



CHILD NUTRITION

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

REPORTING TIPS

VERIFICATION REPORT SY 2023-2024



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IMPORTANT DATES for VERIFICATION REPORTING (FNS-742)

Required report for all SFAs and RCCIs operating the National School Lunch Program and/or the School Breakfast Program

 October 1, 2023	Count of approved meal applications on file Direct Verification module in Texas ELMS opens
 October 31, 2023	Count of students for annual Verification Report
 November 1, 2023	Verification Report opens – TX-UNPS > Download Forms > SNP-123 Verification Report JotForm link
 November 15, 2023	Direct Verification module in Texas ELMS closes Verification process completed and households notified
 November 28, 2023	CE submission of Verification Report JotForm is due

NOTE: October 1 is a Sunday. Numbers can be counted Monday, October 2 but should only include numbers through October 1.

ACCESSING THE VERIFICATION REPORT

- Log in to TX-UNPS
- Select School Nutrition Programs
- Select Applications
- Select Download Forms

The screenshot shows the TX-UNPS School Nutrition Programs interface. The 'Applications' menu is expanded, displaying a list of items and their descriptions. The 'Download Forms' item is highlighted with a red box, and a blue arrow points from the text 'Select Download Forms' to this item.

Item	Description
Contracting Entity Manager	SNP Contracting Entity's Profile, Site and Hold Information
Application Portal	Access to all program applications
Application Packet	Applications Forms (Contracting Entity and Site)
Attachment B	Policy Statement for Free and Reduced-Price Meals, Attachment B: Meal Count/Collection Procedure(s)
Second Review of Applications	FNS-874 report for Contracting Entities selected to conduct a second review of applications.
Verification Report	Mandatory Annual Verification Report
Verification Summary	Mandatory Annual Verification Report (FNS-742) Summary
Food Safety Inspections	Number of Food Safety Inspections by Site
Food Safety Inspections Summary	Number of Food Safety Inspections by Site Summary
Annual Audits	Annual Audits
FFVP Summary	Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Invitations and Approvals
Financial Report	School Food Annual Revenues and Expenditures Report
Financial Report Summary	School Food Annual Revenues and Expenditures Report Summary
FFVP Application Packet	Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Application Forms (SFA and Site)
FFVP Grants	Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant Information for a specific CE
FFVP Grant Overview	Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant Information by Site Overview
Summer Nutrition Program Costs	Total Costs Associated with Operating a Summer Nutrition Program
Capital Expenditure Request	Request for funds to purchase capital items >= \$5,000
Community Eligibility Provision	Enrollment and Eligibility for Community Eligibility Provision
Texas Summer Mandate	Summer Nutrition Programs Intent Declaration
Texas Summer Mandate Summary	Summer Nutrition Programs Intent Summary
Direct Certification / Direct Verification	Direct Certification / Direct Verification screens
Download Forms	Forms Available for Downloading

ACCESSING THE VERIFICATION REPORT

Select SNP-123 – SY2023-2024 Verification Report JotForm

This will take you directly to the JotForm to begin your submission.

*Additional resources for verification are listed under additional SNP-123 entries.

SNP-017	Payee Change Request (/4-15 /)	01/04/2021	N
SNP-018	Permanent Agreement Amendment for Name Change	03/19/2012	N
SNP-102	2022-2023 School Data	02/01/2023	N
SNP-117	Financial Report Process	01/04/2021	N
SNP-123	SY 2023-2024 Verification Report JotForm	05/03/2023	N
SNP-123	Resources for Verification Reporting	09/12/2022	N
SNP-123	Resources for Direct Certification and Direct Verification	09/12/2022	N
SNP-124	Civil Rights CE Assessment Answers and Certificate-Spanish	10/20/2015	N
SNP-125	And Justice for All Poster Order Form for NSLP CE	02/25/2020	N
SNP-129	NSLP Program Year Calendar	10/28/2021	N
SNP-134	Attachment B - Web Based Direct...	10/28/2021	N

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ACCESSING THE VERIFICATION REPORT

SY 2023-2024 Verification Report

<https://www.jotform.com/230295403774154>



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SY2023-2024 Verification Report

ALL CEs contracted to operate NSLP and/or SBP are required to complete this form.

The data previously reported in the Preliminary Verification Report and the TX-UNPS Verification Report are now all included in the single submission of this form - the SY23-24 Verification Report.

Submission of this form IS MANDATORY. The data reported here is required for TDA's submission of the FNS-834 and FNS-742 to USDA.

