



**2019 Federal Poverty Guidelines & 2019 Lower Living Standard Income Level | June 26, 2019**

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

**FROM:** DWDAL  
Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

**SUBJECT:** 2019 Federal Poverty Guidelines and 2019 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)

**PURPOSE:** To provide the U.S. Department of Labor’s updated annual LLSIL levels for 2019 and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 2019 federal poverty guidelines.

**ACTION:** LWDA directors, American Job Center 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 DLLR 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.dllr.state.md.us/employment>.

## 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 LLSIL 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 2019 for the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation’s (DLLR’s) Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning, and references the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)’s current 2019 poverty guidelines.

This policy is effective May 29, 2019.

## 2019 FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES

The following chart provides the 2019 Poverty Guidelines, as given by the HHS.

2019 Poverty Guidelines	
Size of Family	Poverty Guideline
1	\$12,490
2	\$16,910
3	\$21,330
4	\$25,750
5	\$30,170
6	\$34,590
7	\$39,010
8	\$43,430

*NOTE: For family units with more than 8 members, add \$4,420 for each additional person.*

## 2019 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 (LWDA), and county.

**2019 LLSIL – 70%, by Family Size**

Area	Family Size						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	If 7+, Add
<b>Anne Arundel Co. LWDA</b>	12,008*	19,679	27,011	33,341	39,350	46,020	6,670
<b>Baltimore City LWDA</b>	12,008*	19,679	27,011	33,341	39,350	46,020	6,670
<b>Baltimore Co LWDA</b>	12,008*	19,679	27,011	33,341	39,350	46,020	6,670
<b>Frederick Co. LWDA</b>	12,008*	19,679	27,011	33,341	39,350	46,020	6,670
<b>Lower Shore LWDA</b>	9,398*	15,397*	21,132*	26,086	30,784	36,001	5,217
Somerset Co.	9,398*	15,397*	21,132*	26,086	30,784	36,001	5,217
Wicomico Co.	9,398*	15,397*	21,132*	26,086	30,784	36,001	5,217
Worcester Co.	9,398*	15,397*	21,132*	26,086	30,784	36,001	5,217
<b>Mid MD LWDA</b>	12,008*	19,679	27,011	33,341	39,350	46,020	6,670
Carroll Co.	12,008*	19,679	27,011	33,341	39,350	46,020	6,670
Howard Co.	12,008*	19,679	27,011	33,341	39,350	46,020	6,670
<b>Montgomery Co. LWDA</b>	12,008*	19,679	27,011	33,341	39,350	46,020	6,670
<b>Prince George's Co. LWDA</b>	12,008*	19,679	27,011	33,341	39,350	46,020	6,670
<b>Southern MD LWDA</b>							
Calvert Co.	12,008*	19,679	27,011	33,341	39,350	46,020	6,670
Charles Co.	12,008*	19,679	27,011	33,341	39,350	46,020	6,670
St. Mary's Co.	9,398*	15,397*	21,132*	26,086	30,784	36,001	5,217
<b>Susquehanna LWDA</b>							
Cecil Co.	10,634*	17,423	23,917	29,523	34,845	40,745	5,900
Harford Co.	12,008*	19,679	27,011	33,341	39,350	46,020	6,670
<b>Upper Shore LWDA</b>							
Caroline Co.	9,398*	15,397*	21,132*	26,086	30,784	36,001	5,217
Dorchester Co.	9,398*	15,397*	21,132*	26,086	30,784	36,001	5,217
Kent Co.	9,398*	15,397*	21,132*	26,086	30,784	36,001	5,217
Talbot Co.	9,398*	15,397*	21,132*	26,086	30,784	36,001	5,217
Queen Anne's Co.	12,008*	19,679	27,011	33,341	39,350	46,020	6,670
<b>Western MD LWDA</b>							
Allegany Co.	9,645*	15,804*	21,691	26,779	31,606	36,964	5,358
Washington Co.	9,645*	15,804*	21,691	26,779	31,606	36,964	5,358
Garrett Co.	9,398*	15,397*	21,132*	26,086	30,784	36,001	5,217

*Effective 5/29/2019*

\*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, February 1, 2019, Volume 84, Number 22, Pages 1167-1168](#);
- [Federal Register, May 29, 2019, Volume 84, Number 103, Pages 24818-24819](#).