

**2022 Federal Poverty Guidelines & 2022 Lower Living Standard Income Level |  
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**TO:** Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning (DWDAL) staff and  
Local Workforce Development Area (Local Area) Directors

**FROM:** DWDAL  
Maryland Department of Labor (MD Labor)

**SUBJECT:** 2022 Federal Poverty Guidelines and 2022 Lower Living Standard Income  
Level (LLSIL)

**PURPOSE:** To provide the U.S. Department of Labor’s updated annual LLSIL levels for  
2022 and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 2022 federal  
poverty guidelines.

**ACTION:** Local Area Directors, American Job Center (AJC) Labor Exchange  
Administrators, and central office managers will ensure all employees, service  
providers and vendors are aware of and receive copies of this policy. DWDAL  
policies are available on the [MD Labor website](#).

**EXPIRATION:** Until Cancelled.

**QUESTIONS:**

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## CANCELLATIONS

All previous policies on Federal Poverty Guidelines and Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL) remain active for program participants during that policy's effective date. These policies may be archived and available at: <http://www.labor.maryland.gov/employment/mpi/>.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law on July 22, 2014 and went into effect July 1, 2015. WIOA supersedes the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) and amends the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, the Wagner Peyser Act, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. By design, the workforce system established under WIOA is integrated to help both businesses and jobseekers. WIOA envisions connecting businesses with job seekers through meaningful partnerships among workforce, education, human services, and economic development entities to ensure optimum results and leveraging of resources. The law addresses the needs of job seekers by establishing a workforce system that helps them access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market. Through the American Job Centers (AJCs), WIOA works to address employer needs by matching them to the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy.

Title I of WIOA requires the United States Secretary of Labor to update and publish the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) guidelines tables annually. States must use these tables 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 annual LLSIL for 2022 for the Maryland Department of Labor’s Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning and references the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)’s current 2022 poverty guidelines.

This policy is effective April 6, 2022.

## 2022 FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES

The following chart provides the 2022 Poverty Guidelines, as given by the HHS.

2022 Poverty Guidelines	
Size of Family	Poverty Guideline
1	\$13,590
2	\$18,310
3	\$23,030
4	\$27,750
5	\$32,470
6	\$37,190
7	\$41,910
8	\$46,630

*NOTE: For family units with more than 8 members, add \$4,720 for each additional person.*

## 2022 LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVEL

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 (Local Area), and county.

### 2022 LLSIL – 70%, by Family Size

Area	Family Size						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	If 7+, Add
<b>Anne Arundel Co.</b>	12,875*	21,099	28,961	35,749	42,191	49,343	7,151
<b>Baltimore City</b>	12,875*	21,099	28,961	35,749	42,191	49,343	7,151
<b>Baltimore Co</b>	12,875*	21,099	28,961	35,749	42,191	49,343	7,151
<b>Carroll Co.</b>	12,875*	21,099	28,961	35,749	42,191	49,343	7,151
<b>Frederick Co.</b>	12,875*	21,099	28,961	35,749	42,191	49,343	7,151
<b>Howard Co.</b>	12,875*	21,099	28,961	35,749	42,191	49,343	7,151
<b>Lower Shore</b>							
Somerset Co.	10,087*	16,525*	22,680*	27,997	33,039	38,638	5,599
Wicomico Co.	10,087*	16,525*	22,680*	27,997	33,039	38,638	5,599
Worcester Co.	10,087*	16,525*	22,680*	27,997	33,039	38,638	5,599
<b>Montgomery Co.</b>	12,875*	21,099	28,961	35,749	42,191	49,343	7,151
<b>Prince George's Co.</b>	12,875*	21,099	28,961	35,749	42,191	49,343	7,151
<b>Southern MD</b>							
Calvert Co.	12,875*	21,099	28,961	35,749	42,191	49,343	7,151
Charles Co.	12,875*	21,099	28,961	35,749	42,191	49,343	7,151
St. Mary's Co.	10,087*	16,525*	22,680*	27,997	33,039	38,638	5,599
<b>Susquehanna</b>							
Cecil Co.	11,481*	18,810	25,821	31,874	37,619	43,989	6,370
Harford Co.	12,875*	21,099	28,961	35,749	42,191	49,343	7,151
<b>Upper Shore</b>							
Caroline Co.	10,087*	16,525*	22,680*	27,997	33,039	38,638	5,599
Dorchester Co.	10,087*	16,525*	22,680*	27,997	33,039	38,638	5,599
Kent Co.	10,087*	16,525*	22,680*	27,997	33,039	38,638	5,599
Talbot Co.	10,087*	16,525*	22,680*	27,997	33,039	38,638	5,599
Queen Anne's Co.	12,875*	21,099	28,961	35,749	42,191	49,343	7,151
<b>Western MD</b>							
Allegany Co.	10,382*	17,011*	23,349	28,826	34,021	39,790	5,768
Washington Co.	10,382*	17,011*	23,349	28,826	34,021	39,790	5,768
Garrett Co.	10,087*	16,525*	22,680*	27,997	33,039	38,638	5,599
<b>Effective 4/6/2022</b>							

\*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, April 6, 2022, Volume 87, Number 66, Pages 19973-19975.](#)