

**Data Notes**  
**Consolidated State Performance Report**

**State: TN**  
**School Year: 2015-16**  
**Part: 2**

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<b>Question Number</b>	<b>Issue Description</b>
2.11	Tennessee changed their methodology for identifying low income students between SY2014-15 and SY2015-16. In SY2015-16, the state introduced a new poverty measure, the percentage of economically disadvantaged students. This measure includes students who directly certify for participation in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) via participation in federal/state income and nutrition programs (e.g., TANF, SNAP) and those categorically eligible for participation in NSLP (homeless, migrant, runaway and foster care students). This new measure resulted a smaller low income subgroup compared to prior years.