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Instructions for Determining Area Eligibility using Census Data

Sponsors can qualify an open site using census data by documenting that the site is in a qualifying area where at least 50% of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. Census Data can be found on the USDA Capacity Builder or on the Food Research & Action Center (FRAC) Summer Food Mapper. The most current census data must be used.

The following steps will show you how to determine area eligibility using the USDA Capacity Builder.

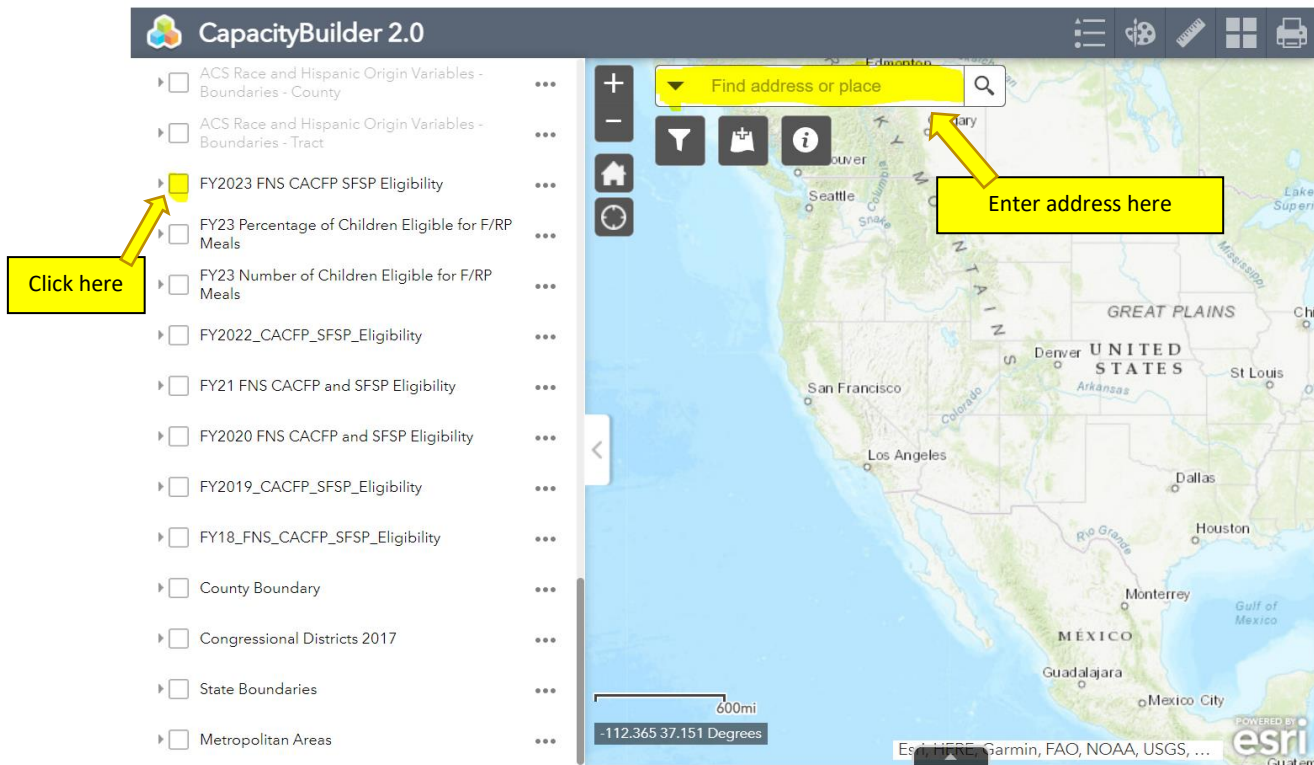
Step 1:

Go to the USDA Capacity Builder using the following link:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/capacitybuilder>

Step 2:

