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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 2025.

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 Responsibility 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 or benefits provided, is available in the Program Descriptions section of the Briefing Book.

Highlights

In SFY 2025, Washington state's TANF/SFA average monthly caseload increased by 8.5%, from **33,112 households in SFY 2024** to **35,912 households in SFY 2025**. Child-only households comprised 26.9% of the total TANF/SFA caseload in SFY 2025, down from 30.3% in SFY 2024. The average monthly cash assistance grant per case was **$618**.

TECHNICAL NOTES

DATA SOURCES: Data for this chapter is based on the ESA Automated Client Eligibility System (ACES) database as of August 2025. 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:

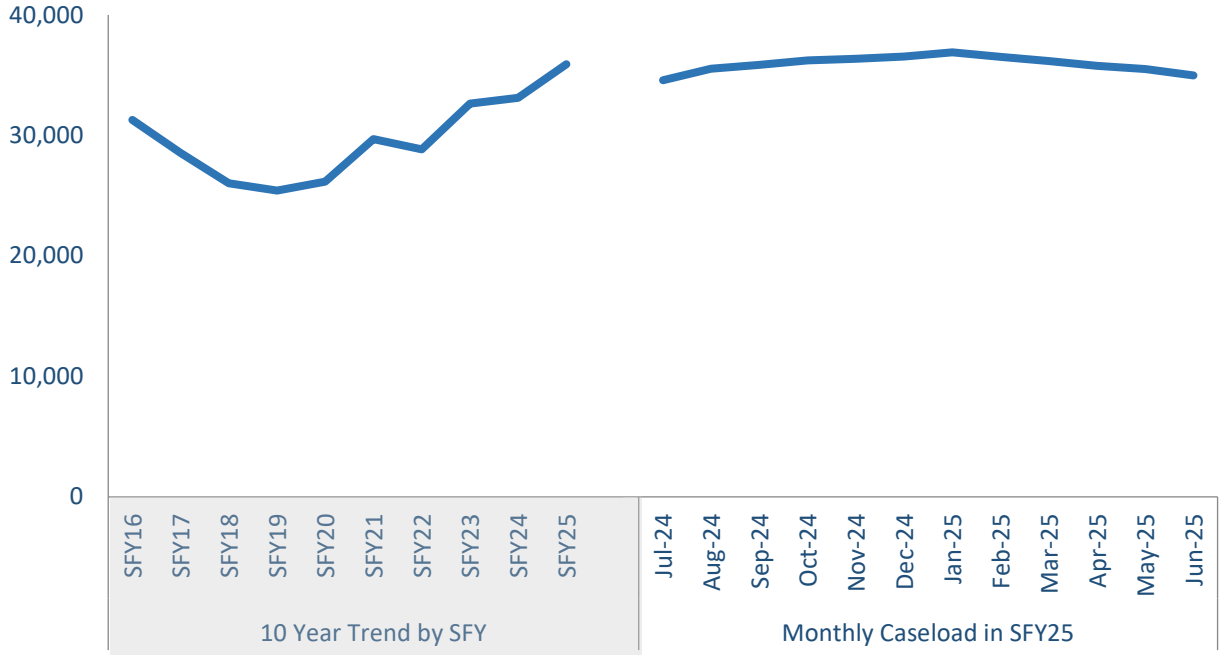
- Unless otherwise noted, both federally-funded TANF and state-funded SFA cases/clients are reported jointly in this section.
- WorkFirst clients are adult clients receiving TANF/SFA benefits. This can include teen parents.
- WorkFirst cases are those in which at least one adult is receiving TANF/SFA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

Selected TANF/SFA Program Overview, SFY 2024 and SFY 2025

	SFY 2024 (July 2023 June 2024)	SFY 2025 (July 2024 June 2025)	Change
Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range)	33,112 (31,832 - 34,492)	35,912 (34,567 - 36,895)	*8.5% (Increase)*
Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)	84,676 (80,642 - 88,838)	93,985 (89,350 - 97,321)	*11.0% (Increase)*
Average Number of Adults Per Month (Range)	28,254 (26,598 - 30,106)	32,288 (30,522 - 33,450)	*14.3% (Increase)*
Average Number of Children Per Month (Range)	56,422 (54,022 - 58,732)	61,697 (58,828 - 63,871)	*9.3% (Increase)*
State Population[1]	8,035,700	8,115,100	*1.0% (Increase)*
Monthly Average Recipients as a Percent of State's Total Population	1.1%	1.2%	*0.1% Point Increase*
Children as Percent of Recipients	66.6%	65.6%	*-1.0% Point (Decrease)*
Average Persons Per Case	2.6	2.6	*No Change*
Average Children Per Case	1.7	1.7	*No Change*
Average Children Per Adult	2.0	1.9	*-0.1 Point (Decrease)*
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)[2,3,4]	$583.29 ($539.44 - $616.37)	$618.33 ($615.24 - $622.03)	*6.0% (Increase)*

[1] Source: Office of Financial Management (OFM) population estimates
[2] Payments not adjusted for refunds.
[3] Effective January 1, 2024, all cash assistance programs received an 8% payment standard increase. There was an increase in the average monthly payment per case between SFY 2024 and SFY 2025 because the previous payment standard was in place for July 2023 – December 2023.
[4] 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 2016 – 2025



SFY	Monthly Average Caseload	SFY	Monthly Average Caseload
SFY16	31,284	**SFY21**	29,701
SFY17	28,555	**SFY22**	28,839
SFY18	26,030	**SFY23**	32,643
SFY19	25,422	**SFY24**	33,112
SFY20	26,172	**SFY25**	35,912

SFY 2025	Total Caseload	Clients	Grant Expenditures	Average Payment Per Case
July	34,567	89,350	$21,266,961	$615.24
August	35,549	92,402	$22,112,578	$622.03
September	35,851	93,509	$22,178,087	$618.62
October	36,222	94,863	$22,414,753	$618.82
November	36,359	95,495	$22,570,756	$620.77
December	36,551	96,208	$22,661,023	$619.98
January	36,895	97,321	$22,784,015	$617.54
February	36,506	95,966	$22,658,656	$620.68
March	36,165	94,885	$22,373,473	$618.65
April	35,787	93,667	$22,037,439	$615.79
May	35,505	92,766	$21,867,680	$615.90
June	34,986	91,385	$21,538,067	$615.62
Monthly Average	**35,912**	**93,985**	**$22,205,291**	**$618.33**
Annual Unduplicated	**59,959**	**159,192**	**$266,463,488**	**$4,444.09**

TANF/SFA Caseload by Funding Type, SFY 2025

SFY 2025	Total Caseload	TANF Only		Mixed TANF & SFA[5]		SFA Only	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	34,567	29,344	84.9%	1,811	5.2%	3,412	9.9%
August	35,549	30,088	84.6%	1,973	5.6%	3,488	9.8%
September	35,851	30,272	84.4%	1,984	5.5%	3,595	10.0%
October	36,222	30,483	84.2%	2,039	5.6%	3,700	10.2%
November	36,359	30,550	84.0%	2,113	5.8%	3,696	10.2%
December	36,551	30,799	84.3%	2,127	5.8%	3,625	9.9%
January	36,895	31,097	84.3%	2,199	6.0%	3,599	9.8%
February	36,506	30,822	84.4%	2,192	6.0%	3,492	9.6%
March	36,165	31,239	86.4%	1,682	4.7%	3,244	9.0%
April	35,787	31,002	86.6%	1,660	4.6%	3,125	8.7%
May	35,505	30,879	87.0%	1,644	4.6%	2,982	8.4%
June	34,986	30,500	87.2%	1,624	4.6%	2,862	8.2%
Monthly Average	**35,912**	**30,590**	**85.2%**	**1,921**	**5.3%**	**3,402**	**9.5%**

SFY 2025	SFA Caseload	State Expenditures on SFA Cases	Federal Expenditures on SFA Cases[6]	Average State Expenditures Per Case	Total Average Expenditures Per Case
July	5,223	$3,100,456	$511,522	$593.62	$691.55
August	5,461	$3,219,792	$603,699	$589.60	$700.14
September	5,579	$3,288,780	$595,492	$589.49	$696.23
October	5,739	$3,373,143	$608,831	$587.76	$693.84
November	5,809	$3,410,601	$641,750	$587.12	$697.60
December	5,752	$3,344,095	$654,606	$581.38	$695.18
January	5,798	$3,338,861	$674,044	$575.86	$692.12
February	5,684	$3,264,423	$681,408	$574.32	$694.20
March	4,926	$2,919,195	$502,878	$592.61	$694.70
April	4,785	$2,812,465	$500,817	$587.77	$692.43
May	4,626	$2,705,953	$486,389	$584.94	$690.09
June	4,486	$2,594,494	$478,951	$578.35	$685.12
Monthly Average	**5,322**	**$3,114,355**	**$578,366**	**$585.19**	**$693.86**
Annual Unduplicated	**9,883**	**$37,372,260**	**$6,940,387**	**$3,781.47**	**$4,483.72**

[5] The mixed TANF/SFA cases have at least one member in the household receiving federal TANF and at least one member receiving SFA benefits.

[6] These are federal expenditures on mixed TANF/SFA households.

TANF/SFA Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2025 Snapshot

The following pages detail the TANF/SFA caseload, June 2025 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 Living Administration (HCLA) Home and Community Services Division (HCS) or Development Disabilities Community Services Division (DDCS) Offices, or Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (PGST).

- CSO of Residence: Based on the CSO coverage area in which a client lives.

	Office of Issuance				Office of Residence			
Overview	**# of Cases**	**% of State Total**	**# of Clients**	**% of State Total**	**# of Cases**	**% of State Total**	**# of Clients**	**% of State Total**
Region 1 CSOs	10,040	28.7%	25,634	28.1%	10,019	28.6%	25,581	28.0%
Region 2 CSOs	13,057	37.3%	35,961	39.4%	12,887	36.8%	35,483	38.8%
Region 3 CSOs	11,877	33.9%	29,766	32.6%	12,073	34.5%	30,299	33.2%
CSCCs	4	<0.1%	8	<0.1%	N/A			
HCLA/HCS	8	<0.1%	16	<0.1%				
HCLA/DDCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%				
Tribal Locations[7]	0	0.0%	0	0.0%				
Not Reported / Unidentifiable	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	7	<0.1%	22	<0.1%
State Total	**34,986**	**100.0%**	**91,385**	**100.0%**	**34,986**	**100.0%**	**91,385**	**100.0%**

[7] 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 2025 Snapshot (continued)

	CSO of Issuance				CSO of Residence			
Region 1 CSO	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
CLARKSTON	184	0.5%	445	0.5%	185	0.5%	446	0.5%
COLFAX	128	0.4%	327	0.4%	128	0.4%	330	0.4%
COLVILLE	271	0.8%	682	0.7%	273	0.8%	687	0.8%
ELLENSBURG	173	0.5%	432	0.5%	170	0.5%	427	0.5%
GOLDENDALE	106	0.3%	250	0.3%	72	0.2%	167	0.2%
KENNEWICK	1,585	4.5%	4,133	4.5%	1,589	4.5%	4,148	4.5%
MOSES LAKE	686	2.0%	1,728	1.9%	688	2.0%	1,733	1.9%
NEWPORT	105	0.3%	262	0.3%	106	0.3%	265	0.3%
OKANOGAN	298	0.9%	749	0.8%	296	0.8%	743	0.8%
REPUBLIC	46	0.1%	98	0.1%	47	0.1%	101	0.1%
SPOKANE MAPLE	1,383	4.0%	3,660	4.0%	1,493	4.3%	3,901	4.3%
SPOKANE TRENT	1,967	5.6%	5,240	5.7%	1,839	5.3%	4,952	5.4%
SUNNYSIDE	426	1.2%	1,086	1.2%	414	1.2%	1,056	1.2%
TOPPENISH	504	1.4%	1,178	1.3%	506	1.4%	1,181	1.3%
WALLA WALLA	295	0.8%	745	0.8%	297	0.8%	750	0.8%
WENATCHEE	491	1.4%	1,237	1.4%	493	1.4%	1,240	1.4%
WHITE SALMON	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%	33	0.1%	80	0.1%
YAKIMA	1,391	4.0%	3,381	3.7%	1,390	4.0%	3,374	3.7%
Region 1 Total	**10,040**	**28.7%**	**25,634**	**28.1%**	**10,019**	**28.6%**	**25,581**	**28.0%**

