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HUBZone July 2023 Map Changes: What You Need to Know

The HUBZone program allows businesses in disadvantaged communities to compete for federal set-aside contracts, offering employment and growth opportunities where they're most needed for positive economic impact.

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The HUBZone map is changing on July 1, 2023. SBA froze the current HUBZone map in late 2017 to account for the results of the 2020 Census which were delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The new HUBZone map update will reflect current economic and geographic data.

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You can verify your firm's eligibility now. The official preview of the new HUBZone map is available. Be sure to review the new map now to know if your firm will be eligible for HUBZone certification after the map update.

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Make sure you know your employees' status. Even if your firm's principal office will be in a HUBZone once the map changes go into effect, when you apply or recertify beginning on July 1, 2023, you must also verify that at least 35 percent of your employees reside in a HUBZone.



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Firms will keep their HUBZone status until their next recertification. Certified HUBZone firms that are no longer eligible on July 1, 2023, due to the map change may continue to participate in the HUBZone program through their following annual recertification.

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Current HUBZone contracts will generally not be disrupted. Firms that were eligible at the time of offer for a HUBZone contract are generally considered to be HUBZone firms through the life of that contract. For additional information, see [13 CFR 126.619](#).

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SBA is committed to helping HUBZone firms during this transition. SBA is proud of the HUBZone businesses that have strengthened the economic positioning of their communities and will continue to support these firms as they transition out of the program or to new locations.

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SBA will update the map again in 2028. The 2023 map will be updated again in July 2028 to reflect changes to Qualified Census Tracts and Qualified Non-Metropolitan Counties, in 2026 to reflect expiring Redesignated Areas, and throughout any year to reflect new and expiring Governor's Designated Areas and Qualified Disaster Areas as appropriate. This allows new businesses to enter the program and ensures benefits are reaching the nation's most underserved communities.

For more information about the changes to the HUBZone map, view the SBA's latest [Q&A](#).

For additional questions, contact your local SBA Regional and District Offices, email the HUBZone Help Desk at hubzone@sba.gov, or join the HUBZone Office Hours held every Tuesday and Thursday from 2–3 p.m. ET. The first and last 15 minutes will be dedicated to the map update. Call 208–391–5817 and enter conference ID #278449067.



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