

General Assistance Program

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General Assistance Program

General Assistance (GA) provides cash assistance to adults who cannot work and do not have dependent children. This section describes the General Assistance program arranged into three groups:

1. **General Assistance-Unemployable (GA-U).** The GA-U program is designed for those who are not employable due to physical or mental health impairments.
2. **General Assistance-Expedited Medicaid (GA-X).** The GA-X program provides Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) facilitation for clients who meet the federal SSI criteria.
3. **General Assistance-Other Types.** The remaining General Assistance program subtypes are: Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Institutionalized (GA-I), and Under age 19 (GA-R).

Highlights:

- The average monthly combined General Assistance caseload increased 12.3% in SFY 2009 (34,992 cases) from SFY 2008 (31,172 cases).
- For GA-U only, the average monthly caseload increased 16.5% in SFY 2009 (18,691 cases), from SFY 2008 (16,042 cases).
- For GA-X only, the average monthly caseload increased 4.1% in SFY 2009 (12,329 cases), from SFY 2008 (11,842 cases).
- For GA-Other Types, the average monthly caseload increased 20.8% in SFY 2009 (3,972 cases), from SFY 2008 (3,288 cases).
- In June 2009, most GA-U recipients were male (61.5%), and most recipients were white (65.1%). The median age for GA-U only recipients was 43 years.
- In June 2009, most GA-X recipients were male (55.9%), and most recipients were white (69.9%). The median age for GA-X only recipients was 44 years.
- In June 2009, most GA-Other Types recipients were female (60.6%) and most recipients were white (31.8%). The median age for GA-Other recipients was 69 years.

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Selected Combined General Assistance Program¹ Characteristics SFY 2008 and SFY 2009

Source: ESA-ACES Data

| | SFY 2008 (July 2007 – June 2008) | SFY 2009 (July 2008 – June 2009) |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range) | 31,172 (29,815 – 32,757) | 34,992 (33,171 – 37,155) |
| Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range) | 31,607 (30,224 – 33,228) | 35,443 (33,637 – 37,596) |
| Recipients as a Percent of State's Population Age 18 and Over | 0.6% | 0.7% |
| State Population Age 18 and Over ² | 5,009,939 | 5,085,705 |
| Average Persons Per Case | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range) ³ | \$306.87 (\$305.66 - \$307.72) | \$307.51 (\$305.81 – \$308.96) |

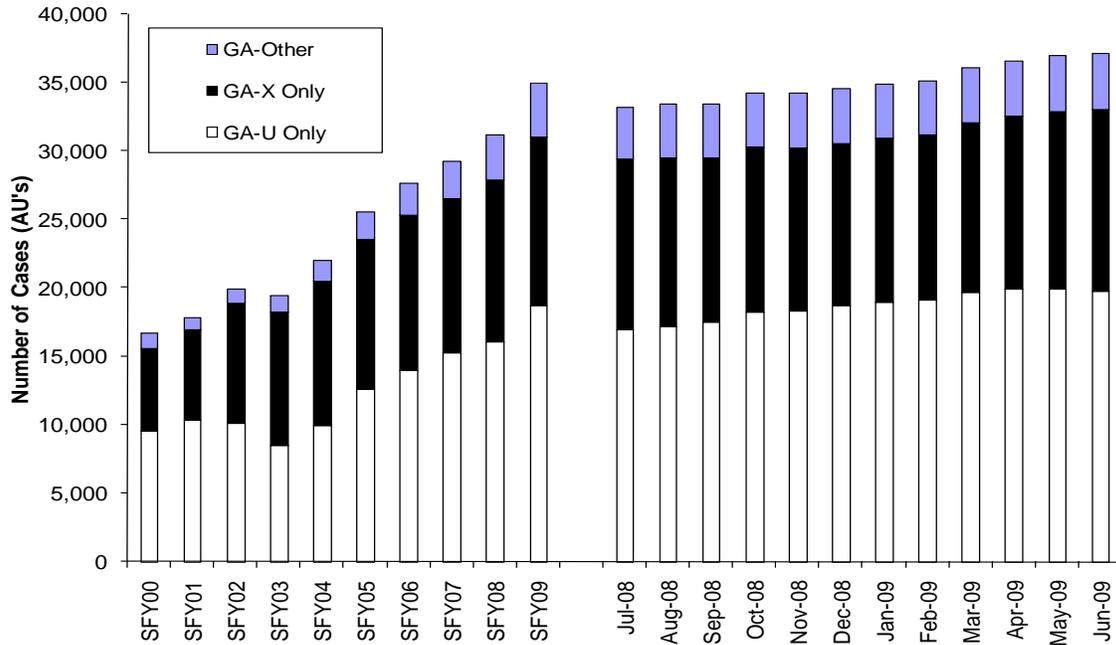
¹ The combined GA caseload includes General Assistance for Unemployable (GA-U), Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Expedited Medicaid (GA-X), Regular (GA-R) and Residing in an Institution for the Mentally Diseased (GA-I and GA-K).

² OFM, 2009 Population Trends for Washington State

³ Payments not adjusted for refunds.

