

**Poverty Guidelines and Lower Living Standard Income Levels**

To facilitate the determination of low-income status for Adults and Youth under WIOA, we are forwarding the 2026 Poverty Guidelines, which were updated in the Federal Register on January 15, 2026. The 2025 Health and Human Services (HHS) Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL) are also attached. The 2026 LLSIL will be issued later in the year.

**Poverty Guidelines**

**2026 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia**

<b>Persons living in family/household</b>	<b>Poverty Guideline</b>
1	\$15,960
2	\$21,640
3	\$27,320
4	\$33,000
5	\$38,680
6	\$44,360
7	\$50,040
8	\$55,720
For each additional person, add:	\$5,680

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**Lower Living Standard Income Levels**

<b>2025 70% Lower Living Standard Income Levels</b>			
<b>Family Size</b>	<b>New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY/NJ/PA - Bergen, Essex, Greater Raritan, Hudson, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Newark, NorthWest NJ, Ocean, Passaic, Union</b>	<b>Northeast Metro-Camden, Cumberland/Salem/Cape May</b>	<b>Northeast Non-Metro-Atlantic, Burlington, Gloucester</b>
1	(\$14,784)*	(\$14,022)*	(\$13,647)*
2	\$24,231	\$22,981	\$22,371
3	\$33,259	\$31,541	\$30,710
4	\$41,059	\$38,936	\$37,903
5	\$48,450	\$45,952	\$44,734
6	\$56,671	\$53,735	\$52,306
For each additional person, add:	\$8,221	\$7,783	\$7,572

\*Amounts in parentheses are lower than the Poverty Guideline for a family of one

**100% Lower Living Standard Income Levels**

Below are the 100 % Lower Living Standard Income Levels. These are used by local workforce development boards for determining self-sufficiency when establishing eligibility of **employed** individuals for WIOA training services under WIOA Sec. 134 (3).

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<b>2025 100% Lower Living Standard Income Level</b>			
<b>Family Size</b>	<b>New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY/NJ/PA - Bergen, Essex, Greater Raritan, Hudson, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Newark, NorthWest NJ, Ocean, Passaic, Union</b>	<b>Northeast Metro-Camden, Cumberland/Salem/Cape May</b>	<b>Northeast Non-Metro-Atlantic, Burlington, Gloucester</b>
1	\$21,120	\$20,032	\$19,496
2	\$34,616	\$32,830	\$31,958
3	\$47,513	\$45,058	\$43,872
4	\$58,656	\$55,623	\$54,147
5	\$69,215	\$65,646	\$63,905
6	\$80,959	\$76,764	\$74,723
For each additional person add:	\$11,744	\$11,118	\$10,818