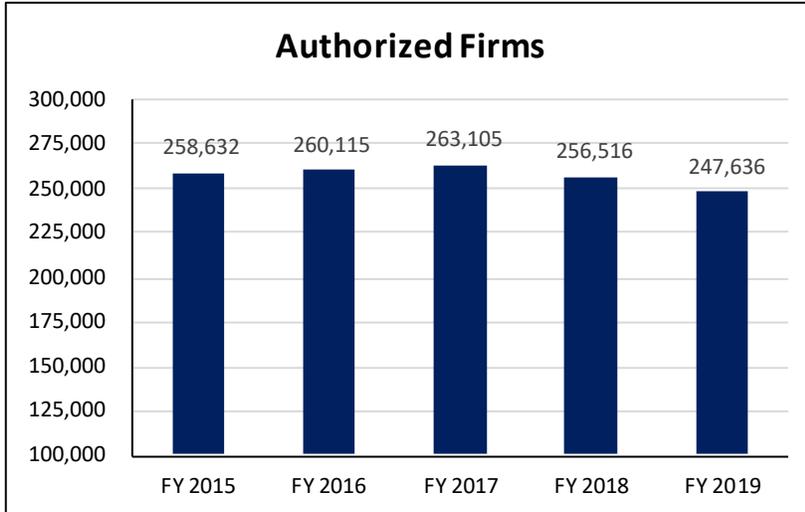


FISCAL YEAR 2019 YEAR END SUMMARY

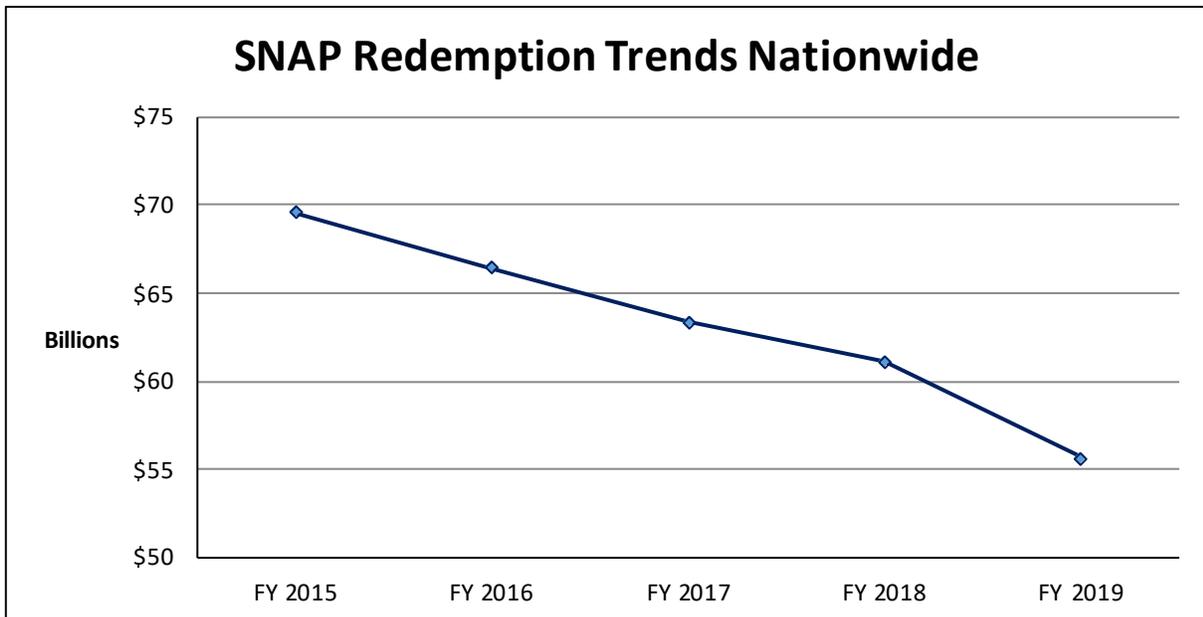
Number of SNAP Authorized Firms



- As of September 30, 2019, there were 247,636 firms authorized to participate in SNAP.
- Since 2015, the number of authorized firms has decreased by four percent.