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Combined General Assistance Caseload SFY 2000 - SFY 2009 Source: ESA-ACES Data



| Year | Cases | Year | Cases |
|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|
| SFY00 | 16,663 | SFY05 | 25,566 |
| SFY01 | 17,856 | SFY06 | 27,664 |
| SFY02 | 19,921 | SFY07 | 29,220 |
| SFY03 | 19,472 | SFY08 | 31,172 |
| SFY04 | 22,012 | SFY09 | 34,992 |

| SFY 2009 | Cases | Persons | Grant Expenditures | Recoveries | Payment Per Case |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| July | 33,171 | 33,637 | \$10,173,512.75 | \$18,841.09 | \$306.70 |
| August | 33,421 | 33,882 | \$10,289,713.58 | \$37,401.63 | \$307.88 |
| September | 33,417 | 33,868 | \$10,250,659.29 | \$35,290.17 | \$306.75 |
| October | 34,266 | 34,724 | \$10,478,775.92 | \$26,941.30 | \$305.81 |
| November | 34,218 | 34,690 | \$10,556,462.87 | \$18,146.50 | \$308.51 |
| December | 34,550 | 35,007 | \$10,646,618.62 | \$24,146.25 | \$308.15 |
| January | 34,907 | 35,350 | \$10,686,732.88 | \$17,549.67 | \$306.15 |
| February | 35,163 | 35,607 | \$10,837,438.79 | \$23,086.75 | \$308.21 |
| March | 36,057 | 36,496 | \$11,064,085.03 | \$30,386.41 | \$306.85 |
| April | 36,615 | 37,054 | \$11,258,976.79 | \$24,942.02 | \$307.50 |
| May | 36,967 | 37,409 | \$11,421,305.69 | \$25,307.90 | \$308.96 |
| June | 37,155 | 37,596 | \$11,466,880.71 | \$26,177.52 | \$308.62 |
| Mo. Avg. | 34,992 | 35,443 | \$10,760,930.24 | \$25,684.77 | \$307.51 |

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Selected General Assistance – Unemployable (GA-U) Program Characteristics SFY 2008 and SFY 2009

Source: ESA-ACES Data

| | SFY 2008 (July 2007 – June 2008) | SFY 2009 (July 2008 – June 2009) |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range) | 16,042 (15,429 – 16,571) | 18,691 (16,979 – 19,931) |
| Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range) | 16,088 (15,478 – 16,626) | 18,739 (17,026 – 19,980) |
| Recipients as a Percent of State's Population Age 18 and Over | 0.3% | 0.4% |
| State Population Age 18 and Over ¹ | 5,009,939 | 5,085,705 |
| Average Persons Per Case | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range) ² | \$298.89 (\$297.37 – \$301.00) | \$300.10 (\$296.91 – 302.83) |

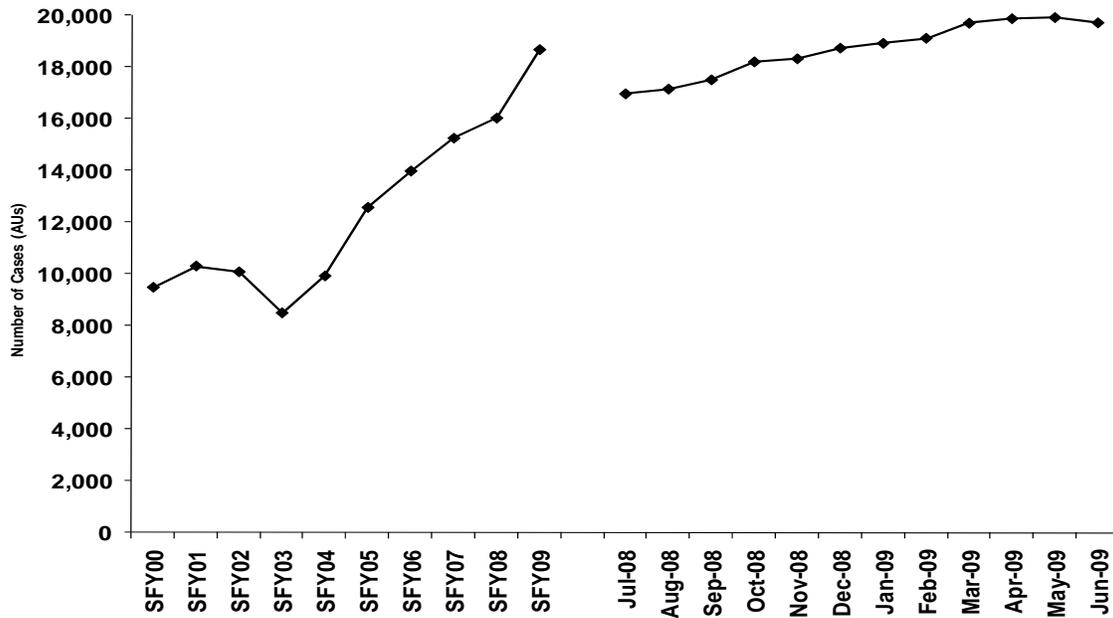
¹ OFM, 2009 Population Trends for Washington State

² Payments not adjusted for refunds.

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GA-U Only Caseload SFY 2000 - SFY 2009

Source: ESA-ACES Data



| Year | Cases | Year | Cases |
|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| SFY00 | 9,498 | SFY05 | 12,587 |
| SFY01 | 10,321 | SFY06 | 13,995 |
| SFY02 | 10,096 | SFY07 | 15,265 |
| SFY03 | 8,509 | SFY08 | 16,042 |
| SFY04 | 9,936 | SFY09 | 18,691 |

| SFY 2009 | Cases | Persons | Grant Expenditures | Recoveries | Payment Per Case |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| July | 16,979 | 17,026 | \$5,048,395.68 | \$11,901.04 | \$297.33 |
| August | 17,165 | 17,211 | \$5,139,859.18 | \$13,995.00 | \$299.44 |
| September | 17,520 | 17,565 | \$5,219,197.85 | \$20,661.82 | \$297.90 |
| October | 18,217 | 18,257 | \$5,408,877.23 | \$13,547.80 | \$296.91 |
| November | 18,336 | 18,387 | \$5,538,171.32 | \$10,200.45 | \$302.04 |
| December | 18,750 | 18,801 | \$5,663,646.89 | \$13,638.67 | \$302.06 |
| January | 18,934 | 18,980 | \$5,651,225.66 | \$11,437.82 | \$298.47 |
| February | 19,130 | 19,183 | \$5,779,276.47 | \$15,644.27 | \$302.11 |
| March | 19,714 | 19,763 | \$5,906,057.04 | \$18,688.52 | \$299.59 |
| April | 19,887 | 19,942 | \$5,979,278.36 | \$16,590.36 | \$300.66 |
| May | 19,931 | 19,980 | \$6,035,761.88 | \$15,008.50 | \$302.83 |
| June | 19,728 | 19,771 | \$5,954,365.31 | \$19,395.84 | \$301.82 |
| Mo. Avg. | 18,691 | 18,739 | \$5,610,342.74 | \$15,059.17 | \$300.10 |

