

TANF Time-Limit Extensions

The exhibits in this section summarize TANF cases that have been extended beyond the 60 month time limit. Federal law allows states to extend TANF benefits beyond the 60-month time limit for up to 20 percent of the caseload based on hardship or family violence. States can also show reasonable cause to exceed the 20 percent cap based on the number of families experiencing family violence. The first month cases were extended in Washington State was in August of 2002.

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

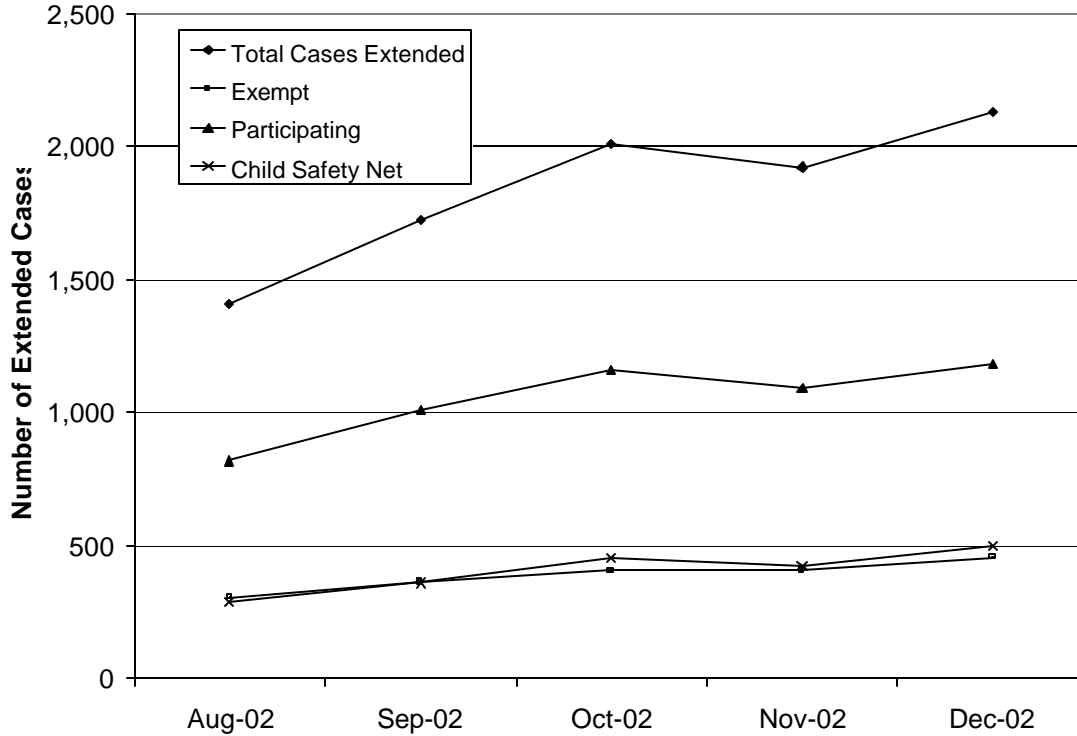
Highlights:

- **In December 2002, a total of 2,127 TANF cases were extended beyond their 60-month time limit; 454 (21.3%) of the cases were extended due to exemption, 1,178 (55.4%) were participating, and 495 (23.3%) received the Child SafetyNet Payment.**
- **As of December 2002, 19.5% of the annual cap on allowable extensions were extended.**
- **In December 2002, most head of household members of cases that were extended beyond the 60-month time limit were female (91.2%), white (53.2%), and not married (81.1%). The median age for a head of household member was 37.0 years.**

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TANF Cases Extended Beyond 60 Month Time-Limit, By Extension Categories, August 2002 – December 2002

Source: ESA-MRDA



	Number of Cases	Exempt ¹		Participating ²		Child Safety Net ³	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Aug-02	1,406	303	21.6%	816	58.0%	287	20.4%
Sep-02	1,724	361	20.9%	1,006	58.4%	357	20.7%
Oct-02	2,011	404	20.1%	1,157	57.5%	450	22.4%
Nov-02	1,921	407	21.2%	1,092	56.8%	422	22.0%
Dec-02	2,127	454	21.3%	1,178	55.4%	495	23.3%

Notes:

¹ Exempt cases are those who cannot or should not work.