TANF/SFA Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2025 Snapshot (continued)

	CSO of Issuance				CSO of Residence			
Region 2 CSO	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
ALDERWOOD	917	2.6%	2,638	2.9%	889	2.5%	2,560	2.8%
AUBURN	946	2.7%	2,797	3.1%	933	2.7%	2,756	3.0%
BELLINGHAM	774	2.2%	1,924	2.1%	772	2.2%	1,914	2.1%
BELLTOWN	326	0.9%	843	0.9%	325	0.9%	841	0.9%
CAPITOL HILL	411	1.2%	1122	1.2%	406	1.2%	1104	1.2%
EVERETT	1,262	3.6%	3,561	3.9%	1,255	3.6%	3,544	3.9%
FEDERAL WAY	754	2.2%	2,309	2.5%	740	2.1%	2,266	2.5%
KING EASTSIDE	1,059	3.0%	2,963	3.2%	1,063	3.0%	2,977	3.3%
KING NORTH	875	2.5%	2,294	2.5%	860	2.5%	2,246	2.5%
KING SOUTH	1,345	3.8%	4,160	4.6%	1,320	3.8%	4,089	4.5%
MT VERNON	524	1.5%	1,238	1.4%	495	1.4%	1,189	1.3%
OAK HARBOR	138	0.4%	314	0.3%	161	0.5%	354	0.4%
RAINIER	676	1.9%	1,821	2.0%	663	1.9%	1,782	1.9%
RENTON	1,014	2.9%	2,797	3.1%	987	2.8%	2,718	3.0%
SKY VALLEY	268	0.8%	661	0.7%	261	0.7%	642	0.7%
SMOKEY POINT	723	2.1%	1,769	1.9%	711	2.0%	1,733	1.9%
WHITE CENTER	1,045	3.0%	2,750	3.0%	1,046	3.0%	2,768	3.0%
Region 2 Total	**13,057**	**37.3%**	**35,961**	**39.4%**	**12,887**	**36.8%**	**35,483**	**38.8%**

TANF/SFA Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2025 Snapshot (continued)

	CSO of Issuance				CSO of Residence			
Region 3 CSO	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
ABERDEEN	486	1.4%	1,131	1.2%	492	1.4%	1,144	1.3%
BREMERTON	889	2.5%	2,043	2.2%	885	2.5%	2,027	2.2%
CHEHALIS	526	1.5%	1,247	1.4%	517	1.5%	1,223	1.3%
COLUMBIA RIVER	2,135	6.1%	5,807	6.4%	2,120	6.1%	5,769	6.3%
FORKS	103	0.3%	201	0.2%	101	0.3%	198	0.2%
KELSO	880	2.5%	2,124	2.3%	878	2.5%	2,117	2.3%
LAKEWOOD	1,325	3.8%	3,421	3.7%	1,310	3.7%	3,378	3.7%
LONG BEACH	42	0.1%	97	0.1%	41	0.1%	93	0.1%
OLYMPIA	1,274	3.6%	2,960	3.2%	1,519	4.3%	3,633	4.0%
PIERCE EAST	1,268	3.6%	3,265	3.6%	1,268	3.6%	3,239	3.5%
PIERCE NORTH	800	2.3%	1,901	2.1%	799	2.3%	1,896	2.1%
PIERCE SOUTH	1,338	3.8%	3,656	4.0%	1,331	3.8%	3,657	4.0%
PORT ANGELES	240	0.7%	577	0.6%	239	0.7%	574	0.6%
PORT TOWNSEND	72	0.2%	166	0.2%	72	0.2%	166	0.2%
SHELTON	392	1.1%	906	1.0%	395	1.1%	921	1.0%
SOUTH BEND	64	0.2%	160	0.2%	62	0.2%	156	0.2%
STEVENSON	43	0.1%	104	0.1%	44	0.1%	108	0.1%
Region 3 Total	**11,877**	**33.9%**	**29,766**	**32.6%**	**12,073**	**34.5%**	**30,299**	**33.2%**

TANF/SFA Caseload by Customer Service Contact Centers (CSCC) and Other Locations, June 2025 Snapshot

Customer Service Contact Centers (CSCC)	Office of Issuance			
	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
CSCC Central Sound	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CSCC Northeast	1	<0.1%	3	<0.1%
CSCC Northwest	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CSCC South Sound	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%
CSCC Southeast	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CSCC Southwest	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CSCC Virtual Case Management Center	2	<0.1%	4	<0.1%
CSCC WASHCAP	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CSCC and WASHCAP Total	**4**	**<0.1%**	**8**	**<0.1%**

HCLA DDCS Locations	Office of Issuance			
	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
HCLA DDCS Locations Total	**0**	**0.0%**	**0**	**0.0%**

Tribal Locations	Office of Issuance			
	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (PGST)	**0**	**0.0%**	**0**	**0.0%**

TANF/SFA Caseload by Home and Community Living Administration (HCLA) Offices, June 2025 Snapshot

	HCLA of Issuance			
HCLA HCS Offices – Region 1	**# of Cases**	**% of State Total**	**Clients**	**% of State Total**
CLARKSTON HCS	1	<0.1%	2	<0.1%
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%
OMAK HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SPOKANE HCS	1	<0.1%	2	<0.1%
TOPPENISH HCS	2	<0.1%	2	<0.1%
TRI-CITIES HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
UNION GAP HCS	2	<0.1%	4	<0.1%
WALLA WALLA HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
WENATCHEE HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Region 1 Total	**6**	**<0.1%**	**10**	**<0.1%**

	HCLA of Issuance			
HCLA HCS Offices – Region 2	**# of Cases**	**% of State Total**	**Clients**	**% of State Total**
Region 2 Total	**1**	**<0.1%**	**1**	**<0.1%**

	HCLA of Issuance			
HCLA HCS Offices – Region 3	**# of Cases**	**% of State Total**	**# of Clients**	**% of State Total**
Region 3 Total	**1**	**<0.1%**	**5**	**<0.1%**

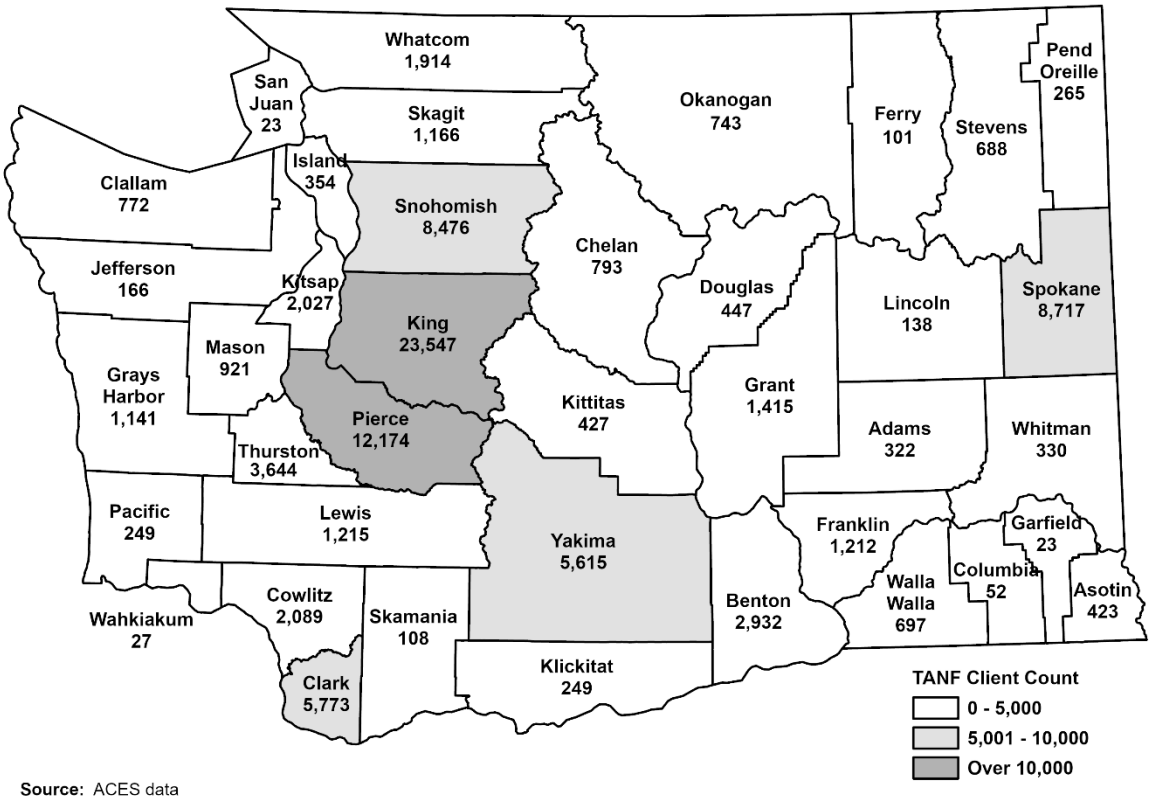
TANF/SFA Caseload by County of Residence, June 2025 Snapshot

County	# of Cases	% of Total	# of Clients	% of Total	County	# of Cases	% of Total	# of Clients	% of Total
Adams	128	0.4%	322	0.4%	**Lewis**	517	1.5%	1,215	1.3%
Asotin	174	0.5%	423	0.5%	**Lincoln**	61	0.2%	138	0.2%
Benton	1,113	3.2%	2,932	3.2%	**Mason**	395	1.1%	921	1.0%
Chelan	313	0.9%	793	0.9%	**Okanogan**	296	0.8%	743	0.8%
Clallam	340	1.0%	772	0.8%	**Pacific**	103	0.3%	249	0.3%
Clark	2,121	6.1%	5,773	6.3%	**Pend Oreille**	106	0.3%	265	0.3%
Columbia	23	0.1%	52	0.1%	**Pierce**	4,711	13.5%	12,174	13.3%
Cowlitz	861	2.5%	2,089	2.3%	**San Juan**	10	<0.1%	23	<0.1%
Douglas	180	0.5%	447	0.5%	**Skagit**	485	1.4%	1,166	1.3%
Ferry	47	0.1%	101	0.1%	**Skamania**	44	0.1%	108	0.1%
Franklin	474	1.4%	1,212	1.3%	**Snohomish**	3,114	8.9%	8,476	9.3%
Garfield	11	<0.1%	23	<0.1%	**Spokane**	3,271	9.3%	8,717	9.5%
Grant	561	1.6%	1,415	1.5%	**Stevens**	274	0.8%	688	0.8%
Grays Harbor	491	1.4%	1,141	1.2%	**Thurston**	1,520	4.3%	3,644	4.0%
Island	161	0.5%	354	0.4%	**Wahkiakum**	16	<0.1%	27	<0.1%
Jefferson	72	0.2%	166	0.2%	**Walla Walla**	274	0.8%	697	0.8%
King	8,343	23.8%	23,547	25.8%	**Whatcom**	772	2.2%	1,914	2.1%
Kitsap	885	2.5%	2,027	2.2%	**Whitman**	128	0.4%	330	0.4%
Kittitas	170	0.5%	427	0.5%	**Yakima**	2,311	6.6%	5,615	6.1%
Klickitat	106	0.3%	249	0.3%	**Not Reported/ Unidentifiable**	4	<0.1%	10	<0.1%