Your completed submission is due November 28, 2023.

USING THE JOTFORM

- **Error and warning messages will display to help ensure the accuracy of your report.** If you are unsure how to resolve these, please contact your ESC representative for assistance.
- **You can save progress and return to the form if needed.** However, the Verification Report requirement will not be considered fulfilled until the form is submitted by clicking SUBMIT.
- **You will have a chance to fully review your answers prior to submission.** Please carefully review your answers to ensure the data is correctly reported.
- **Multiple submissions are not permitted.** If you need to resubmit your Verification Report, please contact DirectCertification@TexasAgriculture.gov for assistance.
- **If you have errors or warnings displayed at the time of submission, TDA will contact you to resolve these.** If TDA identifies any other errors after submission, you may also be contacted by TDA or your ESC representative to make corrections.
- **An edit link and PDF will be provided in your confirmation email.** Save this email as documentation of submission. Also, if corrections are requested, you will need to access the form through your edit link.

RESOURCES

- [SquareMeals.org Verification Reporting Resources](#)
- [ARM, Section 6: Verification of Eligibility](#)
- fns.usda.gov/cn
- [Texas ELMS](#) (accessible with TX-UNPS login credentials)

Data for TX-UNPS SFA Verification Report documents direct certification numbers as of October 31.

This report will provide you with a list of students and the type of direct certification. It can be used to calculate the numbers needed for Supplementary Section 2, Section 3, and Supplementary Section 3, where applicable.

NOTE: The CE must ensure that students on this list were enrolled the last operating day in October and identify any extended eligible students in the household to add to the list.

Direct Verification Match Report documents eligibility for determining direct verification numbers. This report will provide you with a list of students and the type of direct verification. **It is only accessible between October 1st and November 15th** and can be used to calculate the numbers needed for Supplementary Section 5.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CE Information

First, report all CE Information fields using the drop-down options.

How it displays on the JotForm Submission

General Information

Type of Organization <input type="text" value="Please Select"/>	ESC Region <input type="text" value="Please Select"/>
CE ID <input type="text" value="Please Select"/>	CE Name <input type="text" value="Please Select"/>
CE City <input type="text" value="Please Select"/>	CE Zip Code <input type="text" value="Please Select"/>
Found in CE Application in TX-UNPS	Found in CE Application in TX-UNPS

How it displays on the Confirmation PDF

GENERAL INFORMATION

CE ID	7540
CE Name	7540
Type of Organization	Option 2
School Year From	7540
School Year To	7540
CE City	7540
CE Zip Code	7540
ESC Region	Option 2

GENERAL INFORMATION

Contact Information

Provide your contact information as the reporting contact.

If you did not complete verification activities, select NO. You will then be prompted to provide the contact information for the person that did.

Both contacts may be needed to resolve any reporting issues.

Verification Report Contact

The Verification Report Contact does not have to be the child nutrition director. It should be the person submitting the report.

Reporting Contact - Name

First Name:

Last Name:

Reporting Contact - Email

example@example.com

Reporting Contact - Phone Number

Please enter a valid phone number.

Reporting Contact - Title

A TDA or an ESC representative may need to contact the person that completed verification activity if errors or clarifications on your submission are needed.

Did you personally complete verification activity?

Yes

No

No, verification activity was not required.

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Reporting Contact - Name	Kinna Dekeyser
Reporting Contact - Email	dbudnk0@arstechnica.com
Reporting Contact - Phone Number	+37 (86) 868-2102
Reporting Contact - Title	In blandit ultrices enim. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit.
Verification Activity Contact - Name	Kinna Dekeyser
Verification Activity Contact - Email	dbudnk0@arstechnica.com
Verification Activity Contact - Phone Number	+37 (86) 868-2102

**Confirmation
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Attestation Statements

Provide confirmation that you are:

1. An authorized representative of the CE
2. An employee of the CE
3. Not an FSMC employee

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Attestation Statements

Confirm the following statements are true prior to continuing.

Authorized Representative

I confirm I am an Authorized Representative of the Contracting Entity as the User Access Manager listed on the Certificate of Authority for User Access Manager (FND-135) or a user assigned by the authorized User Access Manager prior to the submission of this report.

Employed by CE

I confirm I am employed by the CE named on this submission. I am not an employee of a Food Service Management Company (FSMC).

Attestation Statements

Confirm the following statements are true prior to continuing.

