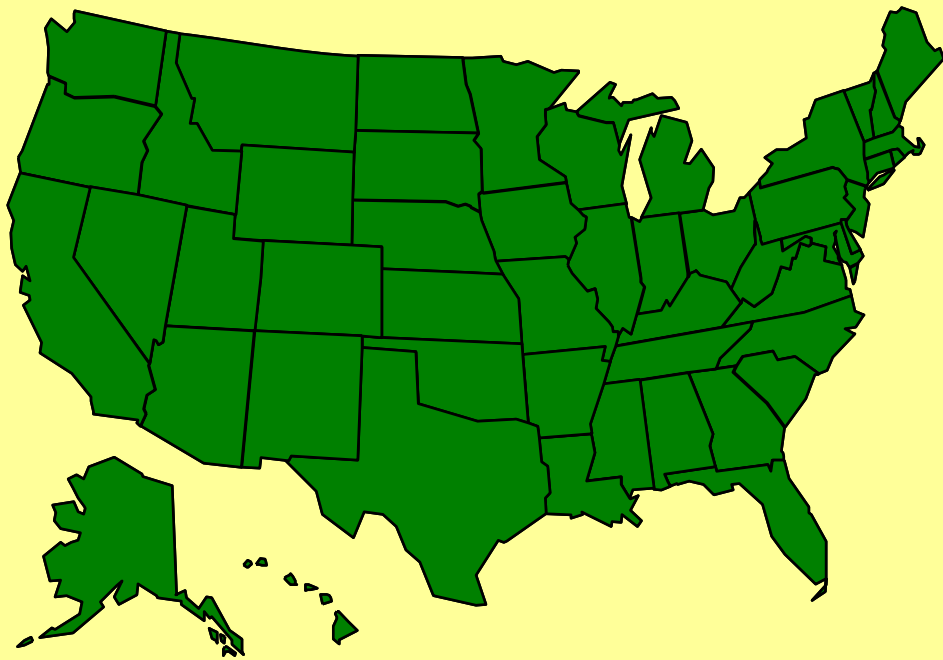


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INTRODUCTION

This is a report of State activity in the Food Stamp Program. The data contained herein is State reported data or data calculated from State reported data.

The tables are based on data for all of Fiscal Year 2004. October 2005 was set as the cutoff date for receipt of data for the States through the established reporting channels. It should be noted that the FNS-366B data is reported by State fiscal year, which varies among the States.

As may be expected in a report of this size and taken from multiple data sources, there are some apparent discrepancies in reported data. Most discrepancies are due to compiling the data at different times and from different data sources within the State. In some cases, the data may still be revised. To assist the reader, we have included End Notes at the conclusion of the report identifying the data sources and other pertinent information for each individual section. All data, with two exceptions, was compiled from the National Data Bank, the official repository of Food Stamp Program data. The report, itself, was prepared by the Program Accountability Division.

We have again included a recipient claims table that reports on the methods used by State agencies to collect claims against recipient households. Some of the data included in the recipient claims table is derived from administrative offset weekly statistical reports prepared by the U. S. Department of the Treasury. We have also included data on disqualified recipients from our Disqualified Recipient Subsystem, a Federal database that provides information on disqualified recipients to State agencies. In addition, a "Rankings" section again has been included in the report. That section contains tables that rank participation and issuance data, from high to low, for each State for FY 2004.

We also wish to point out that selected program statistical data and updates on electronic benefit transfer State status are available on the Food Stamp Program web page at www.fns.usda.gov/fsp.

If there are any questions concerning the data in this publication, contact either John Bedwell at (703) 305-2397 or Karen Peko at (703) 305-2481 or e-mail us at our website address PADMAILBOX@fns.usda.gov, or write us at:

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**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM ACTIVITY - FY 2003 - 2004
NATIONAL SUMMARY**

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	FY 2003	FY 2004	PERCENT CHANGE
<u>PARTICIPATION AND ISSUANCE</u>			
PERSONS (MONTHLY) (IN MIL)	21.3	23.9	12.22%
HOUSEHOLDS (MONTHLY) (IN MIL)	9.2	10.3	12.29%
ISSUANCE (IN MIL \$)	\$21,404.3	\$24,476.5	14.35%
AVG MONTHLY BENEFIT PER PERSON	\$83.90	\$85.50	1.91%
AVG MONTHLY BENEFIT PER HOUSEHOLD	\$194.86	\$198.44	1.84%
<u>ISSUANCE (AS PERCENT OF TOTAL ISSUANCE)</u>			
EBT	92.16%	98.52%	
COUPONS	7.64%	1.28%	
CASH-OUT	0.20%	0.20%	
<u>STATE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS (IN MIL \$)</u>			
TOTAL COSTS	\$5,024.8	\$5,100.8	1.51%
FED SHARE OF CERTIFICATION	\$1,273.2	\$1,321.7	3.81%
FED SHARE OF ISSUANCE ACTIVITY	\$170.1	\$179.1	5.29%
FED SHARE OF FRAUD CONTROL	\$112.6	\$108.3	-3.82%
FED SHARE OF TOTAL	\$2,391.7	\$2,457.2	2.74%
<u>FAIR HEARINGS</u>			
FAIR HEARING DECISIONS	35,234	46,036	30.66%
<u>FRAUD CONTROL ACTIVITY</u>			
STATE INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED	863,813	745,697	-13.67%
DISQ CONSENT AGREEMENTS	9,678	9,609	-0.71%
STATE PROSECUTIONS COMPLETED	9,550	8,764	-8.23%
FRAUD HEARINGS WAIVED	26,583	22,598	-14.99%
FRAUD HEARINGS COMPLETED	14,896	15,595	4.69%
TOTAL DISQ DETERMINATIONS	59,200	55,088	-6.95%
<u>RECIPIENT CLAIMS (IN MIL \$)</u>			
FRAUD CLAIMS ESTABLISHED	\$25.7	\$23.2	-9.73%
HSHLD ERROR CLAIMS ESTAB.	\$183.9	\$172.0	-6.47%
AGENCY ERROR CLAIMS ESTAB.	\$52.6	\$48.3	-8.17%
TOTAL CLAIMS ESTABLISHED	\$262.2	\$243.4	-7.14%
FRAUD CLAIMS COLLECTED	\$60.9	\$58.0	-4.76%
HSHLD ERROR CLAIMS COLLECTED	\$110.7	\$108.5	-1.99%
AGENCY ERROR CLAIMS COLLECTED	\$35.1	\$35.3	0.57%
TOTAL CLAIMS COLLECTED	\$206.8	\$201.9	-2.38%
FRAUD CLAIMS RECOUPED	\$20.2	\$21.1	4.65%
HSHLD ERROR CLAIMS RECOUPED	\$58.0	\$58.5	0.91%
AGENCY ERROR CLAIMS RECOUPED	\$20.9	\$21.8	4.50%
TOTAL CLAIMS RECOUPED	\$99.1	\$101.5	2.43%
FEDERAL DEBT COLLECTIONS	\$69.8	\$63.2	-9.46%

STATE PARTICIPATION AND ISSUANCE



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NOTABLE TRENDS

Participation and Issuance

In fiscal year (FY) 2004, State agencies issued approximately \$24.5 billion in food stamp benefits to a monthly average 10.3 million households or 23.9 million people participating in the Food Stamp Program (FSP). The average monthly benefit was \$85.50 per person or \$198.44 per household. The Federal Government pays 100 percent of the benefits. In FY 2004, participation increased 12.2 percent from 21.3 million people the previous year, and issuance increased 14 percent from \$21.4 billion in FY 2003 to \$24.5 billion in FY 2004. Fifty-one State agencies had an increase in participation in FY 2004.

Electronic Benefit Systems

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996 mandates that all States must convert from paper coupon systems to an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) system before October 1, 2002. EBT systems issue and redeem benefits using cards, electronic funds transfer networks, and point-of-sale technology in authorized retail food stores. In FY 2004, the Food Stamp Program converted 100 percent to EBT in all State agencies, including U.S. Territories and the District of Columbia. Specifically, forty-eight States, the District of Columbia, Virgin Islands and Guam have online food stamp EBT systems and two States have offline food stamp EBT systems. As a result, in FY 2004 \$21.1 billion was issued in electronic benefits to a monthly average 10.1 million households. At the end of the fiscal year, 99.4 percent of households were on EBT.

Food Coupons

In FY 2004, food coupon issuance continued to decline, accounting for just 1.28 percent of benefits. By the end of the year, with all States having converted to EBT for the original issuance, coupons were only being issued as conversions of the unspent EBT balance on the card to households who were moving out of the State.

Cash-out

Cash-out projects are limited to certain pilot projects authorized in the Food Stamp Act that either have continued to operate since 1981 or that were approved prior to August 1996. While technically not considered part of the EBT system for issuance, redemption, and reporting purposes, States with FNS-approved cash-out issuance systems (for wage supplementation, welfare reform, or other approved demonstration projects) may issue cash-out benefits electronically, in place of paper checks. Cash-out benefits may be issued electronically via either direct deposit or debit cards, which can be used at automatic teller machines to draw the

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funds. In FY 2004, \$48.1 million in cash-out benefits were issued to 60,493 households in 7 States. Cash-out represented less than 0.2 percent of issuance.

Demonstration Project

In FY 2004, FNS tested in two States a demonstration project in which elderly households could choose to receive a food package rather than the standard benefit.

TABLE 1: Food Stamp Program Participation and Issuance - FY 2004

STATE	Persons Participating (Monthly)	Households Participating (Monthly)	Issuance
Connecticut	195,980	102,175	\$197,530,353
Maine	141,929	72,197	\$139,618,857
Massachusetts	334,939	154,543	\$304,420,939
New Hampshire	48,449	23,625	\$43,549,015
New York	1,598,143	802,051	\$1,876,077,920
Rhode Island	77,528	35,232	\$73,550,567
Vermont	42,862	21,393	\$40,076,383
Delaware	55,642	23,292	\$56,542,045
District of Columbia	88,655	43,132	\$97,507,742
Maryland	273,872	124,108	\$286,695,375
New Jersey	368,695	172,641	\$377,525,993
Pennsylvania	960,941	431,664	\$933,273,618
Virgin Islands	13,372	4,532	\$19,215,159
Virginia	485,877	209,859	\$476,165,722
West Virginia	255,936	110,092	\$231,721,076
Alabama	497,591	197,237	\$512,604,194
Florida	1,202,227	579,945	\$1,268,549,090
Georgia	867,148	353,040	\$923,814,897
Kentucky	544,744	230,679	\$542,743,611
Mississippi	376,864	151,678	\$360,952,477
North Carolina	747,274	315,782	\$753,200,353
South Carolina	497,218	206,987	\$501,204,515
Tennessee	806,490	351,781	\$811,798,438
Illinois	1,069,596	476,050	\$1,211,361,942
Indiana	526,324	224,454	\$549,500,594
Michigan	943,713	412,666	\$896,139,758
Minnesota	247,465	116,873	\$246,770,329
Ohio	945,435	419,271	\$1,009,262,441
Wisconsin	324,047	131,738	\$269,438,872
Arkansas	346,441	140,269	\$346,881,013
Louisiana	705,700	274,130	\$753,905,377
New Mexico	222,716	85,459	\$217,424,159
Oklahoma	411,840	165,402	\$397,776,777
Texas	2,258,951	864,342	\$2,306,786,060
Colorado	241,780	103,574	\$252,941,644
Iowa	179,179	76,909	\$176,334,334
Kansas	169,528	74,193	\$158,017,032
Missouri	699,616	281,193	\$663,426,425
Montana	77,478	32,984	\$79,197,439
Nebraska	113,900	48,078	\$108,691,184
North Dakota	41,421	18,373	\$40,286,413
South Dakota	53,459	21,113	\$53,934,332
Utah	123,411	48,366	\$123,127,454
Wyoming	25,649	10,382	\$24,981,367
Alaska	49,323	17,696	\$64,404,884
Arizona	529,556	207,849	\$577,867,879
California	1,859,486	732,239	\$1,838,767,701
Guam	25,725	7,585	\$48,115,089
Hawaii	98,589	48,600	\$151,809,426
Idaho	91,395	36,083	\$90,971,822
Nevada	120,275	53,516	\$119,520,455
Oregon	419,736	212,132	\$415,267,009
Washington	453,497	219,415	\$455,273,391
US	23,857,607	10,278,593	\$24,476,520,941

TABLE 2: Food Stamp Program Average Monthly Benefit - FY 2004

STATE	Average Monthly Benefit Per Person	Average Monthly Benefit Per Household
Connecticut	\$83.99	\$161.11
Maine	\$81.98	\$161.16
Massachusetts	\$75.74	\$164.15
New Hampshire	\$74.90	\$153.61
New York	\$97.83	\$194.93
Rhode Island	\$79.06	\$173.97
Vermont	\$77.92	\$156.11
Delaware	\$84.68	\$202.29
District of Columbia	\$91.66	\$188.39
Maryland	\$87.24	\$192.50
New Jersey	\$85.33	\$182.23
Pennsylvania	\$80.93	\$180.17
Virgin Islands	\$119.74	\$353.29
Virginia	\$81.67	\$189.08
West Virginia	\$75.45	\$175.40
Alabama	\$85.85	\$216.58
Florida	\$87.93	\$182.28
Georgia	\$88.78	\$218.06
Kentucky	\$83.03	\$196.07
Mississippi	\$79.81	\$198.31
North Carolina	\$83.99	\$198.77
South Carolina	\$84.00	\$201.79
Tennessee	\$83.88	\$192.31
Illinois	\$94.38	\$212.05
Indiana	\$87.00	\$204.01
Michigan	\$79.13	\$180.97
Minnesota	\$83.10	\$175.95
Ohio	\$88.96	\$200.60
Wisconsin	\$69.29	\$170.44
Arkansas	\$83.44	\$206.08
Louisiana	\$89.03	\$229.18
New Mexico	\$81.35	\$212.02
Oklahoma	\$80.49	\$200.41
Texas	\$85.10	\$222.40
Colorado	\$87.18	\$203.51
Iowa	\$82.01	\$191.06
Kansas	\$77.68	\$177.49
Missouri	\$79.02	\$196.61
Montana	\$85.18	\$200.09
Nebraska	\$79.52	\$188.40
North Dakota	\$81.05	\$182.72
South Dakota	\$84.07	\$212.88
Utah	\$83.14	\$212.15
Wyoming	\$81.17	\$200.52
Alaska	\$108.81	\$303.30
Arizona	\$90.94	\$231.69
California	\$82.40	\$209.26
Guam	\$155.87	\$528.63
Hawaii	\$128.32	\$260.30
Idaho	\$82.95	\$210.10
Nevada	\$82.81	\$186.11
Oregon	\$82.45	\$163.13
Washington	\$83.66	\$172.91
US	\$85.50	\$198.44

TABLE 3: Food Stamp Program Participation By Benefit Type - Persons - FY 2004

STATE	Persons Receiving Cash (Monthly Average)	Persons Receiving EBT (Monthly Average)	Persons Receiving Food Packages (Monthly Average)	Persons Receiving Food Coupons (Monthly Average)	Total Persons
Connecticut	0	195,833	147	0	195,980
Maine	0	141,929	0	0	141,929
Massachusetts	2	334,937	0	0	334,939
New Hampshire	0	48,449	0	0	48,449
New York	0	1,598,143	0	0	1,598,143
Rhode Island	0	77,528	0	0	77,528
Vermont	7,695	35,167	0	0	42,862
Delaware	0	55,642	0	0	55,642
District of Columbi	0	88,655	0	0	88,655
Maryland	0	273,872	0	0	273,872
New Jersey	0	368,695	0	0	368,695
Pennsylvania	0	960,941	0	0	960,941
Virgin Islands	0	13,372	0	0	13,372
Virginia	0	485,877	0	0	485,877
West Virginia	0	255,936	0	0	255,936
Alabama	0	497,591	0	0	497,591
Florida	0	1,202,227	0	0	1,202,227
Georgia	0	867,148	0	0	867,148
Kentucky	0	544,744	0	0	544,744
Mississippi	0	376,864	0	0	376,864
North Carolina	0	746,959	314	0	747,274
South Carolina	0	497,218	0	0	497,218
Tennessee	0	806,490	0	0	806,490
Illinois	0	1,069,596	0	0	1,069,596
Indiana	0	526,324	0	0	526,324
Michigan	0	943,713	0	0	943,713
Minnesota	15,323	232,142	0	1	247,465
Ohio	25,220	920,215	0	0	945,435
Wisconsin	0	324,047	0	0	324,047
Arkansas	0	346,441	0	0	346,441
Louisiana	0	705,700	0	0	705,700
New Mexico	0	222,715	0	1	222,716
Oklahoma	0	411,840	0	0	411,840
Texas	0	2,258,951	0	1	2,258,951
Colorado	0	241,780	0	0	241,780
Iowa	0	179,176	0	10	179,179
Kansas	0	169,528	0	1	169,528
Missouri	0	699,616	0	0	699,616
Montana	0	77,478	0	1	77,478
Nebraska	0	113,900	0	0	113,900
North Dakota	0	41,421	0	0	41,421
South Dakota	0	53,459	0	1	53,459
Utah	3,625	119,785	0	1	123,411
Wyoming	0	25,648	0	1	25,649
Alaska	0	49,323	0	0	49,323
Arizona	15	529,542	0	0	529,556
California	0	1,652,285	0	310,802	1,859,486
Guam	0	26,466	0	25,354	25,725
Hawaii	0	98,589	0	0	98,589
Idaho	0	91,395	0	0	91,395
Nevada	0	120,275	0	0	120,275
Oregon	17,132	402,604	0	0	419,736
Washington	0	453,497	0	0	453,497
US	69,012	23,564,024	461	224,112	23,857,607

TABLE 4: Food Stamp Program Participation By Benefit Type - Households - FY 2004

STATE	Households Receiving Cash (Monthly Average)	Households Receiving EBT (Monthly Average)	Households Receiving Food Packages (Monthly Average)	Households Receiving Food Coupons (Monthly Average)	Total Households
Connecticut	0	102,032	143	0	102,175
Maine	0	72,197	0	0	72,197
Massachusetts	1	154,542	0	0	154,543
New Hampshire	0	23,625	0	0	23,625
New York	0	802,051	0	0	802,051
Rhode Island	0	35,232	0	0	35,232
Vermont	7,125	14,268	0	0	21,393
Delaware	0	23,292	0	0	23,292
District of Columbi	0	43,132	0	0	43,132
Maryland	0	124,108	0	0	124,108
New Jersey	0	172,641	0	0	172,641
Pennsylvania	0	431,664	0	0	431,664
Virgin Islands	0	4,532	0	0	4,532
Virginia	0	209,859	0	0	209,859
West Virginia	0	110,092	0	0	110,092
Alabama	0	197,237	0	0	197,237
Florida	0	579,945	0	0	579,945
Georgia	0	353,040	0	0	353,040
Kentucky	0	230,679	0	0	230,679
Mississippi	0	151,678	0	0	151,678
North Carolina	0	315,489	293	0	315,782
South Carolina	0	206,987	0	0	206,987
Tennessee	0	351,781	0	0	351,781
Illinois	0	476,050	0	0	476,050
Indiana	0	224,454	0	0	224,454
Michigan	0	412,666	0	0	412,666
Minnesota	11,085	105,788	0	1	116,873
Ohio	23,113	396,157	0	0	419,271
Wisconsin	0	131,738	0	0	131,738
Arkansas	0	140,269	0	0	140,269
Louisiana	0	274,130	0	0	274,130
New Mexico	0	85,458	0	1	85,459
Oklahoma	0	165,402	0	0	165,402
Texas	0	864,342	0	1	864,342
Colorado	0	103,574	0	0	103,574
Iowa	0	76,908	0	6	76,909
Kansas	0	74,192	0	1	74,193
Missouri	0	281,193	0	0	281,193
Montana	0	32,984	0	1	32,984
Nebraska	0	48,078	0	0	48,078
North Dakota	0	18,373	0	0	18,373
South Dakota	0	21,113	0	1	21,113
Utah	3,417	44,948	0	1	48,366
Wyoming	0	10,381	0	1	10,382
Alaska	0	17,696	0	0	17,696
Arizona	4	207,845	0	0	207,849
California	0	646,059	0	129,269	732,239
Guam	0	7,820	0	7,467	7,585
Hawaii	0	48,600	0	0	48,600
Idaho	0	36,083	0	0	36,083
Nevada	0	53,516	0	0	53,516
Oregon	15,748	196,384	0	0	212,132
Washington	0	219,415	0	0	219,415
US	60,493	10,126,501	436	91,164	10,278,593

