

Basic Food Program

This section summarizes data on households and persons participating in the Washington State Basic Food Program:

1. **The federally-funded and state-funded Basic Food Program caseloads are broken out into three program types:**
 - A. SSI – all recipients that also received Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security (SSA) benefits;
 - B. Public Assistance Food Stamps (PAFS) – all recipients that received a cash assistance grant or SSI;
 - C. Non-Assistance Food Stamp (NAFS) - at least one recipient who did not receive a cash assistance grant or SSI.
2. The **state**-funded Basic Food Program (FAP) is for individuals who meet federal income requirements, but not certain categorical requirements (e.g., their immigrant status).

Basic Food Program caseload information in this section includes the federal Food Stamp Program (FSP), the state-funded FAP program, and mixed caseloads, unless otherwise noted.

Highlights:

- **The average monthly Basic Food Program caseload increased to 164,504 cases in SFY 2002**, from 144,647 cases in SFY 2001. **The average payment per case in SFY 2002 was \$158.77.**
- **The proportion of the state population who received the Basic Food Program in SFY 2002 increased to 5.9%** compared to 5.3% in SFY 2001.
- **A majority of cases in SFY 2002 received the Basic Food Program through FSP (96%).** Another 3% are mixed FSP and FAP, and only 1% received FAP only.
- **A new program called WASHCAP was started in November to make access to the Basic Food Program easier.** As of June 2002, 22,595 or 13% receive the Basic Food Program through WASHCAP.
- **Preliminary findings indicate Washington's federal Food Stamp Program error rate will be low enough to avoid federal sanctions.** The estimated state-only error rate is 7.6% for FFY 2002 (October 2001 – September 2002), which is approximately 1.3% below the sanction threshold.
- **Most Basic Food Program recipients in SFY 2002 were female (56.8%), white (62.6%), and never married (36.7%).** The **median age** of adults was **39.3 years**.

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Selected Basic Food Program Characteristics SFY 2001 and SFY 2002

Source: Cases, Persons, and Expenditures Report From the ACES Data Warehouse

	SFY01 (July 00 – June 01)	SFY02 (July 01 – June 02)
Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range)	144,647 (138,506 – 150,618)	164,504 (150,636 – 173,995)
Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)	317,231 (305,875 – 327,056)	354,423 (326,573 – 372,030)
Average Number of Adults Per Month (Range)	163,058 (161,356 – 174,668)	190,800 (174,572 – 201,528)
Average Number of Children Per Month (Range)	149,173 (144,519 – 152,428)	163,623 (152,001 – 170,502)
Recipients as a Percent of State's Total Population	5.3%	5.9%
State Population¹	5,974,900	6,041,700
Children as a Percent of Recipients	47.0%	46.2%
Average Persons Per Case	2.2	2.2
Average Children Per Case	1.0	1.0
Average Children Per Adult	0.9	0.9
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)²	\$149.08 (\$143.04 - \$152.82)	\$158.77 (\$148.78 - \$165.11)

¹ OFM, 2002 Population Trends for Washington State

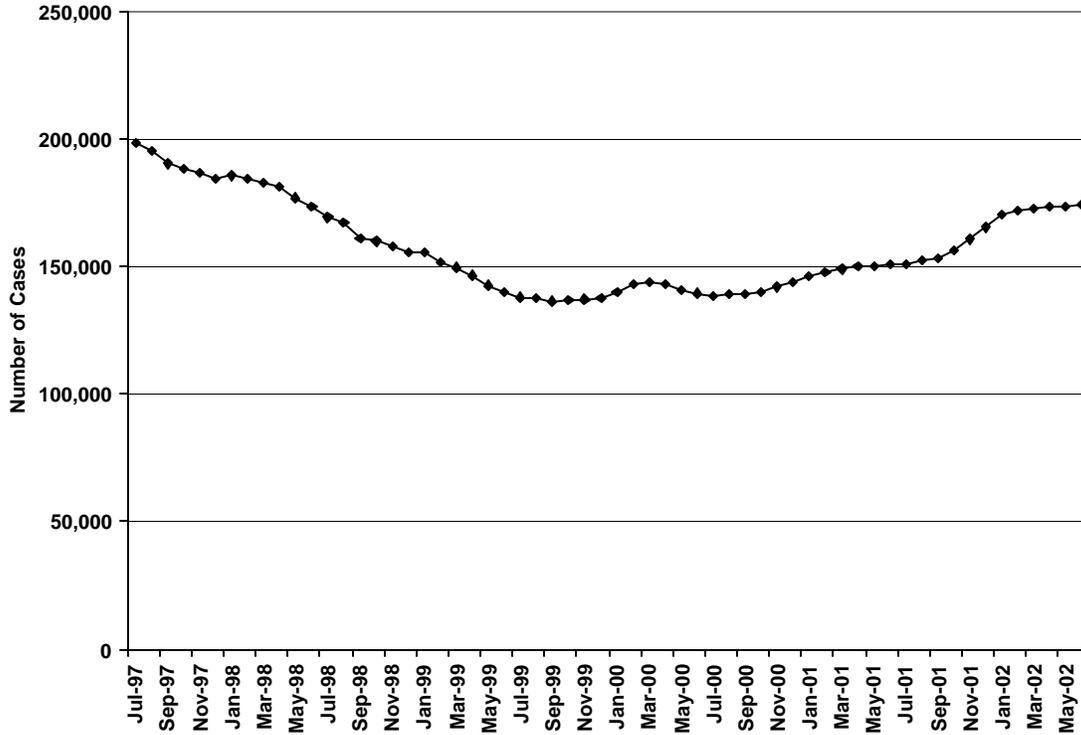
² Payments are not adjusted for refunds.

