

4.3 HIGH PERCENTAGE OF LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

Explain how the STIF Plan defines and identifies communities with a high percentage of Low-Income Households

Curry County Transit Advisory Committee Bylaws state: "Low Income Individuals" or "Low Income Households" shall mean individuals or households with a total household income at or below 200% of the current Federal Poverty Level or Federal Poverty Guideline for the size of family including children and dependents. "Areas of High Percentage of Low-Income Households" shall mean geographic areas within Curry County that are determined to have a high percentage of low-income households.

According to the Census Bureau (<https://aspe.hhs.gov/2020-poverty-guidelines>) 200% of the federal low income amount for an individual is income at or below \$25,520. Curry Public Transit's Passenger Survey of August 2018 indicates that 79.4% claim income below \$20,000.

US Census Bureau's (<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/all?q=curry%20county>) data for 2019 indicates Curry County has 22,650 individuals with 7,705 individuals at the 200% poverty level, or 34%. The Oregon percentage is 31.8%.

This would qualify the entire county as being below 200% of the current Federal Poverty Level Guidelines.

The transit service provides fixed route services along Highway 101 in Curry and Coos Counties three times a day, Monday through Saturday, and a demand service transportation within a three mile radius of the major towns of Brookings Monday through Saturday and in Gold Beach, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. The combined populations of the Brookings and Gold Beach zip codes is 19,825, or 87.5% of the population of the county. The transit service qualifies as servicing a majority of the eligible Low-Income Households.