

## Child Support

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This section describes the child support caseload. Three types of cases make up the Title IV-D child support cases:

- **Current Assistance** (individuals receiving TANF or Title IV-E Foster Care)
- **Former Assistance** (individuals who previously received TANF/AFDC or Title IV-E Foster Care) and
- **Never Assistance** (individuals who have never received TANF/AFDC or Title IV-E Foster Care. Medicaid, child care only and State Only Foster Care are Never Assistance cases.)

The Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998 awards incentives to states' child support programs based on their performance on five measures:

1. Paternity establishment
2. Order establishment
3. Current support collected
4. Cases paying toward arrears
5. Cost effectiveness

The Child Support Incentive Scorecard shows DCS outcomes on the five measures over the past two federal fiscal years. Information is presented in federal fiscal years because that is the time frame used for awarding incentives earned by the state's child support program.

#### **Highlights:**

- Statewide, Child Support served about 1 out of every 9 residents during SFY 2006.
- Child Support served an average of 434,660 children per month during SFY 2006.
- The overall caseload increased from 342,705 open cases at the end of June, 2005 to 348,258 open cases at the end of June 2006, a 1.6% increase.
- Within this caseload, Current Assistance cases decreased 4.3% from 56,016 to 53,647; Former Assistance cases increased 1.9% from 184,135 to 187,641; and Never Assistance cases increased 4.3% from 102,554 to 106,970.
- Most (85.4%) non-custodial parents are male with an average age of 38.2 years, while most (89.6%) custodial parents are female with an average age of 37.0 years.
- Total collections for SFY 2006 reached a record \$662,571,225; over \$14 million more than projected.

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### Child Support Incentive Scorecard

**FFY 2005<sup>1</sup> and FFY 2006<sup>2</sup>**

Source: Division of Child Support

MEASURE	GOAL NEEDED TO OBTAIN 100% FUNDING	ACTUAL PERFORMANCE FFY		PERCENTAGE OF MAXIMUM INCENTIVE REACHED (COLUMN A)		ESTIMATED MAXIMUM VALUE OF INCENTIVE (\$MILLIONS) (COLUMN B)	ESTIMATED <sup>3</sup> INCENTIVE PAYMENT (\$MILLIONS) (COLUMN A * B)	
		2005	2006	2005	2006		2005	2006
<b>Paternity Establishment Percentage</b>	80%	95.2%	99.3%	100%	100%	\$3.20	\$3.20	\$3.20
<b>Support Order Establishment</b>	80%	89.6%	89.9%	100%	100%	\$3.20	\$3.20	\$3.20
<b>Current Collections</b>	80%	63.3%	64.3%	73%	74%	\$3.20	\$2.34	\$2.43
<b>Arrearage Collections</b>	80%	66.1%	67.3%	76%	77%	\$2.40	\$1.82	\$1.90
<b>Cost-Effectiveness</b>	\$5.00	\$4.74	\$4.41	90%	80%	\$2.40	\$2.16	\$1.97
<b>INCENTIVE TOTALS</b>				79.50%	78.35%	\$14.40	\$12.72	\$12.87

<sup>1</sup> FFY2005 data is from U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children & Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement *2005 Preliminary Data Report*.

<sup>2</sup> FFY2006 data is preliminary based on unaudited federal reports.

<sup>3</sup> Calculations for FFY2006 assume Washington's total and relative incentive base doesn't change and the federal incentive pool increases from \$446 million to \$458 million as set by law.

#### Incentive Measure Formulas Used by the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement

**PATERNITY ESTABLISHMENT PERCENTAGE:** Number of Children in the Caseload in the FFY or as of the End of the FFY Who Were Born Out-of-Wedlock (BOW) with Paternity Established or Acknowledged divided by Number of Children BOW in the Caseload as of the End of the Preceding FFY.

**SUPPORT ORDER ESTABLISHMENT:** Number of IV-D Cases with Support Orders divided by Number of IV-D Cases.

**CURRENT COLLECTIONS:** Amount Collected for Current Support in IV-D Cases divided by Amount Owed for Current Support in IV-D Cases.