TABLE 5: Food Stamp Program Issuance By Benefit Type - FY 2004

	Issuance By Cash	Issuance By EBT	Issuance By Food Packages	Issuance By Food Coupons	Total
STATE					
Connecticut	\$0	\$197,460,713	\$69,640	\$0	\$197,530,353
Maine	\$0	\$139,625,155	\$0	(\$6,298)	\$139,618,857
Massachusetts	\$2,195	\$304,418,744	\$0	\$0	\$304,420,939
New Hampshire	\$0	\$43,549,015	\$0	\$0	\$43,549,015
New York	\$0	\$1,876,077,920	\$0	\$0	\$1,876,077,920
Rhode Island	\$0	\$73,550,567	\$0	\$0	\$73,550,567
Vermont	\$6,202,452	\$33,873,931	\$0	\$0	\$40,076,383
Delaware	\$0	\$56,543,155	\$0	(\$1,110)	\$56,542,045
District of Columbi	\$0	\$97,507,742	\$0	\$0	\$97,507,742
Maryland	\$0	\$286,695,375	\$0	\$0	\$286,695,375
New Jersey	\$0	\$377,520,904	\$0	\$5,089	\$377,525,993
Pennsylvania	\$0	\$933,273,618	\$0	\$0	\$933,273,618
Virgin Islands	\$0	\$19,215,159	\$0	\$0	\$19,215,159
Virginia	\$0	\$476,165,722	\$0	\$0	\$476,165,722
West Virginia	\$0	\$231,723,958	\$0	(\$2,882)	\$231,721,076
Alabama	\$0	\$512,604,194	\$0	\$0	\$512,604,194
Florida	\$0	\$1,268,546,374	\$0	\$2,716	\$1,268,549,090
Georgia	\$0	\$923,812,825	\$0	\$2,072	\$923,814,897
Kentucky	\$0	\$542,741,411	\$0	\$2,200	\$542,743,611
Mississippi	\$0	\$360,950,636	\$0	\$1,841	\$360,952,477
North Carolina	\$0	\$753,063,490	\$136,863	\$0	\$753,200,353
South Carolina	\$0	\$501,203,369	\$0	\$1,146	\$501,204,515
Tennessee	\$0	\$811,797,388	\$0	\$1,050	\$811,798,438
Illinois	\$0	\$1,211,361,942	\$0	\$0	\$1,211,361,942
Indiana	\$0	\$549,494,116	\$0	\$6,478	\$549,500,594
Michigan	\$0	\$896,139,758	\$0	\$0	\$896,139,758
Minnesota	\$7,255,332	\$239,513,443	\$0	\$1,554	\$246,770,329
Ohio	\$17,922,450	\$991,339,991	\$0	\$0	\$1,009,262,441
Wisconsin	\$0	\$269,438,872	\$0	\$0	\$269,438,872
Arkansas	\$0	\$346,881,013	\$0	\$0	\$346,881,013
Louisiana	\$0	\$753,905,377	\$0	\$0	\$753,905,377
New Mexico	\$0	\$217,411,531	\$0	\$12,628	\$217,424,159
Oklahoma	\$0	\$397,747,936	\$0	\$28,841	\$397,776,777
Texas	\$0	\$2,306,746,764	\$0	\$39,296	\$2,306,786,060
Colorado	\$0	\$252,941,644	\$0	\$0	\$252,941,644
Iowa	\$0	\$176,352,920	\$0	(\$18,586)	\$176,334,334
Kansas	\$0	\$158,016,251	\$0	\$781	\$158,017,032
Missouri	\$0	\$663,426,425	\$0	\$0	\$663,426,425
Montana	\$0	\$79,197,195	\$0	\$244	\$79,197,439
Nebraska	\$0	\$108,691,715	\$0	(\$531)	\$108,691,184
North Dakota	\$0	\$40,286,413	\$0	\$0	\$40,286,413
South Dakota	\$0	\$53,933,654	\$0	\$678	\$53,934,332
Utah	\$2,227,528	\$120,899,790	\$0	\$136	\$123,127,454
Wyoming	\$0	\$24,967,369	\$0	\$13,998	\$24,981,367
Alaska	\$0	\$64,404,884	\$0	\$0	\$64,404,884
Arizona	\$17,513	\$577,851,159	\$0	(\$793)	\$577,867,879
California	\$0	\$1,556,410,780	\$0	\$282,356,921	\$1,838,767,701
Guam	\$0	\$16,552,559	\$0	\$31,562,530	\$48,115,089
Hawaii	\$0	\$151,809,426	\$0	\$0	\$151,809,426
Idaho	\$0	\$90,971,819	\$0	\$3	\$90,971,822
Nevada	\$0	\$119,520,455	\$0	\$0	\$119,520,455
Oregon	\$14,458,291	\$400,808,718	\$0	\$0	\$415,267,009
Washington	\$0	\$455,273,391	\$0	\$0	\$455,273,391
US	\$48,085,761	\$24,114,218,675	\$206,503	\$314,010,002	\$24,476,520,941

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS



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Administrative Costs

State agency administrative costs are affected by a number of factors including participation levels, the number and salary level of State staff, inflation, the location of State agency offices, type of issuance system, worker training costs, degree of automation, level of fraud control activity, etc. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) pays approximately 50 percent of State agency administrative costs to operate the program. Total State agency administrative costs prior to Federal cost sharing were \$5.1 billion, up 1.5 percent from \$5.0 billion the previous year. In FY 2004, the Federal share of administrative costs increased 2.7 percent to just over \$2.45 billion.

The Federal share of certification costs increased 3.81 percent in FY 2004 from \$1.27 billion in FY 2003 to \$1.32 billion. The Federal share of the certification cost per case (i.e., per household) per month decreased from \$11.59 per case month to \$10.72 per case month.

TABLE 6: Food Stamp Households - Federal Share of Selected State Administrative Costs - FY 2004

STATE	Federal Share Certification Costs	Federal Share Issuance Costs	Federal Share Fraud Control Costs
Connecticut	\$5,461,615	\$927,287	\$1,396,594
Maine	\$4,866,869	\$1,152,226	\$204,072
Massachusetts	\$25,879,152	\$1,791,533	\$599,513
New Hampshire	\$640,211	\$299,405	\$104,958
New York	\$113,658,789	\$8,445,754	\$22,690,257
Rhode Island	\$2,050,724	\$462,924	\$78,269
Vermont	\$622,613	\$1,214,373	\$83,236
Delaware	\$3,666,965	\$884,100	\$512,118
District of Columbia	\$6,494,697	\$981,200	\$292,654
Maryland	\$25,148,966	\$3,448,418	\$356,539
New Jersey	\$42,231,498	\$3,508,901	\$10,838,212
Pennsylvania	\$82,138,532	\$5,764,374	\$5,053,472
Virgin Islands	\$2,271,422	\$626,744	\$63,472
Virginia	\$45,513,701	\$10,539,508	\$2,056,290
West Virginia	\$7,048,424	\$2,314,662	\$420,978
Alabama	\$15,947,950	\$1,864,778	\$954,135
Florida	\$50,222,408	\$7,174,196	\$2,150,715
Georgia	\$35,837,055	\$4,646,099	\$4,163,967
Kentucky	\$21,467,749	\$1,946,287	\$928,882
Mississippi	\$15,461,914	\$4,805,033	\$584,602
North Carolina	\$39,124,029	\$4,515,618	\$2,921,209
South Carolina	\$11,012,253	\$3,054,273	\$1,319,157
Tennessee	\$18,104,256	\$3,179,109	\$1,112,996
Illinois	\$41,740,583	\$7,022,145	\$804,607
Indiana	\$25,322,591	\$2,483,476	\$185,690
Michigan	\$60,529,927	\$3,068,094	\$1,854,112
Minnesota	\$22,984,922	\$2,343,670	\$1,026,454
Ohio	\$48,208,416	\$18,037,973	\$2,555,494
Wisconsin	\$13,253,611	\$1,453,299	\$744,176
Arkansas	\$15,658,795	\$2,065,846	\$854,967
Louisiana	\$33,344,690	\$4,259,288	\$1,864,918
New Mexico	\$10,446,532	\$1,826,451	\$335,447
Oklahoma	\$23,699,071	\$2,943,715	\$726,397
Texas	\$107,948,016	\$8,993,396	\$787,687
Colorado	\$12,826,489	\$1,325,520	\$1,573,576
Iowa	\$9,939,649	\$1,964,361	\$308,953
Kansas	\$9,869,738	\$732,465	\$19,237
Missouri	\$23,113,496	\$3,841,117	\$479,022
Montana	\$2,985,951	\$600,037	\$7,070
Nebraska	\$9,291,248	\$1,035,503	\$181,316
North Dakota	\$2,915,975	\$581,488	\$0
South Dakota	\$2,873,828	\$519,484	\$79,278
Utah	\$12,049,314	\$839,732	\$1,379,963
Wyoming	\$685,590	\$231,206	\$80,184
Alaska	\$5,615,330	\$215,355	\$306,661
Arizona	\$14,965,486	\$2,467,214	\$882,090
California	\$175,929,240	\$27,883,175	\$28,801,800
Guam	\$1,327,070	\$1,167,207	\$389,964
Hawaii	\$6,793,605	\$665,154	\$686,753
Idaho	\$5,122,462	\$775,649	\$151,296
Nevada	\$7,809,407	\$1,417,639	\$580,557
Oregon	\$15,192,283	\$2,281,214	\$812,781
Washington	\$24,353,689	\$2,553,313	\$905,973
US	\$1,321,668,796	\$179,140,988	\$108,252,720

TABLE 7: Food Stamp Program Federal Share of State Administrative Costs for ADP Services - FY 2004

STATE	Federal Share ADP Development Costs	Federal Share ADP Operations Costs
Connecticut	\$0	\$1,186,504
Maine	\$0	\$121,031
Massachusetts	\$0	\$370,976
New Hampshire	\$1,036	\$1,714,225
New York	\$872,580	\$10,165,501
Rhode Island	\$0	\$787,444
Vermont	\$0	\$252,846
Delaware	\$0	\$1,099,309
District of Columbia	\$0	\$1,191,816
Maryland	\$0	\$3,731,834
New Jersey	\$4,322,856	\$7,790,268
Pennsylvania	\$0	\$9,587,971
Virgin Islands	\$0	\$552,923
Virginia	\$0	\$7,244,175
West Virginia	\$0	\$1,763,664
Alabama	\$0	\$538,065
Florida	\$851,105	\$3,792,253
Georgia	\$0	\$6,577,245
Kentucky	\$0	\$920,072
Mississippi	\$12	\$798,241
North Carolina	\$0	\$1,610,567
South Carolina	\$0	\$815,007
Tennessee	\$0	\$2,026,819
Illinois	\$0	\$9,453,085
Indiana	\$0	\$2,405,243
Michigan	\$0	\$5,592,050
Minnesota	\$0	\$2,558,231
Ohio	\$0	\$4,067,611
Wisconsin	\$0	\$5,375,507
Arkansas	\$950,851	\$299,726
Louisiana	\$0	\$1,112,679
New Mexico	\$1,641,934	\$2,401,939
Oklahoma	\$0	\$2,156,185
Texas	\$9,632,785	\$7,001,910
Colorado	\$3,164,661	\$485,905
Iowa	\$0	\$1,052,988
Kansas	\$0	\$1,071,393
Missouri	\$1,643,319	\$842,869
Montana	\$0	\$1,167,072
Nebraska	\$0	\$1,855,613
North Dakota	\$0	\$364,734
South Dakota	\$0	\$278,374
Utah	\$0	\$427,959
Wyoming	\$37,702	\$391,489
Alaska	\$0	\$1,125,135
Arizona	\$0	\$360,679
California	\$24,642,240	\$17,844,415
Guam	\$153,807	\$4,408
Hawaii	\$0	\$1,043,787
Idaho	\$0	\$1,324,605
Nevada	\$698,130	\$356,649
Oregon	\$0	\$2,015,369
Washington	\$0	\$4,136,745
US	\$48,613,018	\$143,213,110

TABLE 8: Food Stamp Program Total Federal Share of State Administrative Costs - FY 2004

	Federal Share State Administrative Costs
STATE	
Connecticut	\$19,752,382
Maine	\$10,419,688
Massachusetts	\$33,018,971
New Hampshire	\$5,114,883
New York	\$257,016,087
Rhode Island	\$6,865,422
Vermont	\$6,563,765
Delaware	\$7,349,163
District of Columbia	\$11,637,021
Maryland	\$36,277,445
New Jersey	\$89,226,533
Pennsylvania	\$139,629,793
Virgin Islands	\$4,027,481
Virginia	\$74,164,404
West Virginia	\$14,174,708
Alabama	\$29,710,172
Florida	\$79,117,259
Georgia	\$60,346,187
Kentucky	\$27,987,600
Mississippi	\$26,253,408
North Carolina	\$57,750,287
South Carolina	\$19,474,634
Tennessee	\$33,578,740
Illinois	\$86,860,625
Indiana	\$38,878,553
Michigan	\$84,192,818
Minnesota	\$37,424,968
Ohio	\$113,703,567
Wisconsin	\$37,473,333
Arkansas	\$23,291,024
Louisiana	\$44,619,702
New Mexico	\$20,632,167
Oklahoma	\$32,896,851
Texas	\$155,578,257
Colorado	\$25,810,773
Iowa	\$16,345,408
Kansas	\$16,056,662
Missouri	\$38,941,488
Montana	\$6,987,727
Nebraska	\$14,924,558
North Dakota	\$5,810,219
South Dakota	\$5,889,878
Utah	\$18,380,831
Wyoming	\$4,177,426
Alaska	\$7,977,264
Arizona	\$29,114,003
California	\$426,246,558
Guam	\$3,635,442
Hawaii	\$10,678,840
Idaho	\$8,564,307
Nevada	\$11,642,703
Oregon	\$38,526,695
Washington	\$42,449,648
US	\$2,457,168,328

TABLE 9: Food Stamp Program Federal Share of Costs per Case per Month for Certification - FY 2004

STATE	Households Participating (Monthly)	Federal Share Certification Costs	Federal Cost Per Case Per Month for Certification
Connecticut	102,175	\$5,461,615	\$4.45
Maine	72,197	\$4,866,869	\$5.62
Massachusetts	154,543	\$25,879,152	\$13.95
New Hampshire	23,625	\$640,211	\$2.26
New York	802,051	\$113,658,789	\$11.81
Rhode Island	35,232	\$2,050,724	\$4.85
Vermont	21,393	\$622,613	\$2.43
Delaware	23,292	\$3,666,965	\$13.12
District of Columbia	43,132	\$6,494,697	\$12.55
Maryland	124,108	\$25,148,966	\$16.89
New Jersey	172,641	\$42,231,498	\$20.39
Pennsylvania	431,664	\$82,138,532	\$15.86
Virgin Islands	4,532	\$2,271,422	\$41.76
Virginia	209,859	\$45,513,701	\$18.07
West Virginia	110,092	\$7,048,424	\$5.34
Alabama	197,237	\$15,947,950	\$6.74
Florida	579,945	\$50,222,408	\$7.22
Georgia	353,040	\$35,837,055	\$8.46
Kentucky	230,679	\$21,467,749	\$7.76
Mississippi	151,678	\$15,461,914	\$8.49
North Carolina	315,782	\$39,124,029	\$10.32
South Carolina	206,987	\$11,012,253	\$4.43
Tennessee	351,781	\$18,104,256	\$4.29
Illinois	476,050	\$41,740,583	\$7.31
Indiana	224,454	\$25,322,591	\$9.40
Michigan	412,666	\$60,529,927	\$12.22
Minnesota	116,873	\$22,984,922	\$16.39
Ohio	419,271	\$48,208,416	\$9.58
Wisconsin	131,738	\$13,253,611	\$8.38
Arkansas	140,269	\$15,658,795	\$9.30
Louisiana	274,130	\$33,344,690	\$10.14
New Mexico	85,459	\$10,446,532	\$10.19
Oklahoma	165,402	\$23,699,071	\$11.94
Texas	864,342	\$107,948,016	\$10.41
Colorado	103,574	\$12,826,489	\$10.32
Iowa	76,909	\$9,939,649	\$10.77
Kansas	74,193	\$9,869,738	\$11.09
Missouri	281,193	\$23,113,496	\$6.85
Montana	32,984	\$2,985,951	\$7.54
Nebraska	48,078	\$9,291,248	\$16.10
North Dakota	18,373	\$2,915,975	\$13.23
South Dakota	21,113	\$2,873,828	\$11.34
Utah	48,366	\$12,049,314	\$20.76
Wyoming	10,382	\$685,590	\$5.50
Alaska	17,696	\$5,615,330	\$26.44
Arizona	207,849	\$14,965,486	\$6.00
California	732,239	\$175,929,240	\$20.02
Guam	7,585	\$1,327,070	\$14.58
Hawaii	48,600	\$6,793,605	\$11.65
Idaho	36,083	\$5,122,462	\$11.83
Nevada	53,516	\$7,809,407	\$12.16
Oregon	212,132	\$15,192,283	\$5.97
Washington	219,415	\$24,353,689	\$9.25
US	10,278,593	\$1,321,668,796	\$10.72

TABLE 10: Food Stamp Program Federal Share of Total State Cost per Case per Month - FY 2004

STATE	Households Participating (Monthly)	Federal Share Total Costs	Federal Total Cost Per Case per Month
Connecticut	102,175	\$19,752,382	\$16.11
Maine	72,197	\$10,419,688	\$12.03
Massachusetts	154,543	\$33,018,971	\$17.80
New Hampshire	23,625	\$5,114,883	\$18.04
New York	802,051	\$257,016,087	\$26.70
Rhode Island	35,232	\$6,865,422	\$16.24
Vermont	21,393	\$6,563,765	\$25.57
Delaware	23,292	\$7,349,163	\$26.29
District of Columbia	43,132	\$11,637,021	\$22.48
Maryland	124,108	\$36,277,445	\$24.36
New Jersey	172,641	\$89,226,533	\$43.07
Pennsylvania	431,664	\$139,629,793	\$26.96
Virgin Islands	4,532	\$4,027,481	\$74.05
Virginia	209,859	\$74,164,404	\$29.45
West Virginia	110,092	\$14,174,708	\$10.73
Alabama	197,237	\$29,710,172	\$12.55
Florida	579,945	\$79,117,259	\$11.37
Georgia	353,040	\$60,346,187	\$14.24
Kentucky	230,679	\$27,987,600	\$10.11
Mississippi	151,678	\$26,253,408	\$14.42
North Carolina	315,782	\$57,750,287	\$15.24
South Carolina	206,987	\$19,474,634	\$7.84
Tennessee	351,781	\$33,578,740	\$7.95
Illinois	476,050	\$86,860,625	\$15.21
Indiana	224,454	\$38,878,553	\$14.43
Michigan	412,666	\$84,192,818	\$17.00
Minnesota	116,873	\$37,424,968	\$26.69
Ohio	419,271	\$113,703,567	\$22.60
Wisconsin	131,738	\$37,473,333	\$23.70
Arkansas	140,269	\$23,291,024	\$13.84
Louisiana	274,130	\$44,619,702	\$13.56
New Mexico	85,459	\$20,632,167	\$20.12
Oklahoma	165,402	\$32,896,851	\$16.57
Texas	864,342	\$155,578,257	\$15.00
Colorado	103,574	\$25,810,773	\$20.77
Iowa	76,909	\$16,345,408	\$17.71
Kansas	74,193	\$16,056,662	\$18.03
Missouri	281,193	\$38,941,488	\$11.54
Montana	32,984	\$6,987,727	\$17.65
Nebraska	48,078	\$14,924,558	\$25.87
North Dakota	18,373	\$5,810,219	\$26.35
South Dakota	21,113	\$5,889,878	\$23.25
Utah	48,366	\$18,380,831	\$31.67
Wyoming	10,382	\$4,177,426	\$33.53
Alaska	17,696	\$7,977,264	\$37.57
Arizona	207,849	\$29,114,003	\$11.67
California	732,239	\$426,246,558	\$48.51
Guam	7,585	\$3,635,442	\$39.94
Hawaii	48,600	\$10,678,840	\$18.31
Idaho	36,083	\$8,564,307	\$19.78
Nevada	53,516	\$11,642,703	\$18.13
Oregon	212,132	\$38,526,695	\$15.13
Washington	219,415	\$42,449,648	\$16.12
US	10,278,593	\$2,457,168,328	\$19.92

