



Grow SNAP Program Participation, Reduce Improper Payments, Increase Agency Efficiency



More than 8.7 million individuals were booked into U.S. incarceration facilities in 2018, with 2 million individuals currently incarcerated in local, state, and federal facilities. The formerly incarcerated face a wide range of social and economic obstacles upon release. These obstacles are driving the nation's high recidivism rates: two-thirds of released prisoners are re-arrested for a new crime within 3 years.

Streamlined, immediate access to food assistance is critical for the formerly incarcerated. 91% of prisoners are considered "food insecure" upon release. SNAP benefits provide important stability while an individual is reintegrating into public life and looking for other necessities such as healthcare and housing. There is a common need within the SNAP community to promote program participation for recently incarcerated individuals, while also reducing improper payments.

Encourage Successful Transitions, Bolster Program Integrity

The TotalVerify™ data hub from Equifax includes the nation's most comprehensive and timely incarceration data network, having direct jail management interfaces with over 2,800 jails and DOC facilities.

We have identified a critical need for state SNAP agencies to access to near real-time incarceration data to promote program participation among people impacted by incarceration, while simultaneously preventing improper payments to ineligible individuals.

Our Incarceration Intelligence solution gives SNAP agencies access to reliable and timely pointer incarceration information. Access to real-time custody status information positively impacts agencies, the incarcerated population, and their families by helping to facilitate accurate benefit remittance, successful societal transitions, and by improving Application Processing Time (APT).

FY 2018:

Over **65B** in nutrition assistance was paid out.

Of that, **\$3.3B** were identified as **improper payments**, a result of fraud or an administrative error.

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Benefits of Incarceration Intelligence

Our value proposition is simple: we offer a turn-key solution to the challenge of administering SNAP benefits to a population that frequently cycles in and out of incarceration. Agencies who partner with TotalVerify realize several key benefits:

- Increased agency savings through detection and prevention of future improper payments
- Centralized information source for simplified eligibility determination
- Improved Application Processing Time (APT) for recently-incarcerated eligible participants
- Greater program participation among formerly incarcerated persons

Why TotalVerify?

SNAP agencies looking for incarceration information typically turn to one of several limited options. Agency employees are researching disparate systems (like their state DOC, local county jails, and the national PUPS system) to determine incarceration status, and they lack a centralized source of this data. Incarceration Intelligence eliminates this obstacle by providing centralized access to real-time, nationwide incarceration data. The TotalVerify data hub enables agencies to vastly improve process efficiencies and run more streamlined and effective nutritional assistance programs.

SNAP is a critical part of a [prisoner] re-entry support infrastructure, providing basic food assistance and supplementing inadequate income.

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities



Agencies are able to place “watches” on their beneficiary lists, and receive alerts when:



Booked Into Custody



Released from Custody



Incarcerated for a certain “length of stay”