

City Levy plus LGA – Preliminary CY 2003

The attached run shows city preliminary levies and certified LGA for calendar year 2003. It also shows the portion of each city's LGA which consists of grandfathered aid. The information contained in each column of the printout is as follows:

- **2003 TnT Levy** is the preliminary levy that cities certified in 2002 for Truth in taxation hearings. The final city levy can not exceed this amount although it may be reduced from this amount. Certified levies will be available in early February.
- **2003 LGA** is the total 2003 city LGA before reductions for state costs. Total appropriations are reduced by about \$500,000 to cover demographer and other state costs. The reduction is less than 0.5% of each city's aid.
- **2003 levy plus aid** is the sum of the first two columns. Levy plus LGA accounts for roughly two-thirds of total city general fund budgets for all cities but the actual percentage varies between cities.
- **Levy as a percent of levy plus LGA** is 2003 TnT levy divided by the 2003 levy plus LGA amount. It indicates a city's relative dependence on the property tax levy.
- **LGA as a percent of levy plus LGA** is 2003 TnT levy divided by the 2003 levy plus LGA amount. It indicates a city's relative dependence on the LGA program.
- **2003 grandfathered aid** is the amount of the city's LGA which is in the city aid base- the grandfathered portion of LGA. Each city's total LGA consists of two parts- the aid base and the formula aid. The city aid base is based on each city's aids in 1993 plus some additions.
- **Grandfathered aid as a percent of LGA** indicates the amount of each city's LGA which is not based on the current LGA formula.

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Note: The cities are grouped by type for comparison purposes. The groups are different from the ones used by House Research for the last eight years. The new groups were developed by the League of Minnesota cities (LMC) in 2002 using 2000 census data and are based on a methodology used by House Research in developing previous grouping schemes. For information on the groups you can contact Eric Willette at the LMC.