TABLE 11: Food Stamp Program State Administrative Costs - FY 2004

STATE	Total State Administrative Costs	State Share Administrative Costs	Federal Share Administrative Costs
Connecticut	\$41,158,553	\$21,406,171	\$19,752,382
Maine	\$21,848,411	\$11,428,723	\$10,419,688
Massachusetts	\$68,892,832	\$35,873,861	\$33,018,971
New Hampshire	\$11,394,847	\$6,279,964	\$5,114,883
New York	\$572,935,885	\$315,919,798	\$257,016,087
Rhode Island	\$13,894,146	\$7,028,724	\$6,865,422
Vermont	\$13,661,511	\$7,097,746	\$6,563,765
Delaware	\$15,302,812	\$7,953,649	\$7,349,163
District of Columbia	\$25,701,738	\$14,064,717	\$11,637,021
Maryland	\$73,921,544	\$37,644,099	\$36,277,445
New Jersey	\$184,608,034	\$95,381,501	\$89,226,533
Pennsylvania	\$273,549,769	\$133,919,976	\$139,629,793
Virgin Islands	\$7,468,193	\$3,440,712	\$4,027,481
Virginia	\$144,604,977	\$70,440,573	\$74,164,404
West Virginia	\$27,320,559	\$13,145,851	\$14,174,708
Alabama	\$61,930,183	\$32,220,011	\$29,710,172
Florida	\$181,760,147	\$102,642,888	\$79,117,259
Georgia	\$118,125,702	\$57,779,515	\$60,346,187
Kentucky	\$61,050,917	\$33,063,317	\$27,987,600
Mississippi	\$54,752,311	\$28,498,903	\$26,253,408
North Carolina	\$115,061,059	\$57,310,772	\$57,750,287
South Carolina	\$40,837,809	\$21,363,175	\$19,474,634
Tennessee	\$68,824,265	\$35,245,525	\$33,578,740
Illinois	\$184,505,008	\$97,644,383	\$86,860,625
Indiana	\$78,411,942	\$39,533,389	\$38,878,553
Michigan	\$181,044,213	\$96,851,395	\$84,192,818
Minnesota	\$78,627,518	\$41,202,550	\$37,424,968
Ohio	\$229,013,288	\$115,309,721	\$113,703,567
Wisconsin	\$77,580,559	\$40,107,226	\$37,473,333
Arkansas	\$47,721,684	\$24,430,660	\$23,291,024
Louisiana	\$89,571,236	\$44,951,534	\$44,619,702
New Mexico	\$43,538,971	\$22,906,804	\$20,632,167
Oklahoma	\$69,650,162	\$36,753,311	\$32,896,851
Texas	\$299,016,019	\$143,437,762	\$155,578,257
Colorado	\$54,763,134	\$28,952,361	\$25,810,773
Iowa	\$34,313,672	\$17,968,264	\$16,345,408
Kansas	\$35,627,853	\$19,571,191	\$16,056,662
Missouri	\$76,545,466	\$37,603,978	\$38,941,488
Montana	\$13,895,167	\$6,907,440	\$6,987,727
Nebraska	\$29,695,527	\$14,770,969	\$14,924,558
North Dakota	\$11,842,674	\$6,032,455	\$5,810,219
South Dakota	\$10,638,628	\$4,748,750	\$5,889,878
Utah	\$38,102,682	\$19,721,851	\$18,380,831
Wyoming	\$8,825,443	\$4,648,017	\$4,177,426
Alaska	\$16,226,802	\$8,249,538	\$7,977,264
Arizona	\$64,094,215	\$34,980,212	\$29,114,003
California	\$888,056,100	\$461,809,542	\$426,246,558
Guam	\$6,474,429	\$2,838,987	\$3,635,442
Hawaii	\$20,917,274	\$10,238,434	\$10,678,840
Idaho	\$18,376,029	\$9,811,722	\$8,564,307
Nevada	\$25,320,728	\$13,678,025	\$11,642,703
Oregon	\$82,096,023	\$43,569,328	\$38,526,695
Washington	\$88,695,154	\$46,245,506	\$42,449,648
US	\$5,101,793,804	\$2,644,625,476	\$2,457,168,328

TABLE 12: Food Stamp Program Administrative Cost Per Case per Month - FY 2004

STATE	Households Participating (Monthly)	Total State Administrative Costs	State Admin. Cost Per Case per Month
Connecticut	102,175	\$41,158,553	\$33.57
Maine	72,197	\$21,848,411	\$25.22
Massachusetts	154,543	\$68,892,832	\$37.15
New Hampshire	23,625	\$11,394,847	\$40.19
New York	802,051	\$572,935,885	\$59.53
Rhode Island	35,232	\$13,894,146	\$32.86
Vermont	21,393	\$13,661,511	\$53.22
Delaware	23,292	\$15,302,812	\$54.75
District of Columbia	43,132	\$25,701,738	\$49.66
Maryland	124,108	\$73,921,544	\$49.64
New Jersey	172,641	\$184,608,034	\$89.11
Pennsylvania	431,664	\$273,549,769	\$52.81
Virgin Islands	4,532	\$7,468,193	\$137.31
Virginia	209,859	\$144,604,977	\$57.42
West Virginia	110,092	\$27,320,559	\$20.68
Alabama	197,237	\$61,930,183	\$26.17
Florida	579,945	\$181,760,147	\$26.12
Georgia	353,040	\$118,125,702	\$27.88
Kentucky	230,679	\$61,050,917	\$22.05
Mississippi	151,678	\$54,752,311	\$30.08
North Carolina	315,782	\$115,061,059	\$30.36
South Carolina	206,987	\$40,837,809	\$16.44
Tennessee	351,781	\$68,824,265	\$16.30
Illinois	476,050	\$184,505,008	\$32.30
Indiana	224,454	\$78,411,942	\$29.11
Michigan	412,666	\$181,044,213	\$36.56
Minnesota	116,873	\$78,627,518	\$56.06
Ohio	419,271	\$229,013,288	\$45.52
Wisconsin	131,738	\$77,580,559	\$49.08
Arkansas	140,269	\$47,721,684	\$28.35
Louisiana	274,130	\$89,571,236	\$27.23
New Mexico	85,459	\$43,538,971	\$42.46
Oklahoma	165,402	\$69,650,162	\$35.09
Texas	864,342	\$299,016,019	\$28.83
Colorado	103,574	\$54,763,134	\$44.06
Iowa	76,909	\$34,313,672	\$37.18
Kansas	74,193	\$35,627,853	\$40.02
Missouri	281,193	\$76,545,466	\$22.68
Montana	32,984	\$13,895,167	\$35.11
Nebraska	48,078	\$29,695,527	\$51.47
North Dakota	18,373	\$11,842,674	\$53.71
South Dakota	21,113	\$10,638,628	\$41.99
Utah	48,366	\$38,102,682	\$65.65
Wyoming	10,382	\$8,825,443	\$70.84
Alaska	17,696	\$16,226,802	\$76.42
Arizona	207,849	\$64,094,215	\$25.70
California	732,239	\$888,056,100	\$101.07
Guam	7,585	\$6,474,429	\$71.13
Hawaii	48,600	\$20,917,274	\$35.87
Idaho	36,083	\$18,376,029	\$42.44
Nevada	53,516	\$25,320,728	\$39.43
Oregon	212,132	\$82,096,023	\$32.25
Washington	219,415	\$88,695,154	\$33.69
US	10,278,593	\$5,101,793,804	\$41.36

FAIR HEARINGS



**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM
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Fair Hearings

Food Stamp Program regulations provide recourse to households that have their benefits denied or their allotment reduced, suspended or cancelled as a result of an adverse decision by the State agency. This recourse is called the fair hearing process. The number of fair hearings conducted by States is reported annually on Form FNS-366B, the Program Activity Statement.

In FY 2004, the number of fair hearings increased by 30.66 percent. Nationally, approximately 4.5 hearings were conducted for every 1,000 households participating in FY 2004. In FY 2004, 71.8 percent of fair hearings upheld the caseworker's decision compared to 68.5 percent in FY 2003. A total of 38 States had case worker decisions affirmed in at least 75 percent of the hearings.

TABLE 13: Food Stamp Program Fair Hearings Upheld and Reversed - FY 2004

STATE	Fair Hearings Upheld	Fair Hearings Reversed	Percent Upheld
Connecticut	208	99	67.75%
Maine	29	2	93.55%
Massachusetts	450	205	68.70%
New Hampshire	8	0	100.00%
New York	1,424	4,940	22.38%
Rhode Island	108	18	85.71%
Vermont	23	1	95.83%
Delaware	4	10	28.57%
District of Columbia	15	6	71.43%
Maryland	23	7	76.67%
New Jersey	36	13	73.47%
Pennsylvania	5,633	683	89.19%
Virgin Islands	15	1	93.75%
Virginia	155	50	75.61%
West Virginia	58	14	80.56%
Alabama	112	21	84.21%
Florida	419	135	75.63%
Georgia	1,465	56	96.32%
Kentucky	71	5	93.42%
Mississippi	219	18	92.41%
North Carolina	913	30	96.82%
South Carolina	141	24	85.45%
Tennessee	179	52	77.49%
Illinois	217	34	86.45%
Indiana	145	47	75.52%
Michigan	667	254	72.42%
Minnesota	569	99	85.18%
Ohio	1,927	1,134	62.95%
Wisconsin	365	324	52.98%
Arkansas	432	10	97.74%
Louisiana	249	28	89.89%
New Mexico	103	4	96.26%
Oklahoma	29	18	61.70%
Texas	9,905	2,080	82.64%
Colorado	68	7	90.67%
Iowa	178	47	79.11%
Kansas	135	5	96.43%
Missouri	440	73	85.77%
Montana	34	3	91.89%
Nebraska	154	21	88.00%
North Dakota	4	0	100.00%
South Dakota	13	1	92.86%
Utah	49	8	85.96%
Wyoming	7	0	100.00%
Alaska	14	7	66.67%
Arizona	62	359	14.73%
California	5,195	1,905	73.17%
Guam	0	30	0.00%
Hawaii	24	1	96.00%
Idaho	46	8	85.19%
Nevada	21	1	95.45%
Oregon	114	20	85.07%
Washington	155	89	63.52%
US	33,029	13,007	71.75%

FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS, PROSECUTIONS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE DISQ. HEARINGS



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Fraud Control

In FY 2004, State fraud investigations decreased to 745,697 compared to 863,813 in FY 2003, a 13.7 percent decrease. Both prosecution and administrative fraud hearing activity declined from the previous year. In FY 2004, the number of recipients disqualified from the Food Stamp Program for an intentional program violation declined to 55,088, a 7 percent decline from the previous year. About 67 percent of the disqualifications came out of the administrative fraud hearing process, compared to 68 percent in the prior year.

On the Federal level, FNS operates the Disqualified Recipient Subsystem (DRS). DRS is a centralized national database, utilizing data submitted each month by all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands, that tracks individuals disqualified from participation in the FSP for intentional program violations. DRS assists States in assigning the correct penalty, which varies by the type and number of the offense, to individuals being disqualified. It also assists States in preventing these individuals from crossing State lines and participating in another State during the period of their disqualification. Because an individual may be permanently disqualified, these records are held indefinitely. As of September 2004, this Federal database had records on over 959,000 recipients and over 1,033,000 disqualifications.

TABLE 14: Food Stamp Program Recipient Fraud Investigations - FY 2004

STATE	Pre-cert Investigations Negative	Pre-cert Investigations Positive	Post-Cert Investigations Negative	Post-Cert Investigations Positive	Total Investigations Completed	Fraud Dollars Determined by Post-Cert Investigations
Connecticut	1,272	831	445	156	2,704	\$253,158
Maine	0	0	56	51	107	\$86,196
Massachusetts	0	0	3,962	262	4,224	\$307,258
New Hampshire	45	37	748	104	934	\$153,739
New York	63,678	60,805	8,837	8,325	141,645	\$2,828,336
Rhode Island	1,341	314	601	39	2,295	\$73,577
Vermont	11	5	148	16	180	\$41,839
Delaware	1,079	54	56,013	77	57,223	\$143,780
District of Columbia	14	21	969	251	1,255	\$623,614
Maryland	116	140	1,367	1,215	2,838	\$79,969
New Jersey	1,370	1,535	6,045	3,955	12,905	\$1,364,000
Pennsylvania	10,997	14,613	3,945	1,387	30,942	\$1,643,583
Virgin Islands	0	1,742	26	21	1,789	\$40,173
Virginia	1,163	586	6,365	2,115	10,229	\$748,338
West Virginia	68	196	1,293	495	2,052	\$949,697
Alabama	282	547	1,236	618	2,683	\$1,091,277
Florida	3,506	10,478	27,758	3,421	45,163	\$2,365,375
Georgia	3,844	2,711	8,123	7,051	21,729	\$7,141,744
Kentucky	0	0	149	421	570	\$1,501,762
Mississippi	0	0	0	2,486	2,486	\$2,026,542
North Carolina	1,213	470	7,584	1,921	11,188	\$2,654,438
South Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Tennessee	0	0	7,386	2,944	10,330	\$5,152,946
Illinois	1,909	2,491	34	561	4,995	\$1,692,404
Indiana	71	3	1,468	258	1,800	\$492,897
Michigan	260	363	1,200	1,779	3,602	\$2,164,061
Minnesota	3,099	2,622	520	674	6,915	\$824,530
Ohio	3,284	1,459	16,650	1,581	22,974	\$4,021,714
Wisconsin	1,371	987	651	1,390	4,399	\$1,351,414
Arkansas	80	140	2,979	4,367	7,566	\$3,193,652
Louisiana	0	0	153	1,151	1,304	\$1,278,002
New Mexico	0	0	144	322	466	\$440,201
Oklahoma	0	0	1,712	200	1,912	\$57,566
Texas	158	247	660	8,771	9,836	\$7,114,030
Colorado	509	206	1,083	525	2,323	\$234,472
Iowa	262	562	17	176	1,017	\$356,882
Kansas	314	415	224	757	1,710	\$1,224,213
Missouri	0	0	511	1,366	1,877	\$1,861,711
Montana	1	20	166	486	673	\$282,322
Nebraska	111	212	50	170	543	\$169,388
North Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
South Dakota	19	59	154	220	452	\$304,768
Utah	1,352	40	5,065	841	7,298	\$978,511
Wyoming	0	0	160	112	272	\$68,572
Alaska	430	190	488	191	1,299	\$163,554
Arizona	624	1,271	2,851	9,179	13,925	\$675,161
California	89,166	37,465	131,881	4,263	262,775	\$1,705,200
Guam	0	0	148	27	175	\$17,547
Hawaii	0	0	466	310	776	\$856,361
Idaho	0	0	148	154	302	\$150,998
Nevada	429	544	750	908	2,631	\$96,417
Oregon	0	0	1,641	425	2,066	\$608,400
Washington	7,898	6,279	33	133	14,343	\$147,869
US	201,346	150,660	315,063	78,628	745,697	\$63,804,158

TABLE 15: Food Stamp Program State Prosecutions - FY 2004

STATE	Disqualification Consent Agreement	Convictions	Acquittals	Total Disq. Disqualifications From Prosecutions
Connecticut	0	10	1	10
Maine	39	39	0	78
Massachusetts	0	46	54	46
New Hampshire	0	29	0	29
New York	862	410	0	1,272
Rhode Island	0	4	2	4
Vermont	0	7	0	7
Delaware	54	72	16	126
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0
Maryland	1	1	1	2
New Jersey	113	252	8	365
Pennsylvania	689	517	5	1,206
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0
Virginia	0	262	3	262
West Virginia	0	158	0	158
Alabama	0	86	0	86
Florida	0	637	21	637
Georgia	2,102	38	12	2,140
Kentucky	1	161	15	162
Mississippi	2,478	8	0	2,486
North Carolina	15	228	7	243
South Carolina	0	46	0	46
Tennessee	0	133	0	133
Illinois	0	44	0	44
Indiana	0	36	4	36
Michigan	1,116	143	0	1,259
Minnesota	0	279	13	279
Ohio	1,196	273	11	1,469
Wisconsin	19	44	3	63
Arkansas	0	65	0	65
Louisiana	18	28	0	46
New Mexico	0	8	3	8
Oklahoma	214	97	4	311
Texas	389	351	1	740
Colorado	4	42	6	46
Iowa	0	13	2	13
Kansas	64	506	1	570
Missouri	25	65	1	90
Montana	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	0	11	0	11
North Dakota	0	0	0	0
South Dakota	2	4	0	6
Utah	0	3	0	3
Wyoming	0	1	0	1
Alaska	0	6	0	6
Arizona	0	24	0	24
California	179	3,228	26	3,407
Guam	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	12	95	4	107
Idaho	4	7	3	11
Nevada	0	0	0	0
Oregon	13	6	1	19
Washington	0	12	1	12
US	9,609	8,535	229	18,144

TABLE 16: Food Stamp Program State Prosecutions - FY 2004

	Disq. Consent Agreements and Convictions	Amount of Fraud Determined	Average Amount of Fraud per DCA or Conviction
STATE			
Connecticut	10	\$22,526	\$2,253
Maine	78	\$31,815	\$408
Massachusetts	46	\$103,099	\$2,241
New Hampshire	29	\$75,345	\$2,598
New York	1,272	\$478,804	\$376
Rhode Island	4	\$18,860	\$4,715
Vermont	7	\$23,285	\$3,326
Delaware	126	\$174,216	\$1,383
District of Columbia	0	\$524,506	N/A
Maryland	2	\$44,937	\$22,469
New Jersey	365	\$559,866	\$1,534
Pennsylvania	1,206	\$1,586,353	\$1,315
Virgin Islands	0	\$0	N/A
Virginia	262	\$385,281	\$1,471
West Virginia	158	\$700,020	\$4,431
Alabama	86	\$264,998	\$3,081
Florida	637	\$877,938	\$1,378
Georgia	2,140	\$2,575,087	\$1,203
Kentucky	162	\$777,148	\$4,797
Mississippi	2,486	\$19,706	\$8
North Carolina	243	\$645,585	\$2,657
South Carolina	46	\$125,273	\$2,723
Tennessee	133	\$209,071	\$1,572
Illinois	44	\$271,291	\$6,166
Indiana	36	\$142,397	\$3,955
Michigan	1,259	\$1,772,943	\$1,408
Minnesota	279	\$327,316	\$1,173
Ohio	1,469	\$1,249,413	\$851
Wisconsin	63	\$72,718	\$1,154
Arkansas	65	\$137,001	\$2,108
Louisiana	46	\$118,461	\$2,575
New Mexico	8	\$57,778	\$7,222
Oklahoma	311	\$702,760	\$2,260
Texas	740	\$2,873,489	\$3,883
Colorado	46	\$120,484	\$2,619
Iowa	13	\$54,651	\$4,204
Kansas	570	\$1,255,820	\$2,203
Missouri	90	\$194,020	\$2,156
Montana	0	\$0	N/A
Nebraska	11	\$20,131	\$1,830
North Dakota	0	\$0	N/A
South Dakota	6	\$25,385	\$4,231
Utah	3	\$19,894	\$6,631
Wyoming	1	\$2,337	\$2,337
Alaska	6	\$23,576	\$3,929
Arizona	24	\$51,957	\$2,165
California	3,407	\$1,362,600	\$400
Guam	0	\$0	N/A
Hawaii	107	\$517,200	\$4,834
Idaho	11	\$26,056	\$2,369
Nevada	0	\$0	N/A
Oregon	19	\$24,000	\$1,263
Washington	12	\$28,203	\$2,350
US	18,144	\$21,675,600	\$1,195

TABLE 17: Food Stamp Program Administrative Disqualification Hearings - FY 2004

	Waived Hearings	Hearing Convictions Upheld	Hearings Acquittals	Total Disq. from Admin. Disq. Hearings
STATE				
Connecticut	58	31	0	89
Maine	11	28	2	39
Massachusetts	11	110	3	121
New Hampshire	39	0	0	39
New York	178	724	105	902
Rhode Island	17	9	2	26
Vermont	65	2	3	67
Delaware	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0
Maryland	177	1	0	178
New Jersey	2,127	82	0	2,209
Pennsylvania	221	29	13	250
Virgin Islands	10	5	0	15
Virginia	738	145	23	883
West Virginia	269	46	8	315
Alabama	387	236	17	623
Florida	3,319	364	35	3,683
Georgia	2,192	1,256	63	3,448
Kentucky	0	32	9	32
Mississippi	189	1,192	47	1,381
North Carolina	967	991	29	1,958
South Carolina	545	811	32	1,356
Tennessee	1,458	1,612	8	3,070
Illinois	438	369	4	807
Indiana	53	171	6	224
Michigan	60	178	30	238
Minnesota	599	192	23	791
Ohio	958	272	27	1,230
Wisconsin	33	28	2	61
Arkansas	292	305	3	597
Louisiana	293	858	44	1,151
New Mexico	86	170	13	256
Oklahoma	145	35	2	180
Texas	2,682	2,353	417	5,035
Colorado	448	80	17	528
Iowa	0	116	18	116
Kansas	27	84	3	111
Missouri	796	195	5	991
Montana	451	110	2	561
Nebraska	133	125	1	258
North Dakota	99	27	1	126
South Dakota	86	26	1	112
Utah	13	273	159	286
Wyoming	61	54	5	115
Alaska	185	5	1	190
Arizona	0	22	6	22
California	141	328	26	469
Guam	13	13	0	26
Hawaii	388	125	12	513
Idaho	135	10	7	145
Nevada	411	77	14	488
Oregon	594	38	1	632
Washington	0	1	0	1
US	22,598	14,346	1,249	36,944