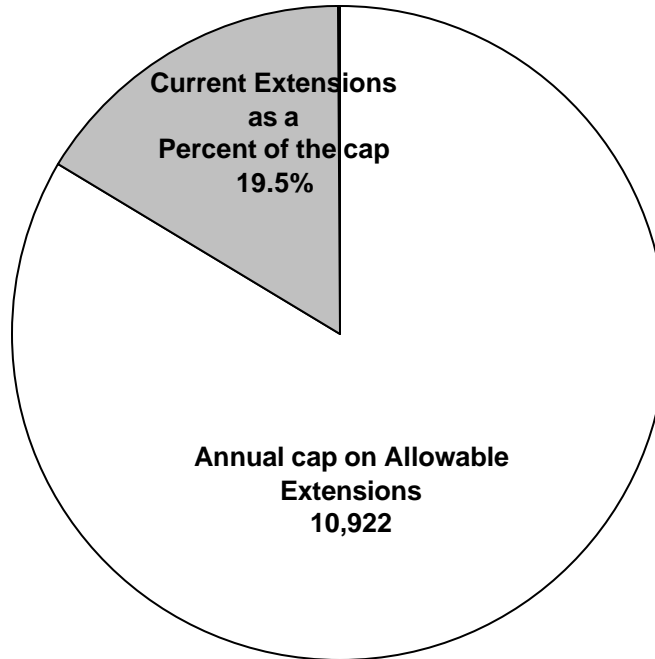
² Participating cases are those who are playing by the rules but are unable to exit TANF

³ Child SafetyNet cases are those where the parent refuses to participate in WorkFirst after 60 months on TANF. Parents receive no cash benefits. Payments are issued to a third party contractor to pay rent, utilities, and items for the children in the home such as clothes, diapers, and school supplies.

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TANF Cases Extended As A Percent of Allowable Extensions, December 2002

Source: ESA-MRDA



Notes:

The cap Definition: 20% of the average monthly TANF caseload in FFY 2002 as of November 15, 2002 (54,609). The average monthly TANF caseload includes child-only cases. It is calculated by dividing 2,127 (the number of extended cases in December 2002) into 10,922 (20% of 54,609).

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TANF Cases Extended By Region and CSO, December 2002

Source: ESA-MRDA

	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Region 1		
Clarkston	2	0.1%
Colfax	2	0.1%
Davenport	5	0.2%
Moses Lake	24	1.1%
Newport	5	0.2%
Okanogan	10	0.5%
Othello	2	0.1%
Pomeroy	0	0.0%
Republic	7	0.3%
Spokane Central	0	0.0%
Spokane North	88	4.1%
Spokane Southwest	27	1.3%
Spokane Valley	55	2.6%
Tri County - Colville	21	1.0%
Wenatchee - Chelan	13	0.6%
Wenatchee - Douglas	9	0.4%
Region 1 Total	270	12.7%
Region 2		
Ellensburg	2	0.1%
Grandview	0	0.0%
Kennewick	37	1.7%
Pasco	19	0.9%
Sunnyside	43	2.0%
Toppenish-Wapato	20	0.9%
Walla Walla	18	0.8%
Walla Walla - Columbia	0	0.0%
Yakima	85	4.0%
Yakima – Kittitas	0	0.0%
Region 2 Total	224	10.5%
Region 3		
Alderwood	23	1.1%
Bellingham	30	1.4%
Everett	73	3.4%
Friday Harbor	2	0.1%
Mt. Vernon	21	1.0%
Oak Harbor	4	0.2%
Skykomish Valley	5	0.2%
Smokey Point	14	0.7%
Region 3 Total	172	8.1%

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	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Region 4		
Auburn	44	2.1%
Belltown	24	1.1%
Burien	136	6.4%
Capitol Hill	59	2.8%
Federal Way	54	2.5%
King Eastside	24	1.1%
King North/Ballard	54	2.5%
King South	85	4.0%
Rainier	102	4.8%
Renton	51	2.4%
West Seattle	63	3.0%
Region 4 Total	696	32.7%
Region 5		
Bremerton	45	2.1%
NW WorkFirst	239	11.2%
Pierce South	144	6.8%
Puyallup	31	1.5%
Region 5 Total	459	21.6%
Region 6		
Aberdeen	36	1.7%
Chehalis	18	0.8%
Columbia River	86	4.0%
Forks	3	0.1%
Goldendale	7	0.3%
Kelso	54	2.5%
Long Beach	4	0.2%
Olympia	52	2.4%
Port Angeles	13	0.6%
Port Townsend	2	0.1%
Shelton	27	1.3%
South Bend	3	0.1%
Stevenson	0	0.0%
Vancouver	0	0.0%
White Salmon	1	0.0%
Region 6 Total	306	14.4%
State Total	2,127	100.0%

