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The State Tax Equalization Board has established a Common Level Ratio for each county in the Commonwealth for the calendar year 2018. STEB is governed by the provisions of Chapter 15 of the Community and Economic Development Enhancement Act, the act of June 27, 1996 (P.L. 403, No. 58); 71 P.S. §§ 1709.1501, et seq.

The law requires the State Tax Equalization Board to use statistically acceptable techniques, to make the methodology for computing ratios public and to certify, prior to July 1, the ratio to the Chief Assessor of each county annually.

The statistically acceptable technique which the Board used for the 2018 Common Level Ratio is to determine the arithmetic <u>mean</u> of the individual sales ratios for every valid sale received from the county for the calendar year 2018.

The methodology used is to include every valid sale as verified by the county assessor. The State Tax Equalization Board has defined high and low limits by computing outliers based on an interquartile range (IQR-factor of 3) to establish an upper and lower boundary. This outlier trimming is based on standards recommended by the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO). After the boundary limits are defined, the State Tax Equalization Board has utilized the remaining valid sales, rejecting those sales which exceed the limits. The resulting arithmetic mean ratio is the ratio which the State Tax Equalization Board is certifying as the Common Level Ratio for each county for 2018.

The Common Level Ratios for 2018 are listed on the back of this page.

STATE TAX EQUALIZATION BOARD

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## **2018 COMMON LEVEL RATIOS**

County	CLR
*Adams	109.9
*Allegheny	86.2
Armstrong	41.4
Beaver	21.8
*Bedford	88.6
*Berks	62.2
*Blair	100.7
Bradford	31.3
*Bucks	9.4
*Butler	9.3
*Cambria	23.8
Cameron	35.7
Carbon	38.8
Centre	25.5
*Chester	49.3
*Clarion	20.5
Clearfield	12.2
*Clinton	82.7
Columbia	22.7
Crawford	30.7
*Cumberland	93.6
*Dauphin	66.3
*Delaware	56.4
Elk	34.5
*Erie	90.1
*Fayette	71.5
*Forest	18.8
*Franklin	11.1
*Fulton	33.6
*Greene	71.3
Huntingdon	23.3
*Indiana	106.7
*Jefferson	37.9
*Juniata	12.5
*Lackawanna	10.6
*Lancaster	87.0
*Lawrence	79.9
*Lebanon	92.5
*Lehigh	84.3
*Luzerne	101.1

County	CLR
*Lycoming	70.3
*McKean	83.0
Mercer	22.1
Mifflin	41.5
Monroe	17.7
*Montgomery	49.3
*Montour	69.4
Northampton	28.5
*Northumberland	20.7
*Perry	96.4
*Philadelphia	99.0
Pike	19.9
*Potter	31.2
Schuylkill	37.4
*Snyder	14.2
Somerset	35.1
*Sullivan	64.8
Susquehanna	28.8
*Tioga	66.3
*Union	70.0
*Venango	92.7
Warren	28.9
*Washington	90.1
*Wayne	85.7
*Westmoreland	14.4
Wyoming	15.9
*York	81.9

<sup>\*</sup>COUNTIES WITH A PREDETERMINED ASSESSMENT RATIO OF 100%