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# TANF/SFA/ WorkFirst

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The federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and the State Family Assistance (SFA) programs provide cash grants for eligible low-income families. The state's WorkFirst program provides employment, training, and support services for TANF/SFA clients to help them move forward on a pathway to self-sufficiency.

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### TANF, SFA, and WorkFirst Overview

This chapter summarizes Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), State Family Assistance (SFA), and WorkFirst caseload and client data for SFY 2024.

TANF provides cash grants for families in need. In addition to needy families, persons caring for a child who is not their own biologically or by adoption (e.g. a relative's child, as a legal guardian, or acting in the place of a parent) are also able to receive TANF benefits on behalf of that child. Residents of Washington state who are ineligible for TANF solely because of eligibility changes under the federal Personal Responsibiliy and Work Opportunity Act may be eligible for SFA. Adults in families receiving TANF/SFA participate in the WorkFirst Program, which helps participants resolve barriers and prepare for and find jobs.

Additional information, including the eligibility criteria, funding sources, and services/benefits provided, is available in the **Program Descriptions** section of the Briefing Book..

#### **Highlights**

In SFY 2024, Washington state's TANF/SFA average monthly caseload increased by 1.4%, from 32,643 households in SFY 2023 to 33,112 households in SFY 2024. Child-only households comprised 30.3% of the total TANF/SFA caseload in SFY 2024, down from 31.9% in SFY 2023. The average monthly cash assistance grant per case was \$583.

#### **TECHNICAL NOTES**

DATA SOURCES: Data for this chapter is based on the ESA Automated Client Eligibility System (ACES) database as of August 2024. Quarterly employment and earnings for WorkFirst participants is based on Unemployment Insurance (UI) wage data provided by the Employment Security Department (ESD). Data on concurrent benefits, mental health treatment, and substance abuse disorder treatment comes from DSHS' Research and Data Analysis. Child support data is based on ESA Division of Child Support's Support Enforcement Management System (SEMS).

#### **DATA NOTES:**

- Unless otherwise noted, both federally-funded TANF and state-funded SFA cases/clients are reported jointly in this section.
- WorkFirst clients are adult clients receiving TANF/SFA benefits. This can include teen parents.
- WorkFirst cases are those in which at least one adult is receiving TANF/SFA assistance.
- Percentages may not add up to expected totals due to rounding.
- All reports of 10-year caseload trends reflect the monthly average for each state fiscal year (SFY).

## Selected TANF/SFA Program Overview, SFY 2023 and SFY 2024

	SFY 2023	SFY 2024	
	(July 2022 June 2023)	(July 2023 June 2024)	Change
Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range)	32,643 (31,727 - 33,103)	33,112 (31,832 - 34,492)	1.4% (Increase)
Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)	82,813 (78,905 - 84,768)	84,676 (80,642 - 88,838)	2.2% (Increase)
Average Number of Adults Per Month (Range)	26,728 (24,889 - 27,516)	28,254 (26,598 - 30,106)	5.7% (Increase)
Average Number of Children Per Month (Range)	56,258 (54,016 - 57,252)	56,422 (54,022 - 58,732)	0.3% (Increase)
State Population <sup>1</sup>	7,951,150	8,035,700	1.1% (Increase)
Monthly Average Recipients as a Percent of State's Total Population	1.0%	1.1%	0.1 Point Increase
Children as Percent of Recipients	67.7%	66.6%	-1.1% Point (Decrease)
Average Persons Per Case	2.5	2.6	0.1 Point Increase
Average Children Per Case	1.7	1.7	No Change
Average Children Per Adult	2.1	2.0	-0.1 Point (Decrease)
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range) <sup>2,3,4</sup>	\$542.20 (\$533.98 - \$551.65)	\$583.29 (\$539.44 - \$616.37)	7.6% (Increase)

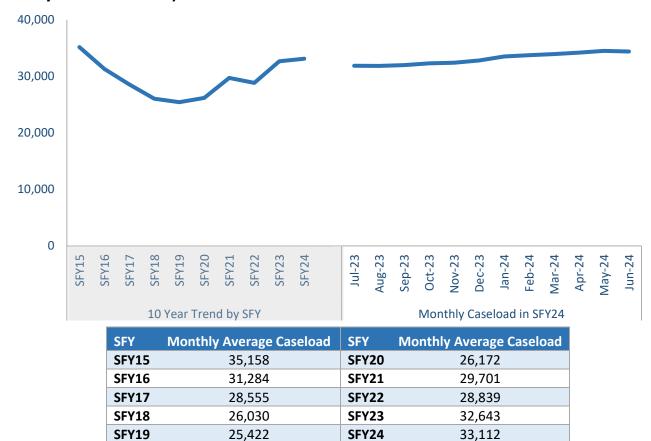
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Office of Financial Management (OFM) population estimates

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Payments not adjusted for refunds.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> TANF grant increased 8%.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Per SB 5853 (2022 session) and ESSB 5187 (2023 session), TANF/SFA families with a child under 3 years of age are eligible for a \$100 monthly Diaper-Related Payment (DRP). DSHS began to issue the payment effective November 1, 2023.

### TANF/SFA Caseload, SFY 2015 - 2024



SFY 2024	Total Caseload	Clients	Grant Expenditures	Average Payment Per Case
July	31,872	80,895	\$17,238,397	\$540.86
August	31,832	80,642	\$17,239,434	\$541.58
September	31,977	81,211	\$17,276,213	\$540.27
October	32,286	82,062	\$17,416,247	\$539.44
November <sup>5</sup>	32,391	82,405	\$18,437,572	\$569.22
December	32,784	83,688	\$18,667,337	\$569.40
January	33,507	85,969	\$20,442,770	\$610.10
February	33,728	86,574	\$20,730,632	\$614.64
March	33,933	87,151	\$20,915,387	\$616.37
April	34,171	88,070	\$21,004,089	\$614.68
May <sup>6</sup>	34,492	88,838	\$21,221,755	\$615.27
June	34,375	88,606	\$21,175,781	\$616.02
Mo. Avg.	33,112	84,676	\$19,313,801	<i>\$583.29</i>
Annual Unduplicated	58,679	153,996	\$231,765,615	\$3,949.72

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Per SB 5853 (2022 session) and ESSB 5187 (2023 session), TANF/SFA families with a child under 3 years of age are eligible for a \$100 monthly Diaper-Related Payment (DRP). DSHS began to issue the payment effective November 1, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Excludes Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund (PEAF) expenditures. PEAF is a one-time cash payment for certain households with minor children.

# TANF/SFA Caseload by Funding Type, SFY 20247

	Total	TANF	TANF Only		Mixed TANF & SFA <sup>8</sup>		Only
SFY 2024	Caseload	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	31,872	28,708	90.1%	1,209	3.8%	1,955	6.1%
August	31,832	28,575	89.8%	1,194	3.8%	2,063	6.5%
September	31,977	28,614	89.5%	1,229	3.8%	2,134	6.7%
October	32,286	28,730	89.0%	1,263	3.9%	2,293	7.1%
November	32,391	28,635	88.4%	1,308	4.0%	2,448	7.6%
December	32,784	28,741	87.7%	1,384	4.2%	2,659	8.1%
January	33,507	29,128	86.9%	1,489	4.4%	2,890	8.6%
February	33,728	29,180	86.5%	1,574	4.7%	2,974	8.8%
March	33,933	29,179	86.0%	1,649	4.9%	3,105	9.2%
April	34,171	29,253	85.6%	1,702	5.0%	3,216	9.4%
May	34,492	29,398	85.2%	1,775	5.1%	3,319	9.6%
June	34,375	29,177	84.9%	1,810	5.3%	3,388	9.9%
Mo. Avg.	33,112	28,943	87.4%	1,466	4.4%	2,704	8.2%

SFY 2024	SFA Caseload	State Expenditures on SFA Cases	Federal Expenditures on SFA Cases <sup>9</sup>	Average State Expenditures Per Case	Total Average Expenditures Per Case
July	3,164	\$1,665,503	\$336,525	\$526.39	\$632.75
August	3,257	\$1,700,768	\$338,942	\$522.19	\$626.25
September	3,363	\$1,757,118	\$340,884	\$522.49	\$623.85
October	3,556	\$1,831,164	\$348,403	\$514.95	\$612.93
November	3,756	\$2,019,459	\$410,946	\$537.66	\$647.07
December	4,043	\$2,174,266	\$431,337	\$537.79	\$644.47
January	4,379	\$2,532,463	\$473,762	\$578.32	\$686.51
February	4,548	\$2,678,047	\$472,387	\$588.84	\$692.71
March	4,754	\$2,789,532	\$493,810	\$586.78	\$690.65
April	4,918	\$2,874,351	\$498,305	\$584.46	\$685.78
May	5,094	\$2,970,333	\$512,694	\$583.10	\$683.75
June	5,198	\$3,045,928	\$526,317	\$585.98	\$687.23
Mo. Avg.	4,169	\$2,336,578	\$432,026	\$560.46	\$664.09
Annual Unduplicated	8,888	\$28,038,932	\$5,184,312	\$3,154.70	\$3,737.99

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The number of newly arrived immigrants continued to increase throughout SFY 2024. This caused an increase in the percentage of cases that are mixed TANF & SFA and in the percentage of cases that are SFA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The mixed TANF/SFA cases have at least one member in the household receiving federal TANF and at least one member receiving SFA benefits.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> These are federal expenditures on mixed TANF/SFA households.

## TANF/SFA Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2024 Snapshot

The following pages detail the TANF/SFA caseload, June 2024 snapshot, by both the CSO of Issuance and CSO of Residence.

- CSO of Issuance: 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), Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) within DSHS's Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (ALTSA), Developmental Disability Administration (DDA), or Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (PGST).
- CSO of Residence: Based on the CSO coverage area in which a client lives.

