

**100% LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVELS
FOR SOUTH CAROLINA
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| <u>Size of Family Unit</u> | <u>Non-Metro</u> | <u>Metropolitan*</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | 16,308 | 16,911 |
| 2 | 26,715 | 27,709 |
| 3 | 36,667 | 38,031 |
| 4 | 45,263 | 46,953 |
| 5 | 53,415 | 55,415 |
| 6 | 62,467 | 64,811 |
| 7 | 71,519 | 74,207 |
| 8 | 80,571 | 83,603 |

For families larger than eight, add for each additional person in the family:
\$9,052 for non-metropolitan **\$9,396 for metropolitan**

NOTES

*The metropolitan areas of South Carolina include the following counties: Aiken, Anderson, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Darlington, Dorchester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence, Greenville, Horry, Kershaw, Lexington, Laurens, Pickens, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg, Sumter, and York.

In WIOA, training services may be made available to employed and unemployed adults and dislocated workers who are determined:

- Unlikely or unable to obtain or retain employment that leads to economic self-sufficiency or wages comparable to or higher than wages from previous employment through career services; and
- In need of training services to obtain or retain employment leading to economic self-sufficiency or wages comparable to or higher than wages from previous employment.

WIOA allows the State, as well as Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs), to adopt, calculate, or commission for approval an economic self-sufficiency standard that specifies the income needs of families, by family size, the number and ages of children in the family, and sub-state geographical considerations. Until such economic self-sufficiency standard(s) are determined, Local Workforce Development Areas (LWDAs) may continue to use “self-sufficiency” criteria adopted under WIA. At a minimum, such criteria provides that self-sufficiency means employment that pays at least 100 percent of the LLSIL based on family size and income. Self-sufficiency for dislocated workers may be defined in relation to a percentage of the layoff wage. These guidelines, along with LWDB criteria, should be used in determining the need for training services.

The DOL 100 percent LLSIL is updated periodically when national guidelines change. It is important that the previous copies of the guidelines are kept and are not discarded. The older versions, for example, would be used to review income levels in effect at the time an individual originally applied for WIOA training services.

May be used to determine an individual’s self-sufficiency for receipt of training services in WIOA.