

General Assistance Program

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General Assistance Program

General Assistance provides cash assistance to adults who cannot work and do not have dependent children. This section describes the General Assistance program separated into three main categories:

1. **General Assistance-Unemployable (GA-U).** The GA-U program is designed for those who are not employable.
2. **General Assistance-Expedited Medicaid (GA-X).** The GA-X program supports clients with pending applications for SSI, the federal Supplemental Security Income.
3. **General Assistance-Other.** Other General Assistance programs include Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Institutionalized (GA-I), and Regular (GA-R).

Highlights:

- The average monthly Combined General Assistance caseload increased 6.7% in SFY 2008 (31,172 cases) from SFY 2007 (29,220 cases).
- The average payment per case in SFY 2008 was \$306.87, compared to \$307.78 in SFY 2007.
- The average monthly GA-U Only caseload increased 5.1% in SFY 2008 (16,042 cases), from SFY 2007 (15,265 cases).
- The average monthly GA-X Only caseload increased 5.5% in SFY 2008 (11,842 cases), from SFY 2007 (11,224 cases).
- The average monthly GA-Other caseload increased 20.4% in SFY 2008 (3,288 cases), from SFY 2007 (2,731 cases).
- In June 2008, most GA-U Only recipients were male (59.9%), and most recipients were white (66.7%). The median age for GA-U only recipients was 44 years.
- In June 2008, most GA-X Only recipients were male (54.8%), and most recipients were white (71.4%). The median age for GA-X only recipients was 44 years.
- In June 2008, most GA-Other recipients were female (61.6%) and most recipients were over 65 years old (72.2%). The median age for GA-Other recipients was 70 years old.

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Selected Combined General Assistance Program Characteristics SFY 2007 and SFY 2008

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	SFY 2007 (July 2006 – June 2007)	SFY 2008 (July 2007 – June 2008)
Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range)	29,220 (28,523 – 29,965)	31,172 (29,815 – 32,757)
Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)	29,616 (28,912 – 30,386)	31,607 (30,224 – 33,228)
Recipients as a Percent of State's Population Age 18 and Over	0.6%	0.6%
State Population Age 18 and Over¹	4,922,953	5,009,939
Average Persons Per Case	1.0	1.0
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)²	\$307.78 (\$306.31 - \$308.69)	\$306.87 (\$305.66 - \$307.72)

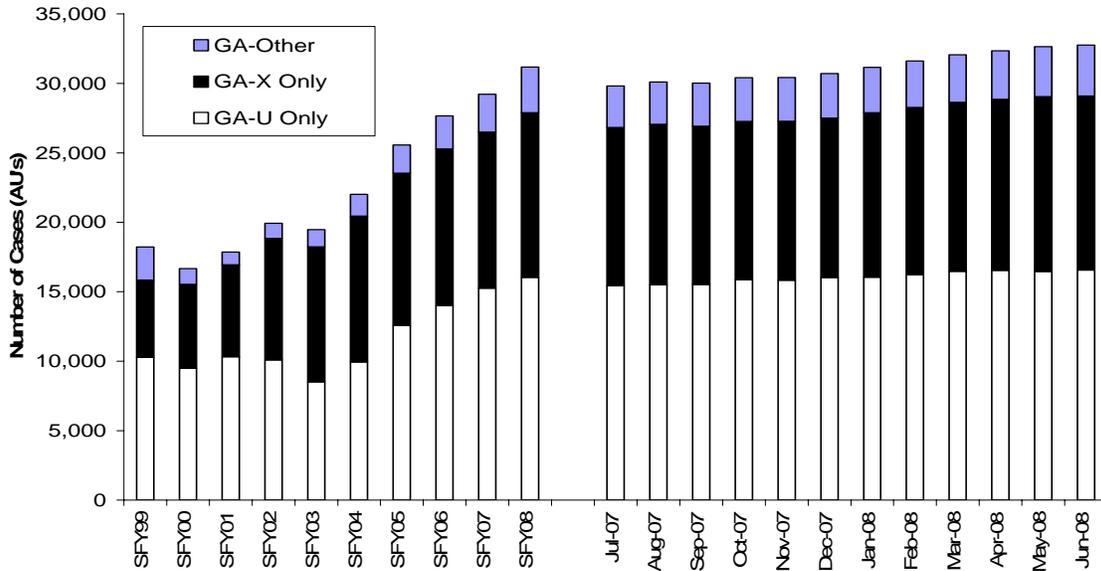
Note: The combined GA caseload includes General Assistance for Unemployable (GA-U), Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Expedited Medicaid (GA-X), Regular (GA-R) and Residing in an Institution for the Mentally Diseased (GA-I and GA-K).

¹ OFM, 2008 Population Trends for Washington State

² Payments not adjusted for refunds.

