

SSWG Survey

Which characteristics are the most important to consider in grouping counties into regions?

We assume:

- All of these characteristics are important for different reasons.
- Some characteristics will matter more than others to any stakeholder.
- There is not “one right way” to organize the regions.

Our intention is to use this survey to assess how or whether members of the Social Services Working Group agree on the most important characteristics to use in grouping counties into regions.

Rank these characteristics from most to least important, with 1 being the most important.

Counties should be grouped into regions based on:

_____ The geographical proximity of the counties

_____ The total geographical size of the region

_____ The population within the counties

_____ Similar features in economy, demographics, or culture

_____ The caseload per capita within the counties

_____ The total caseloads in the counties

_____ Combining higher and lower performing counties in order to share strengths

_____ Alignment with judicial districts

_____ Alignment with regions of other key partners (such as the Area Agencies on Aging and district health departments)

Specify which key partner(s) _____

_____ Some other criterion _____

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