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Selected General Assistance – Expedited Medicaid (GA-X) Program Characteristics SFY 2008 and SFY 2009

Source: ESA-ACES Data

| | SFY 2008 (July 2007 – June 2008) | SFY 2009 (July 2008 – June 2009) |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range) | 11,842 (11,380 – 12,580) | 12,329 (11,815 – 13,313) |
| Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range) | 11,852 (11,388 – 12,595) | 12,339 (11,825 – 13,321) |
| Recipients as a Percent of State's Population Age 18 and Over | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| State Population Age 18 and Over¹ | 5,009,939 | 5,085,705 |
| Average Persons Per Case | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)² | \$318.67 (\$317.56 - \$319.86) | \$320.64 (\$319.83 - \$321.37) |

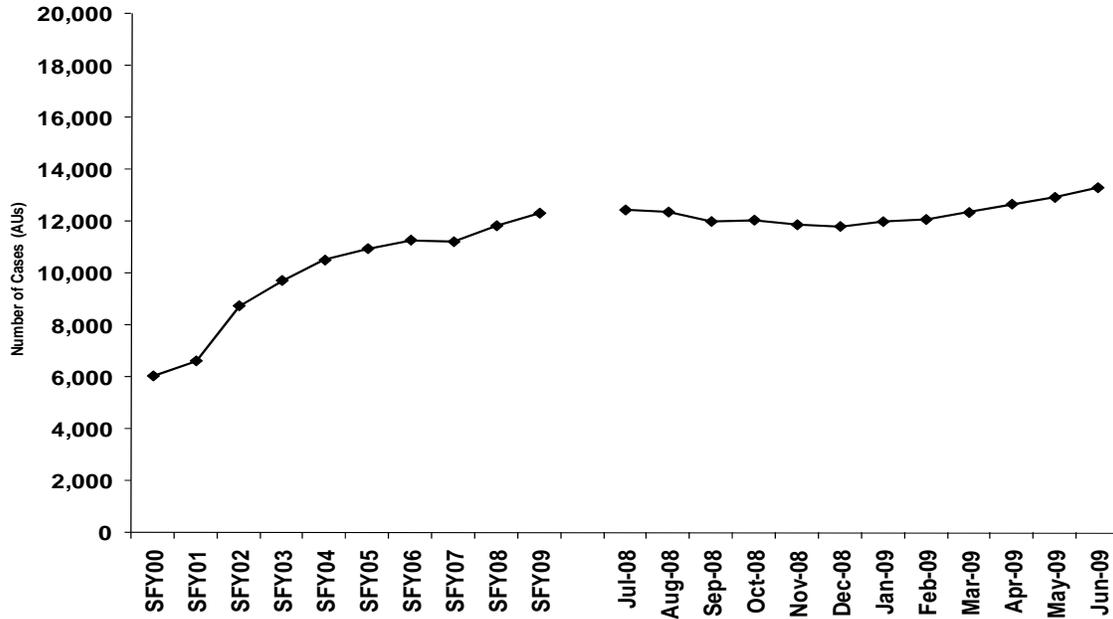
¹ OFM, 2009 Population Trends for Washington State

² Payments are not adjusted for refunds.

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GA-X Only Caseload SFY 2000 - SFY 2009

Source: ESA-ACES Data



| Year | Cases | Year | Cases |
|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| SFY00 | 6,035 | SFY05 | 10,958 |
| SFY01 | 6,617 | SFY06 | 11,286 |
| SFY02 | 8,746 | SFY07 | 11,224 |
| SFY03 | 9,724 | SFY08 | 11,842 |
| SFY04 | 10,514 | SFY09 | 12,329 |

| SFY 2009 | Cases | Persons | Grant Expenditures | Recoveries | Payment Per Case |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| July | 12,452 | 12,466 | \$3,993,327.44 | \$6,940.05 | \$320.70 |
| August | 12,372 | 12,383 | \$3,976,002.33 | \$23,406.63 | \$321.37 |
| September | 12,006 | 12,017 | \$3,851,053.49 | \$14,628.35 | \$320.76 |
| October | 12,059 | 12,067 | \$3,863,234.94 | \$13,393.50 | \$320.36 |
| November | 11,879 | 11,890 | \$3,806,360.83 | \$7,946.05 | \$320.43 |
| December | 11,815 | 11,825 | \$3,778,814.61 | \$10,507.58 | \$319.83 |
| January | 12,000 | 12,011 | \$3,841,902.26 | \$6,111.85 | \$320.16 |
| February | 12,084 | 12,096 | \$3,873,081.64 | \$7,442.48 | \$320.51 |
| March | 12,353 | 12,362 | \$3,964,503.69 | \$11,697.89 | \$320.93 |
| April | 12,677 | 12,684 | \$4,071,682.76 | \$8,351.66 | \$321.19 |
| May | 12,939 | 12,944 | \$4,151,390.61 | \$10,299.40 | \$320.84 |
| June | 13,313 | 13,321 | \$4,268,490.65 | \$6,781.68 | \$320.63 |
| Mo. Avg. | 12,329 | 12,339 | \$3,953,320.44 | \$10,625.59 | \$320.64 |

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Selected General Assistance – Other Types Program Characteristics SFY 2008 and SFY 2009

