

Aged,  
Blind or  
Disabled  
(ABD)

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Provides cash assistance for low-income adults who are age 65 or older, blind, or determined likely to meet federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability criteria.

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## Aged, Blind or Disabled (ABD) Program Overview

ABD is a state-funded program for low-income adults who have no dependents and cannot work. The program was implemented on November 1, 2011 as authorized by Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2082. The ABD program provides cash assistance to adults who are:

- Age 65 or older (Aged);
- Blind, based on federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) standards; or
- Likely to meet SSI disability criteria.

### Highlights

The average monthly ABD Program caseload in Washington State was **21,904 in SFY 2015, down from 24,268 in SFY 2014**. The average monthly cash grant assistance per client was about **\$172**. The average monthly ABD clients in SFY 2015 included:

- Aged - 4,333 persons
- Disabled – 737 persons
- Pending SSI – 16,823 persons

### TECHNICAL NOTES

DATA SOURCES: Data for this chapter was based on the September 2015 ESA ACES database.

#### DATA NOTES:

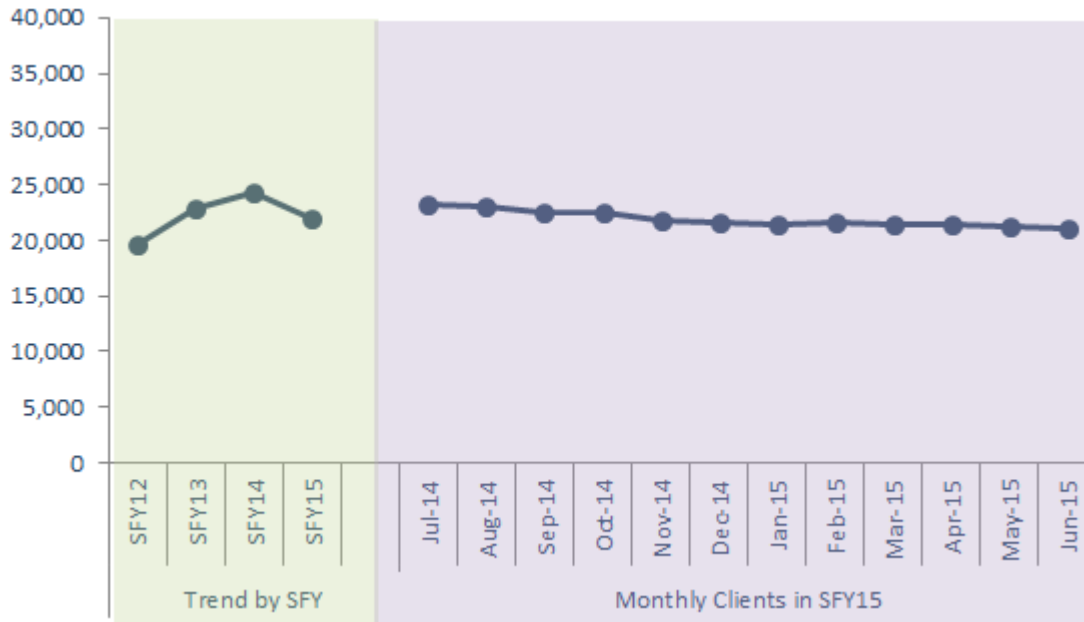
- 1) Percentages may not add up to expected totals due to rounding.
- 2) The monthly counts of cases and clients for the ABD program are nearly identical. Therefore, only client counts are reported.