SNAP Redemptions by Fiscal Year

Nationally SNAP redemptions have decreased each year since 2015 and were approximately \$56 billion in fiscal year 2019; this is a nine percent decrease from the year prior.



Redemptions by Firm Type

Combined, supermarkets and super stores redeem over 82 percent of all SNAP benefits while making up 15.39 percent of the total number of authorized firms.

| Firm Types | Total Firms Authorized | Percent of Total | Redemption Amount | Percent of Total |
|---|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Bakery Specialty | 2,690 | 1.09% | \$103,153,404 | 0.19% |
| Combination Grocery/Other | 58,947 | 23.80% | \$3,242,603,043 | 5.83% |
| Convenience Store | 111,816 | 45.15% | \$3,061,250,181 | 5.50% |
| Delivery Route | 648 | 0.26% | \$49,654,309 | 0.09% |
| Direct Marketing Farmer | 1,377 | 0.56% | \$8,583,362 | 0.02% |
| Farmers Market | 2,309 | 0.93% | \$14,302,910 | 0.03% |
| Fruits/Veg Specialty | 774 | 0.31% | \$36,714,169 | 0.07% |
| Large Grocery Store | 3,701 | 1.49% | \$994,368,790 | 1.79% |
| Meat/Poultry Specialty | 2,343 | 0.95% | \$245,116,113 | 0.44% |
| Medium Grocery Store | 8,938 | 3.61% | \$1,050,133,158 | 1.89% |
| Military Commissary | 186 | 0.08% | \$40,286,189 | 0.07% |
| Non-profit Food Buying Co-op | 163 | 0.07% | \$8,044,838 | 0.01% |
| Seafood Specialty | 1,164 | 0.47% | \$151,460,363 | 0.27% |
| Small Grocery Store | 9,605 | 3.88% | \$523,940,756 | 0.94% |
| Super Store | 19,815 | 8.00% | \$29,693,935,272 | 53.40% |
| Supermarket | 18,292 | 7.39% | \$16,172,354,053 | 29.08% |
| Total | 242,768 | 98.03% | \$55,395,900,909 | 99.61% |
| Communal Dining Facility | 212 | 0.09% | \$1,981,752 | 0.00% |
| Drug and/or Alcohol Treatment Program | 905 | 0.37% | \$43,248,336 | 0.08% |
| Group Living Arrangement | 551 | 0.22% | \$78,578,679 | 0.14% |
| Homeless Meal Provider | 165 | 0.07% | \$4,717,741 | 0.01% |
| Meal Delivery Service | 183 | 0.07% | \$498,318 | 0.00% |
| Private Restaurant/Meal Delivery | 2,669 | 1.08% | \$76,309,358 | 0.14% |
| Senior Citizens Center/Residential Building | 165 | 0.07% | \$8,914,103 | 0.02% |
| Shelter for Battered Women and Children | 18 | 0.01% | \$1,151,529 | 0.00% |
| Total | 4,868 | 1.97% | \$215,399,815 | 0.39% |
| Total | 247,636 | 100% | \$55,611,300,724 | 100% |

Redemptions by Region and State

California, Florida, Texas, and New York continue to have the highest number of firms and redemptions.