Source: ESA-ACES Data

| | SFY 2008 (July 2007 – June 2008) | SFY 2009 (July 2008 – June 2009) |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range) | 3,288 (2,981 – 3,662) | 3,972 (3,740 – 4,114) |
| Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range) | 3,671 (3,341 – 4,069) | 4,368 (4,148 – 4,510) |
| Recipients as a Percent of State's Population Age 18 and Over | Trace | Trace |
| State Population Age 18 and Over ¹ | 5,009,939 | 5,085,705 |
| Average Persons Per Case | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range) ² | \$303.32 (\$301.27 - \$304.72) | \$301.42 (\$298.20 - \$303.37) |

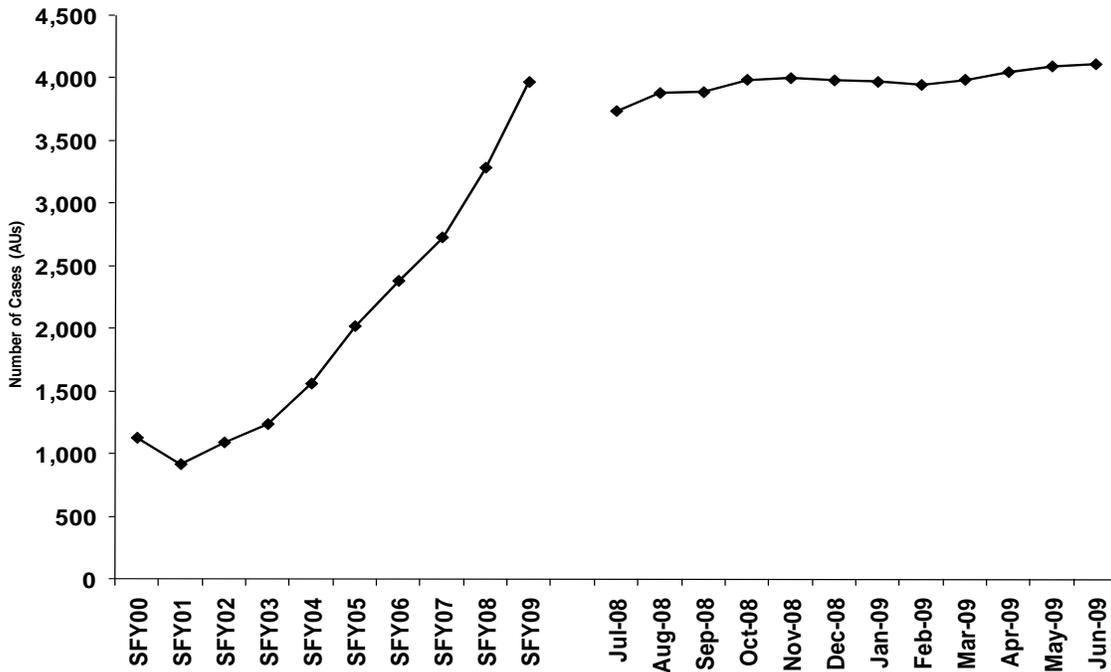
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GA-Other Types Caseload SFY 2000 - SFY 2009

Source: ESA-ACES Data



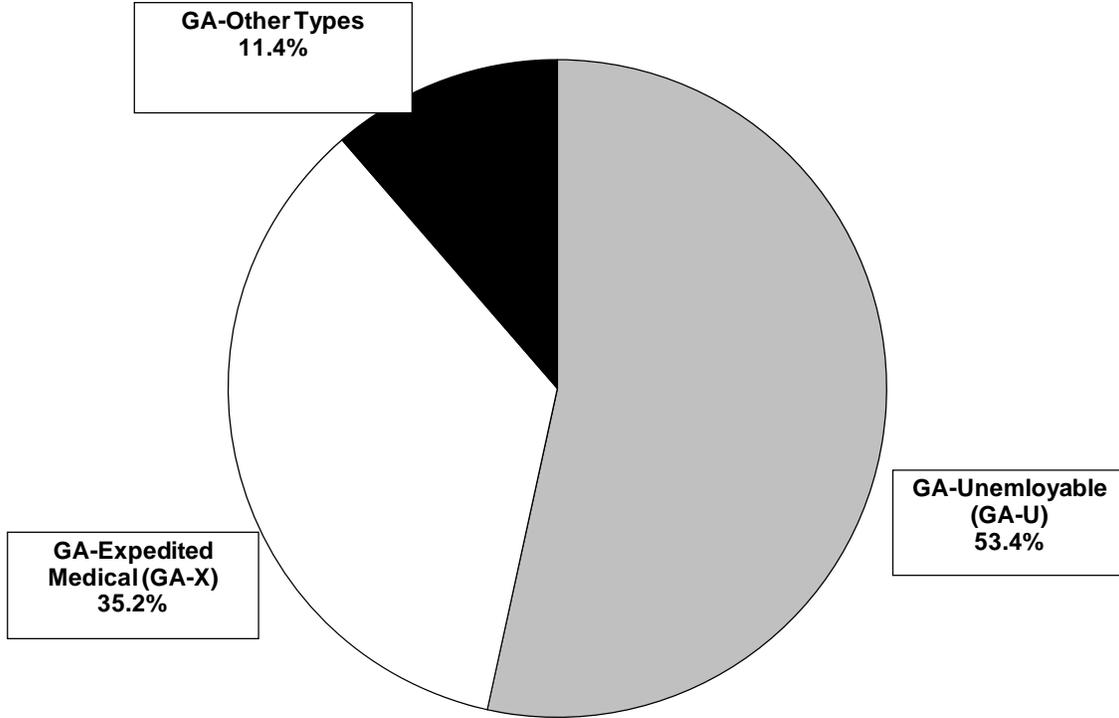
| Year | Cases | Year | Cases |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| SFY00 | 1,129 | SFY05 | 2,021 |
| SFY01 | 919 | SFY06 | 2,383 |
| SFY02 | 1,092 | SFY07 | 2,731 |
| SFY03 | 1,239 | SFY08 | 3,288 |
| SFY04 | 1,562 | SFY09 | 3,972 |

