

# Payment Integrity Scorecard

**Program or Activity**  
Food and Nutrition Service  
(FNS) National School Lunch ..

**Reporting Period**  
Q4 2022

**Change from Previous FY (\$M)**

**\$492M**



**USDA**

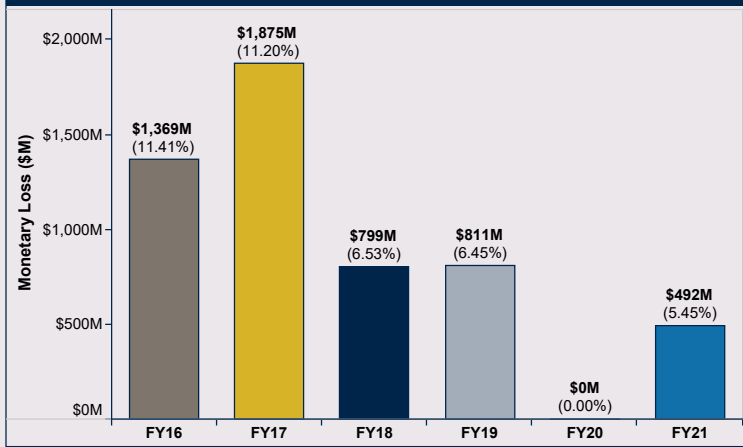
Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

**Brief Program Description:**

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is a federally assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential child care institutions. It provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free meals to children.

Key Milestones	Status	ECD
1 Develop mitigation strategies to get the payment right the first time	On-Track	Sep-22
2 Evaluate the ROI of the mitigation strategy	On-Track	Sep-22
3 Determine which strategies have the best ROI to prevent cash loss	On-Track	Sep-22
4 Implement new mitigation strategies to prevent cash loss	On-Track	Sep-22
5 Analyze results of implementing new strategies	On-Track	Sep-22
6 Achieved compliance with PIIA	On-Track	Sep-22
7 Identified any data needs for mitigation	On-Track	Sep-22

**Monetary Loss (\$M)  
(Overpayment as Percentage of Total Outlays)**



Goals towards Reducing Monetary Loss	Status	ECD
1 Q4 2022 The majority of NSLP/SBP participating schools are operating under waivers that allow serving no-cost meals to all students without the need for certifying applications.	Completed	Sep-22

Recovery Method	Brief Description of Plans to Recover Overpayments	Brief Description of Actions Taken to Recover Overpayments
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Accomplishments in Reducing Monetary Loss			Date
1	FNS recently completed initial work on a data dashboard that includes administrative, study, and COVID-19 response data. A small group of state users are previewing the dashboard to provide feedback on usability and additions to the dashboard views.		Aug-22
2	FNS provided technical assistance to 10 State recipients of the 2019 Technology Innovation Grants (TIG), 2019 Administrative Review & Training grants, and 2021 non-competitive TIGs to improve CN program accountability & administrative efficiencies.		Sep-22
3	FNS published SY 23-24 Request for Applications (RFA) for Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification for Medicaid (DC-M). SY 23-24 RFA resulted in responses from 15 States. DC-M projects are intended to reduce certification error.		Sep-22

Amt(\$)	Root Cause of Monetary Loss	Root Cause Description	Mitigation Strategy	Brief Description of Mitigation Strategy and Anticipated Impact
\$492M	Overpayments outside the agency control that occurred because the Data/Information Needed Does Not Exist.	Households may incorrectly self-report and administrative staff may miscalculate household's application information resulting in miscertification. There is no dataset/database that includes household-level information for each household application.	Automation - automatically controlled operation, process, or system	Improve accuracy of eligibility determinations to certify children for free, reduced price, and paid NSLP/SBP meals through increased automation and enhanced integrity features of electronic NSLP/SBP meal benefit applications.

**Monetary Loss** - Monetary loss to the Government includes amounts that should not have been paid and in theory should/could be recovered.