**ARREARAGE COLLECTIONS:** Number of IV-D Cases Paying Toward Arrears divided by Number of IV-D Cases with Arrears Due.

**COST-EFFECTIVENESS:** Total IV-D Dollars Collected divided by Total IV-D Dollars Expended.

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### Child Support Caseload and Collections July 2004 to June 2006

Source: Division of Child Support

	<u>CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD</u>			<u>CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTIONS</u>		<u>COLLECTIONS BY CASE TYPE</u>			
	TANF/ FOSTER CARE <sup>1</sup>	FORMER ASSIST <sup>2</sup>	NEVER ON ASSIST <sup>3</sup>	TOTAL IV-D CASELOAD	TOTAL ACTUAL	TOTAL PROJECTED	TANF/ FOSTER CARE <sup>1</sup>	FORMER ASSIST <sup>2</sup>	NEVER ON ASSIST <sup>3</sup>
<b>SFY04</b>	<b>50,729</b>	<b>173,564</b>	<b>98,271</b>	<b>322,564</b>	<b>\$633,591,434</b>	<b>\$637,567,715</b>	<b>\$41,260,899</b>	<b>\$277,149,051</b>	<b>\$315,181,484</b>
<b>2004</b>									
<b>JUL</b>	53,083	177,366	100,374	330,823	\$49,160,285	\$54,142,061	\$2,970,755	\$21,042,374	\$25,147,156
<b>AUG</b>	53,525	177,857	100,818	332,200	\$50,131,379	\$52,332,580	\$3,088,345	\$21,327,608	\$25,715,426
<b>SEP</b>	53,386	179,124	100,779	333,289	\$50,995,871	\$50,992,653	\$3,217,330	\$21,357,044	\$26,421,498
<b>OCT</b>	54,988	179,037	101,119	335,144	\$49,872,637	\$51,704,660	\$3,117,315	\$21,002,860	\$25,752,461
<b>NOV</b>	54,565	180,202	101,294	336,061	\$49,897,129	\$51,244,987	\$3,186,770	\$21,067,368	\$25,642,990
<b>DEC</b>	54,997	180,516	101,342	336,855	\$52,935,942	\$51,320,631	\$3,344,292	\$21,993,855	\$27,597,795
<b>2005</b>									
<b>JAN</b>	57,298	179,615	102,260	339,173	\$49,515,700	\$51,350,351	\$3,178,435	\$20,404,603	\$25,932,662
<b>FEB</b>	56,885	180,835	102,707	340,427	\$47,042,794	\$49,832,266	\$3,061,582	\$19,456,606	\$24,524,605
<b>MAR</b>	56,767	181,773	103,237	341,777	\$64,991,977	\$58,351,359	\$5,063,962	\$28,926,746	\$31,001,269
<b>APR</b>	56,558	182,330	103,648	342,536	\$58,752,321	\$56,581,182	\$4,130,301	\$25,984,195	\$28,637,825
<b>MAY</b>	57,645	182,668	102,415	342,728	\$56,782,461	\$57,756,652	\$3,766,395	\$24,870,562	\$28,145,504
<b>JUN</b>	56,016	184,135	102,554	342,705	\$59,512,791	\$59,390,067	\$3,858,031	\$26,064,443	\$29,590,317
<b>SFY05</b>	<b>55,476</b>	<b>180,455</b>	<b>101,879</b>	<b>337,810</b>	<b>\$639,591,287</b>	<b>\$644,999,449</b>	<b>\$41,983,515</b>	<b>\$273,498,265</b>	<b>\$324,109,508</b>
<b>2005</b>									
<b>JUL</b>	57,587	182,868	102,671	343,126	\$50,513,845	\$49,622,977	\$3,272,558	\$21,359,789	\$25,881,499
<b>AUG</b>	56,872	183,931	102,434	343,237	\$54,923,913	\$54,230,795	\$3,507,479	\$23,081,810	\$28,334,624
<b>SEP</b>	57,145	184,091	102,408	343,644	\$52,652,695	\$52,005,509	\$3,416,322	\$22,168,430	\$27,067,943
<b>OCT</b>	57,726	184,517	102,708	344,951	\$50,428,962	\$50,063,882	\$3,180,684	\$20,958,145	\$26,290,133
<b>NOV</b>	56,314	186,049	102,761	345,124	\$53,813,860	\$53,510,630	\$3,326,475	\$22,534,699	\$27,952,686
<b>DEC</b>	56,508	185,987	102,787	345,282	\$53,061,724	\$52,873,208	\$3,274,101	\$22,155,256	\$27,632,366
<b>2006</b>									
<b>JAN</b>	57,376	185,767	103,798	346,941	\$52,829,472	\$52,667,916	\$3,294,150	\$21,771,295	\$27,764,026
<b>FEB</b>	56,426	186,976	104,558	347,960	\$50,273,545	\$50,007,043	\$3,141,496	\$20,743,179	\$26,388,870
<b>MAR</b>	55,883	187,164	105,158	348,205	\$67,189,489	\$62,583,045	\$5,121,693	\$30,413,049	\$31,654,747
<b>APR</b>	56,228	186,784	106,028	349,040	\$55,370,942	\$53,051,321	\$3,520,496	\$24,140,925	\$27,709,521
<b>MAY</b>	54,792	187,078	106,566	348,436	\$62,328,204	\$59,393,413	\$3,986,006	\$27,229,791	\$31,112,406
<b>JUN</b>	53,647	187,641	106,970	348,258	\$59,184,573	\$57,996,159	\$3,620,892	\$25,504,050	\$30,059,631
<b>SFY06</b>	<b>56,375</b>	<b>185,738</b>	<b>104,071</b>	<b>346,184</b>	<b>\$662,571,225</b>	<b>\$648,005,898</b>	<b>\$42,662,352</b>	<b>\$282,060,420</b>	<b>\$337,848,453</b>