TABLE 18: Food Stamp Administrative Disqualification Hearings - FY 2004

	Waived and Upheld Hearings	Amount of Fraud Determined	Average Amount of Fraud per Waived or Upheld Hearing
STATE			
Connecticut	89	\$70,630	\$794
Maine	39	\$55,754	\$1,430
Massachusetts	121	\$90,839	\$751
New Hampshire	39	\$50,550	\$1,296
New York	902	\$267,895	\$297
Rhode Island	26	\$27,425	\$1,055
Vermont	67	\$105,568	\$1,576
Delaware	0	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia	0	N/A	N/A
Maryland	178	\$105,833	\$595
New Jersey	2,209	\$2,208,015	\$1,000
Pennsylvania	250	\$170,352	\$681
Virgin Islands	15	\$33,304	\$2,220
Virginia	883	\$363,057	\$411
West Virginia	315	\$301,462	\$957
Alabama	623	\$418,562	\$672
Florida	3,683	\$1,573,274	\$427
Georgia	3,448	\$2,633,777	\$764
Kentucky	32	\$26,538	\$829
Mississippi	1,381	\$737,622	\$534
North Carolina	1,958	\$2,435,063	\$1,244
South Carolina	1,356	\$1,146,893	\$846
Tennessee	3,070	\$3,526,035	\$1,149
Illinois	807	\$1,091,659	\$1,353
Indiana	224	\$403,931	\$1,803
Michigan	238	\$244,609	\$1,028
Minnesota	791	\$536,881	\$679
Ohio	1,230	\$1,134,797	\$923
Wisconsin	61	\$90,161	\$1,478
Arkansas	597	\$613,886	\$1,028
Louisiana	1,151	\$1,199,964	\$1,043
New Mexico	256	\$382,423	\$1,494
Oklahoma	180	\$172,830	\$960
Texas	5,035	\$3,050,126	\$606
Colorado	528	\$309,816	\$587
Iowa	116	\$245,845	\$2,119
Kansas	111	\$63,706	\$574
Missouri	991	\$560,939	\$566
Montana	561	\$264,314	\$471
Nebraska	258	\$288,141	\$1,117
North Dakota	126	\$27,370	\$217
South Dakota	112	\$107,104	\$956
Utah	286	\$320,068	\$1,119
Wyoming	115	\$64,026	\$557
Alaska	190	\$163,554	\$861
Arizona	22	\$101,274	\$4,603
California	469	N/A	N/A
Guam	26	\$11,483	\$442
Hawaii	513	\$394,713	\$769
Idaho	145	\$107,871	\$744
Nevada	488	\$160,166	\$328
Oregon	632	\$811,200	\$1,284
Washington	1	\$1,200	\$1,200
US	36,944	\$29,272,505	\$792

TABLE 19: Food Stamp Program Average Amount of Fraud per Hearing or Prosecution - FY 2004

STATE	Average Amount of Fraud per Waived or Upheld Hearing	Average Amount of Fraud per DCA or Conviction
Connecticut	\$794	\$2,253
Maine	\$1,430	\$408
Massachusetts	\$751	\$2,241
New Hampshire	\$1,296	\$2,598
New York	\$297	\$376
Rhode Island	\$1,055	\$4,715
Vermont	\$1,576	\$3,326
Delaware	N/A	\$1,383
District of Columbia	N/A	N/A
Maryland	\$595	\$22,469
New Jersey	\$1,000	\$1,534
Pennsylvania	\$681	\$1,315
Virgin Islands	\$2,220	N/A
Virginia	\$411	\$1,471
West Virginia	\$957	\$4,431
Alabama	\$672	\$3,081
Florida	\$427	\$1,378
Georgia	\$764	\$1,203
Kentucky	\$829	\$4,797
Mississippi	\$534	\$8
North Carolina	\$1,244	\$2,657
South Carolina	\$846	\$2,723
Tennessee	\$1,149	\$1,572
Illinois	\$1,353	\$6,166
Indiana	\$1,803	\$3,955
Michigan	\$1,028	\$1,408
Minnesota	\$679	\$1,173
Ohio	\$923	\$851
Wisconsin	\$1,478	\$1,154
Arkansas	\$1,028	\$2,108
Louisiana	\$1,043	\$2,575
New Mexico	\$1,494	\$7,222
Oklahoma	\$960	\$2,260
Texas	\$606	\$3,883
Colorado	\$587	\$2,619
Iowa	\$2,119	\$4,204
Kansas	\$574	\$2,203
Missouri	\$566	\$2,156
Montana	\$471	N/A
Nebraska	\$1,117	\$1,830
North Dakota	\$217	N/A
South Dakota	\$956	\$4,231
Utah	\$1,119	\$6,631
Wyoming	\$557	\$2,337
Alaska	\$861	\$3,929
Arizona	\$4,603	\$2,165
California	N/A	\$400
Guam	\$442	N/A
Hawaii	\$769	\$4,834
Idaho	\$744	\$2,369
Nevada	\$328	N/A
Oregon	\$1,284	\$1,263
Washington	\$1,200	\$2,350
US	\$792	\$1,195

TABLE 20: Food Stamp Program Disqualification Determinations - FY 2004

	Total Disqualifications From Prosecutions	Total Disq. Disqualifications from Admin. Disq. Hearings	Total Disqualified
STATE			
Connecticut	10	89	99
Maine	78	39	117
Massachusetts	46	121	167
New Hampshire	29	39	68
New York	1,272	902	2,174
Rhode Island	4	26	30
Vermont	7	67	74
Delaware	126	0	126
District of Columbia	0	0	0
Maryland	2	178	180
New Jersey	365	2,209	2,574
Pennsylvania	1,206	250	1,456
Virgin Islands	0	15	15
Virginia	262	883	1,145
West Virginia	158	315	473
Alabama	86	623	709
Florida	637	3,683	4,320
Georgia	2,140	3,448	5,588
Kentucky	162	32	194
Mississippi	2,486	1,381	3,867
North Carolina	243	1,958	2,201
South Carolina	46	1,356	1,402
Tennessee	133	3,070	3,203
Illinois	44	807	851
Indiana	36	224	260
Michigan	1,259	238	1,497
Minnesota	279	791	1,070
Ohio	1,469	1,230	2,699
Wisconsin	63	61	124
Arkansas	65	597	662
Louisiana	46	1,151	1,197
New Mexico	8	256	264
Oklahoma	311	180	491
Texas	740	5,035	5,775
Colorado	46	528	574
Iowa	13	116	129
Kansas	570	111	681
Missouri	90	991	1,081
Montana	0	561	561
Nebraska	11	258	269
North Dakota	0	126	126
South Dakota	6	112	118
Utah	3	286	289
Wyoming	1	115	116
Alaska	6	190	196
Arizona	24	22	46
California	3,407	469	3,876
Guam	0	26	26
Hawaii	107	513	620
Idaho	11	145	156
Nevada	0	488	488
Oregon	19	632	651
Washington	12	1	13
US	18,144	36,944	55,088

DISQUALIFIED RECIPIENTS



TABLE 21: Food Stamp Program Federal Disqualified Recipients Database as of September 30, 2004

STATE	Total Recipients	Total Disqualifications
Connecticut	2,248	2,290
Maine	1,361	1,373
Massachusetts	10,748	11,393
New Hampshire	3,279	3,430
New York	47,895	49,792
Rhode Island	1,310	1,526
Vermont	1,383	1,509
Delaware	725	740
District of Columbia	1,150	1,221
Maryland	7,266	8,100
New Jersey	26,742	32,584
Pennsylvania	31,870	32,703
Virgin Islands	162	167
Virginia	15,376	16,460
West Virginia	7,390	7,716
Alabama	28,844	30,844
Florida	52,797	56,408
Georgia	91,972	104,866
Kentucky	22,711	23,924
Mississippi	52,867	58,620
North Carolina	29,059	30,526
South Carolina	26,609	29,020
Tennessee	41,923	45,525
Illinois	19,808	20,413
Indiana	8,124	8,185
Michigan	59,396	62,641
Minnesota	14,062	15,117
Ohio	34,772	37,421
Wisconsin	7,883	8,465
Arkansas	2,590	2,673
Louisiana	17,006	17,477
New Mexico	1,548	1,713
Oklahoma	8,368	8,811
Texas	53,076	55,663
Colorado	25,897	28,017
Iowa	2,512	2,684
Kansas	8,225	9,069
Missouri	42,233	45,997
Montana	6,141	6,512
Nebraska	1,056	1,116
North Dakota	2,481	2,808
South Dakota	2,697	2,914
Utah	2,417	2,550
Wyoming	1,412	1,565
Alaska	777	805
Arizona	8,971	9,289
California	78,507	81,920
Guam	772	777
Hawaii	11,851	12,904
Idaho	5,530	6,220
Nevada	6,469	6,856
Oregon	16,975	19,465
Washington	2,404	2,572
US	959,647	1,033,356

RECIPIENT CLAIMS



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NOTABLE TRENDS

Recipient Claim Collections

Recipient claims are established against any household that has received more food stamp benefits than it is entitled to receive. Claims fall in three categories: intentional program violation (fraud claims), inadvertent household error, or agency error. State agencies are entitled to 35 percent of fraud claims and certain inadvertent household error claims collected and 20 percent of the remaining inadvertent household error claims collected.

In FY 2004, State agencies established \$243.4 million in new claims against households for overissuances and collected \$201.9 million. The average new claim established was for \$432. Collections declined 2.4 percent in FY 2004. Collections via recoupment, in which the State agency uses a part of the benefit otherwise payable to the household to pay an outstanding claim, increased in FY 2003 due to the increase in participation.

During the fiscal year almost \$63.2 million out of the total State agency collections reported above was collected by the Federal Government through the Treasury Offset Program (TOP). As a participating partner in this program, State agencies notify the household and then send the delinquent claims through FNS to Treasury for possible collection under this program. This Federal program offsets amounts from any eligible Federal payment otherwise due a household and uses those funds to pay the outstanding claim. The collections are made by Treasury on behalf of the FSP. The Federal collections make up 31 percent of total State agency collections for FY 2004. In FY 2004, 52 State agencies participated in the Federal debt collection program. Since its inception in FY 1992, the Federal debt collection program has collected \$678.9 million in food stamp recipient claims.

TABLE 22: Food Stamp Program New Claims Established - FY 2004

STATE	Fraud Claims Established	Household Error Established	Agency Error Established	Total Claims Established
Connecticut	\$57,121	\$991,147	\$488,971	\$1,537,239
Maine	\$67,732	\$278,031	\$218,923	\$564,686
Massachusetts	\$110,270	\$675,416	\$61,296	\$846,982
New Hampshire	\$134,400	\$180,451	\$89,124	\$403,976
New York	\$1,773,676	\$4,510,060	\$1,624,698	\$7,908,435
Rhode Island	\$38,284	\$611,732	\$88,731	\$738,747
Vermont	\$143,530	\$224,985	\$37,876	\$406,391
Delaware	\$3,354	\$296,340	\$42,678	\$342,372
District of Columbia	\$9,439	\$895,717	\$19,678	\$924,834
Maryland	\$133,523	\$1,486,462	\$584,705	\$2,204,689
New Jersey	\$736,379	\$5,218,965	\$488,774	\$6,444,119
Pennsylvania	N/A	\$12,226,602	\$1,497,070	\$13,723,671
Virgin Islands	N/A	\$127,855	\$40,113	\$167,968
Virginia	\$535,566	\$1,309,126	\$476,753	\$2,321,445
West Virginia	\$1,037,585	\$2,510,653	\$551,782	\$4,100,020
Alabama	\$155,694	\$2,301,976	\$795,511	\$3,253,181
Florida	\$14,334	\$7,212,793	\$2,785,553	\$10,012,680
Georgia	\$1,429,669	\$5,952,431	\$1,743,496	\$9,125,596
Kentucky	\$1,093,219	\$747,362	\$473,767	\$2,314,348
Mississippi	\$1,275,628	\$3,374,476	\$499,831	\$5,149,935
North Carolina	\$1,513,433	\$3,790,338	\$1,086,757	\$6,390,528
South Carolina	\$37,975	\$8,212,686	\$1,226,595	\$9,477,255
Tennessee	\$1,106,797	\$6,177,756	\$832,549	\$8,117,102
Illinois	N/A	\$13,956,722	\$1,565,338	\$15,522,060
Indiana	\$744,847	\$3,626,988	\$370,197	\$4,742,032
Michigan	\$651,245	\$777,490	\$639,501	\$2,068,236
Minnesota	\$359,429	\$3,939,720	\$855,144	\$5,154,293
Ohio	\$1,162,121	\$4,777,396	\$1,464,181	\$7,403,698
Wisconsin	\$91,155	\$2,116,528	\$267,028	\$2,474,711
Arkansas	\$365,627	\$377,070	\$82,437	\$825,134
Louisiana	\$342,749	\$1,531,882	\$340,106	\$2,214,737
New Mexico	\$326,845	\$835,496	\$287,621	\$1,449,962
Oklahoma	\$86,298	\$980,270	\$209,820	\$1,276,388
Texas	\$1,908,382	\$12,774,563	\$2,617,885	\$17,300,830
Colorado	\$466,192	\$1,090,215	\$293,163	\$1,849,570
Iowa	\$12,382	\$555,984	\$134,147	\$702,513
Kansas	\$152,417	\$1,287,727	\$435,044	\$1,875,189
Missouri	\$228,362	\$2,991,290	\$542,005	\$3,761,657
Montana	\$187,052	\$319,874	\$273,832	\$780,758
Nebraska	\$1,241	\$707,312	\$358,141	\$1,066,694
North Dakota	\$25,359	\$184,436	\$100,278	\$310,073
South Dakota	\$34,541	\$322,304	\$50,782	\$407,627
Utah	\$11,103	\$1,031,205	\$395,404	\$1,437,712
Wyoming	\$2,131	\$111,802	\$23,038	\$136,971
Alaska	\$207,239	\$182,158	\$100,529	\$489,926
Arizona	\$54,374	\$2,574,011	\$1,277,206	\$3,905,592
California	\$2,627,174	\$35,148,524	\$17,839,682	\$55,615,380
Guam	\$3,056	\$66,832	\$26,422	\$96,310
Hawaii	\$823,330	\$2,224,379	\$411,601	\$3,459,311
Idaho	\$168,013	\$272,511	\$186,903	\$627,427
Nevada	\$145,746	\$418,173	\$60,222	\$624,141
Oregon	\$520,409	\$4,246,205	\$681,869	\$5,448,483
Washington	\$94,669	\$3,221,501	\$623,327	\$3,939,497
US	\$23,211,096	\$171,963,929	\$48,268,085	\$243,443,110

TABLE 23: Food Stamp Program Recipient Claims - Number of New Claims Established - FY 2004

STATE	Number of Fraud Claims Established	Number of Household Error Established	Number of Agency Error Established	Number of Total Claims Established
Connecticut	37	1,634	2,659	4,330
Maine	52	510	434	996
Massachusetts	112	1,608	180	1,900
New Hampshire	64	276	166	506
New York	1,566	7,293	3,863	12,722
Rhode Island	25	782	135	942
Vermont	88	406	96	590
Delaware	4	517	75	596
District of Columbia	4	1,014	41	1,059
Maryland	111	3,062	2,181	5,354
New Jersey	494	7,728	1,038	9,260
Pennsylvania		27,798	6,050	33,848
Virgin Islands		180	76	256
Virginia	772	2,779	1,623	5,174
West Virginia	487	4,636	1,649	6,772
Alabama	202	2,512	2,052	4,766
Florida	80	12,612	6,953	19,645
Georgia	1,416	6,970	6,057	14,443
Kentucky	417	903	1,051	2,371
Mississippi	1,553	5,727	2,085	9,365
North Carolina	1,158	4,749	2,558	8,465
South Carolina	117	10,156	2,076	12,349
Tennessee	466	7,014	1,658	9,138
Illinois		14,333	3,294	17,627
Indiana	334	3,334	684	4,352
Michigan	264	2,204	395	2,863
Minnesota	359	8,990	3,262	12,611
Ohio	1,190	9,834	3,788	14,812
Wisconsin	101	3,182	1,078	4,361
Arkansas	327	313	227	867
Louisiana	211	2,094	583	2,888
New Mexico	174	3,339	2,248	5,761
Oklahoma	35	1,182	455	1,672
Texas	2,256	24,764	6,202	33,222
Colorado	288	1,256	901	2,445
Iowa	10	738	608	1,356
Kansas	115	2,452	3,241	5,808
Missouri	82	3,152	927	4,161
Montana	155	703	1,257	2,115
Nebraska	5	1,681	1,509	3,195
North Dakota	45	702	805	1,552
South Dakota	45	1,376	329	1,750
Utah	6	1,857	1,217	3,080
Wyoming	4	293	81	378
Alaska	155	398	237	790
Arizona	21	3,919	2,758	6,698
California	1,983	113,218	120,423	235,624
Guam	1	72	42	115
Hawaii	248	5,620	2,596	8,464
Idaho	141	609	536	1,286
Nevada	114	501	255	870
Oregon	1,061	4,827	1,105	6,993
Washington	257	8,140	2,582	10,979
US	19,212	335,949	208,381	563,542

TABLE 24: Food Stamp Program Recipient Claims - Average Dollar Amount for New Claims Established - FY 2004

STATE	Avg Dollar Amount for New Fraud Claims Established	Avg Dollar Amount for Household Error Claims Established	Avg Dollar Amount for Agency Error Claims Established	Avg Dollar Amount for All New Claims Established
Connecticut	\$1,543.82	\$606.58	\$183.89	\$355.02
Maine	\$1,302.54	\$545.16	\$504.43	\$566.95
Massachusetts	\$984.55	\$420.04	\$340.53	\$445.78
New Hampshire	\$2,100.00	\$653.81	\$536.89	\$798.37
New York	\$1,132.62	\$618.41	\$420.58	\$621.63
Rhode Island	\$1,531.36	\$782.27	\$657.27	\$784.23
Vermont	\$1,631.02	\$554.15	\$394.54	\$688.80
Delaware	\$838.50	\$573.19	\$569.04	\$574.45
District of Columbia	\$2,359.75	\$883.35	\$479.95	\$873.31
Maryland	\$1,202.91	\$485.45	\$268.09	\$411.78
New Jersey	\$1,490.65	\$675.33	\$470.88	\$695.91
Pennsylvania	N/A	\$439.84	\$247.45	\$405.45
Virgin Islands	N/A	\$710.31	\$527.80	\$656.13
Virginia	\$693.74	\$471.08	\$293.75	\$448.68
West Virginia	\$2,130.57	\$541.56	\$334.62	\$605.44
Alabama	\$770.76	\$916.39	\$387.68	\$682.58
Florida	\$179.18	\$571.90	\$400.63	\$509.68
Georgia	\$1,009.65	\$854.01	\$287.85	\$631.84
Kentucky	\$2,621.63	\$827.64	\$450.78	\$976.11
Mississippi	\$821.40	\$589.22	\$239.73	\$549.91
North Carolina	\$1,306.94	\$798.13	\$424.85	\$754.94
South Carolina	\$324.57	\$808.65	\$590.85	\$767.45
Tennessee	\$2,375.10	\$880.78	\$502.14	\$888.28
Illinois	N/A	\$973.75	\$475.21	\$880.58
Indiana	\$2,230.08	\$1,087.88	\$541.22	\$1,089.62
Michigan	\$2,466.84	\$352.76	\$1,618.99	\$722.40
Minnesota	\$1,001.19	\$438.23	\$262.15	\$408.71
Ohio	\$976.57	\$485.80	\$386.53	\$499.84
Wisconsin	\$902.53	\$665.16	\$247.71	\$567.46
Arkansas	\$1,118.13	\$1,204.70	\$363.16	\$951.71
Louisiana	\$1,624.40	\$731.56	\$583.37	\$766.88
New Mexico	\$1,878.42	\$250.22	\$127.95	\$251.69
Oklahoma	\$2,465.66	\$829.33	\$461.14	\$763.39
Texas	\$845.91	\$515.85	\$422.10	\$520.76
Colorado	\$1,618.72	\$868.01	\$325.37	\$756.47
Iowa	\$1,238.21	\$753.37	\$220.64	\$518.08
Kansas	\$1,325.37	\$525.17	\$134.23	\$322.86
Missouri	\$2,784.90	\$949.01	\$584.69	\$904.03
Montana	\$1,206.79	\$455.01	\$217.85	\$369.15
Nebraska	\$248.20	\$420.77	\$237.34	\$333.86
North Dakota	\$563.53	\$262.73	\$124.57	\$199.79
South Dakota	\$767.58	\$234.23	\$154.35	\$232.93
Utah	\$1,850.50	\$555.31	\$324.90	\$466.79
Wyoming	\$532.75	\$381.58	\$284.42	\$362.36
Alaska	\$1,337.03	\$457.68	\$424.17	\$620.16
Arizona	\$2,589.23	\$656.80	\$463.09	\$583.10
California	\$1,324.85	\$310.45	\$148.14	\$236.03
Guam	\$3,056.00	\$928.22	\$629.10	\$837.48
Hawaii	\$3,319.88	\$395.80	\$158.55	\$408.71
Idaho	\$1,191.58	\$447.47	\$348.70	\$487.89
Nevada	\$1,278.47	\$834.68	\$236.16	\$717.40
Oregon	\$490.49	\$879.68	\$617.08	\$779.13
Washington	\$368.36	\$395.76	\$241.41	\$358.82
US	\$1,208.16	\$511.88	\$231.63	\$431.99