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Combined General Assistance Caseload SFY 1999 – SFY 2008 Source: ESA-ACES Data



Year	Cases	Year	Cases
SFY98	19,305	SFY03	19,472
SFY99	18,224	SFY04	22,012
SFY00	16,663	SFY05	25,566
SFY01	17,856	SFY06	27,664
SFY02	19,921	SFY07	29,220

SFY 2008	Cases	Persons	Gross Expenditures	Recoveries	Payment Per Case
July	29,815	30,224	\$9,154,082.71	\$33,605.60	\$307.03
August	30,107	30,520	\$9,234,226.56	\$30,029.05	\$306.71
September	30,022	30,438	\$9,213,949.44	\$29,524.41	\$306.91
October	30,411	30,829	\$9,309,307.30	\$35,252.05	\$306.12
November	30,420	30,841	\$9,338,492.96	\$37,073.87	\$306.99
December	30,707	31,141	\$9,443,906.05	\$26,112.50	\$307.55
January	31,153	31,582	\$9,522,086.91	\$22,120.44	\$305.66
February	31,616	32,068	\$9,695,823.84	\$40,356.62	\$306.67
March	32,063	32,510	\$9,834,384.92	\$44,059.91	\$306.72
April	32,342	32,791	\$9,920,689.90	\$35,338.25	\$306.74
May	32,648	33,108	\$10,046,521.96	\$29,035.76	\$307.72
June	32,757	33,228	\$10,074,323.46	\$16,577.88	\$307.55
Mo. Avg.	31,172	31,607	\$9,565,649.67	\$31,590.53	\$306.87

Note: The combined GA caseload includes General Assistance for Unemployable (GA-U), Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Expedited Medicaid (GA-X), Regular (GA-R) and Residing in an Institution for the Mentally Diseased (GA-I and GA-K).

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Selected General Assistance –Unemployable (GA-U) Program Characteristics SFY 2007 and SFY 2008

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	SFY 2007 (July 2006 – June 2007)	SFY 2008 (July 2007 – June 2008)
Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range)	15,265 (14,815 – 15,875)	16,042 (15,429 – 16,571)
Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)	15,307 (14,852 – 15,923)	16,088 (15,478 – 16,626)
Recipients as a Percent of State's Population Age 18 and Over	0.3%	0.3%
State Population Age 18 and Over¹	4,922,953	5,009,939
Average Persons Per Case	1.0	1.0
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)²	\$299.72 (\$297.34 – \$301.07)	\$298.89 (\$297.37 – \$301.00)

Note: The GA-Unemployable (GA-U) caseload includes General Assistance for Unemployable (GA-U) only. It does NOT include Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Regular (GA-R), Expedited Medicaid (GA-X), and Residing in an Institution for the Mentally Diseased (GA-I and GA-K).

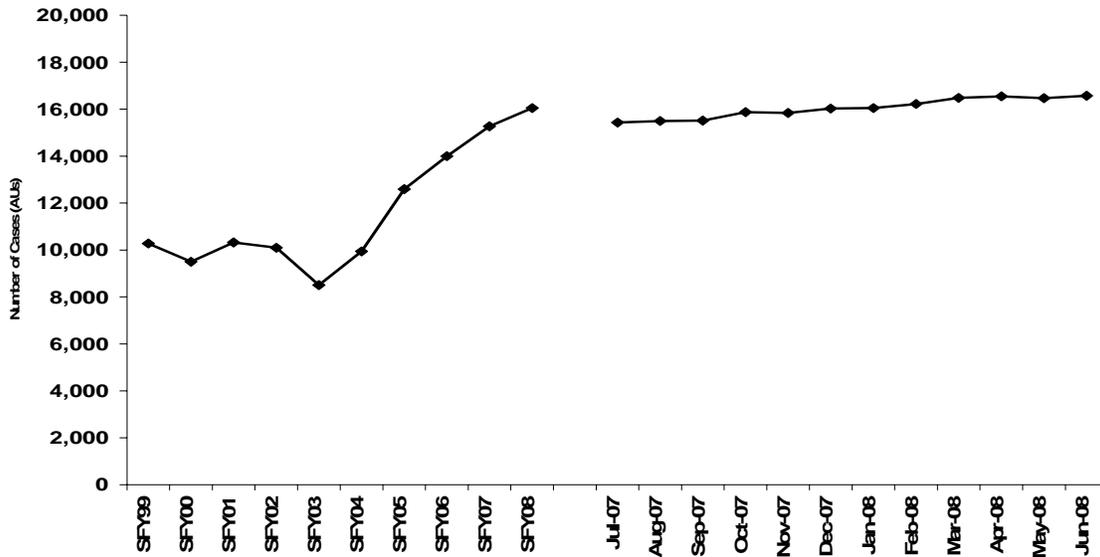
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² Payments not adjusted for refunds.