**Note:** Case counts are unduplicated

<sup>1</sup> Current TANF/Foster Care (TANF or Title IV-E Foster Care)

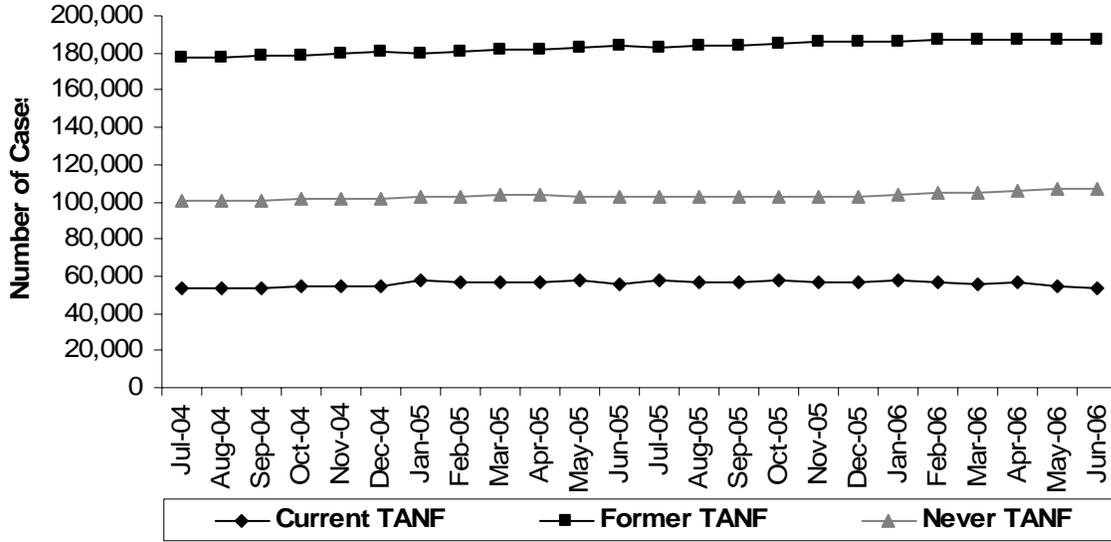
<sup>2</sup> Former Assistance (individuals who have ever received TANF/AFDC or Title IV-E Foster Care)

<sup>3</sup> Never Assistance (individuals who have never received TANF/AFDC or Title IV-E. Medicaid only, child care only and State Only Foster Care are considered Never Assistance). Payment Service Only and medical and subrogated debt cases are excluded from Title IV-D cases

