



South National Collection Service Area Meeting

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Agenda

- Overview of National Collection Service Areas
- Resource Sharing
- Impact of National Collection Service Areas
- Collaboration Opportunities
- Microfiche Transition
- South National Collection Service Area
- Next steps
- Q&A

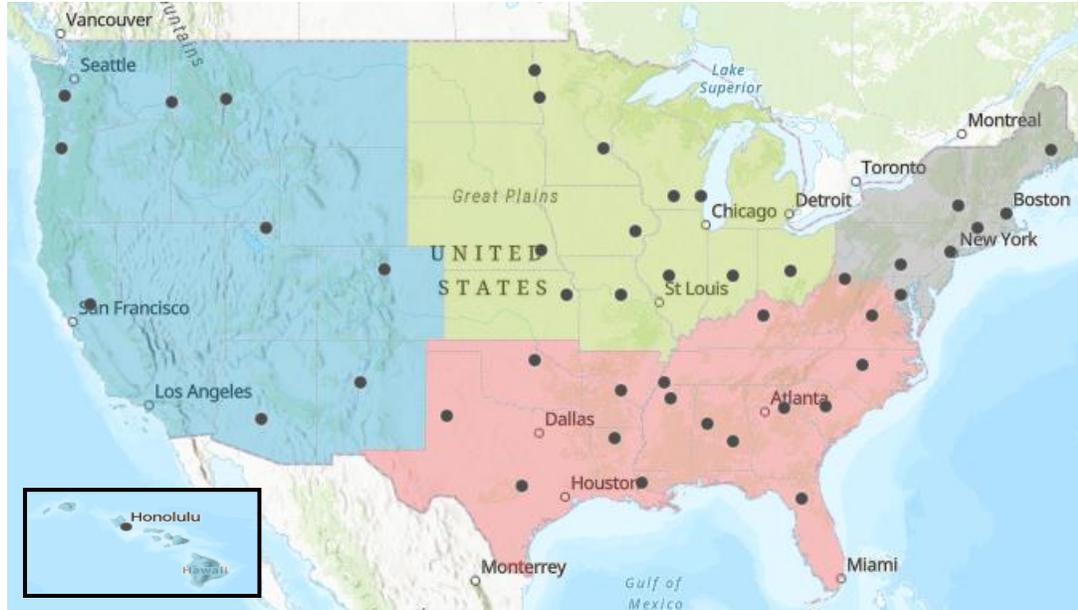


National Collection Service Area (NCSA) Definition

National Collection Service Areas group Federal depository libraries into 4 regions as a means of ensuring geographically dispersed permanent public access to Federal Government information products, sharing resources among depository libraries, and receiving services from Library Services and Content Management (LCSM).



National Collection Service Areas



- In 2015, Joint Committee on Printing (JCP) specified there be no fewer than 4 tangible copies geographically dispersed.
- The Superintendent of Documents used a modified Census region map to create 4 National Collection Service Areas: Northeast, South, Midwest, and West.
- Our goals:
 - Improve opportunities for regional collecting and weeding flexibilities
 - Ensure adequate tangible copies for access



Shared Collection Possibilities

- Superintendent of Documents will consider proposals that:
 - Reflect existing shared models; or
 - New model ideas.
- Collections can be shared:
 - Within states
 - Across state boundaries;
 - Between states that do not share a border;
 - Within a NCSA; or
 - Between states in different NCSAs
- Guidelines for Establishing Shared Regional Depository Libraries ([SOD-DGD-2018-1](#))
- Superintendent of Documents wants to provide as much flexibility as possible, without impeding access and services.



