



LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVEL (LLSIL) AND POVERTY GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION

This policy establishes the Workforce Development Board of Solano County's (WDB) standards for applying the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) and federal poverty guidelines in accordance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and applicable federal and state guidance.

WIOA uses the poverty guidelines and LLSIL for purposes including determining low-income status and establishing income criteria applicable to certain WIOA programs and activities.

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) publishes annual LLSIL guidelines, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) publishes annual federal poverty guidelines. The Employment Development Department (EDD) provides guidance to California Local Workforce Development Areas regarding the application of these guidelines.

This policy is intended to remain in effect from year to year. Annual changes to the federally established LLSIL and poverty guidelines do not require revision or reissuance of this policy. Current annual guidelines are incorporated into this policy as provided under Annual Federal Guidelines below.

QUESTIONS

Questions relating to this policy should be directed to Tracy White, Director of One-Stop Operations, at twhite@solanowdb.org or at 707-863-3520.

SOLANO COUNT GUIDELINES

The WDB will apply the LLSIL classification designated for the Solano County Local Workforce Development Area by EDD. As of the issuance of this policy, Solano County is classified as West: Metro.

Federal poverty guidelines are established annually by HHS.

For income determinations based on income received during the six-month period immediately preceding application for WIOA-funded services, the applicable annual income guideline will be converted to a six-month amount consistent with applicable federal and state guidance.

ANNUAL FEDERAL GUIDELINES

The current LLSIL guidelines published annually by DOL and federal poverty guidelines published annually by HHS, as applicable to the Solano County Local Workforce Development Area and consistent with guidance issued by EDD, are incorporated by reference into this policy.

The WDB will issue a year-specific attachment reflecting the applicable guidelines for each guideline year. Issuance of an annual attachment does not constitute an amendment, revision, or reissuance of this policy.

Each annual attachment will identify, at a minimum:

- The applicable guideline year;
- The LLSIL classification applicable to the Solano County Local Workforce Development Area;
- The date the guidelines become applicable to eligibility determinations;
- The applicable annual and six-month income guidelines by family size;
- The applicable 70 percent LLSIL and federal poverty guideline amounts used to determine low-income status;
- Identification of the higher applicable income standard by family size;
- The applicable 100 percent LLSIL amounts used for self-sufficiency determinations, when applicable; and
- The federal and/or state sources upon which the annual guidelines are based.

Annual attachments are maintained with this policy as the record of the income guidelines applicable to each guideline year, beginning on the effect date of this policy.

ELIGIBILITY DATE OF GUIDELINES

Eligibility determinations will be made using the income guidelines applicable on the date the eligibility determination is made, consistent with applicable federal and state guidance.

The issuance of updated annual guidelines does not require redetermination solely because the income guidelines subsequently change for an individual whose eligibility was properly determined under the guidelines applicable at the time of determination.

For applications pending when updated guidelines become applicable, staff will use the guidelines applicable at the time the eligibility determination is completed, unless otherwise directed by applicable federal or state guidance.

DISCLAIMER

This policy is based on the WDB's interpretation and application of WIOA and applicable federal and state laws, regulations, directives, and guidance. Where federal or state requirements conflict with this policy, the applicable federal or state requirement will control.

This policy remains in effect until revised or rescinded by the Workforce Development Board of Solano County. Annual updates to federally established LLSIL and poverty guidelines and the issuance of corresponding annual attachments do not constitute a revision to this policy.

REFERENCES

Law

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA)

Federal Guidance

- U.S. Department of Labor, Lower Living Standard Income Level Guidelines, as updated annually
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Poverty Guidelines, as updated annually

State Guidance

- Employment Development Department, Workforce Services Directive WSD24-02, LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines, and any subsequent guidance

- Employment Development Department, Federal Lower Living Standard Income Level and Poverty Guidelines, as updated annually

Annual Guideline Attachments

(updated annually as new guidelines are issued)

- Attachment A-1 – 2026 LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines

Approved by

Workforce Development Board of Solano County



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
OF SOLANO COUNTY

EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT AND UNDERSTANDING FOR:
LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVEL (LLSIL)
AND POVERTY GUIDELINES POLICY
(Issued September 18, 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: _____

ATTACHMENT A-1

2026 LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines by Family Size

Issued pursuant to Policy 2026-10

LLSIL Classification: West: Metro (Solano County local area, as classified by EDD)

Guideline Year: PY2026-2027

LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines by Family Size

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l
LLSIL Guidelines							
100% Annual LLSIL	\$21,087	\$34,559	\$47,447	\$58,573	\$69,116	\$80,840	+\$11,724
70% Annual Income	\$14,761	\$24,191	\$33,213	\$41,001	\$48,381	\$56,588	+\$8,207
70% 6 Month Income	\$7,380	\$12,095	\$16,606	\$20,500	\$24,190	\$28,294	+\$4,103
Poverty Guidelines HHS							
Annual Income	\$15,960	\$21,640	\$27,320	\$33,000	\$38,680	\$44,360	+\$5,680
6 Month Income	\$7,980	\$10,820	\$13,660	\$16,500	\$19,340	\$22,180	+\$2,840

Sources

- Federal Register, Volume 91, Number 77, "Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) 2026 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)," April 22, 2026.
- Federal Register, Volume 91, Number 10, "Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines," January 15, 2026.
- Employment Development Department, Federal Lower Living Standard Income Level and Poverty Guidelines, updated May 12, 2026.