

Georgia Environmental Finance Authority
2020 State Revolving Fund Affordability Criteria and Principal Forgiveness Methodology

Affordability Criteria

GEFA's affordability criteria is used to award principal forgiveness to Georgia's most disadvantaged communities. The criteria includes median household income (MHI), unemployment percent, percentage not in labor force, poverty rate, percentage on Social Security, percentage on Supplemental Security Income (SSI), percentage with cash public assistance, percentage with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), age dependency ratio, and population trend from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2018 American Community Survey. The borrower's data is categorized in percentiles.

1. Median Household Income (MHI)

State Percentiles	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile
MHI	\$31,701	\$40,155	\$52,234

2. Unemployment Percent

State Percentiles	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile
Unemployment Rate	2.20%	3.6%	5.10%

3. Percentage Not in Labor Force

State Percentiles	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile
Percentage Not in Labor Force	36.6%	43.8%	50.9%

4. Poverty Rate

State Percentiles	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile
Poverty Rate	13.2%	21.2%	28.7%

5. Percentage on Social Security

State Percentiles	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile
Percentage on Social Security	28.9%	35.7%	42.6%

6. Percentage on SSI

State Percentiles	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile
Percentage on SSI	3.9%	6.8%	9.9%

7. Percentage with Cash Public Assistance

State Percentiles	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile
Percentage with Cash Public Assistance	0.5%	1.3%	2.5%

8. Percentage with SNAP

State Percentiles	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile
Percentage with SNAP	11.6%	18.8%	26%

9. Age Dependency Ratio

State Percentiles	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile
Age Dependency Ratio	57.8	67	77.3

10. Population Trend

The following categories will be used to determine scoring for change in population from 2011 to 2018.

- Positive growth or no growth
- Between -0.01% to -1%
- Between -1.01% and -2%
- Greater than -2%

Principal Forgiveness Methodology

Affordability Score	Percent of Project Cost Eligible for Principal Forgiveness	Principal Forgiveness Cap
Score of 38 - 40	60%	\$1,500,000
Score of 35 - 37	55%	\$1,300,000
Score of 32 - 34	50%	\$1,100,000
Score of 29 - 31	45%	\$900,000
Score of 26 - 28	40%	\$700,000