



Illinois
Department of Commerce
& Economic Opportunity

OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

JB Pritzker, Governor

WIOA NOTICE NO. 25-NOT-06

TO: Chief Elected Officials
Local Workforce Innovation Board Chairpersons
Local Workforce Innovation Board Staff
WIOA Fiscal Agents and Grant Recipients
WIOA Program Services Administrators
Illinois workNet® Operators
WIOA State Agency Partners
Other Interested Persons

SUBJECT: Revised Income Guidelines for Determining Low-Income Status for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Eligibility

DATE: May 28, 2026

I. PURPOSE

This is the transmittal of the revised income guidelines tables. The tables are used to determine the status of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) income eligibility.

II. ISSUANCES AFFECTED

A. References:

Federal Register/Volume 91, No. 77/Wednesday, April 22, 2026/Notices, Pages 21511-21513.
DOL- ETA, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) 2026 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)
WIOA Policy Chapter 5.5.1 - Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) (July 27, 2007)
WIOA Policy Chapter 7.4.2 - Poverty Guidelines for Determining Amounts of Needs-Related Payments (July 27, 2007)

B. Rescissions:

WIOA Notice No. 24-NOT-03, Revised Income Guidelines for Determining Low-Income Status for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Eligibility (May 19, 2025)

III. BACKGROUND

The WIOA Policy on the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) contains information to determine the status of WIOA income eligibility. This is the 70% Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL).

To determine needs-related payments (NRP), refer to the WIOA Policy on Poverty Guidelines for Determining Amounts of Needs-Related Payments (July 27, 2007) and the current WIOA Notice for revised tables, which are available in the [WIOA ePolicy](#) Manual on the Illinois workNet website.

IV. COMPONENTS

Effective for applications taken on or after May 29, 2026, the attached income guidelines for determining low-income status, commonly referred to as the 70% Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL), are to be used to determine eligibility.

V. ACTION REQUIRED

The attached tables should be disseminated immediately to all entities responsible for determining eligibility. This notice's attachments should replace those found in WIOA Notice No. 24-NOT-03.

VI. INQUIRIES

Inquiries should be directed to OET, Mark Burgess at mark.a.burgess@illinois.gov, or Ramon (Ray) Al-Amin at ramon.al-amin@illinois.gov.

VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

This notice is effective on May 29, 2026.

VIII. EXPIRATION DATE

This notice will remain in effect until amended or rescinded by the Office of Employment and Training.

