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Experimental poverty measurement for the 1990s

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Recently, a National Academy of Sciences Panel made recommendations for a revised poverty measure. When implemented in a test environment, these recommendations yield a poverty population that looks more like the general population, in that the poor are more likely to be white, to be married, and to have a family member in the labor force. This article tests the Panel's basic procedure and examines additional Panel recommendations to construct an additional, "experimental" poverty measure.

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