



FY2023-2025 Definition of “high percentage of Low - Income Households”

For the 2025-2027 Biennium STIF Plan the Hood River County Transportation District STIF Advisory Committee chose to define the poverty threshold for Hood River County as Census block groups within the County that have 15% or more of households with an income level that is 200% or less of the federal poverty level (FPL).

Low-Income Household is defined by a household total income of which does not exceed 200% of the poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C 9902(2) for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia. The intent of defining graphical areas where there is a high percentage of low-income households is to ensure STIF formula funds are serving vulnerable community members. For the 2023 – 2025 Biennium the STIF Advisory Committee chose to reduce the threshold to Census block groups within the County that have 15% or more of households with an income level that is 200% or less of the federal poverty level (FPL). This decision was made to recognize that the cost of living has increased, and additional households could benefit from an updated definition.

The attached maps include all census block groups within the county that have 15% or more of the population within 200% of FPL and considered below the poverty threshold. The dark purple color depicts a higher number of individuals who are below the poverty threshold by block groups. The block group with the highest percentage of low-income individuals (51%) is north of Cascade Avenue between Exit 62 and 64.



