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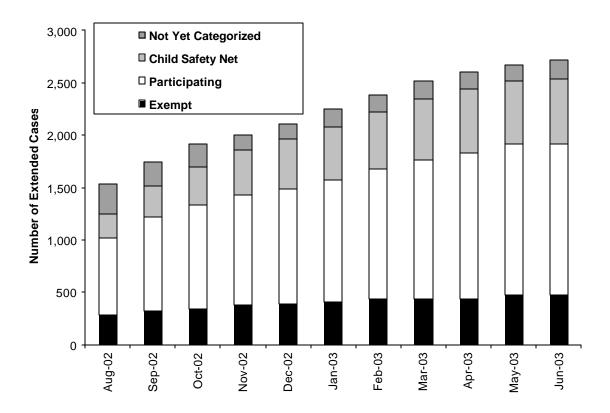
In the following exhibits, we include both federally-funded TANF and state-funded SFA cases, unless otherwise noted.

Highlights:

- **In June 2003, a total of 2,718 TANF cases were extended beyond their 60-month time limit; 474 (17.4%)** of the cases were extended due to an exemption, **1,437 (52.9%)** were participating, **620 (22.8%)** received a Child SafetyNet Payment, and 187 (6.9%) were not yet categorized.

- **As of June 2003, Washington reached 24.9% of the annual allowable federal cap on extensions.** The annual allowable federal cap is defined as 20% of the average monthly TANF caseload in Federal Fiscal Year 2002. It is calculated by dividing 2,718 (the number of extended cases in June 2003) into 10,922 (20% of 54,609).

- **Through June 2003, 6.8**% of all TANF adults had reached 61 or more months on assistance.

- **In June 2003, most adults who were extended beyond the 60-month time limit were female** (91.0%), **white** (54.7%), and **not married** (81.2%). The **median age was 36.0 years**.

TANF Cases Extended Beyond 60 Month Time-Limit, By Extension Categories, August 2002 – June 2003
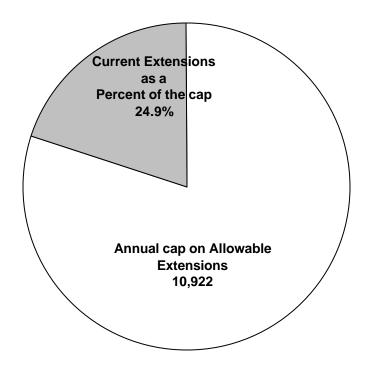Source: ESA-OPADA

	Extended Cases	Exempt		Participating		Child Safety Net		Not Yet Categorized[1]	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
August '02	1,533	279	18.2%	743	48.5%	222	14.5%	289	18.9%
September	1,746	323	18.5%	893	51.1%	302	17.3%	228	13.1%
October	1,912	338	17.7%	1,000	52.3%	361	18.9%	213	11.1%
November	2,004	378	18.9%	1,053	52.5%	429	21.4%	144	7.2%
December	2,106	385	18.3%	1,101	52.3%	472	22.4%	148	7.0%
January	2,249	409	18.2%	1,165	51.8%	504	22.4%	171	7.6%
February	2,385	434	18.2%	1,246	52.2%	543	22.8%	162	6.8%
March	2,516	434	17.2%	1,327	52.7%	588	23.4%	167	6.6%
April	2,604	436	16.7%	1,394	53.5%	608	23.3%	166	6.4%
May	2,670	473	17.7%	1,442	54.0%	598	22.4%	157	5.9%
June	2,718	474	17.4%	1,437	52.9%	620	22.8%	187	6.9%

Note:
[1] Not Yet Categorized reflects clients who are being reviewed for categorization into one of the three hardship extension categories as of the month the data was pulled from CARD.

TANF Cases Extended As A Percent of Allowable Extensions, June 2003

Source: ESA-OPADA

Current Extensions
as a
Percent of the cap
24.9%
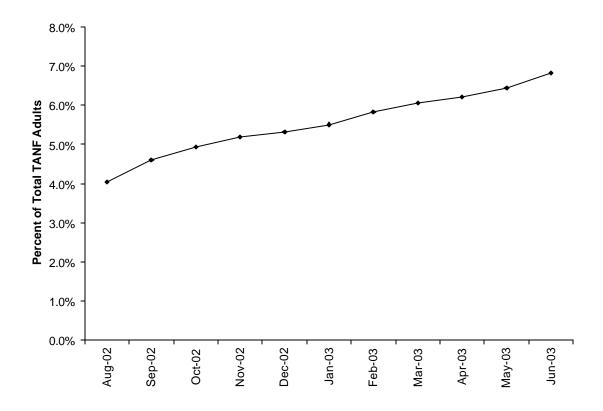
Annual cap on Allowable
Extensions
10,922

Notes:

The federal cap Definition: 20% of the average monthly TANF caseload in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2002 as of November 15, 2002 (54,609). The average monthly TANF caseload includes child-only cases. It is calculated by dividing 2,718 (the number of extended cases in June 2003) into 10,922 (20% of 54,609).