Authorized Representative

Option 2

Employed by CE

Option 2

Reported Information

Option 2

Documentation

Option 2

**Confirmation
PDF**

SECTION 1

Total Schools, RCCIS, and Enrolled Students

SECTION 1: Total Schools, RCCIs, and Enrolled Students

All CEs must report Section 1.

For ALL schools/institutions operating the NSLP and/or SBP as of October 31, 2023 report:

- the TOTAL number of schools and/or institutions
- the TOTAL enrollment

As of October 31, 2023, how many SCHOOLS operated NSLP and/or SBP? [1-1 A] *

Do NOT include RCCIs

As of October 31, 2023, how many total STUDENTS were enrolled at these schools? [1-1 B] *

Do NOT include RCCI students

The first two fields are for SCHOOLS ONLY.

****WATCH WHERE YOUR NUMBERS GO****

Mixing up Schools & Students is one of the most common errors.

If you operate RCCIs only, enter 0 for both.

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SECTION 1
Total Schools, Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCIs) and Enrolled Students

1-1: Total Schools (Do not include RCCIs):

1-1 A. Number of Schools OR Institutions	7540	1-1 B. Number of Students	7540
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SECTION 1

Total Schools, RCCIS, and Enrolled Students

As of October 31, 2023, did the CE operate any RCCI sites? *

No
 Yes

As of October 31, 2023, how many RCCIs operated NSLP and/or SBP? [1-2 A] *

1

As of October 31, 2023, how many STUDENTS were enrolled at these RCCIs? [1-2 B] *

12

How many of the RCCIs reported had DAY students? [1-2a A] *

How many DAY students attend these RCCIs? [1-2a B] *

Do NOT include RCCIs with NO DAY students Do NOT include residential students

How many of the RCCIs reported had NO day students? [1-2b A] *

How many residential students attend these RCCIs? [1-2b B] *

If you operated RCCIs, select YES.

****WATCH WHERE YOUR NUMBERS GO****

Mixing up RCCIs & Students is one of the most common errors.

If you operated RCCIs with DAY students, select YES.

1-2: Total RCCIs (Do not include schools counted in 1-1):

1-2 A. Number of Schools OR Institutions	7540	1-2 B. Number of Students	7540
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1-2a: RCCIs with day students (Report ONLY day students in 1-2aB):

1-2a A. Number of Schools OR Institutions	7540	1-2a B. Number of Students	7540
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1-2b: RCCIs with NO day students:

1-2b A. Number of Schools OR Institutions	7540	1-2b B. Number of Students	7540
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SECTION 2

CEs Operating Special Provisions

If you DID NOT operate under special provisions at any sites, select NO and proceed to Section 3.

If at least one site operated under special provisions, select YES.

If ALL sites operated under special provisions, select YES.

If ALL sites participated in a special provision program, the total number of sites and students reported in this section must match the total sites and students enrolled in Section 1.

SECTION 2: CEs Operating Special Provisions

Only CEs with special provisions (CEP or Provision 2) must report Section 2.

Report schools or institutions operating the NSLP and/or SBP under special provisions **as of October 31, 2023.**

Are there any schools and/or RCCIs operating under special provisions? *

No
 Yes

* You are reporting there are no schools and/or RCCIs provisions (Provision 2 and CEP). If this is accurate, this is not required.

Please proceed to Section 3.

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SECTION 2: CEs Operating Special Provisions

Only CEs with special provisions (CEP or Provision 2) must report Section 2.

Report schools or institutions operating the NSLP and/or SBP under special provisions **as of October 31, 2023.**

Are there any schools and/or RCCIs operating under special provisions? *

No
 Yes

Are ALL schools and/or RCCIs operating under special provisions? *

No
 Yes

SECTION 2

CEs Operating Special Provisions

Sites and students operating under **PROVISION 2 in a BASE YEAR** are reported first.

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<p>As of October 31, 2023, how many SCHOOLS and/or RCCIs were operating Provision 2 in a BASE year? [2-1 A] *</p> <input type="text"/>	<p>As of October 31, 2023, how many STUDENTS were enrolled at schools and/or RCCIs operating Provision 2 in a BASE year? [2-1 B] *</p> <input type="text"/>
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2-1: Operating Provision 2/3 in a BASE year for NSLP and SBP:

2-1 A. Number of Schools OR Institutions	7540	2-1 B. Number of Students	7540
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Sites and students operating under **PROVISION 2 in a NON BASE YEAR** Are reported next.