	# of Cases	# of Clients
State Total	**34,986**	**91,385**

TANF/SFA Client Density Maps by Residential County, June 2025 Snapshot

Number of TANF Clients by Residential County in Washington State: June 2025



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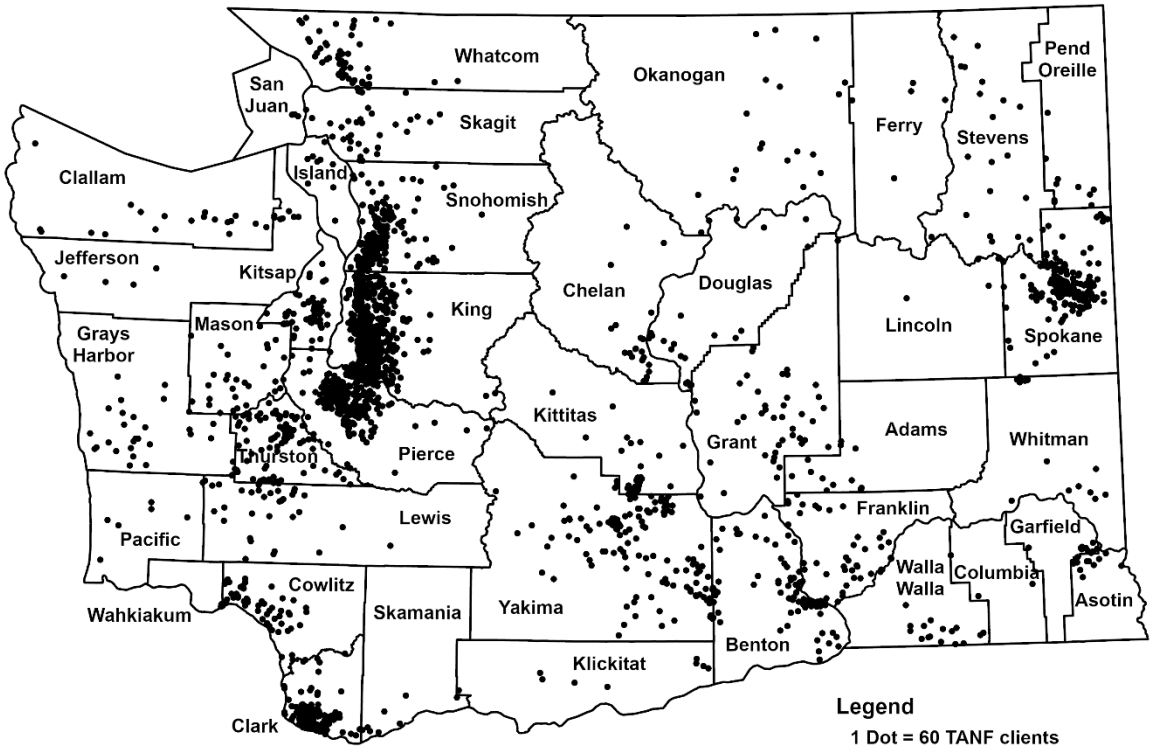
TANF/SFA Client Density Maps, June 2025 Snapshot (continued)

Number of TANF Clients by Density of Residential Zip Code in Washington State: June 2025



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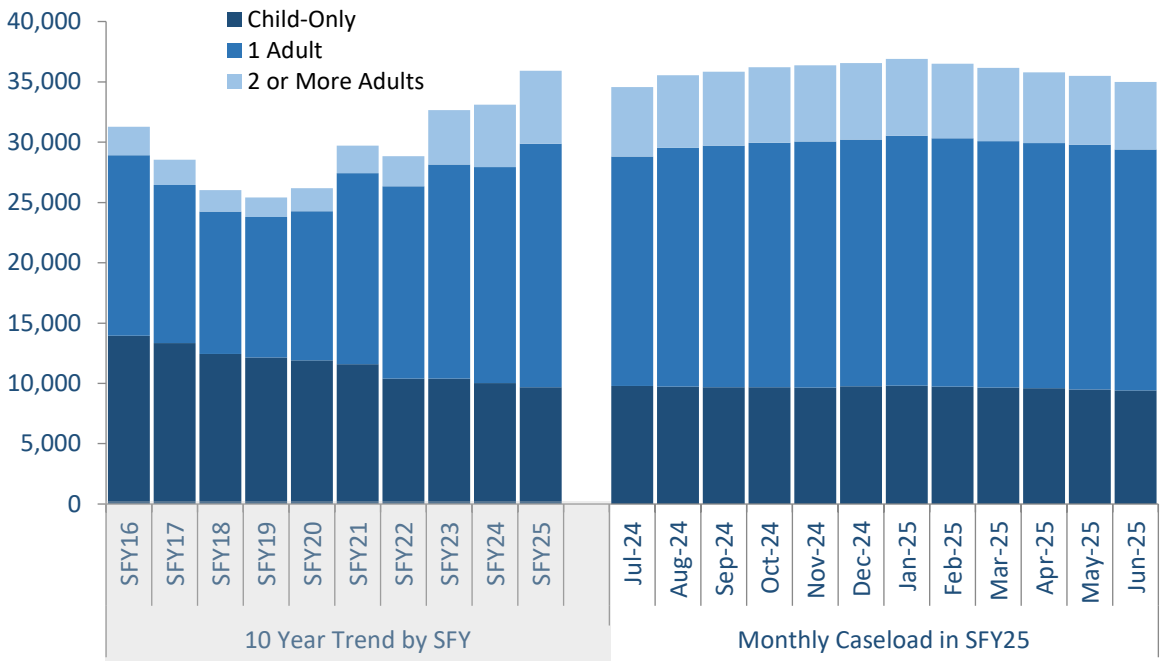
TANF/SFA Caseload by Case Type, SFY 2016 – 2025



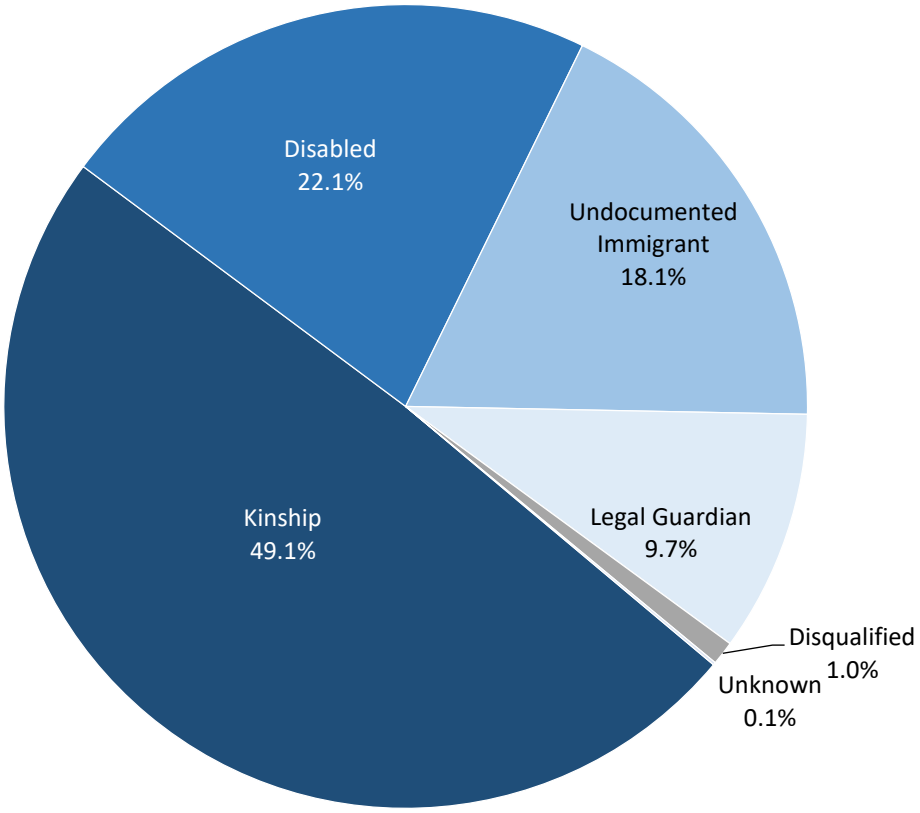
		Caseload By Case Type					
	Total	Child-Only		1 Adult		2 or More Adults	
SFY 2025	Caseload	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	34,567	9,796	28.3%	19,015	55.0%	5,756	16.7%
August	35,549	9,745	27.4%	19,788	55.7%	6,016	16.9%
September	35,851	9,676	27.0%	20,039	55.9%	6,136	17.1%
October	36,222	9,691	26.8%	20,255	55.9%	6,276	17.3%
November	36,359	9,665	26.6%	20,395	56.1%	6,299	17.3%
December	36,551	9,766	26.7%	20,438	55.9%	6,347	17.4%
January	36,895	9,811	26.6%	20,711	56.1%	6,373	17.3%
February	36,506	9,722	26.6%	20,587	56.4%	6,197	17.0%
March	36,165	9,653	26.7%	20,438	56.5%	6,074	16.8%
April	35,787	9,612	26.9%	20,316	56.8%	5,859	16.4%
May	35,505	9,507	26.8%	20,279	57.1%	5,719	16.1%
June	34,986	9,417	26.9%	19,982	57.1%	5,587	16.0%
Monthly Average	**35,912**	**9,672**	**26.9%**	**20,187**	**56.2%**	**6,053**	**16.9%**

TANF/SFA Cases Receiving a Diaper Payment[8], SFY 2025

SFY 2025	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	**10,259**	8,505	1,759	$1,030,985	$853,629	$177,357
August	**10,618**	8,807	1,819	$1,063,717	$881,650	$182,067
September	**10,742**	8,887	1,862	$1,076,416	$889,916	$186,500
October	**10,880**	9,014	1,872	$1,090,450	$903,127	$187,323
November	**10,865**	9,024	1,845	$1,087,470	$902,975	$184,495
December	**10,931**	9,098	1,842	$1,096,730	$911,486	$185,244
January	**11,052**	9,243	1,815	$1,106,772	$925,145	$181,627
February	**10,872**	9,162	1,714	$1,088,005	$916,610	$171,395
March	**10,728**	9,084	1,649	$1,073,600	$908,600	$165,000
April	**10,613**	9,008	1,621	$1,063,205	$901,005	$162,200
May	**10,543**	8,959	1,597	$1,056,985	$897,085	$159,900
June	**10,376**	8,858	1,526	$1,038,832	$886,137	$152,695
Monthly Average	**10,707**	**8,971**	**1,743**	**$1,072,764**	**$898,114**	**$174,650**

[8] 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 2025 Snapshot[9]



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. If the child doesn't have income or assets that would make them ineligible, the relative caregiver can receive TANF benefits for the child — even if the caregiver doesn't have legal custody. 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.

[9] The chart may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

TANF/SFA Child-Only Caseload by Major Caretaker Groups, June 2025 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.

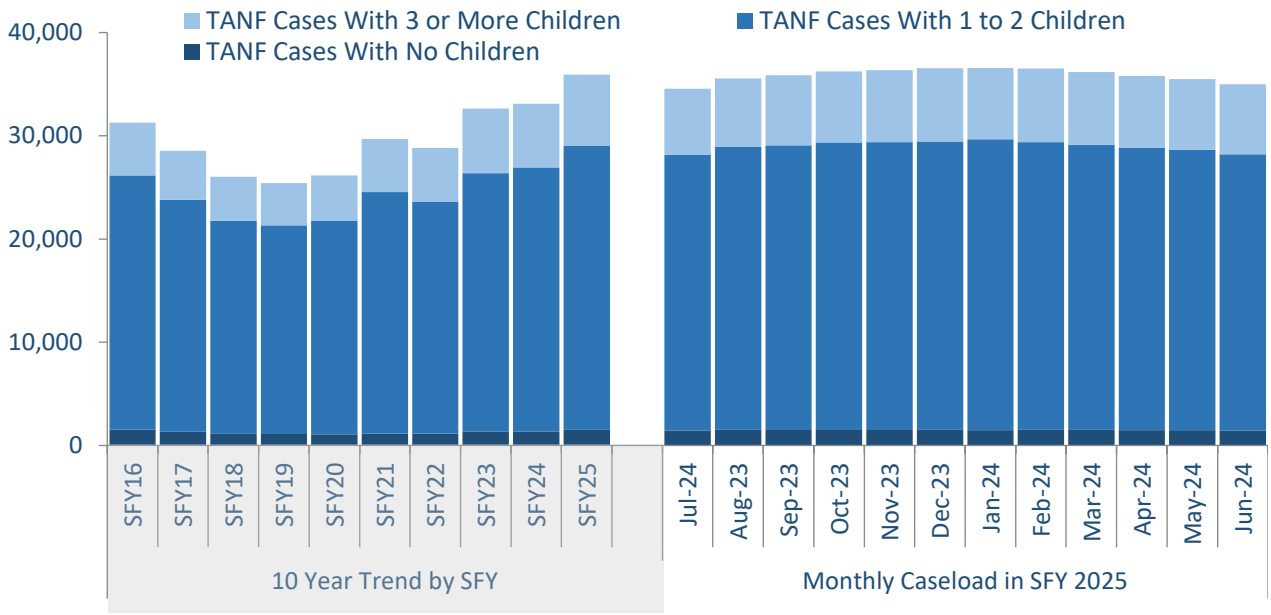
  Undocumented noncitizen parents may apply for TANF on behalf of their citizen (and/or lawfully present or qualified noncitizen) children; the undocumented parents receive no continuing benefits (cash, food, or medical) for themselves.