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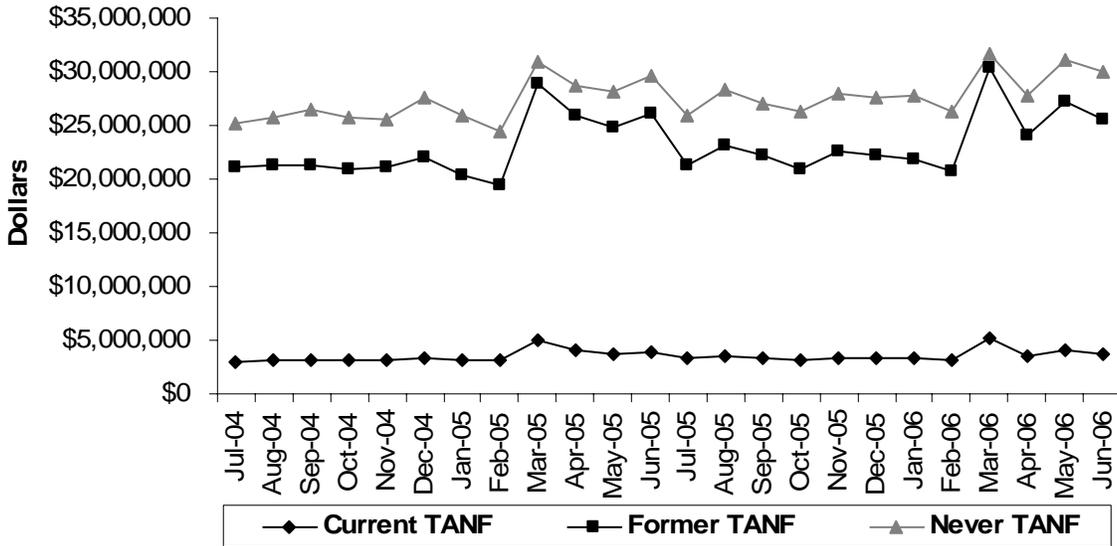
### Child Support Caseload by Type July 2004 to June 2006

Source: Division of Child Support



### Child Support Collections by Case Type July 2004 to June 2006

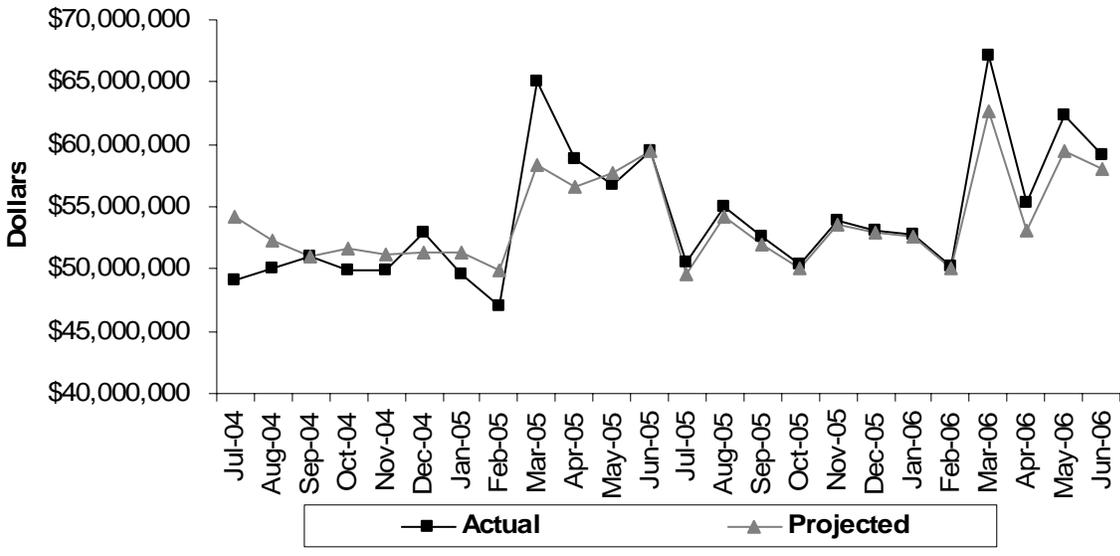
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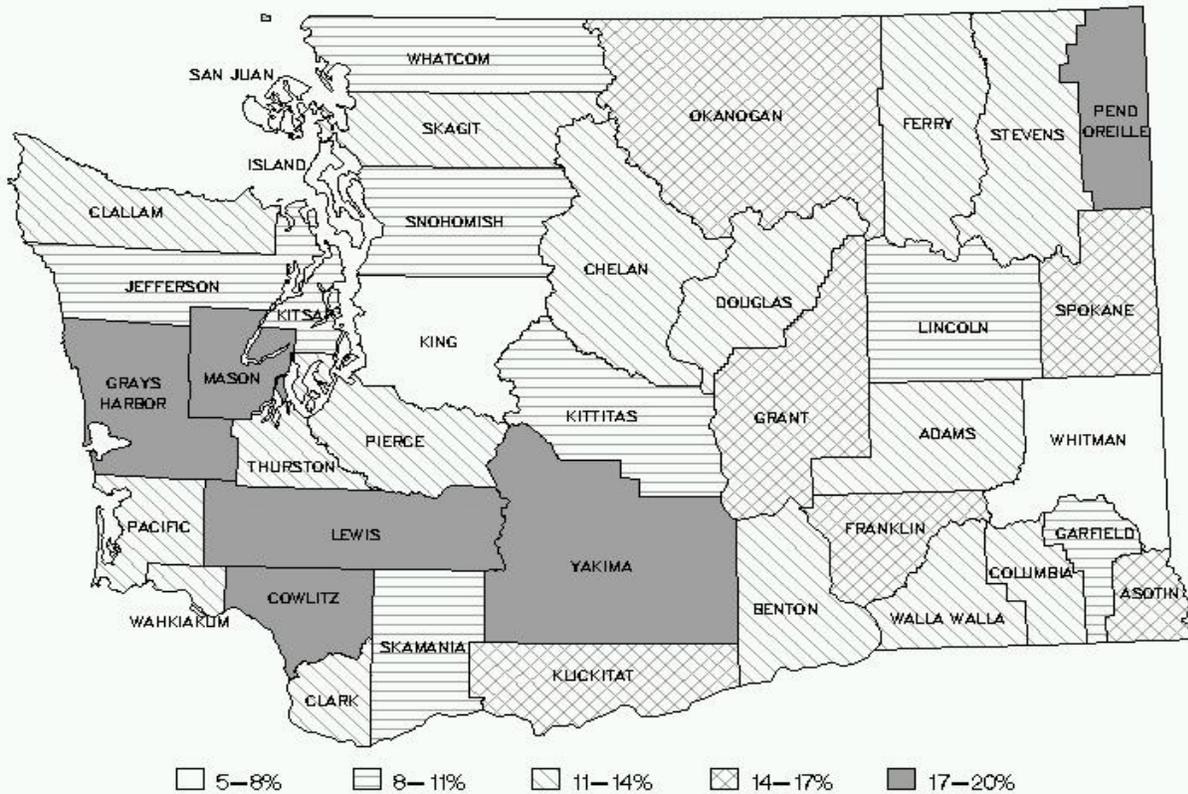
## Child Support Collections Actual and Projected - July 2004 to June 2006