<p>As of October 31, 2023, how many SCHOOLS and/or RCCIs were operating Provision 2 in a NON BASE year? [2-2 A] *</p> <input type="text" value="1"/>	<p>As of October 31, 2023, how many STUDENTS were enrolled at schools and/or RCCIs operating Provision 2 in a NON BASE year? [2-2 B] *</p> <input type="text" value="12"/>
<p>How many of these students were reported as FREE in a NON BASE year? [2-2a B] *</p> <input type="text"/>	
<p>How many of these students were reported as REDUCED PRICE in a NON BASE year? [2-2b B] *</p> <input type="text"/>	

2-2: Operating Provision 2/3 in a NON BASE year for NSLP and SBP:

2-2 A. Number of Schools OR Institutions	7540	2-2 B. Number of Students	7540
		2-2a B. Number of Students reported as FREE	7540
		2-2b B. Number of Students reported as REDUCED PRICE	7540

If at least one student is reported under **PROVISION 2 in a NON BASE YEAR**, provide the number of those students that were **FREE and REDUCED PRICE**.

SECTION 2

CEs Operating Special Provisions

Lastly, sites and students operating under **COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION** are reported.

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As of October 31, 2023, how many SCHOOLS were operating the Community Eligibility Option (CEP)? [2-3 A] *	As of October 31, 2023, how many STUDENTS were enrolled at schools operating CEP? [2-3 B] *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<small>RCCIs are not eligible to operate CEP</small>	

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2-3: Operating the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP):			
2-3 A. Number of Schools OR Institutions	7540	2-3 B. Number of Students	7540

SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION 2

The **SUPPLEMENTARY SECTIONS** of the Verification Report JotForm collect information that TDA reports to USDA but is not captured on the FNS-742.

Only CEs operating sites under special provisions will see Supplementary Section 2.

In Supplementary Section 2, CEs provide more detail on the total number of students already reported in Section 2.

The number of students reported in Supplementary Section 2 should not exceed the totals reported in Sections 1 or 2.

RESOURCE: [Texas ELMS](#) Data for TX-UNPS SFA Verification Report

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To be directly certified, a student must appear on a State list pulled from Texas ELMS or on a Local List. *

	Number of Provision 2 NON-BASE year students and CEP students directly certified as of October 31, 2023
SNAP [S2-1]	
TANF [S2-2]	
MEDICAID FREE [S2-3]	
MEDICAID REDUCED PRICE [S2-4]	
FDPIR [S2-5]	
FOSTER [S2-6]	
MIGRANT [S2-7]	
HOMELESS [S2-8]	
RUNAWAY [S2-1]	
HEADSTART/EARLY HEADSTART	

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SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION 2
Breakout of directly certified students in CEP and NON-BASE YEAR special provision schools

S2-1 SNAP	7540
S2-2 TANF	7540
S2-3 MEDICAID-FREE	7540
S2-4 MEDICAID-REDUCED PRICE	7540
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S2-5 FDPIR	7540
S2-6 FOSTER	7540
S2-7 MIGRANT	7540
S2-8 HOMELESS	7540
S2-9 RUNAWAY	7540
S2-10 HEADSTART/EARLY HEADSTART	7540

SECTION 3

Students approved as FREE eligible NOT subject to verification

CEs exempt from direct certification, select YES and check box 3-1.

- All sites are RCCIs with residential students only
- All sites operate under P2 or CEP in a NON-BASE YEAR

All other CEs, select NO.

Checkbox 3-1 will not display. No selection is required.

Results of direct certification are reported in the following fields.

SECTION 3: Students Approved as FREE Eligible NOT Subject to Verification

All CEs must report Section 3.

Are ALL schools and/or RCCIs in the CE exempt from direct certification? *

No

Yes

CEs that meet **ANY** of the following criteria should select YES above:

- All sites are RCCIs with no day students.
- All sites are RCCIs with day students that remain enrolled at the home district.
- All sites participate in CEP or Provision 2 in a NON BASE year.

3-1. Check the box only if ALL schools and/or RCCIs were NOT required to perform direct certification with SNAP. *

Checked: I confirm that all schools and/or RCCIs were not required to perform direct certification with SNAP.

Not Checked

* You are reporting all schools and/or RCCIs were not required to perform direct certification with SNAP. If this is accurate, the remaining fields in Section 3 are not required.

Please proceed to Section 4.

