

Meeting Group Size Information

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

These numbers are the **2026-27 Thresholds** for budgets reported from the 2024-25 season.

Orchestras that exceed both thresholds will be placed in the relevant group per this chart. Ex: if an orchestra has expenses above \$8,000,000 and artistic expenses of at least \$4,775,000 they meet the budget criteria to be in Group 2.

Orchestra Budget Thresholds

Group Number	Operating Expenses	Artistic Expenses
1	\$21,850,000 and up	\$10,600,000 & up
2	\$8,000,000	\$4,775,000
3	\$3,700,000	\$1,400,000
4	\$2,450,000	\$960,000
5	\$1,175,000	\$580,000
6	\$775,000	\$325,000
7	\$240,000	0
8	<= \$239,999	0

Notes:

- An orchestra that meets both thresholds for one year will move up in group size. An orchestra that goes below both thresholds for two years will 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 an orchestra's most recent fiscal year's expenses. Please visit americanorchestras.org/dues for current dues rates.