOA Title IB youth and adult programs.

#### **NOTICE**

For purposes of income-based eligibility determinations for youth and adult programs, a "low-income individual" is an individual whose total annual family income does not exceed the higher of the poverty line *or* 70 percent of the lower living standard income level (LLSIL).<sup>1</sup> The US Department of Health and Human Services published 2021 poverty-level guidelines in the Federal Register on February 1, 2021, Vol. 86, No. 19 (pages 7732 – 7734). The US Department of Labor announced the availability LLSILs for 2021<sup>2</sup> in the Federal Registered on April 9, 2021, Vol. 86, No. 67 (pages 18555 – 18557). Table 1 provides income guidelines for determining income-based program eligibility for WIOA Title IB youth and adult programs.

Table 1. Income guidelines for determining income-based program eligibility for WIOA Title IB

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	Nebraska non-						
	metropolitan	Omaha–Council		Grand Island			
Size of Family	areas	Bluffs MSA <sup>3</sup>	Lincoln MSA⁴	MSA⁵	Sioux City MSA <sup>6</sup>		
1	\$12,880	\$12,880	\$12,880	\$12,880	\$12,880		
2	\$17,420	\$17,420	\$17,420	\$17,420	\$17,420		
3	\$21,960	\$22,676	\$22,676	\$22,676	\$22,676		
4	\$26,792	\$27,994	\$27,994	\$27,994	\$27,994		
5	\$31,624	\$33,033	\$33,033	\$33,033	\$33,033		
6	\$36,982	\$38,639	\$38,639	\$38,639	\$38,639		
7 or more	add \$5,358 for	add \$5,606 for	add \$5,606 for	add \$5,606 for	add \$5,606 for		
	each additional	each additional	each additional	each additional	each additional		
	person	person	person	person	person		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> WIOA Sec. 3(36)(A)(ii)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration, "Lower Living Standard Income Level Guidelines," https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/llsil [accessed April 21, 2021].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 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)," <a href="https://neworks.nebraska.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=410">https://neworks.nebraska.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=410</a> [accessed April 21, 2021]).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Lincoln MSA includes Lancaster and Seward Counties in Nebraska (Nebraska Department of Labor, Geography Maps, "Nebraska Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)," <a href="https://neworks.nebraska.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=410">https://neworks.nebraska.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=410</a> [accessed April 21, 2021]).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Grand Island MSA includes Hall, Hamilton, Howard, and Merrick Counties in Nebraska (Nebraska Department of Labor, Geography Maps, "Nebraska Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)," https://neworks.nebraska.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=410 [accessed April 21, 2021]).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 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 (March 2020),"

https://www2.census.gov/geo/maps/metroarea/us\_wall/Mar2020/CBSA\_WallMap\_Mar2020.pdf [accessed April 21, 2021]).