



**Missouri Division of Workforce Development
DWD Issuance 15-2015, Change 1**

**Issued: June 1, 2016
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Subject: Updated 70 Percent Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)

1. Purpose: This Issuance provides the annual update of the 70 Percent LLSIL guidelines with the existing Health and Human Services (HHS) Poverty Guidelines.

2. Background: Under Title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA),¹ a “Low Income Individual” is defined as one who qualifies under various criteria, including being 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 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 2016 LLSIL is published in the Federal Register, Volume 81, Number 58, March 25, 2016, pages 16217–16223.

Section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act 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 WIOA. The 2016 HHS Poverty Guidelines may be found in the *Federal Register*, Volume 81, Number 15, January 25, 2016, pages 4036–4037.

3. Substance: The 70 Percent LLSIL Guidelines or the HHS Poverty Guidelines must be used in conjunction with the criteria set forth in WIOA sec. 3(36) for low income individuals when determining eligibility and/or priority of service for WIOA programs.

4. Actions: Effective immediately, the 2016 70 Percent LLSIL Guidelines shall be used in conjunction with the 2016 HHS Poverty Guidelines along with the criteria for the “Low Income Individual” to determine eligibility for WIOA Youth programs and priority of services for WIOA Adult programs.

5. Contact: Direct questions or comments regarding this Issuance to Randy Cottrell, Manager, (573) 526-8242, randy.cottrell@ded.mo.gov.

¹ Pub. Law 113-128; 29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.

6. Reference: Federal Register, Volume 81, Number 58, March 25, 2016, pages 16217–16223. Federal Register, Volume 81, Number 15, January 25, 2016, pages 4036–4037.
7. Rescissions: This Issuance updates, supersedes, and rescinds DWD Issuance 15-2015, dated February 19, 2016.
8. Attachments: (1) 2016 70 Percent LLSIL Guidelines and (2) 2016 HHS Poverty Guidelines for Missouri.

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70 PERCENT LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVEL (LLSIL) GUIDELINES FOR 2016¹

NOTE: Different 70 percent LLSIL guidelines apply to certain counties of residence in the following **Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)**² and in **Nonmetropolitan** counties:

- The **Kansas City, MO-KS selected MSA**,³ including **Bates, Caldwell, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Jackson, Lafayette, Platte, and Ray** counties in Missouri.
- The **St. Louis, MO-IL selected MSA**,⁴ including **Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, Saint Louis, St. Charles, Warren, and Washington** counties, and the **City of St. Louis**, in Missouri.
- **Other MSAs:**
 - **Cape Girardeau, MO-Jackson, IL MSA**, including **Cape Girardeau** and **Bollinger** counties in Missouri;
 - **Columbia, MO MSA**, which consists of **Boone** and **Howard** counties;
 - **Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO MSA**, which includes **McDonald County** in the southwest corner of Missouri;
 - **Jefferson City, MO MSA**, which consists of **Callaway, Cole, Moniteau, and Osage** counties;
 - **Joplin, MO MSA**, which consists of **Jasper** and **Newton** counties;
 - **Springfield, MO MSA**, which consists of **Christian, Dallas, Greene, Polk, and Webster** counties; and
 - **St. Joseph, MO-KS SMA**, which includes **Andrew, Buchanan, and DeKalb** counties in Missouri.
- The remaining **Nonmetropolitan** counties, which include:
Adair, Atchison, Audrain, Barry, Barton, Benton, Butler, Camden, Carroll, Carter, Cedar, Chariton, Clark, Cooper, Crawford, Dade, Daviess, Dent, Douglas, Dunklin, Gasconade, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Hickory, Holt, Howell, Iron, Johnson, Knox, Laclede, Lawrence, Lewis, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Madison, Maries, Marion, Mercer, Miller, Mississippi, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, New Madrid, Nodaway, Oregon, Ozark, Pemiscot, Perry, Pettis, Phelps, Pike, Pulaski, Putnam, Ralls, Randolph, Reynolds, Ripley, Saline, Schuyler, Scotland, Scott, Shannon, Shelby, St. Clair, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard, Stone, Sullivan, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Wayne, Worth, and Wright counties.

Family Size	St. Louis MSA	Kansas City MSA	Nonmetropolitan Missouri	Other Missouri MSAs (see above)
1	\$8,715	\$8,860	\$9,015	\$9,319
2	14,278	14,524	14,761	15,275
3	19,598	19,598	20,267	20,967
4	24,190	24,612	25,018	25,884
5	28,548	29,045	29,530	30,544
6	33,383	33,969	34,533	35,727
7+	For each family member more than six, add \$4,835	For each family member more than six, add \$4,924	For each family member more than six, add \$5,003	For each family member more than six, add \$5,183

¹ These guideline figures represent *annual* income.

² The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Bureau of Labor Statistics assigns counties to an MSA or identifies them as nonmetropolitan.

³ Kansas City, MO-KS is one of 23 national MSAs designated by DOL to have a unique adjusted LLSIL.

⁴ St. Louis, MO-IL is one of 23 national MSAs designated by DOL to have a unique adjusted LLSIL.



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**2016 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)
POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR MISSOURI**

The HHS Poverty Guidelines of 2016:

Persons in Family	Poverty Guidelines/Annual Income
1	\$11,880
2	16,020
3	20,160
4	24,300
5	28,440
6	32,580
7	36,730
8*	40,890

*For families with more than 8 persons, add \$4,160 for each additional person.

The 2016 HHS Poverty Guidelines may be found in the *Federal Register*, Volume 81, Number 15, January 25, 2016, pages 4036–4037.