

How can I find the urban or rural status of my school or library?

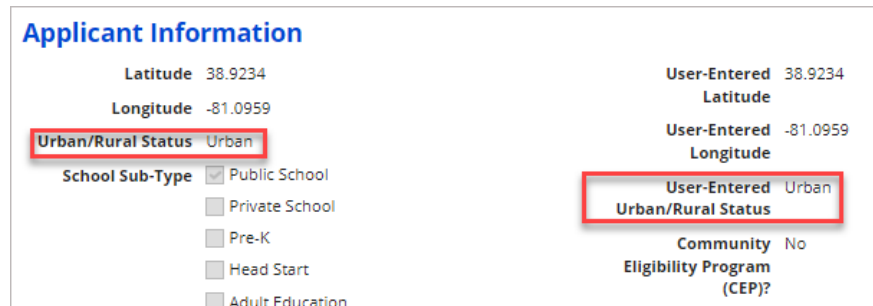
An individual school or library is designated as

- **Urban** if located in an “Urbanized area” or “Urban cluster” area with a population greater than 25,000, as determined by the most recent classification by the U.S. Census Bureau.
- **Rural** if located in an area other than an Urban area as defined above.

There are three methods to check urban/rural status within the E-Rate program.

For existing E-Rate entities, find your entity’s Urban/Rural status within your E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) account

1. Log in to EPC.
2. Navigate to your entity’s profile page by clicking on the entity number. **Organization Details** screen opens.
3. Scroll down and review the **Urban/Rural status** fields. The system-verified status is on the left. (see below)



The screenshot displays the 'Applicant Information' section of the EPC profile page. It is divided into two columns. The left column contains system-verified data: Latitude 38.9234, Longitude -81.0959, and a red-bordered box around 'Urban/Rural Status Urban'. Below this is the 'School Sub-Type' section with checkboxes for Public School (checked), Private School, Pre-K, Head Start, and Adult Education. The right column contains 'User-Entered' data: Latitude 38.9234, Longitude -81.0959, and a red-bordered box around 'User-Entered Urban/Rural Status'. At the bottom right, there is a 'Community Eligibility Program (CEP)?' field with a 'No' selection.

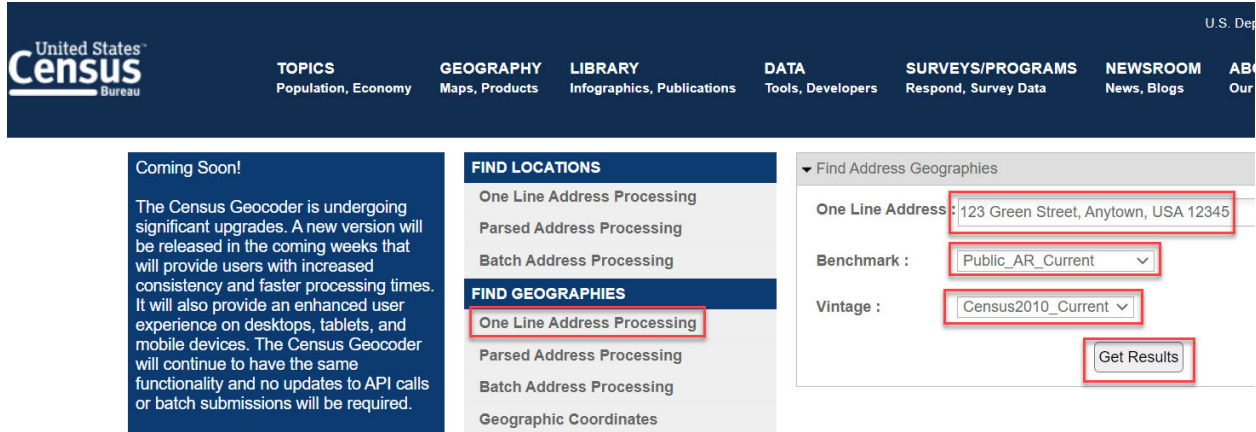
For new entities, find your Urban/Rural status by calling the Client Service Center

1. Call (888) 203-8100.
2. A USAC representative will take down your entity profile details, including address, and check determine the Urban or Rural status of the entity as your profile is created in EPC.

New or existing entities can also find their Urban/Rural status using Census.gov (if your entity is not in EPC yet and you are not ready to set up an EPC profile)

1. Navigate to <https://geocoding.geo.census.gov/geocoder/geographies/coordinates>
2. Under **Find Geographies**, Click **One Line Address Processing**. **Find Address Geographies** box opens. Complete the sections as follows:
 - In the **One Line Address** field, enter the address of your entity.
 - In the **Benchmark** dropdown, select **Public_AR_Current**.

- In the **Vintage** dropdown, select **Census2010_Current**.
 - Urban/Rural status for FY2022 is determined using 2010 Census data.
- Click **Get Results**. (see below)



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The Census Geocoder is undergoing significant upgrades. A new version will be released in the coming weeks that will provide users with increased consistency and faster processing times. It will also provide an enhanced user experience on desktops, tablets, and mobile devices. The Census Geocoder will continue to have the same functionality and no updates to API calls or batch submissions will be required.

FIND LOCATIONS

- One Line Address Processing
- Parsed Address Processing
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FIND GEOGRAPHIES

- One Line Address Processing
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Find Address Geographies

One Line Address : 123 Green Street, Anytown, USA 12345

Benchmark : Public_AR_Current

Vintage : Census2010_Current

Get Results

3. Review the results in the **UR** field under **Census Blocks**.
 - If a **UR** field contains **U**, your site is Urban
 - If a **UR** field contains **R**, your site is Rural