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The Division of Child Care and Early Learning (DCCEL) was created in July 2001. DCCEL was responsible for establishing Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) policy and procedures, licensing child care centers and family home providers, and for the overall integrity of Washington State's child care programs.

The five year anniversary of DCCEL marked the first day of the new Department of Early Learning (DEL), which was created by Governor Gregoire and the Washington State Legislature during the 2006 Legislative session. DCCEL was merged with the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) and the Early Reading Initiative (formerly part of OSPI) to form the new agency on July 1, 2006.

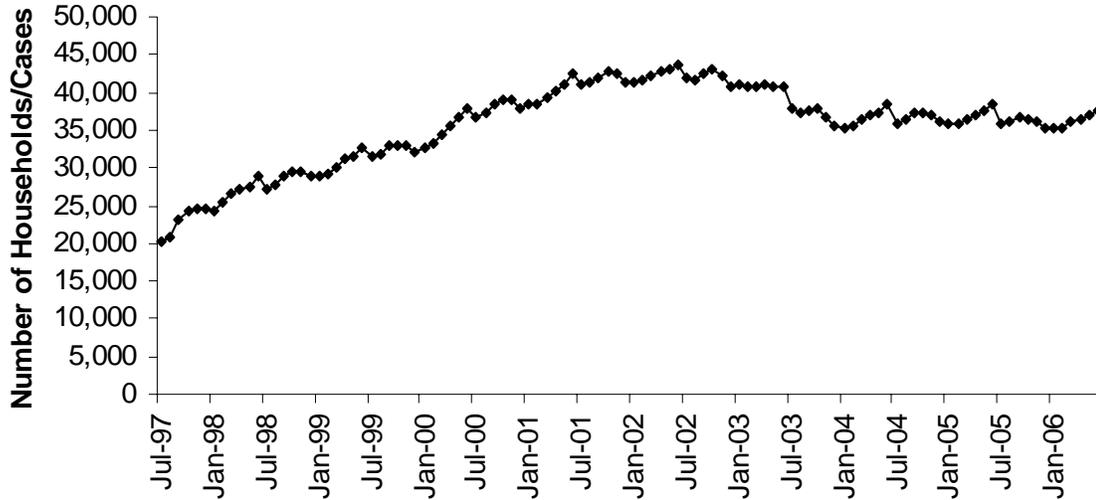
Highlights:

- The number of households using Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) has been stable for the past three years, averaging 36,198 per month in SFY 2006.
- The number of children using WCCC has been stable for the past three years, averaging 60,820 per month in SFY 2006.
- The percent of households served by WCCC that are not receiving TANF benefits remained stable at 78% in SFY 2006.
- The percent of children served by WCCC that are cared for in a setting exempt from licensing regulations remained low in SFY 2006: 21% for non-TANF children and 18% for TANF children.
- Center care is the type of care most commonly used in WCCC, being the only type of care used by 56% of TANF children and 49% of non-TANF children.
- Among TANF children served through WCCC, 50% are Caucasian, 16% are Hispanic, 16% are Black, 4% are Native American, 2% are Asian, and 13% are of some other ethnic group or their ethnicity was unknown. For non-TANF children served through WCCC, 52% are Caucasian, 22% are Hispanic, 9% are Black, 2% are Native American, 2% are Asian, and 12% are of some other ethnic group or their ethnicity was unknown.
- The number of children served in the Seasonal Child Care Program averaged 1,581 children per month in SFY 2006, ranging from a low of 503 in December 2005 to a high of 2,592 in July 2005.

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Working Connections Child Care Cases SFY 1998 to SFY 2006

