

Funding for Local WIC Agencies FY2021

The funding formula starts with a single base rate per participant. Four adjustment factors are included in the formula. Adjustments to the base rate per person are made for population density, median income, site equivalents and participation level. The funding formula rate may vary from year to year depending on statewide funding and factors related to local agency operation. For each local agency, the base reimbursement rate will be adjusted by four factors:

Population Density

The funding formula recognizes that it is inherently more expensive to serve a given size population spread over a wide area than it is to serve the same size population in a small area. This factor adds an amount equal to 15% of the base rate for those local agencies (LAs) in which the highest portion of counties served are defined as very rural (population density of less than 76 people per square mile). It reduces funding by an amount equal to 10% of the base rate for LAs in which the highest portion of counties served are defined as very densely populated (population density of more than 770 people per square mile). LAs in which the highest portion of counties have a population density of 76 through 770 will not receive this adjustment factor. Local agencies will not receive an adjustment factor unless the number of counties within one range (rural, densely populated, or neither) exceeds the number of counties falling within each of the other two ranges.

Source of Data

Number of people per square mile will be taken from the 2020-2021 Texas Almanac and the U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, and based on most recent Annual Estimates of the Resident Population available at the time funding is determined.

Median Household Income

This factor gives a positive adjustment equal to 2.5% of the base rate to LAs whose host agencies are in counties with median annual household incomes over \$58,123. A negative adjustment equal to 5% of the base rate will be given to LAs whose host agencies are in counties with median annual household incomes under \$37,258. For those LAs whose host agencies are in counties with median annual household incomes between \$37,258 and \$58,123 there will be no adjustment.

Source of Data

The latest US Census Bureau, 2014-2018 American Community Survey (ACS) adjusted for county discrepancies.

Information Technology (IT) Support

The funding formula recognizes that all local agencies have a responsibility to maintain the Texas Integrated (TXIN) Management Information System in the highest functioning level possible. To maintain this level of support, it is essential to provide funding to local agencies. Some agencies have their own IT departments that assist with this support, others required contracting outside their parent agency to receive the level of support required. Annualized amounts were based on \$600 times number of staff.

Source of Data

IT Support funding was based on mid-range costs for IT service contractors and staff numbers provided by the Texas Association of Local WIC Directors (TALWD) via survey monkey.

Participation Level/Size

This factor takes into account the cost efficiencies associated with serving many participants, and the relative cost inefficiency associated with serving a very small level of participation. Participation breaks and percentages are as follows:

| Monthly Participation Level | Adjustment Factor |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 0 – 2,000 | 15% |
| 2,001 – 5,000 | 10% |
| 5,001 – 10,000 | 5% |
| 10,001 – 22,000 | No adjustment factor |
| 22,001 – 30,000 | 10% |
| 30,001 – and above | No adjustment factor |

If a LA serves more than one county and the average participation per county is less than 1,000 and the total agency participation is greater than 2,000, the LA will get an adjustment factor of 19% instead of what it would have received based on total participation for the agency.

Source of Data

October 2019 Participation.