

**Washington State Population Survey**  
**Important User Notes for Weighting 2006 and 2008 Surveys**  
(Updated November 2008)

If you are running analyses at the household level: use **hwgt00**

If you are running analyses at the person level: use **pwgt00**

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If you are going to look at standard errors you must control for design effects (using SAS, Sudaan, Stata, etc).

SAS Examples:

The examples below use 2008 data (sps08f01). Substitute sps06f03 to use 2006 data.

**Person level:**

```
proc surveyfreq data=sps08f01;  
    tables cur_ins;  
    weight pwgt00;  
    cluster varunit;  
    strata varstrat;  
run;
```

**Household level:**

```
proc surveyfreq data=sps08f01; where pnum=1;  
    tables q3p2; * own or rent home;  
    weight hwgt00;  
    cluster varunit;  
    strata varstrat;  
run;
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**Reported problems with WSPS 2008 and 2006**

Q6FS1, Q6FS2, Q6FS3

Q6FS1 was supposed to be set to skip if the household income was greater than \$50,000. However, this happened for some records and not others. If a new version of 2006 and 2008 data is released this will be corrected.

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### **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