

TANF Time-Limits

The exhibits in this section summarize the TANF caseload trends compared to long-term cases that have been on TANF since August 1997 for SFY 2001.

In the following exhibits, we include both federally-funded TANF and state-funded SFA cases, unless otherwise noted.

Highlights:

- ~~///~~ **Washington's Long-Term TANF average monthly caseload declined to 4,606 in SFY 2001**, from a monthly average of 9,818 in SFY 2000. As of June 2001, the long-term caseload was lower still, at 3,272 cases.
- ~~///~~ **In June 2001, 8.5% of Long-Term TANF cases with adults were in sanction status. Of the 277 Long-Term TANF cases sanctioned, 43.7% were sanctioned for four or more months.**
- ~~///~~ **In June 2001, most Long-Term TANF adult clients were female (87.5%), white (57.7%), and never married (40.7%). The median age for an adult was 37.3 years.**

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Selected Long-Term TANF Caseload Program Characteristics SFY 2000 and SFY 2001

Source: Cases, Persons, and Expenditures Report (November 2001 Load)

	SFY00 (July 99 – June00)	SFY01 (July 00 – June 01)
Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range)	9,818 (6,760 – 13,821)	4,606 (3,272 – 6,283)
Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)	38,326 (26,742 – 53,425)	18,226 (12,981 – 24,857)
Average Number of Adults Per Month (Range)	12,664 (8,566 – 18,048)	5,747 (4,021 – 7,961)
Average Number of Children Per Month (Range)	25,732 (18,176 – 35,377)	12,480 (8,960 – 16,896)
Recipients as a Percent of State's Total Population	0.6%	0.3%
State Population¹	5,894,121	5,974,900
Children as a Percent of Recipients	67.0%	68.5%
Average Persons Per Case	3.9	4.0
Average Children Per Case	2.6	2.7
Average Children Per Adult	2.0	2.2
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)²	N/A	N/A

¹ OFM 2001 Population Trends for Washington State

² Payments are not adjusted for refunds.

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TANF Adults By Months on Assistance Since August 1997 As of July 2001

Source: MRDA Tracking Using the CARD Database (November 2001 Load)

Months	Adults	Percent	Months	Adults	Percent
1	2,324	5.3%	25	668	1.5%
2	2,129	4.9%	26	583	1.3%
3	1,864	4.3%	27	589	1.4%
4	1,683	3.9%	28	559	1.3%
5	1,510	3.5%	29	558	1.3%
6	1,409	3.2%	30	552	1.3%
7	1,359	3.1%	31	555	1.3%
8	1,270	2.9%	32	560	1.3%
9	1,214	2.8%	33	567	1.3%
10	1,128	2.6%	34	518	1.2%
11	1,105	2.5%	35	529	1.2%
12	1,147	2.6%	36	544	1.3%
13	997	2.3%	37	481	1.1%
14	944	2.2%	38	451	1.0%
15	864	2.0%	39	493	1.1%
16	832	1.9%	40	449	1.0%
17	841	1.9%	41	495	1.1%
18	794	1.8%	42	474	1.1%
19	750	1.7%	43	479	1.1%
20	778	1.8%	44	481	1.1%
21	700	1.6%	45	564	1.3%
22	681	1.6%	46	590	1.4%
23	693	1.6%	47	764	1.8%
24	712	1.6%	48	3,214	7.4%

Note: Adults include teen parents. The reports the number of months adults have been on assistance since August 1997.

