Payment Integrity Scorecard

Program or Activity	Reporting Period
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Q4 2026

FY 2025 Overpayment Amount ($M)* **$8,662**

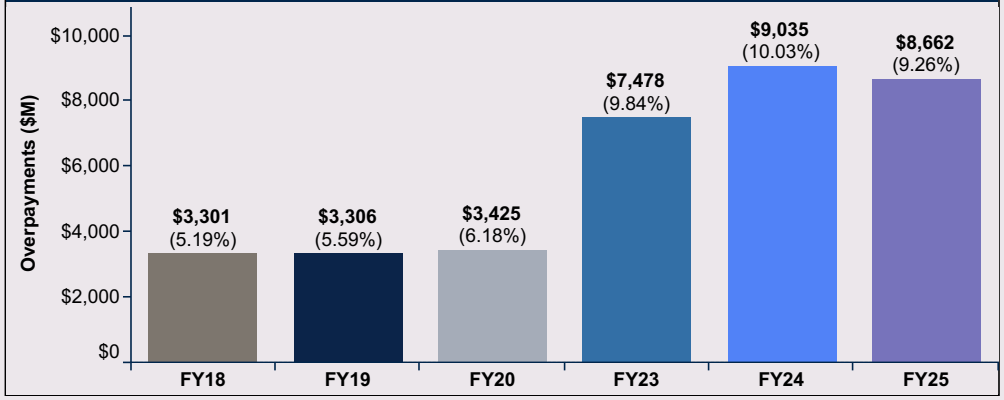
*Estimate based a sampling time frame starting 10/2023 and ending 9/2024

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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 July through September 2026, through the 15 States participating in the National Accuracy Clearinghouse (NAC) matching program, the system found 12,101 matches for possible duplicate participation and prevented up to $17.2M 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. This change underscores the importance of maintaining precise and accurate benefit payments, encouraging States to minimize errors and enhance accountability. SNAP has drafted a plain language resource that explains how the new cost sharing requirement will operate, to be published on the FNA website once finalized. FNA also drafted the Benefit Matching Funds Requirement Proposed Rule, which will be published in the Federal Register for public review and comment by December 1, 2026

	Accomplishments in Reducing Overpayment	Date
1	SNAP published guidance for State agencies on implementing Section 10102 of OBBB. This information provides clarity on changes to the time limit, restrictions on waivers, and how good faith exemptions may be applied. This info is critical to proper administering of SNAP.	Jun-26
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3	SNAP issued its FY 2027 State management evaluation target memo in alignment with regulations at 7 CFR 275.8. The memo prioritizes areas of program operation for State agencies to conduct internal reviews to ensure their programs operate SNAP in accordance with law/regs.	Aug-26

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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	Dec-27
2	Provide more guidance to support State agencies in planning and implementing corrective actions to improve payment accuracy.	On-Track	Dec-27

	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/technical assistance to States regarding referral, management, and recovery of overpayments. States establish claims/maintain an accounting system for monitoring claims/recoveries.
2	**Recovery Audit**	FNS plans to conduct recover related activities to identify and recover overpayments.	FNS conducts several recovery-related activities to identify and recover overpayments. For example, FNS is required to establish a claim when States have mass over issuances due to an agency error.
3	**Recovery Audit**	FNS provides oversight and technical assistance to ensure States establish and collect claims as required by law.	FNS regional offices conduct Recipient Claims Management Evaluations and Financial Management Reviews 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 and States are responsible for and have access to resources to determine correct eligibility and basis of issuance.	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.