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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

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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

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ACTION

Effective August 11, 2022, 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, Santee, and Winnebago Reservations are considered high-poverty areas, in addition to the Census tracts listed in Table 1.

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	2,191	622	28.4
9695	Buffalo	1,877	523	27.9
9696	Buffalo	4,267	1,414	33.1
101.01	Dakota	3,609	1,233	34.2
3	Douglas	2,378	777	32.7
4	Douglas	2,010	987	49.1
6	Douglas	1,550	821	54.9
7	Douglas	1,067	405	38.0
11	Douglas	2,935	1,096	37.3
12	Douglas	3,649	1,307	35.8
16	Douglas	662	279	42.1
19	Douglas	1,907	560	29.4
21	Douglas	2,267	761	33.6
24	Douglas	3,686	975	26.5
26	Douglas	2,253	596	26.5
29	Douglas	5,466	1,497	27.4
32	Douglas	2,607	778	29.8
51	Douglas	2,307	692	30.0
52	Douglas	1,363	570	41.8
53	Douglas	2,529	774	30.6
54	Douglas	2,964	843	28.4
59.01	Douglas	2,436	855	35.1

Census tract #	County	Total estimated census tract population #	Total estimated population below poverty level #	Total estimated population below poverty level %
61.01	Douglas	2,667	1,021	38.3
61.02	Douglas	4,063	1,410	34.7
65.04	Douglas	3,706	994	26.8
74.73	Douglas	224	95	42.4
9638	Jefferson	1,073	288	26.8
3	Lancaster	4,017	1,015	25.3
4	Lancaster	5,862	2,435	41.5
5	Lancaster	2,410	1,107	45.9
6	Lancaster	232	143	61.6
7	Lancaster	2,409	715	29.7
8	Lancaster	3,683	1,384	37.6
17	Lancaster	5,114	1,789	35.0
18	Lancaster	1,876	722	38.5
19	Lancaster	1,496	866	57.9
20.01	Lancaster	2,498	809	32.4
20.02	Lancaster	2,538	777	30.6
21	Lancaster	2,722	892	32.8
104.02	Sarpy	4,205	1,052	25.0
9537	Scotts Bluff	3,576	995	27.8

Local Title I youth program staff may identify the census tract for an individual's residential address using the Census Geocoder.[1]

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[1] 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.