TANF Adults On Assistance 61 or More Months As a Percent
Of Total TANF Adults, August 2002 – June 2003
Source: ESA-OPADA

	Total TANF Adults	Adults On Assistance 61 or More Months	% of Adults on Assistance 61 or More Months
August 2002	39,596	1,597	4.0%
September	39,398	1,811	4.6%
October	39,968	1,974	4.9%
November	39,930	2,072	5.2%
December	41,082	2,186	5.3%
January 2003	42,255	2,326	5.5%
February	42,386	2,466	5.8%
March	43,028	2,605	6.1%
April	43,322	2,693	6.2%
May	42,909	2,763	6.4%
June	41,273	2,814	6.8%

Note: The number of adults on assistance 61 or more months is higher than the number of cases in extension due to more than one member in a household who has reached 61 or more months.

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TANF Cases Extended By DSHS Region and CSO, June 2003
Source: ESA-OPADA

	Number of Cases	Percent of Statewide Caseload
Region 1		
Clarkston	6	0.2%
Colfax Branch Office	6	0.2%
Davenport	3	0.1%
Mattawa	2	0.1%
Moses Lake	34	1.3%
Newport	3	0.1%
Okanogan	15	0.6%
Othello	5	0.2%
Republic	9	0.3%
Spokane North	97	3.6%
Spokane Southwest	38	1.4%
Spokane Valley	71	2.6%
Tri County – Colville	24	0.9%
Wenatchee	30	1.1%
Region 1 Call Center	0	0.0%
Region 1 Total	343	12.6%
Region 2		
Ellensburg	5	0.2%
Kennewick	49	1.8%
Pasco	21	0.8%
Sunnyside	63	2.3%
Walla Walla	32	1.2%
Wapato	27	1.0%
Yakima	110	4.0%
Region 2 Call Center	0	0.0%
Region 2 Total	307	11.3%
Region 3		
Alderwood	22	0.8%
Bellingham	40	1.5%
Everett	77	2.8%
Friday Harbor	2	0.1%
Mt. Vernon	26	1.0%
Oak Harbor	9	0.3%
Skykomish Valley	14	0.5%
Smokey Point	23	0.8%
Region 3 Call Center	0	0.0%
Region 3 Total	213	7.8%

TANF Cases Extended By DSHS Region and CSO, June 2003
Source: ESA-OPADA

	Number of Cases	Percent of Statewide Caseload
Region 4		
Auburn	57	2.1%
Belltown	26	1.0%
Burien	167	6.1%
Capitol Hill	68	2.5%
Federal Way	70	2.6%
King Eastside	41	1.5%
King North/Ballard	58	2.1%
King South/Kent	111	4.1%
Rainier	140	5.2%
Renton	64	2.4%
West Seattle	72	2.6%
Region 4 Call Center	0	0.0%
Region 4 Total	874	32.2%
Region 5		
Bremerton	72	2.6%
Pierce West/NW WorkFirst	313	11.5%
Pierce South	85	3.1%
Puyallup	107	3.9%
Region 5 Call Center	0	0.0%
Region 5 Total	517	19.0%
Region 6		
Aberdeen	51	1.9%
Chehalis	33	1.2%
Columbia River	122	4.5%
Forks	7	0.3%
Goldendale	7	0.3%
Kelso	74	2.7%
Long Beach	4	0.1%
Neah Bay	0	0.0%
Olympia	55	2.0%
Port Angeles	14	0.5%
Port Townsend	3	0.1%
Shelton	27	1.0%
South Bend	3	0.1%
Stevenson	2	0.1%
White Salmon	1	0.0%
Region 6 Call Center	1	0.0%
Region 6 Total	404	14.9%
State Total	2,718	100.0%