- **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.

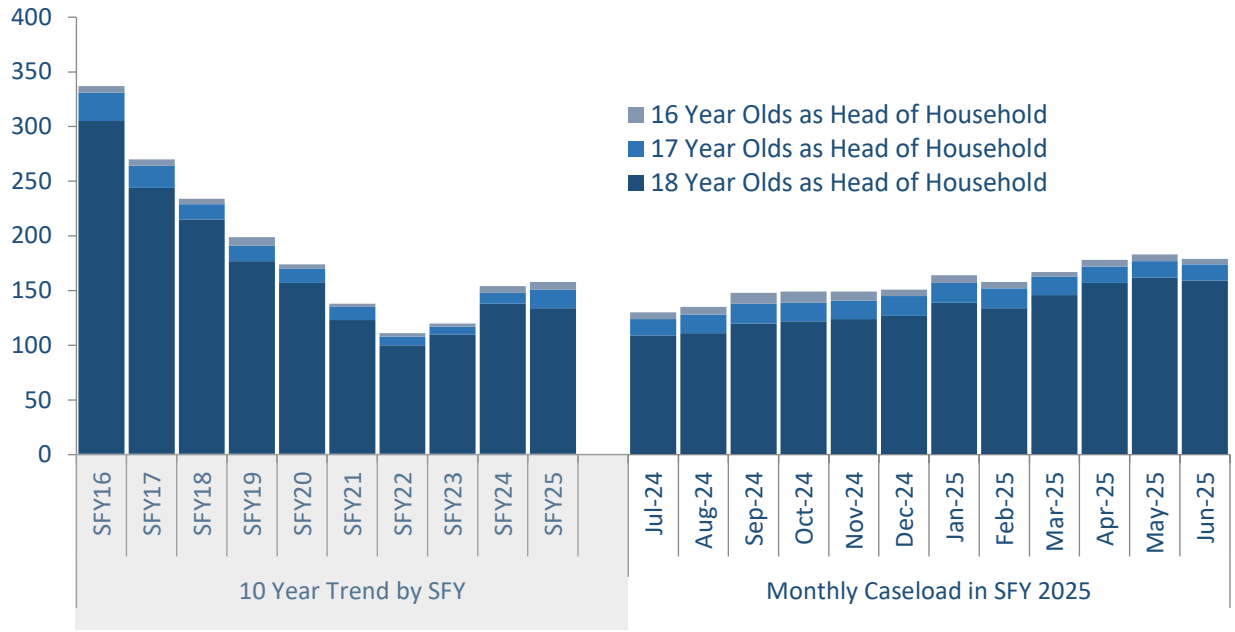
TANF/SFA Caseload by Number of Children[10], SFY 2016 – 2025



SFY 2025	Total TANF/SFA Caseload	Caseload by Number of Children: No Children Caseload	No Children % of Total	1 to 2 Children Caseload	1 to 2 Children % of Total	3 or More Children Caseload	3 or More Children % of Total
July	34,567	1,448	4.2%	26,702	77.2%	6,417	18.6%
August	35,549	1,506	4.2%	27,407	77.1%	6,636	18.7%
September	35,851	1,568	4.4%	27,516	76.8%	6,767	18.9%
October	36,222	1,587	4.4%	27,755	76.6%	6,880	19.0%
November	36,359	1,567	4.3%	27,802	76.5%	6,990	19.2%
December	36,551	1,522	4.2%	27,924	76.4%	7,105	19.4%
January	36,895	1,496	4.1%	28,175	76.4%	7,224	19.6%
February	36,506	1,517	4.2%	27,870	76.3%	7,119	19.5%
March	36,165	1,513	4.2%	27,628	76.4%	7,024	19.4%
April	35,787	1,479	4.1%	27,368	76.5%	6,940	19.4%
May	35,505	1,479	4.2%	27,173	76.5%	6,853	19.3%
June	34,986	1,445	4.1%	26,770	76.5%	6,771	19.4%
Monthly Average	**35,912**	**1,511**	**4.2%**	**27,508**	**76.6%**	**6,894**	**19.2%**

[10] 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.

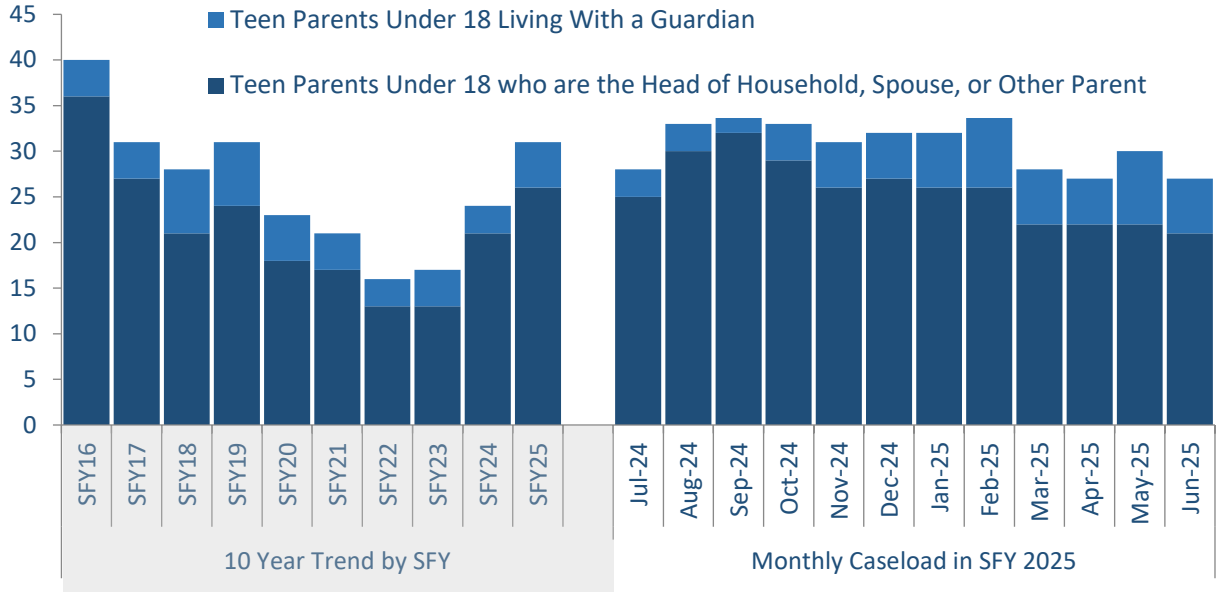
TANF/SFA Teen Head of Household (HOH)[11], SFY 2016 – 2025



		Teen Head of Households					
	Total TANF/SFA Cases with a	16 Years Old or Younger		17 Years Old		18 Years Old	
SFY 2025	Teen HOH	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	130	6	4.6%	15	11.5%	109	83.8%
August	135	7	5.2%	17	12.6%	111	82.2%
September	148	10	6.8%	18	12.2%	120	81.1%
October	149	10	6.7%	17	11.4%	122	81.9%
November	149	8	5.4%	17	11.4%	124	83.2%
December	151	6	4.0%	18	11.9%	127	84.1%
January	164	7	4.3%	18	11.0%	139	84.8%
February	158	6	3.8%	18	11.4%	134	84.8%
March	167	4	2.4%	17	10.2%	146	87.4%
April	178	6	3.4%	15	8.4%	157	88.2%
May	183	6	3.3%	15	8.2%	162	88.5%
June	179	5	2.8%	15	8.4%	159	88.8%
Monthly Average	**158**	**7**	**4.4%**	**17**	**10.8%**	**134**	**84.8%**

[11] Numbers reflect households where the head of household is a teen parent living independently from his/her formal legal guardian.

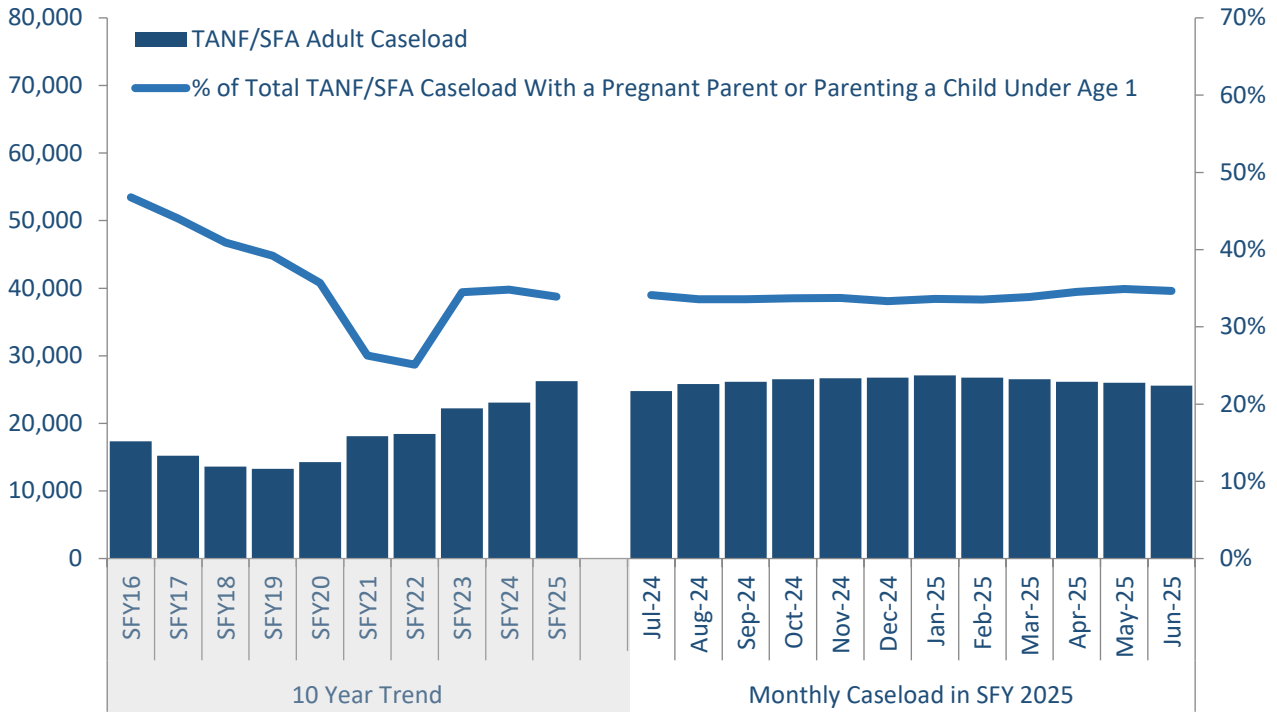
TANF/SFA Teen Parents Under Age 18[12], SFY 2016 – 2025



	Teen Parents Under Age 18				
		Living With a Legal Guardian		Head of Household, Spouse or Other Parent	
SFY 2025	**Total Clients**	**# of Clients**	**% of Total**	**# of Clients**	**% of Total**
July	28	3	10.7%	25	89.3%
August	33	3	9.1%	30	90.9%
September	35	3	8.6%	32	91.4%
October	33	4	12.1%	29	87.9%
November	31	5	16.1%	26	83.9%
December	32	5	15.6%	27	84.4%
January	32	6	18.8%	26	81.3%
February	34	8	23.5%	26	76.5%
March	28	6	21.4%	22	78.6%
April	27	5	18.5%	22	81.5%
May	30	8	26.7%	22	73.3%
June	27	6	22.2%	21	77.8%
Monthly Average	**31**	**5**	**16.1%**	**26**	**83.9%**

[12] 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.

