

Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Eligibility: Income Guidelines

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Overview

To be eligible for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs and services, individuals must meet WIOA eligibility requirements. When determining an individual's WIOA eligibility based on low-income status, Workforce Development Boards use the income guidelines identified by the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) guidelines and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Poverty Guidelines. Each of these guidelines is updated annually, and the Texas Workforce Commission updates this page twice a year with the new income amounts and effective dates.

The following income guidelines are compared and the higher dollar amount for each family size is used to establish Texas' WIOA low-income eligibility standards:

- [DOL 70 percent LLSIL guidelines](#), issued and effective April 9, 2021
- HHS Poverty Guidelines, issued and effective January 28, 2021

Below are the income levels currently in use to determine WIOA eligibility.

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	9	10	>10
Income	\$12,880	\$17,420	\$21,960	\$26,500	\$31,047	\$36,305	\$41,563	\$46,821	\$52,080	\$57,338	Add \$5,258 for each person above 10.

Texas Non-metro

South Plains workforce development area (workforce area), Middle Rio Grande workforce area and Deep East Texas workforce area

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	>10
Income	\$12,880	\$17,420	\$21,960	\$26,689	\$31,496	\$36,833	\$42,171	\$47,509	\$52,846	\$58,184	Add \$5,338 for each person above 10.

Texas Metro

All Other Areas

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	>10
Income	\$12,880	\$17,420	\$22,258	\$27,479	\$32,432	\$37,931	\$43,430	\$48,929	\$54,428	\$59,927	Add \$5,499 for each person above 10.