TABLE 25: Food Stamp Program Claims Collected - FY 2004

STATE	Fraud Claims Collected	Household Error Collected	Agency Error Collected	Total Claims Collected
Connecticut	\$354,122	\$1,112,687	\$735,704	\$2,202,513
Maine	\$142,355	\$322,000	\$109,820	\$574,175
Massachusetts	\$150,521	\$786,840	\$85,603	\$1,022,965
New Hampshire	\$124,617	\$197,895	\$71,551	\$394,063
New York	\$1,320,556	\$3,235,647	\$1,366,255	\$5,922,457
Rhode Island	\$71,565	\$553,347	\$50,896	\$675,808
Vermont	\$102,912	\$174,286	\$49,274	\$326,471
Delaware	\$91,070	\$317,433	\$49,160	\$457,662
District of Columbia	\$58,517	\$823,021	\$56,760	\$938,298
Maryland	\$195,737	\$1,611,718	\$663,712	\$2,471,167
New Jersey	\$2,890,850	\$5,870,107	\$946,022	\$9,706,979
Pennsylvania	\$2,056,192	\$11,903,689	\$1,377,942	\$15,337,823
Virgin Islands	\$18,752	\$126,057	\$29,175	\$173,984
Virginia	\$1,095,911	\$1,053,614	\$465,676	\$2,615,200
West Virginia	\$834,173	\$1,818,337	\$544,441	\$3,196,951
Alabama	\$745,341	\$544,695	\$446,982	\$1,737,017
Florida	\$2,679,788	\$3,962,145	\$1,666,565	\$8,308,498
Georgia	\$4,951,199	\$949,656	\$1,205,678	\$7,106,533
Kentucky	\$976,338	\$755,745	\$609,249	\$2,341,332
Mississippi	\$2,509,007	\$701,953	\$441,203	\$3,652,163
North Carolina	\$2,175,921	\$1,832,104	\$814,878	\$4,822,903
South Carolina	\$1,142,885	\$3,221,993	\$835,759	\$5,200,638
Tennessee	\$3,880,507	\$3,312,021	\$357,480	\$7,550,007
Illinois	\$1,472,472	\$9,775,211	\$1,838,375	\$13,086,057
Indiana	\$902,213	\$1,611,579	\$244,347	\$2,758,139
Michigan	\$2,438,713	\$1,243,525	\$583,898	\$4,266,136
Minnesota	\$1,211,417	\$2,336,980	\$673,802	\$4,222,199
Ohio	\$2,071,714	\$3,493,111	\$1,148,126	\$6,712,951
Wisconsin	\$395,745	\$1,888,015	\$325,373	\$2,609,134
Arkansas	\$762,724	(\$93,477)	\$67,388	\$736,635
Louisiana	\$1,535,386	\$1,796,685	\$472,987	\$3,805,057
New Mexico	\$172,750	\$1,007,670	\$376,081	\$1,556,502
Oklahoma	\$279,671	\$269,897	\$162,928	\$712,496
Texas	\$5,262,282	\$10,720,271	\$2,434,175	\$18,416,728
Colorado	\$1,120,933	\$698,847	\$435,859	\$2,255,639
Iowa	\$224,300	\$367,782	\$4,800	\$596,881
Kansas	\$837,476	\$842,454	\$378,095	\$2,058,026
Missouri	\$1,569,202	\$1,594,993	\$495,169	\$3,659,365
Montana	\$240,099	\$187,584	\$173,683	\$601,366
Nebraska	\$140,973	\$523,100	\$228,545	\$892,618
North Dakota	\$58,861	\$166,359	\$98,178	\$323,398
South Dakota	\$102,234	\$212,063	\$45,122	\$359,419
Utah	\$304,870	\$431,905	\$241,034	\$977,809
Wyoming	\$82,433	\$47,143	\$16,087	\$145,662
Alaska	\$90,553	\$195,700	\$79,904	\$366,157
Arizona	\$244,519	\$1,544,209	\$780,886	\$2,569,614
California	\$6,037,524	\$16,196,240	\$9,658,924	\$31,892,688
Guam	\$73,634	\$42,007	\$10,656	\$126,297
Hawaii	\$434,930	\$1,012,584	\$347,490	\$1,795,004
Idaho	\$247,320	\$279,981	\$151,285	\$678,585
Nevada	\$208,369	\$310,176	\$77,324	\$595,869
Oregon	\$558,129	\$2,405,588	\$416,156	\$3,379,873
Washington	\$387,531	\$2,183,952	\$395,994	\$2,967,477
US	\$58,037,812	\$108,479,124	\$35,342,453	\$201,859,389

TABLE 26: Food Stamp Program Recipient Claims Recouped - FY 2004

STATE	Fraud Claims Recouped	Household Error Recouped	Agency Error Recouped	Total Claims Recouped
Connecticut	\$86,703	\$405,292	\$370,742	\$862,737
Maine	\$25,768	\$125,043	\$46,483	\$197,294
Massachusetts	\$23,401	\$197,786	\$40,465	\$261,652
New Hampshire	\$37,371	\$78,971	\$37,139	\$153,482
New York	\$765,664	\$3,395,518	\$1,279,316	\$5,440,497
Rhode Island	\$21,867	\$287,368	\$30,940	\$340,175
Vermont	\$44,867	\$95,972	\$17,942	\$158,781
Delaware	\$27,328	\$136,206	\$20,749	\$184,283
District of Columbia	\$9,185	\$408,420	\$28,124	\$445,729
Maryland	\$55,190	\$681,725	\$311,862	\$1,048,776
New Jersey	\$832,280	\$1,560,146	\$202,061	\$2,594,487
Pennsylvania	\$124,411	\$6,334,896	\$828,984	\$7,288,291
Virgin Islands	\$8,465	\$46,908	\$9,018	\$64,391
Virginia	\$319,161	\$454,916	\$232,131	\$1,006,208
West Virginia	\$256,526	\$967,401	\$316,714	\$1,540,641
Alabama	\$278,635	\$323,178	\$319,559	\$921,372
Florida	\$1,179,453	\$2,358,331	\$1,209,062	\$4,746,847
Georgia	\$2,570,535	\$500,174	\$817,917	\$3,888,626
Kentucky	\$227,405	\$344,540	\$277,327	\$849,272
Mississippi	\$1,288,012	\$510,582	\$294,372	\$2,092,966
North Carolina	\$604,025	\$833,166	\$411,876	\$1,849,067
South Carolina	\$635,294	\$2,217,085	\$555,400	\$3,407,779
Tennessee	\$1,932,635	\$2,097,283	\$216,432	\$4,246,350
Illinois	\$451,875	\$4,695,117	\$1,102,803	\$6,249,795
Indiana	\$386,183	\$886,348	\$125,596	\$1,398,127
Michigan	\$1,234,657	\$641,026	\$260,303	\$2,135,986
Minnesota	\$306,167	\$868,296	\$324,112	\$1,498,575
Ohio	\$898,894	\$2,308,875	\$730,214	\$3,937,982
Wisconsin	\$127,766	\$855,853	\$159,720	\$1,143,339
Arkansas	\$181,974	\$48,148	\$33,259	\$263,381
Louisiana	\$608,442	\$1,191,031	\$295,346	\$2,094,819
New Mexico	\$53,889	\$508,492	\$228,392	\$790,773
Oklahoma	\$140,381	\$206,297	\$124,588	\$471,266
Texas	\$1,618,841	\$5,521,952	\$1,474,661	\$8,615,454
Colorado	\$292,644	\$279,671	\$185,805	\$758,120
Iowa	\$63,141	\$147,070	\$0	\$210,211
Kansas	\$288,017	\$377,409	\$240,709	\$906,135
Missouri	\$787,605	\$986,458	\$326,363	\$2,100,425
Montana	\$80,327	\$111,590	\$113,198	\$305,115
Nebraska	\$57,270	\$296,843	\$143,334	\$497,448
North Dakota	\$27,238	\$95,938	\$64,829	\$188,005
South Dakota	\$30,077	\$140,213	\$30,297	\$200,587
Utah	\$102,077	\$202,447	\$117,464	\$421,988
Wyoming	\$14,032	\$24,192	\$8,138	\$46,362
Alaska	\$31,736	\$107,508	\$69,162	\$208,406
Arizona	\$70,640	\$845,104	\$441,515	\$1,357,259
California	\$1,273,208	\$9,594,963	\$6,715,745	\$17,583,916
Guam	\$15,792	\$22,509	\$8,507	\$46,808
Hawaii	\$173,819	\$706,043	\$260,082	\$1,139,944
Idaho	\$54,240	\$106,461	\$64,224	\$224,925
Nevada	\$57,953	\$85,105	\$24,301	\$167,359
Oregon	\$233,505	\$1,127,126	\$262,508	\$1,623,139
Washington	\$125,390	\$1,182,342	\$35,223	\$1,342,956
US	\$21,141,960	\$58,531,335	\$21,845,013	\$101,518,307

TABLE 27: Food Stamp Program Recipient Claims Collected - FY 2004

STATE	Total Claims Recouped	Other State Means of Collection	Federal Debt Collection	Total Claim Collected
Connecticut	\$862,737	\$293,559	\$1,046,217	\$2,202,513
Maine	\$197,294	\$217,765	\$159,116	\$574,175
Massachusetts	\$261,652	\$376,740	\$384,573	\$1,022,965
New Hampshire	\$153,482	\$119,320	\$121,262	\$394,063
New York	\$5,440,497	\$481,960	\$0	\$5,922,457
Rhode Island	\$340,175	\$80,415	\$255,219	\$675,808
Vermont	\$158,781	\$53,041	\$114,649	\$326,471
Delaware	\$184,283	\$99,535	\$173,845	\$457,662
District of Columbia	\$445,729	\$74,649	\$417,921	\$938,298
Maryland	\$1,048,776	\$378,615	\$1,043,775	\$2,471,167
New Jersey	\$2,594,487	\$1,499,587	\$5,612,906	\$9,706,979
Pennsylvania	\$7,288,291	\$2,481,787	\$5,567,745	\$15,337,823
Virgin Islands	\$64,391	\$20,482	\$89,111	\$173,984
Virginia	\$1,006,208	\$840,102	\$768,891	\$2,615,200
West Virginia	\$1,540,641	\$638,178	\$1,018,131	\$3,196,951
Alabama	\$921,372	\$314,015	\$501,630	\$1,737,017
Florida	\$4,746,847	\$1,634,832	\$1,926,819	\$8,308,498
Georgia	\$3,888,626	\$1,193,942	\$2,023,965	\$7,106,533
Kentucky	\$849,272	\$593,366	\$898,694	\$2,341,332
Mississippi	\$2,092,966	\$349,334	\$1,209,863	\$3,652,163
North Carolina	\$1,849,067	\$953,792	\$2,020,044	\$4,822,903
South Carolina	\$3,407,779	\$1,075,917	\$716,942	\$5,200,638
Tennessee	\$4,246,350	\$1,039,120	\$2,264,537	\$7,550,007
Illinois	\$6,249,795	\$1,454,070	\$5,382,192	\$13,086,057
Indiana	\$1,398,127	\$454,477	\$905,535	\$2,758,139
Michigan	\$2,135,986	\$831,800	\$1,298,350	\$4,266,136
Minnesota	\$1,498,575	\$1,120,791	\$1,602,833	\$4,222,199
Ohio	\$3,937,982	\$897,195	\$1,877,773	\$6,712,951
Wisconsin	\$1,143,339	(\$2,149,008)	\$1,005,669	
Arkansas	\$263,381	\$164,449	\$308,806	\$736,635
Louisiana	\$2,094,819	\$365,998	\$1,344,240	\$3,805,057
New Mexico	\$790,773	\$108,564	\$657,165	\$1,556,502
Oklahoma	\$471,266	\$238,036	\$3,194	\$712,496
Texas	\$8,615,454	\$5,092,737	\$4,708,536	\$18,416,728
Colorado	\$758,120	\$326,269	\$1,171,250	\$2,255,639
Iowa	\$210,211	\$145,010	\$241,659	\$596,881
Kansas	\$906,135	\$367,747	\$784,144	\$2,058,026
Missouri	\$2,100,425	\$478,913	\$1,080,026	\$3,659,365
Montana	\$305,115	\$137,424	\$158,827	\$601,366
Nebraska	\$497,448	\$133,888	\$261,282	\$892,618
North Dakota	\$188,005	\$54,001	\$81,393	\$323,398
South Dakota	\$200,587	\$64,133	\$94,699	\$359,419
Utah	\$421,988	\$279,333	\$276,488	\$977,809
Wyoming	\$46,362	\$58,241	\$41,059	\$145,662
Alaska	\$208,406	\$128,058	\$29,693	\$366,157
Arizona	\$1,357,259	\$540,393	\$671,961	\$2,569,614
California	\$17,583,916	\$5,943,265	\$8,365,507	\$31,892,688
Guam	\$46,808	\$67,610	\$11,879	\$126,297
Hawaii	\$1,139,944	\$634,893	\$20,168	\$1,795,004
Idaho	\$224,925	\$341,927	\$111,733	\$678,585
Nevada	\$167,359	\$62,141	\$366,369	\$595,869
Oregon	\$1,623,139	\$917,137	\$839,597	\$3,379,873
Washington	\$1,342,956	\$470,848	\$1,153,674	\$2,967,477
US	\$101,518,307	\$37,149,527	\$63,191,555	\$201,859,389

RANKINGS OF PARTICIPATION AND ISSUANCE



TABLE 28: Food Stamp Program Participation and Issuance - Ranked by Persons - FY 2004

Rank	STATE	Persons Participating (Monthly)	Households Participating (Monthly)	Issuance
1	Texas	2,258,951	864,342	\$2,306,786,060
2	California	1,859,486	732,239	\$1,838,767,701
3	New York	1,598,143	802,051	\$1,876,077,920
4	Florida	1,202,227	579,945	\$1,268,549,090
5	Illinois	1,069,596	476,050	\$1,211,361,942
6	Pennsylvania	960,941	431,664	\$933,273,618
7	Ohio	945,435	419,271	\$1,009,262,441
8	Michigan	943,713	412,666	\$896,139,758
9	Georgia	867,148	353,040	\$923,814,897
10	Tennessee	806,490	351,781	\$811,798,438
11	North Carolina	747,274	315,782	\$753,200,353
12	Louisiana	705,700	274,130	\$753,905,377
13	Missouri	699,616	281,193	\$663,426,425
14	Kentucky	544,744	230,679	\$542,743,611
15	Arizona	529,556	207,849	\$577,867,879
16	Indiana	526,324	224,454	\$549,500,594
17	Alabama	497,591	197,237	\$512,604,194
18	South Carolina	497,218	206,987	\$501,204,515
19	Virginia	485,877	209,859	\$476,165,722
20	Washington	453,497	219,415	\$455,273,391
21	Oregon	419,736	212,132	\$415,267,009
22	Oklahoma	411,840	165,402	\$397,776,777
23	Mississippi	376,864	151,678	\$360,952,477
24	New Jersey	368,695	172,641	\$377,525,993
25	Arkansas	346,441	140,269	\$346,881,013
26	Massachusetts	334,939	154,543	\$304,420,939
27	Wisconsin	324,047	131,738	\$269,438,872
28	Maryland	273,872	124,108	\$286,695,375
29	West Virginia	255,936	110,092	\$231,721,076
30	Minnesota	247,465	116,873	\$246,770,329
31	Colorado	241,780	103,574	\$252,941,644
32	New Mexico	222,716	85,459	\$217,424,159
33	Connecticut	195,980	102,175	\$197,530,353
34	Iowa	179,179	76,909	\$176,334,334
35	Kansas	169,528	74,193	\$158,017,032
36	Maine	141,929	72,197	\$139,618,857
37	Utah	123,411	48,366	\$123,127,454
38	Nevada	120,275	53,516	\$119,520,455
39	Nebraska	113,900	48,078	\$108,691,184
40	Hawaii	98,589	48,600	\$151,809,426
41	Idaho	91,395	36,083	\$90,971,822
42	District of Columbia	88,655	43,132	\$97,507,742
43	Rhode Island	77,528	35,232	\$73,550,567
44	Montana	77,478	32,984	\$79,197,439
45	Delaware	55,642	23,292	\$56,542,045
46	South Dakota	53,459	21,113	\$53,934,332
47	Alaska	49,323	17,696	\$64,404,884
48	New Hampshire	48,449	23,625	\$43,549,015
49	Vermont	42,862	21,393	\$40,076,383
50	North Dakota	41,421	18,373	\$40,286,413
51	Guam	25,725	7,585	\$48,115,089
52	Wyoming	25,649	10,382	\$24,981,367
53	Virgin Islands	13,372	4,532	\$19,215,159
	US	23,857,607	10,278,593	\$24,476,520,941

TABLE 29: Food Stamp Program Participation and Issuance - Ranked by Households - FY 2004

Rank	STATE	Persons Participating (Monthly)	Households Participating (Monthly)	Issuance
1	Texas	2,258,951	864,342	\$2,306,786,060
2	New York	1,598,143	802,051	\$1,876,077,920
3	California	1,859,486	732,239	\$1,838,767,701
4	Florida	1,202,227	579,945	\$1,268,549,090
5	Illinois	1,069,596	476,050	\$1,211,361,942
6	Pennsylvania	960,941	431,664	\$933,273,618
7	Ohio	945,435	419,271	\$1,009,262,441
8	Michigan	943,713	412,666	\$896,139,758
9	Georgia	867,148	353,040	\$923,814,897
10	Tennessee	806,490	351,781	\$811,798,438
11	North Carolina	747,274	315,782	\$753,200,353
12	Missouri	699,616	281,193	\$663,426,425
13	Louisiana	705,700	274,130	\$753,905,377
14	Kentucky	544,744	230,679	\$542,743,611
15	Indiana	526,324	224,454	\$549,500,594
16	Washington	453,497	219,415	\$455,273,391
17	Oregon	419,736	212,132	\$415,267,009
18	Virginia	485,877	209,859	\$476,165,722
19	Arizona	529,556	207,849	\$577,867,879
20	South Carolina	497,218	206,987	\$501,204,515
21	Alabama	497,591	197,237	\$512,604,194
22	New Jersey	368,695	172,641	\$377,525,993
23	Oklahoma	411,840	165,402	\$397,776,777
24	Massachusetts	334,939	154,543	\$304,420,939
25	Mississippi	376,864	151,678	\$360,952,477
26	Arkansas	346,441	140,269	\$346,881,013
27	Wisconsin	324,047	131,738	\$269,438,872
28	Maryland	273,872	124,108	\$286,695,375
29	Minnesota	247,465	116,873	\$246,770,329
30	West Virginia	255,936	110,092	\$231,721,076
31	Colorado	241,780	103,574	\$252,941,644
32	Connecticut	195,980	102,175	\$197,530,353
33	New Mexico	222,716	85,459	\$217,424,159
34	Iowa	179,179	76,909	\$176,334,334
35	Kansas	169,528	74,193	\$158,017,032
36	Maine	141,929	72,197	\$139,618,857
37	Nevada	120,275	53,516	\$119,520,455
38	Hawaii	98,589	48,600	\$151,809,426
39	Utah	123,411	48,366	\$123,127,454
40	Nebraska	113,900	48,078	\$108,691,184
41	District of Columbia	88,655	43,132	\$97,507,742
42	Idaho	91,395	36,083	\$90,971,822
43	Rhode Island	77,528	35,232	\$73,550,567
44	Montana	77,478	32,984	\$79,197,439
45	New Hampshire	48,449	23,625	\$43,549,015
46	Delaware	55,642	23,292	\$56,542,045
47	Vermont	42,862	21,393	\$40,076,383
48	South Dakota	53,459	21,113	\$53,934,332
49	North Dakota	41,421	18,373	\$40,286,413
50	Alaska	49,323	17,696	\$64,404,884
51	Wyoming	25,649	10,382	\$24,981,367
52	Guam	25,725	7,585	\$48,115,089
53	Virgin Islands	13,372	4,532	\$19,215,159
	US	23,857,607	10,278,593	\$24,476,520,941

TABLE 30: Food Stamp Program Participation and Issuance - Ranked by Issuance - FY 2004

