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To: Local Educational Agency Leads

Route To: ESEA Project Directors, Title I, Part A Supervisors, and School Business Administrators

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Deadline: March 13, 2024

2022 Census Data for School Year 2024-2025 Title I, Part A LEA Allocations

Annually, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) receives local educational agency (LEA) Census data, along with a Memorandum to State Title I Directors explaining the Census data and the process to challenge the data, from the United States Department of Education (USED). The Census data and the memorandum can be accessed at Title 1 Part A (nj.gov). The USED and the NJDOE utilize this data to calculate LEA Title I, Part A allocations for the 2024-2025 school year.

The Census data estimates are based on a statistical model that incorporates information from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, administrative records taken from Federal income tax returns and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the most recent decennial Census, updates to population estimates that the Census Bureau may have completed since the last decennial census, data on Supplementary Security Income recipients, and economic data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

The Census Bureau is providing a challenge period for LEAs to review the 2022 LEA poverty and population data for certain non-statistical errors. These errors are those that the Census Bureau may have made in: (1) processing input data or running the estimation models/programs; or (2) in preparing or processing information to define geographic boundaries (e.g., school district boundaries). The challenge period ends on March 13, 2024. To obtain information on the process to challenge the data, LEAs must contact the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) Branch at the Census Bureau at:

> (301) 763-3193 or
> email: sehsd.saipe@census.gov

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