Note: Numbers include both FSP and FAP

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Basic Food Program Caseload SFY 2002

Source: Cases, Persons, and Expenditures Report From the ACES Data Warehouse



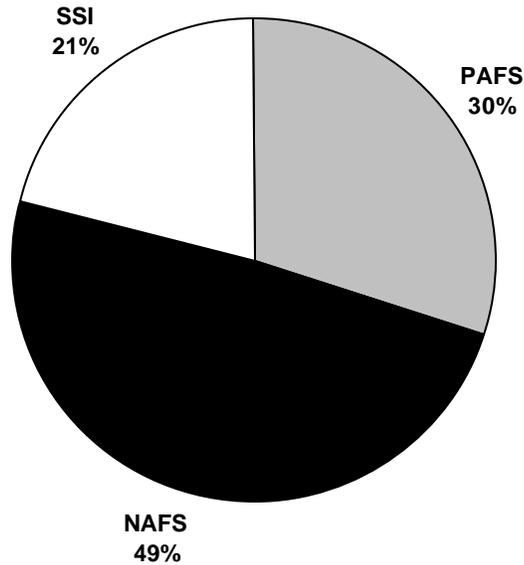
	Cases	Persons	Gross Expenditures	Payment Per Case
July	150,636	326,573	\$22,500,031.89	\$149.37
August	152,125	328,955	\$22,772,654.73	\$149.70
September	153,405	331,574	\$22,823,735.18	\$148.78
October	156,494	338,515	\$25,039,122.86	\$160.00
November	160,574	347,691	\$25,778,992.49	\$160.54
December	165,223	357,993	\$27,279,675.58	\$165.11
January	170,046	368,234	\$27,672,265.23	\$162.73
February	171,994	370,195	\$28,212,135.77	\$164.03
March	172,865	371,007	\$28,028,817.64	\$162.14
April	173,544	372,030	\$28,050,827.23	\$161.64
May	173,146	369,907	\$27,740,035.37	\$160.21
June	173,995	370,405	\$27,512,236.60	\$158.12
Mo. Avg	164,504	354,423	\$26,117,544.21	\$158.77

Note: Numbers Include both FSP and FAP

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Basic Food Program Caseload By Type, SFY 2002

