

### 3. Analysis

#### a. Analysis of regional economic conditions

#### iv. Proposed Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) percentages and description of how the local area will ensure that the LLSIL level is reflective of the current labor market information.

The Pima County [Workforce Investment Board](#) (WIB), through its Planning Committee, periodically reviews the Pima County labor market and wage scales and balances those against the amount of funds available for investment from WIOA. The WIB reviewed and then established the self-sufficiency level at 130% of the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) 10 years ago and has not found a need to change it since that time.

This level will be maintained at the present, but the WIB reserves the right to review and adjust this level when it determines there may be a need in the community. The WIB also reserves the right to adjust the level to assist employers in a specific industry sector, if that sector makes a compelling argument for an adjustment that will benefit workers while improving the productivity of companies in the sector.

A region of contrasts, Southern Arizona struggles with high poverty rates and low educational attainment alongside strategic innovation assets that include a thriving transportation and logistics industry, (anchored by international ports and trade routes), four key military installations, the fifth-largest aerospace-defense industry in the nation, and a top-20 research university (i.e., Counties covered; brief description of the characteristics of the local area and list of service access sites).