		Office of	<u>Issuance</u>			Office of I	Office of Residence		
		% of		% of		% of		% of	
	# of	State	# of	State	# of	State	# of	State	
Overview	Cases	Total	Clients	Total	Cases	Total	Clients	Total	
Region 1 CSOs	9,778	28.4%	24,815	28.0%	9,749	28.4%	24,732	27.9%	
Region 2 CSOs	12,861	37.4%	34,857	39.3%	12,719	37.0%	34,480	38.9%	
Region 3 CSOs	11,725	34.1%	28,915	32.6%	11,889	34.6%	29,347	33.1%	
CSCCs	7	<0.1%	13	<0.1%					
ALTSA (HCS)	4	<0.1%	6	<0.1%					
DDA	0	0.0%	0	0.0%		N,	/A		
Tribal Locations <sup>10</sup>	0	0.0%	0	0.0%					
Not Reported / Unidentifiable	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	18	0.1%	47	0.1%	
State Total	34,375	100.0%	88,606	100.0%	34,375	100.0%	88,606	100.0%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Tribal locations do not include Tribal TANF programs that tribal nations operate independently.

# TANF/SFA Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2024 Snapshot (continued)

		CSO of Issuance CSO of Residence					<u>esidence</u>	
		% of		% of		% of		% of
	# of	State	# of	State	# of	State	# of	State
Region 1 CSO	Cases	Total	Clients	Total	Cases	Total	Clients	Total
CLARKSTON	167	0.5%	391	0.4%	168	0.5%	392	0.4%
COLFAX	126	0.4%	322	0.4%	127	0.4%	325	0.4%
COLVILLE	250	0.7%	613	0.7%	249	0.7%	613	0.7%
ELLENSBURG	149	0.4%	383	0.4%	146	0.4%	376	0.4%
GOLDENDALE	82	0.2%	191	0.2%	82	0.2%	191	0.2%
KENNEWICK	1,699	4.9%	4,433	5.0%	1,713	5.0%	4,477	5.1%
MOSES LAKE	732	2.1%	1,867	2.1%	735	2.1%	1,877	2.1%
NEWPORT	90	0.3%	220	0.2%	90	0.3%	221	0.2%
OKANOGAN	311	0.9%	756	0.9%	300	0.9%	725	0.8%
REPUBLIC	38	0.1%	83	0.1%	39	0.1%	84	0.1%
SPOKANE MAPLE	1,303	3.8%	3,382	3.8%	1,412	4.1%	3,655	4.1%
SPOKANE TRENT	1,860	5.4%	4,840	5.5%	1,743	5.1%	4,544	5.1%
SUNNYSIDE	426	1.2%	1,084	1.2%	402	1.2%	1,015	1.1%
TOPPENISH	467	1.4%	1,101	1.2%	471	1.4%	1,113	1.3%
WALLA WALLA	268	0.8%	664	0.7%	265	0.8%	657	0.7%
WENATCHEE	434	1.3%	1,034	1.2%	436	1.3%	1,036	1.2%
WHITE SALMON	44	0.1%	107	0.1%	44	0.1%	107	0.1%
YAKIMA	1,332	3.9%	3,344	3.8%	1,327	3.9%	3,324	3.8%
Region 1 Total	9,778	28.4%	24,815	28.0%	9,749	28.4%	24,732	27.9%

# TANF/SFA Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2024 Snapshot (continued)

	CSO of Issuance					CSO of R	<u>esidence</u>	
		% of		% of		% of		% of
	# of	State	# of	State	# of	State	# of	State
Region 2 CSO	Cases	Total	Clients	Total	Cases	Total	Clients	Total
ALDERWOOD	897	2.6%	2,576	2.9%	874	2.5%	2,508	2.8%
AUBURN	961	2.8%	2,760	3.1%	965	2.8%	2,767	3.1%
BELLINGHAM	751	2.2%	1,870	2.1%	744	2.2%	1,850	2.1%
BELLTOWN	318	0.9%	826	0.9%	315	0.9%	820	0.9%
CAPITOL HILL	337	1.0%	849	1.0%	327	1.0%	832	0.9%
EVERETT	1,225	3.6%	3,459	3.9%	1,211	3.5%	3,426	3.9%
FEDERAL WAY	795	2.3%	2,216	2.5%	793	2.3%	2,213	2.5%
KING EASTSIDE	1,090	3.2%	3,011	3.4%	1,074	3.1%	2,956	3.3%
KING NORTH	758	2.2%	1,955	2.2%	748	2.2%	1,928	2.2%
KING SOUTH	1,398	4.1%	4,171	4.7%	1,386	4.0%	4,138	4.7%
MT VERNON	592	1.7%	1,345	1.5%	554	1.6%	1,258	1.4%
OAK HARBOR	142	0.4%	298	0.3%	173	0.5%	369	0.4%
RAINIER	615	1.8%	1,638	1.8%	608	1.8%	1,619	1.8%
RENTON	942	2.7%	2,533	2.9%	925	2.7%	2,500	2.8%
SKY VALLEY	256	0.7%	627	0.7%	254	0.7%	624	0.7%
SMOKEY POINT	692	2.0%	1,689	1.9%	678	2.0%	1,653	1.9%
WHITE CENTER	1,092	3.2%	3,034	3.4%	1,090	3.2%	3,019	3.4%
Region 2 Total	12,861	37.4%	34,857	39.3%	12,719	37.0%	34,480	38.9%

# TANF/SFA Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2024 Snapshot (continued)

		CSO of	<u>ssuance</u>			CSO of R	<u>esidence</u>	
		% of		% of		% of		% of
	# of	State	# of	State	# of	State	# of	State
Region 3 CSO	Cases	Total	Clients	Total	Cases	Total	Clients	Total
ABERDEEN	453	1.3%	1,009	1.1%	461	1.3%	1,024	1.2%
BREMERTON	899	2.6%	2,013	2.3%	895	2.6%	2,002	2.3%
CHEHALIS	535	1.6%	1,236	1.4%	524	1.5%	1,206	1.4%
<b>COLUMBIA RIVER</b>	2,167	6.3%	5,910	6.7%	2,156	6.3%	5,890	6.6%
FORKS	105	0.3%	221	0.2%	106	0.3%	222	0.3%
KELSO	871	2.5%	2,091	2.4%	874	2.5%	2,095	2.4%
LAKEWOOD	1,290	3.8%	3,261	3.7%	1,276	3.7%	3,209	3.6%
LONG BEACH	42	0.1%	87	0.1%	42	0.1%	86	0.1%
OLYMPIA	1,268	3.7%	2,930	3.3%	1,472	4.3%	3,494	3.9%
PIERCE EAST	1,302	3.8%	3,293	3.7%	1,296	3.8%	3,279	3.7%
PIERCE NORTH	748	2.2%	1,791	2.0%	746	2.2%	1,781	2.0%
PIERCE SOUTH	1,309	3.8%	3,411	3.8%	1,305	3.8%	3,400	3.8%
PORT ANGELES	219	0.6%	462	0.5%	220	0.6%	464	0.5%
PORT TOWNSEND	75	0.2%	169	0.2%	75	0.2%	169	0.2%
SHELTON	347	1.0%	819	0.9%	347	1.0%	814	0.9%
SOUTH BEND	58	0.2%	123	0.1%	57	0.2%	124	0.1%
STEVENSON	37	0.1%	89	0.1%	37	0.1%	88	0.1%
Region 3 Total	11,725	34.1%	28,915	32.6%	11,889	34.6%	29,347	33.1%

# TANF/SFA Caseload by Customer Service Contact Centers (CSCC) and Other Locations, June 2024 Snapshot

	Office of Issuance					
Customer Service Contact Centers (CSCC)	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total		
CSCC Central Sound	1	<0.1%	2	<0.1%		
CSCC Northeast	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%		
CSCC Northwest	1	<0.1%	2	<0.1%		
CSCC South Sound	0	0.0%	0	0.0%		
CSCC Southeast	1	<0.1%	3	<0.1%		
CSCC Southwest	1	<0.1%	2	<0.1%		
<b>CSCC Virtual Case Management Center</b>	2	<0.1%	3	<0.1%		
CSCC WASHCAP	0	0.0%	0	0.0%		
CSCC and WASHCAP Total	7	<0.1%	13	<0.1%		

	Office of Issuance					
DDA Locations	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total		
DDA Behavioral Health Financial Unit	0	0.0%	0	0.0%		
DDA Long-Term Care & Special Programs	0	0.0%	0	0.0%		
DDA Locations Total	0	0.0%	0	0.0%		

		Office of	<u>lssuance</u>				
	# of % of State # of % of State						
Tribal Locations	Cases	Total	Clients	Total			
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (PGST)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			

# TANF/SFA Caseload by Home and Community Services Offices (HCS), June 2024 Snapshot

ALTSA Home and Community		HCS of I	<u>ssuance</u>	
Service Offices (HCS) – Region 1	# of Cases	% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total
CLARKSTON HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
COLVILLE HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
ELLENSBURG HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MEDICAL LAKE HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MOSES LAKE HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OKANOGAN HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SPOKANE HCS	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%
TOPPENISH	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TRI-CITIES HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
WALLA WALLA HCS	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%
WENATCHEE HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
YAKIMA HCS	1	<0.1%	3	<0.1%
Region 1 Total	3	<0.1%	5	<0.1%

ALTSA Home and Community		HCS of Issuance				
Service Offices (HCS) – Region 2	# of Cases	% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total		
ALDERWOOD HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%		
BELLINGHAM HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%		
EVERETT HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%		
HOLGATE HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%		
MOUNT VERNON HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%		
SMOKEY POINT HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%		
Region 2 Total	0	0.0%	0	0.0%		