| Region | State | Authorized Firms | Redemption Amount | Percent of Total Firms | Percent of Total Redemptions |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Northeast | Connecticut | 2,428 | \$586,247,715 | 0.98% | 1.05% |
| | Maine | 1,435 | \$200,728,110 | 0.58% | 0.36% |
| | Massachusetts | 5,298 | \$1,129,448,483 | 2.14% | 2.03% |
| | New Hampshire | 1,038 | \$125,658,762 | 0.42% | 0.23% |
| | New York | 17,330 | \$4,258,151,970 | 7.00% | 7.66% |
| | Rhode Island | 904 | \$221,110,113 | 0.37% | 0.40% |
| | Vermont | 672 | \$64,703,950 | 0.27% | 0.12% |
| | Region Totals | 29,105 | \$6,586,049,103 | 11.75% | 11.84% |
| Mid-Atlantic | Delaware | 773 | \$183,729,302 | 0.31% | 0.33% |
| | District of Columbia | 430 | \$98,393,504 | 0.17% | 0.18% |
| | Maryland | 3,581 | \$933,803,020 | 1.45% | 1.68% |
| | New Jersey | 5,819 | \$1,013,199,192 | 2.35% | 1.82% |
| | Pennsylvania | 9,998 | \$2,482,535,228 | 4.04% | 4.46% |
| | Virgin Islands | 99 | \$45,341,348 | 0.04% | 0.08% |
| | Virginia | 6,221 | \$1,033,907,958 | 2.51% | 1.86% |
| | West Virginia | 2,101 | \$378,248,927 | 0.85% | 0.68% |
| Region Totals | 29,022 | \$6,169,158,480 | 11.72% | 11.09% | |
| Southeast | Alabama | 4,630 | \$1,030,650,887 | 1.87% | 1.85% |
| | Florida | 14,929 | \$4,073,863,167 | 6.03% | 7.33% |
| | Georgia | 9,289 | \$2,126,882,664 | 3.75% | 3.82% |
| | Kentucky | 4,382 | \$766,574,562 | 1.77% | 1.38% |
| | Mississippi | 3,115 | \$638,472,640 | 1.26% | 1.15% |
| | North Carolina | 8,913 | \$1,894,041,966 | 3.60% | 3.41% |
| | South Carolina | 4,901 | \$876,792,807 | 1.98% | 1.58% |
| | Tennessee | 6,332 | \$1,278,403,928 | 2.56% | 2.30% |
| Region Totals | 56,491 | \$12,685,682,622 | 22.81% | 22.81% | |
| Southwest | Arkansas | 2,568 | \$474,952,350 | 1.04% | 0.85% |
| | Louisiana | 4,302 | \$1,212,031,134 | 1.74% | 2.18% |
| | New Mexico | 1,554 | \$609,543,495 | 0.63% | 1.10% |
| | Oklahoma | 3,444 | \$798,037,490 | 1.39% | 1.44% |
| | Texas | 19,572 | \$4,831,534,354 | 7.90% | 8.69% |
| Region Totals | 31,440 | \$7,926,098,823 | 12.70% | 14.25% | |

Redemptions by Region and State (continued)

