

Appendix F:

Income Eligibility Guidelines for Illinois Solar For All

The Act states that for the Illinois Solar for All Program, “low-income households’ means persons and families whose income does not exceed 80% of area median income, adjusted for family size and revised every 5 years.”¹

The Agency proposes to use income eligibility guidelines from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD bases its housing assistance programs, such as the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program on 80% of area median income.²

Because the Act does not define “area,” the Agency is proposing to use HUD’s definition of an area as a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), a Fair Market Rate (FMR) Area, or a county not in an MSA or FMR. There are 20 MSAs and FMRs, and 62 other counties in Illinois.

Income eligibility levels are shown in Table F-1, for each geographic area. Table F-1 also shows income levels for participation in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (“LIHEAP”) and the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (“IHWAP”). These programs are managed by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

For LIHEAP and IHWAP, annual eligibility levels are determined based on available funding and may not exceed 150% of the federal nonfarm poverty level. Levels are set by household size, and are measured by monthly or annual income, with additional provisions for renters. The table lists 2021 values for annual income, as set by DCEO.³

Eligibility in LIHEAP or State funded IHWAP could be a proxy for eligibility for Illinois Solar for All because there is much, though not complete overlap of eligibility with the 80% of area median income for all regions of the state. However, for both LIHEAP and IHWAP, not all counties, MSAs, or FMRs have an area median income of 80% that is below the eligibility level for those programs. For the counties and areas listed below that are shaded, participation in those programs could not be used as a proxy for eligibility in Illinois Solar for All. The Program Administrator still allows participants to verify their income using LIHEAP and IHWAP eligibility, however additional confirmation is sought from DCEO when 200% FPL is higher than the 80% AMI of the participant’s area.

¹ 20 ILCS 3855/1-56(b).

² HUD, FY 2017 Income Limits Documentation System at <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html>.

³ Office of Community Assistance, Illinois Department of Commerce, <https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/CommunityServices/UtilityBillAssistance/Pages/default.aspx>, Accessed August 11, 2021.

Table F-1: Maximum Income for Households to Be Eligible for Illinois Solar For All

	Number of people in household							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
LIHEAP/IHWAP (200% of FPL)	\$25,760	\$34,840	\$43,920	\$53,000	\$62,080	\$71,160	\$79,081	\$80,838
Adams County, IL	\$34,650	\$39,600	\$44,550	\$49,450	\$53,450	\$57,400	\$61,350	\$65,300
Bloomington, IL HUD Metro FMR Area (McLean county)	\$46,700	\$53,400	\$60,050	\$66,700	\$72,050	\$77,400	\$82,750	\$88,050
Bond County, IL HUD Metro FMR Area	\$36,050	\$41,200	\$46,350	\$51,500	\$55,650	\$59,750	\$63,900	\$68,000
Brown County, IL	\$38,750	\$44,300	\$49,850	\$55,350	\$59,800	\$64,250	\$68,650	\$73,100
Bureau County, IL	\$35,850	\$41,000	\$46,100	\$51,200	\$55,300	\$59,400	\$63,500	\$67,600
Cape Girardeau, MO-IL MSA (Alexander county)	\$33,000	\$37,700	\$42,400	\$47,100	\$50,900	\$54,650	\$58,450	\$62,200
Carroll County, IL	\$34,400	\$39,300	\$44,200	\$49,100	\$53,050	\$57,000	\$60,900	\$64,850
Cass County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Champaign-Urbana, IL MSA (Champaign, Ford, Piatt counties)	\$38,950	\$44,500	\$50,050	\$55,600	\$60,050	\$64,500	\$68,950	\$73,400
Chicago-Joliet-Naperville, IL HUD Metro FMR Area (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Will counties)	\$44,250	\$50,600	\$56,900	\$63,200	\$68,300	\$73,350	\$78,400	\$83,450
Christian County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Clark County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Clay County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Coles County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Crawford County, IL	\$35,950	\$41,100	\$46,250	\$51,350	\$55,500	\$59,600	\$63,700	\$67,800
Cumberland County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Danville, IL MSA (Vermillion county)	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA (Henry, Mercer, Rock Island counties)	\$37,600	\$43,000	\$48,350	\$53,700	\$58,000	\$62,300	\$66,600	\$70,900