# TANF/SFA Caseload by Home and Community Services Offices (HCS), June 2024 Snapshot (continued)

ALTSA Home and Community		HCS of	<u>Issuance</u>	
Service Offices (HCS) – Region 3	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
ABERDEEN HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
BREMERTON HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CHEHALIS HCS	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%
KELSO HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OLYMPIA HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
PORT ANGELES HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
STEILACOOM HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TACOMA HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
VANCOUVER HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Region 3 Total	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%

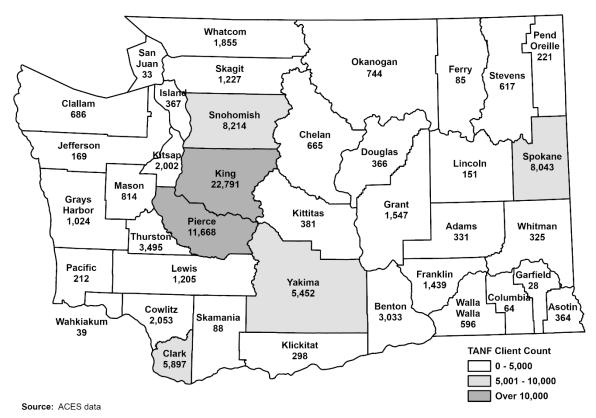
# TANF/SFA Caseload by County of Residence, June 2024 Snapshot

	# of	% of	# of	% of		# of	% of	# of	% of
County	Cases	Total	Clients	Total	County	Cases	Total	Clients	Total
Adams	124	0.4%	331	0.4%	Lewis	523	1.5%	1,205	1.4%
Asotin	156	0.5%	364	0.4%	Lincoln	61	0.2%	151	0.2%
Benton	1,153	3.4%	3,033	3.4%	Mason	347	1.0%	814	0.9%
Chelan	277	0.8%	665	0.8%	Okanogan	307	0.9%	744	0.8%
Clallam	326	0.9%	686	0.8%	Pacific	100	0.3%	212	0.2%
Clark	2,160	6.3%	5,897	6.7%	Pend Oreille	90	0.3%	221	0.2%
Columbia	26	0.1%	64	0.1%	Pierce	4,623	13.4%	11,668	13.2%
Cowlitz	855	2.5%	2,053	2.3%	San Juan	14	<0.1%	33	<0.1%
Douglas	157	0.5%	366	0.4%	Skagit	541	1.6%	1,227	1.4%
Ferry	40	0.1%	85	0.1%	Skamania	37	0.1%	88	0.1%
Franklin	559	1.6%	1,439	1.6%	Snohomish	3,018	8.8%	8,214	9.3%
Garfield	12	<0.1%	28	<0.1%	Spokane	3,092	9.0%	8,043	9.1%
Grant	611	1.8%	1,547	1.7%	Stevens	250	0.7%	617	0.7%
<b>Grays Harbor</b>	461	1.3%	1,024	1.2%	Thurston	1,473	4.3%	3,495	3.9%
Island	172	0.5%	367	0.4%	Wahkiakum	17	<0.1%	39	<0.1%
Jefferson	75	0.2%	169	0.2%	Walla Walla	240	0.7%	596	0.7%
King	8,232	23.9%	22,791	25.7%	Whatcom	745	2.2%	1,855	2.1%
Kitsap	895	2.6%	2,002	2.3%	Whitman	127	0.4%	325	0.4%
Kittitas	147	0.4%	381	0.4%	Yakima	2,200	6.4%	5,452	6.2%
Klickitat	126	0.4%	298	0.3%	Not Reported/ Unidentifiable	6	<0.1%	17	<0.1%

	# of Cases	# of Clients
State Total	34,375	88,606

## TANF/SFA Client Density Maps by Residential County, June 2024 Snapshot

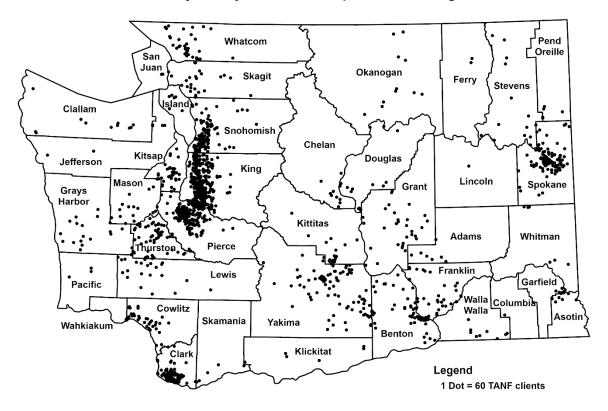
#### Number of TANF Clients by Residential County in Washington State: June 2024



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## TANF/SFA Client Density Maps, June 2024 Snapshot (continued)

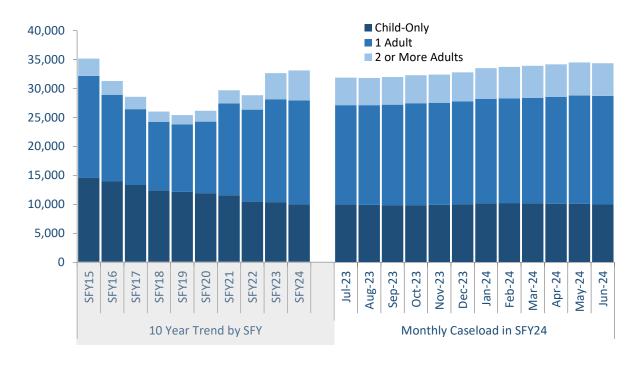
#### Number of TANF Clients by Density of Residential Zip Code in Washington State: June 2024



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# TANF/SFA Caseload by Case Type, SFY 2015 – 2024



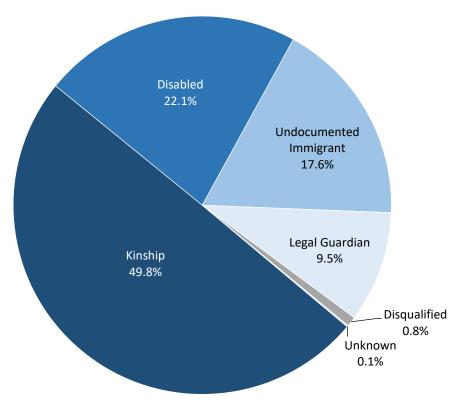
		<u>Caseload By Case Type</u>					
	Total	Chile	d-Only	1 /	Adult	2 or Mo	re Adults
SFY 2024	Caseload	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	31,872	10,010	31.4%	17,121	53.7%	4,741	14.9%
August	31,832	9,910	31.1%	17,218	54.1%	4,704	14.8%
September	31,977	9,867	30.9%	17,354	54.3%	4,756	14.9%
October	32,286	9,878	30.6%	17,588	54.5%	4,820	14.9%
November	32,391	9,922	30.6%	17,616	54.4%	4,853	15.0%
December	32,784	10,041	30.6%	17,721	54.1%	5,022	15.3%
January	33,507	10,183	30.4%	18,049	53.9%	5,275	15.7%
February	33,728	10,213	30.3%	18,085	53.6%	5,430	16.1%
March	33,933	10,199	30.1%	18,174	53.6%	5,560	16.4%
April	34,171	10,104	29.6%	18,430	53.9%	5,637	16.5%
May	34,492	10,080	29.2%	18,711	54.2%	5,701	16.5%
June	34,375	9,962	29.0%	18,756	54.6%	5,657	16.5%
Mo. Avg.	33,112	10,031	30.3%	17,902	54.1%	5,180	15.6%

# TANF/SFA Cases Receiving a Diaper Payment<sup>11</sup>, SFY 2024

SFY 2024	Total # of TANF/SFA Households Receiving the Diaper Payment	# of Federally Funded Households	# of State Funded Households	Federal + State Expenditures	Federal Expenditures	State Expenditures
July	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
August	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
September	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
October	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
November	9,373	7,950	1,426	\$945,817	\$802,817	\$143,000
December	9,508	8,016	1,494	\$953,200	\$803,400	\$149,800
January	9,785	8,218	1,571	\$979,500	\$822,200	\$157,300
February	9,868	8,280	1,588	\$987,946	\$829,146	\$158,800
March	9,933	8,297	1,637	\$993,900	\$830,000	\$163,900
April	10,102	8,430	1,673	\$1,010,786	\$843,286	\$167,500
May	10,212	8,493	1,726	\$1,023,569	\$850,248	\$173,321
June	10,081	8,383	1,703	\$1,009,442	\$838,975	\$170,467
Mo. Avg.	9,858	8,258	1,602	\$988,020	\$827,509	\$160,511

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Per SB 5853 (2022 session) and ESSB 5187 (2023 session), TANF/SFA families with a child under 3 years of age are eligible for a \$100 monthly Diaper-Related Payment (DRP). DSHS began to issue the payment effective November 1, 2023.

