



Public Assistance Programs Quarterly Report

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5101.98, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) respectfully submits the following information regarding public assistance programs.

SNAP Error Rates

Methodology

House Bill 434 required the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) to develop a methodology and technical system for determining Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Payment Error Rates for Ohio's 88 counties.

Following passage of the bill, ODJFS established a work group comprised of the Ohio Job and Family Services Directors' Association, five county JFS directors, and the County Commissioners Association of Ohio, as required in the bill, to help develop the methodology.

The new county/state process is based on the existing state/federal "310 Review" process.

Counties are now required to conduct a desk review of cases to ensure fidelity based on their size:

- ✓ Small counties – 15 per month
- ✓ Medium counties – 20 per month
- ✓ Large counties – 25 per month

ODJFS identifies the cases for review by selecting a sample of cases from that county. Counties utilize the ODJFS tracking tool to receive and review cases.

Note: Due to capacity and county staff limitations, the required number of case reviews for this exercise does not generally produce a statistically significant error rate per county. Under this methodology, the margins of error based on the number of sampled cases will go as high as 7% over the course of one year. The data provided is based on one month of reviews for March 2026 benefits. Future reports will contain 3 months' worth of data. These are preliminary rates as a few may change based on a few weeks remaining in the state review process (ends July 31st).



Statewide

| Time Period | Error Rate* |
|-------------|-------------|
| March 2026 | 6.87% |

* For purposes of this report, the statewide error rate is based on the county case data gathered below. It is not the official error rate calculated based on a different set of cases pulled by the Food and Nutrition Administration (FNA)

| Cause | Percent of Total Errors | Percent of Total Dollars In Error |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Agency-Caused | 89.25% | 77.63% |
| Client-Caused | 10.09% | 22.00% |
| Ohio Benefits-Caused | <1% | 0.37% |

County level

| County | Time Period | Benefits Reviewed | Error | Calculated Error Rate |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Adams | March 2026 | \$4,845 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Allen | March 2026 | \$4,681 | \$657 | 14.04% |
| Ashland | March 2026 | \$2,707 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Ashtabula | March 2026 | \$6,153 | \$408 | 6.63% |
| Athens | March 2026 | \$4,708 | \$727 | 15.44% |
| Auglaize | March 2026 | \$6,627 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Belmont | March 2026 | \$4,755 | \$460 | 9.67% |
| Brown | March 2026 | \$4,537 | \$214 | 4.72% |
| Butler | March 2026 | \$10,034 | \$65 | 0.65% |
| Carroll | March 2026 | \$5,110 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Champaign | March 2026 | \$5,490 | \$383 | 6.98% |
| Clark | March 2026 | \$6,668 | \$543 | 8.14% |
| Clermont | March 2026 | \$6,094 | \$358 | 5.87% |
| Clinton | March 2026 | \$6,393 | \$149 | 2.33% |
| Columbiana | March 2026 | \$3,861 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Coshocton | March 2026 | \$5,094 | \$367 | 7.20% |
| Crawford | March 2026 | \$4,130 | \$322 | 7.80% |
| Cuyahoga | March 2026 | \$9,180 | \$1,442 | 15.71% |
| Darke | March 2026 | \$3,791 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Defiance/Paulding | March 2026 | \$5,915 | \$161 | 2.72% |
| Delaware | March 2026 | \$3,186 | \$0 | 0.00% |



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|-------------------|------------|----------|---------|--------|
| Erie | March 2026 | \$5,282 | \$461 | 8.73% |
| Fairfield | March 2026 | \$3,706 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Fayette | March 2026 | \$3,046 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Franklin | March 2026 | \$11,826 | \$4,916 | 41.57% |
| Fulton | March 2026 | \$3,490 | \$149 | 4.27% |
| Gallia | March 2026 | \$4,556 | \$62 | 1.36% |
| Geauga | March 2026 | \$6,554 | \$690 | 10.53% |
| Greene | March 2026 | \$7,001 | \$130 | 1.86% |
| Guernsey | March 2026 | \$2,833 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Hamilton | March 2026 | \$10,574 | \$2,058 | 19.46% |
| Hancock | March 2026 | \$2,820 | \$110 | 3.90% |
| Hardin | March 2026 | \$5,646 | \$155 | 2.75% |
| Harrison | March 2026 | \$4,281 | \$354 | 8.27% |
| Henry | March 2026 | \$2,808 | \$107 | 3.81% |
| Highland | March 2026 | \$3,380 | \$140 | 4.14% |
| Holmes | March 2026 | \$5,153 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Huron | March 2026 | \$5,567 | \$1,578 | 28.35% |
| Jackson | March 2026 | \$4,323 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Jefferson | March 2026 | \$6,752 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Knox | March 2026 | \$5,161 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Lake | March 2026 | \$5,892 | \$166 | 2.82% |
| Lawrence | March 2026 | \$5,274 | \$202 | 3.83% |
| Licking | March 2026 | \$7,308 | \$430 | 5.88% |
| Logan | March 2026 | \$8,751 | \$1,034 | 11.82% |
| Lorain | March 2026 | \$5,655 | \$608 | 10.75% |
| Lucas | March 2026 | \$11,419 | \$1,046 | 9.16% |
| Madison | March 2026 | \$4,566 | \$60 | 1.31% |
| Mahoning | March 2026 | \$6,384 | \$648 | 10.15% |
| Marion | March 2026 | \$7,995 | \$118 | 1.48% |
| Medina | March 2026 | \$5,194 | \$77 | 1.48% |
| Meigs | March 2026 | \$3,778 | \$111 | 2.94% |
| Mercer | March 2026 | \$5,098 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Miami | March 2026 | \$4,494 | \$485 | 10.79% |
| Monroe | March 2026 | \$4,141 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Montgomery | March 2026 | \$7,347 | \$760 | 10.34% |
| Morgan | March 2026 | \$5,198 | \$225 | 4.33% |
| Morrow | March 2026 | \$6,428 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Muskingum | March 2026 | \$5,461 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Noble | March 2026 | \$4,463 | \$846 | 18.96% |
| Ottawa | March 2026 | \$4,030 | \$0 | 0.00% |