Quick recap of two agreements

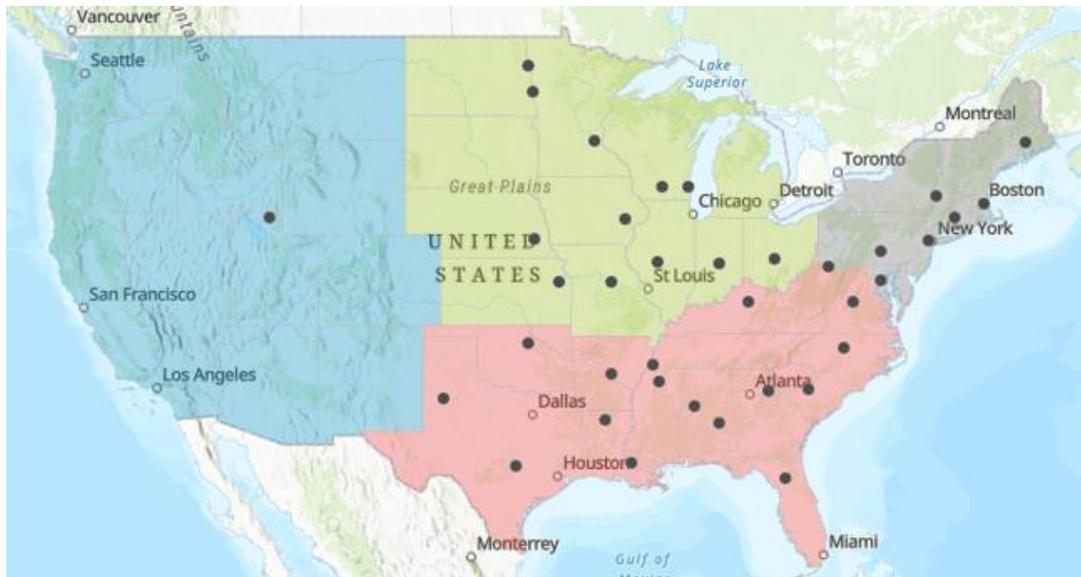
- **Preservation Steward:** Commits to retaining specified tangible depository resources for the length of the partnership agreement. They also take on the additional responsibilities for preserving that material.
- **Print Selector:** Commits to selecting and retaining content until content is superseded

← Enables [Regional Discard Policy](#)

← Enables [Regional Depository Libraries Online Selections](#)



Example of a New Shared Collection Possibility



- One Preservation Steward or Print Selector in a National Collection Service Area can replace multiple regional copies in the same area.
- For example, if there is a Preservation Steward for a title in Utah, The Superintendent of Documents can authorize all regionals in the West National Collection Service Area to select only the EL format.



Overall Impacts

Libraries

- Potential for more targeted collection of Federal information to meet local needs
- Redefining “local” for Federal information collections
- Reduces need for “just-in-case” collecting
- Ability to right-size collection
- Allows for regional weeding flexibilities

LSCM

- More responsibility for managing overall National Collection throughout the country
- Addressing concerns of safety net (public access guarantee)
- Localized service to NCSAs and depositories
- Monitoring collection levels to ensure adequate copies



Impacts

Immediate

- Potential for resource sharing to ease the burden of space planning as microfiche is phased out
- LSCM recruiting Preservation Stewards and Print Selectors to ensure permanent public access

Longer term

- Collaborative collection development among libraries in National Collection Service Areas
- Shared reference / ILL to improve access
- Preservation opportunities
- Shared training opportunities



Resource sharing, an immediate need?

- It depends on whether or not you are selecting microfiche.
 - Will you have to add paper (P) to your item selection profile to replace the microfiche you are currently receiving?
 - Will shelving space be an issue?
 - Can you drop microfiche and rely on digital content?
- Shared housing agreements (SHA)





MF will be discontinued in 2022-2023

- The Superintendent of Documents announced at the 2021 Fall Depository Library Conference that the microfiche format will be phased out.
- The first title to be phased out will be the CFR.
 - Contract expires 3/31/2022
 - CFR supersedes except for Title 3
 - Recruiting print selectors
- House and Senate Journals, Y1s and Y4s will be phased out shortly after the CFR.
 - Contract expires 4/30/2022
 - Most do not supersede
 - Recruiting preservation stewards
- These titles will be followed by remaining microfiche titles.