## TANF/SFA Child-Only Caseload by Major Caretaker Groups, June 2024 Snapshot<sup>12</sup>



#### **Non-Parental Child-Only TANF**

These are households caring for a minor child not their own biologically or by adoption. This population includes:

- Kinship Some parents are unable to care for their children due to their own circumstances, such as the impacts of substance use disorder. Grandparents or other relatives often step in to provide the needed care, even though they have no legal responsibility to do so. For those unwilling or unable to get licensed as foster parents, a TANF child-only grant may be the only way they can afford to care for these children. As long as the child has no financially disqualifying income or assets of his/her own, the relative caregiver can receive TANF on the child's behalf (the relative caregiver can do this even if they do not have legal custody of the child). Caregivers need only show that the child lives with them most of the time and that they are currently the child's primary caregiver.
- Guardian/In Loco Parentis Sometimes, when a parent is unable to provide care, a relative or other concerned adult will seek guardianship of a child. As with relative caregivers, non-relative guardians may receive TANF on behalf of an otherwise eligible child. In addition, non-relatives who are serving as primary caregiver even without legal status (acting in loco parentis) and who consent to a criminal history background check may receive TANF on behalf of an otherwise eligible child.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The chart may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

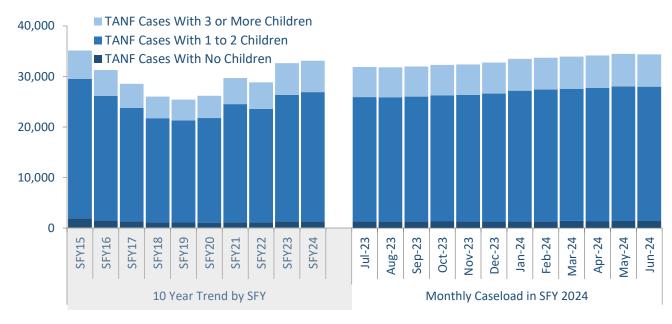
## TANF/SFA Child-Only Caseload by Major Caretaker Groups, June 2024 **Snapshot (continued)**

#### **Parental Child-Only TANF**

These are households where the child lives in the home with their legal parent(s), but the parent(s) are not eligible for a TANF grant for themselves. This population includes:

- Undocumented Noncitizen Children in households headed by undocumented noncitizens may be U.S. citizens and therefore eligible for TANF benefits if the household, including non-recipient adults, meets financial eligibility criteria.
  - Undocumented noncitizen parents may apply for TANF on behalf of their citizen (and/or lawfully present or qualified noncitizen) children; the undocumented parents receive no continuing benefits (cash, food, or medical) for themselves.
- Disabled Disabled parents who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) do not qualify for TANF because federal law does not allow them to receive both. Their minor children are still eligible for TANF, as long as the household meets the program's financial eligibility criteria.
- Disqualified Some parents may be disqualified from receiving TANF because of fleeing a felony conviction, a probation or parole violation, or fraudulent receipt of public assistance. Their minor children are still eligible for TANF, as long as the household meets financial eligibility criteria. Fleeing felons and probation or parole violators can restore their TANF eligibility by complying with the law. The court determines the period of ineligibility for those convicted of fraud.
- Unknown (or Other) Caretaker is defined using the child's relationship to the head of household member. 'Other cases' are those in which the head of the household's status is unknown.

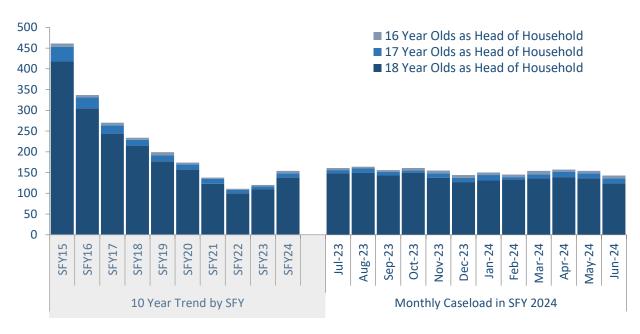
## TANF/SFA Caseload by Number of Children<sup>13</sup>, SFY 2015 – 2024



		Caseload by Number of Children					
	Total TANF/SFA	No C	hildren	1 to 2	Children	3 or Mo	re Children
SFY 2024	Caseload	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	31,872	1,294	4.1%	24,622	77.3%	5,956	18.7%
August	31,832	1,360	4.3%	24,551	77.1%	5,921	18.6%
September	31,977	1,347	4.2%	24,663	77.1%	5,967	18.7%
October	32,286	1,381	4.3%	24,896	77.1%	6,009	18.6%
November	32,391	1,319	4.1%	25,057	77.4%	6,015	18.6%
December	32,784	1,321	4.0%	25,310	77.2%	6,153	18.8%
January	33,507	1,319	3.9%	25,870	77.2%	6,318	18.9%
February	33,728	1,341	4.0%	26,065	77.3%	6,322	18.7%
March	33,933	1,411	4.2%	26,173	77.1%	6,349	18.7%
April	34,171	1,387	4.1%	26,334	77.1%	6,450	18.9%
May	34,492	1,477	4.3%	26,555	77.0%	6,460	18.7%
June	34,375	1,478	4.3%	26,508	77.1%	6,389	18.6%
Mo. Avg.	33,112	1,370	4.1%	25,550	77.2%	6,192	18.7%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Some TANF/SFA cases have no children. If the only children eligible for TANF/SFA are receiving SSI, those children will not receive a TANF/SFA payment, but the parents will receive a TANF/SFA payment. Also, pregnant individuals with no children are eligible for TANF/SFA.

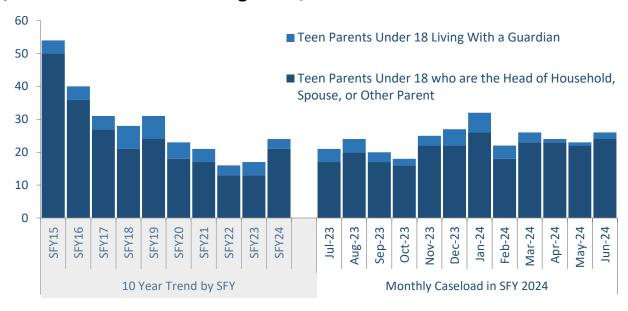
## TANF/SFA Teen Head of Household (HOH)<sup>14</sup>, SFY 2015 – 2024



	Teen Head of Households						
SFY 2024	Total TANF/SFA Cases with a Teen HOH	16 Years Old	d or Younger	17 Yea	ars Old % of Total	18 Yea	ars Old % of Total
July	161	5	3.1%	8	5.0%	148	91.9%
August	164	4	2.4%	11	6.7%	149	90.9%
September	156	4	2.6%	9	5.8%	143	91.7%
October	161	6	3.7%	6	3.7%	149	92.5%
November	155	7	4.5%	11	7.1%	137	88.4%
December	144	7	4.9%	10	6.9%	127	88.2%
January	150	6	4.0%	13	8.7%	131	87.3%
February	145	6	4.1%	7	4.8%	132	91.0%
March	154	8	5.2%	10	6.5%	136	88.3%
April	157	5	3.2%	13	8.3%	139	88.5%
May	154	6	3.9%	12	7.8%	136	88.3%
June	143	7	4.9%	12	8.4%	124	86.7%
Mo. Avg.	154	6	3.9%	10	6.5%	138	89.6%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Numbers reflect households where the head of household is a teen parent living independently from his/her formal legal guardian.

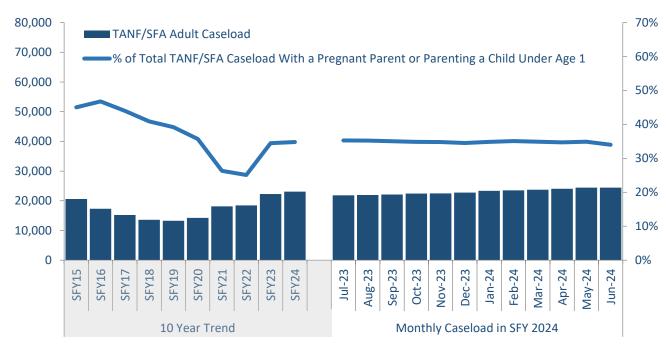
## TANF/SFA Teen Parents under Age 18<sup>15</sup>, SFY 2015 – 2024



	Teen Parents Under Age 18						
			10 "	Head of House			
		Living with a Le	gal Guardian	or Other	Parent		
SFY 2024	<b>Total Clients</b>	# of Clients	% of Total	# of Clients	% of Total		
July	21	4	19.0%	17	81.0%		
August	24	4	16.7%	20	83.3%		
September	20	3	15.0%	17	85.0%		
October	18	2	11.1%	16	88.9%		
November	25	3	12.0%	22	88.0%		
December	27	5	18.5%	22	81.5%		
January	32	6	18.8%	26	81.3%		
February	22	4	18.2%	18	81.8%		
March	26	3	11.5%	23	88.5%		
April	24	1	4.2%	23	95.8%		
May	23	1	4.3%	22	95.7%		
June	26	2	7.7%	24	92.3%		
Mo. Avg.	24	3	12.5%	21	87.5%		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Teen parents are defined based on the client's relationship to the head of household. If the client is coded as "CP" (child parent), the child is considered to be living under legal guardianship while caring for their own child.

# TANF/SFA Adult Caseload with Pregnant Individuals Or Children Under Age 1, SFY 2015 – 2024

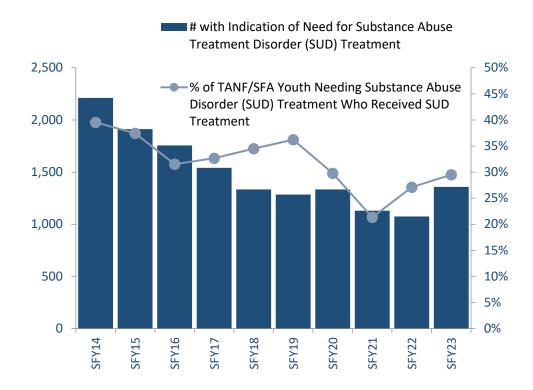


	Total Adult	Preg	Pregnant <sup>17</sup>		onths Old	4 – 12 M	onths Old
SFY 2024	Caseload 16	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	21,862	4,188	19.2%	1,159	5.3%	2,361	10.8%
August	21,922	4,245	19.4%	1,166	5.3%	2,314	10.6%
September	22,110	4,241	19.2%	1,175	5.3%	2,337	10.6%
October	22,408	4,262	19.0%	1,183	5.3%	2,362	10.5%
November	22,469	4,249	18.9%	1,168	5.2%	2,408	10.7%
December	22,743	4,227	18.6%	1,182	5.2%	2,447	10.8%
January	23,324	4,352	18.7%	1,252	5.4%	2,527	10.8%
February	23,515	4,431	18.8%	1,215	5.2%	2,604	11.1%
March	23,734	4,459	18.8%	1,239	5.2%	2,591	10.9%
April	24,067	4,531	18.8%	1,227	5.1%	2,601	10.8%
May	24,412	4,695	19.2%	1,247	5.1%	2,573	10.5%
June	24,413	4,554	18.7%	1,240	5.1%	2,510	10.3%
Mo. Avg.	23,082	4,370	18.9%	1,204	5.2%	2,470	10.7%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Cases are unduplicated across the sub-groups and are counted using the following rule of hierarchy if the case has individuals belonging to more than one group: pregnant, 0-3 months old, and 4-12 months old.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Pregnancy status was identified in ACES.