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SECTION 3

Students approved as FREE eligible NOT subject to verification

3-1: Check the box only if all schools and/or RCCIs in the CE were not required to perform direct certification with SNAP (i.e. NON BASE year Provision 2/3 for all schools). 7540

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SECTION 3

Students approved as FREE eligible NOT subject to verification

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Report **students approved FREE eligible through direct certification as of October 31, 2023** for all schools and/or RCCIs that:

- are operating Provision 2 in a BASE YEAR or
- are NOT operating under special provisions.

As of October 31, 2023, how many students approved as FREE were directly certified through SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)? [3-2] *

As of October 31, 2023, how many students approved as FREE were directly certified through a program other than SNAP? [3-3] *

Direct certification is the process by which the student is certified eligible based on documentation received directly from the applicable program (e.g. SNAP or TANF agency) or through Texas ELMS.

Students directly certified as **FREE eligible through SNAP** are reported first. **This includes students deemed eligible through extended eligibility.*

Students directly certified as **FREE eligible through OTHER PROGRAMS** are reported second. **Medicaid-FREE is included in this count but not Medicaid REDUCED.*

RESOURCE: [Texas ELMS](#) Data for TX-UNPS SFA Verification Report

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3-2: Students directly certified through Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):	
3-2 B. Number of Students	7540
3-3: Students directly certified through other programs:	
3-3 B. Number of Students	7540

SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION 3

The **SUPPLEMENTARY SECTIONS** of the Verification Report JotForm collect information that TDA reports to USDA but is not captured on the FNS-742.

Only CEs reporting direct certification in Section 3 will see Supplementary Section 3.

In Supplementary Section 3, CEs provide more detail on the total number of students already reported in Section 3 and the students eligible through Medicaid REDUCED.

Do not report SNAP eligible students in Supplementary Section 3.

The number of students reported in Supplementary Section 3 should not exceed the totals reported in Sections 1 or 3.

RESOURCE: [Texas ELMS Data for TX-UNPS SFA Verification Report](#)

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To be directly certified, a student must appear on a State list pulled from Texas ELMS or on a Local List. *

	Number of Provision 2 BASE year students or NON special provision students directly certified as of October 31, 2023
TANF [S3-1]	
MEDICAID FREE [S3-2]	
MEDICAID REDUCED PRICE [S3-3]	
FDPIR [S3-4]	
FOSTER [S3-5]	
MIGRANT [S3-6]	
HOMELESS [S3-7]	
RUNAWAY [S3-8]	
HEADSTART/EARLY HEADSTART [S3-9]	

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SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION 3
Breakout of students directly certified at schools/RCCIs NOT operating special provisions or operating Provision 2 in a BASE YEAR

S3-1 TANF	7540
S3-2 MEDICAID-FREE	7540
S3-3 MEDICAID-REDUCED PRICE	7540
S3-4 FDPIR	7540
S3-5 FOSTER	7540
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S3-6 MIGRANT	7540
S3-7 HOMELESS	7540
S3-8 RUNAWAY	7540
S3-9 HEADSTART/EARLY HEADSTART	7540

SECTION 4

Students approved as FREE or REDUCED eligible through a household application

If at least one application was collected, select YES.

If at NO applications were collected, select NO and proceed to Section 5.

SECTION 4: Students approved as FREE or REDUCED PRICE eligible through a household application

All CEs collecting applications must report Section 4.

Did any schools and/or RCCIs collect household applications to determine FREE and REDUCED PRICE eligibility? *

No
 Yes

* You are reporting NO schools and/or RCCIs collected household applications. If this is accurate, the remaining fields in Section 4 are not required.

Please proceed to Section 5.

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SECTION 4

Students approved as FREE or REDUCED eligible through a household application

APPLICATIONS – number approved as of October 1st
STUDENTS – number approved as of October 31st

Numbers are reported in three pieces:

1. Categorically FREE
2. Income FREE
3. Income REDUCED PRICE

****WATCH WHERE YOUR NUMBERS GO****

Mixing up Applications & Students is one of the most common errors.

NOTE: APPLICATIONS should be less than or equal to STUDENTS, unless students that submitted applications were directly certified in October. Please keep documentation to support this if it happens.