| Region | State | Authorized Firms | Redemption Amount | Percent of Total Firms | Percent of Total Redemptions |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Midwest | Illinois | 9,077 | \$2,591,888,483 | 3.67% | 4.66% |
| | Indiana | 5,106 | \$856,461,529 | 2.06% | 1.54% |
| | Michigan | 9,449 | \$1,700,113,050 | 3.82% | 3.06% |
| | Minnesota | 3,421 | \$480,532,056 | 1.38% | 0.86% |
| | Ohio | 9,393 | \$2,004,923,690 | 3.79% | 3.61% |
| | Wisconsin | 4,090 | \$776,664,291 | 1.65% | 1.40% |
| | Region Totals | | 40,536 | \$8,410,583,099 | 16.37% |
| Mountain Plains | Colorado | 2,855 | \$641,629,202 | 1.15% | 1.15% |
| | Iowa | 2,838 | \$433,748,982 | 1.15% | 0.78% |
| | Kansas | 1,985 | \$273,063,979 | 0.80% | 0.49% |
| | Missouri | 4,779 | \$1,001,162,370 | 1.93% | 1.80% |
| | Montana | 785 | \$145,551,877 | 0.32% | 0.26% |
| | Nebraska | 1,298 | \$225,442,799 | 0.52% | 0.41% |
| | North Dakota | 540 | \$76,006,561 | 0.22% | 0.14% |
| | South Dakota | 749 | \$116,832,131 | 0.30% | 0.21% |
| | Utah | 1,442 | \$232,251,499 | 0.58% | 0.42% |
| | Wyoming | 361 | \$37,944,403 | 0.15% | 0.07% |
| | Region Totals | | 17,632 | \$3,183,633,804 | 7.12% |
| Western | Alaska | 509 | \$171,806,009 | 0.21% | 0.31% |
| | Arizona | 4,348 | \$1,144,931,536 | 1.76% | 2.06% |
| | California | 26,334 | \$5,979,831,518 | 10.63% | 10.75% |
| | Guam | 235 | \$100,823,811 | 0.09% | 0.18% |
| | Hawaii | 925 | \$443,739,041 | 0.37% | 0.80% |
| | Idaho | 1,060 | \$198,780,302 | 0.43% | 0.36% |
| | Nevada | 1,853 | \$598,203,966 | 0.75% | 1.08% |
| | Oregon | 3,347 | \$827,004,859 | 1.35% | 1.49% |
| | Washington | 4,799 | \$1,184,973,752 | 1.94% | 2.13% |
| | Region Totals | | 43,410 | \$10,650,094,794 | 17.53% |
| National Totals | | 247,636 | \$55,611,300,724 | 100% | 100% |

Sanctions by Firm Type

| Firm Type | Time-Limited Term Disqualification | Permanent Disqualification | Hardship Civil Money Penalty in Lieu of Time Limited Term Disqualification | Trafficking Civil Money Penalty in Lieu of Permanent Disqualification | Total |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|--------------|
| Bakery Specialty | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Combination Grocery/Other | 25 | 21 | 15 | 0 | 61 |
| Convenience Store | 505 | 779 | 86 | 3 | 1,373 |
| Delivery Route | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Fruits/Veg Specialty | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Large Grocery Store | 12 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 21 |
| Meat/Poultry Specialty | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Medium Grocery Store | 65 | 50 | 37 | 0 | 152 |
| Seafood Specialty | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Small Grocery Store | 161 | 262 | 60 | 0 | 483 |
| Supermarket | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Super Store | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Total | 772 | 1,134 | 206 | 3 | 2,115 |

