



## High Poverty Area Procedure

### Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to provide instruction on how to identify and document if a participant resides in a High Poverty Area for the purpose of meeting the low-income requirement.

### References

Illinois Department of Commerce (IDOC) WIOA POLICY 15- WIOA- 4.5

U.S Department of Labor WIOA Final Rule 20 CFR Part 680

Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership Youth Eligibility Policy # 2016--04

Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership Low Income Policy #2016-05

### Background

Under WIOA an In-School Youth and Out-of-School Youth who resides in a high poverty Area are automatically considered low income. A high-poverty area is a Census tract, a set of contiguous Census tracts, Indian Reservation, tribal land or Native Alaskan Village or county that has a poverty rate of at least 25 percent as set every 5 years using American Community Survey 5-Year data. The Partnership will conduct an annual review of the American Community Services Survey data for Cook County to identify the High Poverty Areas for Cook County.

This procedure is divided into 2 Sections. The first section walks through how to document a Youth that lives in the City of Chicago. Section 2 walks through how to document a Youth that lives in Suburban Cook County.

### Section 1: City of Chicago Resident

**Follow the steps below for a Youth living in the City of Chicago to confirm the Community Area is High Poverty:**

1. Document the youth's address.
2. Go to the following web address:  
[https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?ll=41.59295458730643%2C87.7887561727085&spn=0.340714%2C0.699692&msa=0&mid=1O-3Uot4mSetKW-M\\_govahruUjDc&z=10](https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?ll=41.59295458730643%2C87.7887561727085&spn=0.340714%2C0.699692&msa=0&mid=1O-3Uot4mSetKW-M_govahruUjDc&z=10)
3. Click on the magnifying glass on the top left-hand corner and then enter the youth's address.



4. When the results of the search appear, look for the red dot on the map showing the location of the youth’s address.
5. Check to see what Community Area the youth address (red dot) is in. You may need to enlarge the map in order to reveal the community area’s name.
6. Check to see if the Community Area is on the approved list. If the Community Area is on the approved list, screen print the map that shows that the participant’s residence (red dot) is located in the High Poverty Community Area. Make sure the customer’s address is easily identifiable on the map and that the address is printed on the page. After printing this page, the printout must be placed into the participant’s case file along with a copy of the document used to verify the youth’s residency.

## List of City of Chicago High Poverty Community Areas

*This list is effective as of effective 7/1/2021*

Community Area	Neighborhoods Included	Percent of Households Earning less than \$25,000
Armour Square	Chinatown Wentworth Gardens	47.5
Auburn Gresham		38.9
Austin	Galewood The Island	39.2
Avalon Park	Avalon Park Marynook Stony Island Park	29.2
Bridgeport		25.4
Brighton Park		26.2
Burnside		49.3
Chatham	East Chatham West Chatham West Chesterfield	40.9
Chicago Lawn	Lithuanian Plaza Marquette Park	37.8

	Groveland Park Lake Meadows the Gap Prairie Shores South Commons	44.2
Douglas		
East Garfield Park	Fifth City	52.8
	Andersonville Edgewater Glen Edgewater Beach Magnolia Glen Lakewood/Balmoral	25.3
Edgewater		
Englewood		56.7
Fuller Park		56
Gage Park		27.9
Grand Boulevard	Bronzeville	42.8
	Grand Crossing Parkway Gardens Park Manor	47.8
Greater Grand Crossing		
Hegewisch		28.5
	Belmont Gardens Kelvyn Park	26.8
Hermosa		
Humboldt Park		33.6
	East Hyde Park Hyde Park	28.9
Hyde Park		
	Kenwood South Kenwood	34.1
Kenwood		
	Heart of Chicago Heart of Italy Pilsen	26.2
Lower West Side		
McKinley Park		24.7
Montclare		27.4
	Back of the Yards Canaryville	36.9
New City		
	Lawndale Homan Square Douglas Park	47.7
North Lawndale		
Oakland		44.5
O'Hare	Schorsch Forest View	25.3
	Cottage Grove Heights London Towne	32.1
Pullman		
	Altgeld Gardens Eden Green Golden Gate	65.1
Riverdale		

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Rogers Park		31.9
Roseland	Fernwood Rosemoor	34
South Chicago	The Bush	39.1
South Deering	Jeffrey Manor Trumbull Park	38.9
South Lawndale	Little Village	35
South Shore	Jackson Park Highlands	46.2
Uptown	Buena Park Margate Park Sheridan Park	28.5
Washington Heights	Brainerd Longwood Manor Princeton Park	30.1
Washington Park		47.4
West Engelwood		46.2
West Garfield Park		50.7
West Pullman	Cottage Grove Heights London Towne	33.2
Woodlawn	West Woodlawn	48.1

## Section 2: Suburban Cook County resident

Follow the steps below for a Youth living in Suburban Cook County to confirm they live in a High Poverty City:

1. Identify the youth's address.
2. Check to see if the youth's city of residence on the list of High Poverty cities in Suburban Cook County.
3. If YES, using a hard copy version of the Suburban Cook County High Poverty Cities list, circle the name of the city the participant resides in and place that list in participant's case file along with a copy of the document used to verify the youth's residency.

## List of Suburban Cook County High Poverty Cities

*This list is effective as of 7/1/2021*

Municipality	Percent of Households Earning less than \$25,000	
Blue Island	27.6	
Burnham	30.3	
Calumet City	29.6	
Chicago Heights	30.7	
Chicago Ridge	25.5	
Dixmoor	25.8	
Dolton	27.6	
Ford Heights	43.9	
Harvey	45.0	
Hodgkins	25.0	NEW
Markham	33.8	
Maywood	27.4	
Phoenix	35.6	
Posen	28.2	
Richton Park	27.6	NEW
River Grove	26.9	
Riverdale	35.7	
Robbins	46.5	
Sauk Village	29.4	
South Chicago Heights	31.4	
Steger	28.5	
Stone Park	25.1	

### **Please Note**

1. There should be two printed pages in file, the Community Area Map identifying customers address and Community Area and the Excel Document confirming the Community Area falls in a High Poverty Area.
2. When entering the customers address in Career Connect, if the customer lives in the City of Chicago, the Community Area will automatically populate based on the customer's address. Please make sure this matches what you have documented.