Source: SSPS Payment History

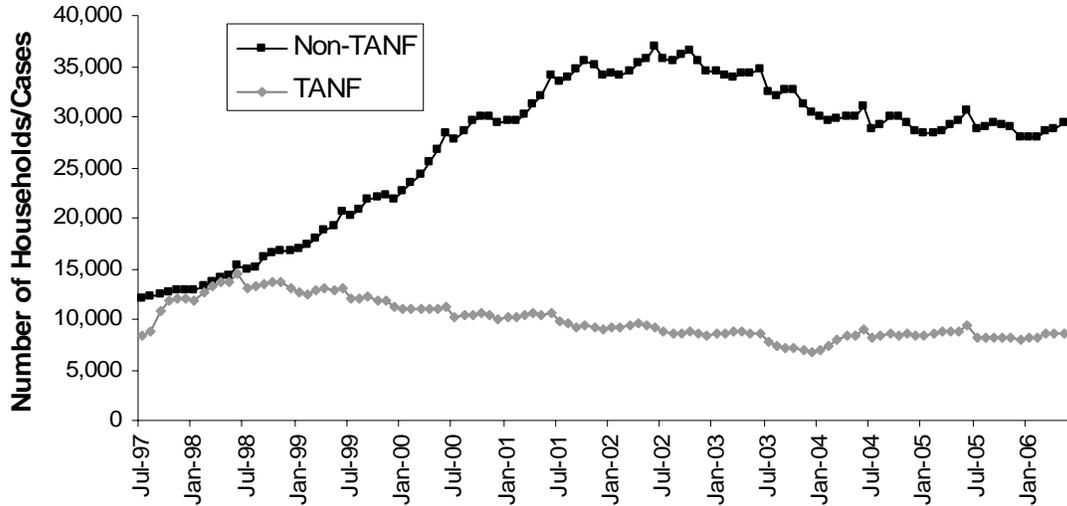


SFY:	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
July	20,133	27,287	31,544	36,623	41,067	41,809	37,956	35,883	35,713
August	20,726	27,762	31,888	37,375	41,399	41,648	37,277	36,428	36,123
September	23,044	28,884	32,847	38,441	41,942	42,364	37,703	37,370	36,582
October	24,265	29,575	32,872	39,127	42,774	43,023	37,835	37,397	36,514
November	24,459	29,558	32,867	38,895	42,439	42,123	36,564	37,004	36,259
December	24,461	29,045	32,102	37,957	41,276	40,816	35,621	36,084	35,164
January	24,309	28,953	32,652	38,375	41,470	40,905	35,234	35,816	35,194
February	25,427	29,162	33,275	38,442	41,480	40,758	35,570	35,982	35,401
March	26,581	30,181	34,276	39,190	42,082	40,694	36,506	36,486	36,231
April	27,305	31,108	35,538	40,315	42,833	41,053	37,087	37,008	36,550
May	27,564	31,454	36,588	40,992	43,193	40,821	37,161	37,472	37,018
June	28,866	32,663	37,930	42,369	43,636	40,860	38,416	38,329	37,625
Monthly Avg.	24,762	29,636	33,698	39,008	42,133	41,406	36,911	36,772	36,198

Note: Cases are unduplicated based on information from the name, date of birth and social security number fields.

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Working Connections Child Care Cases by TANF Status SFY 1998 to SFY 2006 Source: SSPS Payment File

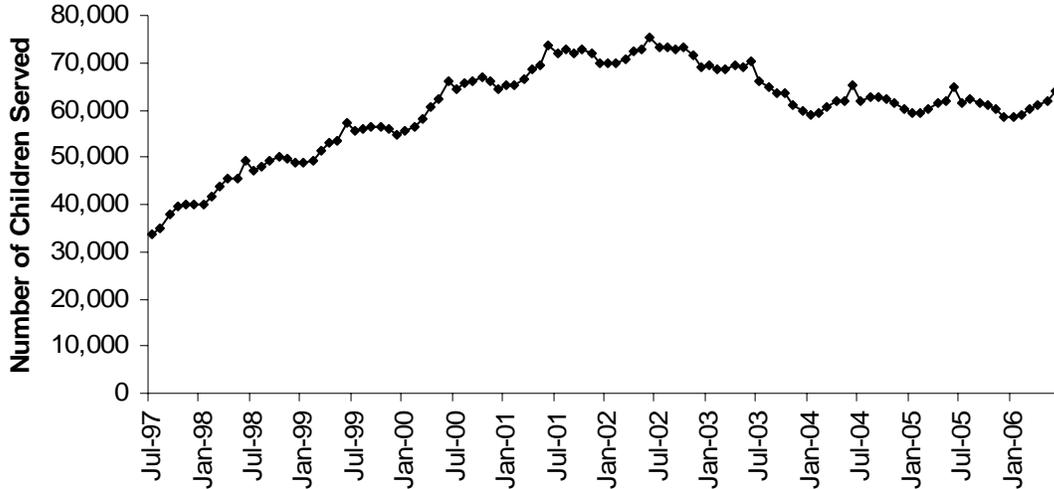


SFY 2006	TANF			Non-TANF	
	Total	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
July	35,713	8,106	22.0%	28,724	78.0%
August	36,123	8,245	22.2%	28,967	77.8%
September	36,582	8,202	21.8%	29,404	78.2%
October	36,514	8,252	22.0%	29,202	78.0%
November	36,259	8,201	22.1%	28,911	77.9%
December	35,164	8,023	22.3%	27,987	77.7%
January	35,194	8,134	22.6%	27,889	77.4%
February	35,401	8,227	22.7%	27,949	77.3%
March	36,231	8,553	23.1%	28,477	76.9%
April	36,550	8,487	22.7%	28,876	77.3%
May	37,018	8,520	22.5%	29,309	77.5%
June	37,625	8,563	22.1%	30,260	77.9%
Monthly Avg.	36,198	8,293	22.3%	28,830	77.7%

Note: Cases are unduplicated based on information from the name, date of birth and social security fields. The sum of TANF and non-TANF cases will be greater than the total number of cases because a small number of cases are coded both as TANF and non-TANF cases.