Source: Division of Child Support



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### Percentage of Residents Served by DCS – June 30, 2006

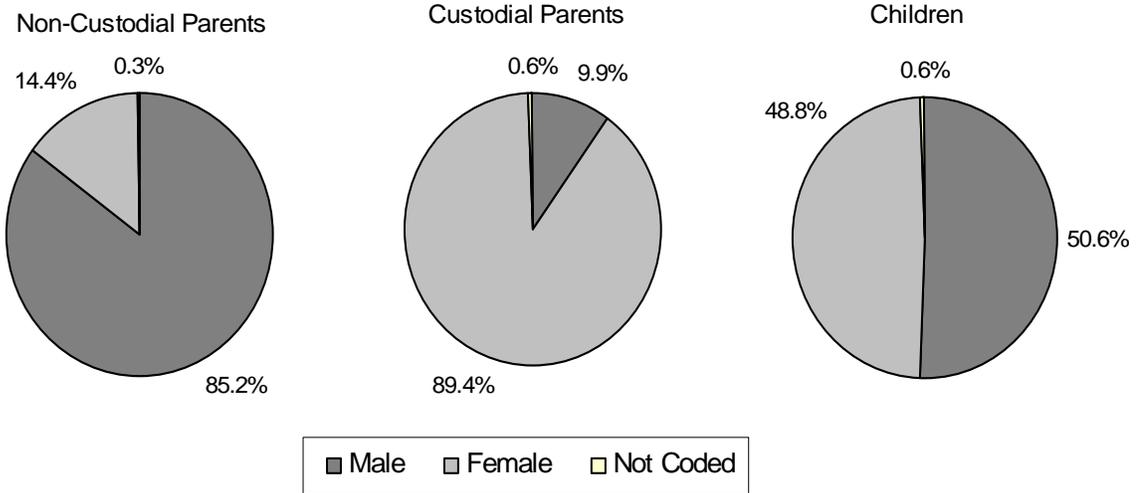


The percentage of residents served is obtained by dividing the number of DCS "clients" in a county as of the end of June 2006 by the OFM 2006 county population estimates.

