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OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

JB Pritzker, Governor

WIOA NOTICE NO. 25-NOT-07

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 Poverty Guidelines for Determining Eligibility for Needs-Related Payments

DATE: May 28, 2026

I. PURPOSE

This is the transmittal of the revised poverty guidelines for 2026. The tables are used to determine eligibility for needs-related payments.

II. ISSUANCES AFFECTED

A. References:

Federal Register/Volume 91, No. 10/Thursday, January 15, 2026/ Notices, Pages 1797-1798.
Department of Health and Human Services; Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines
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-02, Revised Poverty Guidelines for Determining Eligibility (May 19,
2025)

III. BACKGROUND

The WIOA Policy on Poverty Guidelines provides that revised tables are used in determining needs-related payments (NRP).

For determining the status of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) income eligibility,

POVERTY GUIDELINES

For Determining the Amount of Needs-Related Payments

(Poverty Guidelines for All States, Except Alaska and Hawaii)

TABLE A-1 2025 Poverty Guidelines

These Guidelines are in effect
From: May 19, 2025 to May 28, 2026

Size of Family Unit	Dollar Amount	Weekly Payment Level Based on Poverty Guidelines
1	\$15,650	\$300.96
2	\$21,150	\$406.73
3	\$26,650	\$512.50
4	\$32,150	\$618.27
5	\$37,650	\$724.04
6	\$43,150	\$829.81
7	\$48,650	\$935.58
8	\$54,150	\$1,041.35
Additional Member	\$5,500	\$105.77

TABLE A-2 2026 Poverty Guidelines

These Guidelines are in effect
From: May 29, 2026 to: Continuing

Size of Family Unit	Dollar Amount	Weekly Payment Level Based on Poverty Guidelines
1	\$15,960	\$306.92
2	\$21,640	\$416.15
3	\$27,320	\$525.38
4	\$33,000	\$634.62
5	\$38,680	\$743.85
6	\$44,360	\$853.08
7	\$50,040	\$962.31
8	\$55,720	\$1,071.54
Additional Member	\$5,680	\$109.23