# TANF/SFA Youth<sup>18</sup> Receiving Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) Treatment<sup>19</sup>, SFY 2014 – 2023

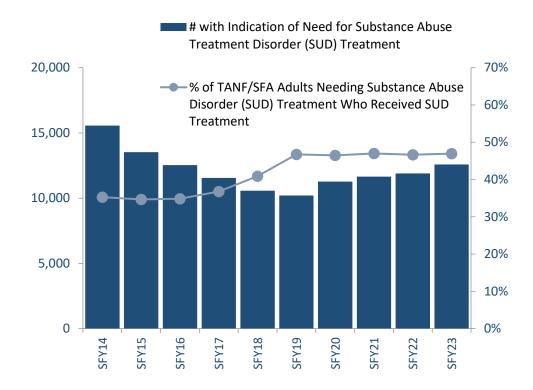


	# with Indication of Need for Substance Abuse Treatment Disorder (SUD) Treatment	# Receiving Publicly Funded Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) Treatment	% of TANF/SFA Youth Needing Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) Treatment Who Received SUD Treatment
SFY14	2,211	874	39.5%
SFY15	1,912	716	37.4%
SFY16	1,755	553	31.5%
SFY17	1,541	503	32.6%
SFY18	1,334	460	34.5%
SFY19	1,284	465	36.2%
SFY20	1,334	397	29.8%
SFY21	1,130	241	21.3%
SFY22	1,074	291	27.1%
SFY23	1,359	401	29.5%

 $<sup>^{18}</sup>$  TANF/SFA youth are clients ages 12 – 17. Clients are classified as youth based on age rather than their relationship to the head of household.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Data is from DSHS' Research and Data Analysis (RDA). SUD treatment need is indicated by administrative data that reflect diagnoses, services, medications, or arrests recorded for substance-related problems in the listed or prior fiscal year. Clients are defined as having received SUD services if they received SUD-related services through the state-funded behavioral health system in the listed year.

# TANF/SFA Adults<sup>20</sup> Receiving Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) Treatment<sup>21</sup>, SFY 2014 – 2023

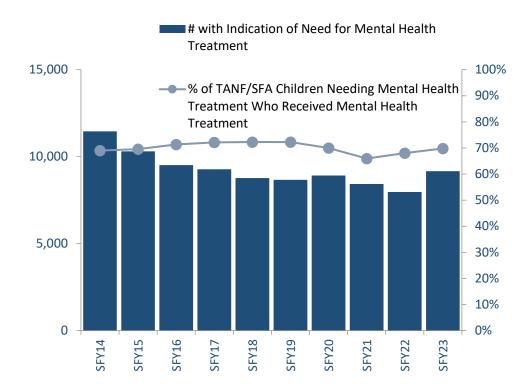


	# with Indication of Need for Substance Abuse Treatment Disorder (SUD) Treatment	# Receiving Publicly Funded Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) Treatment	% of TANF/SFA Adults Needing Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) Treatment Who Received SUD Treatment
SFY14	15,571	5,492	35.3%
SFY15	13,530	4,690	34.7%
SFY16	12,536	4,368	34.8%
SFY17	11,556	4,250	36.8%
SFY18	10,578	4,327	40.9%
SFY19	10,207	4,773	46.8%
SFY20	11,267	5,238	46.5%
SFY21	11,655	5,477	47.0%
SFY22	11,901	5,554	46.7%
SFY23	12,587	5,910	47.0%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> TANF/SFA adult clients are ages 18+. Clients are classified as adults based on age rather than their relationship to the head of household.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Data is from DSHS' Research and Data Analysis (RDA). SUD treatment need is indicated by administrative data that reflect diagnoses, services, medications, or arrests recorded for substance-related problems in the listed or prior fiscal year. Clients are defined as having received SUD services if they received SUD-related services through the state-funded behavioral health system in the listed year.

## TANF/SFA Children<sup>22</sup> Receiving Mental Health Treatment<sup>23</sup>, SFY 2014 – 2023

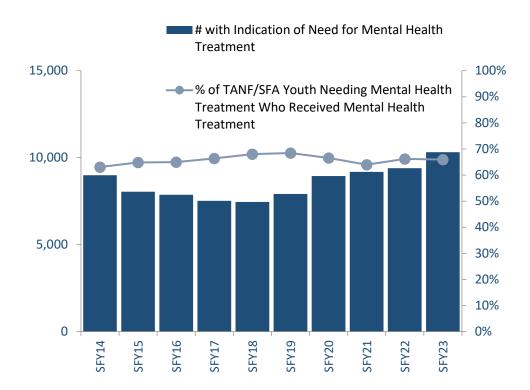


	# with Indication of Need for Mental Health Treatment	# Receiving Mental Health Treatment	% of TANF/SFA Children Needing Mental Health Treatment Who Received Mental Health Treatment
SFY14	11,452	7,901	69.0%
SFY15	10,303	7,168	69.6%
SFY16	9,515	6,785	71.3%
SFY17	9,275	6,688	72.1%
SFY18	8,770	6,339	72.3%
SFY19	8,664	6,262	72.3%
SFY20	8,919	6,241	70.0%
SFY21	8,424	5,556	66.0%
SFY22	7,969	5,423	68.1%
SFY23	9,162	6,396	69.8%

 $<sup>^{22}</sup>$  TANF/SFA children are clients ages 5 – 11. Clients are classified as children based on age rather than their relationship to the head of household.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Data is from DSHS' Research and Data Analysis (RDA). Mental health treatment need is identified through receipt of publicly funded mental health services, prescribed psychotropic medications, or mental health diagnoses recorded during the listed or prior fiscal year. Receiving mental health treatment is defined as receiving mental health treatment services through the Washington State Behavioral Health Organizations, the medical mental health benefit, or tribal mental health.

## TANF/SFA Youth<sup>24</sup> Receiving Mental Health Treatment<sup>25</sup>, SFY 2014 – 2023

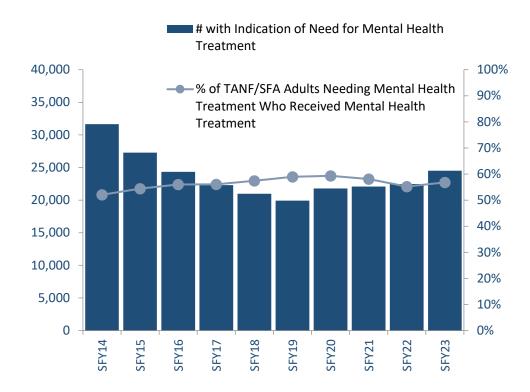


	# with Indication of Need for Mental Health Treatment	# Receiving Mental Health Treatment	% of TANF/SFA Youth Needing Mental Health Treatment Who Received Mental Health Treatment
SFY14	8,992	5,672	63.1%
SFY15	8,045	5,216	64.8%
SFY16	7,864	5,108	65.0%
SFY17	7,517	4,987	66.3%
SFY18	7,453	5,068	68.0%
SFY19	7,915	5,417	68.4%
SFY20	8,939	5,949	66.6%
SFY21	9,184	5,877	64.0%
SFY22	9,395	6,219	66.2%
SFY23	10,314	6,801	65.9%

 $<sup>^{24}</sup>$  TANF/SFA youth are clients ages 12 – 17. Clients are classified as youth based on age rather than their relationship to the head of household.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Data is from DSHS' Research and Data Analysis (RDA). Mental health treatment need is identified through receipt of publicly funded mental health services, prescribed psychotropic medications, or mental health diagnoses recorded during the listed or prior fiscal year. Receiving mental health treatment is defined as receiving mental health treatment services through the Washington State Behavioral Health Organizations, the medical mental health benefit, or tribal mental health.

## TANF/SFA Adults<sup>26</sup> Receiving Mental Health Treatment<sup>27</sup>, SFY 2014 – 2023

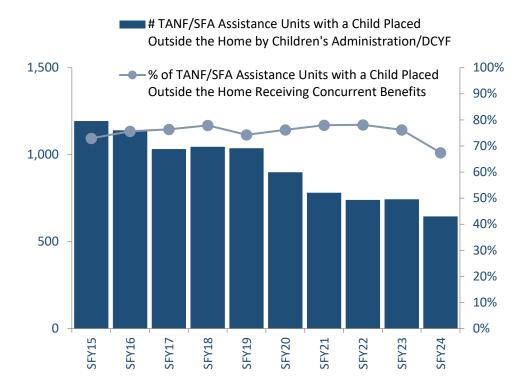


	# with Indication of Need for Mental Health Treatment	# Receiving Mental Health Treatment	% of TANF/SFA Adults Needing Mental Health Treatment Who Received Mental Health Treatment
SFY14	31,644	16,471	52.1%
SFY15	27,278	14,844	54.4%
SFY16	24,337	13,626	56.0%
SFY17	22,293	12,501	56.1%
SFY18	20,974	12,037	57.4%
SFY19	19,917	11,742	59.0%
SFY20	21,798	12,931	59.3%
SFY21	22,073	12,817	58.1%
SFY22	22,487	12,413	55.2%
SFY23	24,513	13,930	56.8%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> TANF/SFA adults are clients ages 18+. Age is not based on relationship to head of household, but is based on the midpoint of the fiscal year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Data is from DSHS' Research and Data Analysis (RDA). Mental health treatment need is identified through receipt of publicly funded mental health services, prescribed psychotropic medications, or mental health diagnoses recorded during the listed or prior fiscal year. Receiving mental health treatment is defined as receiving mental health treatment services through the Washington State Behavioral Health Organizations, the medical mental health benefit, or tribal mental health.

