

Expenditures

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This chapter summarizes ESA expenditure data for the 2023-2025 Biennium and projections for the 2025-2027 Biennium. This information is divided into three sub-sections: Cash Grant Assistance, WorkFirst, and Administrative.

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Expenditures Overview

State expenditures for programs such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and most child care assistance, are affected by block grants. Block grants place a “lid” on the amount of federal funding available.

Federal law requires states to maintain “historic levels of spending” for the programs consolidated in the TANF block grant. This state spending is known as Maintenance of Effort (MOE). Failure to spend state dollars at that level can result in a reduced federal block grant payment and require increases in state spending. Because Washington state meets the federal Work Participation Rate targets, it must spend 75% of what was spent historically on these programs, based on 1994 spending levels. Other states who do not meet the targets must spend 80% of what they spent historically.

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- Cash Grant Assistance
- WorkFirst
- Administrative

TECHNICAL NOTES

DATA SOURCE: Data for this chapter was provided by the ESA Division of Finance and Financial Resources (DFFR)

DATA NOTES:

- 2023-25 Actuals reflect expenditure data for State Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025.
- 2025-27 Projections reflect projection (allotment) data for State Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027.

Actual and Projected Program and Administrative Expenditures¹, for Selected Biennia (in thousands of dollars)

Program	Biennium		Change from 2023-25 to 2025-27	
	Actuals 2023-25	Projections 2025-27	Amount	Percent
Client Benefits & Supports (J90, X14, X19, X24, X25, X32)				
State	\$449,678	\$118,606	-\$331,072	-73.6%
Total	\$745,692	\$552,715	-\$192,977	-25.9%
Forecasted Programs (J90, X15, X16, X30, X31)				
State	\$450,497	\$453,372	\$2,875	0.6%
Total	\$437,719	\$423,066	(\$14,653)	-3.3%
WorkFirst Program (M02, X10, X18, X22, X23, X33)				
State	\$385,713	\$389,043	\$3,330	0.9%
Total	\$1,239,122	\$1,257,298	\$18,176	1.5%
Administrative (B41, M01, M02, V50)				
State	\$649,487	\$573,998	(\$75,489)	-10.6%
Total	\$1,367,481	\$1,257,726	(\$109,755)	-7.0%
Total Expenditures				
State	\$1,935,375	\$1,535,019	(\$400,356)	-20.4%
Total	\$3,790,015	\$3,490,805	(\$299,210)	-7.5%

¹ WorkFirst Operations/Staffing is counted in both WorkFirst and Administrative, and accounts for \$155,190 in 2023-25 (BU M02) and \$136,936 in 2025-27 (included in BU M01).

Actual and Projected Client Benefits and Supports (in thousands of dollars)

Program	Biennium		Change from 2023-25 to 2025-27	
	Actuals 2023-25	Projections 2025-27	Amount	Percent
Refugee & Immigration Assistance, Contracted Services (J90) (C2000)				
State	\$35,156	\$37,482	\$2,326	6.6%
Total	\$164,288	\$173,104	\$8,816	5.4%
State Supplemental Payments (SSP) (X14)				
State	\$38,380	\$37,818	(\$562)	-1.5%
Total	\$38,380	\$37,818	(\$562)	-1.5%
Ongoing Additional Requirements (OAR) (X19)				
State	\$814	\$1,510	\$696	85.4%
Total	\$814	\$1,510	\$696	85.4%
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP) (X24)				
State	\$3,500	\$3,707	\$207	5.9%
Total	\$82,723	\$104,637	\$21,914	26.5%
Repatriated US Nationals (X25)				
State	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
Total	\$1	\$120	\$119	9,011.6%
Other Client Services (X32)				
State	\$371,828	\$38,089	(\$333,739)	-89.8%
Total	\$459,485	\$235,526	(\$223,959)	-48.7%
Total Expenditures				
State	\$449,678	\$118,606	(\$331,072)	-73.6%
Total	\$745,692	\$552,715	(\$192,977)	-25.9%

Actual and Projected Forecasted Programs (in thousands of dollars)

