



# STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: January 4, 2023  
To: Local Educational Agency Leads  
Route To: ESEA Project Directors, Title I, Part A Supervisors, School Business Administrators  
From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Educational Services  
Deadline: March 15, 2023

## **2021 Census Data for Fiscal Year 2024 Title I, Part A Allocations**

Each year, the United States Department of Education (USDE) sends the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) 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. The Census data and the memorandum can be accessed at [Title 1 Part A \(nj.gov\)](#). The USDE and the NJDOE utilize this data to calculate LEA Title I, Part A allocations for the 2023-2024 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 2021 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 15, 2023. 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 [sehds.saipe@census.gov](mailto:sehds.saipe@census.gov).

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