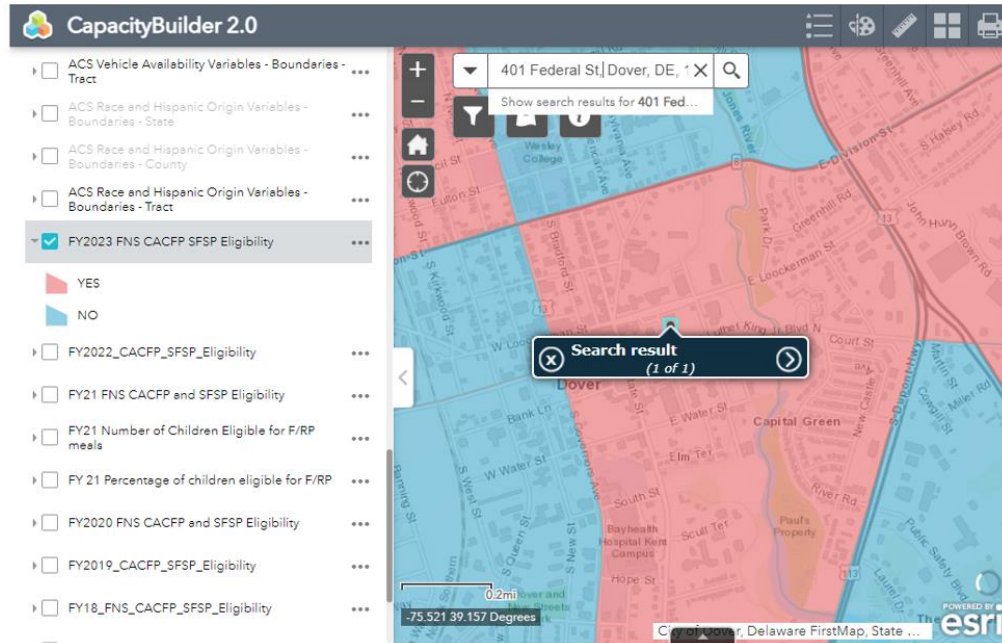
Once the Capacity Builder opens, there is a window to enter the site address and the operational layers as seen highlighted here. Sponsors should ensure the area eligibility is reflected in the map by clicking the layer titled FY2023 FNS CACFP SFSP Eligibility.



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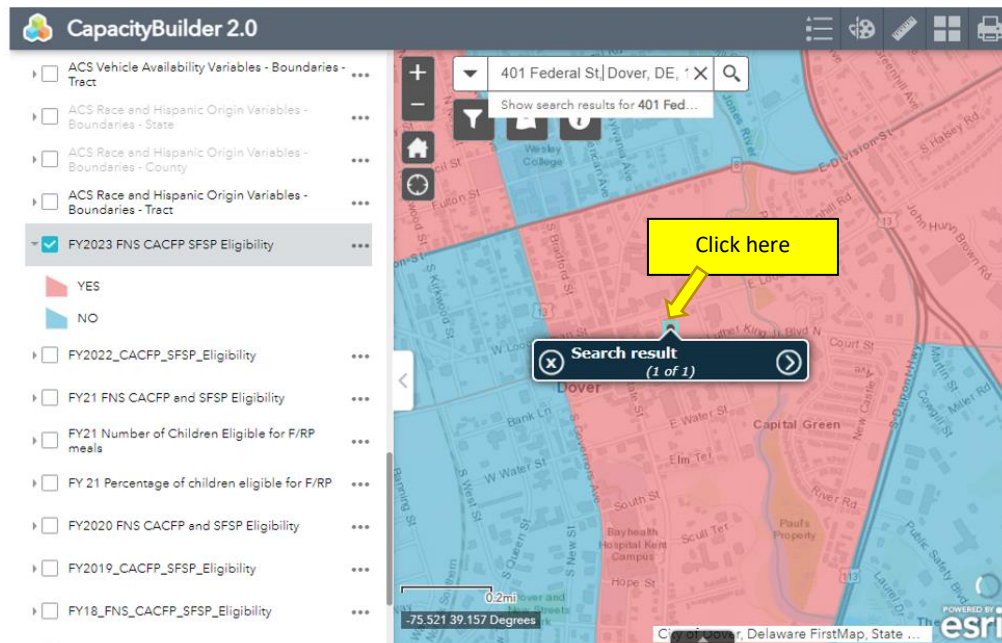
Step 3:

The census data is shown below using the address of the Townsend Building, located at 401 Federal Street, Dover, DE, 19901, as an example. As seen in the operational layers under the layer titled FY2023 FNS CACFP SFSP Eligibility, “Yes” is pink, and “No” is blue. The site qualifies for SFSP eligibility because the site address area on the map is pink.