Source: Cases, Persons, and Expenditures Report From the ACES Data Warehouse

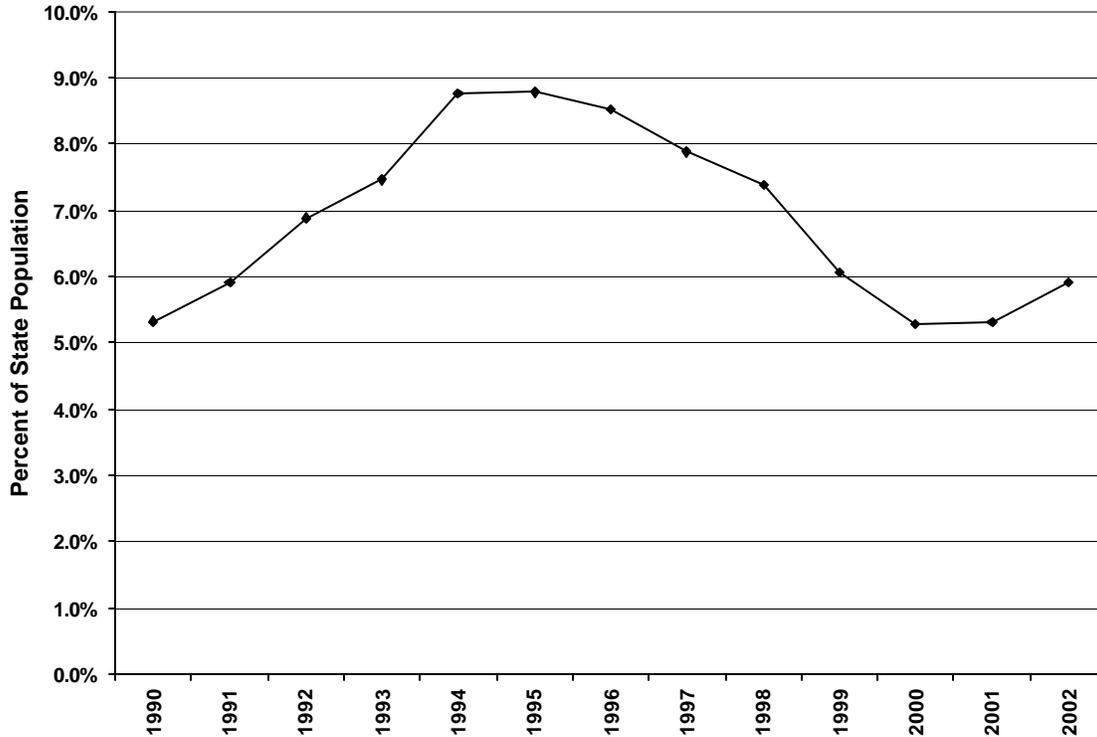


	Caseload	PAFS		NAFS		SSI	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
July	150,636	53,053	35.2%	66,530	44.2%	31,053	20.6%
August	152,125	53,081	34.9%	67,796	44.6%	31,248	20.5%
September	153,405	52,939	34.5%	68,890	44.9%	31,576	20.6%
October	156,494	53,215	34.0%	71,448	45.7%	31,831	20.3%
November	160,574	53,742	33.5%	74,606	46.5%	32,226	20.1%
December	165,223	55,333	33.5%	77,631	47.0%	32,259	19.5%
January	170,046	56,529	33.2%	80,729	47.5%	32,788	19.3%
February	171,994	56,803	33.0%	81,848	47.6%	33,343	19.4%
March	172,865	56,443	32.7%	82,521	47.7%	33,901	19.6%
April	173,544	55,357	31.9%	83,790	48.3%	34,397	19.8%
May	173,146	53,604	31.0%	84,040	48.5%	35,502	20.5%
June	173,995	52,213	30.0%	85,239	49.0%	36,543	21.0%
Average	164,504	54,359	33.0%	77,089	46.9%	33,056	20.1%

Note: NAFS stands for Non-Assistance Food Stamps, PAFS stands for Public Assistance Food Stamps, SSI stands for Supplemental Security Income. Includes both FAP and FSP

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Average Monthly Basic Food Program Caseload As a Percent of State Population, SFY 1990 to SFY 2002



State Fiscal Year	Average Monthly Participating Persons	Number of Households Statewide ¹	Percent of State Population
1990	259,095	4,866,692	5.3%
1991	295,355	5,000,400	5.9%
1992	352,312	5,116,700	6.9%
1993	390,928	5,240,900	7.5%
1994	466,674	5,334,400	8.7%
1995	476,478	5,429,900	8.8%
1996	470,617	5,516,800	8.5%
1997	441,666	5,606,800	7.9%
1998	419,944	5,685,300	7.4%
1999	348,536	5,757,400	6.1%
2000	311,266	5,894,121	5.3%
2001	317,231	5,974,900	5.3%
2002	354,423	6,041,700	5.9%

Source: SFY1988 – SFY1997, Blue Books. SFY1998 Forward, Cases, Persons, and Expenditures Report from the ACES Data Warehouse

¹ Source: OFM 2002 Population Trends.

