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)

![Applicant Information](image)

**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](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)

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