Rank	STATE	Persons Participating (Monthly)	Households Participating (Monthly)	Issuance
1	Texas	2,258,951	864,342	\$2,306,786,060
2	California	1,859,486	732,239	\$1,838,767,701
3	New York	1,598,143	802,051	\$1,876,077,920
4	Florida	1,202,227	579,945	\$1,268,549,090
5	Illinois	1,069,596	476,050	\$1,211,361,942
6	Ohio	945,435	419,271	\$1,009,262,441
7	Pennsylvania	960,941	431,664	\$933,273,618
8	Georgia	867,148	353,040	\$923,814,897
9	Michigan	943,713	412,666	\$896,139,758
10	Tennessee	806,490	351,781	\$811,798,438
11	Louisiana	705,700	274,130	\$753,905,377
12	North Carolina	747,274	315,782	\$753,200,353
13	Missouri	699,616	281,193	\$663,426,425
14	Arizona	529,556	207,849	\$577,867,879
15	Indiana	526,324	224,454	\$549,500,594
16	Kentucky	544,744	230,679	\$542,743,611
17	Alabama	497,591	197,237	\$512,604,194
18	South Carolina	497,218	206,987	\$501,204,515
19	Virginia	485,877	209,859	\$476,165,722
20	Washington	453,497	219,415	\$455,273,391
21	Oregon	419,736	212,132	\$415,267,009
22	Oklahoma	411,840	165,402	\$397,776,777
23	New Jersey	368,695	172,641	\$377,525,993
24	Mississippi	376,864	151,678	\$360,952,477
25	Arkansas	346,441	140,269	\$346,881,013
26	Massachusetts	334,939	154,543	\$304,420,939
27	Maryland	273,872	124,108	\$286,695,375
28	Wisconsin	324,047	131,738	\$269,438,872
29	Colorado	241,780	103,574	\$252,941,644
30	Minnesota	247,465	116,873	\$246,770,329
31	West Virginia	255,936	110,092	\$231,721,076
32	New Mexico	222,716	85,459	\$217,424,159
33	Connecticut	195,980	102,175	\$197,530,353
34	Iowa	179,179	76,909	\$176,334,334
35	Kansas	169,528	74,193	\$158,017,032
36	Hawaii	98,589	48,600	\$151,809,426
37	Maine	141,929	72,197	\$139,618,857
38	Utah	123,411	48,366	\$123,127,454
39	Nevada	120,275	53,516	\$119,520,455
40	Nebraska	113,900	48,078	\$108,691,184
41	District of Columbia	88,655	43,132	\$97,507,742
42	Idaho	91,395	36,083	\$90,971,822
43	Montana	77,478	32,984	\$79,197,439
44	Rhode Island	77,528	35,232	\$73,550,567
45	Alaska	49,323	17,696	\$64,404,884
46	Delaware	55,642	23,292	\$56,542,045
47	South Dakota	53,459	21,113	\$53,934,332
48	Guam	25,725	7,585	\$48,115,089
49	New Hampshire	48,449	23,625	\$43,549,015
50	North Dakota	41,421	18,373	\$40,286,413
51	Vermont	42,862	21,393	\$40,076,383
52	Wyoming	25,649	10,382	\$24,981,367
53	Virgin Islands	13,372	4,532	\$19,215,159
	US	23,857,607	10,278,593	\$24,476,520,941

TABLE 31: Food Stamp Program Average Monthly Benefit - Ranked by Benefit per Person - FY 2004

Rank	STATE	Average Monthly Benefit Per Person	Average Monthly Benefit Per Household
1	Guam	\$155.87	\$528.63
2	Hawaii	\$128.32	\$260.30
3	Virgin Islands	\$119.74	\$353.29
4	Alaska	\$108.81	\$303.30
5	New York	\$97.83	\$194.93
6	Illinois	\$94.38	\$212.05
7	District of Columbia	\$91.66	\$188.39
8	Arizona	\$90.94	\$231.69
9	California	\$82.40	\$209.26
10	Louisiana	\$89.03	\$229.18
11	Ohio	\$88.96	\$200.60
12	Georgia	\$88.78	\$218.06
13	Florida	\$87.93	\$182.28
14	Maryland	\$87.24	\$192.50
15	Colorado	\$87.18	\$203.51
16	Indiana	\$87.00	\$204.01
17	Alabama	\$85.85	\$216.58
18	New Jersey	\$85.33	\$182.23
19	Montana	\$85.18	\$200.09
20	Texas	\$85.10	\$222.40
21	Delaware	\$84.68	\$202.29
22	South Dakota	\$84.07	\$212.88
23	South Carolina	\$84.00	\$201.79
24	North Carolina	\$83.99	\$198.77
25	Connecticut	\$83.99	\$161.11
26	Tennessee	\$83.88	\$192.31
27	Minnesota	\$83.10	\$175.95
28	Washington	\$83.66	\$172.91
29	Arkansas	\$83.44	\$206.08
30	Utah	\$83.14	\$212.15
31	Kentucky	\$83.03	\$196.07
32	Idaho	\$82.95	\$210.10
33	Nevada	\$82.81	\$186.11
34	Oregon	\$82.45	\$163.13
35	Iowa	\$82.01	\$191.06
36	Maine	\$81.98	\$161.16
37	Virginia	\$81.67	\$189.08
38	New Mexico	\$81.35	\$212.02
39	Wyoming	\$81.17	\$200.52
40	North Dakota	\$81.05	\$182.72
41	Pennsylvania	\$80.93	\$180.17
42	Oklahoma	\$80.49	\$200.41
43	Mississippi	\$79.81	\$198.31
44	Nebraska	\$79.52	\$188.40
45	Michigan	\$79.13	\$180.97
46	Rhode Island	\$79.06	\$173.97
47	Missouri	\$79.02	\$196.61
48	Vermont	\$77.92	\$156.11
49	Kansas	\$77.68	\$177.49
50	Massachusetts	\$75.74	\$164.15
51	West Virginia	\$75.45	\$175.40
52	New Hampshire	\$74.90	\$153.61
53	Wisconsin	\$69.29	\$170.44
	US	\$85.50	\$198.44

TABLE 32: Food Stamp Program Average Monthly Benefit - Ranked by Benefit per Household - FY 2004

Rank	STATE	Average Monthly Benefit Per Person	Average Monthly Benefit Per Household
1	Guam	\$155.87	\$528.63
2	Virgin Islands	\$119.74	\$353.29
3	Alaska	\$108.81	\$303.30
4	Hawaii	\$128.32	\$260.30
5	Arizona	\$90.94	\$231.69
6	Louisiana	\$89.03	\$229.18
7	California	\$82.40	\$209.26
8	Texas	\$85.10	\$222.40
9	Georgia	\$88.78	\$218.06
10	Alabama	\$85.85	\$216.58
11	South Dakota	\$84.07	\$212.88
12	Utah	\$83.14	\$212.15
13	Illinois	\$94.38	\$212.05
14	New Mexico	\$81.35	\$212.02
15	Idaho	\$82.95	\$210.10
16	Arkansas	\$83.44	\$206.08
17	Indiana	\$87.00	\$204.01
18	Colorado	\$87.18	\$203.51
19	Delaware	\$84.68	\$202.29
20	South Carolina	\$84.00	\$201.79
21	Ohio	\$88.96	\$200.60
22	Wyoming	\$81.17	\$200.52
23	Oklahoma	\$80.49	\$200.41
24	Montana	\$85.18	\$200.09
25	North Carolina	\$83.99	\$198.77
26	Mississippi	\$79.81	\$198.31
27	Missouri	\$79.02	\$196.61
28	Kentucky	\$83.03	\$196.07
29	New York	\$97.83	\$194.93
30	Maryland	\$87.24	\$192.50
31	Tennessee	\$83.88	\$192.31
32	Iowa	\$82.01	\$191.06
33	Virginia	\$81.67	\$189.08
34	Nebraska	\$79.52	\$188.40
35	District of Columbia	\$91.66	\$188.39
36	Nevada	\$82.81	\$186.11
37	North Dakota	\$81.05	\$182.72
38	Florida	\$87.93	\$182.28
39	New Jersey	\$85.33	\$182.23
40	Michigan	\$79.13	\$180.97
41	Pennsylvania	\$80.93	\$180.17
42	Minnesota	\$83.10	\$175.95
43	Kansas	\$77.68	\$177.49
44	West Virginia	\$75.45	\$175.40
45	Rhode Island	\$79.06	\$173.97
46	Washington	\$83.66	\$172.91
47	Wisconsin	\$69.29	\$170.44
48	Massachusetts	\$75.74	\$164.15
49	Oregon	\$82.45	\$163.13
50	Maine	\$81.98	\$161.16
51	Connecticut	\$83.99	\$161.11
52	Vermont	\$77.92	\$156.11
53	New Hampshire	\$74.90	\$153.61
	US	\$85.50	\$198.44

COMPARISONS TO PRIOR YEAR



TABLE 33: Food Stamp Program Participation - Persons - FY 2002 - FY 2004

	Persons Participating (Monthly) FY 2002	Persons Participating (Monthly) FY 2003	Persons Participating (Monthly) FY 2004	Percent Change FY 2003 - FY 2004
STATE				
Connecticut	168,591	180,512	195,980	8.57%
Maine	111,147	132,582	141,929	7.05%
Massachusetts	242,542	292,200	334,939	14.63%
New Hampshire	41,053	44,783	48,449	8.19%
New York	1,348,677	1,435,986	1,598,143	11.29%
Rhode Island	71,933	74,068	77,528	4.67%
Vermont	39,914	41,333	42,862	3.70%
Delaware	39,628	46,027	55,642	20.89%
District of Columbia	74,271	81,777	88,655	8.41%
Maryland	228,329	252,383	273,872	8.51%
New Jersey	319,799	339,047	368,695	8.74%
Pennsylvania	766,615	822,696	960,941	16.80%
Virgin Islands	12,447	12,938	13,372	3.36%
Virginia	352,172	392,515	485,877	23.79%
West Virginia	235,736	246,890	255,936	3.66%
Alabama	443,547	472,066	497,591	5.41%
Florida	985,130	1,041,315	1,202,227	15.45%
Georgia	645,633	750,208	867,148	15.59%
Kentucky	450,102	502,677	544,744	8.37%
Mississippi	324,852	355,783	376,864	5.93%
North Carolina	574,369	649,426	747,274	15.07%
South Carolina	379,310	450,556	497,218	10.36%
Tennessee	598,012	728,305	806,490	10.74%
Illinois	886,344	953,929	1,069,596	12.13%
Indiana	410,887	470,183	526,324	11.94%
Michigan	750,037	837,629	943,713	12.66%
Minnesota	216,960	234,631	247,465	5.47%
Ohio	734,679	855,401	945,435	10.53%
Wisconsin	262,310	296,717	324,047	9.21%
Arkansas	283,909	310,359	346,441	11.63%
Louisiana	588,458	655,300	705,700	7.69%
New Mexico	170,457	194,795	222,716	14.33%
Oklahoma	316,684	380,299	411,840	8.29%
Texas	1,554,428	1,872,473	2,258,951	20.64%
Colorado	178,490	208,053	241,780	16.21%
Iowa	140,729	153,816	179,179	16.49%
Kansas	140,403	160,705	169,528	5.49%
Missouri	515,006	591,532	699,616	18.27%
Montana	63,347	71,320	77,478	8.63%
Nebraska	88,461	99,243	113,900	14.77%
North Dakota	36,781	39,663	41,421	4.43%
South Dakota	47,663	51,176	53,459	4.46%
Utah	89,899	105,630	123,411	16.83%
Wyoming	23,530	25,306	25,649	1.35%
Alaska	46,166	50,687	49,323	-2.69%
Arizona	378,719	466,151	529,556	13.60%
California	1,711,332	1,708,522	1,859,486	8.84%
Guam	24,457	23,934	25,725	7.48%
Hawaii	105,147	100,382	98,589	-1.79%
Idaho	69,998	81,524	91,395	12.11%
Nevada	97,035	111,352	120,275	8.01%
Oregon	359,138	398,377	419,736	5.36%
Washington	350,373	403,992	453,497	12.25%
US	19,095,637	21,259,152	23,857,607	12.22%

TABLE 34: Food Stamp Program Participation - Households - FY 2002 - FY 2004

STATE	Households Participating (Monthly) FY 2002	Households Participating (Monthly) FY 2003	Households Participating (Monthly) FY 2004	Percent Change FY 2003 - FY 2004
Connecticut	87,963	94,147	102,175	8.53%
Maine	56,376	65,760	72,197	9.79%
Massachusetts	114,859	135,195	154,543	14.31%
New Hampshire	20,452	22,150	23,625	6.66%
New York	687,604	724,420	802,051	10.72%
Rhode Island	33,370	34,121	35,232	3.26%
Vermont	19,809	20,519	21,393	4.26%
Delaware	16,483	19,141	23,292	21.69%
District of Columbia	34,554	39,104	43,132	10.30%
Maryland	104,795	114,991	124,108	7.93%
New Jersey	147,077	157,874	172,641	9.35%
Pennsylvania	350,838	373,597	431,664	15.54%
Virgin Islands	4,181	4,394	4,532	3.15%
Virginia	157,703	173,691	209,859	20.82%
West Virginia	100,359	105,365	110,092	4.49%
Alabama	173,295	185,028	197,237	6.60%
Florida	472,697	502,669	579,945	15.37%
Georgia	263,076	314,687	353,040	12.19%
Kentucky	187,471	209,532	230,679	10.09%
Mississippi	126,389	142,641	151,678	6.34%
North Carolina	244,907	276,321	315,782	14.28%
South Carolina	154,584	184,771	206,987	12.02%
Tennessee	255,900	314,792	351,781	11.75%
Illinois	392,909	422,487	476,050	12.68%
Indiana	171,330	196,689	224,454	14.12%
Michigan	327,853	364,166	412,666	13.32%
Minnesota	101,820	110,088	116,873	6.16%
Ohio	330,844	379,354	419,271	10.52%
Wisconsin	105,747	119,455	131,738	10.28%
Arkansas	113,238	124,288	140,269	12.86%
Louisiana	224,450	250,388	274,130	9.48%
New Mexico	65,875	74,645	85,459	14.49%
Oklahoma	129,934	152,860	165,402	8.20%
Texas	570,337	717,238	864,342	20.51%
Colorado	78,902	90,096	103,574	14.96%
Iowa	60,549	66,436	76,909	15.76%
Kansas	62,896	70,845	74,193	4.73%
Missouri	220,639	248,540	281,193	13.14%
Montana	26,865	30,208	32,984	9.19%
Nebraska	37,571	42,507	48,078	13.11%
North Dakota	15,899	17,273	18,373	6.37%
South Dakota	18,474	20,018	21,113	5.47%
Utah	36,005	41,282	48,366	17.16%
Wyoming	9,545	10,205	10,382	1.73%
Alaska	16,138	17,797	17,696	-0.57%
Arizona	143,825	181,145	207,849	14.74%
California	648,315	661,262	732,239	10.73%
Guam	7,436	7,098	7,585	6.87%
Hawaii	50,442	48,766	48,600	-0.34%
Idaho	28,006	32,428	36,083	11.27%
Nevada	43,556	49,214	53,516	8.74%
Oregon	177,291	199,205	212,132	6.49%
Washington	163,313	192,735	219,415	13.84%
US	8,194,746	9,153,623	10,278,593	12.29%

TABLE 35: Food Stamp Program Participation - Issuance - FY 2002 - FY 2004

	Issuance FY 2002	Issuance FY 2003	Issuance FY 2004	Percent Change FY 2003 - FY 2004
STATE				
Connecticut	\$145,797,723	\$164,854,160	\$197,530,353	19.82%
Maine	\$97,446,679	\$124,070,012	\$139,618,857	12.53%
Massachusetts	\$209,235,751	\$253,770,540	\$304,420,939	19.96%
New Hampshire	\$34,656,997	\$39,886,906	\$43,549,015	9.18%
New York	\$1,478,662,757	\$1,676,508,940	\$1,876,077,920	11.90%
Rhode Island	\$64,256,422	\$68,800,619	\$73,550,567	6.90%
Vermont	\$34,252,771	\$37,629,392	\$40,076,383	6.50%
Delaware	\$39,293,407	\$47,791,321	\$56,542,045	18.31%
District of Columbia	\$75,667,818	\$90,113,910	\$97,507,742	8.20%
Maryland	\$215,189,301	\$256,924,246	\$286,695,375	11.59%
New Jersey	\$314,258,247	\$338,821,016	\$377,525,993	11.42%
Pennsylvania	\$700,337,384	\$785,458,544	\$933,273,618	18.82%
Virgin Islands	\$17,431,363	\$18,494,328	\$19,215,159	3.90%
Virginia	\$305,463,503	\$366,217,567	\$476,165,722	30.02%
West Virginia	\$198,011,265	\$216,064,512	\$231,721,076	7.25%
Alabama	\$417,376,930	\$466,123,805	\$512,604,194	9.97%
Florida	\$878,454,831	\$987,756,897	\$1,268,549,090	28.43%
Georgia	\$621,290,583	\$782,410,897	\$923,814,897	18.07%
Kentucky	\$410,097,309	\$486,231,294	\$542,743,611	11.62%
Mississippi	\$297,924,799	\$335,073,821	\$360,952,477	7.72%
North Carolina	\$536,423,418	\$645,418,451	\$753,200,353	16.70%
South Carolina	\$351,661,564	\$443,355,574	\$501,204,515	13.05%
Tennessee	\$551,508,090	\$721,795,073	\$811,798,438	12.47%
Illinois	\$923,305,728	\$1,052,739,082	\$1,211,361,942	15.07%
Indiana	\$408,077,163	\$483,700,392	\$549,500,594	13.60%
Michigan	\$644,577,181	\$783,076,440	\$896,139,758	14.44%
Minnesota	\$200,648,921	\$227,125,549	\$246,770,329	8.65%
Ohio	\$726,310,158	\$878,758,371	\$1,009,262,441	14.85%
Wisconsin	\$197,330,085	\$233,462,771	\$269,438,872	15.41%
Arkansas	\$264,534,345	\$304,339,830	\$346,881,013	13.98%
Louisiana	\$587,074,354	\$685,267,266	\$753,905,377	10.02%
New Mexico	\$154,364,768	\$183,505,381	\$217,424,159	18.48%
Oklahoma	\$288,441,518	\$362,454,708	\$397,776,777	9.75%
Texas	\$1,522,294,908	\$1,880,851,630	\$2,306,786,060	22.65%
Colorado	\$165,442,169	\$203,312,158	\$252,941,644	24.41%
Iowa	\$128,762,369	\$149,243,938	\$176,334,334	18.15%
Kansas	\$113,271,938	\$140,386,993	\$158,017,032	12.56%
Missouri	\$476,894,198	\$567,586,196	\$663,426,425	16.89%
Montana	\$57,920,256	\$68,950,097	\$79,197,439	14.86%
Nebraska	\$74,384,109	\$89,301,593	\$108,691,184	21.71%
North Dakota	\$31,374,657	\$36,702,541	\$40,286,413	9.76%
South Dakota	\$45,323,818	\$50,515,052	\$53,934,332	6.77%
Utah	\$79,708,928	\$102,205,565	\$123,127,454	20.47%
Wyoming	\$21,538,153	\$24,054,276	\$24,981,367	3.85%
Alaska	\$59,454,787	\$65,728,367	\$64,404,884	-2.01%
Arizona	\$385,908,414	\$497,638,214	\$577,867,879	16.12%
California	\$1,706,341,758	\$1,805,546,523	\$1,838,767,701	1.84%
Guam	\$51,815,528	\$53,437,307	\$48,115,089	-9.96%
Hawaii	\$151,768,769	\$156,191,451	\$151,809,426	-2.81%
Idaho	\$62,014,314	\$76,579,605	\$90,971,822	18.79%
Nevada	\$95,508,198	\$112,673,472	\$119,520,455	6.08%
Oregon	\$319,462,072	\$380,986,642	\$415,267,009	9.00%
Washington	\$317,651,773	\$394,382,981	\$455,273,391	15.44%
US	\$18,256,204,249	\$21,404,276,216	\$24,476,520,941	14.35%

TABLE 36: Food Stamp Program Households on Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) - FY 2002-2004

