
Suggested Standard for Federal Poverty Level (FPL) Breaks

There are many ways one might define breaks in FPL. Commonly requested breaks may be defined in various different ways.

For example:

Someone requests individuals between 0 and 200% of FPL

Using povlev or hhpovlev one might define 0-200% FPL in the following ways.

0-199.999

0-200.00

0-200.49

Etc.

This might result in different users obtaining different answers for individuals between 0-200% FPL if there are survey records with federal poverty levels between 199.999 and 200.49.

To eliminate the potential for different results, the data user is advised to use follow the following guidelines unless a different definition is specifically required. These definitions were chosen because they most closely align with current health policy.

0-100% of FPL should be defined as 0-100.00

100% and higher should be defined as 100.001-high

0-200% FPL should be defined 0-200.00

200% FPL and higher should be defined as 200.001-high

0-250% of FPL should be defined as 0-250.00

250% FPL and higher should be defined as 250.001-high

Etc.

Note: This set of guidelines was established in January 2009. Briefs and other data produced by OFM prior to January 2009 might not follow these guidelines