

WIOA Low-Income Guidelines

This web page has information on qualifying for programs and help under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Interested people must meet certain requirements. To see if someone meets these requirements, Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) look at their income. Boards use specific guidelines: the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) and the Poverty Guidelines from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) updates this web page twice a year with the new values and effective dates. Boards use this information to decide who qualifies as low-income for WIOA in Texas.

[DOL 70 percent LLSIL guidelines](#), issued and effective May 13, 2025

[HHS Poverty Guidelines](#), Issued and effective January 13, 2026

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The income levels currently in use to determine WIOA eligibility are below.

Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington Metropolitan Statistical Area

City of Dallas, Balance of Dallas County, City of Fort Worth, Balance of Tarrant County (Dallas–Fort Worth MSA)

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	>8
Income	\$15,960	\$21,640	\$27,320	\$33,000	\$38,746	\$45,308	\$51,870	\$58,432	Add \$6,562 for each person above 10.

Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land Metropolitan Statistical Area

Cities of Houston, The Woodlands, and Sugar Land

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	>8
Income	\$15,960	\$21,640	\$27,320	\$33,000	\$38,680	\$44,360	\$50,040	\$56,293	Add \$5,753 for each person above 10.

Texas Non-metro

South Plains, Middle Rio Grande, and Deep East Texas workforce development areas

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	>8
Income	\$15,960	\$21,640	\$27,320	\$33,000	\$38,680	\$44,992	\$51,512	\$58,032	Add \$6,520 for each person above 10.

Texas Metro

All Other Areas

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	>8
Income	\$15,960	\$21,640	\$27,448	\$33,888	\$39,995	\$46,777	\$53,559	\$60,341	Add \$6, 782 for each person above 10.

Resources

[Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\)](#)

[WIOA Minimum Self-Sufficiency Wage Levels](#)

[WIOA Eligible Training Providers](#)

[Target Occupations](#)

[High Poverty Areas by County](#)

Previous Low-Income Guidelines

Older versions of the income guidelines can be used for monitoring and to verify income eligibility for participants during previous periods.

[WIOA Income Guidelines in Effect January 15, 2025 – May 13, 2025](#)

[WIOA Income Guidelines in Effect April 17, 2024 – January 15, 2025](#)

[WIOA Income Guidelines in Effect January 17, 2024 – April 17, 2024](#)

[WIOA Income Guidelines in Effect May 8, 2023 - January 11, 2024](#)

[WIOA Income Guidelines in Effect January 19, 2023 - May 8, 2023](#)

[WIOA Income Guidelines in Effect April 5, 2022 - January 18, 2023](#)

[WIOA Income Guidelines in Effect January 21, 2022 - April 5, 2022](#)

[WIOA Income Guidelines in Effect April 8, 2021 - January 21, 2022](#)

[WIOA Income Guidelines in Effect January 27, 2021 - April 8, 2021](#)

[WIOA Income Guidelines in Effect March 16, 2020 - January 27, 2021](#)

[WIOA Income Guidelines in Effect January 16, 2020 - March 16, 2020](#)

[WIOA Income Guidelines in Effect May 28, 2019 - January 16, 2020](#)

[WIOA Income Guidelines in Effect February 1, 2019 - May 28, 2019](#)

[WIOA Income Guidelines in Effect May 28, 2018 - February 1, 2019](#)

[WIOA Income Guidelines in Effect May 23, 2017 - January 17, 2018](#)