

# Meeting Group Size Information

Group Size determines which peer group an orchestra is assigned to for meetings, constituency group online community conversations, and peer calls. Groups are based on budget size to facilitate relevance of resources and discussions.

These numbers are the **2023-24 Thresholds** for budgets reported from the 2017-18 season. We have frozen these thresholds from 2019-2020 due to pandemic budget volatility.

**Orchestras must exceed both thresholds to be in any given group. Ex: if an orchestra has expenses above \$8,200,000 and artistic expenses of at least \$3,750,000 they meet the budget criteria to be in Group 2.**

## Orchestra Budget Thresholds

Group Number	Operating Expenses	Artistic Expenses
1	\$17,775,000 and up	\$10,000,000 & up
2	\$8,200,000	\$3,750,000
3	\$3,140,000	\$1,000,000
4	\$2,150,000	\$720,000
5	\$1,000,000	\$481,000
6	\$620,000	\$250,000
7	\$198,000	0
8	<= \$197,999	0

### Notes:

- An orchestra must meet both thresholds for one year to move up in group size and meet both thresholds for two years to move down in group size.
- Chamber orchestras are invited to join the next group up in size.
- Group size does not affect orchestra dues, which are calculated according to the most recent fiscal year's expenses. Please visit [americanorchestras.org/dues](https://americanorchestras.org/dues) for current dues rates.