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GA-U Only Caseload SFY 1999 - SFY 2008

Source: ESA-ACES Data



Year	Cases	Year	Cases
SFY98	10,644	SFY03	8,509
SFY09	10,277	SFY04	9,936
SFY00	9,498	SFY05	12,587
SFY01	10,321	SFY06	13,995
SFY02	10,096	SFY07	15,265

SFY 2008	Cases	Persons	Gross Expenditures	Recoveries	Payment Per Case
July	15,429	15,478	\$4,614,646.90	\$19,635.67	\$299.09
August	15,496	15,537	\$4,630,021.47	\$19,673.10	\$298.79
September	15,516	15,557	\$4,634,676.52	\$18,543.85	\$298.70
October	15,873	15,912	\$4,720,075.54	\$21,149.55	\$297.37
November	15,839	15,881	\$4,733,527.38	\$20,802.32	\$298.85
December	16,026	16,068	\$4,823,832.85	\$10,706.03	\$301.00
January	16,048	16,085	\$4,778,617.02	\$10,912.83	\$297.77
February	16,218	16,274	\$4,850,611.65	\$18,925.09	\$299.09
March	16,481	16,533	\$4,921,884.89	\$24,936.51	\$298.64
April	16,547	16,597	\$4,940,758.86	\$18,420.39	\$298.59
May	16,465	16,513	\$4,933,834.43	\$16,750.98	\$299.66
June	16,571	16,626	\$4,956,246.07	\$2,453.01 ¹	\$299.09
Mo. Avg.	16,042	16,088	\$4,794,894.47	\$16,909.11	\$298.89

Note: The GA-Unemployable (GA-U) caseload includes general assistance for Unemployable (GA-U) only. It does NOT include Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Regular (GA-R), Expedited Medicaid (GA-X), and Residing in an Institution for the Mentally Diseased (GA-I and GA-K).

¹In the month of June 2008, there was an accounting adjustment for -\$8,585.02, which could have been from prior years.

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Selected General Assistance – Expedited Medicaid (GA-X) Program Characteristics SFY 2007 and SFY 2008

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	SFY 2007 (July 2006 – June 2007)	SFY 2008 (July 2007 – June 2008)
Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range)	11,224 (11,072 – 11,469)	11,842 (11,380 – 12,580)
Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)	11,235 (11,083 – 11,477)	11,852 (11,388 – 12,595)
Recipients as a Percent of State's Population Age 18 and Over	0.2%	0.2%
State Population Age 18 and Over¹	4,922,953	5,009,939
Average Persons Per Case	1.0	1.0
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)²	\$319.60 (\$319.02 – \$320.23)	\$318.67 (\$317.56 - \$319.86)

Note: GA-X is restricted to General Assistance for Expedited Medicaid Only (GA-X). It does not include General Assistance for Unemployable (GA-U), Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Regular (GA-R), and Residing in an Institution for the Mentally Diseased (GA-I and GA-K).

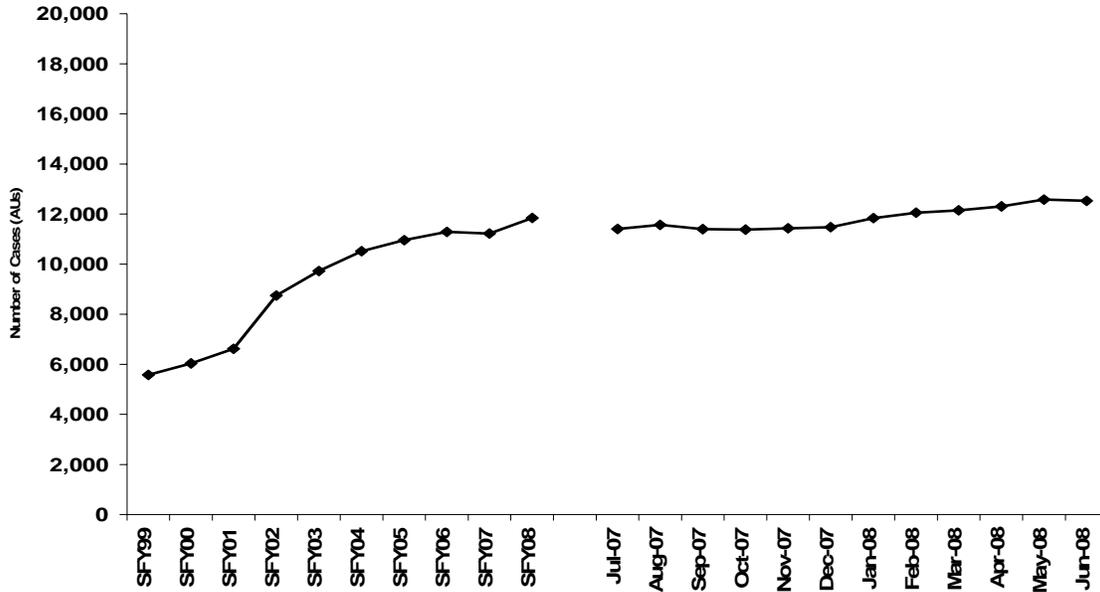
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GA-X Only Caseload SFY 1999 - SFY 2008

Source: ESA-ACES Data



Year	Cases	Year	Cases
SFY98	5,613	SFY03	9,724
SFY09	5,574	SFY04	10,514
SFY00	6,035	SFY05	10,958
SFY01	6,617	SFY06	11,286
SFY02	8,746	SFY07	11,224

