

# 2024 GRET Recommendation

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# Methodology

- 1. Calculate Actual to Expected Expenses
  - Gather data points from company Annual Statement submissions provided by NAIC
  - Seed factors used to calculate expected expenses.
- 2. Determine Distribution Channel
  - Survey sent by SOA Research Institute to companies to determine primary distribution channel.
  - This channel is used or the historical distribution channel for those companies that did not respond.
- 3. Remove outlier companies
- 4. Analyze data to derive unit expense factors by those Distribution Channels



#### Seed Values

Expenses allocated to acquisition and maintenance categories using the same seeds as has been previously used:

- Acquisition/Policy:
- Acquisition/Face Amount:
- Acquisition/Premium:
- Maintenance/Policy:

\$200.00 \$1.10 50% \$60.00



#### **Recommendation for 2024 GRET Factors**

Proposed 2024 GRET Factors Based on Average of 2021/2022 Data					
	Acquisition per	Acquisition per	Acquisition per	Maintenance per	
Description	Policy	Unit	Premium	Policy	Company Count
Independent	\$198	\$1.10	50%	\$59	140
Career	206	1.10	52%	62	90
Direct Marketing	217	1.20	54%	65	23
Niche Marketing	132	0.70	33%	40	31
Other*	162	0.90	41%	49	95
* Includes companies that did not respond to this or prior year surveys					379

Current 2023 GRET Factors Based on Average of 2020/2021 Data					
	Acquisition per	Acquisition per	Acquisition per	Maintenance per	
Description	Policy	Unit	Premium	Policy	Company Count
Independent	\$180	\$1.00	45%	\$54	141
Career	203	1.10	51%	61	84
Direct Marketing	197	1.10	49%	59	21
Niche Marketing	147	0.80	37%	44	30
Other*	153	0.90	39%	46	106
* Includes companies that did not respond to this or prior year surveys					382



#### **Comparison to Prior Years**

Acquisition per Policy					
		Percentage		Percentage	
Description	2023	Change	2022	Change	2021
Independent	\$198	10%	\$180	-2%	\$183
Career	206	1%	203	-4%	212
Direct Marketing	217	10%	197	-2%	200
Niche Marketing	132	-10%	147	-3%	151
Other*	162	6%	153	10%	139

\* Includes companies that did not respond to this or prior year surveys

Acquisition per Unit					
Description	2023	Percentage Change	2022	Percentage Change	2021
Independent	\$1.10	10%	\$1.00	0%	\$1.00
Career	1.10	0%	1.10	-8%	1.20
Direct Marketing	1.20	9%	1.10	0%	1.10
Niche Marketing	0.70	-13%	0.80	-11%	0.90
Other*	0.90	0%	0.90	13%	0.80

\* Includes companies that did not respond to this or prior year surveys



#### **Comparison to Prior Years**

Acquisition per Premium					
		Percentage		Percentage	
Description	2023	Change	2022	Change	2021
Independent	50%	11%	45%	-2%	46%
Career	52%	2%	51%	-4%	53%
Direct Marketing	54%	10%	49%	-2%	50%
Niche Marketing	33%	-11%	37%	0%	37%
Other*	41%	5%	39%	11%	35%

\* Includes companies that did not respond to this or prior year surveys

Maintenance per Policy					
Description	2023	Percentage Change	2022	Percentage Change	2021
Independent	\$59	9%	\$54	-2%	\$55
Career	62	2%	61	-5%	64
Direct Marketing	65	10%	59	-2%	60
Niche Marketing	40	-9%	44	-2%	45
Other*	49	7%	46	10%	42

\* Includes companies that did not respond to this or prior year surveys



# **Survey Results**

• Percent of survey respondents that that responded that GRET factors are used for individual life sales illustration purposes:

Pecentage of Companies that use GRET Factors				
Survey Year	Percentage			
2022	44%			
2022	35%			
2021	31%			
2020	29%			
2019	26%			
2018	28%			
2017	30%			
2016	26%			

• We believe variation is a result of the mix of respondents and the limited number of responses



# Information on Companies in Study

- NAIC Data extracts included:
  - 2022: 749 companies
  - 2021: 766 companies
- Total ordinary policies issued saw a decrease of 8.45% (850k) in 2022 after seeing an increase of 3.1% (312k) in the previous year.
- The final companies used in the GRET calculation was 379 in 2022, a decrease of 3 from the previous year after seeing an increase of 7 in the previous year.
- This year's survey, a record of 44% of respondents indicated they use GRET factors for individual life sales illustration purposes, continuing the increasing trend.



#### Questions?