Titles/Series Affected by the MF Phase Out

- The CFR, CFR Index, Finding Aids (*contract ends 03/31/2022*)
- The contract for Senate & House Journals, Committee Prints, Reports, Documents, Joint Committee Publications, Hearings (think Y1s and Y4s) (*contract ends 04/30/2022*)
- Bound Congressional Record Proceedings, Daily Digest, and Index (*contract ends 09/30/2022*)
- Federal Register (FR) and the List of CFR Sections Affected (LSA) (*distribute through the end of 2022*)
- Daily Congressional Record (*distribute through the 117th Congress*)

*Note: MF will continue to get shipped after the contract expires – content “in the pipeline” will continue to get processed by the vendor.



There are a few Congressional titles not on **govinfo**

- Y 1.1/7: serial titles:
 - Statements of Disbursements of the House
 - Financial Disclosure Report of Members of the Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics
 - Statement of Disbursements, U.S. Capitol Police
 - Statement Of Disbursements Of The Architect Of The Capitol For ...
- Hearings, Prints, and Miscellaneous Publications from the Appropriations Committees (Y 4.AP 6/1: and Y 4.AP 6/2:) are not always online equivalents to the print.
- GPO is exploring options for ensuring access to content not on **govinfo**.
 - Example: Splitting out separate items for those titles or getting approval to ingest these titles into **govinfo**.
- Known titles not in **govinfo** and listed above must be selected by regionals in paper and retained.



LSCM Support during the Transition

Short term

- Microfiche item selection analysis
- Meetings with regional coordinators to discuss options for ensuring a smooth transition
- Recruiting Preservation Stewards and Print Selectors
- Providing guidance to regionals on Selective Housing Agreements for titles formerly in microfiche

Long term

- Recruiting Preservation Stewards and Print Selectors
- Providing guidance to regionals on collection management in National Collection Service Areas
- Superintendent of Documents reviewing titles for potential approval for regional discard or regional online selection



Preservation Stewards

- Preservation Stewards make a commitment to retain specified tangible depository resources for the length of the partnership agreement. With assistance from GPO, they also take on the additional responsibilities for preserving that material. This includes both preventive maintenance and conservation treatments.
- Both regional and selective depositories can be Preservation Stewards.
- Agreements can cover
 - Older materials already distributed
 - Newer material not yet distributed
 - Both older historical material and material yet to be distributed
- Preservation Stewards are not obligated to fill gaps, but may submit updated inventories at any time.
- Incentives? GPO may:
 - Pay for postage to ship material to a Preservation Steward
 - Assist with cataloging, inventories, condition assessments, and contracting for conservation services



Print Selectors

- New partnership possibilities
- Print Selectors commit to select specified tangible depository resources and retain them until they are superseded. A Print Selector agreement can only be made for superseding resources.
- Materials covered by Print Selector agreements may be discarded when superseded.
- Print Selectors enable regionals to select online versions of superseded materials when approved by the Superintendent of Documents.



What is the Difference Between Preservation Stewards and Print Selectors?

	Preservation Stewards	Print Selectors
Who can participate?	Both selectives and regionals can be Preservation Stewards.	Both selectives and regionals can be Print Selectors.
Used for	Non-superseding and superseding content	Superseding content
Retention commitment	Preservation Stewards commit to retaining, and preserving, tangible depository resources for the duration of their agreement.	Print Selectors receive and retain the print format for a specified period of time, after which they have the option to discard.



Difference Between Preservation Stewards and Print Selectors (continued)

	Preservation Stewards	Print Selectors
Inventory requirement	<p>Preservation Stewards have three options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) For older material previously distributed: submit an inventory of the tangible depository resources they intend to retain and preserve.2) For newer material not yet distributed: confirm receipt of material via a list sent by LSCM staff on a periodic basis.3) For agreements covering both old and new material: an inventory of older material may be submitted by the library to LSCM, while future receipts will be verified via LSCM's periodic lists. <p>Preservation Stewards are not obligated to fill gaps or add current receipts to their inventories, but may submit updated inventories to include those materials.</p>	<p>No inventory requirement.</p>



Difference Between Preservation Stewards and Print Selectors (continued)

	Preservation Stewards	Print Selectors
Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP) holdings	Preservation Stewards' item holdings for older materials are in the CGP. Commitments for newer material are not reflected in CGP item holdings.	Print Selectors are not reflected in CGP item holdings.
How can a library enter into an agreement?	For more information on Preservation Stewards, please see the Partnerships page.	For more information on Print Selectors, please see the Volunteer to Be a Print Selector page.



