

HEALTH DISTRICTS - HISTORY OF MILL LEVY LIMITS AND STATE AID

North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Chapter 23-25 includes the statutory provisions relating to public health units. Public health units include city public health departments, county public health departments, or public health districts.

HEALTH DISTRICT MILL LEVY LIMITS

Under NDCC Section 23-35-07, public health districts are limited to a budget that does not exceed the amount of revenue that can be raised by a levy of **five mills of the taxable valuation** of the district. The statutory provisions limiting the mill levy that a health district may have began in 1943. The schedule below presents the history of changes to the number of mills a health district may levy for its budget.

1943	.50 mill
1953	.75 mill
1965	1.00 mill
1975	1.50 mills
1981	2.50 mills
1991	5.00 mills

STATE AID TO HEALTH UNITS - GENERAL FUND

Since 1977 each Legislative Assembly has appropriated funding from the general fund for state aid to public health units. The schedule below presents the funding appropriated for each biennium since 1977:

Biennium	General Fund Appropriation
1977-79	\$600,000
1979-81	\$525,000
1981-83	\$1,000,000
1983-85	\$1,000,000
1985-87	\$1,000,000
1987-89	\$950,000
1989-91	\$600,000
1991-93	\$975,000
1993-95	\$1,000,000
1995-97	\$950,000
1997-99	\$990,000
1999-2001	\$1,100,000
2001-03	\$1,100,000
2003-05	\$1,100,000
2005-07	\$1,100,000

The state aid funds are distributed to each health unit pursuant to a formula developed by the State Department of Health. The formula provides each public health unit a \$6,000 base allotment per biennium with the remainder of the funding being distributed on a per capita basis.