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TANF Cases Extended By County, December 2002

Source: ESA-MRDA

	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Adams	2	0.1%
Asotin	2	0.1%
Benton	37	1.7%
Chelan	13	0.6%
Clallam	16	0.8%
Clark	86	4.0%
Columbia	0	0.0%
Cowlitz	54	2.5%
Douglas	9	0.4%
Ferry	7	0.3%
Franklin	19	0.9%
Garfield	0	0.0%
Grant	24	1.1%
Grays Harbor	36	1.7%
Island	4	0.2%
Jefferson	2	0.1%
King	696	32.7%
Kitsap	45	2.1%
Kittitas	2	0.1%
Klickitat	8	0.4%
Lewis	18	0.8%
Lincoln	5	0.2%
Mason	27	1.3%
Okanogan	10	0.5%
Pacific	7	0.3%
Pend Oreille	5	0.2%
Pierce	414	19.5%
San Juan	2	0.1%
Skagit	21	1.0%
Skamania	0	0.0%
Snohomish	115	5.4%
Spokane	170	8.0%
Stevens	21	1.0%
Thurston	52	2.4%
Wahkiakum	0	0.0%
Walla Walla	18	0.8%
Whatcom	30	1.4%
Whitman	2	0.1%
Yakima	148	7.0%
State Total	2,127	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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Demographics: Comparing All TANF Head of Household Members to Head of Household Members on TANF Cases That Have Been Extended

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Source: ESA-MRDA

Characteristic	All TANF Head of Household Members		Head of Household Members on Extended TANF Cases	
	(N=34,620)	Percent	(N=2,127)	Percent
Gender				
Female	31,018	89.6%	1,940	91.2%
Male	3,602	10.4%	187	8.8%
Unknown			0	0.0%
Race				
White	21,903	63.3%	1,131	53.2%
Hispanic	3,277	9.5%	185	8.7%
Black	4,742	13.7%	484	22.8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,325	3.8%	173	8.1%
Native American	1,671	4.8%	52	2.4%
Unknown	1,702	4.9%	102	4.8%
Marital Status				
Separated	5,651	16.3%	316	14.9%
Married	6,099	17.6%	401	18.9%
Never Married	16,997	49.1%	955	44.9%
Divorced	5,381	15.5%	399	18.8%
Widow	276	0.8%	47	2.2%
Unknown	216	0.6%	9	0.4%
Citizenship				
U.S. Citizen	30,957	89.4%	1,819	85.5%
Resident Alien	3,572	10.3%	298	14.0%
U.S. National	65	0.2%	8	0.4%
U.S. Born Child of Refugee	8	0.0%	0	0.0%
Undocumented Alien	18	0.1%	2	0.1%
Age				
< 17 Years Old	39	0.1%	0	0.0%
17 – 18 Years Old	1,184	3.4%	0	0.0%
19 – 20 Years Old	3,308	9.6%	0	0.0%
21 – 30 Years Old	14,792	42.7%	559	26.3%
31 – 40 Years Old	10,110	29.2%	848	39.9%
41 – 50 Years Old	2,982	8.6%	575	27.0%
51 – 55 Years Old	531	1.5%	94	4.4%
56 + Years Old	268	0.8%	51	2.4%
Unknown	1,406	4.1%	0	0.0%
Mean Age of Head of Household	30.8 Years Old		37.1 Years Old	
Median Age of Head of Household	29.3 Years Old		37.0 Years Old	

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Characteristic	All TANF Head of Household Members (N=34,620)		Head of Household Members on Extended TANF Cases (N=2,127)	
		Percent		Percent
Limited in English ¹	3,118	9.0%	333	15.7%
DSHS Region				
Region 1	5,485	15.8%	270	12.7%
Region 2	3,892	11.2%	224	10.5%
Region 3	3,870	11.2%	172	8.1%
Region 4	8,237	23.8%	696	32.7%
Region 5	6,405	18.5%	459	21.6%
Region 6	6,731	19.4%	306	14.4%
CSO Type				
Urban	26,154	75.5%	1,762	82.8%
Rural	8,466	24.5%	365	17.2%

¹ A client is included in Limited in English if the Head of Household for the Assistance Unit has indicated he/she requests materials in a language other than English.