SFY 2008	Cases	Persons	Gross Expenditures	Recoveries	Payment Per Case
July	11,405	11,410	\$3,634,247.54	\$13,969.93	\$318.65
August	11,564	11,573	\$3,681,465.24	\$10,355.95	\$318.36
September	11,400	11,410	\$3,638,628.77	\$10,980.56	\$319.18
October	11,380	11,388	\$3,630,473.42	\$14,102.50	\$319.02
November	11,432	11,441	\$3,645,417.33	\$16,271.55	\$318.88
December	11,476	11,485	\$3,647,276.66	\$15,406.47	\$317.82
January	11,837	11,847	\$3,758,903.23	\$11,207.61	\$317.56
February	12,050	12,060	\$3,831,296.47	\$21,431.53	\$317.95
March	12,150	12,160	\$3,872,391.50	\$19,123.40	\$318.72
April	12,303	12,315	\$3,919,600.34	\$16,917.86	\$318.59
May	12,580	12,595	\$4,017,213.98	\$12,284.78	\$319.33
June	12,524	12,536	\$4,005,985.77	\$14,124.87	\$319.86
Mo. Avg.	11,842	11,852	\$3,773,575.02	\$14,681.42	\$318.67

Note: GA-X is restricted to General Assistance for Expedited Medicaid Only (GA-X). It does NOT include general assistance for Unemployable (GA-U), Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Regular (GA-R), and Residing in an Institution for the Mentally Diseased (GA-I and GA-K).

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Selected General Assistance – Other Program Characteristics SFY 2007 and SFY 2008

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	SFY 2007 (July 2006 – June 2007)	SFY 2008 (July 2007 – June 2008)
Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range)	2,731 (2,546 – 2,928)	3,288 (2,981 – 3,662)
Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)	3,074 (2,883 – 3,282)	3,671 (3,341 – 4,069)
Recipients as a Percent of State's Population Age 18 and Over	Trace	Trace
State Population Age 18 and Over¹	4,922,953	5,009,939
Average Persons Per Case	1.1	1.1
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)²	\$304.24 (\$301.71 - \$306.48)	\$303.32 (\$301.27 - \$304.72)

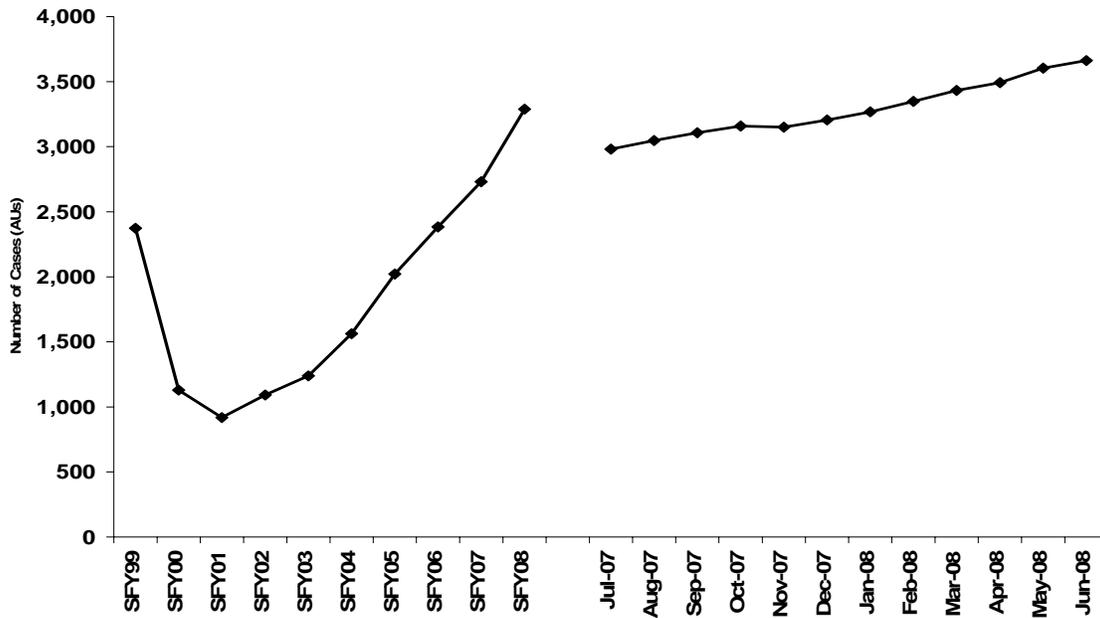
Note: GA-Other includes Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Regular (GA-R), and Residing in an Institution for the Mentally Diseased (GA-I and GA-K). It does not include General Assistance for Unemployable (GA-U) or Expedited Medical (GA-X).