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Children Served by Working Connections Child Care SFY 1998 to SFY 2006 Source: SSPS Payment File

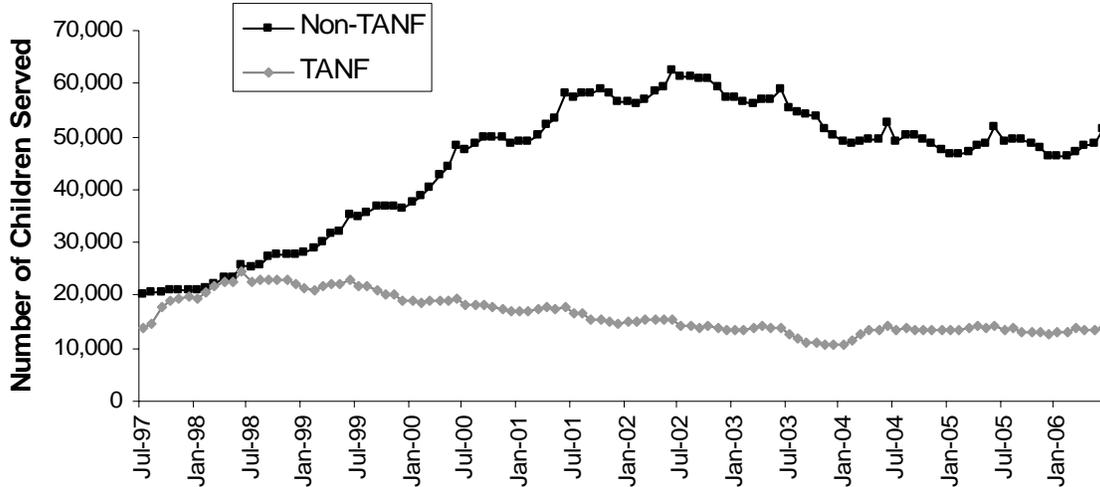


SFY:	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
July	33,889	47,121	55,552	64,344	72,020	73,327	65,967	61,868	61,518
August	35,012	48,176	56,132	65,770	72,806	73,165	64,844	62,905	62,252
September	38,066	49,410	56,619	66,266	71,890	72,690	63,750	62,849	61,560
October	39,730	50,076	56,263	66,829	72,820	73,266	63,505	62,405	60,969
November	39,941	49,857	56,014	66,159	71,883	71,527	60,940	61,448	60,358
December	39,999	49,045	54,801	64,605	69,846	69,142	59,582	60,186	58,654
January	39,851	48,680	55,590	65,086	69,935	69,277	58,775	59,365	58,606
February	41,616	49,134	56,509	65,071	69,847	68,674	59,185	59,473	58,785
March	43,737	51,166	58,226	66,486	70,802	68,547	60,726	60,385	60,273
April	45,349	53,119	60,739	68,760	72,402	69,579	61,842	61,399	61,062
May	45,681	53,581	62,432	69,681	72,944	68,997	61,780	61,974	61,752
June	49,350	57,235	66,266	73,734	75,481	70,320	65,367	65,010	64,046
Monthly Avg.	41,018	50,550	57,929	66,899	71,890	70,709	62,189	61,606	60,820

Note: Children are unduplicated based on information from the name and date of birth fields for the service recipient as well as information from the primary recipient field.

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Children Served by Working Connections Child Care, by TANF Status SFY 1998 to SFY 2006 Source: SSPS Payment File



