



WIOA Youth Program Areas of High Poverty - Guidance

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I Youth Program contains a provision that allows for youth living in a high poverty area to automatically meet the low-income criterion for eligibility purposes for in-school youth and for some out-of-school youth.

The WIOA regulations at 20 CFR § 681.260 define high-poverty areas as a Census tract, a set of contiguous Census tracts, Alaska Native Village Statistical Area or Alaska Native Regional Corporation Area, or other tribal land as defined by the Secretary in guidance or county that **has a poverty rate of at least 25 percent** as set every 5 years using American Community Survey 5-Year data.

There are [29 Census Tracts](#) in Anchorage alone; each tract can have a different local poverty rate. One of the more prominent areas of poverty in anchorage is the [Mountain View](#) which is at 31.9 percent. Because of the sheer number of census tracts in the urban areas census tract poverty rate information should be researched as needed.

Note: Income is not a requirement for out-of-school youth only in-school youth and most high poverty areas will have a reduced school lunch program. The school lunch voucher may be the most feasible way to determine low income for in-school youth and use the census tract information as needed.

2017 Eligible High Poverty Areas:

Poverty Rate:

Adak city, Aleutians West Census Area	39.3
Akhiok city, Kodiak Island Borough	40.5
Akiachak CDP, Bethel Census Area	26.1
Akiak city, Bethel Census Area	31.3
Alakanuk city, Kusilvak Census Area	44.6
Anaktuvuk Pass city, North Slope Borough	26.3
Arctic Village CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	36.6
Atmautluak CDP, Bethel Census Area	25.6
Beaver CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	30
Beluga CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	33.3
Birch Creek CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	100
Brevig Mission city, Nome Census Area	57.6
Chalkyitsik CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	36.6
Chenega CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	34.8
Chevak city, Kusilvak Census Area	32.8
Chuathbaluk city, Bethel Census Area	50.5
Circle CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	63.6
Clark's Point city, Dillingham Census Area	55.4
Coldfoot CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	30
Crooked Creek CDP, Bethel Census Area	39.8
Diomedes city, Nome Census Area	65.1
Dot Lake Village CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	25.9

Eagle city, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	25.8
Ekwook city, Dillingham Census Area	28.6
Elim city, Nome Census Area	29.3
Emmonak city, Kusilvak Census Area	25.8
Ferry CDP, Denali Borough	100
Gambell city, Nome Census Area	41.3
Golovin city, Nome Census Area	39.4
Goodnews Bay city, Bethel Census Area	36.2
Grayling city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	42
Hooper Bay city, Kusilvak Census Area	40.9
Hyder CDP, Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	46.2
Karluk CDP, Kodiak Island Borough	31.8
Kasigluk CDP, Bethel Census Area	35.8
Kenny Lake CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	35.9
Kiana city, Northwest Arctic Borough	36.3
Kipnuk CDP, Bethel Census Area	35.1
Kivalina city, Northwest Arctic Borough	29.9
Kobuk city, Northwest Arctic Borough	49.1
Kongiganak CDP, Bethel Census Area	26.2
Kotlik city, Kusilvak Census Area	31.6
Koyuk city, Nome Census Area	48.9
Koyukuk city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	46.3
Kwethluk city, Bethel Census Area	28.3
Lake Louise CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	46.7
Lime Village CDP, Bethel Census Area	85.7
Lowell Point CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	35.5
Lower Kalskag city, Bethel Census Area	35.2
Manley Hot Springs CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	33.3
McKinley Park CDP, Denali Borough	30.2
Mentasta Lake CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	57.3
Mountain Village city, Kusilvak Census Area	29
Nanwalek CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	60.5
Napakiak city, Bethel Census Area	53.1
Napaskiak city, Bethel Census Area	28.3
Naukati Bay CDP, Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	40.6
New Allakaket CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	28.1
New Stuyahok city, Dillingham Census Area	30.8
Newtok CDP, Bethel Census Area	42.3
Nightmute city, Bethel Census Area	26.6
Nikolski CDP, Aleutians West Census Area	32.4
Nondalton city, Lake and Peninsula Borough	39.6
Noorvik city, Northwest Arctic Borough	37.2
Northway Junction CDP, Southeast FBKS Census Area	46.9
Northway Village CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	50
Nulato city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	27.6
Nunapitchuk city, Bethel Census Area	43.9
Oscarville CDP, Bethel Census Area	27.3
Perryville CDP, Lake and Peninsula Borough	33.7

Pilot Point city, Lake and Peninsula Borough	35.8
Pilot Station city, Kusilvak Census Area	39.3
Pitkas Point CDP, Kusilvak Census Area	25.7
Platinum city, Bethel Census Area	40.5
Point Baker CDP, Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	78
Port Graham CDP, Kenai Peninsula Borough	28.2
Port Protection CDP, Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	39
Quinhagak city, Bethel Census Area	38
Red Devil CDP, Bethel Census Area	31.8
Ruby city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	33.2
Russian Mission city, Kusilvak Census Area	33.3
Savoonga city, Nome Census Area	48.4
Scammon Bay city, Kusilvak Census Area	44.1
Selawik city, Northwest Arctic Borough	29.9
Shageluk city, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	25.6
Shishmaref city, Nome Census Area	42.8
Shungnak city, Northwest Arctic Borough	28.8
Skwentna CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	26.2
Slana CDP, Valdez-Cordova Census Area	92.9
Sleetmute CDP, Bethel Census Area	33.7
South Van Horn CDP, Fairbanks North Star Borough	29.6
St. Michael city, Nome Census Area	38
Stebbins city, Nome Census Area	29.3
Stevens Village CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	72
Stony River CDP, Bethel Census Area	62.5
Sutton-Alpine CDP, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	28.6
Takotna CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	32.7
Tanacross CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	30.7
Teller city, Nome Census Area	39.4
Tetlin CDP, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	38.1
Tuluksak CDP, Bethel Census Area	74.7
Tuntutuliak CDP, Bethel Census Area	42
Tununak CDP, Bethel Census Area	32.9
Twin Hills CDP, Dillingham Census Area	29.5
Venetie CDP, Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	53.1
Wales city, Nome Census Area	34.8
White Mountain city, Nome Census Area	34.3