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amounts by which to increase salaries in all counties. **Please remember the increase is a dollar amount, NOT a percentage.** The only officials receiving a true 3.38% increase in salary are those in the same population class as the median county, or those with populations between 23,000 and 34,999. Others will receive either more than 3.38% (in counties with smaller populations) or less than 3.38% (in more populous counties). This provision was placed in the law to equalize salaries across the state so that there would not be growing disparity in compensation between officials in large and small counties.

It is also important to note that 2001 Public Chapter 405 made significant changes to the way county officials get paid. A previous publication by this agency summarized the changes affected by that legislation. **Most notable is a provision of that act which converted all officials' statutory salary figures into minimum salary amounts which may be increased by the county legislative body.** CTAS will still compute these statutory minimums and annual increases; however, the actual salary paid to an official in a particular county may be higher than the figure designated in this publication.

Administrators of Elections. Separate legislation (T.C.A. § 2-12-208) provides for minimum salaries for the administrators of elections which, after the phase-in period, are based upon percentages of the assessor's compensation. As with the statute discussed above, this law provides for yearly salary increases based upon increases for state employees during the prior fiscal year, and calculated in the same manner.

General Sessions Judges. Increases for general sessions judges are determined differently. Effective July 1, 1999, salaries of general sessions judges are to be adjusted annually in the same amount received by state court judges. This amount is determined by the percentage of change in the average consumer price index between the previous two calendar years (T.C.A. §§ 16-15-5003; 8-23-103). According to figures received by CTAS, the CPI change between 2000 and 2001 is 2.8%; therefore, the total salary is increased by 2.8% for the coming fiscal year. PLEASE NOTE: The increase applies to the base salary plus annual supplements plus adjustments – the total salary (see T.C.A. § 16-15-5003(i)(3)). **Check with your judges, because in some counties private acts or other provisions of general law may apply.**

CTAS cannot prepare salary schedules for general sessions court judges because the salaries in each county must be calculated separately after a thorough examination of the private acts and general laws that apply in that particular county.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Salaries

Fiscal Year 2002-2003

Population Class	Statutory Salary for FY 2002-2003
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400,000 and more	\$105,630
275,000 to 399,999	\$ 98,123
250,000 to 274,999	\$ 91,770
225,000 to 249,999	\$ 87,960
200,000 to 224,999	\$ 84,840
175,000 to 199,999	\$ 81,375
150,000 to 174,999	\$ 77,910
125,000 to 149,999	\$ 74,445
100,000 to 124,999	\$ 70,980
65,000 to 99,999	\$ 69,248
50,000 to 64,999	\$ 66,360
35,000 to 49,999	\$ 60,585
23,000 to 34,999	\$ 58,275
12,000 to 22,999	\$ 53,655
Less than 11,999	\$ 47,303

- NOTES:
1. The county executive's compensation shall be at least five percent (5%) higher than the salary paid to any other county constitutional officer. (T.C.A. § 8-24-102). The salaries noted above are based upon the assumption that the general officers and the sheriff receive the statutory minimum amount. Therefore, the minimum salary of the county executive in a particular county may be higher than the amounts listed above if other officials are paid in excess of the statutory minimum.
 2. The county legislative body may set the salary of the county executive in an amount greater than the salary noted above.
 3. The increase in minimum salary for FY 2002-2003 is \$1,905.
 4. Salaries effective July 1, 2002.

COUNTY SHERIFF

Salaries

Fiscal Year 2002-2003

Population Class	Statutory Salary for FY 2002-2003
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400,000 and more	\$ 100,600
275,000 to 399,999	\$ 93,450
250,000 to 274,999	\$ 87,400
225,000 to 249,999	\$ 84,100
200,000 to 224,999	\$ 80,800
175,000 to 199,999	\$ 77,500
150,000 to 174,999	\$ 74,200
125,000 to 149,999	\$ 70,900
100,000 to 124,999	\$ 67,600
65,000 to 99,999	\$ 65,950
50,000 to 64,999	\$ 63,200
35,000 to 49,999	\$ 57,700
23,000 to 34,999	\$ 55,500
12,000 to 22,999	\$ 51,100
Less than 11,999	\$ 45,050

- NOTES:
1. The compensation of the sheriff shall be at least ten percent (10%) higher than the salary paid to the general officers of the county. (T.C.A. § 8-24-102(j)). The salaries noted above are based upon the assumption that the general officers receive the statutory minimum amount. Therefore, the minimum salary of the sheriff in a particular county may be higher than the amounts listed above if county general officers are paid in excess of the statutory minimum.
 2. Sheriffs may receive additional compensation set by the county legislative body for ex-officio services as workhouse superintendent. (T.C.A. §§ 8-24-103(a)(3); 8-24-111).
 3. The increase in minimum salary for FY 2002-2003 is \$1,815.
 4. Salaries effective July 1, 2002.

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