



**North Carolina Department of Commerce  
Division of Workforce Solutions**

**DWS Policy Statement Number: PS 05-2018**

**Date: June 6, 2018**

**Subject: 2018 Lower Living Standard Income Level and to Rescind DWS  
Policy Statement Number 07-2017**

**From:**

  
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**Purpose:** To transmit the income chart identifying the higher of the "Federal Poverty Level Income Guidelines" and the "70% Lower Living Standard Income Level Guidelines" and rescind DWS Policy Statement Number 12-2017.

**Background:** The U.S. Department of Labor published the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) in the Federal Register on May 29, 2018.

The LLSIL is used for several purposes under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Public Law 113-128. Specifically, WIOA Section 3(36) defines the term "low income individual" for eligibility purposes, and Sections 127(b)(2)(C) and 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV) define "disadvantaged youth" and "disadvantaged adult" in terms of the poverty line for LLSIL for state formula allotments.

WIOA defines the term "low income individual" as one who qualifies under various criteria, including who is in a family with total family income that does not exceed the higher level of the poverty line or 70 percent of the LLSIL.

North Carolina and local Workforce Development Boards use the LLSIL for determining eligibility for Youth and Adult Programs for certain services. WIOA Section 101(36) defines the LLSIL as "that income level (adjusted for regional, metropolitan, urban and rural differences, and family size) determined annually by the U.S. Secretary of Labor based on the most recent lower living family budget issued by the Secretary".

**Action:** The attached 2018 Income Chart is to be used to determine low-income status of applicants for WIOA services as noted in WIOA Section 101(36).

**Effective Date:** May 29, 2018 (Per U.S. Department of Labor)

**Expiration:** Indefinite

**Contact:** Division Planners

**Attachment 1:** 2018 Income Chart

**Adjusted Income Chart Identifying the Higher of the Federal Poverty Level Income Guidelines and the 70% Lower Living Standard Income Level Guidelines, Including Metropolitan and Non-Metropolitan**

**Adjustments for Family Size Differences**

Revised: June 4, 2018

Effective: May 29, 2018  
(Per U.S. Department of Labor)

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>Non-Metropolitan</b>	<b>Metropolitan</b>
1	\$12,140	\$12,140
	\$16,460	\$16,460
3	\$20,780	\$21,162
4	\$25,549	\$26,126
5	\$30,151	\$30,835
6	\$35,260	\$36,063
For Each Additional Family Member Add	\$5,109	\$5,228

*Metropolitan Statistical Area Counties*

A lamance County	Cumberland County	Gulford County	Nash County	Rowan County
Alexander County	Currituck County	Haywood County	New Hanover County	Stokes County
Brunswick County	Davidson County	Henderson County	Onslow County	Union County
Buncombe County	Davie County	Hoke County	Orange County	Wake County
Burke County	Durham County	Iredell County	Pamlico County	Wayne County
Cabarrus County	Edgecombe County	Johnston County	Pender County	Yadkin County
Caldwell County	Franklin County	Jones County	Person County	
Catawba County	Forsyth County	Lincoln County	Pitt County	
Chatham County	Gaston County	Madison County	Randolph County	
Craven County	Gates County	Mecklenburg County	Rockingham County	