

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT
VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

VIRGINIA WORKFORCE LETTER #11-11

TO: LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS

FROM: Office of Workforce Development Services
Research and Evaluation Services

SUBJECT: 2012 POVERTY AND 70% LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVELS

100% LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVELS for determining self-sufficiency under the Workforce Investment Act

DATE: APRIL 30,2012 (EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2013)*

RESCINDS Field Guidance Memorandum #02-06, dated July 1, 2003
RESCINDS Field Guidance Memorandum #04-01, dated July 1, 2004
RESCINDS Field Guidance Memorandum #04-01, dated July 1, 2005
RESCINDS Field Guidance Memorandum #05-10, dated June 14, 2006
RESCINDS Field Guidance Memorandum #05-10, dated June 20, 2007
RESCINDS Field Guidance Memorandum # 08-06, dated May 11, 2009
RESCINDS Virginia Workforce Letter # 10-03, dated July 28, 2010
RESCINDS Virginia Workforce Letter #11-01, dated July 11, 2011

In Section 101 (25) (B), the definition of LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUAL- is defined as an individual, who:

(B) received an income, or is a member of a family that received a total family income, for the 6-month period prior to application for the program involved (exclusive of unemployment compensation, child support payments, payments described in subparagraph (A), and old-age and survivors insurance benefits received under section 202 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402)) that, in relation to family size, does not exceed the higher of--

- (i) the poverty line, for an equivalent period; or
- (ii) 70 percent of the lower living standard income level, for an equivalent period.

The following guidelines are to be used in determining low-income eligibility. Poverty Guidelines are to be used for the "poverty line." The 70% Lower Living Standard Income Level appropriate to the applicant's place of residence should be used to determine eligibility, where appropriate.

The 100% of the Lower Level Standard Income Levels are to be applied when determining whether employment leads to self-sufficiency under Workforce Investment Act programs. The 100% levels **are not to be used to determine “low income” eligibility.**

2012 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia	
<u>Size of Family Unit</u>	<u>Poverty Guideline</u>
1	\$11,170
2	15,130
3	19,090
4	23,050
5	27,010
6	30,970
7	34,930
8	38,890

For family units with more than **8** members, add **\$3,960** for each additional member.

Federal Register, Volume 77, No.17, January 26, 2012 – Department of Health and Human Services, Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines

70% Lower Living Standard Income Level Metro-Level – SOUTH Region	
<u>Size of Family Unit</u>	<u>70% LLSIL</u>
1	(\$8,718)
2	(14,284)
3	19,606
4	24,205
5	28,568
6	33,411

For the values in parentheses, the Poverty level is higher for the corresponding family size.

For each family member above **6** add **\$4,843**. The Metro-Levels apply to the following jurisdictions (Local Workforce Area):

Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford, VA Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) -

- Giles County (LWIA 02)
- Montgomery County (LWIA 02)
- Pulaski County (LWIA 02)
- Radford City (LWIA 02)

Bristol, VA portion of Kingsport-Bristol-Bristol, TN, VA MSA -

- Scott County (LWIA 01)

Washington County (LWIA 02)
Bristol City (LWIA 02)

Charlottesville, VA MSA -

Albemarle County (LWIA 06)
Fluvanna County (LWIA 06)
Greene County (LWIA 06)
Nelson County (LWIA 06)
Charlottesville City (LWIA 06)

Danville, VA MSA –

Pittsylvania County (LWIA 17)
Danville City (LWIA 17)

Harrisonburg, VA MSA –

Rockingham County (LWIA 04)
Harrisonburg City (LWIA 04)

Lynchburg, VA MSA -

Amherst County (LWIA 07)
Appomattox County (LWIA 07)
Bedford County (LWIA 07)
Campbell County (LWIA 07)
Bedford City (LWIA 07)
Lynchburg City (LWIA07)