| SFY 2009 | Cases | Persons | Grant Expenditures | Recoveries | Payment Per Case |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|
| July | 3,740 | 4,148 | \$1,131,789.63 | \$0.00 | \$302.62 |
| August | 3,884 | 4,293 | \$1,173,852.07 | \$0.00 | \$302.23 |
| September | 3,891 | 4,289 | \$1,180,407.95 | \$0.00 | \$303.37 |
| October | 3,990 | 4,401 | \$1,206,663.75 | \$0.00 | \$302.42 |
| November | 4,003 | 4,417 | \$1,211,930.72 | \$0.00 | \$302.76 |
| December | 3,985 | 4,383 | \$1,204,157.12 | \$0.00 | \$302.17 |
| January | 3,973 | 4,359 | \$1,193,604.96 | \$0.00 | \$300.43 |
| February | 3,949 | 4,329 | \$1,185,080.68 | \$0.00 | \$300.10 |
| March | 3,990 | 4,371 | \$1,193,524.30 | \$0.00 | \$299.13 |
| April | 4,051 | 4,431 | \$1,208,015.67 | \$0.00 | \$298.20 |
| May | 4,097 | 4,485 | \$1,234,153.20 | \$0.00 | \$301.23 |
| June | 4,114 | 4,510 | \$1,244,024.75 | \$0.00 | \$302.39 |
| Mo. Avg. | 3,972 | 4,368 | \$1,197,267.07 | \$0.00 | \$301.42 |

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Combined General Assistance Caseload by Program Type SFY 2009

Source: ESA-ACES Data



| SFY 2009 | Combined GA Caseload | GA-U Only | | GA-X Only | | GA-Other Types | |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| July | 33,171 | 16,979 | 51.2% | 12,452 | 37.5% | 3,740 | 11.3% |
| August | 33,421 | 17,165 | 51.4% | 12,372 | 37.0% | 3,884 | 11.6% |
| September | 33,417 | 17,520 | 52.4% | 12,006 | 35.9% | 3,891 | 11.6% |
| October | 34,266 | 18,217 | 53.2% | 12,059 | 35.2% | 3,990 | 11.6% |
| November | 34,218 | 18,336 | 53.6% | 11,879 | 34.7% | 4,003 | 11.7% |
| December | 34,550 | 18,750 | 54.3% | 11,815 | 34.2% | 3,985 | 11.5% |
| January | 34,907 | 18,934 | 54.2% | 12,000 | 34.4% | 3,973 | 11.4% |
| February | 35,163 | 19,130 | 54.4% | 12,084 | 34.4% | 3,949 | 11.2% |
| March | 36,057 | 19,714 | 54.7% | 12,353 | 34.3% | 3,990 | 11.1% |
| April | 36,615 | 19,887 | 54.3% | 12,677 | 34.6% | 4,051 | 11.1% |
| May | 36,967 | 19,931 | 53.9% | 12,939 | 35.0% | 4,097 | 11.1% |
| June | 37,155 | 19,728 | 53.1% | 13,313 | 35.8% | 4,114 | 11.1% |
| Mo. Avg. | 34,992 | 18,691 | 53.4% | 12,329 | 35.2% | 3,972 | 11.4% |

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GA-U Caseload Exiting to GA-X or Some Other Program SFY 2009

Source: ESA-ACES Data

During Subsequent Month Being Reported

| SFY 2009 | Total GA-U Adults ¹ | Adults Remaining On GA-U | | Adults Moving From GA-U to GA-X | | Adults Moving From GA-U to Other Programs ² or Exiting | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|-------------|---|-------------|
| | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| July | 17,026 | 14,797 | 86.9% | 885 | 5.2% | 1,344 | 7.9% |
| August | 17,211 | 14,933 | 86.8% | 747 | 4.3% | 1,531 | 8.9% |
| September | 17,565 | 15,390 | 87.6% | 868 | 4.9% | 1,307 | 7.4% |
| October | 18,257 | 15,958 | 87.4% | 807 | 4.4% | 1,492 | 8.2% |
| November | 18,387 | 16,309 | 88.7% | 736 | 4.0% | 1,342 | 7.3% |
| December | 18,801 | 16,399 | 87.2% | 906 | 4.8% | 1,496 | 8.0% |
| January | 18,980 | 16,771 | 88.4% | 826 | 4.4% | 1,383 | 7.3% |
| February | 19,183 | 16,958 | 88.4% | 918 | 4.8% | 1,307 | 6.8% |
| March | 19,763 | 17,175 | 86.9% | 1,191 | 6.0% | 1,397 | 7.1% |
| April | 19,942 | 17,440 | 87.5% | 1,014 | 5.1% | 1,488 | 7.5% |
| May | 19,980 | 17,259 | 86.4% | 1,208 | 6.0% | 1,513 | 7.6% |
| June | 19,771 | 17,256 | 87.3% | 1,049 | 5.3% | 1,466 | 7.4% |
| Mo. Avg. | 18,739 | 16,387 | 87.4% | 930 | 5.0% | 1,422 | 7.6% |

