

Payment Integrity Scorecard

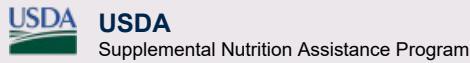
Program or Activity
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Reporting Period
Q2 2026

FY 2025 Overpayment Amount (\$M)*

\$8,662

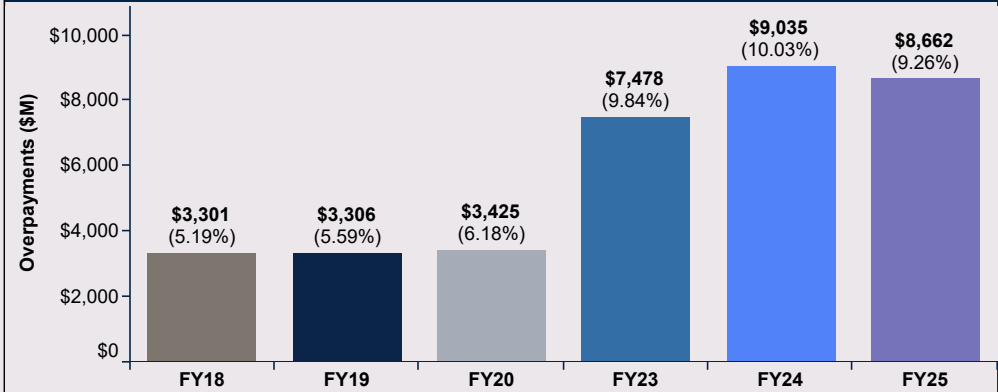
*Estimate based a sampling time frame starting 10/2023 and ending 9/2024



Brief Program Description & summary of overpayment causes and barriers to prevention:

SNAP provides food benefits to low-income families to supplement their grocery budgets. It is the largest domestic nutrition assistance program. SNAP is a Federal program administered by States (All 50 States, D.C., Guam, and the Virgin Islands). States are responsible for determining a SNAP applicant's eligibility and issuing benefits to eligible residents following Federal requirements. Within those requirements, State agencies have flexibility to tailor the program to meet the needs of their residents through various policy options, waivers, and demonstration projects. As a result, corrective actions to address payment errors must originate in and be tailored to each individual State agency's circumstances/particular root cause of error.

**Historical Payment Rate and Amount (\$M)
(Overpayment as Percentage of Total Outlays)**



Discussion of Actions Taken in the Preceding Quarter and Actions Planned in the Following Quarter to Prevent Overpayments

- On April 14, 2026, FNS issued a memorandum to select SNAP State agencies regarding the implementation of changes to SNAP eligibility for aliens in Section 10108 of P.L. 119-21, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025 (OBBA), in the wake of preliminary relief granted in State of New York, et al. v. Rollins, et al., 6:25-cv 02185 (D. Or.). This guidance is intended to ensure impacted States accurately determine eligibility and improve payment accuracy.
- On May 8, 2026, FNS issued a memorandum to all SNAP State agencies informing them of changes to the treatment of internet expenses and energy assistance payments as required by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025. This guidance is intended to ensure States accurately determine eligibility and improve payment accuracy.
- On May 14, 2026, FNS issued a memorandum to all SNAP State agencies informing them of new Office of Personnel Management guidance on staffing options and available staffing flexibilities to help States with key functions that impact payment accuracy, such as application screening and verifying information needed to approve program benefits.

Accomplishments in Reducing Overpayment

		Date
1	FNS issued a memorandum to all SNAP State agencies about new OPM guidance on staffing options/available staffing flexibilities to help States with key functions that impact payment accuracy, i.e. application screening/verifying information needed to approve program benefits.	May-26
2	FNS completed a review/update of all SNAP management evaluation (ME) guides. The MEs and guides themselves are a key oversight tool and are used for reviews of State agency operations that result in identifying areas of non-compliance to target for corrective action.	Mar-26
3	FNS launched a work requirements workgroup comprised of program staff across the SNAP national/regional offices to strategize methods for providing monitoring, oversight and technical assistance to State agencies as new legislative requirements made by H.R.1 go into effect.	Apr-26

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Goals towards Reducing Overpayments	Status	ECD	Recovery Method	Brief Description of Plans to Recover Overpayments	Brief Description of Actions Taken to Recover Overpayments
1 Improve how SNAP State administering agencies collect and utilize data on improper payments to appropriately target corrective action.	On-Track	Dec-27	1 Recovery Audit	States are required to submit a plan to FNS that describes their recovery audit functions, and quarterly reports on recipient claims recoveries. FNS provides oversight and technical assistance to ensure States establish and collect claims as required by law.	FNS conducts a number of recovery-related activities to identify and recover overpayments. For example, FNS is required to establish a claim when States have mass overissuances due to an agency error.
2 Provide more guidance to support State agencies in planning and implementing corrective actions to improve payment accuracy.	On-Track	Dec-27	2 Recovery Audit	FNS provides oversight/technical assistance to States regarding referral, management, and recovery of overpayments. States establish claims/maintain an accounting system for monitoring claims/recoveries.	FNS regional offices conduct Recipient Claims Management Evaluations (MEs) and Financial Management Reviews (FMR) to ensure States and local agencies are complying with Federal regulations and, if findings are identified, establish claims in accordance with 7 CFR 273.18.

Amt(\$)	Root Cause of Overpayment	Root Cause Description	Mitigation Strategy	Brief Description of Mitigation Strategy and Anticipated Impact
\$8,662M	Overpayments that occurred because of a Failure to Access Data/Information Needed.	Improper payments are outside FNS control because SNAP benefits are processed/administered by States. States make decisions about how to administer SNAP amongst various policy options, waivers, and demonstration projects; directly determine eligibility; and provide benefits.	Training - teaching a particular skill or type of behavior; refreshing on the proper processing methods.	FNS trains State agencies and provides tools needed to conduct an individualized root cause analysis and develop targeted corrective action plans. This allows each State agency to assess root causes and target corrective actions appropriately.