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As of October 1, 2023, how many APPLICATIONS were approved as categorically FREE eligible? [4-1 A] *

As of October 31, 2023, how many STUDENTS were approved as categorically FREE eligible? [4-1 B] *

Approved as FREE eligible based on income

Based on household size and income information

As of October 1, 2023, how many APPLICATIONS were approved as FREE eligible based on income information? [4-2 A] *

As of October 31, 2023, how many STUDENTS were approved as FREE eligible based on income information? [4-2 B] *

Approved as REDUCED PRICE eligible based on income

Based on household size and income information

As of October 1, 2023, how many APPLICATIONS were approved as REDUCED PRICE eligible based on income information? [4-3 A] *

As of October 31, 2023, how many STUDENTS were approved as REDUCED PRICE eligible based on income information? [4-3 B] *

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SECTION 4

Students approved as FREE or REDUCED PRICE eligible through a household application

4-1: Approved as categorically FREE Eligible:

4-1 A. Number of Applications	7540	4-1 B. Number of Students	7540
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4-2: Approved as FREE Eligible:

4-2 A. Number of Applications	7540	4-2 B. Number of Students	7540
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4-3: Approved as REDUCED PRICE Eligible:

4-3 A. Number of Applications	7540	4-3 B. Number of Students	7540
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SECTION 5

Household Application Verification

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SECTION 5: Household Application Verification

All CEs must report Section 5.

Verification activities are NOT required for:

- schools/RCCIs in which all children have been certified under direct certification procedures including children documented as eligible foster, migrant, runaway or homeless children;
- RCCIs which do not have day students;
- schools electing the Community Eligibility Option;
- schools in which all children are served with no separate charge for food service and no special cash assistance is claimed, (i.e., nonpricing programs claiming only the paid rate of reimbursement);
- all schools are Provision 2/3 schools in a NON BASE year;
- schools which do not have any free or reduced price eligible students

Do any of the above apply to ALL schools and/or RCCIs in your CE? *

No

Yes

5-1. Check the box if ALL schools and/or RCCIs are exempt from verification. *

Checked: I confirm that ALL schools and/or RCCIs are exempt from verification.

Not Checked

**Not sure if you should check YES or NO?
Call your ESC for assistance.**

CEs that are exempt from verification activities, select YES and check box 5-1.

CEs that are NOT exempt from verification activities, select NO.

Checkbox 5-1 will not display. No selection is required. Results of verification are reported in the following fields.

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SECTION 5
Results of household application verification

5-1. Check the box if ALL schools and/or RCCIs are exempt from verification 7540

RELATED RESOURCE: [Verification Report | Individual Household Form](#)

SECTION 5

Household Application Verification

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Was verification performed and completed? [5-2] *

Yes, completed by November 15th

Yes, completed after November 15th

No, verification was NOT performed or the process was not completed

Which verification sampling method did you use? [5-3] *

Standard - Lesser of 3% or 3,000 error-prone applications

Alternate 1 - Lesser of 3% or 3,000 randomly selected applications

Alternate 2 - Lesser of 1% or 1,000 error-prone applications + lesser of 0.5% or 500 categorically eligible applications (SNAP/TANF/FDPIR case number provided)

How many error-prone applications were approved as of October 1, 2023? [5-4] *

Report the TOTAL number of approved applications considered error-prone

How many applications were selected for the verification sample? [5-5] *

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SECTION 5
Results of household application verification

5-1. Check the box if ALL schools and/or RCCIs are exempt from verification	7540
5-2: Was verification performed and completed?	7540
5-3: Type of verification process used:	7540
5-4: Total ERROR PRONE applications:	7540
5-5: Number of applications selected for verification sample:	7540

Verification Sample

CEs reporting verification activity will first answer a series of questions on sampling.

RESOURCE: [PY23 CE List of Approved Sample Size Methods](#)

The list of approved sample size methods will help validate if a CE is able to use an alternate sampling method. This is based on their previous year's verification activity.

Error-prone applications: Applications approved as of October 1st indicating monthly income within \$100 of the monthly or annual income within \$1,200 of the Free/Reduced Price income eligibility limits.

RESOURCE: [PY23 Sample Size Calculator](#)
The sample size calculator will help calculate and validate the sample size and the total reported results.

SECTION 5

Household Application Verification

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Applications verified for cause

Were there any questionable applications verified for cause that were NOT included in the verification sample and were verified as of November 15th? *

- No
 Yes

How many applications were verified for cause in addition to the verification sample? *

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VC-1: Total questionable applications verified for cause 7540

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Verification for Cause

A CE must verify any questionable household application that provides conflicting information on a case-by-case basis. Verification for cause may be conducted at any time during the school year.

Select YES, if a CE has at least one application:

- selected for verification for cause
- that is VERIFIED by November 15th
- and was not reported in the verification sample.