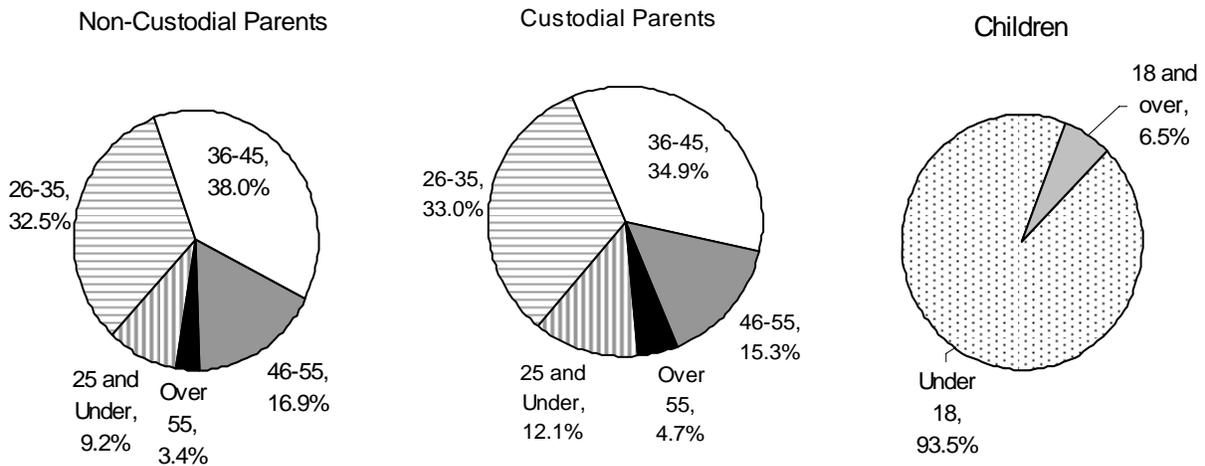
County	DCS Clients	Population Estimate	% of Residents Served	County	DCS Clients	Population Estimate	% of Residents Served
Adams	2,382	17,300	13.77%	Lewis	12,665	72,900	17.37%
Asotin	3,297	21,100	15.63%	Lincoln	1,033	10,200	10.13%
Benton	20,298	160,600	12.64%	Mason	9,249	53,100	17.42%
Chelan	8,057	70,100	11.49%	Okanogan	6,187	39,800	15.55%
Clallam	9,074	67,800	13.38%	Pacific	2,753	21,500	12.80%
Clark	46,087	403,500	11.42%	Pend Oreille	2,276	12,300	18.50%
Columbia	499	4,100	12.17%	Pierce	102,738	773,500	13.28%
Cowlitz	17,839	96,800	18.43%	San Juan	895	15,700	5.70%
Douglas	3,949	35,700	11.06%	Skagit	13,390	113,100	11.84%
Ferry	1,023	7,500	13.64%	Skamania	872	10,600	8.23%
Franklin	9,207	64,200	14.34%	Snohomish	68,598	671,800	10.21%
Garfield	251	2,400	10.46%	Spokane	63,443	443,800	14.30%
Grant	11,632	80,600	14.43%	Stevens	5,561	42,100	13.21%
Grays Harbor	13,793	70,400	19.59%	Thurston	30,076	231,100	13.01%
Island	5,555	77,200	7.20%	Wahkiakum	438	3,900	11.23%
Jefferson	2,753	28,200	9.76%	Walla Walla	6,723	57,900	11.61%
King	139,718	1,835,300	7.61%	Whatcom	16,384	184,300	8.89%
Kitsap	24,689	243,400	10.14%	Whitman	2,286	42,800	5.34%
Kittitas	3,175	37,400	8.49%	Yakima	41,682	231,800	17.98%
Klickitat	2,790	19,800	14.09%	<b>State Total</b>	<b>713,317</b>	<b>6,375,600</b>	<b>11.19%</b>

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## Gender of Client Types



## Age Distribution of Client Types



## DCS Client Characteristics – June 30, 2006

<u>Type Client</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Not Coded</u>	<u>Under 18</u>	<u>18 &amp; over</u>	<u>25 &amp; Under</u>	<u>26-35</u>	<u>36-45</u>	<u>46-55</u>	<u>Over 55</u>
Custodial Parents	9.9%	89.4%	0.6%			12.1%	33.0%	34.9%	15.3%	4.7%
Non-Custodial Parents	85.2%	14.4%	0.3%			9.2%	32.5%	38.0%	16.9%	3.4%
Children	50.6%	48.8%	0.6%	93.5%	6.5%					