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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Workforce Development Boards

**FROM: NM Department of Workforce Solutions
State Administrative Entity**

CC: Veronica Alonzo, WIOA Program Manager

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DATE: June 15, 2026

**SUBJECT: LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVEL (LLSIL)
PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 2026 INCOME TABLES**

PURPOSE:

To transmit the Program year (PY) Income tables as required for the following purposes:

- To determine income eligibility for participation in programs.
- To establish criteria for Local Workforce development Boards (LWDBs) to develop priority of services.

ACTION:

LWDBs shall use the attached income tables in the determination of eligibility and priority of service for program services and activities.

- Attachment A, Program Year (PY) 2026 INCOME ELIGIBILITY TABLE, which contains data for the 70% Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL), 100% LLSIL and the Health and Human Services (HHS) Poverty Guidelines.
- Attachment B, Program year (PY) 2026 – NM Eligibility Tables, which contains combined data for the 70% Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) and the HHS Poverty Guidelines.
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EFFECTIVE DATE:

July 1, 2026

CONTACT:

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ATTACHEMENT A

Poverty Income Guidelines 70% Lower Living Standard Income Levels 100% LLSIL for New Mexico

2026 Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines Extended Published January 15, 2026
Department of Labor's 70% and 100% LLSIL Effective July 1, 2026

Size Of Family	2026 HHS Poverty Guidelines	2026 Metro 70% LLSIL	2026 Non-Metro 70% LLSIL	100% LLSIL Self-Sufficiency	
				Metro	Non-Metro
1	\$15,960	\$14,761	\$14,465	\$21,087	\$20,664
2	\$21,640	\$24,191	\$23,707	\$34,559	\$33,867
3	\$27,320	\$33,213	\$32,549	\$47,447	\$46,498
4	\$33,000	\$41,001	\$40,174	\$58,573	\$57,392
5	\$38,680	\$48,381	\$47,415	\$69,116	\$67,736
6	\$44,360	\$56,588	\$55,454	\$80,840	\$79,220
7	\$50,040	\$64,795	\$63,493	\$92,564	\$90,704
8	\$55,720	\$73,002	\$71,532	\$104,288	\$102,188
For each additional family member add	\$5,680	\$8,207	\$8,039	\$11,724	\$11,484

The Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) reflects cost of living increases for the Regions and major metro areas by calculating the percentage change in the most recent Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for an area then applying this calculation to each of the previous year's LLSIL figures.

Use the above table to determine economically disadvantaged status according to family size. Compare the family income to the HHS Poverty Guidelines or the 70% LLSIL, whichever is greater.

The 100% LLSIL is to determine the minimum level for establishing self-sufficiency criteria at the local level. This is the minimum figure locals must set for determining whether employment leads to self-sufficiency under programs. The State may define self-sufficiency levels or self-sufficiency criteria for LWDBs and regions based on appropriate data.

Metro Areas include the cities of Albuquerque, Farmington, Las Cruces, and Santa Fe. All other areas in New Mexico are considered to be Non-Metro Areas.

*For families in the metro areas with greater than (>) 6 members, add \$11,724 for each additional member. For non-metro areas, add \$11,484 for each additional member.

ATTACHEMENT B

PY2026 NM Eligibility Tables

Non-Metro

HHS poverty level for family of one and 70% LLSIL

To be utilized for the determination of Youth eligibility..

**Family of One	Family of Two	Family of Three	Family of Four	Family of Five	Family of Six
\$15,960	\$23,707	\$32,549	\$40,174	\$47,415	\$55,454

For family size higher than six, add \$8,039 for each additional family member

** From HHS poverty level

100% LLSIL

Family of One	Family of Two	Family of Three	Family of Four	Family of Five	Family of Six
\$20,664	\$33,867	\$46,498	\$57,392	\$67,736	\$79,220

For family size higher than six, add \$11,484 for each additional family member.

Metro

HHS poverty level for family of one and 70% LLSIL

To be utilized for the determination of Youth eligibility..

**Family of One	Family of Two	Family of Three	Family of Four	Family of Five	Family of Six
\$15,960	\$24,191	\$33,213	\$41,001	\$48,381	\$56,588

For family size higher than six, add \$8,207 for each additional family member.

** From HHS poverty level

100% LLSIL

Family of One	Family of Two	Family of Three	Family of Four	Family of Five	Family of Six
\$21,087	\$34,559	\$47,447	\$58,573	\$69,116	\$80,840

For family size higher than six, add \$11,724 for each additional family