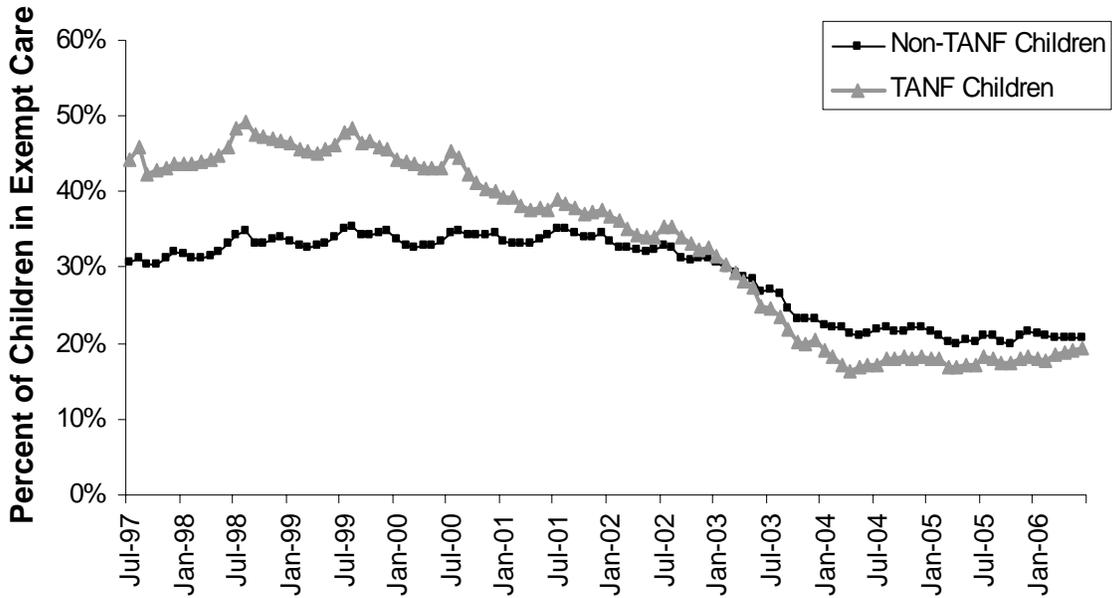
SFY 2006	TANF		Non-TANF		
	Total	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
July	61,518	13,400	21.4%	49,122	78.6%
August	62,252	13,683	21.6%	49,585	78.4%
September	61,560	13,219	21.2%	49,255	78.8%
October	60,969	13,167	21.3%	48,532	78.7%
November	60,358	13,118	21.5%	47,886	78.5%
December	58,654	12,836	21.7%	46,447	78.3%
January	58,606	12,979	21.9%	46,251	78.1%
February	58,785	13,129	22.1%	46,259	77.9%
March	60,273	13,686	22.5%	47,241	77.5%
April	61,062	13,639	22.1%	48,143	77.9%
May	61,752	13,636	21.8%	48,821	78.2%
June	64,046	13,956	21.4%	51,350	78.6%
Monthly Avg.	60,820	13,371	21.7%	48,241	78.3%

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Percent of Children in Working Connections Child Care in Exempt Care by TANF Status, SFY 1998 to SFY 2006

Source: SSPS Payment File



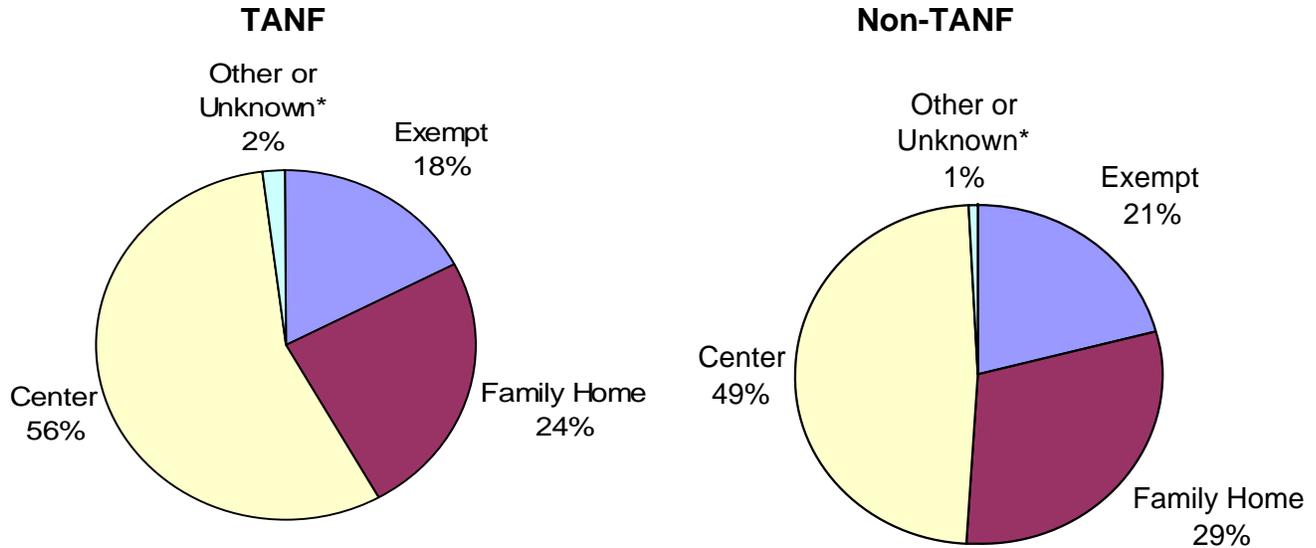
SFY 2006	TANF		Non-TANF	
	Number in Exempt Care	% Exempt Care	Number in Exempt Care	% Exempt Care
July	2,427	18.1%	10,308	21.0%
August	2,460	18.0%	10,396	21.0%
September	2,295	17.4%	9,886	20.1%
October	2,295	17.4%	9,725	20.0%
November	2,346	17.9%	10,007	20.9%
December	2,340	18.2%	9,971	21.5%
January	2,346	18.1%	9,790	21.2%
February	2,311	17.6%	9,724	21.0%
March	2,525	18.4%	9,810	20.8%
April	2,552	18.7%	10,000	20.8%
May	2,594	19.0%	10,117	20.7%
June	2,707	19.4%	10,626	20.7%
Monthly Avg.	2,433	18.2%	10,030	20.8%