## Selected ABD Program Overview, SFY 2014 and SFY 2015

	SFY 2014 (July 2013-June 2014)	SFY 2015 (July 2014-June 2015)	Change	
<b>Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)</b>	24,268 (23,445 – 24,730)	21,904 (20,975 - 23,256)	-9.7% <i>Decrease</i>	↓
<b>State Population Age 18 and Over<sup>1</sup></b>	5,376,986	5,458,665	1.5% <i>Increase</i>	↑
<b>Recipients as a Percent of State’s Population 18 and Over</b>	0.5%	0.4%	-0.1% <i>Decrease</i>	↓
<b>Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)</b>	\$172.15 (\$171.49 - \$172.98)	\$172.21 (\$171.24 - \$173.18)	0.0% <i>No Change</i>	=

<sup>1</sup> OFM Forecasting Division

## ABD Clients, SFY 2012 – 2015



SFY	Mo. Avg. Clients
SFY12	19,627
SFY13	22,840
SFY14	24,268
SFY15	21,904

SFY 2015	Persons	Total Grant Expenditures	Average Payment Per Person
July	23,256	\$4,027,402.03	\$173.18
August	22,948	\$3,960,942.43	\$172.61
September	22,553	\$3,896,023.34	\$172.75
October	22,489	\$3,880,849.08	\$172.57
November	21,814	\$3,775,842.90	\$173.09
December	21,623	\$3,724,496.17	\$172.25
January	21,461	\$3,685,240.79	\$171.72
February	21,527	\$3,699,494.01	\$171.85
March	21,491	\$3,686,530.43	\$171.54
April	21,447	\$3,684,456.04	\$171.79
May	21,262	\$3,651,847.15	\$171.75
June	20,975	\$3,591,776.16	\$171.24
<b>Mo. Avg.</b>	<b>21,904</b>	<b>\$3,772,075.04</b>	<b>\$172.21</b>

## ABD Clients by Program Type, SFY 2015

SFY 2015	ABD Combined Caseload	Aged	Blind	Disabled	Pending SSI	Institutionalized
<b>July</b>	23,256	4,207	0	900	18,146	3
<b>August</b>	22,948	4,205	0	857	17,879	7
<b>September</b>	22,553	4,238	0	830	17,476	9
<b>October</b>	22,489	4,293	0	799	17,387	10
<b>November</b>	21,814	4,325	0	753	16,723	13
<b>December</b>	21,623	4,352	0	726	16,529	16
<b>January</b>	21,461	4,350	0	702	16,395	14
<b>February</b>	21,527	4,364	0	694	16,455	14
<b>March</b>	21,491	4,375	1	669	16,436	10
<b>April</b>	21,447	4,434	0	652	16,353	8
<b>May</b>	21,262	4,428	1	647	16,175	11
<b>June</b>	20,975	4,428	0	619	15,918	10
<b>Mo. Avg.</b>	<b>21,904</b>	<b>4,333</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>16,823</b>	<b>10</b>

## ABD Clients Exiting to Other Programs, SFY 2015

SFY 2015	Total ABD Adults <sup>2</sup>	During Subsequent Month Being Reported							
		Adults Remaining on ABD		Adults Moving from ABD to MCS/HEN Referral		Adults Moving From ABD to SSI/SSDI		Adults Exiting ABD <sup>3</sup>	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>July</b>	23,256	21,515	92.5%	188	0.8%	551	2.4%	1006	4.3%
<b>August</b>	22,948	21,125	92.1%	241	1.1%	620	2.7%	967	4.2%
<b>September</b>	22,553	21,040	93.3%	205	0.9%	516	2.3%	795	3.5%
<b>October</b>	22,489	20,619	91.7%	256	1.1%	631	2.8%	988	4.4%
<b>November</b>	21,814	20,199	92.6%	286	1.3%	519	2.4%	812	3.7%
<b>December</b>	21,623	20,093	92.9%	235	1.1%	453	2.1%	849	3.9%
<b>January</b>	21,461	20,119	93.7%	164	0.8%	419	2.0%	759	3.5%
<b>February</b>	21,527	20,031	93.1%	225	1.0%	421	2.0%	854	4.0%
<b>March</b>	21,491	19,914	92.7%	190	0.9%	528	2.5%	862	4.0%
<b>April</b>	21,447	19,865	92.6%	207	1.0%	505	2.4%	874	4.1%
<b>May</b>	21,262	19,554	92.0%	213	1.0%	570	2.7%	927	4.4%
<b>June</b>	20,975	19,598	93.4%	170	0.8%	440	2.1%	768	3.7%
<b>Mo. Avg.</b>	<b>21,904</b>	<b>20,306</b>	<b>92.7%</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>4.0%</b>

<sup>2</sup> These are clients who received ABD services during the reporting month. Additional columns in the table represent programs the client received in the subsequent month.

