

# SNAPSHOT OF SNAP ADMINISTRATIVE ABUSE AND IMPROPER PAYMENTS

[Every year, more than \\$100 million in duplicative SNAP benefits](#) may be being paid to those who have enrolled in the program in more than one state.

[Over 86,000 of the households collecting SNAP benefits in the state of Maryland exceeded the program's income qualifications.](#) Even after being informed of these ineligible recipients, the state continued handing out the benefits to many who did not qualify and doesn't plan to collect any of the taxpayer money that was improperly distributed.

[Nearly \\$1 million in SNAP benefits were stolen by a ring of seven employees of the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services](#) who created more than 100 fictitious cases that were then issued Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards which they used or sold.

More than a half-a-million dollars of SNAP benefits were fraudulently distributed by four employees of the **New York** City Human Resources Administration (HRA) for kickbacks, personal use, and as part of a scheme to buy and resell energy drinks for additional profits. An HRA supervisor [facilitated the payment of \\$120,000 in fraudulent SNAP benefits that paid to purchase Red Bull in bulk at wholesale prices and then resold for personal profit.](#) An eligibility specialist [issued over \\$250,000 in fraudulent food stamp benefits to ineligible individuals in exchange for kickbacks.](#) He brazenly boasted about his scheme, "I've been rocking this for years." Another eligibility specialist shamelessly [directed \\$95,000 in SNAP benefits to phony accounts](#) he used to pay for his own purchases. A [clerk issued \\$94,000 in SNAP benefits to a friend with whom he shared the spoils.](#)

An employee of the **Wisconsin** Department of Health Services [stole the identities of homeless people which he used to activate SNAP cards in their names and steal nearly \\$3,000 of food stamps.](#)

A **Mississippi** Department of Human Services [food stamp fraud investigator extorted convenience store owners charged with criminal SNAP violations in exchange for not pursuing charges against them.](#) The store owners were told they were paying restitution to the state, but the money was instead deposited into the investigator's own bank account rather than to the program.

In **Tennessee**, employees of the state Department of Human Services issued SNAP EBT cards to [fake accounts they used to steal thousands of dollars from the program.](#) Some even withdrew cash from the accounts of recipients.

Three **Connecticut** Department of Social Service [employees have been caught issuing themselves \\$37,000 in SNAP benefits. One stole the identities of DSS clients to issue cards he then used.](#)

Employees of the **Washington, DC** Department of Human Services (DHS) exploited the program's "underpayment" review process, in which beneficiaries can appeal for and receive additional dollars, for their own gain. A social service representative [authorized the payments to hundreds of beneficiaries he knew were not eligible to receive the extra support in exchange for kickbacks and other favors.](#) Another DC DHS employee [forged an "underpayments" application to award and then steal more than \\$400,000 from SNAP and other welfare programs.](#)

Instead of disenrolling beneficiaries when they no longer were eligible to receive SNAP, a [case worker for the Department of Social Services in a North Carolina county stole more than \\$230,000 by re-registering their accounts to her home address and added fake dependents to increase the amount of benefits.](#) She used the cards for herself and sold some to others.

An employee of the **Nevada** Division of Welfare and Supportive [Services created and approved fake accounts to steal nearly \\$15,000 of SNAP and other welfare benefits.](#)

Two employees for a contractor administering food stamps for the **Indiana** Family and Social Services Administration [steered over \\$100,000 in fraudulent SNAP benefits to themselves and friends by falsifying and forging documents.](#)

A **New Jersey** Social Services [clerk stole \\$10,000 of food stamps.](#)

Four employees of the **Louisiana** Department of Children and Family Services [stole \\$46,000 of food stamps](#) issued by the agency.

Seven states falsified SNAP quality control data to reduce their payment error rates and receive undeserved performance bonuses. Following a DOJ investigation, the following settlements amounts were agreed upon by the states and the consulting company advising them:

1. [Florida](#) \$17.5 million
2. [Virginia](#) \$7.1 million
3. [Wisconsin](#) \$7 million
4. [Texas](#) \$15.3 million
5. [Louisiana](#) \$3.9 million
6. [Alaska](#) \$2.5 million
7. [Mississippi](#) \$5 million
8. [Osnes Consulting](#) \$750,000