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GA-Other Caseload SFY 1999 - SFY 2008 Source: ESA-ACES Data



Year	Cases	Year	Cases
SFY98	3,047	SFY03	1,239
SFY99	2,373	SFY04	1,562
SFY00	1,129	SFY05	2,021
SFY01	919	SFY06	2,383
SFY02	1,092	SFY07	2,731

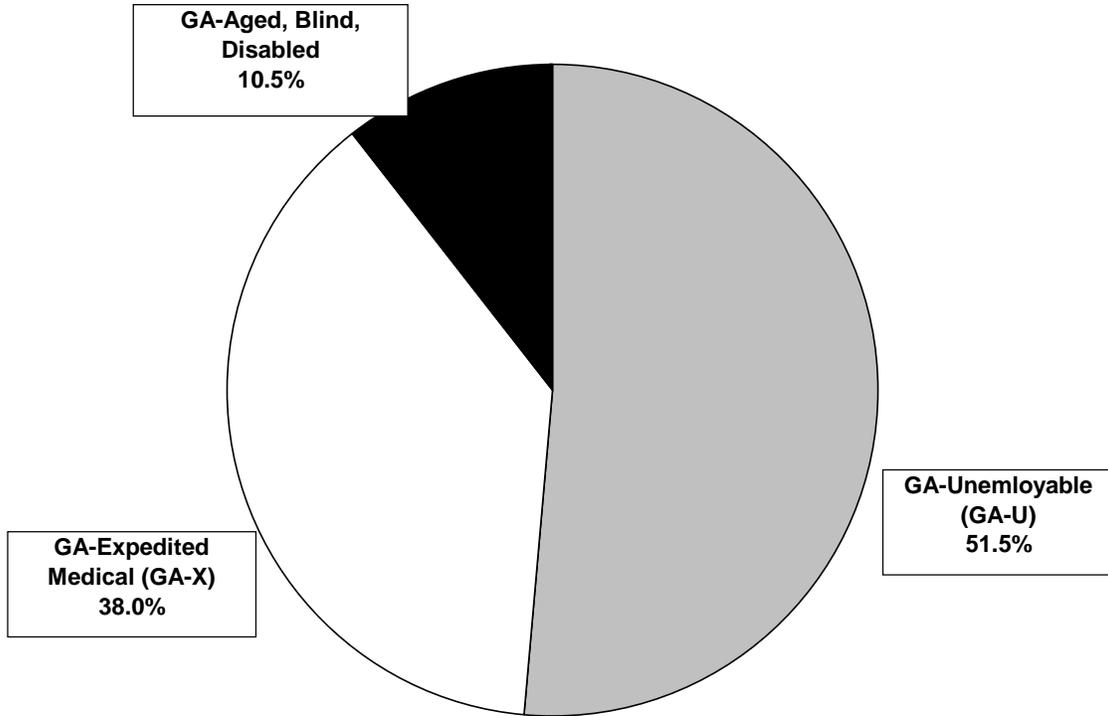
SFY 2008	Cases	Persons	Gross Expenditures	Recoveries	Payment Per Case
July	2,981	3,341	\$905,188.27	\$0.00	\$303.65
August	3,047	3,414	\$922,739.85	\$0.00	\$302.84
September	3,106	3,473	\$940,644.15	\$0.00	\$302.85
October	3,158	3,534	\$958,758.34	\$0.00	\$303.60
November	3,149	3,521	\$959,548.25	\$0.00	\$304.72
December	3,205	3,592	\$972,796.54	\$0.00	\$303.52
January	3,268	3,655	\$984,566.66	\$0.00	\$301.27
February	3,348	3,739	\$1,013,915.72	\$0.00	\$302.84
March	3,432	3,822	\$1,040,108.53	\$0.00	\$303.06
April	3,492	3,884	\$1,060,330.70	\$0.00	\$303.65
May	3,603	4,006	\$1,095,473.55	\$0.00	\$304.04
June	3,662	4,069	\$1,112,091.62	\$0.00	\$303.68
Mo. Avg.	3,288	3,671	\$997,180.18	\$0.00	\$303.32

Note: GA-Other includes Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Regular (GA-R), and Residing in an Institution for the Mentally Diseased (GA-I and GA-K). It does not include General Assistance for Unemployable (GA-U) or Expedited Medicaid (GA-X).

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Combined General Assistance Caseload by Program Type SFY 2008

Source: ESA-ACES Data



SFY 2008	Combined GA Caseload	GA-U Only		GA-X Only		Other	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
July	29,815	15,429	51.75%	11,405	38.25%	2,981	10.00%
August	30,107	15,496	51.47%	11,564	38.41%	3,047	10.12%
September	30,022	15,516	51.68%	11,400	37.97%	3,106	10.35%
October	30,411	15,873	52.19%	11,380	37.42%	3,158	10.38%
November	30,420	15,839	52.07%	11,432	37.58%	3,149	10.35%
December	30,707	16,026	52.19%	11,476	37.37%	3,205	10.44%
January	31,153	16,048	51.51%	11,837	38.00%	3,268	10.49%
February	31,616	16,218	51.30%	12,050	38.11%	3,348	10.59%
March	32,063	16,481	51.40%	12,150	37.89%	3,432	10.70%
April	32,342	16,547	51.16%	12,303	38.04%	3,492	10.80%
May	32,648	16,465	50.43%	12,580	38.53%	3,603	11.04%
June	32,757	16,571	50.59%	12,524	38.23%	3,662	11.18%
Mo. Avg.	31,172	16,042	51.5%	11,842	38.0%	3,288	10.5%

Note: U Only includes General Assistance for Unemployable (GA-U); X Only includes general assistance for Expedited Medicaid (GA-X); Other includes general assistance for Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Regular (GA-R), and Residing in an Institution for the Mentally Diseased (GA-I and GA-K).