Richmond, VA MSA -

Amelia County (LWIA 08)
Caroline County (LWIA 13)
Charles City County (LWIA 09)
Chesterfield County (LWIA 09)
Dinwiddie County (LWIA 15)
Goochland County (LWIA 09)
Hanover County (LWIA 09)
Henrico County (LWIA 09)
King and Queen County (LWIA 13)
King William County (LWIA 13)
Louisa County (LWIA 06)
New Kent County (LWIA 09)
Powhatan County (LWIA 09)
Prince George County (LWIA 15)
Sussex County (LWIA 15)
Colonial Heights City (LWIA 15)
Hopewell City (LWIA 15)
Petersburg City (LWIA 15)
Richmond City (LWIA 10)

Roanoke, VA MSA –

- Botetourt County (LWIA 03)
- Craig County (LWIA 03)
- Franklin County (LWIA 03)
- Roanoke County (LWIA 03)
- Roanoke City (LWIA 03)
- Salem City (LWIA 03)

Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA MSA –

- Gloucester County (LWIA 14)
- Isle of Wight County (LWIA 16)
- James City County (LWIA 14)
- Mathews County (LWIA 13)
- Surry County (LWIA 15)
- York County (LWIA 14)
- Chesapeake City (LWIA 16)
- Hampton City (LWIA 14)
- Newport News City (LWIA 14)
- Norfolk City (LWIA 16)
- Poquoson City (LWIA 14)
- Portsmouth City (LWIA 16)
- Suffolk City (LWIA 16)
- Virginia Beach City (LWIA 16)
- Williamsburg City (LWIA 14)

Winchester, VA MSA –

- Frederick County (LWIA 04)
- Winchester City (LWIA 04)

*Reference: **Federal Register**, March 28, 2012 (Volume 77, Number 80); Workforce Investment Act; Lower Living Standard Income Level*

70% Lower Living Standard Income Level Non-Metro-Level – SOUTH Region	
<u>Size of Family Unit</u>	<u>70% LLSIL</u>
1	(\$8,595)
2	(14,081)
3	19,326
4	23,857
5	28,154
6	32,925

For the values in parentheses, the Poverty level is higher for the corresponding family size. For each family member above **6** add **\$4,771**. The above standards apply to the following jurisdictions (Local Workforce Investment Areas):

Southwestern Virginia (LWIA 01) –

Buchanan County
Dickenson County
Lee County
Russell County

Southwestern Virginia (LWIA 01) –

Tazewell County
Wise County
Norton City

New River/Mount Rogers (LWIA 02) -

Bland County
Carroll County
Floyd County
Grayson County
Smyth County
Wythe County
Galax City

Western Virginia (LWIA 03) -

Alleghany County
Covington City

Shenandoah Valley (LWIA 04) -

Augusta County
Bath County
Highland County
Page County
Rockbridge County
Buena Vista City
Lexington City
Staunton City
Waynesboro City
Shenandoah County

Piedmont Workforce Network (LWIA 06) -

Culpeper County
Orange County
Rappahannock County

Region 2000/Central Virginia (LWIA 07) -

No jurisdictions in LWIA 07 are to use the Non-Metro Income Level.

South Central (LWIA 08) -

Brunswick County
Buckingham County
Charlotte County
Cumberland County
Halifax County
Lunenburg County
Nottoway County
Prince Edward County

Capital Area (LWIA 09) -

No jurisdictions in LWIA 09 are to use the Non-Metro Income Level.

City of Richmond (LWIA 10) –

No jurisdictions in LWIA 10 are to use the Non-Metro Income Level.

Northern Virginia (LWIA 11) –

No jurisdictions in LWIA 11 are to use the Non-Metro Income Level.

Alexandria/Arlington (LWIA 12) –

No jurisdictions in LWIA 12 are to use the Non-Metro Income Level.

Bay Consortium (LWIA 13) –

Accomack County
Essex County
King George County
Lancaster County
Mathews County
Middlesex County
Northampton County
Richmond County
Westmoreland County

Greater Peninsula (LWIA 14) -

No jurisdictions in LWIA 14 are to use the Non-Metro Income Level.

