



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 service providers (Adult and Youth Program Service Providers)

FROM

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SUBJECT

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

ACTION

Effective May 14, 2025, income guidelines described in this notice must be used by Title I adult and youth program service providers to determine whether individuals are eligible for Title I adult and youth program participation based on *low-income individual* status. Admin Entity Staff and Title I adult and youth program service providers must provide the income guidelines in this notice to their Title I adult and youth program case managers and ensure compliant income-based eligibility determinations for potential Title I adult and youth program participants.

NOTICE

Concerning income-based program eligibility determinations for Title I adult and youth programs based on *low-income individual* status, WIOA Title I defines the term *low-income individual* as an individual whose annual total family income does not exceed the higher level of the:²

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

WIOA Title I requires the US Secretary of Labor (Secretary) to annually publish LLSIL guidelines.⁴ The US Department of Labor published the Secretary's annual LLSIL guidelines in the Federal Register on May 13, 2025, Vol. 90, No. 91.,⁵ which references 2025 US Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines.⁶

Table 1 provides income guidelines Adult and Youth Program Service Providers and Title I adult and youth program case managers *must* use when determining income-based eligibility for Title I youth and adult programs based on *low-income individual* status. Potential adult and youth program participants are *low-income individuals* if they are in a family with total annual family income that does not exceed the amounts listed in Table 1 based on county of residence.

² WIOA Sec. 3(36)(A)(ii)

³ WIOA Sec. 3(36)(A)(ii)

⁴ WIOA Sec. 3(36)(B)

⁵ US Department of Labor, "Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) 2025 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)", <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-05-13/pdf/2025-08371.pdf>, [accessed May 14, 2025]

⁶ US Department of Health and Human Services, "Annual Updated of the HHS Poverty Guidelines", https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/ETA/llsil/pdfs/HHS-Poverty-Guidelines_2025-FRN.pdf [accessed May 2, 2025]

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

Family size	Omaha–Council Bluffs MSA	Lincoln MSA	Grand Island MSA	Sioux City MSA	Nebraska non-metropolitan areas
1	\$15,650	\$15,650	\$15,650	\$15,650	\$15,650
2	\$21,150	\$21,150	\$21,150	\$21,150	\$21,150
3	\$27,431	\$27,431	\$27,431	\$27,431	\$26,650
4	\$33,863	\$33,863	\$33,863	\$33,863	\$32,327
5	\$39,961	\$39,961	\$39,961	\$39,961	\$38,158
6	\$46,742	\$46,742	\$46,742	\$46,742	\$44,622
7 or more	add \$6,781 for each additional family member	add \$6,781 for each additional family member	add \$6,781 for each additional family member	add \$6,781 for each additional family member	add \$6,464 for each additional family member

- *Omaha–Council Bluffs MSA* includes Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders, and Washington Counties in Nebraska and Harrison, Mills, and Pottawattamie Counties in Iowa.⁷
- *Lincoln MSA* includes Lancaster and Seward Counties in Nebraska.⁸
- *Grand Island MSA* includes Hall, Howard, and Merrick Counties in Nebraska.⁹
- *Sioux City MSA* includes Dakota County in Nebraska, Union County in South Dakota, and Woodbury County in Iowa.¹⁰
- *Nebraska non-metropolitan areas* include all Nebraska counties, except for those listed above.

⁷ Nebraska Department of Labor, Geography Maps, “Nebraska Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)”, https://networks.nebraska.gov/admin/gsipub/htmlarea/uploads/Map_NebraskaMSA_2013-23_full.pdf [accessed May 2, 2025]

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰ 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/Jul2023/CBSA_WallMap_Jul2023.pdf [accessed May 2, 2025]