Step 4:

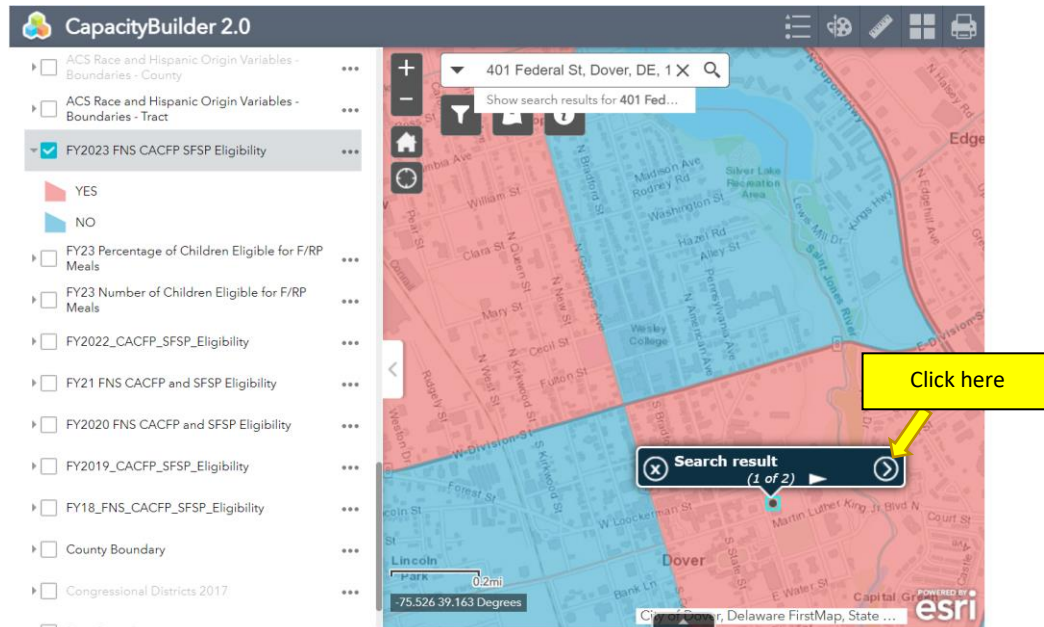
When clicking on the fns address in the map portion of this webpage, a message box is provided.



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Step 5:

When clicking on the arrow in the message box, a table with the census number for the site address is provided.



Step 6:

The census number highlighted below must be entered in the site application in DENARS.

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CACFP Day Care Home (Tier I) and SFSP Summer Meal Site Eligibility for FY23: 100010413002	
GEOID	100010413002
State	Delaware
FY 2023 Area Eligible?	YES
CBG: Percentage of children (0-18) eligible for F/RP meals	36.70
CBG: Number of children (0-18) eligible for F/RP meals (Numerator)	55.00
CBG: Total children (0-18) (Denominator)	150.00
CBG: Percentage of children (0-12) eligible for F/RP meals	36.80
CBG: Number of children (0-12) eligible for F/RP meals (Numerator)	35.00
CBG: Total children (0-12) (Denominator)	95.00
Census Tract: Percentage of children (0-18) eligible for F/RP meals	76.90
Census Tract: Percentage of children (0-12) eligible for F/RP meals	83.10

Please note: Sponsors should print or retain documentation electronically. Records should be maintained for three years plus the current year.

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The following steps will show you how to determine area eligibility using the FRAC Summer Food Mapper.

