§ 597.103 Poverty rate.

(a) General. The poverty rate shall be established in accordance with the following criteria:

1. In each census tract within a nominated urban area, the poverty rate shall not be less than 20 percent;

2. For at least 90 percent of the population census tracts within the nominated urban area, the poverty rate shall not be less than 25 percent; and

3. For at least 50 percent of the population census tracts within the nominated urban area, the poverty rate shall be not less than 35 percent.

(b) Special rules relating to the determination of poverty rate—(1) Census tracts with no population. Census tracts with no population shall be treated as having a poverty rate which meets the standards of paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this section, but shall be treated as having a zero poverty rate for purposes of applying paragraph (a)(3) of this section.

(2) Census tracts with populations of less than 2,000. A population census tract which has a population of less than 2,000 shall be treated as having a poverty rate which meets the requirements of paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section.