

**To:** Local Workforce Development Areas  
**From:** Office of Planning, Integrity, and Compliance  
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**Subject:** Program Year 2023 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) and Self-Sufficiency Guidelines



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## Purpose

To transmit the Program Year 2023 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) and Self-Sufficiency Guidelines. The LLSIL guidelines below are used to determine eligibility based on family income for youth and for “priority of service” adults. The Self-sufficiency Guidelines are used to determine eligibility based on a lack of a self-sufficient wage for employed individuals.

## References

WIOA Title I; [Federal Register dated May 8, 2023](#); [Federal Register dated January 19, 2023](#); USDOL LLSIL Guidelines; State Workforce Innovation Notice: 03-03

## Background

WIOA defines the term “low income individual” as one who qualifies under various criteria, including individuals in a family with total income below either the federal poverty level or 70% of the lower living standard income level (LLSIL). WIOA-funded training and other services may be made available to employer individuals if, among other criteria, their current employment does not provide for ‘economic self-sufficiency.’ The federal Poverty Level Guidelines and Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL) are published in the Federal Register on an annual basis.

State Workforce Innovation Notice: 03-03 requires the Department of Labor and Training to review the federal Poverty Level Guidelines and Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL) on an annual basis and making that information available to both local areas within ten days (10) of the release of both guidelines.

## Guidance: Determination of Income Level for Program Year 2023 [Effective Date: July 1, 2023]

In order to determine 70% of LLSIL, refer to the spreadsheet made available with the USDOL LLSIL Guidelines: (<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/llsil>)

Rhode Island is listed in the Northeast Metro Jurisdiction. Tab two indicates that for the Northeast Metro region 70% of LLSIL, based on family size, is as follows:

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Total Income	12,691	20,799	28,546	35,238	41,588	48,632

To determine 70% the LLSIL for family sizes greater than six, subtract the LLSIL of a family of five from a family of six. Use the difference of a family of five and six (\$7,044) as the income you will add to each income after a family of six.

In order to determine the Federal Poverty Level, refer to the 2023 HHS Poverty Guidelines made available with the USDOL LLSIL Guidelines. Rhode Island falls with the category of the 'Contiguous 48 States and the District of Columbia'. The 2023 Federal Poverty Level, based on family size, is as follows:

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Total Income	14,580	19,720	24,860	30,000	35,140	40,280	45,420	50,560

To determine the Federal Poverty Level for families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,140 for each additional person.

Because the Federal Poverty level for a family size of one - \$14,580 - is greater than the 70% LLSIL for a family of one - \$12,691 - the Federal Poverty Level will be used to establish low income status for a family of one. For all other family sizes, the LLSIL is to be utilized as it exceeds the poverty guidelines.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Reference	Federal Poverty Level	Lower Living Income Standard Level	Lower Living Income Standard Level	Lower Living Income Standard Level	Lower Living Income Standard Level	Lower Living Income Standard Level
Total Income	14,580	20,799	28,546	35,238	41,588	48,632

## Guidance: Determination of Economic Self Sufficiency for Program Year 2023

Self-sufficiency is defined by WIN 03-03 as employment that pays 175% of the LLSIL. Refer to the spreadsheet made available with the USDOL LLSIL Guidelines (<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/llsil>).

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
Total Income	31,726.64	51,996.50	71,364.49	88,096.03	103,971.17	121,580.92

To determine 175% of the LLSIL for family sizes greater than six, subtract the LLSIL of a family of five from a family of six. Use the difference of a family of five and six (\$17,609.75) as the income you will add to each income after a family of six.

### Contact for Questions

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