



WORKFORCE INNOVATION NOTICE: 18-11

TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS

FROM: Governor's Workforce Board

SUBJECT: Lower Living Standard – 2019 Guidance

DATE: **Effective: July 1, 2019**

- 1. PURPOSE:** To transmit the 2019 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.
- 2. REFERENCES:** WIOA Title I; [Federal Register dated February 1, 2019](#); [Federal Register dated May 29, 2019](#); [USDOL LLSIL Guidelines](#)
- 3. 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 of 70% of the lower living standard income level (LLSIL). The 2019 Poverty Level Guidelines were published in the Federal Register on February 1, 2019. The 2019 guidelines for the LLSIL were published in the Federal Register on May 29, 2019.
- 4. INQUIRIES:** Questions concerning this issuance may be directed by phone or by email at:

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5. DETERMINATION OF INCOME LEVEL. In order to determine 70% of LLSIL, refer to the spreadsheet made available with the [USDOL LLSIL Guidelines](#). 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	\$11,247	\$18,432	\$25,298	\$31,229	\$36,856	\$43,099

In order to determine the Federal Poverty Level, refer to the 2019 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 2019 Federal Poverty Level, based on family size, is as follows:

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Total Income	\$12,490	\$16,910	\$21,330	\$25,750	\$30,170	\$34,590

Because the LLSIL amount for a family size of one - \$11,247 - is lower than the federal poverty level for a family of one - \$12,490 - 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 Standard Income Level	Lower Living Standard Income Level	Lower Living Standard Income Level	Lower Living Standard Income Level	Lower Living Standard Income Level
Total Income	\$12,490	\$18,432	\$25,298	\$31,229	\$36,856	\$43,099

For families larger than six persons, an amount equal to the difference between the six-person and the five-person family income levels should be added to the six-person family income level for each additional person in the family. In this case the difference equals \$6243.

6. DETERMINATION OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY. Self-sufficiency is defined as employment that pays 100% of the LLSIL. Refer to the spreadsheet made available with the [USDOL LLSIL Guidelines](#).

100% of LLSIL						
Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Total Income	\$16,067	\$26,332	\$36,140	\$44,613	\$52,652	\$61,570

For families larger than six persons, an amount equal to the difference between the six-person and the five-person family income levels should be added to the six-person family income level for each additional person in the family. In this case the difference equals \$8918

7. EFFECTIVE DATE. These guidelines are effective July 1, 2019.