<sup>3</sup> These are adults who were not enrolled in MCS/HEN Referral, SSI, or other cash programs in the following month.

## Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2015 Snapshot

The following pages detail the ABD Caseload, June 2015 snapshot, by both the CSO of Issuance and CSO of Residence.

- CSO of Issuance: Caseload distribution is based on the location from which benefits were issued. While most benefits are issued through ESA’s Community Service Offices (CSO), benefits may be issued by Customer Service Contact Centers (CSCC), Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe (PGST), or Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) within DSHS’s Aging and Long-Term Support Administration.
- CSO of Residence: Caseload distribution is based on where the clients live within a CSO coverage area.

Overview	CSO of Issuance		CSO of Residence	
	Clients	% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total
Region 1 CSOs	5,257	25.1%	5,502	26.2%
Region 2 CSOs	9,592	45.7%	10,073	48.0%
Region 3 CSOs	5,191	24.7%	5,398	25.7%
CSCCs & PGST	177	0.8%	N/A	
HCS	758	3.6%	N/A	
Not Reported / Unidentifiable	0	0.0%	2	0.0%
<b>State Total</b>	<b>20,975</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>20,975</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



## Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2015 Snapshot (continued)

Region 1 CSO	CSO of ISSUANCE		CSO of RESIDENCE	
	Clients	% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total
ACCESS SPOKANE	2,327	11.1%	2,455	11.7%
CLARKSTON	104	0.5%	95	0.5%
COLFAX	66	0.3%	61	0.3%
COLVILLE	140	0.7%	125	0.6%
ELLENSBURG	70	0.3%	65	0.3%
GOLDENDALE	45	0.2%	47	0.2%
KENNEWICK	722	3.4%	798	3.8%
MOSES LAKE	325	1.5%	334	1.6%
NEWPORT	88	0.4%	78	0.4%
OKANOGAN	161	0.8%	177	0.8%
REPUBLIC	55	0.3%	59	0.3%
SUNNYSIDE	126	0.6%	132	0.6%
TOPPENISH	116	0.6%	129	0.6%
WALLA WALLA	150	0.7%	156	0.7%
WENATCHEE	249	1.2%	264	1.3%
WHITE SALMON	31	0.1%	33	0.2%
YAKIMA	482	2.3%	494	2.4%
<b>Region 1 Total</b>	<b>5,257</b>	<b>25.1%</b>	<b>5,502</b>	<b>26.2%</b>

## Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2015 Snapshot (continued)

Region 2 CSO	CSO of ISSUANCE		CSO of RESIDENCE	
	Clients	% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total
ALDERWOOD	618	2.9%	622	3.0%
AUBURN	367	1.7%	469	2.2%
BELLINGHAM	555	2.6%	577	2.8%
BELLTOWN	807	3.8%	994	4.7%
CAPITOL HILL	560	2.7%	449	2.1%
EVERETT	793	3.8%	811	3.9%
FEDERAL WAY	403	1.9%	339	1.6%
KING EASTSIDE	816	3.9%	945	4.5%
KING NORTH	743	3.5%	738	3.5%
KING SOUTH	702	3.3%	739	3.5%
MT VERNON	418	2.0%	461	2.2%
OAK HARBOR	127	0.6%	122	0.6%
RAINIER	580	2.8%	587	2.8%
RENTON	575	2.7%	592	2.8%
SKY VALLEY	230	1.1%	249	1.2%
SMOKEY POINT	623	3.0%	666	3.2%
WHITE CENTER	675	3.2%	713	3.4%
<b>Region 2 Total</b>	<b>9,592</b>	<b>45.7%</b>	<b>10,073</b>	<b>48.0%</b>

## Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2015 Snapshot (continued)

Region 3 CSO	CSO of ISSUANCE		CSO of RESIDENCE	
	Clients	% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total
ABERDEEN	269	1.3%	295	1.4%
BREMERTON	453	2.2%	492	2.3%
CHEHALIS	249	1.2%	252	1.2%
COLUMBIA RIVER	626	3.0%	676	3.2%
FORKS	22	0.1%	16	0.1%
KELSO	432	2.1%	416	2.0%
LAKESWOOD	659	3.1%	603	2.9%
LONG BEACH	55	0.3%	41	0.2%
OLYMPIA	636	3.0%	687	3.3%
PIERCE NORTH	392	1.9%	481	2.3%
PIERCE SOUTH	416	2.0%	505	2.4%
PORT ANGELES	128	0.6%	138	0.7%
PORT TOWNSEND	61	0.3%	57	0.3%
PUYALLUP VALLEY	580	2.8%	548	2.6%
SHELTON	142	0.7%	134	0.6%
SOUTH BEND	40	0.2%	27	0.1%
STEVENSON	31	0.1%	30	0.1%
<b>Region 3 Total</b>	<b>5,191</b>	<b>24.7%</b>	<b>5,398</b>	<b>25.7%</b>

## Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2015 Snapshot (continued)

Customer Service Contact Centers (CSCC)	CSO of ISSUANCE	
	Clients	% of State Total
CUSTOMER SVC CENTRAL	45	0.2%
CUSTOMER SVC NE	1	0.0%
CUSTOMER SVC NW	1	0.0%
CUSTOMER SVC SW	73	0.3%
CUSTOMER SVC SO SOUND	0	0.0%
CUSTOMER SERV LTC	42	0.2%
MEDICAL ELIG DET SVC	2	0.0%
CUSTOMER SVC WASHCAP	13	0.1%
<b>CSCC and PGST Total</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>0.8%</b>

## Caseload by Home and Community Services Offices (HCS), June 2015 Snapshot

Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) – Region 1	HCS of ISSUANCE	
	Clients	% of State Total
CLARKSTON HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%
COLVILLE HCS OFFICE	1	0.0%
ELLENSBURG HCS	0	0.0%
MOSES LK HCS OFFICE	12	0.1%
OKANOGAN HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%
SPOKANE HCS OFFICE	81	0.4%
SUNNYSIDE HCS OFFICE	1	0.0%
TRI-CITIES HCS OFC	47	0.2%
WALLA WALLA HCS OFC	3	0.0%
WENATCHEE HCS OFFICE	11	0.1%
YAKIMA HCS OFFICE	21	0.1%
<b>Region 1 Total</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>0.8%</b>

Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) – Region 2	HCS of ISSUANCE	
	Clients	% of State Total
ALDERWOOD HCS OFFICE	70	0.3%
BELLINGHAM HCS OFC	11	0.1%
EVERETT HCS OFFICE	62	0.3%
HOLGATE HCS OFFICE	282	1.3%
MT VERNON HCS OFFICE	20	0.1%
SMOKEY POINT HCS	17	0.1%
<b>Region 2 Total</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>2.2%</b>

Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) – Region 3	HCS of ISSUANCE	
	Clients	% of State Total
ABERDEEN HCS OFFICE	3	0.0%
BREMERTON HCS OFFICE	8	0.0%
CHEHALIS HCS OFFICE	4	0.0%
KELSO HCS	5	0.0%
OLYMPIA HCS OFFICE	12	0.1%
PACIFIC COUNTY HCS	4	0.0%
PORT ANGELES HCS	1	0.0%
TACOMA HCS OFFICE	49	0.2%
VANCOUVER HCS	33	0.2%
<b>Region 3 Total</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>0.6%</b>