Step 1:

Go to the FRAC Summer Food Mapper by using the following link:

<https://frac.org/research/resource-library/summer-food-mapper>

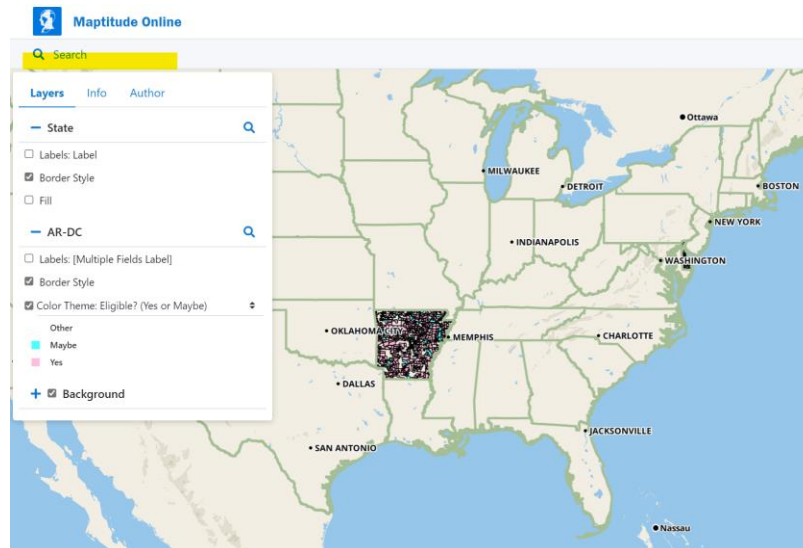
Step 2:

Once the FRAC Summer Food Mapper opens, you can access your state map by clicking “View the Delaware Map” highlighted below.



Step 3:

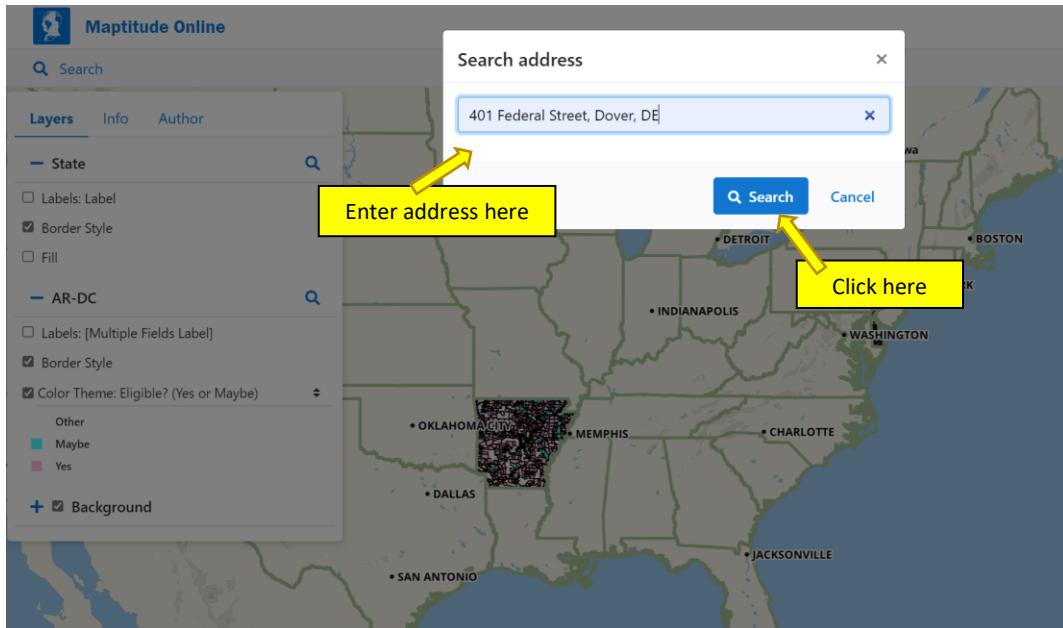
Once you have found your state’s map, click on the SEARCH field on the top left-hand side of the screen.



