

## Appendix B: 2026 Poverty Guidelines and Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)

WIOA defines the term “low-income individual” as an individual whose total family annual income does not exceed the higher level of the poverty line or 70% of the LLSIL.

\*The red highlighted LLSIL, also denoted with an asterisk (\*), is where the LLSIL is lower than the poverty guidelines. In these instances, **poverty guidelines should be used to determine** low-income status.

<i>Family Size</i>	Poverty Guideline	70% of LLSIL Metro	70% of LLSIL Non-Metro	100% of LLSIL Metro	100% of LLSIL Non-Metro
1	\$15,960	\$12,500	\$11,991	\$17,857	\$17,130
2	\$21,640	\$20,489	\$19,632	\$29,270	\$28,046
3	\$27,320	\$28,122	\$26,955	\$40,174	\$38,507
4	\$33,000	\$34,716	\$33,274	\$49,595	\$47,535
5	\$38,680	\$40,968	\$39,276	\$58,525	\$56,108
6	\$44,360	\$47,920	\$45,930	\$68,457	\$65,614
7	\$50,040	\$54,872	\$52,584	\$78,389	\$75,120
8	\$55,720	\$61,824	\$59,238	\$88,321	\$84,626
<i>For each additional family member</i>	\$5,680	\$6,952	\$6,654	\$9,932	\$9,506

The following counties are considered "Metro" for the purposes of LLSIL:

Benton  
Black Hawk  
Boone  
Bremer

Dallas  
Dubuque  
Grundy  
Guthrie  
Harrison

Jasper  
Johnson  
Jones  
Linn

Madison  
Mills  
Polk  
Pottawattamie

Scott  
Story  
Warren  
Washington  
Woodbury

### Legal References

- [91 FR 1797](#)
- [91 FR 21511](#)