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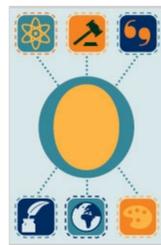
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adequate, *Adjective*
satisfactory or acceptable in quality or quantity

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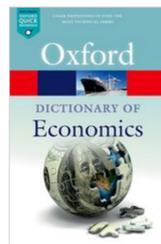


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An **income** level supposed to be just **enough** to avoid less than **adequate consumption**. The poverty line can be defined as an absolute or as a relative concept. Absolute poverty assumes that there is ...



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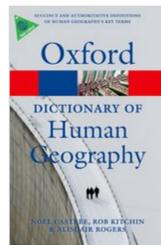
...poverty line An **income** level supposed to be just enough to avoid less than **adequate consumption**. The poverty line can be defined as an absolute or as a relative concept. **Absolute poverty assumes that there is some fixed minimum level of consumption that constitutes poverty and is independent of time or place**. Such a minimum level of **consumption**, often called the subsistence level, can be a diet that is just **sufficient** to maintain health, and limited housing and clothing. The **cost** of this minimum consumption level defines the poverty line. If the **incomes** of...

Incoherent.

The cost of diet and shelter is clearly not "independent of time or place". Nor is disposable income after other needs.

Appears to confuse consumption with consumption adequacy.

Absolute poverty is poverty, not consumption regardless of need. The concept makes no "assumption" that a fixed level of consumption "constitutes poverty".



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A Dictionary of Human Geography

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...obtain a nutritionally adequate amount of food (sometimes adjusted for urban and rural locations), or the amount needed to also acquire **clothing, shelter, health, and education** ('consumption'). A common measure ^{guessed/interred} ~~calculated~~ by the World Bank is the daily **income needed for adequate consumption** which was estimated at US\$1 a day in 1985 and now stands at US\$1.25 (recalibrated ~~for inflation~~). This is taken as the poverty line. In international comparisons this value is adjusted for ^{dollars} "Purchasing Power Parity" (PPP) to allow for the different **cost of basics** in different...

"Income"? The World Bank claims are based on what those who are reached by surveys (omitting many homeless people) say they bought, consumed and/or earned.

The World Bank takes an average of national 'poverty lines' at *one time*. It fails to update its line when those lines rise. It does not "calculate" "income" needed for "adequate" consumption. It uses guesses and judgements about equivalence of differing items across countries and times, using unreliable questionnaire results and unreliable price surveys of unknown relevance to the poor, to infer consumption *amount*. It then confuses *amount* with *adequacy*.

unreliable statistics on spending, guessed value of own produce consumed and/or income

That is exactly what the line does not do. Like politicians and others using similar methods to infer inequality or policy success, the World Bank researchers look at neither prices faced by the poor, nor the cost (price x need).

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