



## OKLAHOMA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ISSUANCE #01-2015

**TO:** Workforce Development Board Chairs  
Workforce Development Board Staff  
Workforce Development Fiscal Agents

**FROM:** Deidre D. Myers, Deputy Secretary for Workforce Development

**DATE:** May 22, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines and  
Department of Labor's 2015 70% and 100% Lower Living Standard Income Levels

**PURPOSE:** The United States Department of Health and Human Services has released updated poverty guidelines. The following table incorporates the updated figures that may be used to calculate income levels to determine eligibility for participation in various state and federally funded programs and to prioritize services when funding is limited.

**REFERENCES:** WIOA Section 101(36) defines the term "low income individual for eligibility purposes". WIOA Section 127(b)(2)(C) and 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV) defines the terms "disadvantaged adult" and "disadvantaged youth" in terms of the poverty line or LLSIL for purposes of State allotments. WIOA Section 3(36)(B) defines LLSIL as defined annually by the Secretary of Labor.

**MESSAGE:** The LLSIL is used for several purposes under WIOA: specifically, the Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) use the LLSIL for determining eligibility for youth and eligibility for employed adult workers for certain services.

**ACTION:** This Oklahoma Workforce Development Issuance (OWDI) is to become a part of your permanent records and made available to appropriate staff and sub-recipients.

**RESCISSIONS:** This issuance rescinds OWDI #01-2014.

**INQUIRIES:** If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issuance, please contact Robyn Coman at (405) 815-5322, [robyn.coman@commerce.ok.gov](mailto:robyn.coman@commerce.ok.gov).

**Poverty Income Guidelines**  
**70% Lower Living Standard Income Levels**  
**100% LLSIL for Determining Self-Sufficiency Oklahoma WIOA Programs**

Size Of Family	2015 HHS Poverty Guidelines	2015 Non-Metro 70% LLSIL	2015 Metro 70% LLSIL	2015 100% LLSIL Self-Sufficiency	
				Non-Metro	Metro
1	\$ 11,770	\$ 8,961	\$ 9,703	\$ 12,802	\$ 13,861
2	\$ 15,930	\$ 14,681	\$ 15,898	\$ 20,972	\$ 22,711
3	\$ 20,090	\$ 20,149	\$ 21,821	\$ 28,784	\$ 31,172
4	\$ 24,250	\$ 24,873	\$ 26,939	\$ 35,533	\$ 38,485
5	\$ 28,410	\$ 29,353	\$ 31,795	\$ 41,932	\$ 45,422
6	\$ 32,570	\$ 34,327	\$ 37,186	\$ 49,038	\$ 53,122
For each additional family member add	\$ 4,160	\$ 4,974	\$ 5,391	\$ 7,106	\$ 7,700

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the above tables to determine economically disadvantaged status according to family size. Compare the family income to the HHS Poverty Guidelines or the 70% LLSIL, whichever is greater.

**The 100% LLSIL** is used to determine the minimum level for establishing self-sufficiency criteria at the local level. These are the minimum figures locals must use for determining whether employed adults are in need of intensive services in order to obtain or retain employment leading to self-sufficiency.

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