	EBT Hshlds (Monthly Ave) FY 2002	% on EBT FY 2002	EBT Hshlds (Monthly Ave) FY 2003	% on EBT FY 2003	EBT Hshlds (Monthly Ave) FY 2004	% on EBT FY 2004
STATE						
Connecticut	87,963	100%	93,988	100%	102,032	100%
Maine	0	0%	50,918	77%	72,197	100%
Massachusetts	114,840	100%	135,194	100%	154,542	100%
New Hampshire	20,452	100%	22,150	100%	23,625	100%
New York	677,321	99%	719,700	99%	802,051	100%
Rhode Island	33,370	100%	34,121	100%	35,232	100%
Vermont	12,892	65%	13,567	66%	14,268	67%
Delaware	0	0%	9562	50%	23,292	100%
District of Columbia	34,554	100%	39,104	100%	43,132	100%
Maryland	104,795	100%	114,991	100%	124,108	100%
New Jersey	147,077	100%	157,874	100%	172,641	100%
Pennsylvania	350,838	100%	373,597	100%	431,664	100%
Virgin Islands	0	0%	4,058	92%	4,532	100%
Virginia	74,040	47%	173,691	100%	209,859	100%
West Virginia	0	0%	63,103	60%	110,092	100%
Alabama	173,295	100%	185,028	100%	197,237	100%
Florida	472,697	100%	502,669	100%	579,945	100%
Georgia	263,076	100%	314,687	100%	353,040	100%
Kentucky	187,471	100%	209,532	100%	230,679	100%
Mississippi	33,973	27%	142,641	100%	151,678	100%
North Carolina	244,906	100%	276,107	100%	315,489	100%
South Carolina	154,584	100%	184,771	100%	206,987	100%
Tennessee	255,900	100%	314,792	100%	351,781	100%
Illinois	392,909	100%	422,487	100%	476,050	100%
Indiana	151,551	88%	196,689	100%	224,454	100%
Michigan	327,853	100%	364,166	100%	412,666	100%
Minnesota	91,400	90%	99,363	90%	105,788	91%
Ohio	310,380	94%	357,891	94%	396,157	94%
Wisconsin	105,747	100%	119,455	100%	131,738	100%
Arkansas	113,238	100%	124,288	100%	140,269	100%
Louisiana	224,450	100%	250,388	100%	274,130	100%
New Mexico	65,875	100%	74,645	100%	85,458	100%
Oklahoma	129,934	100%	152,860	100%	165,402	100%
Texas	570,337	100%	717,237	100%	864,342	100%
Colorado	78,902	100%	90,096	100%	103,574	100%
Iowa	1,379	2%	8,121	12%	76,908	100%
Kansas	62,896	100%	70,844	100%	74,192	100%
Missouri	220,639	100%	248,540	100%	281,193	100%
Montana	16,378	61%	30,208	100%	32,984	100%
Nebraska	14,201	38%	42,506	100%	48,078	100%
North Dakota	15,899	100%	17,273	100%	18,373	100%
South Dakota	18,474	100%	20,018	100%	21,113	100%
Utah	32,169	89%	37,747	91%	44,948	93%
Wyoming	9,545	100%	10,205	100%	10,381	100%
Alaska	16,135	100%	17,797	100%	17,696	100%
Arizona	143,822	100%	181,141	100%	207,845	100%
California	75,255	12%	211,386	32%	646,059	88%
Guam	N/A	0%	N/A	0%	7,820	100%
Hawaii	50,442	100%	48,766	100%	48,600	100%
Idaho	28,006	100%	32,428	100%	36,083	100%
Nevada	16,484	38%	49,214	100%	53,516	100%
Oregon	163,214	92%	184,180	92%	196,384	93%
Washington	163,313	100%	192,735	100%	219,415	100%
US	7,027,410	86%	8,476,033	93%	10,126,501	99%

TABLE 37: Food Stamp Program Federal Share of Certification Costs - FY 2003- FY 2004

STATE	Federal Share Certification Costs - FY 2003	Federal Share Certification Costs - FY 2004	Percent Change
Connecticut	\$7,700,594	\$5,461,615	-29.08%
Maine	\$3,201,673	\$4,866,869	52.01%
Massachusetts	\$25,376,592	\$25,879,152	1.98%
New Hampshire	\$690,305	\$640,211	-7.26%
New York	\$111,534,779	\$113,658,789	1.90%
Rhode Island	\$2,111,079	\$2,050,724	-2.86%
Vermont	\$501,960	\$622,613	24.04%
Delaware	\$2,798,440	\$3,666,965	31.04%
District of Columbia	\$6,711,138	\$6,494,697	-3.23%
Maryland	\$24,087,763	\$25,148,966	4.41%
New Jersey	\$38,827,654	\$42,231,498	8.77%
Pennsylvania	\$79,308,734	\$82,138,532	3.57%
Virgin Islands	\$2,039,283	\$2,271,422	11.38%
Virginia	\$46,723,306	\$45,513,701	-2.59%
West Virginia	\$7,152,860	\$7,048,424	-1.46%
Alabama	\$15,603,651	\$15,947,950	2.21%
Florida	\$54,012,977	\$50,222,408	-7.02%
Georgia	\$33,342,208	\$35,837,055	7.48%
Kentucky	\$19,974,364	\$21,467,749	7.48%
Mississippi	\$14,955,095	\$15,461,914	3.39%
North Carolina	\$34,940,774	\$39,124,029	11.97%
South Carolina	\$12,398,829	\$11,012,253	-11.18%
Tennessee	\$17,671,754	\$18,104,256	2.45%
Illinois	\$46,876,240	\$41,740,583	-10.96%
Indiana	\$17,204,252	\$25,322,591	47.19%
Michigan	\$63,410,432	\$60,529,927	-4.54%
Minnesota	\$21,670,739	\$22,984,922	6.06%
Ohio	\$42,271,443	\$48,208,416	14.04%
Wisconsin	\$14,815,448	\$13,253,611	-10.54%
Arkansas	\$14,637,701	\$15,658,795	6.98%
Louisiana	\$30,857,276	\$33,344,690	8.06%
New Mexico	\$10,608,503	\$10,446,532	-1.53%
Oklahoma	\$22,026,049	\$23,699,071	7.60%
Texas	\$116,147,290	\$107,948,016	-7.06%
Colorado	\$10,719,406	\$12,826,489	19.66%
Iowa	\$9,400,112	\$9,939,649	5.74%
Kansas	\$8,016,678	\$9,869,738	23.12%
Missouri	\$28,550,112	\$23,113,496	-19.04%
Montana	\$2,838,496	\$2,985,951	5.19%
Nebraska	\$8,853,581	\$9,291,248	4.94%
North Dakota	\$2,522,475	\$2,915,975	15.60%
South Dakota	\$2,738,195	\$2,873,828	4.95%
Utah	\$10,469,641	\$12,049,314	15.09%
Wyoming	\$616,938	\$685,590	11.13%
Alaska	\$5,368,259	\$5,615,330	4.60%
Arizona	\$13,597,942	\$14,965,486	10.06%
California	\$155,824,015	\$175,929,240	12.90%
Guam	\$1,093,162	\$1,327,070	21.40%
Hawaii	\$6,461,666	\$6,793,605	5.14%
Idaho	\$4,168,274	\$5,122,462	22.89%
Nevada	\$6,594,570	\$7,809,407	18.42%
Oregon	\$10,602,277	\$15,192,283	43.29%
Washington	\$22,561,840	\$24,353,689	7.94%
US	\$1,273,188,824	\$1,321,668,796	3.81%

TABLE 38: Food Stamp Program Federal Share of Certification Costs per Case per Month - FY 2003 - FY 2004

	Federal Share Cert Cost Per Case Per Month Costs - FY 2003	Federal Share Cert Cost Per Case Per Month Costs - FY 2004	Percent Change
STATE			
Connecticut	\$6.82	\$4.45	-34.65%
Maine	\$4.06	\$5.62	38.46%
Massachusetts	\$15.64	\$13.95	-10.79%
New Hampshire	\$2.60	\$2.26	-13.05%
New York	\$12.83	\$11.81	-7.96%
Rhode Island	\$5.16	\$4.85	-5.92%
Vermont	\$2.04	\$2.43	18.97%
Delaware	\$12.18	\$13.12	7.68%
District of Columbia	\$14.30	\$12.55	-12.26%
Maryland	\$17.46	\$16.89	-3.26%
New Jersey	\$20.50	\$20.39	-0.54%
Pennsylvania	\$17.69	\$15.86	-10.36%
Virgin Islands	\$38.67	\$41.76	7.99%
Virginia	\$22.42	\$18.07	-19.38%
West Virginia	\$5.66	\$5.34	-5.69%
Alabama	\$7.03	\$6.74	-4.12%
Florida	\$8.95	\$7.22	-19.41%
Georgia	\$8.83	\$8.46	-4.19%
Kentucky	\$7.94	\$7.76	-2.38%
Mississippi	\$8.74	\$8.49	-2.77%
North Carolina	\$10.54	\$10.32	-2.02%
South Carolina	\$5.59	\$4.43	-20.72%
Tennessee	\$4.68	\$4.29	-8.32%
Illinois	\$9.25	\$7.31	-20.97%
Indiana	\$7.29	\$9.40	28.98%
Michigan	\$14.51	\$12.22	-15.76%
Minnesota	\$16.40	\$16.39	-0.09%
Ohio	\$9.29	\$9.58	3.19%
Wisconsin	\$10.34	\$8.38	-18.88%
Arkansas	\$9.81	\$9.30	-5.21%
Louisiana	\$10.27	\$10.14	-1.30%
New Mexico	\$11.84	\$10.19	-13.99%
Oklahoma	\$12.01	\$11.94	-0.56%
Texas	\$13.49	\$10.41	-22.88%
Colorado	\$9.91	\$10.32	4.09%
Iowa	\$11.79	\$10.77	-8.66%
Kansas	\$9.43	\$11.09	17.56%
Missouri	\$9.57	\$6.85	-28.44%
Montana	\$7.83	\$7.54	-3.66%
Nebraska	\$17.36	\$16.10	-7.22%
North Dakota	\$12.17	\$13.23	8.68%
South Dakota	\$11.40	\$11.34	-0.49%
Utah	\$21.13	\$20.76	-1.77%
Wyoming	\$5.04	\$5.50	9.24%
Alaska	\$25.14	\$26.44	5.20%
Arizona	\$6.26	\$6.00	-4.08%
California	\$19.64	\$20.02	1.96%
Guam	\$12.84	\$14.58	13.60%
Hawaii	\$11.04	\$11.65	5.50%
Idaho	\$10.71	\$11.83	10.44%
Nevada	\$11.17	\$12.16	8.90%
Oregon	\$4.44	\$5.97	34.56%
Washington	\$9.76	\$9.25	-5.18%
US	\$11.59	\$10.72	-7.55%

TABLE 39: Food Stamp Program Federal Share of Total Admin. Costs - FY 2003 - FY 2004

STATE	Federal Share Total Admin Cost FY 2003	Federal Share Total Admin Cost FY 2004	Percent Change
Connecticut	\$20,998,617	\$19,752,382	-5.93%
Maine	\$8,668,482	\$10,419,688	20.20%
Massachusetts	\$32,603,512	\$33,018,971	1.27%
New Hampshire	\$5,118,386	\$5,114,883	-0.07%
New York	\$255,973,704	\$257,016,087	0.41%
Rhode Island	\$6,956,002	\$6,865,422	-1.30%
Vermont	\$5,780,027	\$6,563,765	13.56%
Delaware	\$6,459,082	\$7,349,163	13.78%
District of Columbia	\$10,824,334	\$11,637,021	7.51%
Maryland	\$34,592,892	\$36,277,445	4.87%
New Jersey	\$81,406,760	\$89,226,533	9.61%
Pennsylvania	\$136,650,025	\$139,629,793	2.18%
Virgin Islands	\$3,808,535	\$4,027,481	5.75%
Virginia	\$71,541,581	\$74,164,404	3.67%
West Virginia	\$13,381,944	\$14,174,708	5.92%
Alabama	\$30,137,133	\$29,710,172	-1.42%
Florida	\$81,090,350	\$79,117,259	-2.43%
Georgia	\$60,860,270	\$60,346,187	-0.84%
Kentucky	\$26,451,561	\$27,987,600	5.81%
Mississippi	\$25,855,278	\$26,253,408	1.54%
North Carolina	\$55,783,822	\$57,750,287	3.53%
South Carolina	\$22,596,127	\$19,474,634	-13.81%
Tennessee	\$33,360,217	\$33,578,740	0.66%
Illinois	\$86,202,775	\$86,860,625	0.76%
Indiana	\$37,665,239	\$38,878,553	3.22%
Michigan	\$86,700,457	\$84,192,818	-2.89%
Minnesota	\$37,822,049	\$37,424,968	-1.05%
Ohio	\$101,998,668	\$113,703,567	11.48%
Wisconsin	\$37,863,489	\$37,473,333	-1.03%
Arkansas	\$21,155,951	\$23,291,024	10.09%
Louisiana	\$40,165,319	\$44,619,702	11.09%
New Mexico	\$17,038,592	\$20,632,167	21.09%
Oklahoma	\$30,969,607	\$32,896,851	6.22%
Texas	\$175,019,122	\$155,578,257	-11.11%
Colorado	\$24,753,104	\$25,810,773	4.27%
Iowa	\$16,381,518	\$16,345,408	-0.22%
Kansas	\$14,675,541	\$16,056,662	9.41%
Missouri	\$42,243,539	\$38,941,488	-7.82%
Montana	\$7,013,243	\$6,987,727	-0.36%
Nebraska	\$14,022,263	\$14,924,558	6.43%
North Dakota	\$5,248,852	\$5,810,219	10.70%
South Dakota	\$5,634,879	\$5,889,878	4.53%
Utah	\$15,935,735	\$18,380,831	15.34%
Wyoming	\$3,854,806	\$4,177,426	8.37%
Alaska	\$7,780,401	\$7,977,264	2.53%
Arizona	\$26,082,043	\$29,114,003	11.62%
California	\$403,934,848	\$426,246,558	5.52%
Guam	\$3,429,388	\$3,635,442	6.01%
Hawaii	\$10,306,967	\$10,678,840	3.61%
Idaho	\$7,477,877	\$8,564,307	14.53%
Nevada	\$10,500,814	\$11,642,703	10.87%
Oregon	\$31,372,957	\$38,526,695	22.80%
Washington	\$37,510,120	\$42,449,648	13.17%
US	\$2,391,658,804	\$2,457,168,328	2.74%

TABLE 40: Food Stamp Program Federal Share of Total Cost per Case per Month - FY 2003 - FY 2004

	Federal Share Total Cost Per Case Per Month Costs - FY 2003	Federal Share Total Cost Per Case Per Month Costs - FY 2004	Percent Change
STATE			
Connecticut	\$18.59	\$16.11	-13.33%
Maine	\$10.98	\$12.03	9.49%
Massachusetts	\$20.10	\$17.80	-11.40%
New Hampshire	\$19.26	\$18.04	-6.31%
New York	\$29.45	\$26.70	-9.31%
Rhode Island	\$16.99	\$16.24	-4.41%
Vermont	\$23.47	\$25.57	8.92%
Delaware	\$28.12	\$26.29	-6.50%
District of Columbia	\$23.07	\$22.48	-2.53%
Maryland	\$25.07	\$24.36	-2.83%
New Jersey	\$42.97	\$43.07	0.23%
Pennsylvania	\$30.48	\$26.96	-11.56%
Virgin Islands	\$72.23	\$74.05	2.52%
Virginia	\$34.32	\$29.45	-14.20%
West Virginia	\$10.58	\$10.73	1.38%
Alabama	\$13.57	\$12.55	-7.52%
Florida	\$13.44	\$11.37	-15.43%
Georgia	\$16.12	\$14.24	-11.62%
Kentucky	\$10.52	\$10.11	-3.89%
Mississippi	\$15.11	\$14.42	-4.51%
North Carolina	\$16.82	\$15.24	-9.41%
South Carolina	\$10.19	\$7.84	-23.06%
Tennessee	\$8.83	\$7.95	-9.93%
Illinois	\$17.00	\$15.21	-10.57%
Indiana	\$15.96	\$14.43	-9.55%
Michigan	\$19.84	\$17.00	-14.31%
Minnesota	\$28.63	\$26.69	-6.79%
Ohio	\$22.41	\$22.60	0.86%
Wisconsin	\$26.41	\$23.70	-10.26%
Arkansas	\$14.18	\$13.84	-2.45%
Louisiana	\$13.37	\$13.56	1.47%
New Mexico	\$19.02	\$20.12	5.77%
Oklahoma	\$16.88	\$16.57	-1.83%
Texas	\$20.33	\$15.00	-26.24%
Colorado	\$22.90	\$20.77	-9.30%
Iowa	\$20.55	\$17.71	-13.81%
Kansas	\$17.26	\$18.03	4.47%
Missouri	\$14.16	\$11.54	-18.52%
Montana	\$19.35	\$17.65	-8.75%
Nebraska	\$27.49	\$25.87	-5.90%
North Dakota	\$25.32	\$26.35	4.07%
South Dakota	\$23.46	\$23.25	-0.89%
Utah	\$32.17	\$31.67	-1.55%
Wyoming	\$31.48	\$33.53	6.53%
Alaska	\$36.43	\$37.57	3.12%
Arizona	\$12.00	\$11.67	-2.72%
California	\$50.90	\$48.51	-4.70%
Guam	\$40.27	\$39.94	-0.80%
Hawaii	\$17.61	\$18.31	3.96%
Idaho	\$19.22	\$19.78	2.93%
Nevada	\$17.78	\$18.13	1.96%
Oregon	\$13.12	\$15.13	15.32%
Washington	\$16.22	\$16.12	-0.59%
US	\$21.77	\$19.92	-8.51%

TABLE 41 Food Stamp Program Total Fair Hearings - FY 2003 - FY 2004

	Fair Hearings Completed FY 2003	Fair Hearings Completed FY 2004	Percent Change
STATE			
Connecticut	296	307	3.72%
Maine	19	31	63.16%
Massachusetts	653	655	0.31%
New Hampshire	9	8	-11.11%
New York	5,252	6,364	21.17%
Rhode Island	27	126	366.67%
Vermont	31	24	-22.58%
Delaware	31	14	-54.84%
District of Columbia	30	21	-30.00%
Maryland	132	30	-77.27%
New Jersey	52	49	-5.77%
Pennsylvania	5,737	6,316	10.09%
Virgin Islands	7	16	128.57%
Virginia	334	205	-38.62%
West Virginia	66	72	9.09%
Alabama	131	133	1.53%
Florida	745	554	-25.64%
Georgia	1,394	1,521	9.11%
Kentucky	75	76	1.33%
Mississippi	210	237	12.86%
North Carolina	799	943	18.02%
South Carolina	143	165	15.38%
Tennessee	172	231	34.30%
Illinois	235	251	6.81%
Indiana	173	192	10.98%
Michigan	584	921	57.71%
Minnesota	410	668	62.93%
Ohio	3,089	3,061	-0.91%
Wisconsin	610	689	12.95%
Arkansas	440	442	0.45%
Louisiana	272	277	1.84%
New Mexico	147	107	-27.21%
Oklahoma	31	47	51.61%
Texas	4,478	11,985	167.64%
Colorado	186	75	-59.68%
Iowa	116	225	93.97%
Kansas	118	140	18.64%
Missouri	383	513	33.94%
Montana	191	37	-80.63%
Nebraska	149	175	17.45%
North Dakota	9	4	-55.56%
South Dakota	11	14	27.27%
Utah	91	57	-37.36%
Wyoming	7	7	0.00%
Alaska	13	21	61.54%
Arizona	292	421	44.18%
California	6,328	7,100	12.20%
Guam	0	30	100.00%
Hawaii	137	25	-81.75%
Idaho	28	54	92.86%
Nevada	38	22	-42.11%
Oregon	111	134	20.72%
Washington	212	244	15.09%
US	35,234	46,036	30.66%

TABLE 42: Food Stamp Program - Fraud Investigations - FY 2003 - FY 2004

STATE	Total Investigations Completed FY 2003	Total Investigations Completed FY 2004	Percent Change
Connecticut	3,835	2,704	-29.49%
Maine	370	107	-71.08%
Massachusetts	5,050	4,224	-16.36%
New Hampshire	841	934	11.06%
New York	141,181	141,645	0.33%
Rhode Island	2,470	2,295	-7.09%
Vermont	377	180	-52.25%
Delaware	53,534	57,223	6.89%
District of Columbia	906	1,255	38.52%
Maryland	4,837	2,838	-41.33%
New Jersey	15,821	12,905	-18.43%
Pennsylvania	43,348	30,942	-28.62%
Virgin Islands	1,810	1,789	-1.16%
Virginia	9,652	10,229	5.98%
West Virginia	3,372	2,052	-39.15%
Alabama	1,652	2,683	62.41%
Florida	67,844	45,163	-33.43%
Georgia	27,126	21,729	-19.90%
Kentucky	609	570	-6.40%
Mississippi	0	2,486	100.00%
North Carolina	11,007	11,188	1.64%
South Carolina	0	0	0.00%
Tennessee	32,558	10,330	-68.27%
Illinois	748	4,995	567.78%
Indiana	993	1,800	81.27%
Michigan	1,971	3,602	82.75%
Minnesota	7,148	6,915	-3.26%
Ohio	30,123	22,974	-23.73%
Wisconsin	5,463	4,399	-19.48%
Arkansas	7,426	7,566	1.89%
Louisiana	1,655	1,304	-21.21%
New Mexico	260	466	79.23%
Oklahoma	1,759	1,912	8.70%
Texas	11,424	9,836	-13.90%
Colorado	6,762	2,323	-65.65%
Iowa	584	1,017	74.14%
Kansas	2,531	1,710	-32.44%
Missouri	2,137	1,877	-12.17%
Montana	965	673	-30.26%
Nebraska	455	543	19.34%
North Dakota	0	0	0.00%
South Dakota	480	452	-5.83%
Utah	8,180	7,298	-10.78%
Wyoming	355	272	-23.38%
Alaska	1,223	1,299	6.21%
Arizona	16,899	13,925	-17.60%
California	306,483	262,775	-14.26%
Guam	129	175	35.66%
Hawaii	784	776	-1.02%
Idaho	300	302	0.67%
Nevada	2,074	2,631	26.86%
Oregon	1,954	2,066	5.73%
Washington	14,348	14,343	-0.03%
US	863,813	745,697	-13.67%