GA-X Caseload Exiting to SSI or Some Other Program SFY 2009

Source: ESA-ACES Data

During Subsequent Month Being Reported

| SFY 2009 | Total GA-X Adults | Adults Remaining On GA-X | | Adults Moving From GA-X to SSI | | Adults Moving From GA-X to Other Programs or Exiting | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|--|-------------|
| | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| July | 12,466 | 11,288 | 90.6% | 436 | 3.5% | 742 | 6.0% |
| August | 12,383 | 11,050 | 89.2% | 502 | 4.1% | 831 | 6.7% |
| September | 12,017 | 10,937 | 91.0% | 382 | 3.2% | 698 | 5.8% |
| October | 12,067 | 10,887 | 90.2% | 502 | 4.2% | 678 | 5.6% |
| November | 11,890 | 10,849 | 91.2% | 426 | 3.6% | 615 | 5.2% |
| December | 11,825 | 10,866 | 91.9% | 374 | 3.2% | 585 | 4.9% |
| January | 12,011 | 11,041 | 91.9% | 381 | 3.2% | 589 | 4.9% |
| February | 12,096 | 11,186 | 92.5% | 370 | 3.1% | 540 | 4.5% |
| March | 12,362 | 11,259 | 91.1% | 495 | 4.0% | 608 | 4.9% |
| April | 12,684 | 11,684 | 92.1% | 466 | 3.7% | 534 | 4.2% |
| May | 12,944 | 11,870 | 91.7% | 554 | 4.3% | 520 | 4.0% |
| June | 13,321 | 12,221 | 91.7% | 494 | 3.7% | 606 | 4.5% |
| Mo. Avg. | 12,339 | 11,262 | 91.3% | 449 | 3.6% | 629 | 5.1% |

¹ Left of the vertical line are clients who received GA-U or GA-X during the month being reported. Anything to the right of the vertical line, the client received during the subsequent month.

² Other programs include SSI, TANF, Diversion Cash Assistance, Refugee Cash Assistance, and Alcohol/Drug Treatment.

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Combined GA Caseload by DSHS Region, CSO, and HCS Office June 2009

Source: ESA-ACES Data

| | Cases | | Clients | |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Region 1 | | | | |
| Clarkston | 97 | 0.3% | 97 | 0.3% |
| Colfax Branch Office | 52 | 0.1% | 52 | 0.1% |
| Mattawa | 7 | 0.0% | 8 | 0.0% |
| Moses Lake | 499 | 1.3% | 501 | 1.3% |
| Newport | 156 | 0.4% | 156 | 0.4% |
| Okanogan | 356 | 1.0% | 356 | 0.9% |
| Othello | 35 | 0.1% | 37 | 0.1% |
| Republic | 92 | 0.2% | 92 | 0.2% |
| Spokane North | 1011 | 2.7% | 1016 | 2.7% |
| Spokane Southwest | 1439 | 3.9% | 1442 | 3.8% |
| Spokane Valley | 737 | 2.0% | 741 | 2.0% |
| Tri County – Colville | 317 | 0.9% | 320 | 0.9% |
| Wenatchee | 717 | 1.9% | 723 | 1.9% |
| Region 1 Call Center | 50 | 0.1% | 50 | 0.1% |
| Region 1 Total | 5,565 | 15.0% | 5,591 | 14.9% |
| Region 2 | | | | |
| Ellensburg | 134 | 0.4% | 134 | 0.4% |
| Kennewick | 1330 | 3.6% | 1346 | 3.6% |
| Sunnyside | 212 | 0.6% | 216 | 0.6% |
| Walla Walla | 267 | 0.7% | 269 | 0.7% |
| Wapato | 239 | 0.6% | 242 | 0.6% |
| Yakima | 1151 | 3.1% | 1163 | 3.1% |
| Region 2 Call Center | 1 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.0% |
| Region 2 Total | 3,334 | 9.0% | 3,371 | 9.0% |
| Region 3 | | | | |
| Alderwood | 996 | 2.7% | 1019 | 2.7% |
| Bellingham | 1233 | 3.3% | 1245 | 3.3% |
| Everett | 1256 | 3.4% | 1265 | 3.4% |
| Mt. Vernon | 557 | 1.5% | 564 | 1.5% |
| Oak Harbor | 180 | 0.5% | 183 | 0.5% |
| Skykomish Valley | 422 | 1.1% | 425 | 1.1% |
| Smokey Point | 844 | 2.3% | 848 | 2.3% |
| Region 3 Total | 5,488 | 14.8% | 5,549 | 14.8% |

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Combined GA Caseload by DSHS Region, CSO, and HCS Office (continued)

June 2009

Source: ESA-ACES Data

| | Cases | | Clients | |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Region 4 | | | | |
| Auburn | 39 | 0.1% | 41 | 0.1% |
| Belltown | 2264 | 6.1% | 2272 | 6.0% |
| Capitol Hill | 994 | 2.7% | 1006 | 2.7% |
| Federal Way | 1145 | 3.1% | 1165 | 3.1% |
| King Eastside | 851 | 2.3% | 902 | 2.4% |
| King North | 1366 | 3.7% | 1394 | 3.7% |
| King South | 1035 | 2.8% | 1053 | 2.8% |
| Rainier | 809 | 2.2% | 822 | 2.2% |
| Renton | 1047 | 2.8% | 1072 | 2.9% |
| White Center | 1545 | 4.2% | 1568 | 4.2% |
| Region 4 Call Center | 5 | 0.0% | 6 | 0.0% |
| Region 4 Total | 11,100 | 29.9% | 11,301 | 30.1% |
| Region 5 | | | | |
| Bremerton | 1318 | 3.5% | 1323 | 3.5% |
| Lakewood | 962 | 2.6% | 967 | 2.6% |
| Northwest WorkFirst | 1187 | 3.2% | 1191 | 3.2% |
| Pierce South | 1248 | 3.4% | 1259 | 3.3% |
| Puyallup | 910 | 2.4% | 918 | 2.4% |
| Region 5 Total | 5,625 | 15.1% | 5,658 | 15.0% |
| Region 6 | | | | |
| Aberdeen | 533 | 1.4% | 534 | 1.4% |
| Chehalis | 599 | 1.6% | 603 | 1.6% |
| Columbia River | 837 | 2.3% | 853 | 2.3% |
| Forks | 56 | 0.2% | 57 | 0.2% |
| Goldendale | 111 | 0.3% | 111 | 0.3% |
| Kelso | 614 | 1.7% | 618 | 1.6% |
| Long Beach | 98 | 0.3% | 99 | 0.3% |
| Neah Bay | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Olympia | 974 | 2.6% | 974 | 2.6% |
| Port Angeles | 371 | 1.0% | 371 | 1.0% |
| Port Townsend | 213 | 0.6% | 217 | 0.6% |
| Shelton | 509 | 1.4% | 510 | 1.4% |
| South Bend | 56 | 0.2% | 56 | 0.1% |
| Stevenson | 60 | 0.2% | 60 | 0.2% |
| White Salmon | 80 | 0.2% | 80 | 0.2% |
| Region 6 Call Center | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Region 6 Total | 5,111 | 13.8% | 5,143 | 13.7% |

