

SAMPLING FOR THE STATEWIDE SURVEY

Westat will design a custom sample plan for each state for the pilot of the statewide survey. This will enable each state to sample clients efficiently and to yield an adequate sample size for your needs. AoA expects each state to survey a representative sample of recipients of Home-Based services. States may want to draw conclusions for subgroups, such as at the AAA or county level, but that is not a requirement. Westat will also work with the states to determine a sample size that meets AoA's requirements and, at the same time, is cost effective. We will do this by varying the estimates of precision.

Prior to conferring with Westat, please answer the following questions.

1. What is the total number of unduplicated clients for the state?
2. To what extent do you want estimates for specific subgroups (e.g., women, minorities, regions, etc.)? Please think about all the possible subgroups of interest.
 - a. What is the total number of female participants?
 - b. What is the total number of African American clients?¹
3. To what extent do you want estimates by specific services (e.g., homemaker, home delivered meals)?
 - a. What is the total number of clients by subgroup of interest?
4. What level of precision for your estimates is desirable? What margin of error around your population estimate is tolerable?
5. Does your state have a computerized client tracking system?
6. To sample, Westat needs to know the characteristics of each AAA in your state (e.g., number of clients served, urban versus rural, etc.). This will help determine if it will be a one-stage or two-stage sample.

¹ These questions need to be answered for every subgroup of interest.