Sanctions by State

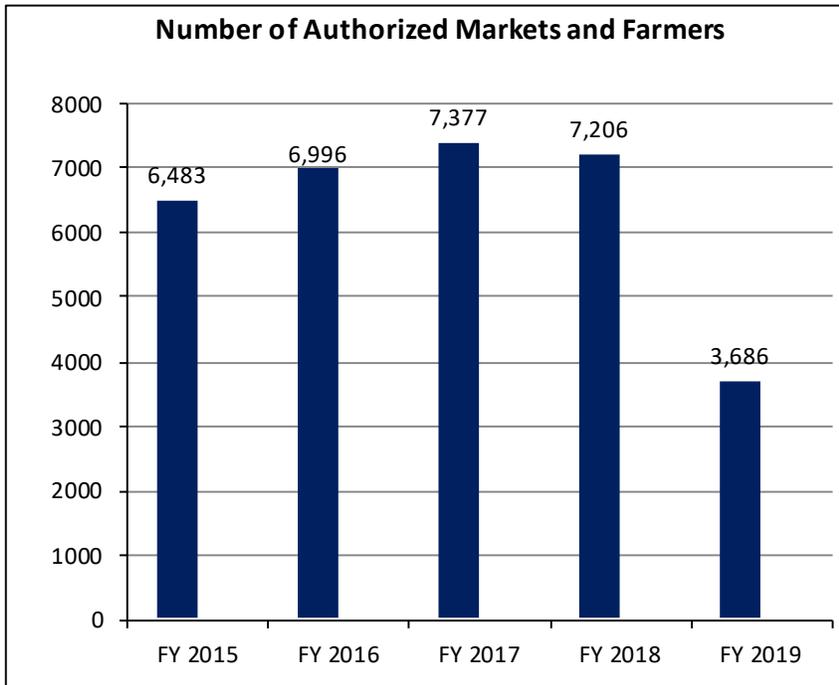
| State | Time-Limited Term Disqualification | Permanent Disqualification | Hardship CMP in Lieu of Term Disqualification | Trafficking CMP in Lieu of Permanent Disqualification | Total |
|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|-------|
| AK | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| AL | 2 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 20 |
| AR | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| AZ | 6 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| CA | 96 | 106 | 26 | 1 | 229 |
| CO | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 12 |
| CT | 18 | 35 | 2 | 0 | 55 |
| DC | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| DE | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| FL | 68 | 84 | 14 | 0 | 166 |
| GA | 14 | 47 | 7 | 0 | 68 |
| GU | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| HI | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| IA | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| ID | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| IL | 15 | 67 | 8 | 0 | 90 |
| IN | 10 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 25 |
| KS | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| KY | 5 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 19 |
| LA | 5 | 17 | 5 | 0 | 27 |
| MA | 19 | 28 | 5 | 0 | 52 |
| MD | 2 | 30 | 2 | 0 | 34 |
| ME | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| MI | 18 | 23 | 6 | 2 | 49 |
| MN | 1 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 11 |
| MO | 8 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 17 |
| MS | 3 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 13 |
| MT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NC | 22 | 28 | 14 | 0 | 64 |
| ND | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NE | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| NH | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| NJ | 32 | 54 | 2 | 0 | 88 |
| NM | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| NV | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| NY | 264 | 273 | 43 | 0 | 580 |
| OH | 5 | 19 | 5 | 0 | 29 |

Sanctions by State (continued)

| State | Time-Limited Term Disqualification | Permanent Disqualification | Hardship CMP in Lieu of Term Disqualification | Trafficking CMP in Lieu of Permanent Disqualification | Total |
|--------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|--------------|
| OK | 3 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 10 |
| OR | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| PA | 39 | 70 | 9 | 0 | 118 |
| RI | 6 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 17 |
| SC | 5 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 12 |
| SD | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TN | 2 | 13 | 5 | 0 | 20 |
| TX | 64 | 71 | 15 | 0 | 150 |
| UT | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| VA | 6 | 16 | 3 | 0 | 25 |
| VI | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| VT | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| WA | 6 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 22 |
| WI | 10 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 21 |
| WV | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| WY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 772 | 1,134 | 206 | 3 | 2,115 |

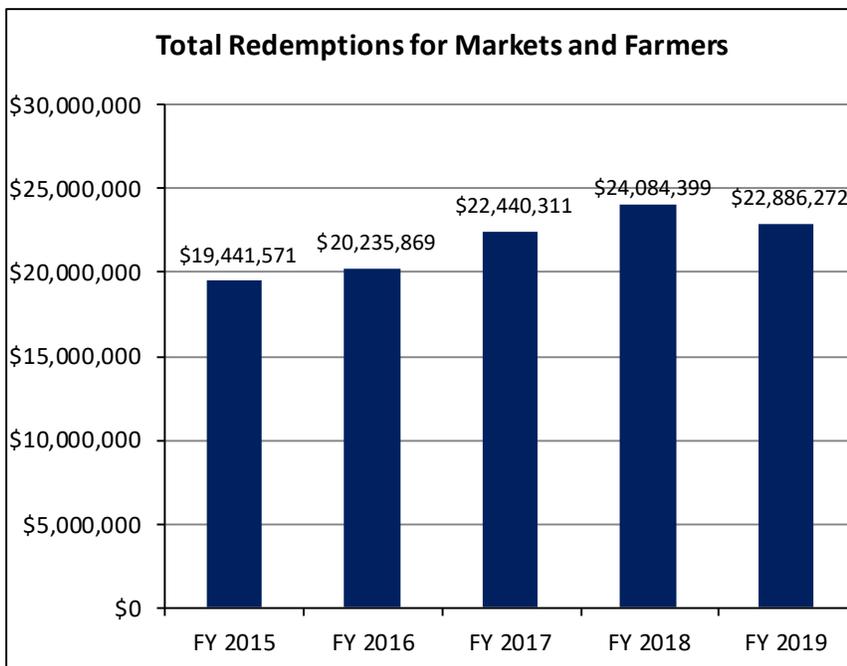
Farmers Markets and Direct Marketing Farmers

