

**OKLAHOMA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ISSUANCE #06-2021**

**TO:** Chief Local Elected Officials  
Workforce Development Board Chairs  
Workforce Development Board Staff

**FROM:** Don Morris, Executive Director

**DATE:** May 25, 2021

**SUBJECT:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) 2021 Poverty Guidelines and U.S. Department of Labor’s 2021 70% and 100% Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL)

**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.

**REFERENCES:**

- Federal Register/Vol. 86, No. 67/Friday, April 9, 2021/Notices
- Federal Register/Vol. 85, No. 12/Friday, January 17, 2021/Notices
- WIOA Public Law 113-128, Section 3(36)(A)(B);
- WIOA Public Law 113-128, Section 127(b)(2)(C);
- WIOA Public Law 113-128, Section 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV);
- WIOA Public Law 113-128, Section 134(c)(3)(E);
- WIOA Public Law 113-128, Section 134(d)(3)

**MESSAGE:** The poverty guidelines are a simplified version of the poverty thresholds that the Census Bureau uses to prepare its estimates of the number of individuals and families in poverty. The LLSIL is used for several purposes under the WIOA. Specifically, WIOA SEC.3(36) defines the term “low income individual” for eligibility purposes, and Sections 127(b)(2)(C) and 132(b)(1)(B)(V)(IV) define the terms “disadvantaged youth” and “disadvantaged adult” in terms of the poverty line or LLSIL for State formula allotments.

The governor and state/local workforce development boards (LWDBs) use the LLSIL for determining eligibility for youth and adults for certain services.

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

Size of Family	2021 HHS Poverty Guidelines	2021 Non-Metro 70% LLSIL	2021 Metro 70% LLSIL	2021 100% LLSIL Self-Sufficiency	
				Non-Metro	Metro
1	\$12,880	\$9,616	\$9,897	\$13,737	\$14,139
2	\$17,420	\$15,753	\$16,217	\$22,504	\$23,167
3	\$21,960	\$21,620	\$22,258	\$30,886	\$31,797
4	\$26,500	\$26,689	\$27,479	\$38,128	\$39,256
5	\$31,040	\$31,496	\$32,432	\$44,994	\$46,332
6	\$35,580	\$36,833	\$37,931	\$52,619	\$54,187
7	\$40,120	\$42,170	\$43,430	\$60,244	\$62,042
8	\$44,660	\$47,507	\$48,929	\$67,869	\$69,897
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add these amounts for each additional person.	\$4,540	\$5,337	\$5,499	\$7,625	\$7,855

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the above tables to determine economically disadvantaged status according to family size.

The shaded areas indicate where the Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines exceed the Lower Level Standard Income Level. Compare the family income to the HHS Poverty Guidelines or the 70% LLSIL, whichever is greater.

The 100% LLSIL is used to determine self-sufficiency as noted at Section 3 (36)(A)(ii) and Section 3 (36)(B) of WIOA.

**METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL ANALYSIS COUNTIES INCLUDE:** Canadian, Comanche, Cleveland, Cotton, Creek, Garfield, Grady, LeFlore, Lincoln, Logan, McClain, Oklahoma, Okmulgee, Osage, Pawnee, Rogers, Sequoyah, Tulsa, and Wagoner.

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**INQUIRIES:** If you have any questions about this issuance, please contact Staff in the Oklahoma Department of Commerce- Oklahoma Office of Workforce Development. Contact information can be found at <https://oklahomaworks.gov/about/staff/>.