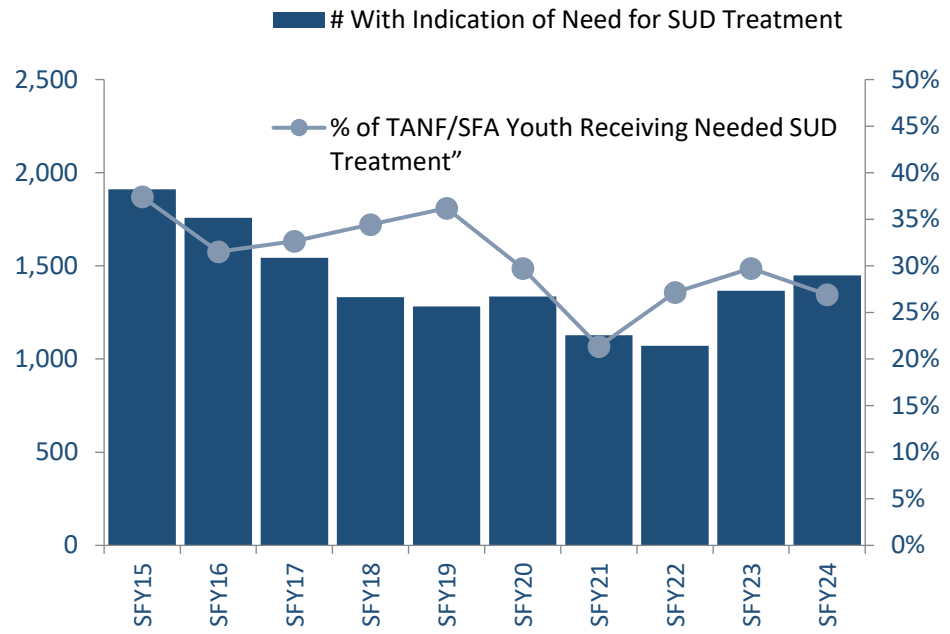
TANF/SFA Adult Caseload With Pregnant Individuals or Children Under Age 1, SFY 2016 – 2025



SFY 2025	Total Adult Caseload[13]	Pregnant[14]		0 – 3 Months Old		4 – 12 Months Old	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	24,771	4,578	18.5%	1,309	5.3%	2,560	10.3%
August	25,804	4,647	18.0%	1,354	5.2%	2,667	10.3%
September	26,175	4,666	17.8%	1,371	5.2%	2,751	10.5%
October	26,531	4,768	18.0%	1,347	5.1%	2,824	10.6%
November	26,694	4,821	18.1%	1,341	5.0%	2,842	10.6%
December	26,785	4,724	17.6%	1,344	5.0%	2,859	10.7%
January	27,084	4,865	18.0%	1,361	5.0%	2,874	10.6%
February	26,784	4,880	18.2%	1,271	4.7%	2,832	10.6%
March	26,512	4,929	18.6%	1,301	4.9%	2,749	10.4%
April	26,175	4,993	19.1%	1,276	4.9%	2,766	10.6%
May	25,998	5,059	19.5%	1,259	4.8%	2,753	10.6%
June	25,569	4,970	19.4%	1,222	4.8%	2,663	10.4%
Monthly Average	**26,240**	**4,825**	**18.4%**	**1,313**	**5.0%**	**2,762**	**10.5%**

[13] 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.
[14] Pregnancy status was identified in ACES.

TANF/SFA Youth[15] Receiving Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) Treatment[16], SFY 2015 – 2024

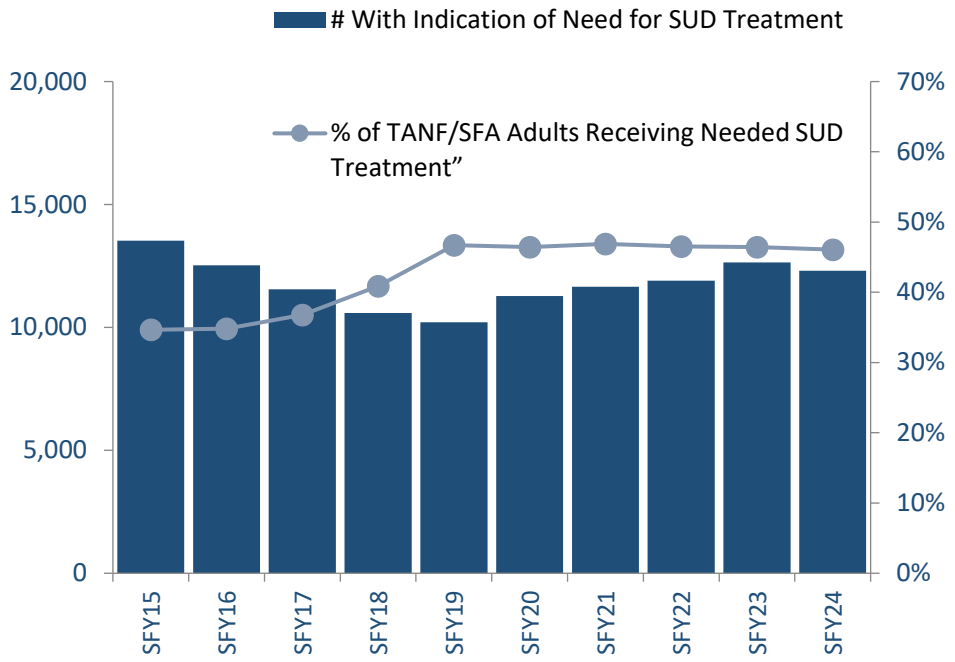


	# With Indication of Need for SUD Treatment	# Receiving Publicly Funded SUD treatment	% of TANF/SFA Youth Receiving Needed SUD Treatment
SFY15	1,911	715	37.4%
SFY16	1,758	554	31.5%
SFY17	1,543	504	32.7%
SFY18	1,333	459	34.4%
SFY19	1,282	464	36.2%
SFY20	1,335	397	29.7%
SFY21	1,128	241	21.4%
SFY22	1,071	291	27.2%
SFY23	1,366	406	29.7%
SFY24	1,449	390	26.9%

[15] 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.

[16] 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[17] Receiving Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) Treatment[18], SFY 2015 – 2024

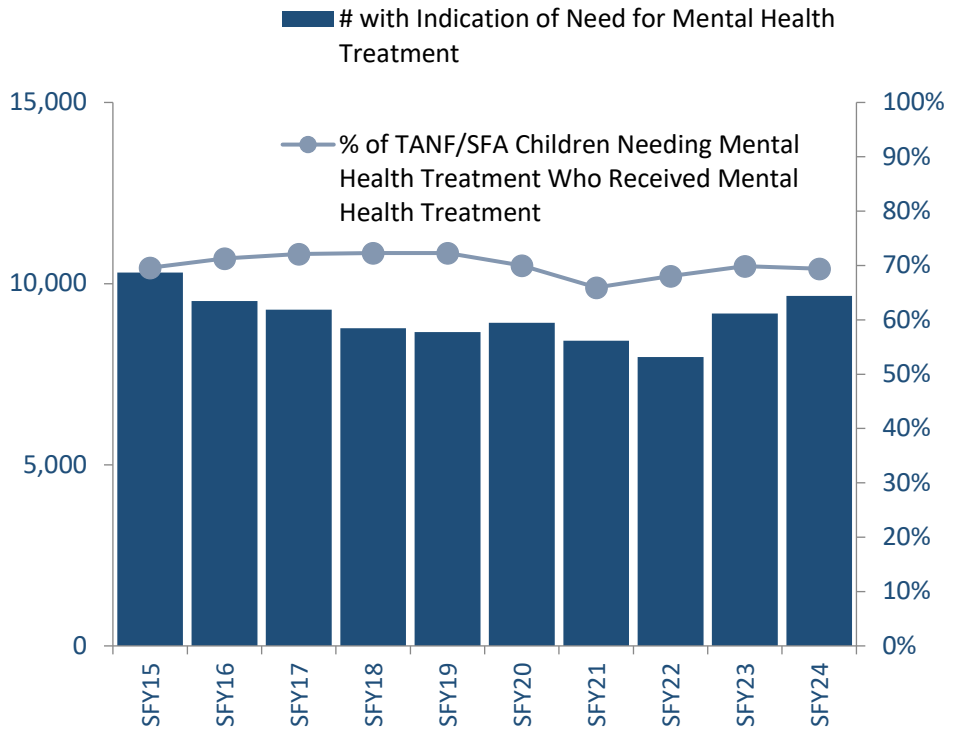


	# With Indication of Need for SUD Treatment	# Receiving Publicly Funded SUD treatment	% of TANF/SFA Adults Receiving Needed SUD Treatment
SFY15	13,528	4,689	34.7%
SFY16	12,532	4,366	34.8%
SFY17	11,555	4,248	36.8%
SFY18	10,580	4,326	40.9%
SFY19	10,215	4,771	46.7%
SFY20	11,270	5,231	46.4%
SFY21	11,653	5,464	46.9%
SFY22	11,895	5,535	46.5%
SFY23	12,637	5,870	46.5%
SFY24	12,302	5,667	46.1%

[17] TANF/SFA adult clients are ages 18+. Clients are classified as adults based on age rather than their relationship to the head of household.

[18] 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[19] Receiving Mental Health Treatment[20], SFY 2015 – 2024

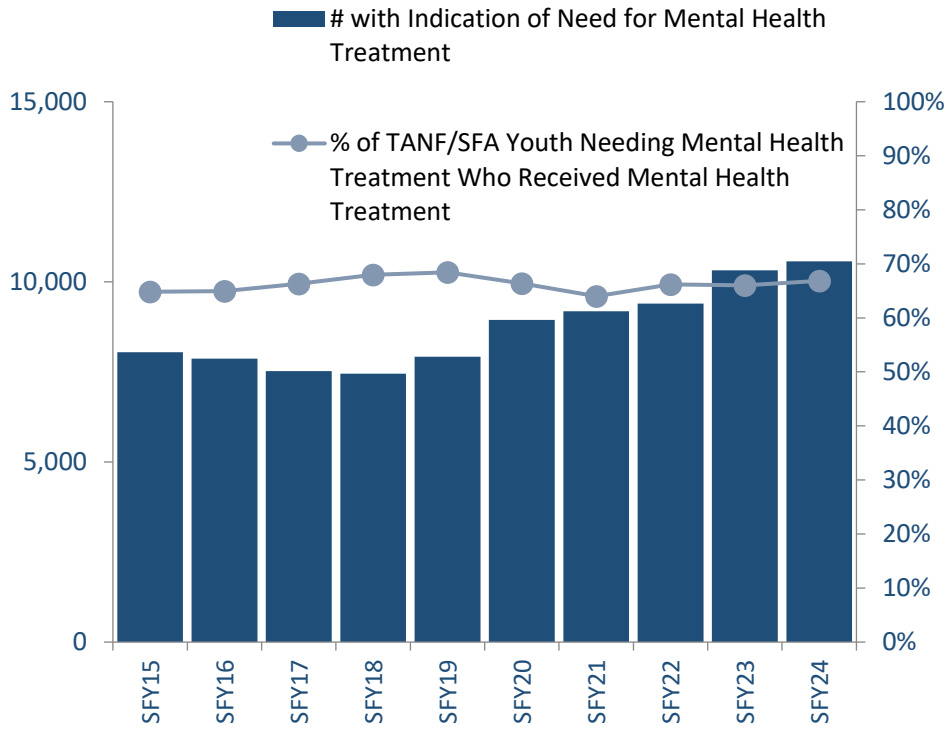


	# With Indication of Need for Mental Health Treatment	# Receiving Mental Health Treatment	% of TANF/SFA Children Needing Mental Health Treatment Who Received Mental Health Treatment
SFY15	10,304	7,168	69.6%
SFY16	9,518	6,786	71.3%
SFY17	9,277	6,690	72.1%
SFY18	8,770	6,339	72.3%
SFY19	8,664	6,263	72.3%
SFY20	8,919	6,241	70.0%
SFY21	8,424	5,556	66.0%
SFY22	7,972	5,424	68.0%
SFY23	9,172	6,408	69.9%
SFY24	9,660	6,707	69.4%

[19] 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.

[20] 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[21] Receiving Mental Health Treatment[22], SFY 2015 – 2024



	# 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
SFY15	8,045	5,215	64.8%
SFY16	7,869	5,110	64.9%
SFY17	7,519	4,987	66.3%
SFY18	7,453	5,066	68.0%
SFY19	7,918	5,418	68.4%
SFY20	8,941	5,937	66.4%
SFY21	9,185	5,879	64.0%
SFY22	9,397	6,221	66.2%
SFY23	10,323	6,814	66.0%
SFY24	10,566	7,060	66.8%

[21] 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.