Note: Children receiving care from more than one type of provider are coded to just one type of provider using the following logic: exempt, if any exempt care provider is used; family home, if no exempt care provider is used and the child is cared for by a licensed family home provider; and center if a child is cared for by a center provider and not an exempt provider or a licensed family home provider. Exempt care is child care that is exempt from licensing and is provided either in the child's home or in the home of a relative. If a child used both exempt and licensed care in a given month, the child was counted as using exempt care.

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Percent of Children Using Working Connections Child Care By Facility Type and TANF Status SFY 2006

Source: SSPS Payment File



	TANF				Non-TANF			
	Exempt	Family Home	Center	Other or Unknown*	Exempt	Family Home	Center	Other or Unknown*
July	2,427	3,326	7,351	296	10,308	14,587	23,603	624
August	2,460	3,404	7,490	329	10,396	14,683	23,820	686
September	2,295	3,340	7,312	272	9,886	14,995	23,756	618
October	2,295	3,297	7,329	246	9,725	14,593	23,839	375
November	2,346	3,210	7,368	194	10,007	13,806	23,729	344
December	2,340	3,097	7,208	191	9,971	13,018	23,168	290
January	2,346	3,128	7,295	210	9,790	12,952	23,144	365
February	2,311	3,226	7,424	168	9,724	12,997	23,167	371
March	2,525	3,316	7,643	202	9,810	13,361	23,694	376
April	2,552	3,272	7,631	184	10,000	13,735	24,016	392
May	2,594	3,284	7,605	153	10,117	14,065	24,333	306
June	2,707	3,340	7,660	249	10,626	14,870	25,281	573
Monthly Avg.	2,433	3,270	7,443	225	10,030	13,972	23,796	443
Monthly Avg. Pct	18%	24%	56%	2%	21%	29%	49%	1%

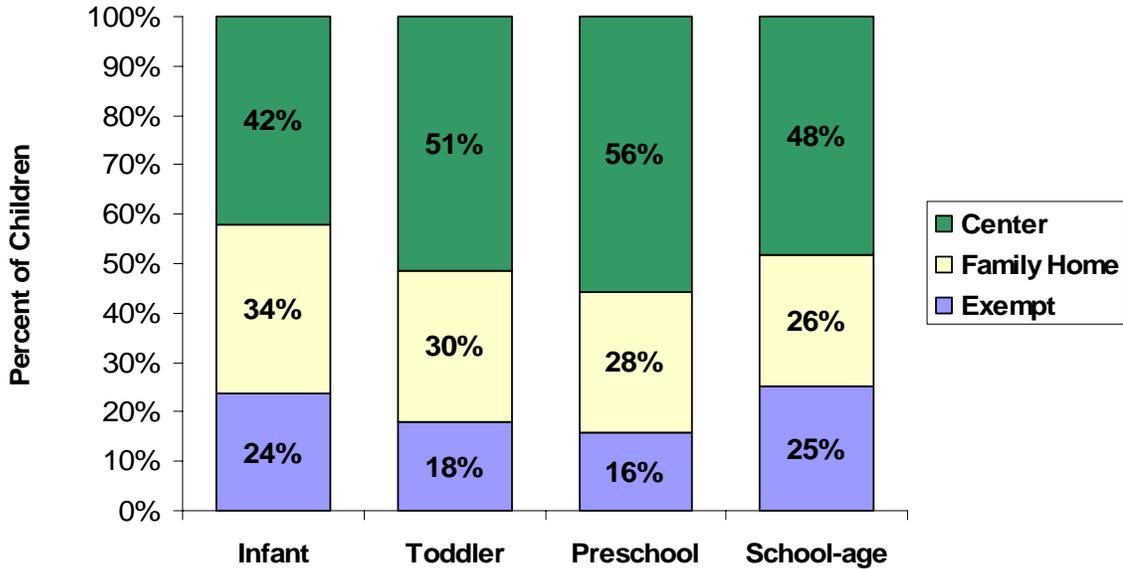
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* Other or Unknown are mostly care coded as licensed but not clearly identified as either a center or family home. A small number of children attending summer camps that are exempt from licensing included as well.