### Caseload by County of Residence, June 2015 Snapshot

County	Clients	% of Total	County	Clients	% of Total
Adams	36	0.2%	Lewis	244	1.2%
Asotin	87	0.4%	Lincoln	24	0.1%
Benton	566	2.7%	Mason	132	0.6%
Chelan	197	0.9%	Okanogan	158	0.8%
Clallam	154	0.7%	Pacific	66	0.3%
Clark	657	3.1%	Pend Oreille	76	0.4%
Columbia	14	0.1%	Pierce	2,143	10.2%
Cowlitz	426	2.0%	San Juan	17	0.1%
Douglas	69	0.3%	Skagit	407	1.9%
Ferry	29	0.1%	Skamania	32	0.2%
Franklin	243	1.2%	Snohomish	2,348	11.2%
Garfield	9	0.0%	Spokane	2,433	11.6%
Grant	310	1.5%	Stevens	152	0.7%
Grays Harbor	302	1.4%	Thurston	677	3.2%
Island	154	0.7%	Wahkiakum	7	0.0%
Jefferson	56	0.3%	Walla Walla	148	0.7%
King	6,548	31.2%	Whatcom	580	2.8%
Kitsap	493	2.4%	Whitman	61	0.3%
Kittitas	63	0.3%	Yakima	735	3.5%
Klickitat	76	0.4%	Not Reported/ Unidentifiable	46	0.2%

	Clients	% of Total
<b>State Total</b>	<b>20,975</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## ABD Client Demographics, June 2015 Snapshot

Characteristic	All Clients	
	Number	% of Total Clients
<b>Total Clients</b>	<b>20,975</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Gender		
<b>Female</b>	10,179	48.5%
<b>Male</b>	10,796	51.5%
<b>Not Reported/ Unidentifiable</b>	0	0.0%

Race/Ethnicity		
<b>Hispanic Origin</b>	<b>2,061</b>	<b>9.8%</b>
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino</b>	<b>18,914</b>	<b>90.2%</b>
<b>White</b>	11,848	56.5%
<b>Black/African American</b>	2,077	9.9%
<b>Asian/Pacific Islander</b>	2,561	12.2%
<b>American Indian/Alaska Native</b>	445	2.1%
<b>Two or More Races</b>	153	0.7%
<b>Not Reported/Unidentifiable</b>	1,830	8.7%

Marital Status		
<b>Separated</b>	1,836	8.8%
<b>Married</b>	2,522	12.0%
<b>Never Married</b>	9,110	43.4%
<b>Divorced</b>	4,922	23.5%
<b>Widowed</b>	2,075	9.9%
<b>Not Reported/Unidentifiable</b>	510	2.4%

Citizenship Status		
<b>U.S. Citizen</b>	15,551	74.1%
<b>Resident Alien</b>	5,408	25.8%
<b>U.S. National<sup>4</sup></b>	14	0.1%
<b>Not Reported/Unidentifiable</b>	2	0.0%

<sup>4</sup> U.S. National: A national of the United States or a person who, though not a citizen of the United States, owes permanent allegiance to the United States (e.g., persons born in American Samoa or Swains Island).

## ABD Client Demographics, June 2015 Snapshot (continued)

Characteristic	All Clients	
	Number	% of Total Clients
<b>Homeless Status</b>		
Homeless	6,672	31.8%
<b>Disability</b>		
Mental	10,230	48.8%
Physical	7,895	37.6%
Aged <sup>5</sup>	2,850	13.6%
<b>Education Status</b>		
Less than a High School Diploma	4,728	22.5%
High School Graduate or GED	11,240	53.6%
Some College or College Degree	4,048	19.3%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	959	4.6%
<b>Age</b>		
Under 18 Years Old	0	0.0%
18 - 24 Years Old	1,024	4.9%
25 - 34 Years Old	2,897	13.8%
35 - 44 Years Old	3,640	17.4%
45 - 54 Years Old	6,288	30.0%
55 - 64 Years Old	2,695	12.8%
65+ Years Old	4,431	21.1%
<b>Average Age of Clients</b>		
	50.2 Years Old	

<sup>5</sup> Clients with a program type code of 'DL-A' or Aged who do not have a disability recorded in ACES.