Note: Includes both FSP and FAP

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Basic Food Program Caseload Receiving Assistance Through WASHCAP SFY 2002

Source: ESA-MRDA

Month	Total Basic Food Program Caseload	Cases Receiving WASHCAP	Percent Receiving WASHCAP
July	150,636	0	0.0%
August	152,125	0	0.0%
September	153,405	0	0.0%
October	156,494	0	0.0%
November	160,574	8	0.0%
December	165,223	16,565	10.0%
January	170,046	17,311	10.2%
February	171,994	17,921	10.4%
March	172,865	18,646	10.8%
April	173,544	19,759	11.4%
May	173,146	21,207	12.2%
June	173,995	22,595	13.0%

Source: SFY1988 – SFY1997, Blue Books. SFY1998 Forward, Cases, Persons, and Expenditures Report from the ACES Data Warehouse

¹ Source: OFM 2002 Population Trends.

Note: Includes both FSP and FAP, WASHCAP Began in November 2002

Basic Food Program Caseload Receiving FSP and FAP, SFY 2002

Source: Cases, Persons, and Expenditures Report From the ACES Data Warehouse

	Caseload	FSP ONLY		BOTH FSP & FAP		FAP ONLY	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
July	150,636	144,983	96.2%	4,220	2.8%	1,433	1.0%
August	152,125	146,474	96.3%	4,149	2.7%	1,502	1.0%
September	153,405	147,758	96.3%	4,135	2.7%	1,512	1.0%
October	156,494	150,699	96.3%	4,185	2.7%	1,610	1.0%
November	160,574	154,489	96.2%	4,425	2.8%	1,660	1.0%
December	165,223	158,700	96.1%	4,757	2.9%	1,766	1.1%
January	170,046	163,076	95.9%	5,098	3.0%	1,873	1.1%
February	171,994	164,904	95.9%	5,172	3.0%	1,920	1.1%
March	172,865	165,728	95.9%	5,174	3.0%	1,968	1.1%
April	173,544	166,401	95.9%	5,132	3.0%	2,025	1.2%
May	173,146	166,085	95.9%	5,124	3.0%	1,969	1.1%
June	173,995	166,929	95.9%	5,140	3.0%	2,028	1.2%
Mo. Avg	164,504	158,019	96.1%	4,726	2.9%	1,772	1.1%

Note: FSP is the Federal Food Stamp Program, FAP is Washington State's Basic Food Program For Legal Immigrants

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Basic Food Program Caseload By DSHS Region and CSO, June 2002

Source: ESA-MRDA

	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Region 1		
Clarkston	912	0.5%
Colfax	620	0.4%
Colville HCS	229	0.1%
Davenport	220	0.1%
Mattawa	174	0.1%
Moses Lake	2,593	1.5%
Moses Lake HCS	190	0.1%
Newport	539	0.3%
Okanogan	1,701	1.0%
Okanogan HCS	72	0.0%
Othello	704	0.4%
Pomeroy	26	0.0%
Republic	529	0.3%
Spokane Central	316	0.2%
Spokane HCS	1,154	0.7%
Spokane North	5,739	3.3%
Spokane Southwest	3,646	2.1%
Spokane Valley	4,654	2.7%
Tri County - Colville	1,390	0.8%
Wenatchee - Chelan	2,360	1.4%
Wenatchee - Douglas	512	0.3%
Wenatchee HCS	133	0.1%
Region 1 Total	28,413	16.3%
Region 2		
Clarkston HCS	46	0.0%
Ellensburg	689	0.4%
Grandview	709	0.4%
Kennewick	3,317	1.9%
Pasco	2,199	1.3%
Pasco HCS	213	0.1%
Region 2 Call Center	27	0.0%
Sunnyside	1,554	0.9%
Sunnyside HCS	124	0.1%
Toppenish	9	0.0%
Toppenish-Wapato	2,359	1.4%
Walla Walla	1,653	1.0%
Walla Walla HCS	104	0.1%
Walla Walla - Columbia	43	0.0%
Yakima	3,991	2.3%
Yakima-Ellensburg HCS	247	0.1%
Yakima – Kittitas	1,527	0.9%
Region 2 Total	18,811	10.8%

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Basic Food Program Caseload By DSHS Region and CSO, June 2002