If you verified any applications for cause, all reported applications should be accounted for in the appropriate categories in Direct Verification and Results of Verification.

In the results sections that follow include the verification results of applications selected for:

- **the verification sample** AND
- **verified for cause**

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Household Application Verification

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Applications confirmed through DIRECT VERIFICATION

Was direct verification (Texas ELMS) used to confirm eligibility for any applications in your verification sample or any applications verified for cause? *

No
 Yes

5-6. If direct verification was NOT conducted, select "Checked" to confirm. *

Checked: I confirm that the CE DID NOT perform direct verification for any students. *
 Not Checked

Applications confirmed through DIRECT VERIFICATION

Was direct verification (Texas ELMS) used to confirm eligibility for any applications in your verification sample or any applications verified for cause? *

No
 Yes

How many APPLICATIONS were confirmed as FREE or REDUCED PRICE eligibility through direct verification as of November 15th? [5-7 A] *

SNAP, TANF, FDIPIR, MEDICAID

How many STUDENTS were confirmed as FREE or REDUCED PRICE eligibility through direct verification as of November 15th? [5-7 B] *

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5-6. Check the box if direct verification was not conducted in the CE, (i.e. not one of the schools and/or RCCIs in the CE performed direct verification). 7540

5-7: Confirmed through direct verification:

5-7 A. Number of Applications 7540	5-7 B. Number of Students 7540
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Results of Direct Verification

Be careful not to confuse direct verification with direct certification. Only applications that were selected for verification AND THEN confirmed as categorically eligible through direct verification should be reported here.

RESOURCE: A [Texas ELMS](#) report of Direct Verification Matches is available from October 1st through November 15th ONLY.

CEs DID NOT verify any applications through direct verification, select NO and check box 5-6.

CEs that DID verify applications through direct verification, select YES and report the results. Checkbox 5-6 will not display.

Mixing up Applications & Students is one of the most common errors.

****WATCH WHERE YOUR NUMBERS GO****

SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION 5

The **SUPPLEMENTARY SECTIONS** of the Verification Report JotForm collect information that TDA reports to USDA but is not captured on the FNS-742.

Only CEs reporting direct verification in Section 5 will see Supplementary Section 5.

In Supplementary Section 5, CEs provide more detail on the applications and students already reported as directly verified in Section 5. **Do not report directly certified students in Supplementary Section 5.**

The number of applications and students reported in Supplementary Section 5 should equal the number of directly verified applications and students reported in Section 5.

RESOURCE: A [Texas ELMS](#) report of Direct Verification Matches is available from October 1st through November 15th ONLY.

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To be directly verified, a student must appear on a state list pulled from Texas ELMS. *

	Number of Applications	Number of Students
SNAP [S5-1]		
TANF [S5-2]		
Medicaid Free [S5-3]		
Medicaid Reduced Price [S5-4]		
CHIP Free [S5-5]		
CHIP Reduced Price [S5-6]		

Confirmation PDF

SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION 5
Breakout of directly verified applications

S5-1 A. SNAP - Applications	7540
S5-1 B. SNAP - Students	7540
S5-2 A. TANF - Applications	7540
S5-2 B. TANF - Students	7540
S5-3 A. MEDICAID-FREE - Applications	7540
S5-3 B. MEDICAID-FREE - Students	7540
S5-4 A. MEDICAID-REDUCED PRICE - Applications	7540
S5-4 B. MEDICAID-REDUCED PRICE - Students	7540
S5-5 A. CHIP-FREE - Applications	7540
S5-5 B. CHIP-FREE - Students	7540
S5-6 A. CHIP-REDUCED PRICE - Applications	7540
S5-6 B. CHIP-REDUCED PRICE - Students	7540

SECTION 5

Household Application Verification

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A. Applications originally approved as FREE-Categorically Eligible

Report the results of verification for those applications and students originally certified as FREE based on SNAP/TANF/FDPIR documentation (eg. case number) on application *

	Number of Applications	Number of Students
Responded - NO CHANGE		
Responded - Changed to REDUCED PRICE		
Responded - Changed to PAID		
NOT Responded - Changed to PAID		

B. Applications originally approved as FREE-income

Report the results of verification for those applications and students originally certified as FREE based on income/household size application *

	Number of Applications	Number of Students
Responded - NO CHANGE		
Responded - Changed to REDUCED PRICE		
Responded - Changed to PAID		
NOT Responded - Changed to PAID		

