**Determining if an Individual Lives in a High-Poverty Area Based on Their Street Address**

**Based on WIOA regulation 20 CFR 681.260 the poverty rate must be 25% or higher for the participant to meet the requirements of “living in a high poverty area”.**

Step 1 - Click on <https://geocoding.geo.census.gov/geocoder/geographies/address?form>. You will use the FIND GEOGRAPHIES SECTION – which should be selected for you, by default.

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Step 2 – Type in the street address, city and state. Zip code is not required and click “Get Results”. *You DO NOT need to change anything with “Benchmark” or “Vintage”.*

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Step 3 – The “Results” will return a long list of items. You will need to scroll down until you find the section “Census Tract”. You are looking for the highlighted area **“NAME: Census Tract XXX”**. You will need to write down or keep your tab open, as you will need this number in the next step.

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Step 4 – Click on <https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/narrative-profiles/>

It will default to 2019. You are going to select “Census Tract”. From the dropdown boxes, you will select the “state”, “county”, and the “Census Tract Number” from Step 3.

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Once you have selected those four (4) items, click the **green “GET NARRATIVE PROFILE”** button.

Step 5 – Once the Narrative Profile is displayed on the screen, scroll down until you find the “Poverty and Participation in Government Programs” Section.

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You will need to use the percentage listed in the “People in Poverty” line. If the percentage is 25% or higher, the individual lives in a high poverty area. Any percentage under 25%, the individual does not qualify as being in a high poverty area.

Step 6 – ONLY IF YOU CANNOT FIND THE ADDRESS IN STEP 1

If you cannot find the address in Step 1, you can click on the link below to be taken to the Census Track maps to find the Census Track Number.

<https://www2.census.gov/geo/maps/DC2020/PL20/st37_nc/censustract_maps/>

If you cannot locate the address by either method, please contact the Local Area and we will assist you in determining how to move forward.