

Burden Narrative

State Agency (NSLP/SNAP) Direct Certification Rate Data Element Report (FNS-834)

Reporting Burden:

Section 101(b) of the HHFKA, amended section 9(b)(4) of the NSLA (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(4)) to define required percentage benchmarks for directly certifying children who are members of households receiving assistance under Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and further amended the NSLA to require, beginning with SY 2011-2012, that each State agency that does not meet the benchmark for a particular school year develop, submit, and implement a continuous improvement plan (CIP) to fully meet the benchmarks and to improve direct certification for the following school year. (The CIP submission is approved under 0584-0026, expiration date 10/31/2019.)

Form FNS-834, State Agency Direct Certification Rate Data Element Report, provides for the collection of data elements needed to compute each State's direct certification performance rate to compare with the benchmarks. State agencies are required to submit data to FNS by December 1 each year using the State Agency Direct Certification Rate Data Element Report (FNS-834) which can be used by both the SNAP State agency and the State agency administering the NSLP.

The reporting burden for form FNS-834 is based upon 30 minutes to complete the form, once annually by 54 NSLP State Agencies and 52 SNAP State Agencies for a total of 53 hours annually (106 State Agencies x 30 minutes for the annual report = 53 hours annually).

Recordkeeping Burden:

There are no recordkeeping requirements for FNS-834.

Public Disclosure:

There are no public disclosure requirements for FNS-834.