C. Applications originally approved as REDUCED PRICE-income

Report the results of verification for those applications and students originally certified as REDUCED PRICE based on income/household size application *

	Number of Applications	Number of Students
Responded - NO CHANGE		
Responded - Changed to FREE		
Responded - Changed to PAID		
NOT Responded - Changed to PAID		

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5-8 A. FREE-Categorically Eligible:

5-8 A1. Responded, NO CHANGE			
5-8 A1a. Number of Applications	7540	5-8 A1b. Number of Students	7540
5-8 A2. Responded, Changed to REDUCED PRICE			
5-8 A2a. Number of Applications	7540	5-8 A2b. Number of Students	7540
5-8 A3. Responded, Changed to PAID			
5-8 A3a. Number of Applications	7540	5-8 A3b. Number of Students	7540
5-8 A4. Not Responded, Changed to PAID			
5-8 A4a. Number of Applications	7540	5-8 A4b. Number of Students	7540

5-8 B. FREE Income:

5-8 B1. Responded, NO CHANGE			
5-8 B1a. Number of Applications	7540	5-8 B1b. Number of Students	7540
5-8 B2. Responded, Changed to REDUCED PRICE			
5-8 B2a. Number of Applications	7540	5-8 B2b. Number of Students	7540
5-8 B3. Responded, Changed to PAID			
5-8 B3a. Number of Applications	7540	5-8 B3b. Number of Students	7540
5-8 B4. Not Responded, Changed to PAID			
5-8 B4a. Number of Applications	7540	5-8 B4b. Number of Students	7540

5-8 C. REDUCED PRICE Income:

5-8 C1. Responded, NO CHANGE			
5-8 C1a. Number of Applications	7540	5-8 C1b. Number of Students	7540
5-8 C2. Responded, Changed to FREE			
5-8 C2a. Number of Applications	7540	5-8 C2b. Number of Students	7540
5-8 C3. Responded, Changed to PAID			
5-8 C3a. Number of Applications	7540	5-8 C3b. Number of Students	7540
5-8 C4. Not Responded, Changed to PAID			
5-8 C4a. Number of Applications	7540	5-8 C4b. Number of Students	7540

Results of Verification by Original Benefit Type

Report the results of verification (sample and verified for cause) by original benefit type for each result category as of November 15th .

Do NOT include any applications and students already reported as confirmed through direct verification.

For each original benefit type, CEs will report APPLICATIONS & STUDENTS in four results categories.

- Responded – NO CHANGE
- Responded – Increase of benefits
- Responded – Decrease of benefits
- NOT Responded – Changed to PAID

All reported applications – verification sample and verified for cause – should now be accounted for in the appropriate categories in Direct Verification and Results of Verification.

REVIEW

When all fields are complete, you will have a chance to review your responses and make corrections.

NOTE: All fields required for federal reporting will be present and formatted. You may notice some fields with default values that you did not originally respond to. This is expected and does NOT need be corrected.

PLEASE REVIEW YOUR RESPONSES

GENERAL INFORMATION

CE ID	CE Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

S5-5 A. CHIP-FREE - Applications	S5-5 B. CHIP-FREE - Students
<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>

S5-6 A. CHIP-REDUCED PRICE - Applications	S5-6 B. CHIP-REDUCED PRICE - Students
<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>

<input type="button" value="Make Corrections"/>	<input type="button" value="Save"/>	<input type="button" value="Confirm as Correct"/>
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Click "Confirm as Correct" to go to the final submission page.

SUBMISSION

Submission Attestation Statements

Provide confirmation that you are: ←

1. Reporting accurately and on time
2. Retaining documentation related to the report

Submission Confirmation

1. The CE contacts reported and the ESC representatives for the ESC region reported will receive a **confirmation email**.
2. The confirmation email will contain a **PDF copy of your responses**
3. AND an **edit link** that will allow you to access the submission if corrections are needed.

Attestation Statements

Confirm the following statements are true prior to submitting.

Reported Information *

- I confirm I understand it is the CE's responsibility to accurately complete this report by the submission deadline and that non-compliance may result in adverse action.

Documentation *

- I confirm that the CE has retained documentation related to the information submitted in this report.

Make Corrections

Save

SUBMIT

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CORRECTIVE ACTION

Corrective Action will be required for the following:

1. Late or no submission of the Verification Report
2. Not completing the verification process by the November 15 due date
3. Verifying an incorrect sample size or using an ineligible sampling method

Initial notification of a required Corrective Action will be sent shortly after the submission deadline has passed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**
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