Crater Area (LWIA 15) –

Greensville County
Emporia City

Hampton Roads (LWIA 16) -

Southampton County
Franklin City

West Piedmont (LWIA 17) -

Henry County
Patrick County
Martinsville City

70% Lower Living Standard Income Level Washington-Baltimore, DC/MD/VA/WV	
<u>Size of Family Unit</u>	<u>70% LLSIL</u>
1	(\$10,994)
2	18,016
3	24,729
4	30,524
5	36,026
6	42,132

For the values in parentheses, the Poverty level is higher for the corresponding family size. For each family member above **6** add **\$6,106**.

The above standards apply to the following jurisdictions (Local Workforce Investment Areas) **only**:

Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV MSA –

Arlington County (LWIA 12)
Clarke County (LWIA 04)
Fairfax County (LWIA 11)
Fauquier County (LWIA 06)
Loudoun County (LWIA 11)
Prince William County (LWIA 11)
Spotsylvania County (LWIA 13)
Stafford County (LWIA 13)
Warren County (LWIA 04)
Alexandria City (LWIA 12)
Fairfax City (LWIA 11)
Falls Church City (LWIA 11)

Fredericksburg City (LWIA 13)
 Manassas City (LWIA 11)
 Manassas Park City (LWIA 11)

Reference: **Federal Register**, March 28, 2012 (Volume 77, Number 60); Workforce Investment Act; Lower Living Standard Income Level

UPDATED 2011 LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVEL (100%) BY FAMILY SIZE

The following tables are used to determine the minimum level for establishing self-sufficiency criteria at the local level. They are not to be used in determining low income for youth or adults.

100% Lower Living Standard Income Level Metro Level – SOUTH Region SELF-SUFFICIENCY	
<u>Size of Family Unit</u>	<u>100% LLSIL</u>
1	\$12,454
2	20,406
3	28,008
4	34,578
5	40,811
6	47,730

For each family member above **6** add **\$6,919** the above standards apply to the following jurisdictions (Local Workforce Investment Areas):

Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford, VA Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) -

Giles County (LWIA 02)
 Montgomery County (LWIA 02)
 Pulaski County (LWIA 02)
 Radford City (LWIA 02)

Bristol, VA portion of Kingsport-Bristol-Bristol, TN, VA MSA -

Scott County (LWIA 01)
 Washington County (LWIA 02)
 Bristol City (LWIA 02)

Charlottesville, VA MSA -

Albemarle County (LWIA 06)
 Fluvanna County (LWIA 06)
 Greene County (LWIA 06)
 Nelson County (LWIA 06)
 Charlottesville City (LWIA 06)

Danville, VA MSA –

Pittsylvania County (LWIA 17)
Danville City (LWIA 17)

Harrisonburg, VA MSA –

Rockingham County (LWIA 04)
Harrisonburg City (LWIA 04)

Lynchburg, VA MSA -

Amherst County (LWIA 07)
Appomattox County (LWIA 07)
Bedford County (LWIA 07)
Campbell County (LWIA 07)
Bedford City (LWIA 07)
Lynchburg City (LWIA07)

Richmond, VA MSA -

Amelia County (LWIA 08)
Caroline County (LWIA 13)
Charles City County (LWIA 09)
Chesterfield County (LWIA 09)
Dinwiddie County (LWIA 15)
Goochland County (LWIA 09)
Hanover County (LWIA 09)
Henrico County (LWIA 09)
King and Queen County (LWIA 13)
King William County (LWIA 13)
Louisa County (LWIA 06)
New Kent County (LWIA 09)
Powhatan County (LWIA 09)
Prince George County (LWIA 15)
Sussex County (LWIA 15)
Colonial Heights City (LWIA 15)
Hopewell City (LWIA 15)
Petersburg City (LWIA 15)
Richmond City (LWIA 10)

Roanoke, VA MSA –

Botetourt County (LWIA 03)
Craig County (LWIA 03)
Franklin County (LWIA 03)
Roanoke County (LWIA 03)
Roanoke City (LWIA 03)
Salem City (LWIA 03)

Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA MSA –

- Gloucester County (LWIA 14)
- Isle of Wight County (LWIA 16)
- James City County (LWIA 14)
- Mathews County (LWIA 13)
- Surry County (LWIA 15)
- York County (LWIA 14)
- Chesapeake City (LWIA 16)
- Hampton City (LWIA 14)
- Newport News City (LWIA 14)
- Norfolk City (LWIA 16)
- Poquoson City (LWIA 14)
- Portsmouth City (LWIA 16)
- Suffolk City (LWIA 16)
- Virginia Beach City (LWIA 16)
- Williamsburg City (LWIA 14)

Winchester, VA MSA –

- Frederick County (LWIA 04)
- Winchester City (LWIA 04)

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100% Lower Living Standard Income Level Non-Metro-Level – SOUTH Region – SELF-SUFFICIENCY	
<u>Size of Family Unit</u>	<u>100% LLSIL</u>
1	\$12,279
2	20,116
3	27,609
4	34,082
5	40,220
6	47,036

For each family member above **6** add **\$6,816**. The above standards apply to the following jurisdictions:

Southwestern Virginia (LWIA 01) –

- Buchanan County
- Dickenson County
- Lee County
- Russell County
- Tazewell County
- Wise County
- Norton City

New River/Mount Rogers (LWIA 02) -

Bland County
Carroll County
Floyd County
Grayson County
Smyth County
Wythe County
Galax City

Western Virginia (LWIA 03) -

Alleghany County
Covington City

Shenandoah Valley (LWIA 04) -

Augusta County
Bath County
Highland County
Page County
Rockbridge County
Buena Vista City
Lexington City
Staunton City
Waynesboro City
Shenandoah County

Piedmont Workforce Network (LWIA 06) -

Culpeper County
Orange County
Rappahannock County

Region 2000/Central Virginia (LWIA 07) -

No jurisdictions in LWIA 07 are to use the Non-Metro Income Level.

South Central (LWIA 08) -

Brunswick County
Buckingham County
Charlotte County
Cumberland County
Halifax County
Lunenburg County
Nottoway County
Prince Edward County

Capital Area (LWIA 09 -

No jurisdictions in LWIA 09 are to use the Non-Metro Income Level.

Northern Virginia (LWIA 11) –

No jurisdictions in LWIA 11 are to use the Non-Metro Income Level.

Alexandria/Arlington (LWIA 12) –

No jurisdictions in LWIA 12 are to use the Non-Metro Income Level.

Bay Consortium (LWIA 13) –

Accomack County
Essex County
King George County
Lancaster County
Mathews County
Middlesex County
Northampton County
Richmond County
Westmoreland County

Greater Peninsula (LWIA 14) -

No jurisdictions in LWIA 14 are to use the Non-Metro Income Level.

Crater Area (LWIA 15) –

Greensville County

Hampton Roads (LWIA 16) -

Southampton County

West Piedmont (LWIA 17) -

Henry County
Patrick County
Martinsville County

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100% Lower Living Standard Income Level Washington-Baltimore, DC/MD/VA/WV- SELF-SUFFICIENCY	
<u>Size of Family Unit</u>	<u>100% LLSIL</u>
1	\$15,705
2	25,737
3	35,327
4	43,606
5	51,465
6	60,188

For each family member above **6** add **\$8,723**. The above standards apply to the following jurisdictions (Local Workforce Investment Areas) **only**:

Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV MSA –

- Arlington County (LWIA 12)
- Clarke County (LWIA 04)
- Fairfax County (LWIA 11)
- Fauquier County (LWIA 06)
- Loudoun County (LWIA 11)
- Prince William County (LWIA 11)
- Spotsylvania County (LWIA 13)
- Stafford County (LWIA 13)
- Warren County (LWIA 04)
- Alexandria City (LWIA 12)
- Fairfax City (LWIA 11)
- Falls Church City (LWIA 11)
- Fredericksburg City (LWIA 13)
- Manassas City (LWIA 11)
- Manassas Park City (LWIA 11)

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