According to Wisconsin Statutes, the Department of Public Instruction must request funding at a level equal to 13% of the total local and county public library operating expenditures from the previous calendar year. Referred to as the 13% index level of funding, this target for state funding for public library service is based on the best judgment of the public library community and the legislature at the time the target was first established.

Source: Department of Public Instruction, Division for Libraries and Technology

Amounts adjusted for inflation by Consumer Price Index for Midwest Class D (under 50,000) in 1994 dollars.