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Average Number/Percent of Children Served in Working Connections Child Care Per Month by Facility Type and Age of Child SFY 2006

Source: SSPS Payment File



	Infant		Toddler		Preschool		School-Age	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Exempt	938	24%	1,831	18%	3,525	16%	6,107	25%
Family Homes	1,344	34%	3,078	30%	6,273	28%	6,389	26%
Center	1,649	42%	5,202	51%	12,417	56%	11,663	48%
Other or Unknown	27	1%	45	0%	95	0%	238	1%
Total	3,957	100%	10,156	100%	22,310	100%	24,397	100%

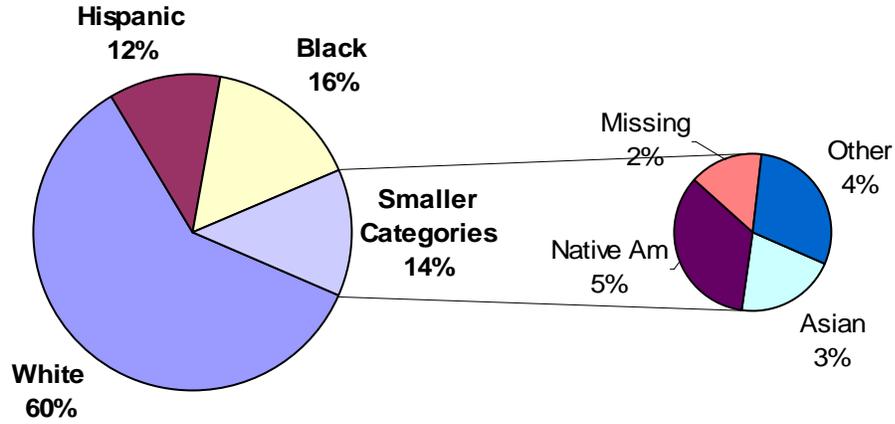
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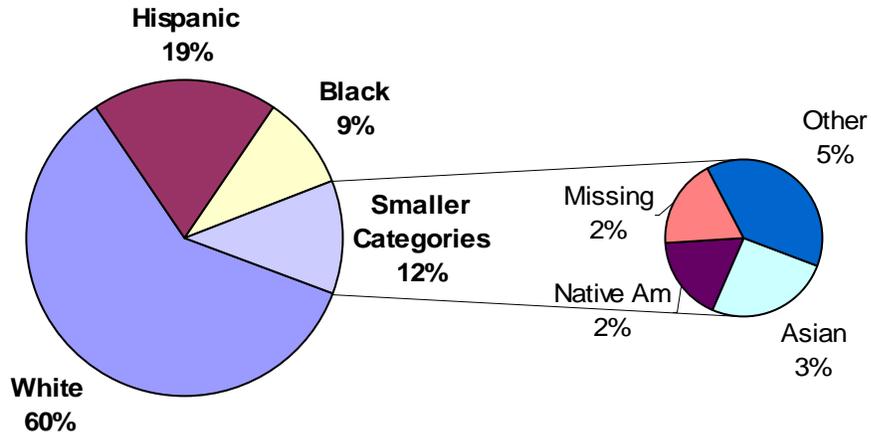
Distribution of Working Connections Child Care Cases By TANF Status and Ethnic Group SFY 2006

