

Appendix A
Suggested Ideal District Criteria for Review
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There are no specific criteria that states what an ideal district size should be. The “Local Council Strategic Planning” manual, # 14-985C provides some direction in the benchmarks for councils to use when determining the size of their districts. There are many factors involved in deciding what size the districts are in each council; geographical size of council, population, degree of difficulty in serving the population, available funding to maintain appropriate staff size, etc.

The two resources listed below have some suggestions for consideration and guidance when making those decisions.

From Index of Growth Chart for 2006, No. 28-101V Resource:

<u>Criteria for Reference</u>	<u>National Standard</u>	<u>Minimum Standard</u>	<u>Median</u>
District Committee members per district	26	12.5	15.2
Units per commissioner	4	6	4.9
Total youth available per unit serving executive	8,000	15,203	11,063
Density Cub Scouts (% TAY)	27.0	15.4	19.2
Density Boy Scouts (% TAY)	20.2	11.6	14.5
Density Venturing (% TAY)	3.0	1.1	1.8
Total Traditional	15.5	8.8	10.9
% Youth retained Traditional	70.0	61.5	67.0

District Growth Plan Workbook 2006, No. 14-943P Resource

<u>Criteria for Reference</u>	<u>National Standard</u>
Average Size Pack (No. Scouts)	35
Market Share Pack (Percent of TAY)	17.7
Average Size Troop (No. Scouts)	19
Market Share Troop (Percent of TAY)	14.9
Average Size Crew (No. Scouts)	13
Market Share Crew (Percent of TAY)	2.3