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Long-Term TANF Caseload By Region and CSO, June 2001

Source: MRDA Tracking Using the CARD Database (October 2001 Load)

	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Region 1		
Clarkston	15	0.5%
Colfax	7	0.2%
Davenport	7	0.2%
Moses Lake	45	1.4%
Newport	15	0.5%
Okanogan	31	0.9%
Othello	2	0.1%
Pomeroy	1	0.0%
Republic	15	0.5%
Spokane Central	0	0.0%
Spokane North	174	5.3%
Spokane Southwest	59	1.8%
Spokane Valley	103	3.1%
Tri County - Colville	45	1.4%
Wenatchee - Chelan	20	0.6%
Wenatchee - Douglas	9	0.3%
Region 1 Total	548	16.7%
Region 2		
Ellensburg	5	0.2%
Grandview	12	0.4%
Kennewick	59	1.8%
Pasco	26	0.8%
Sunnyside	42	1.3%
Toppenish	35	1.1%
Walla Walla	18	0.6%
Walla Walla - Columbia	1	0.0%
Wapato	23	0.7%
Yakima	62	1.9%
Yakima – Kittitas	52	1.6%
Region 2 Total	335	10.2%
Region 3		
Alderwood	34	1.0%
Bellingham	39	1.2%
Everett	97	3.0%
Friday Harbor	1	0.0%
Mt. Vernon	24	0.7%
Oak Harbor	8	0.2%
Skykomish Valley	8	0.2%
Smokey Point	25	0.8%
Region 3 Total	236	7.2%

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Long-Term TANF Caseload By Region and CSO, June 2001

Source: MRDA Tracking Using the CARD Database (October 2001 Load)

	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Region 4		
Auburn	59	1.8%
Belltown	23	0.7%
Burien	156	4.8%
Capitol Hill	41	1.3%
Federal Way	75	2.3%
King Eastside	37	1.1%
King North/Ballard	41	1.3%
King South	118	3.6%
Lake City	31	0.9%
Rainier	164	5.0%
Renton	75	2.3%
West Seattle	100	3.1%
Region 4 Total	920	28.1%
Region 5		
Bremerton	89	2.7%
Pierce North	132	4.0%
Pierce South	223	6.8%
Pierce West	181	5.5%
Puyallup	58	1.8%
Region 5 Total	683	20.9%
Region 6		
Aberdeen	48	1.5%
Chehalis	42	1.3%
Forks	14	0.4%
Goldendale	11	0.3%
Kelso	110	3.4%
Long Beach	6	0.2%
Olympia	87	2.7%
Orchards	81	2.5%
Port Angeles	22	0.7%
Port Townsend	11	0.3%
Shelton	39	1.2%
South Bend	8	0.2%
Stevenson	1	0.0%
Vancouver	69	2.1%
White Salmon	1	0.0%
Region 6 Total	550	16.8%
State Total	3,272	100.0%

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Long-Term TANF Caseload By County, June 2001

Source: MRDA tracking System using the CARD database (October 2001 Load)

	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Adams	2	0.1%
Asotin	15	0.5%
Benton	59	1.8%
Chelan	20	0.6%
Clallam	36	1.1%
Clark	150	4.6%
Columbia	1	0.0%
Cowlitz	110	3.4%
Douglas	9	0.3%
Ferry	15	0.5%
Franklin	26	0.8%
Garfield	1	0.0%
Grant	45	1.4%
Grays Harbor	48	1.5%
Island	8	0.2%
Jefferson	11	0.3%
King	920	28.1%
Kitsap	89	2.7%
Kittitas	5	0.2%
Klickitat	12	0.4%
Lewis	42	1.3%
Lincoln	7	0.2%
Mason	39	1.2%
Okanogan	31	0.9%
Pacific	14	0.4%
Pend Oreille	15	0.5%
Pierce	594	18.2%
San Juan	1	0.0%
Skagit	24	0.7%
Skamania	1	0.0%
Snohomish	164	5.0%
Spokane	336	10.3%
Stevens	45	1.4%
Thurston	87	2.7%
Wahkiakum	0	0.0%
Walla Walla	18	0.6%
Whatcom	39	1.2%
Whitman	7	0.2%
Yakima	226	6.9%
State Total	3,272	100.0%

Note: Cases are assigned to counties based on the location of the Community Service Office (CSO) where they are served. Some service areas overlap county boundaries, so counts here may not reflect counts based on county of residence.