Source: Division of Child Care and Early Learning

TANF Households



Non-TANF Households

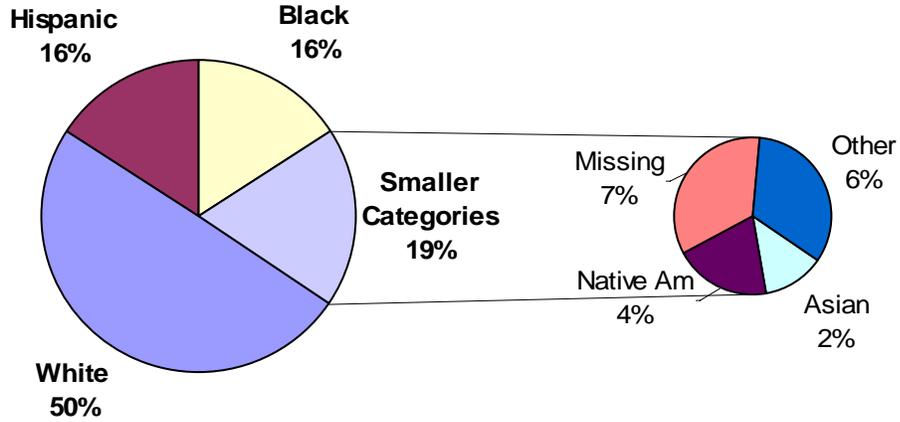


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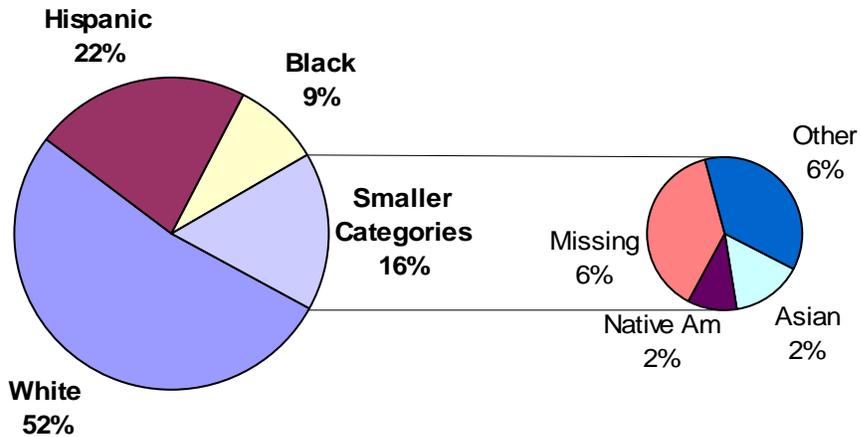
Distribution of Children Served by Working Connections Child Care By TANF Status and Ethnic Group SFY 2006

Source: Division of Child Care and Early Learning

TANF Children



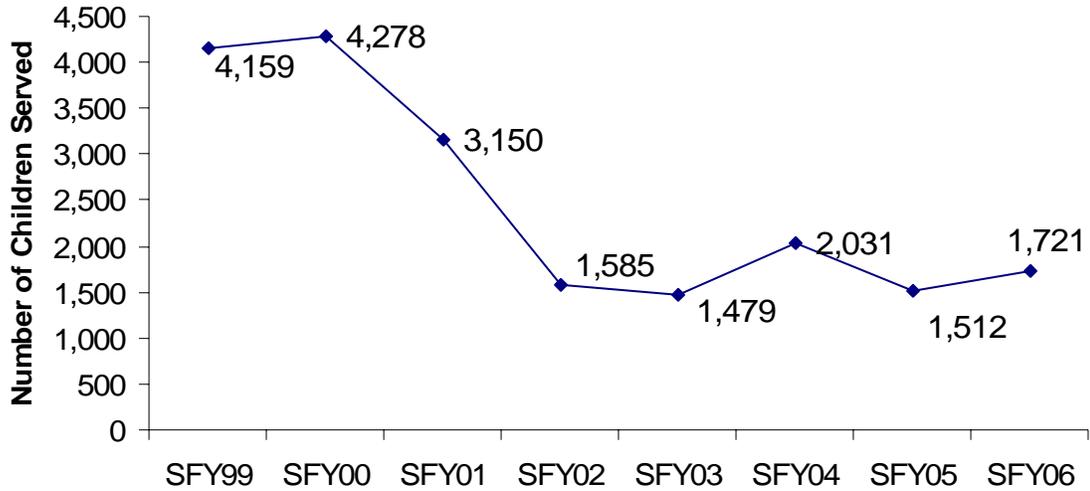
Non-TANF Children



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Number of Children Served in Homeless Child Care Program by State Fiscal Year

