


<b>Department of Community College and Workforce Development</b>	Number: 589-30.7
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SUBJECT: Workforce Investment Act Title IB Lower Living Standard Income Level and Poverty Guidelines	Approved: 

Purpose: To publish updated tables that determine “low income individual” status.

Background: Under Title IB of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA (Public Law 105-220)), the Secretary of Labor determines annually the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) for uses described in the law. WIA defines the term “Low Income Individual” as one who qualifies under various criteria, including an individual who received income for a six-month period that does not exceed the higher of the poverty line, or 70 percent of the lower living standard income level.

References: WIA Sections 101(24), 127(b)(2)(C)

Definitions: Lower Living Standard Income Level: That income level based on the most recent lower living family budget (adjusted for regional, metropolitan, urban, and rural differences and family size) as determined and issued annually by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Poverty Guidelines: Guidelines required by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 for use as an eligibility criterion for the Community Services Block Grant program. The guidelines are established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Workforce Investment Act requires use of the Poverty Guidelines together with the 70% LLSIL guidelines (at their highest levels) as eligibility income criteria.

Low Income Individual: An individual who:

1. receives, or is a member of a family that receives, cash payments under a Federal, State or local income-based public assistance program;
2. received an income, or is a member of a family that received a total family income, for the 6-month period prior to application for the program involved (exclusive of unemployment compensation, child support payments, Federal, State or local cash public assistance, and old-age and survivors insurance benefits received under section 202 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402)), that in relation to family size, does not exceed the higher of:
  - a. the poverty line, for an equivalent period; or
  - b. 70% of the lower living standard income level, for an equivalent period;
3. is a member of a household that receives (or has been determined within the 6-month period prior to application for the program involved to be eligible to receive) food stamps pursuant to the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);

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4. qualifies as a homeless individual as defined in subsections (a) and (c) of Section 103 of the Steward B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302); or
5. is a foster child on behalf of whom state or local government payments are made.

Policy: This policy provides the current:

1. Secretary of Labor's LLSIL; and
2. Health and Human Service's "Poverty Guidelines".

Procedures: Grantee (CCWD) Responsibility

1. Notify all affected Sub-recipients (LWIA) of the changes to the LLSIL and/or poverty guidelines in this policy.
2. Update Attachment A twice a year.

Sub-recipient (LWIA) Responsibility

1. Select the appropriate table (metropolitan or non-metropolitan) for use by your LWIA from the table on Attachment A in determining low-income status.

## Attachment A

### PY 2008 – Oregon Workforce Investment Act Income Eligibility Table

(Combined 70% LLSIL and HSD Poverty Income Guidelines)

**Metropolitan Areas:** Includes Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Marion, Polk, Yamhill, Lane, Jackson, and Josephine counties.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Annual Income	\$10,830	\$15,142	\$20,790	\$25,665	\$30,285	\$35,422
Six Month Income	\$5,415	\$7,571	\$10,395	\$12,833	\$15,143	\$17,711

Families larger than 6 people: Add \$5,137 (annual) or \$2,569 (six-month) to the family of six income for each additional person in the family.

**Non-Metropolitan Areas:** Includes Baker, Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Lincoln, Linn, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, and Wheeler counties.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Annual Income	\$10,830	\$14,509	\$19,921	\$24,588	\$29,019	\$33,939
Six Month Income	\$5,415	\$7,254	\$9,960	\$12,294	\$14,509	\$16,969

Families larger than 6 people: Add \$4,920 (annual) or \$2,460 (six-month) to the family of six income for each additional person in the family.

**Effective Dates:**     **LLSIL:** Federal Register, Volume 74, Number 57, WIA: LLSIL: (March 26, 2009)

**Poverty Guidelines:** Federal Register 74, Number 14, Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines (January 23, 2009)

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