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2017 Federal Poverty Guidelines & 2017 Lower Living Standard Income Level | June 2, 2017

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: 2017 Federal Poverty Guidelines and 2017 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)

PURPOSE: To provide the U.S. Department of Labor’s corrected annual LLSIL levels for 2017 and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 2017 Federal poverty guidelines.

ACTION: Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA) 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 for purposes 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 2017 and references the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)’s current 2017 poverty guidelines.

This policy is effective May 23, 2017.

2017 FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES

The following chart provides the 2017 Poverty Guidelines, as given by the HHS.

2017 Poverty Guidelines	
Size of Family	Poverty Guideline
1	\$12,060
2	\$16,240
3	\$20,420
4	\$24,600
5	\$28,780
6	\$32,960
7	\$37,140
8	\$41,320

NOTE: For family units with more than 8 members, add \$4,180 for each additional person.

2017 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.

2017 LLSIL – 70%, by Family Size

Area	Family Size						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	If 7+, Add
Anne Arundel Co. LWDA	11,622*	19,045	26,142	32,268	38,084	44,539	6,455
Baltimore City LWDA	11,622*	19,045	26,142	32,268	38,084	44,539	6,455
Baltimore Co LWDA	11,622*	19,045	26,142	32,268	38,084	44,539	6,455
Frederick Co. LWDA	11,622*	19,045	26,142	32,268	38,084	44,539	6,455
Lower Shore LWDA	9,078*	14,872*	20,411*	25,197	29,734	34,773	5,039
Somerset Co.	9,078*	14,872*	20,411*	25,197	29,734	34,773	5,039
Wicomico Co.	9,078*	14,872*	20,411*	25,197	29,734	34,773	5,039
Worcester Co.	9,078*	14,872*	20,411*	25,197	29,734	34,773	5,039
Mid MD LWDA	11,622*	19,045	26,142	32,268	38,084	44,539	6,455
Carroll Co.	11,622*	19,045	26,142	32,268	38,084	44,539	6,455
Howard Co.	11,622*	19,045	26,142	32,268	38,084	44,539	6,455
Montgomery Co. LWDA	11,622*	19,045	26,142	32,268	38,084	44,539	6,455
Prince George's Co. LWDA	11,622*	19,045	26,142	32,268	38,084	44,539	6,455
Southern MD LWDA							
Calvert Co.	11,622*	19,045	26,142	32,268	38,084	44,539	6,455
Charles Co.	11,622*	19,045	26,142	32,268	38,084	44,539	6,455
St. Mary's Co.	9,078*	14,872*	20,411*	25,197	29,734	34,773	5,039
Susquehanna LWDA							
Cecil Co.	10,363*	16,979	23,307	28,770	33,956	39,706	5,750
Harford Co.	11,622*	19,045	26,142	32,268	38,084	44,539	6,455
Upper Shore LWDA							
Caroline Co.	9,078*	14,872*	20,411*	25,197	29,734	34,773	5,039
Dorchester Co.	9,078*	14,872*	20,411*	25,197	29,734	34,773	5,039
Kent Co.	9,078*	14,872*	20,411*	25,197	29,734	34,773	5,059
Talbot Co.	9,078*	14,872*	20,411*	25,197	29,734	34,773	5,039
Queen Anne's Co.	11,622*	19,045	26,142	32,268	38,084	44,539	6,455
Western MD LWDA							
Allegany Co.	9,216*	15,101*	20,727	25,588	30,201	35,321	5,120
Washington Co.	9,216*	15,101*	20,727	25,588	30,201	35,321	5,120
Garrett Co.	9,078*	14,872*	20,411*	25,197	29,734	34,773	5,039

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*Poverty level is greater than the LLSIL figures.

REFERENCES

LAW

- [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\)](#) (Pub.L. 113-128) Title 1;

USDOL GUIDANCE

- [Federal Register, January 31, 2017, Volume 82, Number 19, Pages 8831-8832](#)
- [Federal Register, May 23, 2017, Volume 82, Number 98, Pages 23595-23601](#)