



**Buffalo and Erie County
Workforce Investment Board, Inc.**

LOCAL POLICY BULLETIN
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TO: Lavon Stephens, Administrative Director, WDC, Inc.
FROM: Heather Gresham, Executive Director, WIB, Inc.
SUBJECT: Revised Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL) for 2016

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 13, 2016

Recently, the New York State Department of Labor published a revised table listing the higher of 70% of the LLSIL or the HHS poverty level to be used in determining WIOA eligibility as a "low income individual" or "disadvantaged adult/youth" (see attachment).

<u>Size of Family Unit</u>	<u>Income Level</u>
1	\$11,880
2	\$17,421
3	\$23,909
4	\$29,514
5	\$34,833
6	\$40,733

For families larger than 6 persons add \$5,900 to the six-person family income level for each additional person in the family.

Please note that these numbers reflect yearly income amounts. This family income determination would be based on the six (6) month period prior to application, which would then be annualized for final determination.

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Enclosure

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**Workforce Development System
Technical Advisory #16-1
April 01, 2016**

To: Workforce Development Community

SUBJECT: Poverty Income and Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)
Guidelines

PURPOSE

To inform Local Workforce Development Boards (LWBDs) and local staff on the use of Poverty Income and LLSIL guidelines to be used in the determination of low income eligibility for services under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014.

This Workforce Development System Technical Advisory (WDS TA) rescinds and replaces WDS TAs # 15-1 "Poverty Guidelines for 2015" (02/24/2015) and 15-4 "Lower Living Standard Income Level for 2015" (04/13/2015).

ACTION

All staff should use current Poverty Income and LLSIL guidelines to determine income eligibility for WIOA services. Current tables can be found on the NYSDOL website under Income Eligibility Guidelines on the Programs and Tools page.
<http://labor.ny.gov/workforcenypartners/tools.shtm>.

POLICY

Poverty Income and LLSIL guidelines are to be used in the determination of low income eligibility for WIOA services.

BACKGROUND

WIOA §101 (25) defines the term "low income individual" as one who qualifies under various criteria, including an individual who received income for the six-month period prior to application for the program involved that does not exceed the higher of the poverty line or 70% of the LLSIL.

Title I of WIOA requires the Secretary of Labor to update and publish the LLSIL tables annually for uses described in the law. LLSIL is used for several purposes under WIOA. Specifically, WIOA Section 3(36) defines the term "low income individual" for eligibility purposes, and Sections 127(b)(2)(C) and 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV) define the terms

“disadvantaged youth” and “disadvantaged adult” in terms of the poverty line or LLSIL for State formula allotments. The governor and state/local workforce development boards (WDBs) use the LLSIL for determining eligibility for youth and adults for certain services.

INQUIRIES

Questions regarding this TA may be directed to your State Representative

NOTE METRO DEFINITION CHANGES
(As of Feb. 2013)
See footnotes.

70% OF THE LOWER LIVING OR POVERTY
INCOME GUIDELINES FOR 2016
LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS

FAMILY SIZE	70% OF THE LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVEL, 2016			POVERTY LEVEL, 2016	HIGHEST OF 70% OF THE LOWER LIVING OR POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES, 2016		
	Non-Metro Areas \1_	Upstate Metro Areas \2_	NY City Area \3_		Non-Metro Areas \1_	Upstate Metropolitan Areas \2	NY City Area \3_
1	\$10,542	\$10,629	\$11,344	\$11,880	\$11,880	\$11,880	\$11,880
2	17,281	17,421	18,593	16,020	17,281	17,421	18,593
3	23,723	23,909	25,520	20,160	23,723	23,909	25,520
4	29,279	29,514	31,506	24,300	29,279	29,514	31,506
5	34,555	34,833	37,177	28,440	34,555	34,833	37,177
6	40,404	40,733	43,485	32,580	40,404	40,733	43,485
7	46,253	46,633	49,793	36,730	46,253	46,633	49,793
8	52,102	52,533	56,101	40,890	52,102	52,533	56,101
9	57,951	58,433	62,409	45,050	57,951	58,433	62,409
10	63,800	64,333	68,717	49,210	63,800	64,333	68,717
11	69,649	70,233	75,025	53,370	69,649	70,233	75,025
12	75,498	76,133	81,333	57,530	75,498	76,133	81,333
13	81,347	82,033	87,641	61,690	81,347	82,033	87,641
14	87,196	87,933	93,949	65,850	87,196	87,933	93,949
15	93,045	93,833	100,257	70,010	93,045	93,833	100,257
16	98,894	99,733	106,565	74,170	98,894	99,733	106,565
17	104,743	105,633	112,873	78,330	104,743	105,633	112,873
18	110,592	111,533	119,181	82,490	110,592	111,533	119,181
19	116,441	117,433	125,489	86,650	116,441	117,433	125,489
20	122,290	123,333	131,797	90,810	122,290	123,333	131,797

NOTE: For WIA eligibility purposes, LWIAs with counties in both (upstate) metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas should use the metropolitan area income levels, which are higher.

\1_ LWIAs with no metropolitan counties: Allegany/Cattaraugus, Cayuga/Cortland, Chautauqua Co., Chenango/ Delaware/Otsego, Clinton/Essex/Franklin/Hamilton, Columbia/Greene, St. Lawrence Co. and Sullivan Co.

\2_ LWIAs with at least one county in an upstate metropolitan area: Albany/Rensselaer/Schenectady, Broome/Tioga, Buffalo/Erie/Cheekt./Tonaw., Chemung/Schuyler/Steuben, Fulton/Montgomery/Schoharie, Genesee/Livingston/Orleans/Wyoming, Herkimer/Madison/Oneida, Jefferson/Lewis, Monroe Co., Niagara Co., Oswego Co., Ontario/Seneca/Wayne/Yates, Syracuse/Onondaga, Saratoga/Warren/Washington, Tompkins Co. and Ulster Co..

\3_ LWIAs which are part of the greater New York City metropolitan area: Dutchess Co., Hempstead/Long Beach Consortium, New York City (Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens and Richmond Counties), Orange Co., Oyster Bay Consortium, Rockland Co., Suffolk Co., Westchester Co. Balance/Putnam Co. and Yonkers City.

SOURCE: Federal Register, under Employment and Training Administration, Notices, 3/27/2015, Volume 80, No. 59, pp. 16450 -16456.