Microfiche Related Collaboration Opportunities

Preservation Steward	Print Selector
CFR title 3	CFR titles 1-2, 4-34, 36-50
Y4s (minus Appropriations committees and superseding series)	Y4s (superseding series)
Y1 select series (if we opt to split them out as separate item numbers)	Y1s (minus select series)
Bound Congressional Record, Daily Digest, Index	Congressional Record (daily) (commitments in place)
Journals of the House and Senate	Federal Register (commitments in place)

LSCM will be recruiting Preservation Stewards and Print Selectors for these titles currently in microfiche.

*Note: We have Preservation Stewards for some of the above titles, however, we need agreements that cover new material which will increase collaboration options. Preservation Steward agreements can also be used in lieu of Print Selector agreements.

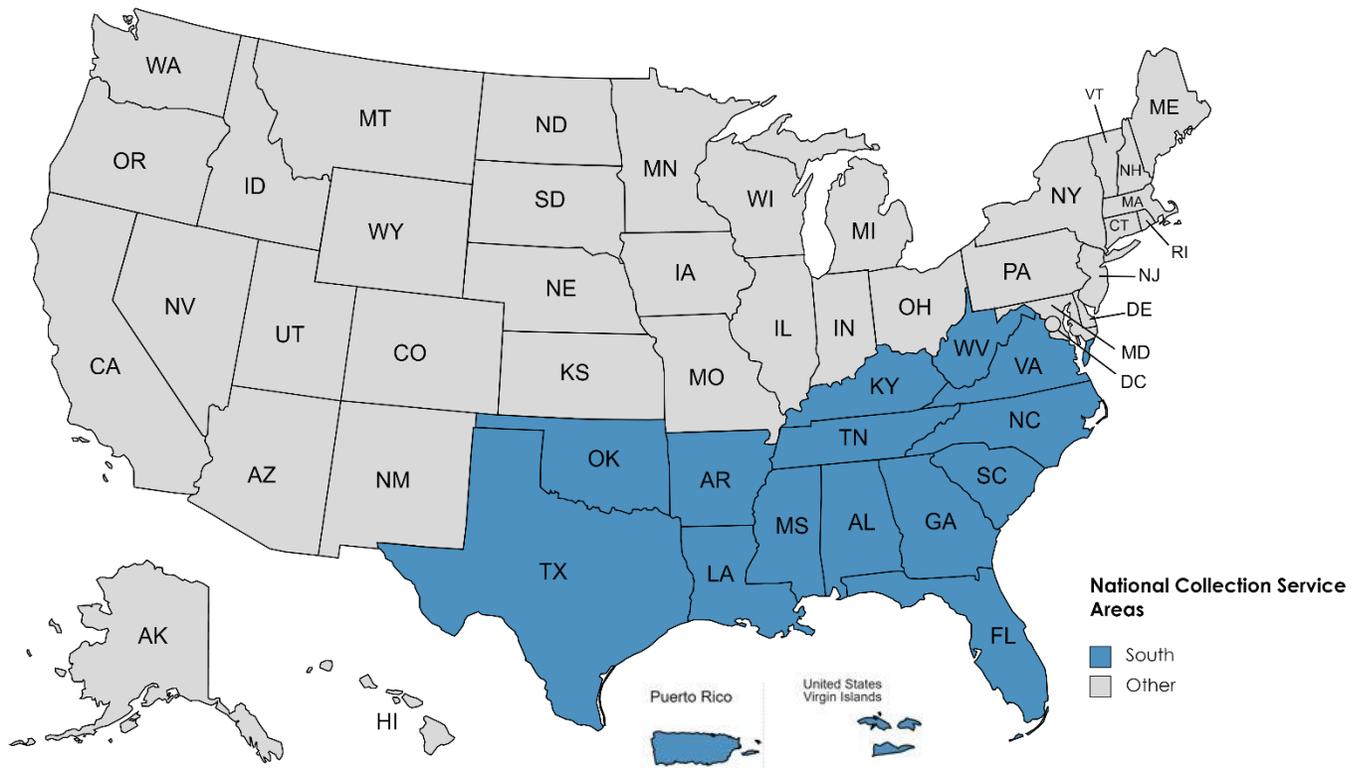


What Challenges Do We Face with the National Collection?

