



To: Indiana's Workforce System

From: Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD)

Date: May 27, 2025

Subject: DWD Memorandum 2024-13
2025 Economically Disadvantaged Criteria (EDC)

PURPOSE

This memo issues the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) 2025 Economically Disadvantaged Criteria (EDC). The criteria were developed using the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) 2025 Poverty Guidelines and the Department of Labor (DOL) 2025 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL). These criteria are used to identify disadvantaged adults and youths, as WIOA defines these individuals as those who received an income or are members of a family that received a total family income that, in relation to family size, does not receive the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the LLSIL.¹

REFERENCES

- WIOA Sec. 127 (b)(2)(C) and WIOA Sec. 132 (b)(1)(B)(v)(IV)
- WIOA 2025 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL), Federal Register / Vol. 90, No. 91 / Tuesday, May 13, 2025 / Notices²
- Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines, Federal Register / Vol. 90, No. 11 / Friday, January 17, 2025 / Notices 5917³
- Revised Delineations of Metropolitan Statistical Areas, Micropolitan Statistical Areas, and Combined Statistical Areas, and Guidance on Uses of the Delineations of These Areas, OMB Bulletin No. 23-01, July 21, 2023⁴

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¹ WIOA Sec. 127 (b)(2)(C) and WIOA Sec. 132 (b)(1)(B)(v)(IV).

² <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/llsil>.

³ <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/01/17/2025-01377/annual-update-of-the-hhs-poverty-guidelines>.

⁴ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/OMB-Bulletin-23-01.pdf>.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the content of this publication should be directed to policy@dwd.in.gov.

ATTACHMENT A
2025 ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED CRITERIA
INCLUDING THE POVERTY GUIDELINES & 70% OF THE LOWER
LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVEL (LLSIL)

Metropolitan and Non-Metropolitan Counties

The following counties are metropolitan counties. All other counties are non-metropolitan.

Allen County	Harrison County	Posey County
Bartholomew County	Hendricks County	Shelby County
Benton County	Howard County	St. Joseph County
Boone County	Jasper County	Sullivan County
Brown County	Johnson County	Tippecanoe County
Carroll County	Lake County	Tipton County
Clark County	LaPorte County	Vanderburgh County
Clay County	Madison County	Vermillion County
Dearborn County	Marion County	Vigo County
Delaware County	Monroe County	Warren County
Elkhart County	Morgan County	Warrick County
Floyd County	Newton County	Washington County
Franklin County	Ohio County	Wells County
Hamilton County	Owen County	Whitley County
Hancock County	Porter County	

Poverty Guidelines

Effective January 17, 2025

Family Size	Poverty Guideline
1	\$15,650
2	\$21,150
3	\$26,650
4	\$32,150
5	\$37,650
6	\$43,150
7	\$48,650
8	\$54,150
Each Additional Person	\$5,500

Economically Disadvantaged Criteria:
Shows the Higher of the 2025 Poverty Guidelines or 70% 2025 LLSIL

All Indiana Counties except Dearborn, Franklin, Jasper, Lake, Newton, Ohio, and Porter

Family Size	Metropolitan	Non-Metropolitan
1	\$15,650*	\$15,650*
2	\$21,150*	\$21,150*
3	\$27,431	\$26,188
4	\$33,863	\$32,327
5	\$39,961	\$38,158
6	\$46,742	\$44,622
Each Additional Person	\$6,781	\$6,464

* Indicates that level comes from the Poverty Guidelines.

Northwestern Indiana (Jasper, Lake, Newton, and Porter Counties)

Family Size	Income Level
1	\$15,650*
2	\$21,150*
3	\$27,700
4	\$34,198
5	\$40,360
6	\$47,202
Each Additional Person	\$6,842

* Indicates that level comes from the Poverty Guidelines

Southeastern Indiana (Dearborn, Franklin, and Ohio Counties)

Family Size	Income Level
1	\$15,650*
2	\$21,150*
3	\$26,650*
4	\$32,150*
5	\$37,650*
6	\$43,168
Each Additional Person	\$6,255

* Indicates that level comes from the Poverty Guidelines

70% of Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)

All Indiana Counties Except Dearborn, Franklin, Jasper, Lake, Newton, Ohio, and Porter.

Family Size	Metropolitan	Non-Metropolitan
1	\$12,193	\$11,649
2	\$19,986	\$19,074
3	\$27,431	\$26,188
4	\$33,863	\$32,327
5	\$39,961	\$38,158
6	\$46,742	\$44,622
Each Additional Person	\$6,781	\$6,464

Northwestern Indiana (Jasper, Lake, Newton, and Porter Counties)

Family Size	Income Level
1	\$12,312
2	\$20,185
3	\$27,700
4	\$34,198
5	\$40,360
6	\$47,202
Each Additional Person	\$6,842

Southeastern Indiana (Dearborn, Franklin, and Ohio Counties)

Family Size	Income Level
1	\$11,264
2	\$18,462
3	\$25,344
4	\$31,278
5	\$36,913
6	\$43,168
Each Additional Person	\$6,255

NOTE: For family sizes greater than six, subtract the LLSIL of a family of five from a family of six. Use the difference between a family of five and six as the amount you will add to each income after a family of six.