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Long Term TANF Adults in WorkFirst Sanction Status, SFY 2001

Source: MRDA Tracking Using the CARD Database (November 2001 Load)

	Long-Term TANF Cases With Adults	Long-Term TANF Cases Sanctioned	Percent of Long-Term TANF Cases Sanctioned
Jul-00	6,283	379	6.0%
Aug-00	5,926	356	6.0%
Sep-00	5,531	360	6.5%
Oct-00	5,179	315	6.1%
Nov-00	4,871	336	6.9%
Dec-00	4,594	310	6.7%
Jan-01	4,339	297	6.8%
Feb-01	4,118	280	6.8%
Mar-01	3,924	256	6.5%
Apr-01	3,722	259	7.0%
May-01	3,513	279	7.9%
Jun-01	3,272	277	8.5%

Note: Long-Term Adults are defined as those who have been on assistance since August 1997. Adults include teen parents.

Long Term TANF Adults in WorkFirst Sanction Status By Consecutive Months in Sanctioned Status, SFY 2001

Source: MRDA Tracking Using the CARD Database (November 2001 Load)

	Cases Sanctioned	First Month		Second – Third Month		Fourth Month or Later	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Jul-00	379	84	22.2%	114	30.1%	181	47.8%
Aug-00	356	78	21.9%	106	29.8%	172	48.3%
Sep-00	360	95	26.4%	95	26.4%	170	47.2%
Oct-00	315	66	21.0%	94	29.8%	155	49.2%
Nov-00	336	109	32.4%	85	25.3%	142	42.3%
Dec-00	310	74	23.9%	102	32.9%	134	43.2%
Jan-01	297	70	23.6%	94	31.6%	133	44.8%
Feb-01	280	67	23.9%	86	30.7%	127	45.4%
Mar-01	256	46	18.0%	79	30.9%	131	51.2%
Apr-01	259	67	25.9%	59	22.8%	133	51.4%
May-01	279	82	29.4%	68	24.4%	129	46.2%
Jun-01	277	72	26.0%	84	30.3%	121	43.7%

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Families With Long Term TANF Clients Served By Other DSHS Divisions During SFY 2000

Source: RDA

DSHS Divisions Serving TANF Families	Number	Percent
Economic Services	3,342	100.0%
Mental Health Division (MHD)	491	14.7%
Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA)	324	9.7%
Children's Administration (CA)	844	25.3%
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)	171	5.1%
MHD and DASA	73	2.2%
MHD and CA	180	5.4%
CA and DASA	159	4.9%
CA and DASA and MHD	45.	1.3%

Note: SFY 2000 is the latest data available. This data came from a ad-hoc request, 12/18/01 cross match of TANF Reporting File with Client Service Database.

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WorkFirst Participation Requirements: Comparing All TANF Adults to Long-Term TANF Adults as of June 2001

Source: MRDA Tracking Using the CARD Database (November 2001 Load)

WorkFirst Component	All TANF Adults		Long-Term TANF Adults	
	(N=43,781)	Percent	(N=3,465)	Percent
Employed ¹	12,998	29.7%	1,114	32.2%
LEP Pathway	332	0.8%	18	0.5%
ESL	747	1.7%	64	1.8%
Job Search ²	9,068	20.7%	411	11.9%
Preparing for Work ³	4,087	9.3%	387	11.2%
XB Pursuing Other Benefits	1,005	2.3%	260	7.5%
XC No Care Available	813	1.9%	53	1.5%
XM Treatment/Temp. Incap.	2,584	5.9%	237	6.8%
XF Family Violence	211	0.5%	8	0.2%
XD DVR/DDD Plan	30	0.1%	7	0.2%
XH Homelessness	347	0.8%	12	0.3%
XN Special Needs Child	125	0.3%	16	0.5%
XP Parenting / Fam. Plan.	1,431	3.3%	31	0.9%
XR Elderley Caretaker	23	0.1%	7	0.2%
Referral ⁴	1,964	4.5%	142	4.1%
No Activity - Child Care / Sanction	885	2.0%	57	1.6%
Other Component Codes	13	0.0%	0	0.0%
No Component Code Found	7,118	16.3%	641	18.5%

Note: WorkFirst activities are based on a hierarchy of components the client was involved with between June 2001 and August 2001. The WorkFirst activities are sorted in ascending order with the highest priority listed first.

