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TO: Regional Directors
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The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the new schedule for release of census data used by State agencies and Program operators for area eligibility determinations in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), and the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) of the National School Lunch Program.

Area eligibility of new CACFP day care homes and SFSP and SSO sites may be established using the most recent data available obtained by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) from the Census Bureau. For the past two years, FNS has released new Census Bureau data each February. However, this practice has made early recruitment and approval of SFSP and SSO sites difficult because the data used to qualify sites was subject to change.

In an effort to encourage early recruitment and approval of SFSP and SSO sites and increase access to summer meals, beginning in Federal Fiscal Year 2015, FNS will annually release new Census Bureau data in October. Therefore, the next census dataset will be released in October 2014. Until new data is released, State agencies and CACFP, SFSP, and SSO sponsors should continue to use the dataset released in February 2013.

The current dataset, CACFP 06-2013, is available in the Census Eligibility Folder in the Resources Library of the [PartnerWeb](#). Additionally, FNS has provided the data to the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), which has included the data in their CACFP and SFSP mapping websites at <http://www.fairdata2000.com/CACFP> and <http://www.fairdata2000.com/SummerFood>. State agencies may access the data using either PartnerWeb or the FRAC mapping sites to determine area eligibility.

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State agencies are reminded to distribute this information to Program operators immediately. Program operators should direct any questions regarding this memorandum to the appropriate State agency. State agency contact information is available at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Contacts/StateDirectory.htm>. State agencies should direct questions to the appropriate FNS Regional Office.

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