

	<b>New Jersey Workforce Innovation Notice</b>		<b>WD-PY21-7</b>
	<b>Issued By:</b>	Workforce Development Division of Career Services	
	<b>Approved By:</b>	Hugh Bailey, Assistant Commissioner Workforce Development	
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**SUBJECT:** Current Poverty Guidelines and Lower Living Standard Income Levels

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This NJWIN is effective **Immediately**.

### Policy Overview

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Sec. 3(36) defines the term "low-income individual" for the purposes of eligibility; this definition includes the following: An individual who is in a family with total family income that does not exceed the higher of the poverty line, or 70 percent of the lower living standard income level.

To facilitate the determination of low-income status for adults and youth under WIOA, we are forwarding the 2022 Poverty Guidelines and the 2022 Health and Human Services Lower Living Standard Income Levels. The Poverty Guideline for a single person is higher than the Lower Living Standard Income Level; in all other cases, the Lower Living Standard Income Level is the higher figure.

### Poverty Guidelines

#### **2022 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia**

Persons living in family/household	Poverty Guideline
1	\$13,590
2	\$18,310
3	\$23,030
4	\$27,750
5	\$32,470
6	\$37,190
7	\$41,910
8	\$46,630
For each additional person, add:	\$4,720

Federal Register, Vol. 87, No. 14, Friday, January 21, 2022

**70% Lower Living Standard Income Levels**

<b>2022 70% Lower Living Standard Income Levels</b>		
<b>Family Size</b>	<b>New York-Northeastern NJ - Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Jersey City, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, M/S/W, Newark, Ocean, Passaic, Greater Raritan, Union</b>	<b>Northeast Metro-Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Cumberland/Salem/Cape May</b>
1	(\$12,933)*	(\$12,214)*
2	\$21,198	\$20,018
3	\$29,096	\$27,474
4	\$35,920	\$33,916
5	\$42,385	\$40,027
6	\$49,577	\$46,807
For each additional person, add:	\$7,192	\$6,780

\*Amounts in parentheses are lower than the Poverty Guideline for a family of one Federal Register, Vol. 87, No. 66, Wednesday, April 6, 2022

**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).

<b>2022 100% Lower Living Standard Income Level</b>		
<b>Family Size</b>	<b>New York-Northeastern NJ - Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Jersey City, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, M/S/W, Newark, Ocean, Passaic, Greater Raritan, Union</b>	<b>Northeast Metro-Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Cumberland/Salem/Cape May</b>
1	\$18,476	\$17,449
2	\$30,283	\$28,597
3	\$41,566	\$39,249
4	\$51,314	\$48,451
5	\$60,551	\$57,182
6	\$70,825	\$66,867
For each additional person add:	\$10,274	\$9,685

Federal Register, Vol. 87, No. 66, Wednesday, April 6, 2022

**Contact:** Inquiries regarding this policy should be directed to [WIOAPolicy@dol.nj.gov](mailto:WIOAPolicy@dol.nj.gov).

**References and Links**

- WIOA Secs. 3(36); 123(3)
- Federal Register, Vol. 87, No. 14, Friday, January 21, 2022; Vol. 87, No. 66, Wednesday, April 6, 2022