

**POVERTY LEVEL GUIDELINES
FOR SOUTH CAROLINA
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<u>Size of Family Unit</u>	<u>Income</u>
1	15,060
2	20,440
3	25,820
4	31,200
5	36,580
6	41,960
7	47,340
8	52,720

For families larger than eight, add **\$5,380** for each additional person in the family.

The poverty guidelines are used to determine eligibility for dislocated workers who are in need of financial assistance (Needs-Related Payments) to participate in training programs under WIOA.

Payment levels for any WIOA participants receiving needs-related payments (adults or dislocated workers) are established by each LWDB. In determining the level of needs-related payments for dislocated workers, payments may not exceed the greater of either:

- The applicable weekly level of unemployment compensation benefits, for participants who were eligible for unemployment compensation as a result of the qualifying dislocation; or
- The poverty level for an equivalent period, for participants who did not qualify for unemployment compensation as a result of the qualifying layoff. The weekly payment level must be adjusted to reflect changes in total family income, as determined by LWDB policies.

The poverty guidelines are issued each year by the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). 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 was determined to be eligible to receive financial assistance (Needs-Related Payments) under WIOA.

Use to determine needs-related payments for dislocated workers in WIOA.