

Appendix H

Child support agency administrative data collection instrument

Evaluation of Child Support Cooperation Requirements in SNAP Child Support Agency Administrative Data Collection Instrument

The Evaluation of Child Support Cooperation Requirements in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is examining the implementation, impacts, costs, and benefits of the child support cooperation requirement in SNAP. For this study, participating States are requested to provide administrative data needed to address the study's research questions.

Data request

[FOR STATES THAT FORMERLY HAD OR ARE CONSIDERING HAVING A COOPERATION REQUIREMENT]: Please provide case-level child support administrative data for [SINGLE MONTH].

[FOR STATES THAT FORMERLY HAD OR CURRENTLY HAVE A REQUIREMENT]: Please [ALSO] provide monthly case-level child support administrative data from [MONTH, YEAR–MONTH, YEAR, DATE RANGE].

Table H.1. contains a list of the types of data elements we are requesting, pending their availability. The study team will discuss this data request with you to assess the availability of the administrative data your agency maintains and identify which data elements can be provided.

Public Burden Statement

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Table H.1. Child support administrative data elements requested

Administrative data
Paternity establishment
Date of paternity establishment
Number of paternity establishments
Child support orders
Current support order establishment date
Monthly amount due for each order
Number of child support orders
Whether order is for current support, medical support, or arrears
Custodial parent child support order payment status
Monthly payment amount on each order
Monthly distribution amount
Monthly child support cooperation status (cooperating, noncooperating, and those with good cause exemptions)
Noncustodial parent child support order payment status
Monthly payment amount for each order
Monthly amount of family-owed arrears for each order
Monthly amount of State-owed arrears for each order
Data needed to link records across programs (such as name, date of birth, and Social Security number)

Data delivery timeline

Please provide the data file by [DATE AGREED TO BY AGENCY].

Data delivery and storage

We will provide a secure data transfer site to receive the data file. We can accept data in any standard format. We will store the data in a secure project directory to which only those working with the data will have access.

Privacy Act Statement

Authority: This information is being collected under the authority of Section 9 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 2018). Disclosure of the information is voluntary.

Purpose: The information is being collected to evaluate Child Support Cooperation Requirements in United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Routine Use: The information may be shared with SNAP contract researchers and USDA SNAP research and administrative staff.

Disclosure: Disclosure of the information is voluntary. If all or any part of the information is not provided, interviews may not be admissible in data sets.

The Systems of Records Notices relevant to this collection are FNS-8 FNS Studies and Reports located at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-1991-04-25/pdf/FR-1991-04-25.pdf> and FNS-10 Persons Doing Business with the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) located at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2000/03/31/00-8005/privacv-act-proposed-new-svstem-of-records>.