Program	Biennium		Change from 2023-25 to 2025-27	
	Actuals 2023-25	Projections 2025-27	Amount	Percent
Refugee & Immigration Assitane (Cash Assistance) (J90) (C1000)				
State	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
Total	\$24,090	\$4,515	(\$19,575)	-81.3%
Aged Blind or Disabled / Pregnant Woment Assistance (ABD) / (PWA) (X15)				
State	\$320,813	\$359,653	\$38,840	12.1%
Total	\$320,813	\$359,653	\$38,840	12.1%
Aged Blind or Disabled Recoveries (ABD) (X16)				
State	(\$52,314)	(\$75,033)	(\$22,719)	43.4%
Total	(\$52,314)	(\$75,033)	(\$22,719)	43.4%
Child Support Recoveries (X30)				
State	(\$31,790)	(\$34,823)	(\$3,033)	9.5%
Total	(\$68,658)	(\$69,644)	(\$986)	1.4%
Food Assistance Program (FAP) (X31)				
State	\$213,788	\$203,575	(\$10,213)	-4.8%
Total	\$213,788	\$203,575	(\$10,213)	-4.8%
Total Expenditures				
State	\$450,497	\$453,372	\$2,875	0.6%
Total	\$437,719	\$423,066	(\$14,653)	-3.3%

Actual and Projected WorkFirst Program Expenditures², for Selected Biennia (in thousands of dollars)

Program	Biennium		Change from 2023-25 to 2025-27	
	Actuals 2023-25	Projections 2025-27	Amount	Percent
WorkFirst Operations/Staffing (M02)				
State	\$104,642	\$70,004	(\$34,638)	-33.1%
Total	\$155,190	\$136,936	(\$18,254)	-11.8%
TANF/SFA Assistance (X10)				
State	\$230,482	\$262,267	\$31,785	13.8%
Total	\$499,885	\$527,426	\$27,541	5.5%
Diversion Cash Assistance (DCA) (X18)				
State	\$1,422	\$3,104	\$1,682	118.3%
Total	\$1,422	\$3,104	\$1,682	118.3%
Child Care (X22)				
State	\$5	\$0	(\$5)	-100.0%
Total	\$353,405	\$353,402	(\$3)	0.0%
WorkFirst Employment & Training (X23)				
State	\$49,163	\$53,668	\$4,505	9.2%
Total	\$160,724	\$167,934	\$7,210	4.5%
DCYF TANF (X33)				
State	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
Total	\$68,496	\$68,496	\$0	0.0%
Total Expenditures				
State	\$385,713	\$389,043	\$3,330	0.9%
Total	\$1,239,122	\$1,257,298	\$18,176	1.5%

² WorkFirst Operations/Staffing is also included in the Administrative Expenditures table.

Actual and Projected Administrative Expenditures³⁴, for Selected Biennia (in thousands of dollars)

Program	Biennium		Change from 2023-25 to 2025-27	
	Actuals 2023-25	Projections 2025-27	Amount	Percent
Community Services Division				
State	\$385,157	\$372,940	(\$12,217)	-3.2%
Total	\$615,775	\$604,185	(\$11,590)	-1.9%
Division of Child Support				
State	\$104,942	\$97,021	(\$7,921)	-7.5%
Total	\$348,071	\$330,547	(\$17,524)	-5.0%
Division of Program Integrity				
State	\$7,886	\$8,802	\$916	11.6%
Total	\$14,271	\$17,043	\$2,772	19.4%
Division of Finance & Financial Resources				
State	\$5,088	\$8,743	\$3,655	71.8%
Total	\$10,306	\$15,416	\$5,110	49.6%
Division of Disability Determination Services				
State	\$2,351	\$2,615	\$264	11.2%
Total	\$113,147	\$124,533	\$11,386	10.1%
Division of IT Solutions				
State	\$125,016	\$65,175	(\$59,841)	-47.9%
Total	\$231,368	\$129,136	(\$102,232)	-44.2%
Office of the Assistant Secretary				
State	\$19,047	\$18,702	(\$345)	-1.8%
Total	\$34,542	\$36,866	\$2,324	6.7%
Total Expenditures				
State	\$649,487	\$573,998	(\$75,489)	-11.6%
Total	\$1,367,481	\$1,257,726	(\$109,755)	-8.0%

³ WorkFirst Operations/Staffing is also included in the WorkFirst Expenditures table.

⁴ In 2025-27, IT and HR staff and funding of \$98.7 million was transferred from ESA to Program 110.