General Assistance Program

Combined GA Caseload by DSHS Region, CSO, and HCS Office¹ June 2009

Source: ESA-ACES Data

| | Cases | | Clients | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| HCS Offices | | | | |
| Aberdeen | 4 | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% |
| Alderwood | 51 | 0.1% | 52 | 0.1% |
| Bellingham | 17 | 0.0% | 17 | 0.0% |
| Bremerton | 20 | 0.1% | 22 | 0.1% |
| Chehalis | 1 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.0% |
| Clarkston | 2 | 0.0% | 2 | 0.0% |
| Colville | 9 | 0.0% | 9 | 0.0% |
| Ellensburg | 6 | 0.0% | 6 | 0.0% |
| Everett | 55 | 0.1% | 56 | 0.1% |
| Holgate | 339 | 0.9% | 361 | 1.0% |
| Kelso | 5 | 0.0% | 5 | 0.0% |
| Moses Lake | 30 | 0.1% | 31 | 0.1% |
| Mt. Vernon | 13 | 0.0% | 13 | 0.0% |
| Oak Harbor | 4 | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% |
| Okanogan | 3 | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% |
| Pacific | 3 | 0.0% | 3 | 0.0% |
| Port Angeles | 4 | 0.0% | 5 | 0.0% |
| Skykomish | 23 | 0.1% | 25 | 0.1% |
| Smokey Point | 14 | 0.0% | 14 | 0.0% |
| Spokane | 58 | 0.2% | 61 | 0.2% |
| Sunnyside | 4 | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% |
| Tacoma | 92 | 0.2% | 93 | 0.2% |
| Tri-Cities | 61 | 0.2% | 71 | 0.2% |
| Tumwater | 26 | 0.1% | 27 | 0.1% |
| Vancouver | 52 | 0.1% | 55 | 0.1% |
| Walla Walla | 9 | 0.0% | 10 | 0.0% |
| Wapato | 1 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.0% |
| Wenatchee | 9 | 0.0% | 9 | 0.0% |
| Yakima-Ellensburg | 17 | 0.0% | 19 | 0.1% |
| HCS Office Total | 932 | 2.5% | 983 | 2.6% |
| State Total (Including HCS) | 37,155 | 100.0% | 37,596 | 100.0% |

¹ 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 2009

Source: ESA-ACES Data

| | Cases | | Clients | |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Adams | 40 | 0.1% | 42 | 0.1% |
| Asotin | 94 | 0.3% | 94 | 0.3% |
| Benton | 1,024 | 2.8% | 1,040 | 2.8% |
| Chelan | 568 | 1.5% | 573 | 1.5% |
| Clallam | 432 | 1.2% | 433 | 1.2% |
| Clark | 882 | 2.4% | 901 | 2.4% |
| Columbia | 26 | 0.1% | 26 | 0.1% |
| Cowlitz | 601 | 1.6% | 605 | 1.6% |
| Douglas | 169 | 0.5% | 170 | 0.5% |
| Ferry | 90 | 0.2% | 90 | 0.2% |
| Franklin | 385 | 1.0% | 394 | 1.0% |
| Garfield | 6 | 0.0% | 6 | 0.0% |
| Grant | 539 | 1.5% | 543 | 1.4% |
| Grays Harbor | 563 | 1.5% | 564 | 1.5% |
| Island | 211 | 0.6% | 214 | 0.6% |
| Jefferson | 213 | 0.6% | 218 | 0.6% |
| King | 11,452 | 30.8% | 11,675 | 31.1% |
| Kitsap | 1,342 | 3.6% | 1,349 | 3.6% |
| Kittitas | 136 | 0.4% | 136 | 0.4% |
| Klickitat | 191 | 0.5% | 191 | 0.5% |
| Lewis | 594 | 1.6% | 597 | 1.6% |
| Lincoln | 34 | 0.1% | 34 | 0.1% |
| Mason | 504 | 1.4% | 505 | 1.3% |
| Okanogan | 342 | 0.9% | 342 | 0.9% |
| Pacific | 158 | 0.4% | 159 | 0.4% |
| Pend Oreille | 155 | 0.4% | 155 | 0.4% |
| Pierce | 4,366 | 11.8% | 4,395 | 11.7% |
| San Juan | 29 | 0.1% | 29 | 0.1% |
| Skagit | 526 | 1.4% | 533 | 1.4% |
| Skamania | 58 | 0.2% | 58 | 0.2% |
| Snohomish | 3,654 | 9.8% | 3,697 | 9.8% |
| Spokane | 3,265 | 8.8% | 3,280 | 8.7% |
| Stevens | 326 | 0.9% | 329 | 0.9% |
| Thurston | 989 | 2.7% | 991 | 2.6% |
| Wahkiakum | 18 | 0.0% | 18 | 0.0% |
| Walla Walla | 258 | 0.7% | 260 | 0.7% |
| Whatcom | 1,249 | 3.4% | 1,261 | 3.4% |
| Whitman | 56 | 0.2% | 56 | 0.1% |
| Yakima | 1,610 | 4.3% | 1,633 | 4.3% |
| State Total | 37,155 | 100.0% | 37,596 | 100.0% |