### TANF/SFA Households Receiving Concurrent Benefits<sup>28</sup>, SFY 2015 - 2024



	# TANF/SFA Households with a Child Placed Outside the Home by Children's Administration/DCYF	# TANF/SFA Households Receiving Concurrent Benefits	% of TANF/SFA Households with a Child Placed Outside the Home Receiving Concurrent Benefits
SFY15	1,193	870	72.9%
SFY16	1,140	862	75.6%
SFY17	1,032	788	76.4%
SFY18	1,045	814	77.9%
SFY19	1,037	770	74.3%
SFY20	899	685	76.2%
SFY21	781	609	78.0%
SFY22	740	578	78.1%
SFY23	743	566	76.2%
SFY24	645	435	67.4%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Data is from DSHS' Research and Data Analysis (RDA). Reflects out-of-home placements and TANF/SFA issuances through June 2024. Children's Administration transitioned from DSHS to DCYF in July 2018. DSHS allows certain households to receive concurrent benefits, in which two households receive benefits for the same child in the same month. When the Children's Administration/DCYF removes a child from a household receiving TANF/SFA, both the household from which the child is removed and the household where the child is temporarily residing may receive TANF/SFA benefits for a limited time.

### WorkFirst Clients Participating in WorkFirst Activities, SFY 2024

The WorkFirst program provides job search assistance, employment, education and skills training, and work supports to TANF recipients. The program also provides referrals to assistance in removing barriers to employment that may include family violence, homelessness, and physical or behavioral health. Families may also be referred to child care subsidies and other sources of parenting support. The goal of WorkFirst is to help these families build a pathway that can lead them out of poverty and toward economic security. Participation in WorkFirst activities is mandatory for most adult TANF recipients.<sup>29</sup> Adult clients who fail to meet participation requirements without a good cause are subject to the WorkFirst noncompliance sanction (NCS)<sup>30</sup>.

SFY 2024	Total WorkFirst Clients Receiving TANF/SFA	Total WorkFirst Clients Exempted from Participation <sup>31</sup>	WorkFirst Clients Normally Required to Participate (Non-Exempt)	# Non-Exempt WorkFirst Clients Participating in WorkFirst Activities	% of Non-Exempt WorkFirst Clients Participating in WorkFirst Activities
July	26,598	4,115	22,483	10,174	45.3%
August	26,620	4,214	22,406	10,102	45.1%
September	26,860	4,210	22,650	10,207	45.1%
October	27,218	4,199	23,019	10,652	46.3%
November	27,315	4,158	23,157	10,324	44.6%
December	27,756	4,250	23,506	9,988	42.5%
January	28,591	4,351	24,240	10,465	43.2%
February	28,935	4,351	24,584	10,823	44.0%
March	29,284	4,383	24,901	11,064	44.4%
April	29,701	4,505	25,196	11,591	46.0%
May	30,106	4,514	25,592	11,872	46.4%
June	30,063	4,432	25,631	11,540	45.0%
Mo. Avg.	28,254	4,307	23,947	10,734	44.8%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> WorkFirst participation may be waived or deferred if the individual meets an exemption criterion as described in WAC 388-310-0350.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> The non-compliance sanction (NCS) policy for WorkFirst was modified effective July 1, 2021 (see WAC 388-310-1600). The NCS policy allows two continuous months of non-compliance before DSHS applies a sanction reduction penalty to the cash grant. Clients are allowed an additional ten consecutive months on a reduced grant before the TANF or SFA case is terminated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> TANF/SFA adults are required to participate in the WorkFirst program unless they meet one or more of the following exemption criteria: Infant exemption, toddler exemption, postpartum exemption, pursuing SSI, 55 & older caretaker relative, caring for an adult with disabilities who is not a full-time student, caring for a child with special needs who is not a full-time student, or an adult with severe and chronic disabilities.

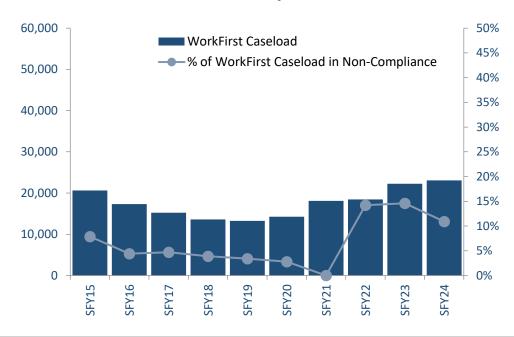
# WorkFirst Clients Participating in WorkFirst Activities<sup>32</sup>, SFY 2024 (continued)

SFY 2024	# of Non-Exempt WorkFirst Clients Participating in WorkFirst Activities	# Working	% Working	# Looking For Work	% Looking For Work
July	10,174	2,583	25.4%	2,672	26.3%
August	10,102	2,636	26.1%	2,737	27.1%
September	10,207	2,732	26.8%	2,622	25.7%
October	10,652	2,863	26.9%	2,769	26.0%
November	10,324	2,687	26.0%	2,779	26.9%
December	9,988	2,436	24.4%	2,765	27.7%
January	10,465	2,517	24.1%	2,969	28.4%
February	10,823	2,566	23.7%	3,034	28.0%
March	11,064	2,599	23.5%	3,054	27.6%
April	11,591	2,711	23.4%	3,180	27.4%
May	11,872	2,731	23.0%	3,248	27.4%
June	11,540	2,567	22.2%	3,119	27.0%
Mo. Avg.	10,734	2,636	24.6%	2,912	27.1%

SFY 2024	# Preparing for Work (Education and Training)	% Preparing for Work (Education and Training)	# Resolving Issues	% Resolving Issues
July	3,521	34.6%	4,260	41.9%
August	3,469	34.3%	4,310	42.7%
September	3,687	36.1%	4,254	41.7%
October	3,961	37.2%	4,394	41.3%
November	3,844	37.2%	4,195	40.6%
December	3,751	37.6%	4,075	40.8%
January	4,138	39.5%	4,264	40.7%
February	4,378	40.5%	4,266	39.4%
March	4,443	40.2%	4,352	39.3%
April	4,783	41.3%	4,606	39.7%
May	4,898	41.3%	4,759	40.1%
June	4,791	41.5%	4,602	39.9%
Mo. Avg.	4,139	38.6%	4,361	40.6%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Clients may participate in more than one type of WorkFirst activity in each month.

## WorkFirst Cases and Clients in Non-Compliance, SFY 2015 - 2024



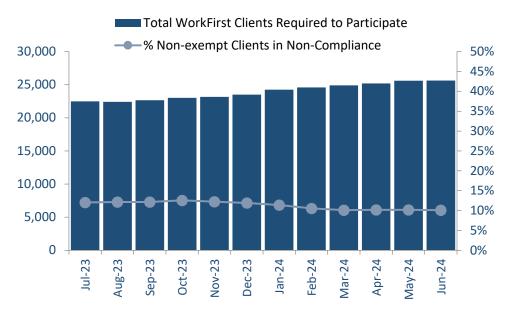
	Cases (Monthly Average)			Clients (Monthly Average)		
SFY	WorkFirst Caseload	Cases with at Least 1 Adult in Non- Compliance	% of Cases with at least 1 Adult in Non- Compliance	All WorkFirst Clients	Clients in Non- Compliance	% of All WorkFirst Clients in Non- Compliance
SFY15	20,608	1,619	7.9%	23,588	1,717	7.3%
SFY16	17,336	768	4.4%	19,701	789	4.0%
SFY17	15,223	714	4.7%	17,323	736	4.2%
SFY18	13,602	524	3.9%	15,374	557	3.6%
SFY19	13,266	457	3.4%	14,877	471	3.2%
SFY20 <sup>33</sup>	14,249	397	2.8%	16,146	409	2.5%
SFY21	18,118	0	0.0%	18,505	0	0.0%
SFY22 <sup>34</sup>	18,434	2,625	14.2%	20,929	2,803	13.4%
SFY23	22,245	3,249	14.6%	26,728	3,454	12.9%
SFY24	23,082	2,525	10.9%	28,254	2,696	9.5%

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, DSHS temporarily suspended mandatory participation requirements between March 16, 2020 and August 31, 2021; therefore, monthly averages for SFY 2020 reflect a 9-month average rather than a 12-month average, and there were no cases or clients with at least one adult in non-compliance in SFY 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Effective July 2021, Substitute House Bill 2441 eliminated immediate fully family sanction, allowing WorkFirst participants two months of non-compliance before grant reduction followed by 10 months of reduced grant, prior to full family sanction (aid to entire household completely ends). This, combined with the resumption of participation requirements following the COVID-19 Pandemic in the fall of 2021, led to an increase in participants in non-compliance.

