

**477A.0124 COUNTY PROGRAM AID.**

Subdivision 1. [Repealed, 2014 c 308 art 9 s 94]

Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given them.

(b) "County program aid" means the sum of "county need aid," "county tax base equalization aid," and "county transition aid."

(c) "Age-adjusted population" means a county's population multiplied by the county age index.

(d) "County age index" means the percentage of the population age 65 and over within the county divided by the percentage of the population age 65 and over within the state, except that the age index for any county may not be greater than 1.8 nor less than 0.8.

(e) "Population age 65 and over" means the population age 65 and over established as of July 15 in an aid calculation year by the most recent federal census, by a special census conducted under contract with the United States Bureau of the Census, by a population estimate made by the Metropolitan Council, or by a population estimate of the state demographer made pursuant to section 4A.02, whichever is the most recent as to the stated date of the count or estimate for the preceding calendar year and which has been certified to the commissioner of revenue on or before July 15 of the aid calculation year. A revision to an estimate or count is effective for these purposes only if certified to the commissioner on or before July 15 of the aid calculation year. Clerical errors in the certification or use of estimates and counts established as of July 15 in the aid calculation year are subject to correction within the time periods allowed under section 477A.014.

(f) "Part I crimes" means the three-year average annual number of Part I crimes reported for each county by the Department of Public Safety for the most recent years available. By July 1 of each year, the commissioner of public safety shall certify to the commissioner of revenue the number of Part I crimes reported for each county for the three most recent calendar years available.

(g) "Households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits" means the average monthly number of households receiving SNAP benefits for the three most recent years for which data is available. By July 1 of each year, the commissioner of human services must certify to the commissioner of revenue the average monthly number of households in the state and in each county that receive SNAP benefits, for the three most recent calendar years available.

(h) "County net tax capacity" means the county's adjusted net tax capacity under section 273.1325.

Subd. 3. **County need aid.** For 2005 and subsequent years, the money appropriated to county need aid each calendar year shall be allocated as follows: 40 percent based on each county's share of age-adjusted population, 40 percent based on each county's share of the state total of households receiving SNAP benefits, and 20 percent based on each county's share of the state total of Part I crimes.

Subd. 4. **County tax-base equalization aid.** (a) For 2006 and subsequent years, the money appropriated to county tax-base equalization aid each calendar year, after the payment under paragraph (f), shall be apportioned among the counties according to each county's tax-base equalization aid factor.

(b) A county's tax-base equalization aid factor is equal to the amount by which (i) \$190 times the county's population, exceeds (ii) nine percent of the county's net tax capacity.

(c) In the case of a county with a population less than 10,000, the factor determined in paragraph (b) shall be multiplied by a factor of three.

(d) In the case of a county with a population greater than or equal to 10,000, but less than 12,500, the factor determined in paragraph (b) shall be multiplied by a factor of two.

(e) In the case of a county with a population greater than 500,000, the factor determined in paragraph (b) shall be multiplied by a factor of 0.25.

(f) Beginning with aid payable in 2019, the amount under paragraph (b), item (i), shall be increased by the ratio of the statewide net tax capacity per capita to the statewide net tax capacity per capita in the 2016 assessment year, provided that in no case shall the ratio be less than one or the ratio in the prior year, whichever is greater. The amount shall be rounded to the nearest \$10. The statewide net tax capacity per capita shall be calculated using the most recent population available for the relevant assessment year at the time of the calculation of the aid by the commissioner under section 477A.014.

(g) For distributions in 2018 and subsequent years, the allocation to a county under paragraphs (a) to (e) shall not be less than:

(1) an amount equal to 0.27 percent of the total appropriation available for that year under section 477A.03, subdivision 2b, paragraph (b); or

(2) 95 percent of the tax base equalization aid for the county in the prior year, whichever is greater.

If the sum of aids payable to counties under this subdivision exceeds the limit under section 477A.03, subdivision 2b, paragraph (b), the distribution for those counties whose aid amounts exceed their minimum aid must be proportionately reduced so that the amount of aid distributed under this subdivision does not exceed the limit in section 477A.03, subdivision 2b, paragraph (b).

Subd. 5. [Repealed, 1Sp2017 c 1 art 4 s 33]

Subd. 6. [Repealed, 2014 c 308 art 9 s 94]

Subd. 7. **County aid calculations.** Data used in calculating aids to counties under this section shall be the most recently available data as of January 1 in the year in which the aid is calculated.

**History:** 1Sp2003 c 21 art 6 s 5; 2005 c 151 art 4 s 10,11; 2008 c 366 art 2 s 6; 1Sp2011 c 7 art 6 s 15; 2013 c 143 art 14 s 106; 2014 c 308 art 9 s 89; 1Sp2017 c 1 art 4 s 12,13; art 18 s 4; 1Sp2019 c 9 art 1 s 42