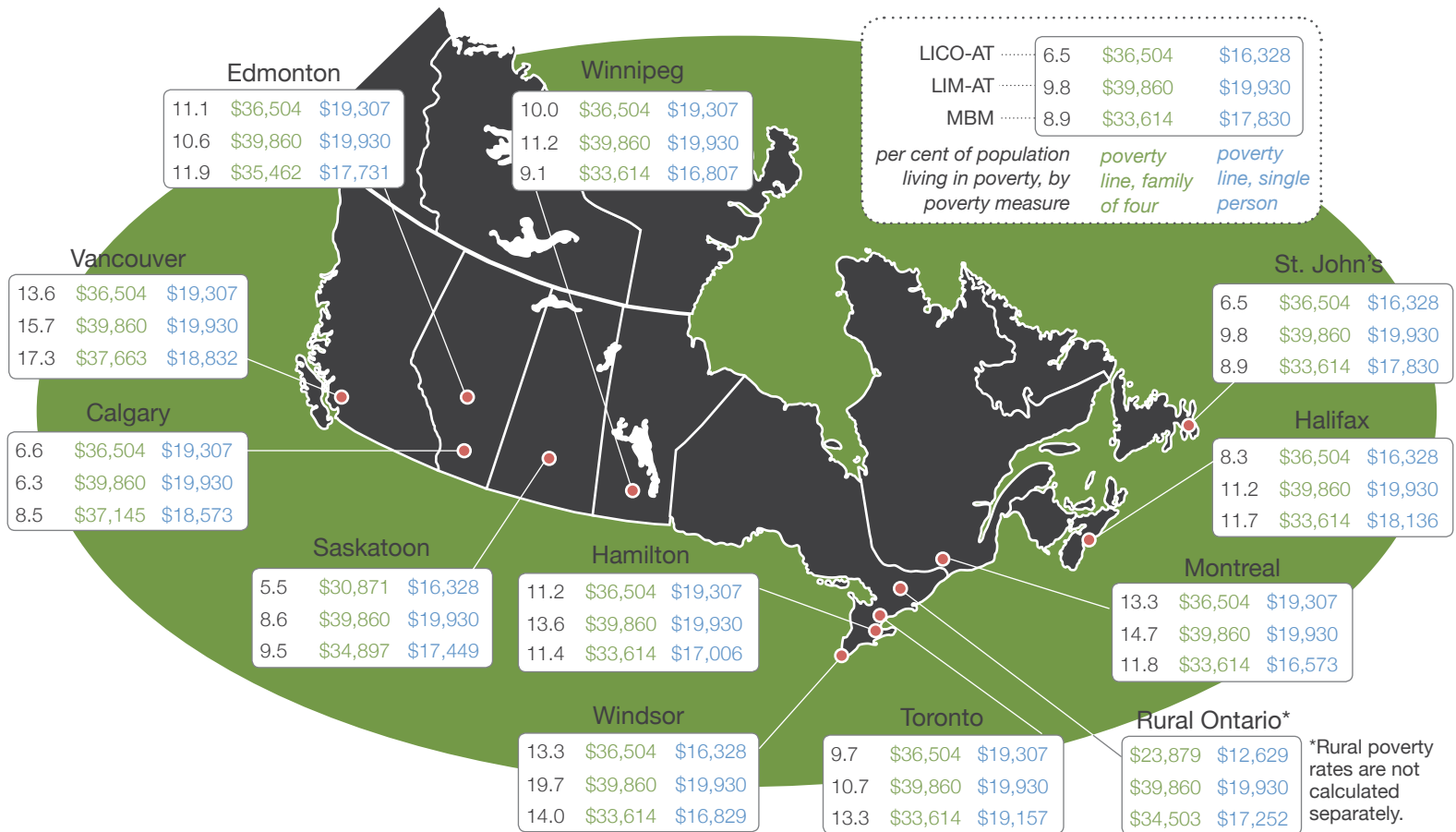# 2011 Poverty Rates and Lines by Select Communities.

Remember that the average poor household in Canada relies on an income that is 33 per cent below the poverty line.

Low income measures only capture material dimensions of poverty; poverty also manifests itself in other ways including social exclusion, diminished well-being, and stress.

Poverty rates and lines in select communities in Canada, 2011

	per cent of population living in poverty, by poverty measure	poverty line, family of four	poverty line, single person
LICO-AT	6.5	$36,504	$16,328
LIM-AT	9.8	$39,860	$19,930
MBM	8.9	$33,614	$17,830

Edmonton
11.1	$36,504	$19,307
10.6	$39,860	$19,930
11.9	$35,462	$17,731

Winnipeg
10.0	$36,504	$19,307
11.2	$39,860	$19,930
9.1	$33,614	$16,807

Vancouver
13.6	$36,504	$19,307
15.7	$39,860	$19,930
17.3	$37,663	$18,832

St. John's
6.5	$36,504	$16,328
9.8	$39,860	$19,930
8.9	$33,614	$17,830

Calgary
6.6	$36,504	$19,307
6.3	$39,860	$19,930
8.5	$37,145	$18,573

Halifax
8.3	$36,504	$16,328
11.2	$39,860	$19,930
11.7	$33,614	$18,136

Saskatoon
5.5	$30,871	$16,328
8.6	$39,860	$19,930
9.5	$34,897	$17,449

Hamilton
11.2	$36,504	$19,307
13.6	$39,860	$19,930
11.4	$33,614	$17,006

Montreal
13.3	$36,504	$19,307
14.7	$39,860	$19,930
11.8	$33,614	$16,573

Windsor
13.3	$36,504	$16,328
19.7	$39,860	$19,930
14.0	$33,614	$16,829

Toronto
9.7	$36,504	$19,307
10.7	$39,860	$19,930
13.3	$33,614	$19,157

Rural Ontario*
$23,879	$12,629
$39,860	$19,930
$34,503	$17,252

*Rural poverty rates are not calculated separately.

Here's how the MBM for a family of four in Toronto is calculated:
- Food = $813/month
- Shelter (incl. utilities) = $1,123/month
- Transportation = $366/month
- Clothing = $157/month
- All other expenses = $732/month

Based on your own experience and budget, do the poverty line examples seem low, high, or about right? Which measure do you think is best?