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|----------------------------|------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Perry | March 2026 | \$4,677 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Pickaway | March 2026 | \$3,565 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Pike | March 2026 | \$4,654 | \$99 | 2.13% |
| Portage | March 2026 | \$4,139 | \$1,745 | 42.16% |
| Preble | March 2026 | \$2,798 | \$136 | 4.86% |
| Putnam | March 2026 | \$5,807 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Richland | March 2026 | \$5,556 | \$548 | 9.86% |
| Ross/Hocking/Vinton | March 2026 | \$5,228 | \$60 | 1.15% |
| Sandusky | March 2026 | \$3,868 | \$96 | 2.48% |
| Scioto | March 2026 | \$7,230 | \$483 | 6.68% |
| Seneca | March 2026 | \$5,839 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Shelby | March 2026 | \$5,684 | \$549 | 9.66% |
| Stark | March 2026 | \$6,756 | \$725 | 10.73% |
| Summit | March 2026 | \$8,956 | \$74 | 0.83% |
| Trumbull | March 2026 | \$6,402 | \$594 | 9.28% |
| Tuscarawas | March 2026 | \$5,378 | \$68 | 1.26% |
| Union | March 2026 | \$3,842 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Van Wert | March 2026 | \$6,610 | \$142 | 2.15% |
| Warren | March 2026 | \$7,388 | \$1,262 | 17.08% |
| Washington | March 2026 | \$6,954 | \$82 | 1.18% |
| Wayne | March 2026 | \$6,898 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Williams | March 2026 | \$4,541 | \$1,602 | 35.28% |
| Wood | March 2026 | \$5,412 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Wyandot | March 2026 | \$3,752 | \$0 | 0.00% |



SNAP Data

Ohio Revised Code Section 5101.98 requires the submission of a number of additional data points, which are included below:

SNAP High Balances

| MONTH | ACCOUNTS > \$5,000 | AMOUNT |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| January 2026 | 806 | \$6,441,884 |
| February 2026 | 796 | \$6,407,641 |
| March 2026 | 800 | \$6,470,587 |

SNAP Out-of-State Transactions

| MONTH | TRANSACTION COUNT | AMOUNT |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| January 2026 | 113,343 | \$5,024,340.91 |
| February 2026 | 105,650 | \$4,705,214.31 |
| March 2026 | 127,558 | \$5,110,181.70 |

SNAP Whole Dollar Amount Transactions

| MONTH | TRANSACTION COUNT | AMOUNT |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| January 2026 | 428,244 | \$13,261,847.00 |
| February 2026 | 404,751 | \$ \$13,010,613.00 |
| March 2026 | 467,021 | \$13,953,316.00 |



SNAP Able-bodied Adults (ABA) Work Requirement Exemptions

| January 2026 | |
|------------------------|---------------|
| ABA Status and Reason | Total |
| Exempt | 5,078 |
| Prorated Benefit Month | 5,078 |
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| Mandatory | 15,474 |
| Total Number of ABAs | |
| TOTAL | 20,552 |
| February 2026 | |
| ABA Status and Reason | Total |
| Exempt | 6,203 |
| Prorated Benefit Month | 6,203 |
| | |
| Mandatory | 19,823 |
| Total Number of ABAs | |
| TOTAL | 26,026 |
| March 2026 | |
| ABA Status and Reason | Total |
| Exempt | 4,711 |
| Prorated Benefit Month | 4,711 |
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| Mandatory | 58,900 |
| Total Number of ABAs | |
| TOTAL | 63,611 |

SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, and Child Care Fraud Information - January 2026-March 2026

Total Number of Intentional Program Violations: 252
 Total Number of Recovery Accounts Established: 2,346
 Total Amount of Recovery Accounts: \$5,319,694.84