TANF Cases Extended By County of Residence, June 2003
Source: ESA-OPADA

	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Adams	6	0.2%
Asotin	6	0.2%
Benton	56	2.1%
Chelan	18	0.7%
Clallam	21	0.8%
Clark	123	4.5%
Columbia	2	0.1%
Cowlitz	76	2.8%
Douglas	11	0.4%
Ferry	9	0.3%
Franklin	20	0.7%
Garfield	0	0.0%
Grant	36	1.3%
Grays Harbor	51	1.9%
Island	9	0.3%
Jefferson	3	0.1%
King	876	32.2%
Kitsap	74	2.7%
Kittitas	5	0.2%
Klickitat	9	0.3%
Lewis	34	1.3%
Lincoln	4	0.1%
Mason	27	1.0%
Okanogan	15	0.6%
Pacific	7	0.3%
Pend Oreille	3	0.1%
Pierce	499	18.4%
San Juan	2	0.1%
Skagit	26	1.0%
Skamania	1	0.0%
Snohomish	136	5.0%
Spokane	203	7.5%
Stevens	24	0.9%
Thurston	56	2.1%
Wahkiakum	0	0.0%
Walla Walla	30	1.1%
Whatcom	40	1.5%
Whitman	6	0.2%
Yakima	194	7.1%
State Total	2,718	100.0%

Demographics: Comparing All TANF Adults to TANF Adults Who Have Been on Assistance 61 or More Months, June 2003
Source: ESA-OPADA

Characteristic	All TANF Adults (N=41,273)	Percent	All TANF Adults On Assistance 61 or More Months (N=2,814)	Percent
Gender				
Female	32,957	79.9%	2,560	91.0%
Male	8,316	20.1%	254	9.0%
Race				
White	26,228	63.5%	1,538	54.7%
Hispanic	4,042	9.8%	248	8.8%
Black	5,266	12.8%	671	23.8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,582	3.8%	171	6.1%
Native American	1,855	4.5%	57	2.0%
Unknown	2,300	5.6%	129	4.6%
Marital Status (Adults Only)				
Separated	5,993	14.5%	424	15.1%
Married	9,511	23.0%	528	18.8%
Never Married	19,662	47.6%	1,292	45.9%
Divorced	5,671	13.7%	519	18.4%
Widow	264	0.6%	38	1.4%
Unknown	172	0.4%	13	0.5%
Citizenship				
U.S. Citizen	36,562	88.6%	2,465	87.6%
Resident Alien	4,616	11.2%	341	12.1%
U.S. National	95	0.2%	8	0.3%
Age				
< 17 Years Old	46	0.1%	0	0.0%
17 Years Old	117	0.3%	0	0.0%
18 Years Old	1,189	2.9%	0	0.0%
19 – 20 Years Old	3,685	8.9%	0	0.0%
21 – 29 Years Old	16,139	39.1%	703	25.0%
30 – 39 Years Old	12,443	30.1%	1,138	40.4%
40 – 49 Years Old	6,358	15.4%	762	27.1%
50 – 55 Years Old	945	2.3%	158	5.6%
56 – 59 Years Old	236	0.6%	32	1.1%
60 – 64 Years Old	98	0.2%	20	0.7%
65 + Years Old	17	0.0%	1	0.0%
Mean Age of Adults	31.2 Years Old		36.4 Years Old	
Median Age of Adults	29.0 Years Old		36.0 Years Old	

Demographics: Comparing All TANF Adults to TANF Adults
Who Have Been on Assistance 61 or More Months, June 2003
Source: ESA-OPADA

Characteristic	All TANF Head of Household Members		Head of Household Members on Extended TANF Cases	
	(N=41,273)	Percent	(N=2,814)	Percent
Limited in English[1]	4,432	10.7%	411	14.6%
DSHS Region				
Region 1	6,262	15.2%	359	12.8%
Region 2	4,621	11.2%	314	11.2%
Region 3	5,030	12.2%	225	8.0%
Region 4	9,587	23.2%	907	32.2%
Region 5	7,561	18.3%	593	21.1%
Region 6	8,214	19.9%	416	14.8%

[1] Limited in English is defined as a client whose primary language is not English, Sign Language, Braille, or Large Print OR that the client is in need of an interpreter or the client is a refugee.

Comparing Average Number of Children
on All TANF Adult Cases to Adult Cases in Extension Status, June 2003
Source: ESA-OPADA

	All Adult Cases (N = 35,692)	Adult Cases in Extension Status (N = 2,718)
Average # of Children on Assistance in the Household	2.4 Children (0 – 14)	2.5 Children (0 – 12)

Note:
Several TANF cases may have no children on the AU. Examples include cases where the only children eligible for TANF already receive SSI, the child will not receive a TANF payment but the parent does receive a TANF payment. Also, in cases where a pregnant woman with no child is eligible for TANF.