- Since 2015, the number of authorized farmers markets and direct marketing farmers decreased by 43 percent; however, their redemptions increased by 18% in the same period (non-redeeming markets/farmers were removed in FY 2019).
- Over 50 percent of all authorized markets and farmers are found in eleven States: California 423, Massachusetts 313, New York 223, Michigan 201, Washington 136, Iowa 114, Ohio 109, Oregon 106, Virginia 98, Pennsylvania 97, and North Carolina 95.



Key Facts

- Since 2015, farmers market and direct marketing farmer redemptions have increased by 18 percent.
- In fiscal year 2019, SNAP households made 1,338,168 purchases at farmers markets and direct marketing farmers nationwide. The average purchase amount was \$18.14.
- More SNAP benefits were redeemed at farmers markets and direct marketing farmers in fiscal year 2019 during August than any other month of the year.
- 342,843 SNAP households made at least one purchase at a farmers market or direct marketing farmer in fiscal year 2019.
- 48 percent of the 342,843 households that shopped at a farmers market or direct marketing farmer made one purchase; another 17 percent made two purchases; and 34 percent made three or more purchases within the year.



Operational Retailer Management Activity

Authorizations:

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Initial Authorization | 17,753 |
| Reinstatement | 2,077 |
| Total Authorizations | 19,830 |

Reauthorizations:

37,664

Applicants Denied:

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Did Not Meet SNAP Eligibility Criteria | 2,828 |
| Business Integrity Issue | 85 |
| Failed to Pay Assessed Monetary Penalty | 10 |
| Failed to Cooperate with Information Request | 1 |
| Denied for Other Reasons | 5 |
| Total Denials | 2,929 |

Participating Firms Withdrawn :

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Voluntarily Withdrew | 10,503 |
| No SNAP Transaction Activity | 8,146 |
| Did Not Respond to Reauthorization | 4,418 |
| Did Not Meet SNAP Eligibility Criteria | 2,245 |
| Failed to Cooperate with Information Request | 46 |
| Business Integrity Issue | 57 |
| Failed to Pay Assessed Monetary Penalty | 1 |
| Withdrawn for Other Reasons | 48 |
| Total Withdrawals | 25,464 |

Total Actions

85,887

Compliance Activity

In fiscal year 2019, FNS reviewed 25,493 firms identified as potentially violating and conducted over 8,742 investigations of authorized retail firms to determine compliance with program regulations.

FNS may sanction or warn retailers found violating Program rules. Sanctions include permanent or time-limited term disqualifications and civil money penalties. Retailers who commit minor violations are issued official warning letters. Retailers who are disqualified permanently and later sell their stores are also subject to a transfer of ownership civil money penalty.

| Sanctions | Total |
|--|--------------|
| Permanent Disqualifications | 1,134 |
| Time-Limited Term Disqualification | 772 |
| Trafficking Civil Money Penalty (CMP) | 3 |
| Hardship CMP | 206 |
| Total Sanction Actions | 2,115 |
| Other Compliance Actions | Total |
| Transfer of Ownership CMP | 231 |
| Official Warning | 866 |
| Involuntary Withdrawal (for other than non-redemption) | 580 |
| Permanent Involuntary Withdrawal | 28 |
| Unauthorized Acceptance Fine | 3 |
| Total Compliance Actions | 1,708 |
| Total Sanctions + Compliance Actions | 3,823 |