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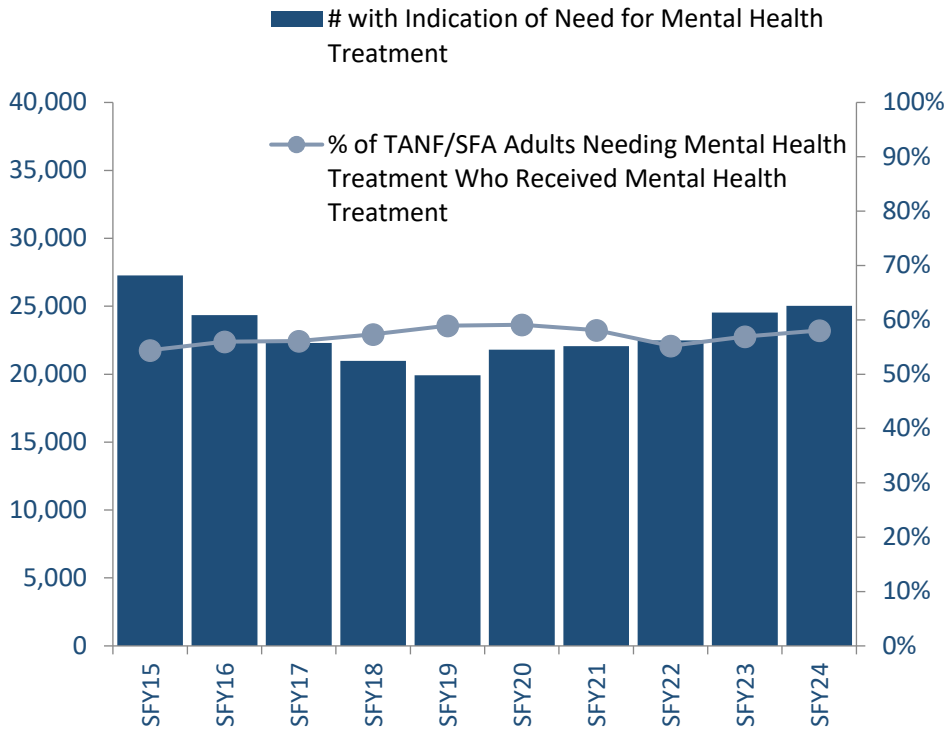
TANF/SFA Adults[23] Receiving Mental Health Treatment[24], SFY 2015 – 2024

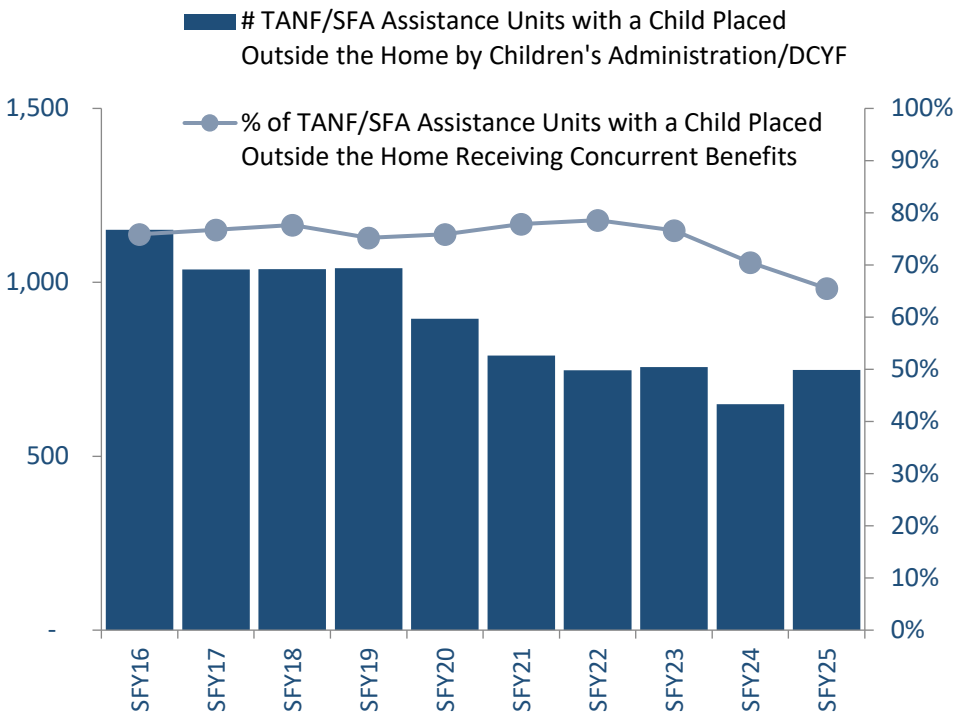


	# with Indication of Need for Mental Health Treatment	# Receiving Mental Health Treatment	% of TANF/SFA Adults Needing Mental Health Treatment Who Received Mental Health Treatment
SFY15	27,274	14,838	54.4%
SFY16	24,345	13,627	56.0%
SFY17	22,300	12,505	56.1%
SFY18	20,970	12,018	57.3%
SFY19	19,915	11,737	58.9%
SFY20	21,793	12,878	59.1%
SFY21	22,063	12,819	58.1%
SFY22	22,496	12,417	55.2%
SFY23	24,528	13,960	56.9%
SFY24	25,042	14,535	58.0%

[23] 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.

[24] 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[25], SFY 2016 – 2025



	# 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
SFY16	1,151	873	75.8%
SFY17	1,037	796	76.8%
SFY18	1,038	806	77.6%
SFY19	1,041	783	75.2%
SFY20	895	679	75.9%
SFY21	789	614	77.8%
SFY22	747	587	78.6%
SFY23	756	579	76.6%
SFY24	650	458	70.5%
SFY25	748	490	65.5%

[25] Data is from DSHS' Research and Data Analysis (RDA). Reflects out-of-home placements and TANF/SFA issuances through June 2025. 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 2025

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.[26] Adult clients who fail to meet participation requirements without a good cause are subject to the WorkFirst noncompliance sanction (NCS)[27].

SFY 2025	Total WorkFirst Clients Receiving TANF/SFA	Total WorkFirst Clients Exempted From Participation[28]	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	30,522	4,524	25,998	11,902	45.8%
August	31,811	4,605	27,206	12,397	45.6%
September	32,299	4,642	27,657	12,638	45.7%
October	32,801	4,641	28,160	13,297	47.2%
November	32,986	4,570	28,416	13,165	46.3%
December	33,127	4,684	28,443	13,088	46.0%
January	33,450	4,703	28,747	13,507	47.0%
February	32,977	4,648	28,329	13,510	47.7%
March	32,583	4,775	27,808	13,479	48.5%
April	32,027	4,889	27,138	13,653	50.3%
May	31,714	4,923	26,791	13,625	50.9%
June	31,154	4,906	26,248	13,010	49.6%
Monthly Average	**32,288**	**4,709**	**27,578**	**13,106**	**47.5%**

[26] WorkFirst participation may be waived or deferred if the individual meets an exemption criterion as described in WAC 388-310-0350.

[27] The non-compliance sanction (NCS) policy allows two continuous months of non-compliance before DSHS applies a sanction reduction penalty to the cash grant (see WAC 388-310-1600). Clients are allowed an additional ten consecutive months on a reduced grant before the TANF or SFA case is terminated.

[28] 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.

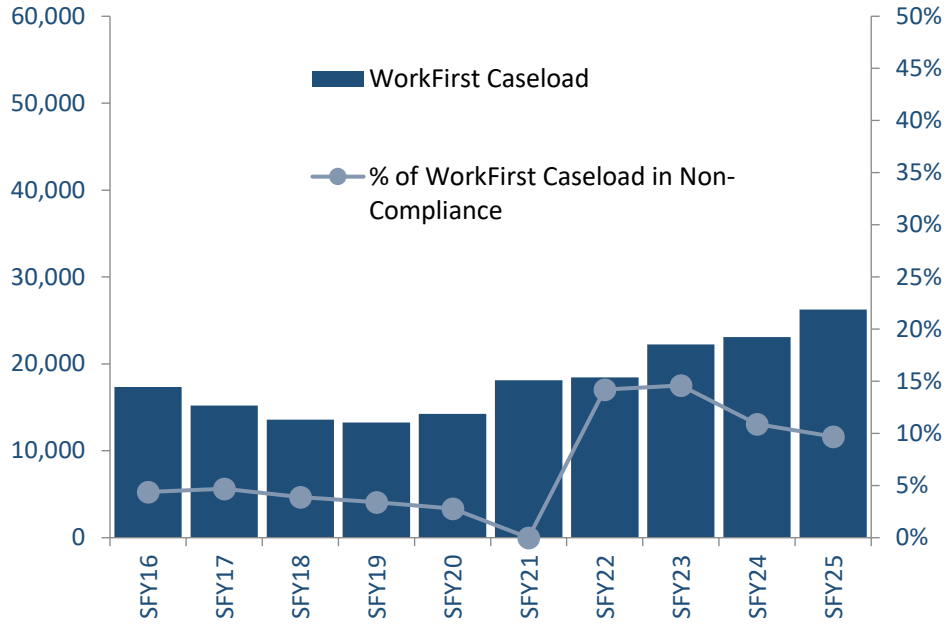
WorkFirst Clients Participating in WorkFirst Activities[29], SFY 2025 (continued)

SFY 2025	# of Non-Exempt WorkFirst Clients Participating in WorkFirst Activities	# Working	% Working	# Looking For Work	% Looking For Work
July	11,902	2,817	23.7%	3,217	27.0%
August	12,397	3,278	26.4%	3,383	27.3%
September	12,638	3,444	27.3%	3,357	26.6%
October	13,297	3,663	27.5%	3,566	26.8%
November	13,165	3,706	28.2%	3,458	26.3%
December	13,088	3,785	28.9%	3,522	26.9%
January	13,507	3,923	29.0%	3,638	26.9%
February	13,510	3,923	29.0%	3,600	26.6%
March	13,479	3,909	29.0%	3,628	26.9%
April	13,653	3,870	28.3%	3,652	26.7%
May	13,625	3,808	27.9%	3,542	26.0%
June	13,010	3,776	29.0%	3,260	25.1%
Monthly Average	**13,106**	**3,659**	**27.9%**	**3,485**	**26.6%**

SFY 2025	# Preparing for Work (Education and Training)	% Preparing for Work (Education and Training)	# Resolving Issues	% Resolving Issues
July	4,633	38.9%	5,002	42.0%
August	4,633	37.4%	5,109	41.2%
September	5,040	39.9%	5,048	39.9%
October	5,467	41.1%	5,289	39.8%
November	5,286	40.2%	5,031	38.2%
December	5,106	39.0%	5,102	39.0%
January	5,419	40.1%	5,292	39.2%
February	5,396	39.9%	5,119	37.9%
March	5,331	39.6%	5,185	38.5%
April	5,475	40.1%	5,429	39.8%
May	5,352	39.3%	5,276	38.7%
June	4,994	38.4%	5,108	39.3%
Monthly Average	**5,178**	**39.5%**	**5,166**	**39.4%**

[29] Clients may participate in more than one type of WorkFirst activity in each month.