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GA-U Caseload Exiting to GA-X or Some Other Program SFY 2008

Source: ESA-ACES Data

SFY 2008	Total GA-U Adults	During Subsequent Month Being Reported					
		Adults Remaining On GA-U		Adults Moving From GA-U to GA-X		Adults Moving From GA-U to Other Programs ¹ or Exiting	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
July	15,478	13,329	86.1%	906	5.9%	1,243	8.0%
August	15,537	13,485	86.8%	699	4.5%	1,353	8.7%
September	15,557	13,581	87.3%	760	4.9%	1,216	7.8%
October	15,912	13,669	85.9%	1,003	6.3%	1,240	7.8%
November	15,881	13,966	87.9%	747	4.7%	1,168	7.4%
December	16,068	13,887	86.4%	979	6.1%	1,202	7.5%
January	16,085	14,023	87.2%	859	5.3%	1,203	7.5%
February	16,274	14,296	87.8%	793	4.9%	1,185	7.3%
March	16,533	14,282	86.4%	979	5.9%	1,272	7.7%
April	16,597	14,184	85.5%	1,109	6.7%	1,304	7.9%
May	16,513	14,311	86.7%	836	5.1%	1,366	8.3%
June	16,626	14,533	87.4%	723	4.3%	1,370	8.2%
Mo. Avg.	16,088	13,962	86.8%	866	5.4%	1,260	7.8%

Note: Left of the vertical line are clients who received GA-U during the month being reported. Anything to the right of the vertical line, the client received during the subsequent month.

¹ Other programs include SSI, TANF, Diversion Cash Assistance, Refugee Cash Assistance, and Alcohol/Drug Treatment. As a monthly average, 149 clients moved directly from GA-U to SSI.

GA-X Caseload Exiting to SSI or Some Other Program SFY 2008

Source: ESA-ACES Data

SFY 2008	Total GA-X Adults	During Subsequent Month Being Reported					
		Adults Remaining On GA-X		Adults Moving From GA-X to SSI		Adults Moving From GA-X to Other Programs ¹ or Exiting	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
July	11,410	10,408	91.2%	428	3.8%	574	5.0%
August	11,573	10,518	90.9%	430	3.7%	625	5.4%
September	11,410	10,390	91.1%	453	4.0%	567	5.0%
October	11,388	10,212	89.7%	514	4.5%	662	5.8%
November	11,441	10,477	91.6%	390	3.4%	574	5.0%
December	11,485	10,602	92.3%	385	3.4%	498	4.3%
January	11,847	10,923	92.2%	375	3.2%	549	4.6%
February	12,060	11,088	91.9%	408	3.4%	564	4.7%
March	12,160	11,050	90.9%	512	4.2%	598	4.9%
April	12,315	11,244	91.3%	468	3.8%	603	4.9%
May	12,595	11,475	91.1%	495	3.9%	625	5.0%
June	12,536	11,491	91.7%	417	3.3%	628	5.0%
Mo. Avg.	11,852	10,823	91.3%	440	3.7%	589	5.0%

Note: Left of the vertical line are clients who received GA-X during the month being reported. Anything to the right of the vertical line, the client received during the subsequent month.

¹ Other programs include TANF, Diversion Cash Assistance, Refugee Cash Assistance, and Alcohol/Drug Treatment.

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Combined GA Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO

June 2008

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	Cases		Clients	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Region 1				
Clarkston	113	0.3%	113	0.3%
Colfax Branch Office	57	0.2%	57	0.2%
Mattawa	3	0.0%	3	0.0%
Moses Lake	459	1.4%	463	1.4%
Newport	153	0.5%	153	0.5%
Okanogan	346	1.1%	346	1.0%
Othello	35	0.1%	35	0.1%
Republic	101	0.3%	103	0.3%
Spokane North	808	2.5%	812	2.4%
Spokane Southwest	1155	3.5%	1162	3.5%
Spokane Valley	651	2.0%	659	2.0%
Tri County – Colville	288	0.9%	292	0.9%
Wenatchee	654	2.0%	658	2.0%
Region 1 Call Center	62	0.2%	62	0.2%
Region 1 Total	4,885	14.9%	4,918	14.8%
Region 2				
Ellensburg	104	0.3%	104	0.3%
Kennewick	1069	3.3%	1087	3.3%
Sunnyside	183	0.6%	188	0.6%
Walla Walla	232	0.7%	235	0.7%
Wapato	223	0.7%	225	0.7%
Yakima	1023	3.1%	1035	3.1%
Region 2 Call Center	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Region 2 Total	2,835	8.7%	2,875	8.7%
Region 3				
Alderwood	882	2.7%	905	2.7%
Bellingham	998	3.0%	1010	3.0%
Everett	1082	3.3%	1090	3.3%
Friday Harbor	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Mt. Vernon	457	1.4%	465	1.4%
Oak Harbor	144	0.4%	145	0.4%
Skykomish Valley	351	1.1%	354	1.1%
Smokey Point	763	2.3%	766	2.3%
Region 3 Total	4,677	14.3%	4,735	14.3%

