Payment Integrity Scorecard

Program or Activity
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Reporting Period
Q4 2025

FY 2024 Overpayment Amount ($M)*   **$9,035**

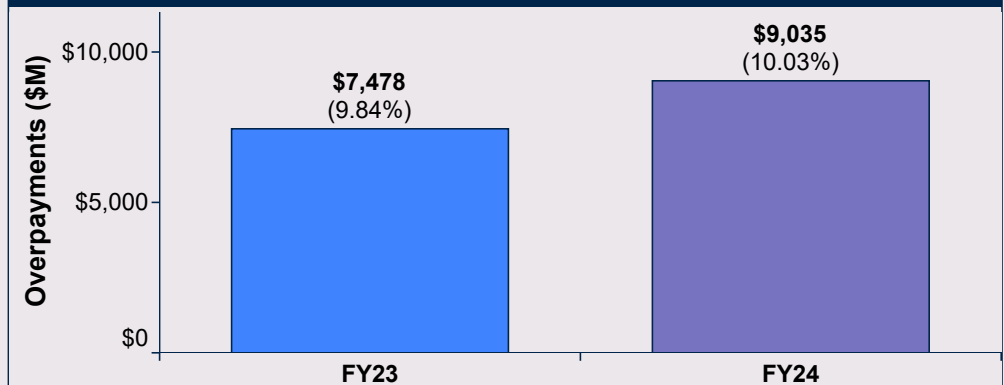*Estimate based a sampling time frame starting 10/2022 and ending 9/2023

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)

Bar chart — Overpayments ($M):
- FY23: $7,478 (9.84%)
- FY24: $9,035 (10.03%)

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

• In FY 2025 Q4, FNS continued its work on the National Accuracy Clearinghouse (NAC), an interstate data matching system that enables State agencies to prevent issuance of SNAP benefits in more than one State simultaneously. This included providing ongoing support to 20 States working toward launch of the NAC, with two of those States going live in July and September 2025. In FY 2026 Q1, FNS will continue to support eighteen of the States supported in Q4, with two of those States expected to go live in December 2025. • FNS attended the Economic Mobility and Well-Being Conference in August 2025 and conducted two sessions, one focused on coding practices and common issues observed in recent QC reviews, and a second to focus on improving payment accuracy targeting common challenges, best practices, and how FNS can better support States in advancing payment accuracy efforts.

	Accomplishments in Reducing Overpayment	Date
1	FNS released two dashboards for State Policy managers and staff use to analyze causes of payment errors and trends over time. These dashboards, which is also utilized by State QC staff received over 2,500 views in FY 2025. Two trainings were conducted on the dashboards.	Apr-25
2	FNS awarded over $33 million in grants for the FY 2025 SNAP EVS Grant. The SNAP EVS Grant supports SNAP State agencies' use of electronic earned income verification services to support improved SNAP payment accuracy and timely application processing.	Aug-25
3	FNS announced the renewal of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Earnings Verification Service (SNAP EVS) which provides unlimited access to Experian's proprietary employment and earnings data for SNAP State agencies.	Sep-25

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	Goals towards Reducing Overpayments	Status	ECD
1	Improve how SNAP State administering agencies collect and utilize data on improper payments to appropriately target corrective action.	On-Track	Sep-26
2	Provide more guidance to support State agencies in planning and implementing corrective actions to improve payment accuracy.	On-Track	Sep-26

	Recovery Method	Brief Description of Plans to Recover Overpayments	Brief Description of Actions Taken to Recover Overpayments
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 does not perform recovery activities at the federal level. FNS does provide oversight/technical assistance to Sas regarding referral, management, and recovery of overpayments. States establish claims/maintain an accounting system for monitoring claims/recoveries.

Amt($)	Root Cause of Overpayment	Root Cause Description	Mitigation Strategy	Brief Description of Mitigation Strategy and Anticipated Impact
$9,035M	Overpayments outside the agency control 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.