

Dislocated Worker and Federal Adult Programs (DWFAP)

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SUBJECT: 2026 Federal Poverty Guidelines

1. Purpose

This TAB provides the 2026 Federal Poverty Guidelines for Minnesota’s Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult, WIOA Dislocated Worker (DW) and State DW programs.

2. Action Requested

Stakeholders are encouraged to review this TAB and ensure they are using the most current version of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

3. Relevant Laws, Policies and References

[91 Federal Register Notice \(FR\) 1797 \(January 15, 2026\)](#)

[90 Federal Register Notice \(FR\) 20318 \(May 13, 2025\)](#)

[DWFAP Definition of Economic Self-Sufficiency and Income Exclusions Policy \(April 16, 2025\)](#)

4. Updates to Advisories

None

5. Summary and Background

The Federal Poverty Guidelines are issued every year by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Minnesota’s WIOA Adult, WIOA DW and State DW programs use these guidelines for eligibility, priority of service and Economic Self-Sufficiency purposes.

6. 2026 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Stakeholders of Minnesota’s WIOA Adult, WIOA DW and State DW programs should use the most current versions of Federal Poverty Guidelines when making eligibility, priority of service and Economic Self-Sufficiency decisions. See Attachment One for the updated 2026 Federal Poverty Guidelines.

This TAB also lists the 2025 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) Guidelines for your reference. Once the 2026 LLSIL Guidelines are published (typically in April or May) this TAB will be updated with the new 2026 LLSIL Guidelines. Attachment Two references the 2025 LLSIL Guidelines.

7. Inquiries

Questions related to this TAB should be directed to the DWFAP email: Dwfaprograms.deed@state.mn.us

8. Attachments

Attachment One: 2026 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Attachment Two: 2025 LLSIL Guidelines

9. Advisory History

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Attachment One: 2026 Federal Poverty Guidelines

See Table One and Table Two below for the [2026 Federal Poverty Guidelines](#) published on January 15, 2026. The 2026 guidelines should be used for all for eligibility, priority of service and Economic Self-Sufficiency decisions made on or after January 13, 2026.

Anyone with an income below 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines is considered 'low-income' for WIOA Adult and WIOA DW eligibility and priority of service purposes. Anyone with an income below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines is considered 'low-income' for State DW eligibility and priority of service purposes.

Table One: 2026 Federal Poverty Guidelines Per Year

| Persons in Family/Household | 100% Federal Poverty Guidelines ¹ | 200% Federal Poverty Guidelines ² State DW Program Only |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | \$15,960 | \$31,920.00 |
| 2 | \$21,640 | \$43,280.00 |
| 3 | \$27,320 | \$54,640.00 |
| 4 | \$33,000 | \$66,000.00 |
| 5 | \$38,680 | \$77,360.00 |
| 6 | \$44,360 | \$88,720.00 |
| 7 | \$50,040 | \$100,080.00 |
| 8 | \$55,720 | \$111,440.00 |

Table Two: 2026 Federal Poverty Guidelines Per Month

| Persons in Family/Household | 100% Federal Poverty Guidelines ³ | 200% Federal Poverty Guidelines ⁴ State DW Program Only |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | \$1,330.00 | \$2,660.00 |
| 2 | \$1,803.33 | \$3,606.67 |
| 3 | \$2,276.67 | \$4,553.33 |
| 4 | \$2,750.00 | \$5,500.00 |
| 5 | \$3,223.33 | \$6,446.67 |
| 6 | \$3,696.67 | \$7,393.33 |
| 7 | \$4,170.00 | \$8,340.00 |
| 8 | \$4,643.33 | \$9,286.67 |

¹ For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,680 for each additional person

² For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$11,360 for each additional person

³ For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$473.33 for each additional person

⁴ For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$946.67 for each additional person

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Attachment Two: 2025 LLSIL Guidelines

See Table One and Table Two below for the [2025 LLSIL Guidelines](#) published on May 13, 2025. The 2025 guidelines should be used for all for eligibility, priority of service and Economic Self-Sufficiency decisions made on or after May 13, 2025. See [DWFAP's Definition of Economic Self-Sufficiency and Income Exclusions Policy](#) for more information on Economic Self-Sufficiency levels and local policies.

LLSIL Geographic Definitions:

The Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington (MSP) Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) LLSIL Guidelines must be used for individuals residing in: Anoka County, Carver County, Chisago County, Dakota County, Hennepin County, Isanti County, Le Sueur County, Mille Lacs County, Ramsey County, Scott County, Sherburne County, Washington County, and Wright County.⁵

The Midwest Metro LLSIL Guidelines are for individuals residing in: Benton County, Clay County, Olmsted County, St. Louis County, and Stearns County. All remaining Minnesota counties must use Midwest Non-Metro LLSIL Guidelines.

Table One: 2025 LLSIL Guidelines Per Year

| Family Size | 70% MSP MSA LLSIL | 70% Midwest Metro LLSIL | 70% Midwest Non-Metro LLSIL | 100% MSP MSA LLSIL | 100% Midwest Metro LLSIL | 100% Midwest Non-Metro LLSIL |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | \$11,850 | \$16,885 | \$11,375 | \$16,928 | \$16,885 | \$16,250 |
| 2 | \$19,417 | \$27,677 | \$18,625 | \$27,739 | \$27,677 | \$26,607 |
| 3 | \$26,658 | \$37,987 | \$25,572 | \$38,082 | \$37,987 | \$36,531 |
| 4 | \$32,902 | \$46,895 | \$31,566 | \$47,003 | \$46,895 | \$45,095 |
| 5 | \$38,833 | \$55,339 | \$37,259 | \$55,475 | \$55,339 | \$53,228 |
| 6 | \$45,412 | \$64,730 | \$43,572 | \$64,875 | \$64,730 | \$62,245 |

Table Two: 2025 LLSIL Guidelines Per Month

| Family Size | 70% MSP MSA LLSIL | 70% Midwest Metro LLSIL | 70% Midwest Non-Metro LLSIL | 100% MSP MSA LLSIL | 100% Midwest Metro LLSIL | 100% Midwest Non-Metro LLSIL |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | \$987.50 | \$1,407.08 | \$947.92 | \$1,410.67 | \$1,407.08 | \$1,354.17 |
| 2 | \$1,618.08 | \$2,306.42 | \$1,552.08 | \$2,311.58 | \$2,306.42 | \$2,217.25 |
| 3 | \$2,221.50 | \$3,165.58 | \$2,131.00 | \$3,173.50 | \$3,165.58 | \$3,044.25 |
| 4 | \$2,741.83 | \$3,907.92 | \$2,630.50 | \$3,916.92 | \$3,907.92 | \$3,757.92 |
| 5 | \$3,236.08 | \$4,611.58 | \$3,104.92 | \$4,622.92 | \$4,611.58 | \$4,435.67 |
| 6 | \$3,784.33 | \$5,394.17 | \$3,631.00 | \$5,406.25 | \$5,394.17 | \$5,187.08 |

Note: Table Two numbers are not rounded.

⁵ MSP MSA as defined by [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) Bulletin NO. 23-01](#) (July 21, 2023)