- The body of Government documents in scope of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) and Cataloging and Indexing Program (C&I) is unknown.
- The definitions of what is in scope of the FDLP and C&I programs are different, and they have changed over time.
- The holdings of depository libraries, and their condition, are unknown.
- Identifying digital public information published each year.
- Identifying tangible public information that is not published through GPO.
- Federal depository libraries that are weeding and discarding their tangible collections.



South National Collection Service Area



- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Florida
- Georgia
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- North Carolina
- Oklahoma
- Puerto Rico
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- US Virgin Islands
- Virginia
- West Virginia

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South NCSA and Number of FDLs

SOUTH NATIONAL COLLECTION SERVICE AREA (343)			
Alabama (22)	Kentucky (19)	Oklahoma (17)	Texas (56)
Arkansas (15)	Louisiana (27)	Puerto Rico (5)	U.S. Virgin Islands (2)
Florida (30)	Mississippi (11)	South Carolina (19)	Virginia (31)
Georgia (23)	North Carolina (33)	Tennessee (20)	West Virginia (13)



Regionals in South NCSA

- Amelia Gayle Gorgas Library, University of Alabama (Alabama)
- Auburn University of Montgomery Library (Alabama)
- Arkansas State Library (Arkansas)
- George A. Smathers Library, University of Florida (Florida, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands)
- Map and Government Information Library, University of Georgia (Georgia)
- William T. Young Library, University of Kentucky (Kentucky)
- LSU Library, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge (Louisiana)
- Prescott Memorial Library, Louisiana Tech University (Louisiana)
- J.D. Williams Library, University of Mississippi (Mississippi)



Regionals in South NCSA (continued)

- Davis Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (North Carolina)
- Edmon Low Library, Oklahoma State University (Oklahoma)
- Thomas Cooper Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia (South Carolina)
- Ned R. McWherter Library, University of Memphis (Tennessee)
- Texas State Library & Archives Commission (Texas)
- Texas Tech University Library (Texas)
- Alderman Library, University of Virginia (Virginia)
- Downtown Campus Library, West Virginia University (West Virginia)