Source: Division of Child Care and Early Learning

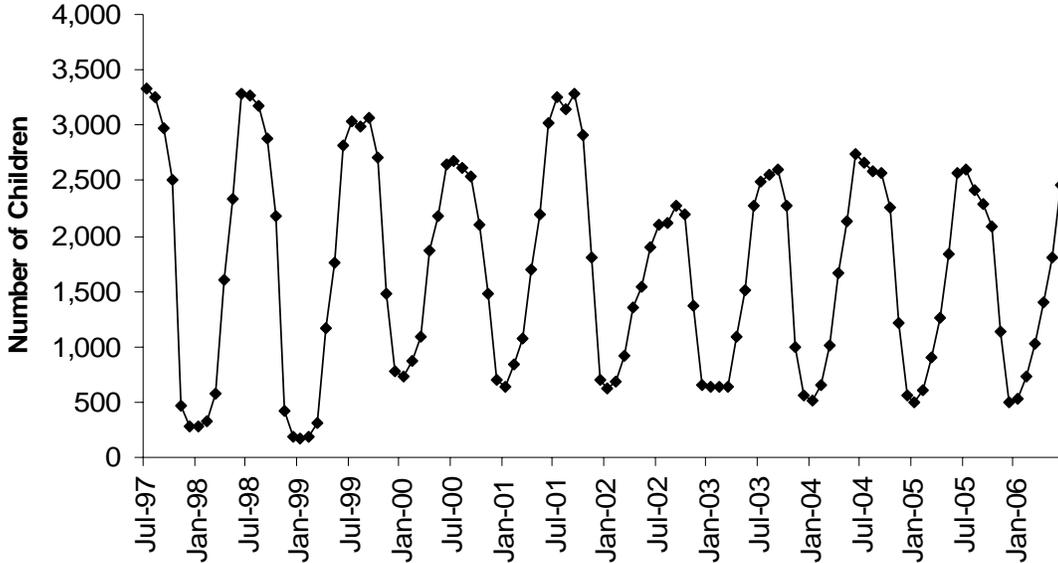


Note: The Homeless Child Care Program moved from Children's Administration to Economic Services Administration in July 2001. This program was redesigned to better meet family needs for SFY05.

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Number of Children Served in Seasonal Child Care Program by Month, SFY 1998 to SFY 2006

Source: SSPS Payment File



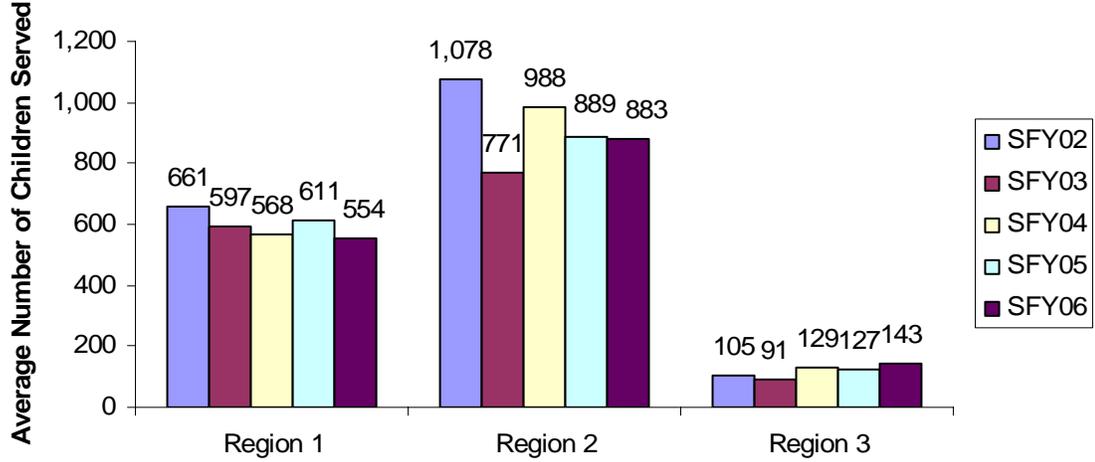
SFY	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
July	3,337	3,268	3,033	2,680	3,251	2,098	2,497	2,665	2,592
August	3,258	3,175	2,985	2,619	3,143	2,117	2,551	2,588	2,414
September	2,978	2,885	3,069	2,543	3,289	2,275	2,600	2,567	2,285
October	2,508	2,179	2,712	2,108	2,904	2,199	2,269	2,254	2,079
November	462	416	1,476	1,486	1,802	1,363	996	1,218	1,140
December	280	192	782	700	706	650	568	566	503
January	275	175	733	636	627	639	519	505	522
February	325	187	869	841	689	642	657	608	731
March	576	309	1,084	1,069	924	644	1,015	897	1,020
April	1,604	1,171	1,863	1,699	1,350	1,086	1,669	1,255	1,408
May	2,340	1,751	2,182	2,200	1,542	1,511	2,130	1,829	1,811
June	3,288	2,819	2,650	3,013	1,893	2,275	2,742	2,570	2,461
Monthly Avg.	1,769	1,544	1,953	1,800	1,843	1,458	1,684	1,627	1,581

Note: The cyclical flux corresponds to seasonal crop growth and harvest. In FY'00 program use in the winter increased and has remained constant due to the availability of more year-round work (packing houses, pruning) and program changes. In July 2001 the Seasonal Child Care Program moved from Children's Administration to Economic Services Administration. Starting in FY02 families were referred to Working Connections Child Care if they met the eligibility rules for both the Seasonal and WCCC child care subsidy programs. Contractors also were monitored to stay within their budgeted funds for the fiscal year, leading some contractors to limit services.

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Average Number of Children Served per Month in Seasonal Child Care Program by DSHS Region SFY 2002 to SFY 2006

Source: SSPS Payment File



Note: The distribution of children served by DSHS Region in the Seasonal Child Care Program corresponds to the breadth and length of agricultural work and the amount of funds allocated to the Region. The Seasonal Child Care Program moved from Children's Administration to Economic Services Administration in July 2001.