WorkFirst Cases and Clients in Non-Compliance, SFY 2016 – 2025

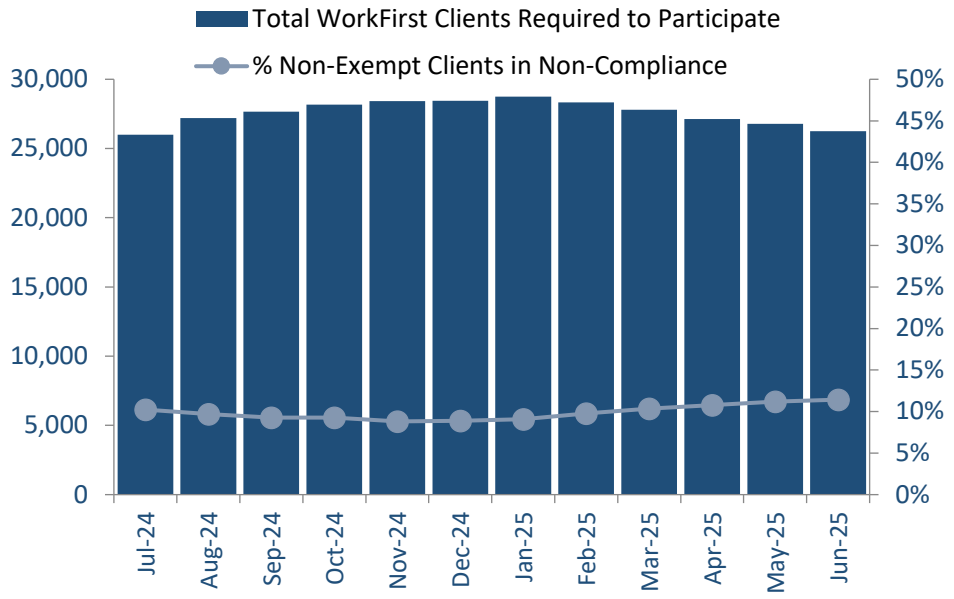


	Cases (Monthly Average)			Clients (Monthly Average)		
SFY	WorkFirst Caseload	Cases with at Least 1 Adult in Non-Compliance	% of Cases with at least 1 Adult in Non-Compliance	All WorkFirst Clients	Clients in Non-Compliance	% of All WorkFirst Clients in Non-Compliance
SFY16	17,336	768	4.4%	19,701	789	4.0%
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[30]	14,249	397	2.8%	16,146	409	2.5%
SFY21	18,118	0	0.0%	18,505	0	0.0%
SFY22[31]	18,434	2,615	14.2%	20,929	2,793	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%
SFY25	26,240	2,541	9.7%	32,288	2,724	8.4%

[30] 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.

[31] 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.

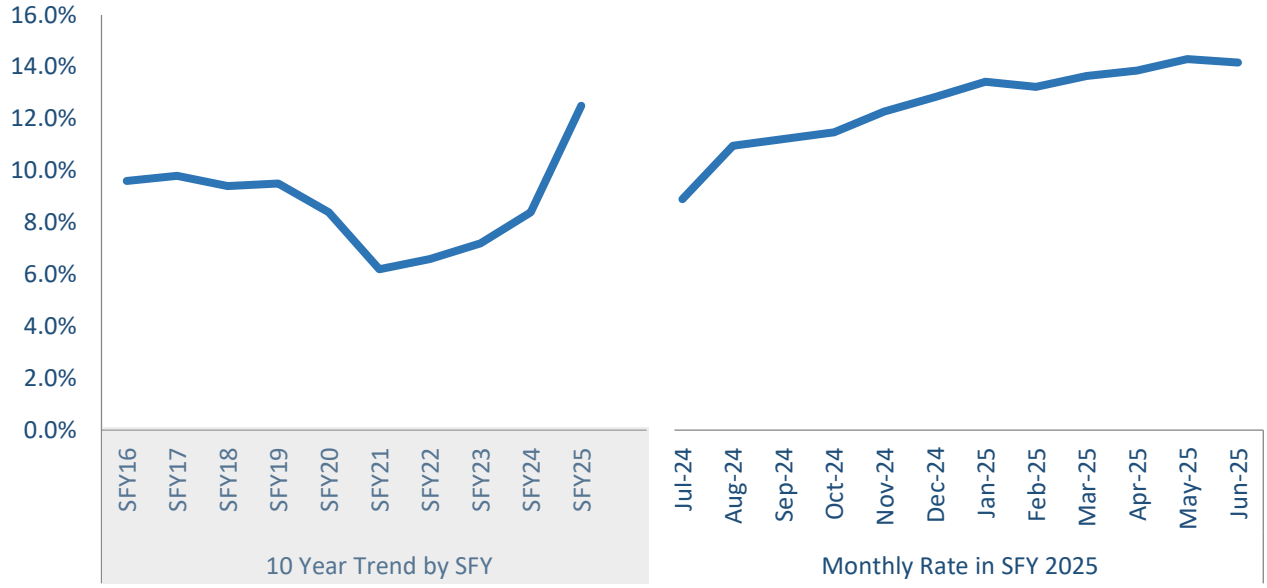
WorkFirst Clients in Non-Compliance by Month, SFY 2025



	WorkFirst Adult Clients in Non-Compliance				
SFY 2025	Total WorkFirst Clients Required to Participate (Non-exempt[32])	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	25,998	2,661	10.2%	1,133	37
August	27,206	2,637	9.7%	1,186	33
September	27,657	2,568	9.3%	1,206	26
October	28,160	2,616	9.3%	1,209	36
November	28,416	2,505	8.8%	1,210	29
December	28,443	2,526	8.9%	1,218	34
January	28,747	2,607	9.1%	1,287	25
February	28,329	2,764	9.8%	1,273	33
March	27,808	2,878	10.3%	1,286	40
April	27,138	2,920	10.8%	1,284	40
May	26,791	3,000	11.2%	1,275	44
June	26,248	3,001	11.4%	1,329	38
Monthly Average	**27,578**	**2,724**	**9.9%**	**1,241**	**35**

[32] 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[33] [34], SFY 2016 – 2025

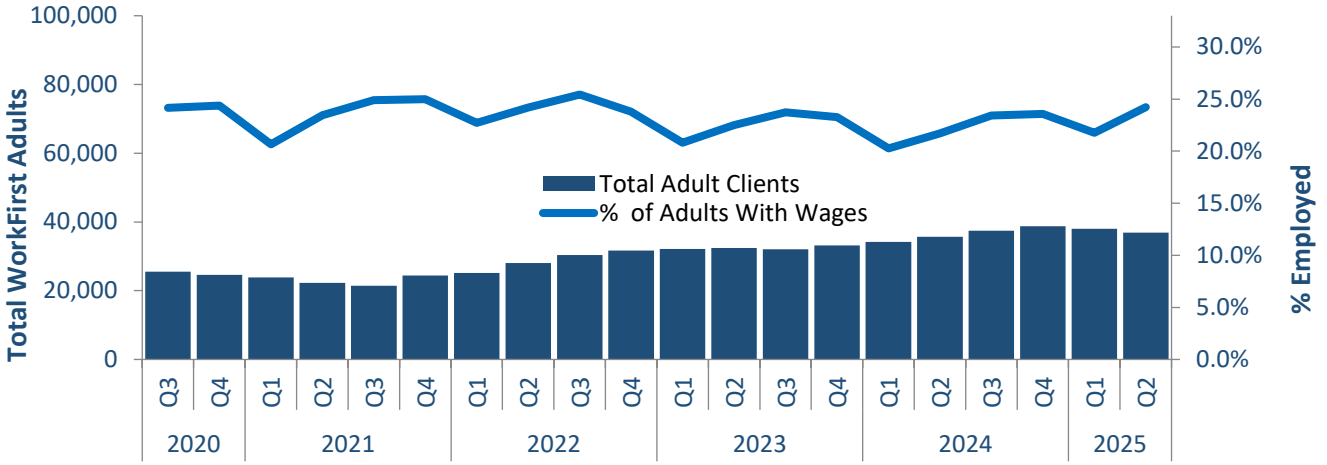


SFY 2025	# of WorkFirst Clients	# Employed (Earned Income >= $5.00)	% Employed (Earned Income >= $5.00)	Avg. Monthly Hours Worked (Among Those Employed)
July	30,522	2,715	8.9%	85.0
August	31,811	3,485	11.0%	88.0
September	32,299	3,622	11.2%	87.0
October	32,801	3,765	11.5%	90.0
November	32,986	4,049	12.3%	89.0
December	33,127	4,252	12.8%	87.0
January	33,450	4,493	13.4%	90.0
February	32,977	4,363	13.2%	91.0
March	32,583	4,449	13.7%	92.0
April	32,027	4,437	13.9%	94.0
May	31,714	4,535	14.3%	93.0
June	31,154	4,412	14.2%	93.0
Monthly Average	**32,288**	**4,048**	**12.5%**	**89.9**

[33]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.

[34] WorkFirst client employment rates dropped during the COVID-19 pandemic, consistent with overall economic trends, but have since rebounded.

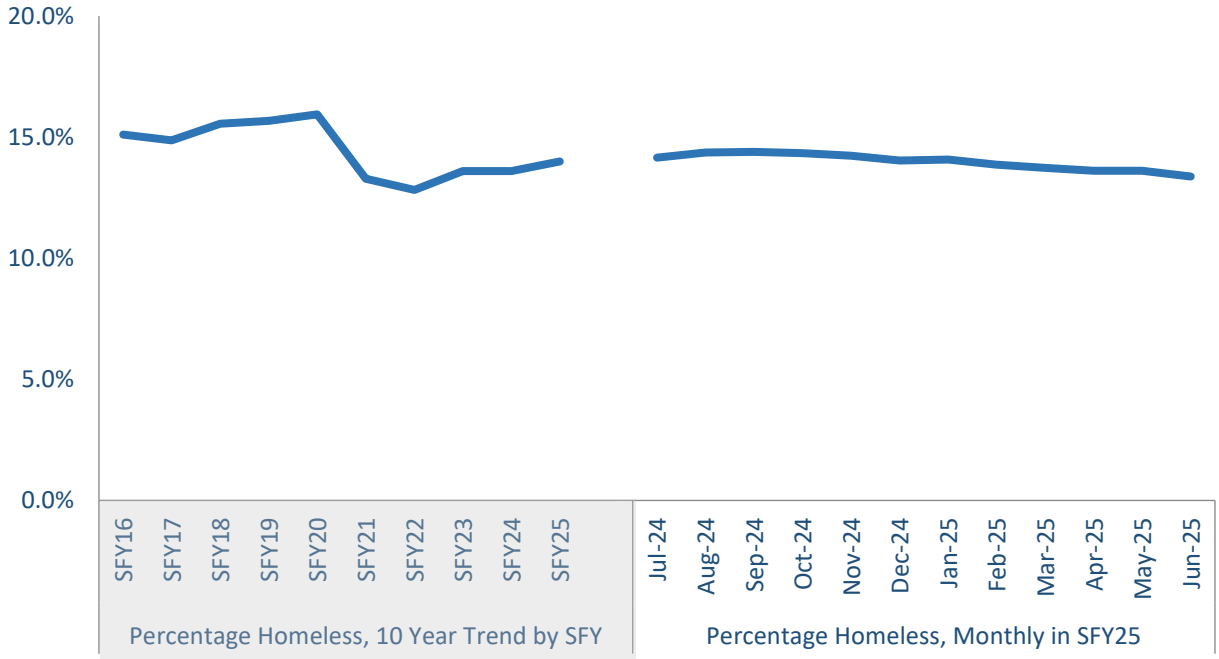
WorkFirst Clients Receiving Quarterly Wages[35], July 2020 – June 2025



Quarter	Total Adults	Adults With Wages[36] Number	Adults With Wages[36] Percent	Average Quarterly Wages[37]	Average Quarterly Hourly Wages[38]
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	6,693	20.8%	$3,946	$20.25
2023Q2	32,390	7,282	22.5%	$4,093	$20.44
2023Q3	32,063	7,605	23.7%	$4,252	$20.70
2023Q4	33,135	7,709	23.3%	$4,479	$21.20
2024Q1	34,230	6,936	20.3%	$4,082	$21.57
2024Q2	35,649	7,736	21.7%	$4,419	$21.45
2024Q3	37,412	8,758	23.4%	$4,593	$21.81
2024Q4	38,727	9,127	23.6%	$4,809	$22.05
2025Q1	38,034	8,280	21.8%	$4,578	$21.96
2025Q2	36,913	8,939	24.2%	$4,650	$22.03

[35] Quarterly wage information is based on the Employment Security Department's (ESD) Unemployment Insurance (UI) wage data.
[36] Adults with wages are those adult clients with wages who earned total wages of more than $5.00 in a quarter.
[37] Average quarterly wages per person for those adult clients with wages in a quarter.
[38] 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[39], SFY 2025



SFY 2025	Total Caseload	# Homeless Cases	% Homeless	# Homeless without Housing	% Homeless without Housing
July	34,567	4,892	14.2%	1,288	3.7%
August	35,549	5,105	14.4%	1,343	3.8%
September	35,851	5,159	14.4%	1,380	3.8%
October	36,222	5,195	14.3%	1,368	3.8%
November	36,359	5,177	14.2%	1,359	3.7%
December	36,551	5,131	14.0%	1,315	3.6%
January	36,895	5,194	14.1%	1,324	3.6%
February	36,506	5,063	13.9%	1,283	3.5%
March	36,165	4,966	13.7%	1,225	3.4%
April	35,787	4,871	13.6%	1,191	3.3%
May	35,505	4,832	13.6%	1,164	3.3%
June	34,986	4,681	13.4%	1,146	3.3%
Monthly Average	**35,912**	**5,022**	**14.0%**	**1,282**	**3.6%**

[39] 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.

