



BREAK THE RULES, PAY THE PRICE

FNS RETAILER OVERSIGHT — FISCAL YEAR 2025

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) does not tolerate fraud, waste, or abuse in any of its programs, including among retailers that participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Retailer authorization does not end FNS's role in oversight and compliance; retailers can expect ongoing audits, store visits, undercover operations, and data analysis. Retailers found in violation of SNAP laws and rules will be held accountable.

FY 2025 AT-A-GLANCE



AUTHORIZED RETAILERS

265,427



INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED

14,608



RETAILER OVERSIGHT

As part of its fraud fighting efforts, FNS conducts ongoing compliance evaluations of SNAP retailers. FNS also reevaluates all SNAP retailers at least once every five years.



Compliance Evaluations

21,131



Reevaluations

53,782

EXAMPLES OF RETAILER FRAUD



Trading benefits
for cash



Lying on a SNAP
application



Selling
ineligible items

PENALTIES FOR BAD ACTORS

Defraud the American taxpayer? Take advantage of low-income families? Lie to the government?

Retailers are subject to:



Disqualification



Financial Penalties



Criminal Charges