Sincerely,

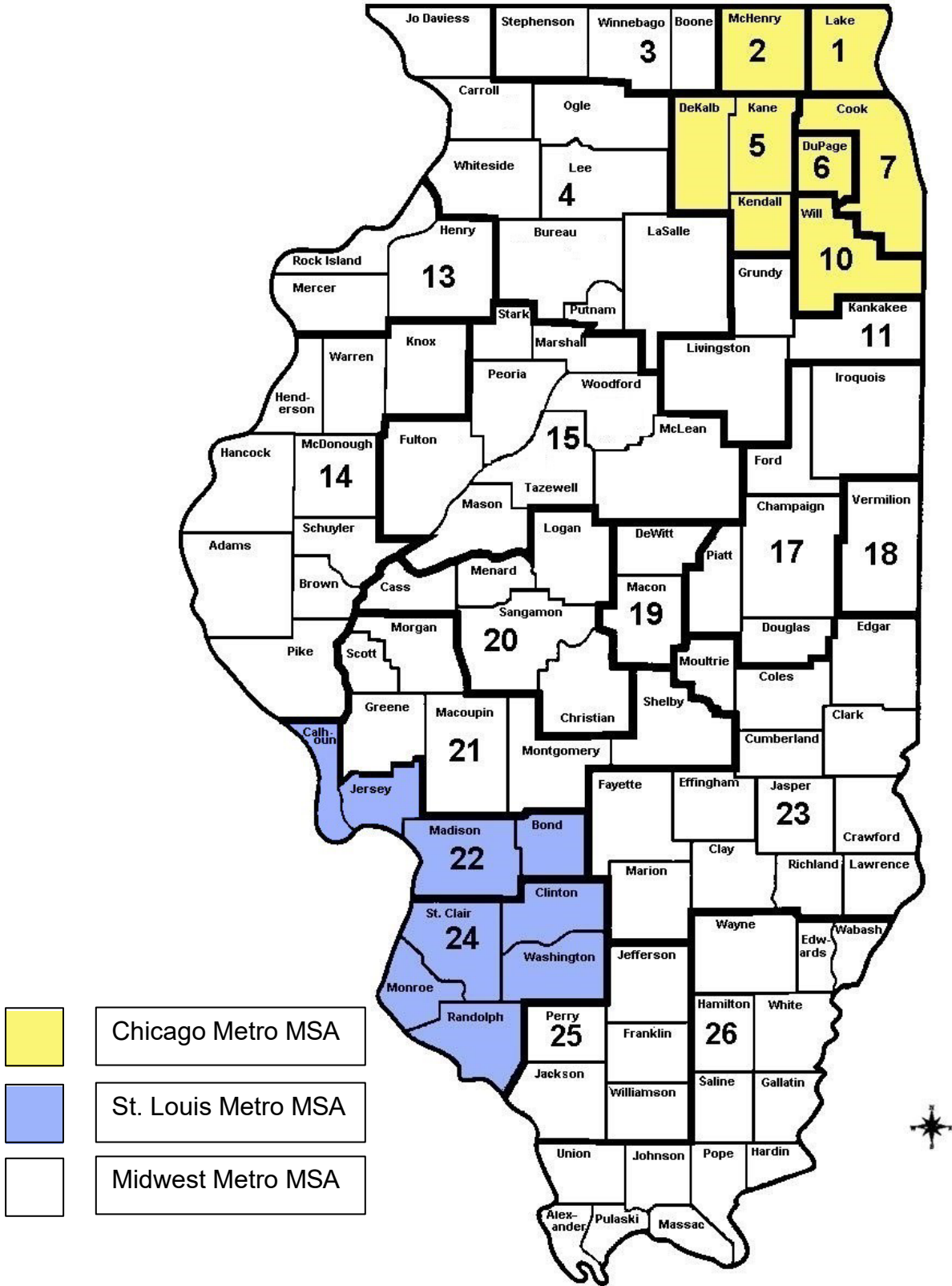


Julio Rodriguez, Deputy Director
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Attachment(s) A - Income Guidelines and Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) Boundaries
 B - Income Guidelines for Determination of Low-Income Status
 C - 100% LLSIL

INCOME GUIDELINES AND LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVEL (LLSIL) BOUNDARIES



**INCOME GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINATION
OF LOW-INCOME STATUS
70% of Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)**

These Guidelines are in effect From: May 19, 2025 To: May 28, 2026			
Size of Family Unit	LWIAs 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 10	LWIAs 22 and 24	LWIAs 3, 4, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26
1	<i>\$15,650</i>	<i>\$15,650</i>	<i>\$15,650</i>
2	<i>\$21,150</i>	<i>\$21,150</i>	<i>\$21,150</i>
3	<i>\$27,700</i>	<i>\$26,650</i>	<i>\$27,431</i>
4	<i>\$34,198</i>	<i>\$32,150</i>	<i>\$33,863</i>
5	<i>\$40,360</i>	<i>\$37,650</i>	<i>\$39,961</i>
6	<i>\$47,202</i>	<i>\$43,150</i>	<i>\$46,742</i>
	For family units with more than six members, add <i>\$6,842</i> for each additional member	For family units with more than six members, add <i>\$6,224</i> for each additional member	For family units with more than six members, add <i>\$6,781</i> for each additional member
<i>* An italicized income level indicates the 2025 Poverty Guideline was higher than the LLSIL for the selected Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA); thus, that level was used.</i>			

These Guidelines are in effect From: May 29, 2026 To: Continuing			
Size of Family Unit	LWIAs 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 10	LWIAs 22 and 24	LWIAs 3, 4, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26
1	<i>\$15,960</i>	<i>\$15,960</i>	<i>\$15,960</i>
2	<i>\$21,640</i>	<i>\$21,640</i>	<i>\$21,640</i>
3	<i>\$28,554</i>	<i>\$27,320</i>	<i>\$28,122</i>
4	<i>\$35,252</i>	<i>\$33,000</i>	<i>\$34,716</i>
5	<i>\$41,604</i>	<i>\$38,680</i>	<i>\$40,968</i>
6	<i>\$48,657</i>	<i>\$44,360</i>	<i>\$47,920</i>
	For family units with more than six members, add <i>\$7,053</i> for each additional member	For family units with more than six members, add <i>\$6,372</i> for each additional member	For family units with more than six members, add <i>\$6,952</i> for each additional member
<i>* An italicized income level indicates the 2026 Poverty Guideline was higher than the LLSIL for the selected MSA; thus, that level was used.</i>			

100% LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVEL (LLSIL)

These Guidelines are in effect From: May 19, 2025 To: May 28, 2026			
Size of Family Unit	LWIAs 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 10	LWIAs 22 and 24	LWIAs 3, 4, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26
1	\$17,589	\$16,029	\$17,418
2	\$28,836	\$26,260	\$28,551
3	\$39,571	\$36,046	\$39,187
4	\$48,854	\$44,492	\$48,376
5	\$57,657	\$52,508	\$57,087
6	\$67,432	\$61,400	\$66,775
	For family units with more than six members, add \$9,775 for each additional member	For family units with more than six members, add \$8,892 for each additional member	For family units with more than six members, add \$9,688 for each additional member

These Guidelines are in effect From: May 29, 2026 To: Continuing			
Size of Family Unit	LWIAs 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 10	LWIAs 22 and 24	LWIAs 3, 4, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26
1	\$18,131	\$16,408	\$17,857
2	\$29,725	\$26,880	\$29,270
3	\$40,791	\$36,898	\$40,174
4	\$50,360	\$45,543	\$49,595
5	\$59,434	\$53,749	\$58,525
6	\$69,510	\$62,851	\$68,457
	For family units with more than six members, add \$10,076 for each additional member	For family units with more than six members, add \$9,102 for each additional member	For family units with more than six members, add \$9,932 for each additional member