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Combined GA Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO (continued)

June 2008

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	Cases		Clients	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Region 4				
Auburn	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Belltown	1988	6.1%	1994	6.0%
Capitol Hill	762	2.3%	774	2.3%
Federal Way	994	3.0%	1017	3.1%
King Eastside	737	2.2%	793	2.4%
King North	1389	4.2%	1407	4.2%
King South	912	2.8%	936	2.8%
Rainier	616	1.9%	627	1.9%
Renton	832	2.5%	856	2.6%
White Center	1430	4.4%	1456	4.4%
Region 4 Call Center	4	0.0%	4	0.0%
Region 4 Total	9,665	29.5%	9,865	29.7%
Region 5				
Bremerton	1226	3.7%	1233	3.7%
Lakewood	844	2.6%	852	2.6%
Northwest WorkFirst	1189	3.6%	1202	3.6%
Pierce South	935	2.9%	942	2.8%
Puyallup	772	2.4%	778	2.3%
Region 5 Total	4,966	15.2%	5,007	15.1%
Region 6				
Aberdeen	471	1.4%	474	1.4%
Chehalis	522	1.6%	526	1.6%
Columbia River	918	2.8%	933	2.8%
Forks	78	0.2%	79	0.2%
Goldendale	114	0.3%	115	0.3%
Kelso	482	1.5%	488	1.5%
Long Beach	86	0.3%	86	0.3%
Neah Bay	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Olympia	946	2.9%	952	2.9%
Port Angeles	338	1.0%	338	1.0%
Port Townsend	211	0.6%	214	0.6%
Shelton	464	1.4%	465	1.4%
South Bend	56	0.2%	56	0.2%
Stevenson	47	0.1%	47	0.1%
White Salmon	71	0.2%	71	0.2%
Region 6 Call Center	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Region 6 Total	4,804	14.7%	4,844	14.6%

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Combined GA Caseload by Home & Community Services (HCS) Offices

June 2008

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	Cases		Clients	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
HCS Offices				
Aberdeen	8	0.0%	8	0.0%
Alderwood	41	0.1%	44	0.1%
Bellingham	17	0.1%	17	0.1%
Bremerton	26	0.1%	27	0.1%
Chehalis	3	0.0%	3	0.0%
Clarkston	2	0.0%	2	0.0%
Colville	9	0.0%	9	0.0%
Ellensburg	4	0.0%	4	0.0%
Everett	51	0.2%	51	0.2%
Holgate	302	0.9%	321	1.0%
Kelso	11	0.0%	11	0.0%
Moses Lake	23	0.1%	25	0.1%
Mt. Vernon	11	0.0%	12	0.0%
Oak Harbor	5	0.0%	6	0.0%
Okanogan	6	0.0%	6	0.0%
Pacific	2	0.0%	2	0.0%
Pasco	50	0.2%	57	0.2%
Port Angeles	3	0.0%	4	0.0%
Skykomish	15	0.0%	16	0.0%
Smokey Point	10	0.0%	10	0.0%
Spokane	110	0.3%	126	0.4%
Sunnyside	4	0.0%	4	0.0%
Tacoma	90	0.3%	92	0.3%
Toppenish-Wapato	7	0.0%	7	0.0%
Tumwater	28	0.1%	28	0.1%
Vancouver	50	0.2%	54	0.2%
Walla Walla	9	0.0%	9	0.0%
Wenatchee	9	0.0%	9	0.0%
Yakima-Ellensburg	19	0.1%	20	0.1%
HCS Office Total	925	2.8%	984	3.0%
State Total (Including HCS)	32,757	100.0%	33,228	100.0%

Note: A number of General Assistance cases received services through a Home Community Service Center (HCS) administered through the Aging and Adult Services Administration. These cases are listed separately since they are not part of an Economic Services Administration Community Services Division (CSD) Community Service Office (CSO).

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Combined GA Caseload by County of Residence

June 2008

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	Cases		Clients	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Adams	37	0.1%	37	0.1%
Asotin	107	0.3%	107	0.3%
Benton	814	2.5%	829	2.5%
Chelan	520	1.6%	522	1.6%
Clallam	414	1.3%	415	1.2%
Clark	970	3.0%	990	3.0%
Columbia	22	0.1%	22	0.1%
Cowlitz	485	1.5%	491	1.5%
Douglas	146	0.4%	148	0.4%
Ferry	98	0.3%	100	0.3%
Franklin	322	1.0%	331	1.0%
Garfield	7	0.0%	7	0.0%
Grant	489	1.5%	496	1.5%
Grays Harbor	499	1.5%	502	1.5%
Island	178	0.5%	180	0.5%
Jefferson	217	0.7%	221	0.7%
King	9,997	30.5%	10,216	30.7%
Kitsap	1,247	3.8%	1,255	3.8%
Kittitas	105	0.3%	105	0.3%
Klickitat	185	0.6%	186	0.6%
Lewis	516	1.6%	520	1.6%
Lincoln	33	0.1%	33	0.1%
Mason	461	1.4%	462	1.4%
Okanogan	343	1.0%	343	1.0%
Pacific	143	0.4%	143	0.4%
Pend Oreille	151	0.5%	151	0.5%
Pierce	3,794	11.6%	3,829	11.5%
San Juan	22	0.1%	22	0.1%
Skagit	432	1.3%	441	1.3%
Skamania	47	0.1%	47	0.1%
Snohomish	3,189	9.7%	3,230	9.7%
Spokane	2,758	8.4%	2,793	8.4%
Stevens	296	0.9%	300	0.9%
Thurston	961	2.9%	967	2.9%
Wahkiakum	11	0.0%	11	0.0%
Walla Walla	238	0.7%	241	0.7%
Whatcom	1,004	3.1%	1,016	3.1%
Whitman	63	0.2%	63	0.2%
Yakima	1,436	4.4%	1,456	4.4%
State Total	32,757	100.0%	33,228	100.0%

