



## UCOWF Special Statement on FY 2022 SNAP Payment Error Rate

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The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) FY 2022 Payment Error Rate (PER) was published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on June 30, 2023. This was the first nationwide error rate to be determined since the COVID-19 epidemic began. The 11.54 percent national PER for FY 2022 represents an increase of 4.18 percentage points over the FY 2019 calculation. State caseload overpayment error rates ranged from a high of 56.69% (Alaska) to 2.68% (South Dakota). **The national average error rate represents over \$1 billion per month in unrecovered overpayments.**

UCOWF President Andrew Pettit stated, “It’s critical that the public understand the SNAP Payment Error Rate is **not** the fraud rate. While it is a smaller subset of overall fraud, waste, and abuse, the error rate is completely unacceptable. A robust and transparent Quality Control program is critical to ensure States are properly administering eligibility in the program. However, as the US Department of Justice has proven, States can manipulate the waivers and rules to mitigate error rates downward to be eligible for FNS Performance Bonuses issued annually to the top performers. It’s too bad that USDA does not issue performance bonuses for stopping fraud.”

“Until USDA FNS provides incentives to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse, issues staining the integrity of the SNAP program will continue to become the face of the program. We are disappointed to see the FY 2022 error rates, but we are not surprised given the extensive fraud our members are facing on a daily basis.”

For additional questions or inquiries, please contact us at [UCOWF@gmail.com](mailto:UCOWF@gmail.com).

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:  
PAYMENT ERROR RATES FISCAL YEAR 2022**

State/Territory	Over Payments	Under Payments	Payment Error Rates*
<b>ALASKA</b>	56.69	0.29	56.97
<b>MARYLAND</b>	32.65	2.91	35.56
<b>OREGON</b>	21.76	1.23	22.99
<b>HAWAII</b>	19.65	2.13	21.78
<b>TENNESSEE</b>	19.04	0.75	19.79
<b>DELAWARE</b>	18.61	3.83	22.43
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	17.44	1.63	19.07
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>	14.55	4.40	18.95
<b>MAINE</b>	13.59	1.27	14.86
<b>GUAM</b>	12.68	3.63	16.31
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	12.54	1.91	14.44
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	12.18	2.41	14.59
<b>MISSOURI</b>	12.02	1.01	13.03
<b>GEORGIA</b>	11.75	3.23	14.98
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>	11.39	1.04	12.43
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>	10.77	1.00	11.77
<b>NEW YORK</b>	10.35	2.54	12.89
<b>MICHIGAN</b>	10.22	2.78	13.00
<b>ARKANSAS</b>	10.21	1.10	11.31
<b>NATIONAL AVERAGE</b>	<b>9.84</b>	<b>1.70</b>	<b>11.54</b>
ILLINOIS	9.67	1.24	10.91
ARIZONA	9.62	1.77	11.39
CALIFORNIA	9.59	1.51	11.10
KANSAS	8.74	0.33	9.07
WASHINGTON	8.65	0.68	9.33
NORTH DAKOTA	8.06	1.45	9.51
MONTANA	7.71	2.26	9.97
NEW HAMPSHIRE	7.71	4.63	12.34
OKLAHOMA	7.67	1.22	8.89
VIRGINIA	7.66	1.68	9.34
WEST VIRGINIA	7.56	1.79	9.35
SOUTH CAROLINA	7.49	1.70	9.19
FLORIDA	7.45	1.15	8.59
CONNECTICUT	7.21	1.73	8.93
IOWA	6.78	1.82	8.60
MISSISSIPPI	6.63	1.16	7.79
INDIANA	6.59	2.10	8.69
NEBRASKA	6.39	0.95	7.34
OHIO	6.14	0.96	7.10
NEVADA	6.10	1.12	7.22
LOUISIANA	6.00	1.20	7.19
VIRGIN ISLANDS	5.95	1.28	7.22
UTAH	5.58	1.03	6.61
MINNESOTA	5.49	2.75	8.24
COLORADO	5.29	2.02	7.31
TEXAS	5.26	2.60	7.86
KENTUCKY	5.05	0.78	5.83
NEW JERSEY	4.92	1.32	6.24
VERMONT	4.10	0.47	4.57
ALABAMA	3.96	0.72	4.68
WISCONSIN	3.81	0.58	4.39
WYOMING	3.44	0.86	4.30
IDAHO	3.26	0.18	3.44
SOUTH DAKOTA	2.68	0.39	3.07

\* Per the [USDA FNS Quality Control Handbook](#), overpayments under \$48 are not counted as errors.