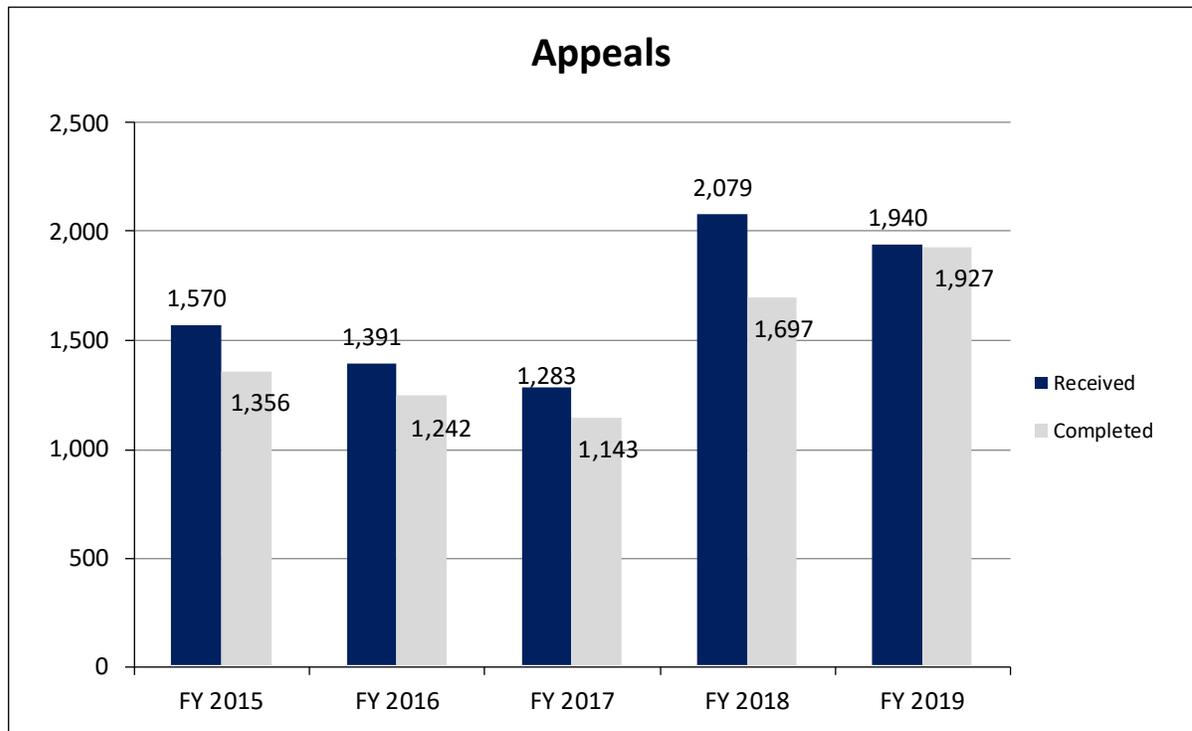
Administrative Review

FNS performs the final administrative review of retailers aggrieved of an FNS action to deny, withdraw or disqualify their firm. There was a slight decrease in the number of administrative review requests from 2,079 in fiscal year 2018 to 1,940 in fiscal year 2019. Over 88 percent of cases were upheld in fiscal year 2019.

Case Decisions

| Case Decision | Total | Percent |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Sustained | 1,710 | 88.74% |
| Reversed | 19 | .99% |
| Moot* | 193 | 10.02% |
| Modified | 5 | 0.26% |
| Total | 1,927 | 100% |

*Request was withdrawn or sufficient basis for the review was not provided.



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