TABLE 43: Food Stamp Program - Total Disqualifications - FY 2003- FY 2004

STATE	Total Disqualified FY 2003	Total Disqualified FY 2004	Percent Change
Connecticut	102	99	-2.94%
Maine	76	117	53.95%
Massachusetts	436	167	-61.70%
New Hampshire	91	68	-25.27%
New York	2,606	2,174	-16.58%
Rhode Island	26	30	15.38%
Vermont	95	74	-22.11%
Delaware	85	126	48.24%
District of Columbia	28	0	-100.00%
Maryland	495	180	-63.64%
New Jersey	2,420	2,574	6.36%
Pennsylvania	1,675	1,456	-13.07%
Virgin Islands	18	15	-16.67%
Virginia	1,474	1,145	-22.32%
West Virginia	427	473	10.77%
Alabama	678	709	4.57%
Florida	4,735	4,320	-8.76%
Georgia	6,539	5,588	-14.54%
Kentucky	175	194	10.86%
Mississippi	3,720	3,867	3.95%
North Carolina	2,134	2,201	3.14%
South Carolina	1,968	1,402	-28.76%
Tennessee	2,351	3,203	36.24%
Illinois	948	851	-10.23%
Indiana	305	260	-14.75%
Michigan	1,699	1,497	-11.89%
Minnesota	1,026	1,070	4.29%
Ohio	2,785	2,699	-3.09%
Wisconsin	182	124	-31.87%
Arkansas	601	662	10.15%
Louisiana	1,404	1,197	-14.74%
New Mexico	114	264	131.58%
Oklahoma	385	491	27.53%
Texas	6,286	5,775	-8.13%
Colorado	624	574	-8.01%
Iowa	129	129	0.00%
Kansas	761	681	-10.51%
Missouri	1,439	1,081	-24.88%
Montana	731	561	-23.26%
Nebraska	181	269	48.62%
North Dakota	113	126	11.50%
South Dakota	103	118	14.56%
Utah	239	289	20.92%
Wyoming	155	116	-25.16%
Alaska	172	196	13.95%
Arizona	98	46	-53.06%
California	4,706	3,876	-17.64%
Guam	24	26	8.33%
Hawaii	721	620	-14.01%
Idaho	281	156	-44.48%
Nevada	223	488	118.83%
Oregon	391	651	66.50%
Washington	20	13	-35.00%
US	59,200	55,088	-6.95%

TABLE 44: Food Stamp Program - Recipient Claims Established - FY 2003- FY 2004

STATE	Total Claims Established FY 2003	Total Claims Established FY 2004	Percent Change
Connecticut	\$1,909,559	\$1,537,239	-19.50%
Maine	\$125,393	\$564,686	350.33%
Massachusetts	\$873,677	\$846,982	-3.06%
New Hampshire	\$475,106	\$403,976	-14.97%
New York	\$12,727,945	\$7,908,435	-37.87%
Rhode Island	\$759,667	\$738,747	-2.75%
Vermont	\$412,069	\$406,391	-1.38%
Delaware	\$547,926	\$342,372	-37.51%
District of Columbia	\$740,926	\$924,834	24.82%
Maryland	\$3,363,125	\$2,204,689	-34.45%
New Jersey	\$6,793,954	\$6,444,119	-5.15%
Pennsylvania	\$17,404,093	\$13,723,671	-21.15%
Virgin Islands	\$148,823	\$167,968	12.86%
Virginia	\$2,976,405	\$2,321,445	-22.01%
West Virginia	\$3,830,349	\$4,100,020	7.04%
Alabama	\$2,265,829	\$3,253,181	43.58%
Florida	\$10,621,291	\$10,012,680	-5.73%
Georgia	\$9,935,008	\$9,125,596	-8.15%
Kentucky	\$2,519,954	\$2,314,348	-8.16%
Mississippi	\$2,546,748	\$5,149,935	102.22%
North Carolina	\$5,859,674	\$6,390,528	9.06%
South Carolina	\$8,001,065	\$9,477,255	18.45%
Tennessee	\$9,540,946	\$8,117,102	-14.92%
Illinois	\$13,634,224	\$15,522,060	13.85%
Indiana	\$3,484,095	\$4,742,032	36.11%
Michigan	\$2,425,825	\$2,068,236	-14.74%
Minnesota	\$4,611,123	\$5,154,293	11.78%
Ohio	\$7,555,737	\$7,403,698	-2.01%
Wisconsin	\$3,140,219	\$2,474,711	-21.19%
Arkansas	\$759,458	\$825,134	8.65%
Louisiana	\$3,425,525	\$2,214,737	-35.35%
New Mexico	\$1,331,333	\$1,449,962	8.91%
Oklahoma	\$957,453	\$1,276,388	33.31%
Texas	\$20,424,686	\$17,300,830	-15.29%
Colorado	\$2,083,071	\$1,849,570	-11.21%
Iowa	\$721,198	\$702,513	-2.59%
Kansas	\$2,751,993	\$1,875,189	-31.86%
Missouri	\$3,225,326	\$3,761,657	16.63%
Montana	\$685,755	\$780,758	13.85%
Nebraska	\$908,397	\$1,066,694	17.43%
North Dakota	\$352,895	\$310,073	-12.13%
South Dakota	\$443,364	\$407,627	-8.06%
Utah	\$1,545,182	\$1,437,712	-6.96%
Wyoming	\$196,875	\$136,971	-30.43%
Alaska	\$552,741	\$489,926	-11.36%
Arizona	\$2,517,955	\$3,905,592	55.11%
California	\$65,429,171	\$55,615,380	-15.00%
Guam	\$31,514	\$96,310	205.61%
Hawaii	\$5,131,552	\$3,459,311	-32.59%
Idaho	\$562,080	\$627,427	11.63%
Nevada	\$741,211	\$624,141	-15.79%
Oregon	\$4,396,409	\$5,448,483	23.93%
Washington	\$3,764,245	\$3,939,497	4.66%
US	\$262,170,146	\$243,443,110	-7.14%

TABLE 45: Food Stamp Program - Recipient Claims Collected - FY 2003 - FY 2004

	Total Claims Collected FY 2003	Total Claims Collected FY 2004	Percent Change
STATE			
Connecticut	\$2,527,861	\$2,202,513	-12.87%
Maine	\$1,203,654	\$574,175	-52.30%
Massachusetts	\$1,612,929	\$1,022,965	-36.58%
New Hampshire	\$437,196	\$394,063	-9.87%
New York	\$5,784,112	\$5,922,457	2.39%
Rhode Island	\$732,587	\$675,808	-7.75%
Vermont	\$364,838	\$326,471	-10.52%
Delaware	\$603,328	\$457,662	-24.14%
District of Columbia	\$675,703	\$938,298	38.86%
Maryland	\$2,346,470	\$2,471,167	5.31%
New Jersey	\$8,474,605	\$9,706,979	14.54%
Pennsylvania	\$17,310,911	\$15,337,823	-11.40%
Virgin Islands	\$103,148	\$173,984	68.67%
Virginia	\$2,619,319	\$2,615,200	-0.16%
West Virginia	\$3,096,430	\$3,196,951	3.25%
Alabama	\$1,798,689	\$1,737,017	-3.43%
Florida	\$9,494,626	\$8,308,498	-12.49%
Georgia	\$7,698,131	\$7,106,533	-7.68%
Kentucky	\$1,630,834	\$2,341,332	43.57%
Mississippi	\$3,455,011	\$3,652,163	5.71%
North Carolina	\$4,929,487	\$4,822,903	-2.16%
South Carolina	\$4,762,782	\$5,200,638	9.19%
Tennessee	\$8,159,113	\$7,550,007	-7.47%
Illinois	\$11,008,834	\$13,086,057	18.87%
Indiana	\$2,183,613	\$2,758,139	26.31%
Michigan	\$5,394,048	\$4,266,136	-20.91%
Minnesota	\$4,099,035	\$4,222,199	3.00%
Ohio	\$7,646,551	\$6,712,951	-12.21%
Wisconsin	\$2,705,311	\$2,609,134	-3.56%
Arkansas	\$946,914	\$736,635	-22.21%
Louisiana	\$4,979,703	\$3,805,057	-23.59%
New Mexico	\$1,270,752	\$1,556,502	22.49%
Oklahoma	\$914,447	\$712,496	-22.08%
Texas	\$18,364,007	\$18,416,728	0.29%
Colorado	\$2,327,230	\$2,255,639	-3.08%
Iowa	\$757,226	\$596,881	-21.18%
Kansas	\$2,104,006	\$2,058,026	-2.19%
Missouri	\$4,778,313	\$3,659,365	-23.42%
Montana	\$659,705	\$601,366	-8.84%
Nebraska	\$1,077,512	\$892,618	-17.16%
North Dakota	\$339,689	\$323,398	-4.80%
South Dakota	\$353,301	\$359,419	1.73%
Utah	\$918,073	\$977,809	6.51%
Wyoming	\$150,542	\$145,662	-3.24%
Alaska	\$461,563	\$366,157	-20.67%
Arizona	\$2,689,103	\$2,569,614	-4.44%
California	\$31,240,938	\$31,892,688	2.09%
Guam	\$109,043	\$126,297	15.82%
Hawaii	\$1,980,636	\$1,795,004	-9.37%
Idaho	\$665,077	\$678,585	2.03%
Nevada	\$373,460	\$595,869	59.55%
Oregon	\$3,262,728	\$3,379,873	3.59%
Washington	\$3,206,402	\$2,967,477	-7.45%
US	\$206,789,529	\$201,859,389	-2.38%

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FOOD STAMP PROGRAM ISSUANCE AND PARTICIPATION - FY 1999 - 2004

	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<u>TOTAL PARTICIPATION AND ISSUANCE</u>						
PERSONS (MONTHLY) (IN MIL)	18.2	17.2	17.3	19.1	21.3	23.9
HOUSEHOLDS (MONTHLY) (IN MIL)	7.7	7.4	7.4	8.2	9.2	10.3
ISSUANCE (IN MIL \$)	\$15,769	\$14,983	\$15,547	\$18,256	\$21,404	\$24,477
AVG MONTHLY BENEFIT PER PERSON	\$72.27	\$72.62	\$74.81	\$79.67	\$83.90	\$85.50
AVG MONTHLY BENEFIT PER HSHLD	\$171.37	\$169.85	\$173.93	\$185.65	\$194.86	\$198.44
<u>EBT</u>						
PERSONS (MONTHLY) (IN MIL)	10.8	12.5	13.7	16.3	19.6	23.6
HOUSEHOLDS (MONTHLY) (IN MIL)	4.5	5.4	5.9	7	8.5	10.1
ISSUANCE (IN MIL \$)	\$9,422	\$11,041	\$12,323	\$15,561	\$19,727	\$24,114
% OF TOTAL ISSUANCE	59.75%	73.69%	79.26%	85.24%	92.17%	98.52%
% OF TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	58.44%	72.97%	79.73%	85.37%	92.39%	98.06%
<u>COUPON</u>						
PERSONS (MONTHLY) (IN MIL)	7.1	4.4	3.5	2.7	1.6	0.2
HOUSEHOLDS (MONTHLY) (IN MIL)	3.0	1.8	1.4	1.1	0.6	0.1
COUPON ISSUANCE (IN MIL \$)	\$6,125	\$3,754	\$3,125	\$2,657	\$1,635	\$314
% OF TOTAL ISSUANCE	38.84%	25.06%	20.10%	14.55%	7.64%	1.28%
% OF TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	38.96%	24.32%	18.92%	13.41%	6.52%	0.97%
<u>CASH-OUT</u>						
PERSONS (MONTHLY) (IN MIL)	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
HOUSEHOLDS (MONTHLY) (IN MIL)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
ISSUANCE (IN MIL \$)	\$222	\$189	\$99	\$38	\$43	\$50
% OF TOTAL ISSUANCE	1.41%	1.26%	0.64%	0.21%	0.20%	0.20%
% OF TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	1.30%	1.35%	1.35%	1.22%	1.09%	0.97%

NOTE: TOTALS MAY NOT ADD DUE TO ROUNDING.

Source: FNS-388/46

DATA AS OF: 01/13/06

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM RECIPIENT FRAUD ACTIVITY - FY 1999 - 2004

	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<u>INVESTIGATIONS</u>						
INV COMPLETED	828,477	855,335	864,282	833,630	863,813	745,697
FRAUD \$ DETERMINED BY INV (IN MIL \$)	\$116.90	\$78.30	\$77.90	\$77.80	\$72.60	\$63.80
<u>PROSECUTIONS</u>						
PROS. COMPLETED	22,084	20,114	13,576	12,448	9,550	8,764
DISQ CONSENT AGRMNTS	19,056	15,786	10,208	10,075	9,678	9,609
FRAUD INVOLVED (IN MIL \$)	\$44.7	\$40.7	\$46.4	\$27.1	\$24.6	\$21.7
PERSONS DISQUALIFIED	40,632	35,524	23,323	22,183	18,821	18,144
<u>FRAUD HEARINGS</u>						
HEARINGS HELD	23,792	21,319	20,379	14,582	14,896	15,595
WAIVED HEARINGS	30,969	27,184	26,653	25,334	26,583	22,598
FRAUD INVOLVED (IN MIL \$)	\$44.2	\$37.3	\$34.4	\$33.2	\$32.6	\$29.3
PERSONS DISQUALIFIED	53,103	47,149	45,405	38,831	40,379	36,944
<u>TOTALS (PROSECUTIONS & HEARINGS)</u>						
TOTAL DISQUALIFIED	93,735	81,580	68,728	61,014	59,200	55,088
TOTAL FRAUD INVOLVED (IN MIL \$)	\$88.9	\$78.0	\$80.8	\$60.3	\$57.2	\$50.9
<u>RECIPIENT CLAIMS</u>						
<u>CLAIMS ESTABLISHED (IN MIL \$)</u>						
FRAUD 1/	\$41.1	\$31.6	\$23.6	\$25.6	\$25.7	\$23.2
NONFRAUD	\$266.7	\$218.9	\$229.8	\$234.3	\$236.5	\$220.2
TOTAL	\$307.8	\$250.5	\$253.4	\$259.9	\$262.2	\$243.4
<u>CLAIMS COLLECTED (IN MIL \$)</u>						
FRAUD	\$64.9	\$69.6	\$64.0	\$62.6	\$60.9	\$58.0
NONFRAUD	\$148.3	\$150.1	\$143.9	\$146.0	\$145.8	\$143.8
TOTAL	\$213.1	\$219.6	\$207.9	\$208.6	\$206.8	\$201.9

TOTALS MAY NOT ADD DUE TO ROUNDING.

1/ SOME STATES ESTABLISH POTENTIAL FRAUD CLAIMS AS HOUSEHOLD ERROR CLAIMS INITIALLY AND THEN TRANSFER THE CLAIM FROM INADVERTENT HOUSEHOLD ERROR TO FRAUD CLAIM AFTER THE PROSECUTION OR FRAUD HEARING. THUS, THE SUM OF THE FRAUD INVOLVED FROM PROSECUTION AND FRAUD HEARINGS IS A BETTER MEASURE OF THE AMOUNT OF FRAUD CLAIMS ULTIMATELY ESTABLISHED.

SOURCE: FNS-366B AND FNS-209

DATA AS OF: 01/13/06

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM RECIPIENT CLAIMS - FY 1998 - 2004

CLAIMS AND COLLECTIONS IN MILLIONS \$ (EXCEPT AVERAGE DOLLAR AMOUNT PER CLAIM)

	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<u>NEW CLAIMS ESTABLISHED</u>						
FRAUD	\$41.1	\$31.6	\$23.6	\$25.6	\$25.7	\$23.2
HOUSEHOLD ERROR	\$212.8	\$176.1	\$172.7	\$175.7	\$183.9	\$172.0
AGENCY ERROR	\$53.9	\$42.8	\$57.1	\$58.6	\$52.6	\$48.3
TOTAL	\$307.8	\$250.5	\$253.4	\$259.9	\$262.2	\$243.4
<u>CLAIMS COLLECTED</u>						
FRAUD	\$64.9	\$69.6	\$64.0	\$62.6	\$60.9	\$58.0
HOUSEHOLD ERROR	\$110.2	\$115.4	\$111.1	\$111.5	\$110.7	\$108.5
AGENCY ERROR	\$38.1	\$35.0	\$23.8	\$34.5	\$35.1	\$35.3
TOTAL	\$213.1	\$219.6	\$207.9	\$208.6	\$206.8	\$201.9
STATE SHARE OF COLL	\$44.8	\$47.4	\$44.6	\$44.2	\$43.5	\$42.0
FNS SHARE OF COLL	\$168.3	\$172.2	\$163.3	\$164.4	\$163.3	\$159.9
<u>COLLECTIONS BY COLLECTION METHOD</u>						
RECOUPED	\$83.7	\$79.7	\$81.0	\$88.1	\$99.1	\$101.5
FEDERAL COLL	\$89.3	\$100.8	\$79.4	\$75.0	\$69.8	\$63.2
OTHER	\$40.1	\$39.1	\$47.4	\$45.5	\$37.9	\$37.1
TOTAL	\$213.1	\$219.6	\$207.9	\$208.6	\$206.8	\$201.9
<u>AVERAGE DOLLAR AMOUNT PER CLAIM FOR NEW CLAIMS ESTABLISHED (ACTUAL DOLLARS)</u>						
FRAUD	\$1,011	\$999	\$1,105	\$1,082	\$1,149	\$1,208
HOUSEHOLD ERROR	\$481	\$469	\$461	\$445	\$444	\$512
AGENCY ERROR	\$227	\$243	\$229	\$220	\$235	\$232
ALL CLAIMS	\$427	\$430	\$393	\$380	\$397	\$432

TOTALS MAY NOT ADD DUE TO ROUNDING.

SOURCE: FNS-209/FNS FEDERAL DEBT COLLECTIONS BIWEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

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END NOTES

State Participation and Issuance

Participation data comes from the FNS-388 reports and issuance data comes from the FNS-46. Average monthly participation and household participation in this report may not add for the national total due to rounding. The total participation data in this report is the average monthly participation from all systems for the fiscal year (12-month average). However, on the pages providing the breakdown of the participation data by benefit type the report provides the average monthly participation for the number of months that particular issuance system operated during the year to show the actual monthly participation when that benefit type was used. Not all benefit types were in operation for all 12 months as States terminated their coupon issuance systems during the year and one State started up its EBT system during the year. Because the number of operating months varies by system and by State, the breakdown participation numbers by issuance system do not always add up to the total participation monthly average in all States.

Negative coupon issuance occurs when coupons are returned.

Administrative Costs

Administrative Cost data cited in this section is derived from the SF-269; monthly participation data comes from the FNS-388.

Fair Hearings

Fair Hearings data cited in this section is derived from the FNS-366B.

Fraud Investigations, Prosecutions, and Administrative Disqualification Hearings

Fraud Investigations, Prosecutions, and Administrative Disqualification Hearings data cited in this section is derived from the FNS-366B.

Disqualified Recipients – Federal Data Base Status

The data cited in this section is derived from the Disqualified Recipient Subsystem (DRS) - a Federal system of records that is used to identify individuals with a prior disqualification record for penalty determination purposes and individuals who are currently serving a disqualification period from another State. DRS includes both current year and historical disqualifications.

Recipient Claims

Claims data cited in this section is derived from the FNS-209; Federal debt collection data is derived from the FNS Federal Debt Collection Biweekly Collection Report. All recoupment amounts are included in collections data.

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Data on new claims established is included in Tables 22, 23 and 24. When referring to data in these tables it should be noted that some States show no or low fraud claims newly established because they establish such claims as household error and subsequently transfer the claim to fraud after the court or hearing officer's determination. Therefore we recommend that the data in Tables 16, 18, and 20 (amount of fraud determined from prosecutions and administrative disqualification hearings and number of fraud determinations) be used as a better measure of the amount of fraud claims ultimately established. Data included in Table 27 (Recipient Claims Collected) includes total claims recouped as well as Federal Debt Collection amounts and other means of collection employed by State agencies.

Calculations for other means of collection employed by State agencies include all State methods except for recoupment and Federal collections from the Treasury Offset Program minus all refunds and negative adjustments. Calculations for Federal Debt Collection amounts include Treasury Offset Program collections but not voluntary payments and offset fees paid by the client. Totals represented are for calendar year 2004 – however 98% of Federal collections occurred during FY 2004. Some offsets are subject to refunds.

States, auditors, and FNS review State information systems to ensure proper reporting and that claims are properly categorized. As a result of such a review, in one State a negative claims collection situation arose in one claim category in FY 2004 due to adjustments to correct previous reporting and transfers between claim categories.

Rankings of Participation and Issuance

Please refer to the explanations above for the sources of various data cited in this section. Note that totals for persons and households may not add due to rounding.

Comparison to Prior Years

Please refer to the explanations above for the sources of various data cited in this section.