De Witt County, IL HUD Metro FMR Area	\$39,500	\$45,150	\$50,800	\$56,400	\$60,950	\$65,450	\$69,950	\$74,450
Decatur, IL MSA (Macon county)	\$35,150	\$40,150	\$45,150	\$50,150	\$54,200	\$58,200	\$62,200	\$66,200
DeKalb County, IL HUD Metro FMR Area	\$40,850	\$46,650	\$52,500	\$58,300	\$63,000	\$67,650	\$72,300	\$77,000
Douglas County, IL	\$37,550	\$42,900	\$48,250	\$53,600	\$57,900	\$62,200	\$66,500	\$70,800
Edgar County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Edwards County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Effingham County, IL	\$37,150	\$42,450	\$47,750	\$53,050	\$57,300	\$61,550	\$65,800	\$70,050
Fayette County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Franklin County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Fulton County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Gallatin County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Greene County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Grundy County, IL HUD Metro FMR Area	\$45,950	\$52,500	\$59,050	\$65,600	\$70,850	\$76,100	\$81,350	\$86,600
Hamilton County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Hancock County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Hardin County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Henderson County, IL	\$33,950	\$38,800	\$43,650	\$48,500	\$52,400	\$56,300	\$60,150	\$64,050
Iroquois County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Jackson County, IL HUD Metro FMR Area	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Jasper County, IL	\$35,750	\$40,850	\$45,950	\$51,050	\$55,150	\$59,250	\$63,350	\$67,400
Jefferson County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Jo Daviess County, IL	\$37,900	\$43,300	\$48,700	\$54,100	\$58,450	\$62,800	\$67,100	\$71,450
Johnson County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Kankakee, IL MSA	\$36,250	\$41,400	\$46,600	\$51,750	\$55,900	\$60,050	\$64,200	\$68,350
Kendall County, IL HUD Metro FMR Area	\$47,600	\$54,400	\$61,200	\$68,000	\$73,450	\$78,900	\$84,350	\$89,800
Knox County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
La Salle County, IL	\$36,700	\$41,950	\$47,200	\$52,400	\$56,600	\$60,800	\$65,000	\$69,200

Lawrence County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Lee County, IL	\$36,900	\$42,150	\$47,400	\$52,650	\$56,900	\$61,100	\$65,300	\$69,500
Livingston County, IL	\$38,200	\$43,650	\$49,100	\$54,550	\$58,950	\$63,300	\$67,650	\$72,050
Logan County, IL	\$36,800	\$42,050	\$47,300	\$52,550	\$56,800	\$61,000	\$65,200	\$69,400
Macoupin County, IL HUD Metro FMR Area	\$35,300	\$40,350	\$45,400	\$50,400	\$54,450	\$58,500	\$62,500	\$66,550
Marion County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Mason County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Massac County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
McDonough County, IL	\$34,000	\$38,850	\$43,700	\$48,550	\$52,450	\$56,350	\$60,250	\$64,100
Montgomery County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Morgan County, IL	\$37,100	\$42,400	\$47,700	\$52,950	\$57,200	\$61,450	\$65,700	\$69,900
Moultrie County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Ogle County, IL	\$40,150	\$45,850	\$51,600	\$57,300	\$61,900	\$66,500	\$71,100	\$75,650
Peoria, IL MSA (Marshall, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Woodford counties)	\$40,600	\$46,400	\$52,200	\$58,000	\$62,650	\$67,300	\$71,950	\$76,600
Perry County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Pike County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Pope County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Pulaski County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Putnam County, IL	\$39,850	\$45,550	\$51,250	\$56,900	\$61,500	\$66,050	\$70,600	\$75,150
Randolph County, IL	\$35,600	\$40,650	\$45,750	\$50,800	\$54,900	\$58,950	\$63,000	\$67,100
Richland County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Rockford, IL MSA (Boone, Winnebago counties)	\$34,000	\$38,850	\$43,700	\$48,550	\$52,450	\$56,350	\$60,250	\$64,100
Saline County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Schuyler County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Scott County, IL	\$35,650	\$40,750	\$45,850	\$50,900	\$55,000	\$59,050	\$63,150	\$67,200
Shelby County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800

Springfield, IL MSA (Menard, Sangamon counties)	\$42,300	\$48,350	\$54,400	\$60,400	\$65,250	\$70,100	\$74,900	\$79,750
St. Louis, MO-IL HUD Metro FMR Area (Calhoun, Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair counties)	\$41,750	\$47,700	\$53,650	\$59,600	\$64,400	\$69,150	\$73,950	\$78,700
Stephenson County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Union County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Wabash County, IL	\$35,000	\$40,000	\$45,000	\$50,000	\$54,000	\$58,000	\$62,000	\$66,000
Warren County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Washington County, IL	\$38,600	\$44,100	\$49,600	\$55,100	\$59,550	\$63,950	\$68,350	\$72,750
Wayne County, IL	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
White County, IL	\$34,350	\$39,250	\$44,150	\$49,050	\$53,000	\$56,900	\$60,850	\$64,750
Whiteside County, IL	\$34,450	\$39,400	\$44,300	\$49,200	\$53,150	\$57,100	\$61,050	\$64,950
Williamson County, IL HUD Metro FMR Area	\$34,750	\$39,700	\$44,650	\$49,600	\$53,600	\$57,550	\$61,550	\$65,500