¹ Employment is defined as any client with earned income of more than \$5.00 during the month of June 2001 and/or a client with an open job component code including Full-Time (FT), Part-Time (PT), (LE), (PS).

² Job Search includes the following component codes ('JI', 'JS', 'JW')

³ Preparing for Work includes the following component codes

('AA', 'BA', 'BE', 'CJ', 'ET', 'GE', 'HS', 'JT', 'OT', 'PE', 'VE', 'WE', 'XS', 'RS', 'CA', 'HW', 'SD', 'SE', 'ST')

⁴ Referral codes include the following component codes

('CR', 'RB', 'RI', 'RO', 'RT', 'SR', 'PR', 'RC', 'RE', 'RL', 'RN', 'RA', 'RP', 'RX', 'RF', 'WR', 'ER')

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Demographics: Comparing All TANF Adults to Long Term TANF Adults June 2001

Source: MRDA Tracking Using the CARD Database (November 2001 Load)

Characteristic	All TANF Adults		Long-Term TANF Adults	
	(N=43,795)	Percent	(N=3,465)	Percent
Gender				
Female	34,924	79.7%	3,032	87.5%
Male	8,871	20.3%	433	12.5%
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Race				
White	28,355	64.7%	2,000	57.7%
Hispanic	4,025	9.2%	223	6.4%
Black	5,355	12.2%	569	16.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,698	3.9%	349	10.1%
Native American	2,247	5.1%	158	4.6%
Unknown	2,115	4.8%	166	4.8%
Marital Status				
Separated	6,328	14.4%	463	13.4%
Married	11,180	25.5%	866	25.0%
Never Married	19,365	44.2%	1,411	40.7%
Divorced	6,316	14.4%	639	18.4%
Widow	323	0.7%	71	2.0%
Unknown	283	0.6%	15	0.4%
Citizenship				
U.S. Citizen	38,087	87.0%	2,805	81.0%
Resident Alien	5,614	12.8%	650	18.8%
U.S. National	70	0.2%	9	0.3%
U.S. Born Child of Refugee	10	0.0%	1	0.0%
Undocumented Alien	14	0.0%	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Age				
< 17 Years Old	70	0.2%	0	0.0%
17 – 18 Years Old	1,459	3.3%	0	0.0%
19 – 20 Years Old	3,863	8.8%	3	0.1%
21 – 30 Years Old	18,000	41.1%	911	26.3%
31 – 40 Years Old	13,440	30.7%	1,314	37.9%
41 – 50 Years Old	3,933	9.0%	584	16.9%
51 – 55 Years Old	720	1.6%	153	4.4%
56 + Years Old	399	0.9%	113	3.3%
Unknown	1,911	4.4%	387	11.2%
Mean Age of Adults	31.3 Years Old		37.8 Years Old	
Median Age of Adults	30.1 Years Old		37.3 Years Old	

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Characteristic	All TANF Adults (N=43,795)		Long-Term TANF Adults (N=3,465)	
		Percent		Percent
Limited in Life Activity ¹	3,289	7.5%	511	14.7%
Limited in Work ¹	3,204	7.3%	503	14.5%
Limited in English ²	4,923	11.2%	711	20.5%
DSHS Region				
Region 1	7,890	18.0%	580	16.7%
Region 2	5,109	11.7%	343	9.9%
Region 3	4,646	10.6%	259	7.5%
Region 4	9,380	21.4%	997	28.8%
Region 5	7,606	17.4%	707	20.4%
Region 6	9,141	20.9%	579	16.7%
CSO Type				
Urban	31,590	72.1%	2,660	76.8%
Rural	12,205	27.9%	805	23.2%

¹ Caseworkers ask whether a client is limited in a life activity (e.g., dressing or bathing) or limited in their ability to work. The questions are used to identify disabled clients.

² A client is included in Limited in English if the Head of Household for the Assistance Unit has indicated he/she wants to receive materials in a language other than English.