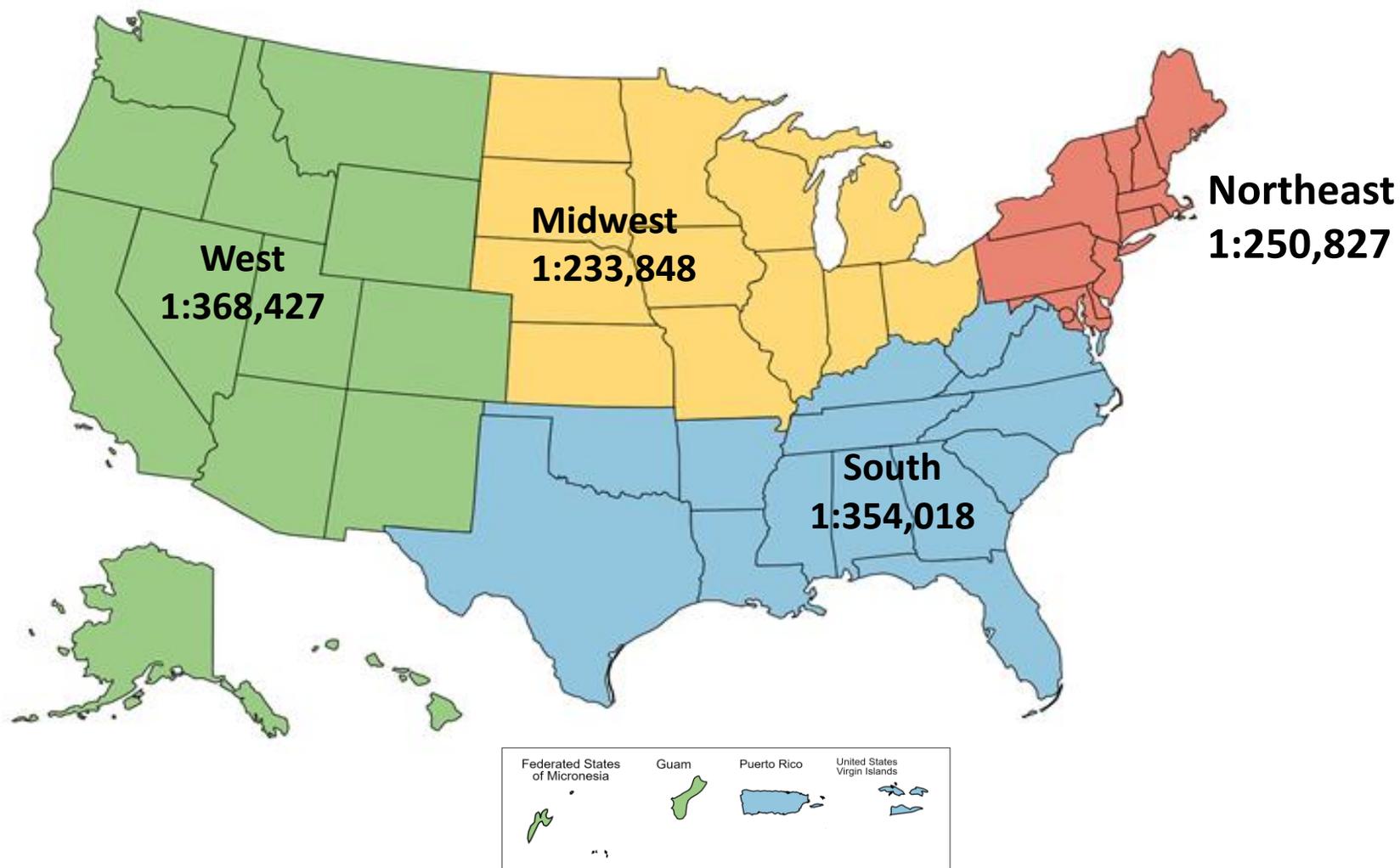
Ratio: FDLs to Population by State and South NCSA

SOUTH	POPULATION¹	# FDLs²	RATIO (1:)
Alabama	5,024,279	22	228,376
Arkansas	3,011,524	15	200,768
Florida	21,538,187	30	717,939
Georgia	10,711,908	23	465,735
Kentucky	4,505,836	19	237,149
Louisiana	4,657,757	27	172,509
Mississippi	2,961,279	11	269,207
North Carolina	10,439,388	33	316,345
Oklahoma	3,959,353	17	232,903
Puerto Rico	3,285,874	5	657,174
South Carolina	5,118,425	19	269,390
Tennessee	6,910,840	21	329,087
Texas	29,145,505	56	520,455
U.S. Virgin Islands	87,146	2	43,573
Virginia	8,631,393	31	278,432
West Virginia	1,793,716	13	137,978
SOUTH TOTAL	121,782,410	344	354,018

¹2020 Census data²As of January 28, 2022



Ratio: FDLs to Population by NCSA





Next Steps

- Immediate next steps
 - Meetings with each regional depository (complete)
 - Continuing outreach to regionals
 - Meetings with depositories in each National Collection Service Area
 - Recruiting preservation stewards and print selectors
- Spring/Summer
 - Additional webinars on microfiche phase-out
 - Update at 2022 Spring DLC in April
 - More information will be widely distributed about the National Collection Service Areas



Where to Find Updates

Subscribe to News Alerts

Web pages

- [Discontinuation of Microfiche Distribution to FDLP Libraries](#) project page
- [National Collection Service Areas](#) web page



Let LSCM know if:

- You need help understanding what libraries in your state/region/National Collection Service Area select.
- You need a virtual platform to host meetings for your region or another meeting with regionals.
- You have questions, concerns, ideas.
- [askGPO](#)
 - Select “Other depository library question or issue”



Q & A