General Assistance Program

General Assistance Program¹ Client Demographics June 2009

Source: ESA-ACES Data

| Characteristic | GA-U Only | | GA-X Only | | GA-Other Types | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| TOTAL² | 19,771 | 100.0% | 13,321 | 100.0% | 4,510 | 100.0% |
| Gender | | | | | | |
| Female | 7,607 | 38.5% | 5,881 | 44.1% | 2,731 | 60.6% |
| Male | 12,164 | 61.5% | 7,440 | 55.9% | 1,779 | 39.4% |
| Race | | | | | | |
| White | 12,874 | 65.1% | 9,312 | 69.9% | 1,432 | 31.8% |
| Hispanic | 1,201 | 6.1% | 848 | 6.4% | 693 | 15.4% |
| Black | 2,402 | 12.1% | 1,393 | 10.5% | 240 | 5.3% |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 691 | 3.5% | 243 | 1.8% | 1,411 | 31.3% |
| Native American | 773 | 3.9% | 506 | 3.8% | 60 | 1.3% |
| Unknown | 1,830 | 9.3% | 1,019 | 7.6% | 674 | 14.9% |
| Marital Status (Adults Only) | | | | | | |
| Separated | 2,218 | 11.2% | 1,539 | 11.6% | 323 | 7.2% |
| Married | 1,062 | 5.4% | 481 | 3.6% | 1,378 | 30.6% |
| Never Married | 10,617 | 53.7% | 6,945 | 52.1% | 978 | 21.7% |
| Divorced | 5,245 | 26.5% | 3,974 | 29.8% | 546 | 12.1% |
| Widowed | 446 | 2.3% | 312 | 2.3% | 1,210 | 26.8% |
| Unknown | 183 | 0.9% | 70 | 0.5% | 75 | 1.7% |
| Citizenship³ | | | | | | |
| U.S. Citizen | 18,533 | 93.7% | 13,016 | 97.7% | 1,384 | 30.7% |
| Resident Alien | 1,220 | 6.2% | 297 | 2.2% | 3,112 | 69.0% |
| U.S. National | 18 | 0.1% | 8 | 0.1% | 14 | 0.3% |
| Immigrant Status⁴ | | | | | | |
| Born in U.S. | 18,530 | 93.7% | 13,016 | 97.7% | 1,374 | 30.5% |
| Amerasian | 9 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 9 | 0.2% |
| Asylee | 27 | 0.1% | 7 | 0.1% | 32 | 0.7% |
| Cuban/Haitian Entrant | 16 | 0.1% | 6 | 0.0% | 4 | 0.1% |
| Deportation Withheld | 4 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.0% |
| Non-Refugee | 876 | 4.4% | 202 | 1.5% | 2,864 | 63.5% |
| Refugee | 309 | 1.6% | 90 | 0.7% | 226 | 5.0% |
| Age | | | | | | |
| 17 Years Old | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| 18 Years Old | 0 | 0.0% | 35 | 0.3% | 113 | 2.5% |
| 19 – 20 Years Old | 713 | 3.6% | 294 | 2.2% | 46 | 1.0% |
| 21 – 29 Years Old | 3,621 | 18.3% | 2,115 | 15.9% | 163 | 3.6% |
| 30 – 39 Years Old | 3,760 | 19.0% | 2,547 | 19.1% | 168 | 3.7% |
| 40 – 49 Years Old | 6,426 | 32.5% | 4,683 | 35.2% | 382 | 8.5% |
| 50 – 55 Years Old | 3,383 | 17.1% | 2,563 | 19.2% | 298 | 6.6% |
| 56 – 59 Years Old | 1,203 | 6.1% | 753 | 5.7% | 160 | 3.5% |
| 60 – 64 Years Old | 663 | 3.4% | 330 | 2.5% | 128 | 2.8% |
| 65+ Years Old | 2 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 3,052 | 67.7% |
| Mean Age of Adults | 41.5 Years Old | | 42.2 Years Old | | 64.3 Years Old | |
| Median Age of Adults | 43.0 Years Old | | 44.0 Years Old | | 69.0 Years Old | |

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General Assistance Program Client Demographics (continued)

June 2009

Source: ESA-ACES Data

| Characteristic | GA-U Only | | GA-X Only | | GA-Other Types | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| TOTAL | 19,771 | 100.0% | 13,321 | 100.0% | 4,510 | 100.0% |
| Incapacity⁵ | | | | | | |
| Emotional | 9,851 | 49.8% | 9,765 | 73.3% | 401 | 8.9% |
| Mental Retardation | 74 | 0.4% | 96 | 0.7% | 15 | 0.3% |
| Physical Impairment | 9,171 | 46.4% | 3,344 | 25.1% | 856 | 19.0% |
| Other | 675 | 3.4% | 116 | 0.9% | 1,819 | 40.3% |
| Unknown | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 1,419 | 31.5% |
| Avg. Months on Assistance since July 1997⁶ | 15.4 Months | | 28.5 Months | | 28.3 Months | |

¹ The General Assistance caseload is broken into three groups:

- A. U Only includes General Assistance for Unemployable only (GA-U)
- B. X Only includes General Assistance for Expedited Medicaid only (GA-X)
- C. Other Types 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)

² A small percentage of clients are transitioning from one type of GA program code to another, and may be counted more than once in this total, therefore, the total clients reported in this section may sum to more than the total clients reported for June 2009.

³ See Refugee/Immigrant section, page 24 for glossary of Citizenship terms.

⁴ See Refugee/Immigrant section, page 24 for glossary of Immigrant Status terms.

⁵ Incapacity types are as follows:

- A. Emotional – Mental Health Impairment
- B. Mental – Mental Retardation (clinical term)
- C. Physical – Physical Impairment
- D. Other – Aged, Blind, Disabled
- E. Unknown – Incapacity determined without a Progressive Evaluation Process

⁶ Length of stay reflects total cumulative months receiving General Assistance as a program, including all types of General Assistance. They need not be consecutive.