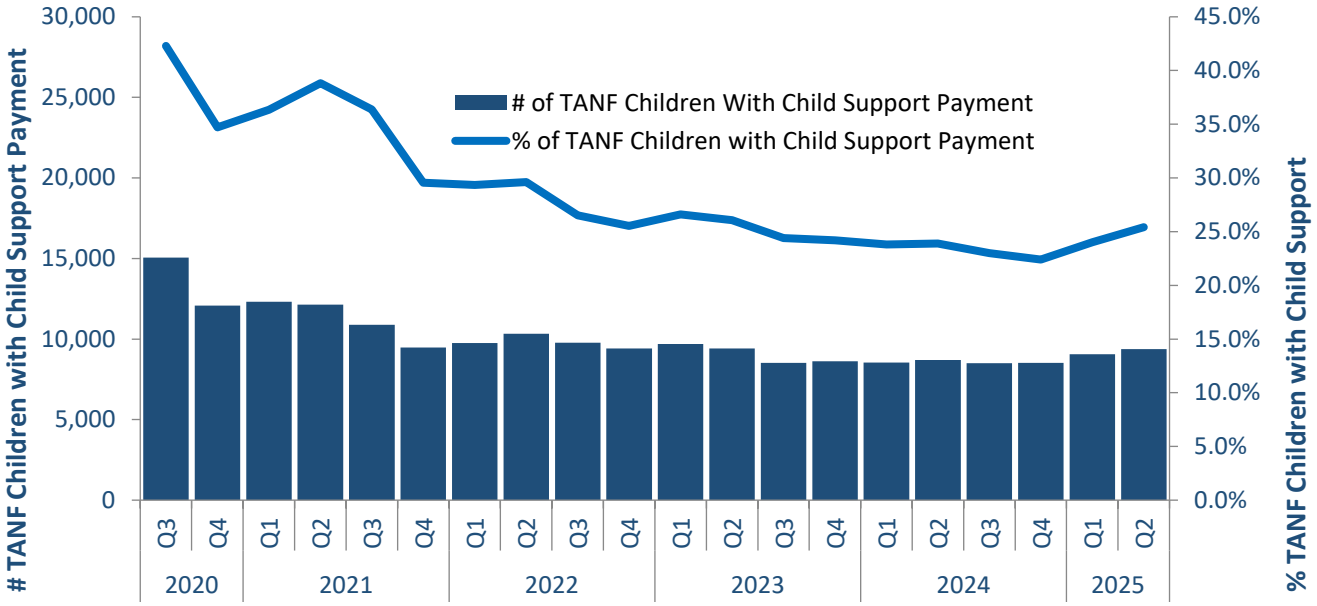
TANF/SFA Adults and Children Experiencing Homelessness[40], SFY 2025

SFY 2025	Total # Adults	# Homeless Adults	% Homeless	# Homeless without Housing	% Homeless without Housing
July	30,522	5,519	18.1%	1,459	4.8%
August	31,811	5,773	18.1%	1,524	4.8%
September	32,299	5,857	18.1%	1,568	4.9%
October	32,801	5,914	18.0%	1,567	4.8%
November	32,986	5,899	17.9%	1,549	4.7%
December	33,127	5,826	17.6%	1,497	4.5%
January	33,450	5,898	17.6%	1,487	4.4%
February	32,977	5,691	17.3%	1,429	4.3%
March	32,583	5,556	17.1%	1,365	4.2%
April	32,027	5,420	16.9%	1,329	4.1%
May	31,714	5,333	16.8%	1,293	4.1%
June	31,154	5,132	16.5%	1,269	4.1%
Monthly Average	**32,288**	**5,652**	**17.5%**	**1,445**	**4.5%**

SFY 2025	Total # Children	# Homeless Children	% Homeless	# Homeless Without Housing	% Homeless Without Housing
July	58,828	7,775	13.2%	1,853	3.1%
August	60,591	8,157	13.5%	1,929	3.2%
September	61,210	8,207	13.4%	1,968	3.2%
October	62,063	8,303	13.4%	1,963	3.2%
November	62,510	8,361	13.4%	1,954	3.1%
December	63,081	8,236	13.1%	1,879	3.0%
January	63,871	8,335	13.0%	1,858	2.9%
February	62,989	8,083	12.8%	1,794	2.8%
March	62,302	7,921	12.7%	1,729	2.8%
April	61,640	7,823	12.7%	1,694	2.7%
May	61,052	7,720	12.6%	1,666	2.7%
June	60,231	7,446	12.4%	1,641	2.7%
Monthly Average	**61,697**	**8,031**	**13.0%**	**1,827**	**3.0%**

[40] 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 2020 – June 2025



SFY/Quarter	# of TANF Children With Open Child Support Cases	# of TANF Children With Child Support Payment	% of TANF Children With Child Support Payment
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%
2024Q3	37,072	8,509	23.0%
2024Q4	38,136	8,528	22.4%
2025Q1	37,767	9,064	24.0%
2025Q2	36,890	9,370	25.4%

TANF/SFA Caseload by Primary Language[41], June 2025 Snapshot

Primary Language	# of Cases	Percent of Cases	Percentage of Non-English Cases
English Language Cases			
English	27,052	77.3%	N/A
Large Print	689	2.0%	N/A
Sign Language	3	<0.1%	N/A
Braille	6	<0.1%	N/A
Total English Languages	**27,750**	**79.3%**	**N/A**
Non-English Language Cases			
Spanish	4,564	13.0%	63.1%
Russian	471	1.3%	6.5%
Dari	411	1.2%	5.7%
Ukrainian	336	1.0%	4.6%
Arabic	240	0.7%	3.3%
Other Language	167	0.5%	2.3%
French	135	0.4%	1.9%
Portuguese	135	0.4%	1.9%
Tigrigna	119	0.3%	1.6%
Pashto	99	0.3%	1.4%
Trukese	93	0.3%	1.3%
Romanian	80	0.2%	1.1%
Somali	72	0.2%	1.0%
Amharic	58	0.2%	0.8%
Other Languages[42]	256	0.7%	3.5%
Total Non-English Languages	**7,236**	**20.7%**	**100.0%**
Total	**34,986**	**100.0%**	

[41] 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.

[42] These are non-English languages with fewer than 50 households each.

TANF/SFA Client Demographics[43], June 2025 Snapshot

Characteristic	All Clients # of Clients	All Clients % of Total Clients	All Adults # of Clients	All Adults % of Total Adults	All Children # of Clients	All Children % of Total Children
Total Clients	**91,385**	**100.0%**	**31,154**	**100.0%**	**60,231**	**100.0%**

Gender	All Clients		All Adults		All Children	
Female	53,572	58.6%	23,586	75.7%	29,986	49.8%
Male	37,805	41.4%	7,568	24.3%	30,237	50.2%
Unknown	8	<0.1%	0	0.0%	8	<0.1%

Ethnicity and Race	All Clients		All Adults		All Children	
Hispanic or Latino	**27,582**	**30.2%**	**7,998**	**25.7%**	**19,584**	**32.5%**
Not Hispanic or Latino[44]	**63,803**	**69.8%**	**23,156**	**74.3%**	**40,647**	**67.5%**
White	32,273	35.3%	12,597	40.4%	19,676	32.7%
Black/African American	11,934	13.1%	4,101	13.2%	7,833	13.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	7,088	7.8%	2,729	8.8%	4,359	7.2%
American Indian/Alaska Native	3,352	3.7%	1,020	3.3%	2,332	3.9%
Two or More Races	3,289	3.6%	810	2.6%	2,479	4.1%
Race Not Reported	5,867	6.4%	1,899	6.1%	3,968	6.6%

Marital Status	All Adults	
Separated	2,350	7.5%
Married	8,984	28.8%
Never Married	16,195	52.0%
Divorced	3,188	10.2%
Widowed	361	1.2%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	76	0.2%

Citizenship Status	All Clients		All Adults		All Children	
U.S. Citizen	70,829	77.5%	20,977	67.3%	49,852	82.8%
Resident Noncitizen	20,102	22.0%	9,961	32.0%	10,141	16.8%
U.S. National[45]	454	0.5%	216	0.7%	238	0.4%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Veteran Status	All Adults	
Veteran	310	1.0%

[43] Clients are classified as adults or children based on their relationship to the head of household, rather than age.
[44] Includes clients not reporting whether or not they are of Hispanic or Latino origin.
[45] 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).

TANF/SFA Client Demographics, June 2025 Snapshot (continued)

Characteristic	All Clients # of Clients	All Clients % of Total Clients	All Adults # of Clients	All Adults % of Total Adults
Homeless Status	**All Clients**		**All Adults**	
Homeless[46]	11,841	13.0%	5,110	16.4%
Education Status			**All Adults**	
Less than a High School Diploma			7,154	23.0%
High School Graduate or GED			14,244	45.7%
Some College or College Degree			9,097	29.2%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable			659	2.1%
Age	**All Clients**		**All Adults**	
< 1 Year Old	3,941	4.3%	N/A	
1 – 5 Years Old	18,329	20.1%		
6 – 10 Years Old	16,462	18.0%		
11 – 15 Years Old	14,600	16.0%		
16 – 17 Years Old[47]	5,474	6.0%	19	0.1%
18 – 24 Years Old	5,513	6.0%	4,069	13.1%
25 – 34 Years Old	12,750	14.0%	12,750	40.9%
35 – 44 Years Old	10,173	11.1%	10,173	32.7%
45 – 54 Years Old	3,477	3.8%	3,477	11.2%
55 – 64 Years Old	613	0.7%	613	2.0%
65+ Years Old	53	0.1%	53	0.2%
Average Age of Adults	34.4 Years			
Length of Stay[48]				
Average	26.0 Months			
Median	16.0 Months			

[46] 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.
[47] Clients are classified as adults or children based on their relationship to the head of household, rather than age.
[48] Months on Assistance since July 1997 (All Adults). Does not include child recipient months.

TANF/SFA Child Demographics[49], June 2025 Snapshot

Characteristic	All Children # of Clients	All Children % of All Children	Children in Child-Only Cases # of Clients	Children in Child-Only Cases % of Children in Child-Only Cases
Total Clients	**60,231**	**100.0%**	**14,585**	**100.0%**

Gender	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
Female	29,986	49.8%	7,520	51.6%
Male	30,237	50.2%	7,062	48.4%
Unknown	8	<0.1%	3	<0.1%

Ethnicity and Race	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
Hispanic or Latino	**19,584**	**32.5%**	**6,064**	**41.6%**
Not Hispanic or Latino[50]	**40,647**	**67.5%**	**8,521**	**58.4%**
White	19,676	32.7%	4,735	32.5%
Black/African American	7,833	13.0%	1,384	9.5%
Asian/Pacific Islander	4,359	7.2%	569	3.9%
American Indian/Alaska Native	2,332	3.9%	910	6.2%
Two or More Races	2,479	4.1%	418	2.9%
Race Not Reported	3,968	6.6%	505	3.5%

Citizenship Status	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
U.S. Citizen	49,852	82.8%	14,194	97.3%
Resident Noncitizen	10,141	16.8%	301	2.1%
U.S. National[51]	238	0.4%	90	0.6%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Age	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
< 1 Year Old	3,941	6.5%	429	2.9%
1 – 5 Years Old	18,329	30.4%	2,770	19.0%
6 – 10 Years Old	16,462	27.3%	3,734	25.6%
11 – 15 Years Old	14,600	24.2%	4,798	32.9%
16 – 17 Years Old	5,455	9.1%	2,235	15.3%
18 – 24 Years Old	1,444	2.4%	619	4.2%
Average Age of Children	8.1 Years		10.3 Years	

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[50] Includes clients not reporting whether or not they are of Hispanic or Latino origin.
[51] 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).