



POLICY ISSUANCE 2018-03

2018 Federal Poverty Guidelines & 2018 Lower Living Standard Income Level | June 15, 2018

TO: Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning (DWDAL) staff and Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA) directors

FROM: Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning
Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

SUBJECT: 2018 Federal Poverty Guidelines and 2018 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)

PURPOSE: To provide the U.S. Department of Labor’s corrected annual LLSIL levels for 2018 and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 2018 Federal poverty guidelines.

ACTION: Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA) directors, American Job Center (AJC) labor exchange administrators, and central office managers must ensure all employees, service providers and vendors are aware of and receive copies of this policy. DWDAL policies are available [on the DLLR website](#).

EXPIRATION: Until Cancelled.

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CANCELLATIONS

All previous policies on Federal Poverty Guidelines and Lower Living Standard Income Levels remain active for program participants during that policy's effective date. These policies may be archived and available at: <http://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment>.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires the U.S. Secretary of Labor to update and publish the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) tables annually. States must use these tables for purposes, as described in the law, including for youth eligibility determinations. WIOA defines the term “low income individual” as one who qualifies under various criteria, including an individual who receives, or received for a prior six-month period, income that does not exceed the higher level of the poverty line or 70 percent of the LLSIL.

This policy provides the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) – Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning (DWDAL)’s annual LLSIL for 2018 and references the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)’s current 2018 poverty guidelines.

This policy is effective May 29, 2018.

2018 FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES

The following chart provides the 2018 Poverty Guidelines, as given by the HHS.

2018 Poverty Guidelines	
Size of Family	Poverty Guideline
1	\$12,140
2	\$16,460
3	\$20,780
4	\$25,100
5	\$29,420
6	\$33,740
7	\$38,060
8	\$42,380

NOTE: For family units with more than 8 members, add \$4,320 for each additional person.

2018 LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVEL (LLSIL)

WIOA stipulates that 70 percent of the LLSIL value shall be used for certain WIOA programs, including the Youth program and the Indian and Native American Program. The following chart provides Maryland's LLSIL standards by family size, Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA), and county.

2018 LLSIL – 70%, by Family Size

Area	Family Size						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	If 7+, Add
Anne Arundel Co. LWDA	11,773*	19,293	26,482	32,688	38,579	45,118	6,539
Baltimore City LWDA	11,773*	19,293	26,482	32,688	38,579	45,118	6,539
Baltimore Co LWDA	11,773*	19,293	26,482	32,688	38,579	45,118	6,539
Frederick Co. LWDA	11,773*	19,293	26,482	32,688	38,579	45,118	6,539
Lower Shore LWDA	9,205*	15,080*	20,697*	25,549	30,151	35,260	5,109
Somerset Co.	9,205*	15,080*	20,697*	25,549	30,151	35,260	5,109
Wicomico Co.	9,205*	15,080*	20,697*	25,549	30,151	35,260	5,109
Worcester Co.	9,205*	15,080*	20,697*	25,549	30,151	35,260	5,109
Mid MD LWDA	11,773*	19,293	26,482	32,688	38,579	45,118	6,539
Carroll Co.	11,773*	19,293	26,482	32,688	38,579	45,118	6,539
Howard Co.	11,773*	19,293	26,482	32,688	38,579	45,118	6,539
Montgomery Co. LWDA	11,773*	19,293	26,482	32,688	38,579	45,118	6,539
Prince George's Co. LWDA	11,773*	19,293	26,482	32,688	38,579	45,118	6,539
Southern MD LWDA							
Calvert Co.	11,773*	19,293	26,482	32,688	38,579	45,118	6,539
Charles Co.	11,773*	19,293	26,482	32,688	38,579	45,118	6,539
St. Mary's Co.	9,205*	15,080*	20,697*	25,549	30,151	35,260	5,109
Susquehanna LWDA							
Cecil Co.	10,498*	17,200	23,610	29,144	34,398	40,222	5,824
Harford Co.	11,773*	19,293	26,482	32,688	38,579	45,118	6,539
Upper Shore LWDA							
Caroline Co.	9,205*	15,080*	20,697*	25,549	30,151	35,260	5,109
Dorchester Co.	9,205*	15,080*	20,697*	25,549	30,151	35,260	5,109
Kent Co.	9,205*	15,080*	20,697*	25,549	30,151	35,260	5,109
Talbot Co.	9,205*	15,080*	20,697*	25,549	30,151	35,260	5,109
Queen Anne's Co.	11,773*	19,293	26,482	32,688	38,579	45,118	6,539
Western MD LWDA							
Allegany Co.	9,410*	15,418*	21,162	26,126	30,835	36,063	5,228
Washington Co.	9,410*	15,418*	21,162	26,126	30,835	36,063	5,228
Garrett Co.	9,205*	15,080*	20,697*	25,549	30,151	35,260	5,109

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*Poverty level is greater than the LLSIL figures.

REFERENCES

LAW

- [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\)](#) 29 U.S.C. § 3101 et seq (2015).

USDOL GUIDANCE

- [Federal Register, January 18, 2018, Volume 83, Number 12, Pages 2642-2644](#)
- [Federal Register, May 29, 2018, Volume 83, Number 103, Pages 24495-24501](#)