



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
OF SOLANO COUNTY

POLICY ISSUANCE

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LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVEL (LLSIL) AND POVERTY GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION

This policy establishes standards on low-income eligibility guidelines outlined by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and other federal programs, such as American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) programs. LLSIL is used for several purposes under the WIOA. Specifically, WIOA section 3(36)[B] and 3[49] defines the term “low-income individual” for eligibility purposes, and sections 127(b)(2)(C) and 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV) and 134(d)(1)(A)(x) define the terms “disadvantaged youth” and “disadvantaged adult” in terms of the poverty line or LLSIL for formula allotments.

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) establishes annual guidelines for the 70% Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) establishes annual guidelines for levels of poverty. Both guidelines are required to be considered in WIOA eligibility determinations of low-income status. WIOA requires annual revision to both sets of data. All local Workforce Development Boards use the same federal guidelines, yet income levels for residents are separated by individuals living within Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) and individuals who live in non-metropolitan areas with populations under 50,000.

QUESTIONS

Questions relating to this policy should be directed to Tracy White, One-Stop Senior Manager, at twhite@solanowdb.org or at 707.863.3520.

SOLANO COUNTY GUIDELINES

LLSIL guidelines are established by DOL. As of 2025, Solano County is located within the DOL-defined West: Metro LLSIL. Additional information on the 2025 LLSIL, published in the Federal Register on May 13, 2025, is available at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/llsil>. Federal poverty guidelines are established by HHS and are standardized across the country. Additional information on the 2025 poverty guidelines can be found at <https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/ETA/llsil/pdfs/HHS-Poverty-Guidelines-2025-FRN.pdf>. Income received during the six-month period immediately prior to the individual’s application for WIOA-funded services is used for income determination. The chart below shows both the annual and the six-month figures.

LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines by Family Size

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l
LLSIL Guidelines							
100% Annual LLSIL	\$20,529	\$33,644	\$46,191	\$57,022	\$67,286	\$78,700	+\$11,414
70% Annual Income	\$14,370	\$23,551	\$32,334	\$39,915	\$47,100	\$55,090	+\$7,990
70% 6 Month Income	\$7,185	\$11,775	\$16,167	\$19,957	\$23,550	\$27,545	\$3,995
Poverty Guidelines HHS							
Annual Income	\$15,650	\$21,150	\$26,650	\$32,150	\$37,650	\$43,150	+5,500
6 Month Income	\$7,825	\$10,575	\$13,235	\$16,075	\$18,825	\$21,575	+\$2,750

ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION

Staff must use the higher of either the LLSIL or the poverty guidelines for the appropriate family size to determine low-income status for WIOA Adult and Youth enrollment, as well as ARPA enrollment. As such, staff must use the Poverty Guidelines for a family of 1 and the 70% LLSIL guidelines for families of 2 or more for low-income eligibility, effective May 13, 2025, until new federal income guidelines are released.

DISCLAIMER

This policy is based on WDB's interpretation of the statute, along with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Final Rule released by the U.S. Department of Labor, and federal and state policies relating to WIOA implementation, as well as the American Rescue Plan Act and the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Final Rule. This policy will be revised annually based on federal or state guidance.

REFERENCES

Law

- [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 \(WIOA\)](#).
- [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021](#).

Federal Guidance

- Department of the Treasury, [Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds \(SLFRF\) Final Rule](#). 31 CFR Part 35.
- Federal Register, Volume 90, Number 91, "[WIOA 2025 LLSIL](#)"
- Federal Register, Volume 90, Number 11, "[Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines](#)"

Approved by

Workforce Development Board of Solano County



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EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT AND UNDERSTANDING FOR:
LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVEL (LLSIL)
AND POVERTY GUIDELINES POLICY
(Issued January 23, 2026)

The Workforce Development Board (WDB) of Solano County's WIOA Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) and Poverty Guidelines Policy contains important information pertaining to my employment or contract with the WDB.

A copy of this policy has been given to me to retain for future reference, and I have been provided with the location on the Shared Drive for the policy where I can obtain an electronic copy, if applicable.

Since the information and policies described in the policy are necessarily subject to change, I acknowledge that revisions to the policy may occur. All such changes will be communicated through official notices. I understand that revised information may supersede, modify, or eliminate existing policies.

I have received the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) and Poverty Guidelines Policy and I understand that it is my responsibility to read and comply with the information contained in this policy and any revisions made to it.

I understand that I should consult my supervisor if I have any questions about the information contained in the policy. I understand that failure to comply with the information contained in the policy could lead to disciplinary action or termination.

Name (printed): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____