## WorkFirst Clients in Non-Compliance by Month, SFY 2024

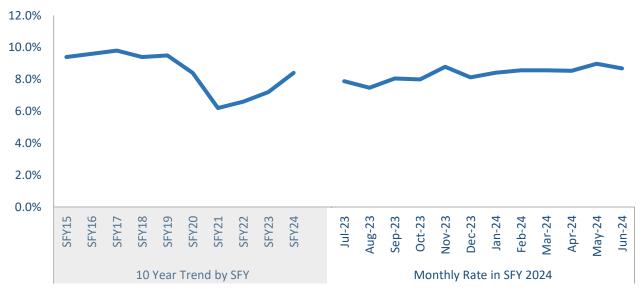


	WorkFirst Adult Clients in Non-Compliance				
SFY 2024	Total WorkFirst Clients Required to Participate (Non- exempt <sup>35</sup> )	Total Non- Exempt Clients in Non- Compliance	% Non-Exempt Clients in Non- Compliance	Clients in Sanction Status with Grant Reduction	Clients on Cases Terminated Due to Non-Compliance Sanction Effective the Following Month
July	22,483	2,709	12.0%	1,291	45
August	22,406	2,726	12.2%	1,256	44
September	22,650	2,751	12.1%	1,252	36
October	23,019	2,894	12.6%	1,277	48
November	23,157	2,837	12.3%	1,281	39
December	23,506	2,804	11.9%	1,273	35
January	24,240	2,761	11.4%	1,314	37
February	24,584	2,593	10.5%	1,216	36
March	24,901	2,519	10.1%	1,169	34
April	25,196	2,562	10.2%	1,165	20
May	25,592	2,604	10.2%	1,173	40
June	25,631	2,593	10.1%	1,122	39
Mo. Avg.	23,947	2,696	11.3%	1,232	38

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Clients meeting one or more of the following exemption definitions may be exempted from WorkFirst participation: infant exemption, toddler exemption, postpartum exemption, pursuing SSI, 55 & older caretaker relative, caring for an adult with disabilities who is not a full time student, caring for a child with special needs who is not a full time student, or an adult with severe and chronic disabilities.

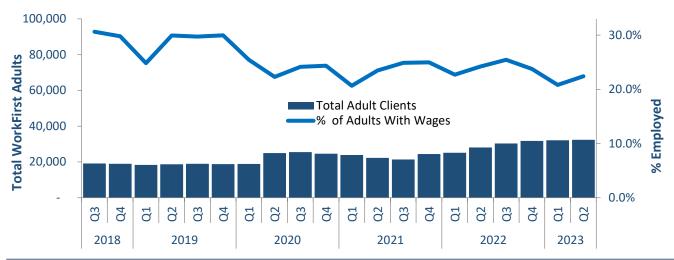
# WorkFirst Client Employment Rates<sup>36</sup>, SFY 2015 – 2024



SFY 2024	# of WorkFirst Clients	# Employed (Earned Income >= \$5.00)	% Employed (Earned Income >= \$5.00)	Avg. Monthly Hours Worked (Among those Employed)
July	26,598	2,096	7.9%	71.0
August	26,620	1,990	7.5%	73.0
September	26,860	2,163	8.1%	73.0
October	27,218	2,175	8.0%	73.0
November	27,315	2,400	8.8%	78.0
December	27,756	2,256	8.1%	77.0
January	28,591	2,407	8.4%	76.0
February	28,935	2,477	8.6%	78.0
March	29,284	2,509	8.6%	80.0
April	29,701	2,536	8.5%	79.0
May	30,106	2,702	9.0%	80.0
June	30,063	2,612	8.7%	81.0
Mo. Avg.	28,254	2,360	8.4%	76.6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup>Employment status is based on the client's self-reported earnings from work as recorded in the ACES database. If the client reported \$5 or more in earned income in the month, the client is considered employed.

## WorkFirst Clients Receiving Quarterly Wages<sup>37</sup>, July 2019 – June 2024



			38	Average	
Quarter	Total Adults	Number	h Wages <sup>38</sup> Percent	Quarterly Wages <sup>39</sup>	Average Quarterly Hourly Wages <sup>40</sup>
2019Q3	18,977	5,639	29.7%	\$2,832	\$15.33
2019Q4	18,761	5,622	30.0%	\$2,910	\$15.63
2020Q1	18,866	4,800	25.4%	\$2,800	\$16.33
2020Q2	24,930	5,558	22.3%	\$2,659	\$17.33
2020Q3	25,534	6,166	24.1%	\$3,412	\$16.98
2020Q4	24,601	5,993	24.4%	\$3,536	\$17.17
2021Q1	23,890	4,935	20.7%	\$3,225	\$17.36
2021Q2	22,277	5,227	23.5%	\$3,416	\$17.38
2021Q3	21,415	5,329	24.9%	\$3,532	\$18.08
2021Q4	24,457	6,110	25.0%	\$3,562	\$18.78
2022Q1	25,154	5,713	22.7%	\$3,284	\$18.91
2022Q2	28,071	6,793	24.2%	\$3,719	\$18.99
2022Q3	30,355	7,720	25.4%	\$3,944	\$19.42
2022Q4	31,726	7,546	23.8%	\$3,847	\$20.02
2023Q1	32,148	6,691	20.8%	\$3,946	\$20.25
2023Q2	32,390	7,282	22.5%	\$4,093	\$20.44
2023Q3	32,063	7,603	23.7%	\$4,252	\$20.70
2023Q4	33,135	7,707	23.3%	\$4,479	\$21.20
2024Q1	34,230	6,933	20.3%	\$4,083	\$21.57
2024Q2	35,649	7,706	21.6%	\$4,423	\$21.50

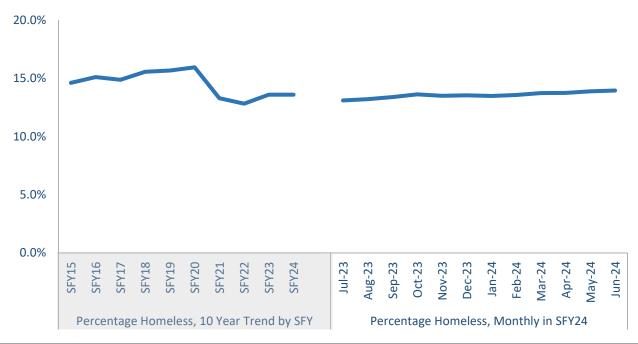
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Quarterly wage information is based on the Employment Security Department's (ESD) Unemployment Insurance (UI) wage data.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Adults with wages are those adult clients with wages who earned total wages of more than \$5.00 in a quarter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Average quarterly wages per person for those adult clients with wages in a quarter.

 $<sup>^{40}</sup>$  Jobs without hours or with 1,000 or more hours are excluded. Only includes jobs with an hourly wage rate between \$5 and \$50.

## TANF/SFA Households Experiencing Homelessness<sup>41</sup>, SFY 2024



SFY 2024	Total Caseload	# Homeless Cases	% Homeless	# Homeless without Housing	% Homeless without Housing
July	31,872	4,177	13.1%	871	2.7%
August	31,832	4,203	13.2%	911	2.9%
September	31,977	4,283	13.4%	951	3.0%
October	32,286	4,398	13.6%	987	3.1%
November	32,391	4,371	13.5%	985	3.0%
December	32,784	4,437	13.5%	1,017	3.1%
January	33,507	4,520	13.5%	1,018	3.0%
February	33,728	4,574	13.6%	1,043	3.1%
March	33,933	4,660	13.7%	1,072	3.2%
April	34,171	4,696	13.7%	1,086	3.2%
May	34,492	4,789	13.9%	1,157	3.4%
June	34,375	4,794	13.9%	1,212	3.5%
Mo. Avg.	33,112	4,492	13.6%	1,026	3.1%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Homeless is defined (based on the self-reported living arrangement code in ACES) as: homeless without housing, homeless with housing (staying temporarily with family or friends—commonly referred to as "couch surfing"), emergency shelter, or domestic violence shelter.

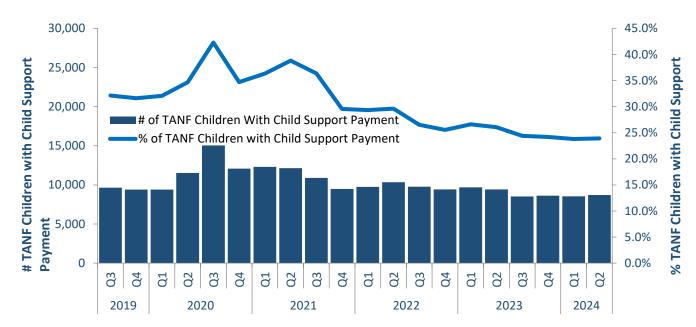
# TANF/SFA Adults and Children Experiencing Homelessness<sup>42</sup>, SFY 2024

SFY 2024	Total # Adults	# Homeless Adults	% Homeless	# Homeless without Housing	% Homeless without Housing
July	26,598	4,649	17.5%	913	3.4%
August	26,620	4,650	17.5%	959	3.6%
September	26,860	4,760	17.7%	1,005	3.7%
October	27,218	4,882	17.9%	1,062	3.9%
November	27,315	4,845	17.7%	1,064	3.9%
December	27,756	4,953	17.8%	1,098	4.0%
January	28,591	5,062	17.7%	1,112	3.9%
February	28,935	5,133	17.7%	1,163	4.0%
March	29,284	5,244	17.9%	1,206	4.1%
April	29,701	5,293	17.8%	1,223	4.1%
May	30,106	5,402	17.9%	1,301	4.3%
June	30,063	5,411	18.0%	1,369	4.6%
Mo. Avg.	28,254	5,024	17.8%	1,123	4.0%

SFY 2024	Total # Children	# Homeless Children	% Homeless	# Homeless without Housing	% Homeless without Housing
July	54,297	6,748	12.4%	1,122	2.1%
August	54,022	6,704	12.4%	1,178	2.2%
September	54,351	6,830	12.6%	1,273	2.3%
October	54,844	7,013	12.8%	1,330	2.4%
November	55,090	6,937	12.6%	1,331	2.4%
December	55,932	7,085	12.7%	1,400	2.5%
January	57,378	7,260	12.7%	1,413	2.5%
February	57,639	7,287	12.6%	1,478	2.6%
March	57,868	7,431	12.8%	1,521	2.6%
April	58,369	7,525	12.9%	1,569	2.7%
May	58,732	7,531	12.8%	1,646	2.8%
June	58,543	7,573	12.9%	1,732	3.0%
Mo. Avg.	56,422	7,160	12.7%	1,416	2.5%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Homeless is defined (based on the self-reported living arrangement code in ACES) as: homeless without housing, homeless with housing (staying temporarily with family or friends—commonly referred to as "couch surfing"), emergency shelter, or domestic violence shelter.

