



**2016 Federal Poverty Guidelines & 2016 Lower Living Standard Income Level | April 6, 2016**

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

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

**SUBJECT:** 2016 Federal Poverty Guidelines and 2016 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)

**PURPOSE:** To provide the U.S. Department of Labor’s corrected annual LLSIL levels for 2016 and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 2016 Federal poverty guidelines.

**ACTION:** Local Workforce Development 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 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 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 2016 and references the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)’s current 2016 poverty guidelines. These provisions in WIOA pertaining to LLSIL reflect no change from the prior language under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, as amended.

This policy is effective March 25, 2016.

## 2016 FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES

The following chart provides the 2016 Poverty Guidelines, as given by the HHS.

2016 Poverty Guidelines	
Size of Family	Poverty Guideline
1	\$11,880
2	\$16,020
3	\$20,160
4	\$24,300
5	\$28,440
6	\$32,580
7	\$36,730
8	\$40,890

*NOTE: For family units with more than 8 members, add \$4,160 for each additional person.*

## 2016 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.

### 2016 LLSIL – 70%, by Family Size

Area	Family Size						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	If 7+, Add
<b>Anne Arundel Co. LWDA</b>	11,484*	18,819	25,832	31,885	37,632	44,010	6,378
<b>Baltimore City LWDA</b>	11,484*	18,819	25,832	31,885	37,632	44,010	6,378
<b>Baltimore Co LWDA</b>	11,484*	18,819	25,832	31,885	37,632	44,010	6,378
<b>Frederick Co. LWDA</b>	11,484*	18,819	25,832	31,885	37,632	44,010	6,378
<b>Lower Shore LWDA</b>	8,970*	14,695*	20,169	24,898	29,382	34,361	4,979
Somerset Co.	8,970*	14,695*	20,169	24,898	29,382	34,361	4,979
Wicomico Co.	8,970*	14,695*	20,169	24,898	29,382	34,361	4,979
Worcester Co.	8,970*	14,695*	20,169	24,898	29,382	34,361	4,979
<b>Mid MD LWDA</b>	11,484*	18,819	25,832	31,885	37,632	44,010	6,378
Carroll Co.	11,484*	18,819	25,832	31,885	37,632	44,010	6,378
Howard Co.	11,484*	18,819	25,832	31,885	37,632	44,010	6,378
<b>Montgomery Co. LWDA</b>	11,484*	18,819	25,832	31,885	37,632	44,010	6,378
<b>Prince George's Co. LWDA</b>	11,484*	18,819	25,832	31,885	37,632	44,010	6,378
<b>Southern MD LWDA</b>							
Calvert Co.	11,484*	18,819	25,832	31,885	37,632	44,010	6,378
Charles Co.	11,484*	18,819	25,832	31,885	37,632	44,010	6,378
St. Mary's Co.	8,970*	14,695*	20,169	24,898	29,382	34,361	4,979
<b>Susquehanna LWDA</b>							
Cecil Co.	10,301*	16,878	23,168	28,599	33,754	39,469	5,715
Harford Co.	11,484*	18,819	25,832	31,885	37,632	44,010	6,378
<b>Upper Shore LWDA</b>							
Caroline Co.	8,970*	14,695*	20,169	24,898	29,382	34,361	4,979
Dorchester Co.	8,970*	14,695*	20,169	24,898	29,382	34,361	4,979
Kent Co.	8,970*	14,695*	20,169	24,898	29,382	34,361	4,979
Talbot Co.	8,970*	14,695*	20,169	24,898	29,382	34,361	4,979
Queen Anne's Co.	11,484*	18,819	25,832	31,885	37,632	44,010	6,378
<b>Western MD LWDA</b>							
Allegany Co.	9,027*	14,790*	20,300	25,062	29,579	34,595	5,016
Washington Co.	9,027*	14,790*	20,300	25,062	29,579	34,595	5,016
Garrett Co.	8,970*	14,695*	20,169	24,898	29,382	34,361	4,979

*Effective 3/25/2016*

\*Poverty level is greater than the LLSIL figures.

## REFERENCES

### LAW

- [Workforce Investment Act of 1998 \(WIA\)](#) (Pub. L. 105-220) Title 1;
- [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\)](#) (Pub.L. 113-128) Title 1;

### USDOL GUIDANCE

- [Federal Register, January 25, 2016, Volume 81, Number 15](#), Pages 4036-4037
- [Federal Register, March 25, 2016, Volume 81, Number 58, Pages 16217-16223](#)