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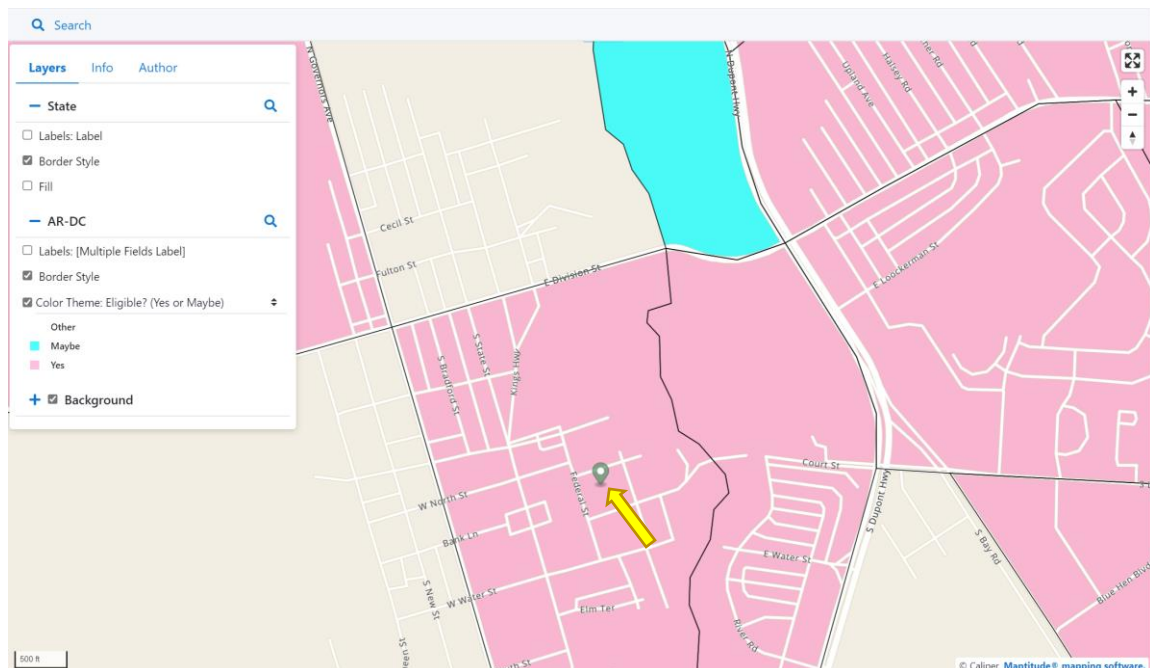
Step 4:

Enter the address of the proposed site in the pop-up window. Then click on the search button in the pop-up window below the address.



Step 5:

Using the address of the Townsend Building, located at 401 Federal Street, Dover, DE, 19901, as an example, the mapper will show the address on the map with a blue location pin. Sites in eligible areas will appear in a pinkish-red area on the map. The site qualifies for SFSP eligibility because the site address area on the map is pinkish-red.



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Step 6:

Clicking on the blue location pin will provide a pop-up box with additional information about the area, including the census block group number. The census block group number highlighted below must be entered in the site application in DENARS.



Please note:

- **ELIGIBLE SITES** are in pinkish-red areas. These are areas where over 50 percent of the children in the census blocks are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals based on census data.
- **MAYBE SITES** are in blue areas. Between 40 and 49 percent of the children in the light blue Census blocks are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. USDA's guidance allows these blocks to qualify if adjacent block groups (a maximum of three) averaged together have 50 percent or more of the children eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. FRAC provides a calculator to determine whether these sites may be eligible. State child nutrition agencies are responsible for conducting the averaging and determining eligibility.
- **NOT ELIGIBLE SITES** will be shown in areas with no background color. These sites may be eligible according to school data, but they do not meet the requirements for qualifying through Census data.
- Sponsors should print or retain documentation electronically. Records should be maintained for three years plus the current year.