Source: ESA-MRDA

	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Region 3		
Alderwood	2,499	1.4%
Alderwood HCS	169	0.1%
Bellingham	4,962	2.9%
Bellingham HCS	238	0.1%
Everett	4,845	2.8%
Everett HCS	356	0.2%
Friday Harbor	123	0.1%
Mt. Vernon	3,341	1.9%
Mt. Vernon HCS	179	0.1%
Oak Harbor	973	0.6%
Skykomish HCS	71	0.0%
Skykomish Valley	1,333	0.8%
Smokey Point	2,333	1.3%
Smokey Point HCS	84	0.0%
Region 3 Total	21,506	12.4%
Region 4		
Auburn	856	0.5%
Belltown	3,494	2.0%
Burien	4,126	2.4%
Capitol Hill	3,122	1.8%
Federal Way	2,542	1.5%
Holgate	2,176	1.3%
King Eastside	2,495	1.4%
King North/Ballard	3,809	2.2%
King South	4,243	2.4%
Lake City	2	0.0%
Rainier	2,737	1.6%
Renton	2,833	1.6%
West Seattle	2,133	1.2%
Region 4 Total	34,568	19.9%
Region 5		
Bremerton	4,026	2.3%
Bremerton HCS	271	0.2%
NW Special Services CSO	5,805	3.3%
NW WorkFirst CSO	3,588	2.1%
Pierce South	5,670	3.3%
Puyallup HCS	187	0.1%
Puyallup Valley	2,981	1.7%
Region 5 Customer Call Center	1	0.0%
Tacoma HCS	956	0.5%
Region 5 Total	23,485	13.5%

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Source: ESA-MRDA

	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Region 6		
Aberdeen	2,642	1.5%
Aberdeen HCS	226	0.1%
Cathlamet	1	0.0%
Chehalis	2,584	1.5%
Chehalis HCS	165	0.1%
Columbia River CSO	9,838	5.7%
Customer Service Center Economic Services Administration	19	0.0%
Forks	505	0.3%
Goldendale	379	0.2%
Kelso	3,930	2.3%
Kelso – Long Beach HCS	157	0.1%
Long Beach	465	0.3%
Medical Eligibility Det. Service	6	0.0%
Olympia	4,095	2.4%
Pacific County HCS	75	0.0%
Port Angeles	1,500	0.9%
Port Angeles HCS	143	0.1%
Port Townsend	665	0.4%
Shelton	1,559	0.9%
South Bend	366	0.2%
Stevenson	325	0.2%
Tumwater HCS	341	0.2%
Vancouver	58	0.0%
Vancouver HCS	375	0.2%
Washcap	16,481	9.5%
White Salmon	311	0.2%
Region 6 Total	47,212	27.1%
State Total	193,995	100.0%

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Basic Food Program Caseload By County, June 2002

Source: ESA-MRDA

	Number of Cases	Percent of Cases
Unknown County	7	0.0%
Adams	704	0.4%
Asotin	958	0.6%
Benton	3,317	1.9%
Chelan	2,493	1.4%
Clallam	2,148	1.2%
Clark	10,290	5.9%
Columbia	43	0.0%
Cowlitz	4,087	2.3%
Douglas	512	0.3%
Ferry	529	0.3%
Franklin	2,412	1.4%
Garfield	26	0.0%
Grant	2,957	1.7%
Grays Harbor	2,868	1.6%
Island	973	0.6%
Jefferson	665	0.4%
King	34,568	19.9%
Kitsap	4,297	2.5%
Kittitas	689	0.4%
Klickitat	690	0.4%
Lewis	2,749	1.6%
Lincoln	220	0.1%
Mason	1,559	0.9%
Okanogan	1,773	1.0%
Pacific	906	0.5%
Pend Oreille	539	0.3%
Pierce	19,188	11.0%
San Juan	123	0.1%
Skagit	3,520	2.0%
Skamania	325	0.2%
Snohomish	11,690	6.7%
Spokane	15,509	8.9%
Stevens	1,619	0.9%
Thurston	20,917	12.0%
Wahkiakum	1	0.0%
Walla Walla	1,757	1.0%
Whatcom	5,200	3.0%
Whitman	620	0.4%
Yakima	10,547	6.1%
State Total	173,995	100.0%

Note: Cases are assigned to counties based on the location of the Community Service Office (CSO) where they are served. Some service areas overlap county boundaries, so counts here may not reflect counts based on county of residence. Numbers include both FSP and FAP.

