



DWD Issuance 18-2008

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Subject: Income Guidelines

1. Purpose: To provide the annual update of the 70 percent Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) Guidelines, and the Health and Human Services (HHS) Poverty Guidelines.

2. Background: Under Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, “Low Income Individual” is defined as one who qualifies under various criteria, including an individual who received income for a six-month period that does not exceed the higher level of the Poverty Line or 70 Percent of the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL).

Each year, the U.S. Department of Labor provides the LLSIL guidelines. The Secretary of Labor annually determines the LLSIL for uses described in the law. The current 2009 LLSIL can be found in the Federal Register Volume 74, Number 57, March 26, 2009, pages 13262-13266.

Section 673 (2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)) requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to update, at least annually, the poverty guidelines used as an eligibility criterion by a number of Federal Programs, including WIA.

The current 2009 Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines can be found in the Federal Register Volume 74, Number 14, January 23, 2009, pages 4199-4201.

3. Substance: The revised 70 percent guidelines, or the HHS poverty guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the criteria set forth in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) for low income individuals, “Disadvantaged adult” and “Disadvantaged youth” [WIA Sections 101(25), 127(b)(2)(C), and 132 (b)(1)(B)(v)(IV) respectively] when determining eligibility and/ or priority of service for WIA programs.

Attachment #1 represents a summary of the LLSIL guidelines for Missouri.

Attachment #2 represents a summary of the HHS Poverty guidelines for Missouri.

4. Action: Effective immediately, the revised 70 percent LLSIL guidelines (Attachment #1) should be used in conjunction with the HHS Poverty guidelines (Attachment #2) along with the criteria for the “low income individual,” to determine eligibility for WIA Youth programs and Priority of services for WIA Adult programs.
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6. Reference: Federal Register Volume 74, Number 57, March 26, 2009, pages 13262-13266.
Federal Register Volume 74, Number 14, January 23, 2009, pages 4199-4201.
7. Rescissions: DWD Issuance 02-2008 dated July 28, 2008
8. Attachments: #1 - LLSIL guidelines, 2009
#2 - HHS Poverty guidelines, 2009



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70 percent Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) Guidelines for 2009

NOTE: Different 70 percent LLSIL guidelines apply to Missouri Workforce Investment Regions in the following geographical areas:

- The Kansas City area which consists of Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray Counties (Kansas City and East Jackson County Region);
- The St. Louis area which consists of Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis City, and St. Louis Counties (Jefferson/ Franklin Consortium, St. Charles County, St. Louis City and St. Louis County Regions);
- The remainder of the state (Central, Northeast, Northwest, Ozark, South Central, Southeast, Southwest and West Central Regions).

70 Percent LLSIL Income Guidelines*

Family Size	Kansas City Area	St. Louis Area	Remainder of Missouri
1	\$8,184	\$8,049	\$8,024
2	13,416	13,187	13,144
3	18,421	18,101	18,044
4	22,735	22,342	22,272
5	26,831	26,367	26,288
6	31,379	30,832	30,742

For families larger than six (6) persons who reside in the Kansas City area, add \$4,548 for each additional member.

For families larger than six (6) persons who reside in the St. Louis area, add \$4,465 for each additional member.

For families larger than six (6) persons residing in the remainder of Missouri, add \$4,454 for each additional member.

*The guideline figures shown represent annual income.



Health and Human Services (HHS) Poverty Guidelines for 2009

The HHS updated poverty guidelines for Missouri are as follows:

Persons in Family	Poverty Guidelines*
1	\$10,830
2	\$14,570
3	\$18,310
4	\$22,050
5	\$25,790
6	\$29,530
7	\$33,270
8	\$37,010

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$3,740 for each additional person

*The guideline figures shown represent annual income.