## TANF Children With Child Support Payment, By Quarter, July 2019 – June 2024



	# of TANF Children with	# of TANF Children With Child Support	% of TANF Children with Child Support
SFY/Quarter	Open Child Support Cases	Payment	Payment
2019Q3	30,004	9,641	32.1%
2019Q4	29,727	9,394	31.6%
2020Q1	29,316	9,406	32.1%
2020Q2	33,238	11,532	34.7%
2020Q3	35,585	15,049	42.3%
2020Q4	34,769	12,070	34.7%
2021Q1	33,877	12,310	36.3%
2021Q2	31,269	12,137	38.8%
2021Q3	29,941	10,891	36.4%
2021Q4	32,078	9,480	29.6%
2022Q1	33,221	9,751	29.4%
2022Q2	34,889	10,332	29.6%
2022Q3	36,871	9,775	26.5%
2022Q4	36,911	9,422	25.5%
2023Q1	36,390	9,685	26.6%
2023Q2	36,120	9,418	26.1%
2023Q3	34,984	8,527	24.4%
2023Q4	35,638	8,617	24.2%
2024Q1	35,879	8,535	23.8%
2024Q2	36,368	8,701	23.9%

# TANF/SFA Caseload by Primary Language<sup>43</sup>, June 2024 Snapshot

		Percent of	Percentage of Non-English
Primary Language	# of Cases	Cases	Cases
English Language Cases			
English	26,232	76.3%	N/A
Large Print	583	1.7%	N/A
Sign Language	4	<0.1%	N/A
Braille	3	<0.1%	N/A
Total English Languages	26,822	78.0%	N/A
Non-English Language Cases			
Spanish	4,456	13.0%	59.0%
Russian	864	2.5%	11.4%
Ukrainian	556	1.6%	7.4%
Dari	344	1.0%	4.6%
Arabic	215	0.6%	2.8%
Portuguese	179	0.5%	2.4%
French	138	0.4%	1.8%
Other Language	121	0.4%	1.6%
Romanian	98	0.3%	1.3%
Tigrigna	85	0.2%	1.1%
Trukese	74	0.2%	1.0%
Pashto	74	0.2%	1.0%
Haitian-Creole	50	0.1%	0.7%
Somali	47	0.1%	0.6%
Vietnamese	43	0.1%	0.6%
Farsi	40	0.1%	0.5%
Amharic	33	0.1%	0.4%
Swahili	26	0.1%	0.3%
Turkish	19	0.1%	0.3%
Oromo	15	<0.1%	0.2%
Other Languages <sup>44</sup>	76	0.2%	1.0%
Total Non-English Languages	7,553	22.0%	100.0%
Total	34,375	100.0%	
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Primary Language is based on the language indicated by the head of household during eligibility determination. It is used for letters, notices, and other written communications.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> These are non-English languages with fewer than 10 households each.

# TANF/SFA Client Demographics<sup>45</sup>, June 2024 Snapshot

	All Clients		All Adults		<u>All Children</u>	
		% of		% of		% of
	# of	Total	# of	Total	# of	Total
Characteristic	Clients	Clients	Clients	Adults	Clients	Children
Total Clients	88,606	100.0%	30,063	100.0%	58,543	100.0%

Gender	All Clients		All Adults		All Children	
Female	51,583	58.2%	22,504	74.9%	29,079	49.7%
Male	37,022	41.8%	7,559	25.1%	29,463	50.3%
Unknown	1	<0.1%	0	0.0%	1	<0.1%

Ethnicity and Race	All Cl	All Clients Al		<u>dults</u>	All Children	
Hispanic or Latino	26,317	29.7%	7,511	25.0%	18,806	32.1%
Not Hispanic or Latino <sup>46</sup>	62,289	70.3%	22,552	75.0%	39,737	67.9%
White	33,395	37.7%	13,110	43.6%	20,285	34.6%
Black/African American	11,156	12.6%	3,758	12.5%	7,398	12.6%
Asian/Pacific Islander	6,203	7.0%	2,348	7.8%	3,855	6.6%
American Indian/Alaska Native	3,064	3.5%	860	2.9%	2,204	3.8%
Two or More Races	2,847	3.2%	680	2.3%	2,167	3.7%
Race Not Reported	5,624	6.3%	1,796	6.0%	3,828	6.5%

Marital Status	<u>All Adults</u>
Separated	2,182 7.3%
Married	9,643 32.1%
Never Married	14,848 49.4%
Divorced	2,958 9.8%
Widowed	339 1.1%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	93 0.3%

Citizenship Status	All Clients		All Adults		All Children	
U.S. Citizen	66,884	75.5%	19,250	64.0%	47,634	81.4%
Resident Noncitizen	21,301	24.0%	10,610	35.3%	10,691	18.3%
U.S. National <sup>47</sup>	313	0.4%	153	0.5%	160	0.3%
Survivors of Certain Crimes <sup>48</sup>	108	0.1%	50	0.2%	58	0.1%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Clients are classified as adults or children based on their relationship to the head of household, rather than age.

 $<sup>^{46}</sup>$  Includes clients not reporting whether or not they are of Hispanic or Latino origin.

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## TANF/SFA Client Demographics, June 2024 Snapshot (continued)

	<u>All Cl</u>	All Clients		dults .
		% of		% of
	# of	Total # of		Total
Characteristic	Clients	Clients	Clients	Adults

Homeless Status	All Clients		All Adults	
Homeless <sup>49</sup>	12,361	14.0%	5,388	17.9%

Education Status	All Adults		
Less than a High School Diploma	6,726	22.4%	
High School Graduate or GED	13,588	45.2%	
Some College or College Degree	9,091	30.2%	
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	658	2.2%	

Age	All Clients		<u>All Adults</u>		
< 1 Year Old	3,808	4.3%	N/A		
1-5 Years Old	17,811	20.1%			
6 – 10 Years Old	16,233	18.3%	N/A		
11 – 15 Years Old	14,280	16.1%			
16 – 17 Years Old <sup>50</sup>	5,182	5.8%	20	0.1%	
18 – 24 Years Old	5,182	5.8%	3,933	13.1%	
25 – 34 Years Old	12,464	14.1%	12,464	41.5%	
35 – 44 Years Old	9,889	11.2%	9,889	32.9%	
45 – 54 Years Old	3,178	3.6%	3,178	10.6%	
55 – 64 Years Old	538	0.6%	538	1.8%	
65+ Years Old	41	<0.1%	41	0.1%	
Average Age of Adults	34.2 Years				

Length of Stay <sup>51</sup>	
Average	23.7 Months
Median	13.0 Months

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Homeless is defined (based on the self-reported living arrangement code in ACES) as: homeless without housing, homeless with housing (staying temporarily with family or friends—commonly referred to as "couch surfing"), emergency shelter, or domestic violence shelter.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Months on Assistance since July 1997 (All Adults). Does not include child recipient months.

## TANF/SFA Child Demographics<sup>52</sup>, June 2024 Snapshot

	<u>All Children</u>		Children in Child-Only Cases		
Characteristic	# of Clients	% of All Children	# of Clients	% of Children in Child-Only Cases	
Total Clients	58,543	100.0%	15,717	100.0%	
Gender	P	All Children	Children	in Child-Only Cases	
Female	29,079	49.7%	8,025	51.1%	
Male	29,463	50.3%	7,678	48.9%	
Unknown	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%	
Ethnicity and Race	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases		
Hispanic or Latino	18,806	32.1%	6,430	40.9%	
Not Hispanic or Latino <sup>53</sup>	39,737	67.9%	9,274	59.1%	
White	20,285	34.6%	5,152	32.8%	
Black/African American	7,398	12.6%	1,519	9.7%	
Asian/Pacific Islander	3,855	6.6%	602	3.8%	
American Indian/Alaska Native	2,204	3.8%	993	6.3%	
Two or More Races	2,167	3.7%	452	2.9%	
Race Not Reported	3,828	6.5%	556	3.5%	
Citizenship Status	All Children		Children	in Child-Only Cases	
U.S. Citizen	47,634	81.4%	15,298	97.4%	
Resident Noncitizen	10,691	18.3%	343	2.2%	

Citizenship Status	<u>All Children</u>		Children in Child-Only Cases	
U.S. Citizen	47,634	81.4%	15,298	97.4%
Resident Noncitizen	10,691	18.3%	343	2.2%
U.S. National <sup>54</sup>	160	0.3%	57	0.4%
Survivors of Certain Crimes <sup>55</sup>	58	0.1%	6	<0.1%

Age	All Children		Children in	Children in Child-Only Cases		
< 1 Year Old	3,808	6.5%	492	3.1%		
1 – 5 Years Old	17,811	30.4%	2,990	19.0%		
6 – 10 Years Old	16,233	27.7%	4,214	26.8%		
11 – 15 Years Old	14,280	24.4%	5,176	32.9%		
16 – 17 Years Old	5,162	8.8%	2,237	14.2%		
18 – 24 Years Old	1,249	2.1%	608	3.9%		
Average Age of Children	8.1 Years		10.1 Years			

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