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Basic Food Program Error Rate FFY 1982 to FFY 2002

Source: ESA - Quality Assurance

Federal FY	Error Rate	Tolerance¹	Difference
1982	9.0	13.1	4.1
1983	9.5	9.0	-0.5
1984	9.2	7.0	-2.2
1985	8.7	5.0	-3.7
1986	9.6	11.4	1.8
1987	9.5	11.3	1.8
1988	8.4	11.0	2.6
1989	8.6	10.8	2.2
1990	9.7	10.8	1.1
1991	10.8	10.3	-0.5
1992	10.9	10.7	-0.2
1993	8.2	10.8	2.6
1994	8.9	10.3	1.4
1995	8.3	9.7	1.4
1996	10.4	9.2	-1.2
1997	14.0	9.9	-4.1
1998	14.1	10.7	-3.4
1999	7.6	9.9	2.3
2000	7.2	8.9	1.7
2001	8.1	8.9	0.8
2002 ²	7.6	8.9	1.3

Note: Error rate represents State findings.

¹ The tolerance level is a federally determined threshold which States may be sanctioned for exceeding.

² Preliminary: Based on findings for benefits issued from October 2002 through June 2002. Tolerance level is estimated based on prior Federal Fiscal Year's performance. Final figures are not available for several months.

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Basic Food Program Client Demographics, June 2002

Source: ESA-MRDA

Characteristic	All Clients (N = 370,852)	Percent	All Adults (N = 196,233)	Percent
Gender				
Female	210,505	56.8%	124,664	63.5%
Male	160,340	43.2%	71,562	36.5%
Unknown	7	0.0%	7	0.0%
Race				
White	232,332	62.6%	135,128	68.9%
Hispanic	49,935	13.5%	16,551	8.4%
Black	34,616	9.3%	16,463	8.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	18,286	4.9%	11,469	5.8%
Native American	12,889	3.5%	6,845	3.5%
Unknown	22,794	6.1%	9,777	5.0%
Marital Status (Adults Only)				
Separated	22,334	11.4%	22,334	11.4%
Married	47,539	24.2%	47,539	24.2%
Never Married	71,973	36.7%	71,973	36.7%
Divorced	41,626	21.2%	41,626	21.2%
Widow	10,243	5.2%	10,243	5.2%
Unknown	2,518	1.3%	2,518	1.3%
Citizenship				
U.S. Citizen	332,014	89.5%	170,584	86.9%
Resident Alien	37,686	10.2%	25,186	12.8%
U.S. National	610	0.2%	414	0.2%
U.S. Born Child Refugee	502	0.1%	14	0.0%
Undocumented Alien	34	0.0%	31	0.0%
Unknown	6	0.0%	4	0.0%
Age				
< 17 Years Old	163,661	44.1%	167	0.1%
17 – 18 Years Old	10,374	2.8%	2,164	1.1%
19 – 20 Years Old	8,712	2.3%	6,871	3.5%
21 – 30 Years Old	49,619	13.4%	48,764	24.9%
31 – 40 Years Old	48,861	13.2%	48,729	24.8%
41 – 50 Years Old	21,936	5.9%	21,902	11.2%
51 – 55 Years Old	13,059	3.5%	13,046	6.6%
56 + Years Old	37,145	10.0%	37,130	18.9%
Unknown	17,485	4.7%	17,460	8.9%
Mean Age of Children	8.2 Years Old		N/A	
Median Age of Children	7.7 Years Old		N/A	
Mean Age of Adults	41.9 Years Old		41.9 Years Old	
Median Age of Adults	39.3 Years Old		39.3 Years Old	

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Source: ESA-MRDA

Characteristic	All Clients (N = 370,852)	Percent	All Adults (N = 196,233)	Percent
Client Type				
Adult	196,233	52.9%	196,233	100.0%
Child	174,619	47.1%	0	0.0%
Limited in English¹	64,159	17.3%	27,798	14.2%
DSHS Region				
Region 1	64,963	17.5%	33,011	16.8%
Region 2	47,976	12.9%	20,111	10.2%
Region 3	47,179	12.7%	24,801	12.6%
Region 4	70,682	19.1%	39,087	19.9%
Region 5	52,796	14.2%	26,760	13.6%
Region 6	87,256	23.5%	52,463	26.7%
CSO Type				
Urban	270,198	72.9%	147,746	75.3%
Rural	100,654	27.1%	48,487	24.7%

¹ Limited in English is defined as a client whose primary language is not either English, Sign Language, Braille, or Large Print or an interpreter is required OR the INS status is missing and the client is considered a refugee.

Note: counts include both FSP and FAP recipients.

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