

2026 Personal Net Worth Limit

Pursuant to Section 5(l) of the Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, (dated December 31, 2022), of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago an individual is considered “Economically Disadvantaged” if they have a Personal Net Worth (PNW) of less than \$2,000,000.00, indexed annually for the Chicago Metro Area Consumer Price Index (CPI), published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, beginning January 2008.

In accordance with this provision, the District recalculates the PNW limit annually to ensure consistency with inflation in the Chicago metropolitan area. The base PNW amount established in January 2008 was \$2,000,000.00, when the corresponding CPI-U was 208.757. The CPI-U for January 2026 is 302.224. Applying the following formula, the 2026 PNW limit is calculated as follows:

$$(2008 \text{ PNW Limit} \div 2008 \text{ CPI}) \times 2026 \text{ CPI} = 2026 \text{ Personal Net Worth Limit}$$

$$(\$2,000,000 \div 208.757) \times 302.224 = \$2,895,462.19$$

Or

$$(2026 \text{ CPI} \div 2008 \text{ CPI}) \times 2008 \text{ PNW Limit} = 2026 \text{ Personal Net Worth Limit}$$

$$(302.224 \div 208.757) \times \$2,000,000 = \$2,895,462.19$$

Accordingly, the **2026 Personal Net Worth limit is \$2,895,462.19.**