

Payment Integrity Scorecard

Program or Activity

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Reporting Period

Q3 2026

FY 2025 Overpayment Amount (\$M)*

\$8,662

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

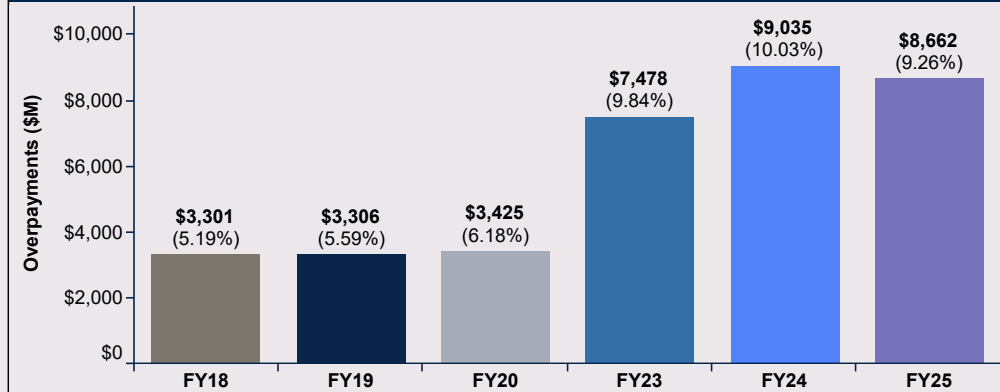


USDA
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Brief Program Description & summary of overpayment causes and barriers to prevention:

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

•From April to June 2026, the National Accuracy Clearinghouse (NAC) generated 10,507 matches for possible duplicate participation and prevented up to \$8.9 million in improper SNAP payments. Since January 2026, the system generated 21,349 matches and prevented up to \$18 million in improper payments. •The One Big Beautiful Bill amends Section 4(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, to provide for a State cost share incentive wherein a State may be required to pay for a portion of its SNAP benefit allotment based on that State's payment error rate, beginning in FY 2028. SNAP has drafted a plain language resource that explains how the new cost sharing requirement will operate. This document is currently undergoing clearance and will be published on the FNA website by 9/30/26. •SNAP is drafting a proposed rule aimed at implementing several enhancements to current SNAP regulations to close regulatory gaps, improve detection and reporting of fraud, and strengthen accountability throughout the program. The proposed changes relate primarily to actions that SNAP State agencies would be required to take concerning SNAP applicants and recipient eligibility procedures, disqualification measures, and repayment policies. The draft rule is currently undergoing review and is expected to be submitted to the Federal Register for public posting and comment by 9/30/26.

Accomplishments in Reducing Overpayment		Date
1	Published a Request for Application (RFA) for SNAP Fraud Framework Implementation Grants, offering up to \$5 million to help State agencies strengthen efforts to prevent, detect, and investigate recipient fraud.	Jun-26
2	Published guidance for State agencies on implementing Section 10103/10104 of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025. The guidance addresses State questions regarding treatment of energy assistance payment/restrictions on considering internet expenses in determining benefits.	May-26
3	Published guidance for State agencies on changes to the work time limit, restrictions on waivers of the time limit, and how good faith exemptions may be applied to residents of Alaska/Hawaii. This information is critical to proper administering of SNAP work requirements.	Jun-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.	Completed	Jun-26	1 Recovery Audit	States are required to submit a plan to FNA that describes their recovery audit functions, and quarterly reports on recipient claims recoveries. States establish claims/maintain an accounting system for monitoring claims/recoveries.	FNA 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.
2	Provide more guidance to support State agencies in planning and implementing corrective actions to improve payment accuracy.	Completed	Jun-26	2 Recovery Audit	FNA provides oversight and technical assistance to ensure States establish and collect claims as required by law.	FNA conducts a number of recovery-related oversight activities to identify and recover overpayments. For example, FNA is required to establish a claim when States have mass overissuances due to an agency error.

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 FNA 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.	FNA 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.