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General Assistance Program Client Demographics June 2008

Source: ESA-ACES Data

Characteristic	GA-U Only ²		GA-X Only ²		Other ²	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	16,626	100.0%	12,536	100.0%	4,069	100.0%
Gender						
Female	6,669	40.1%	5,669	45.2%	2,508	61.6%
Male	9,957	59.9%	6,867	54.8%	1,561	38.4%
Race						
White	11,096	66.7%	8,951	71.4%	1,361	33.4%
Hispanic	1,022	6.1%	720	5.7%	612	15.0%
Black	1,883	11.3%	1,260	10.1%	201	4.9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	529	3.2%	239	1.9%	1,297	31.9%
Native American	694	4.2%	469	3.7%	54	1.3%
Unknown	1,402	8.4%	897	7.2%	544	13.4%
Marital Status						
Separated	1,919	11.5%	1,373	11.0%	289	7.1%
Married	902	5.4%	437	3.5%	1,317	32.4%
Never Married	8,372	50.4%	6,361	50.7%	763	18.8%
Divorced	4,883	29.4%	3,979	31.7%	461	11.3%
Widowed	441	2.7%	321	2.6%	1,164	28.6%
Unknown	109	0.7%	65	0.5%	75	1.8%
Citizenship						
U.S. Citizen	15,564	93.6%	12,229	97.6%	1,077	26.5%
Resident Alien	1,050	6.3%	302	2.4%	2,985	73.4%
U.S. National	12	0.1%	5	0.0%	7	0.2%
INS Entry Status						
Born in U.S.	15552	93.5%	12230	97.6%	1058	26.0%
Amerasian	10	0.1%	1	0.0%	5	0.1%
Asylee	18	0.1%	9	0.1%	26	0.6%
Cuban/Haitian Entrant	9	0.1%	2	0.0%	4	0.1%
Deportation Withheld	5	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
Non-Refugee	725	4.4%	196	1.6%	2,620	64.4%
Refugee	307	1.8%	98	0.8%	355	8.7%
Age						
17 Years Old	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.0%
18 Years Old	0	0.0%	34	0.3%	92	2.3%
19 – 20 Years Old	515	3.1%	292	2.3%	38	0.9%
21 – 29 Years Old	2,683	16.1%	1,874	14.9%	121	3.0%
30 – 39 Years Old	3,079	18.5%	2,381	19.0%	128	3.1%
40 – 49 Years Old	5,642	33.9%	4,427	35.3%	266	6.5%
50 – 55 Years Old	3,048	18.3%	2,473	19.7%	254	6.2%
56 – 59 Years Old	1,040	6.3%	717	5.7%	127	3.1%
60 – 64 Years Old	618	3.7%	337	2.7%	103	2.5%
65+ Years Old	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	2,938	72.2%
Mean Age of Adults	42.3 Years Old		42.5 Years Old		65.7 Years Old	
Median Age of Adults	44.0 Years Old		44.0 Years Old		70.0 Years Old	

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General Assistance Program Client Demographics (continued)

June 2008

Source: ESA-ACES Data

Characteristic	GA-U Only ²		GA-X Only ²		Other ²	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	16,626	100%	12,536	100%	4,069	100%
Incapacity						
Emotional	7,274	43.8%	9,091	72.5%	274	6.7%
Mental	71	0.4%	75	0.6%	7	0.2%
Physical	8,828	53.1%	3,277	26.1%	714	17.5%
Other¹	453	2.7%	93	0.7%	1,888	46.4%
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1,186	29.1%
Avg. Months on Assistance since July 1997	15.1 Months		27.1 Months		27.1 Months	

¹ Approved based on age or disability reasons

² The General Assistance caseload is broken into three categories:

1. U Only includes General Assistance for Unemployable only (GA-U)
2. X Only includes General Assistance for Expedited Medicaid only (GA-X)
3. Other includes General Assistance for Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Regular (GA-R), and Residing in an Institution for the Mentally Diseased (GA-I and GA-K)

Length of stay reflects total cumulative months receiving General Assistance as a program, including all types of General Assistance. They need not be consecutive.