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

The Basic Food Program is comprised of the federally funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps) and the state-funded Food Assistance Program for legal immigrants (FAP). FAP is for individuals who are legal immigrants and meet federal income requirements, but do not meet federal immigrant eligibility criteria for SNAP.

Program caseloads are broken into three types:

- a. SSI - recipients who also received Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- b. Public Assistance Food Stamps (PAFS) - recipients who also received a cash assistance grant.
- c. Non-Assistance Food Stamps (NAFS) – recipients who only received food assistance.

Highlights:

- The average monthly Basic Food Program caseload increased 8.3%, from 536,602 cases in SFY 2011 to 580,977 cases in SFY 2012. More individuals and families may have qualified for and enrolled in this program due to the ongoing effect of increasing the program's income limit from 130% to 200% FPL in October 2008, the continuing economic downturn, and exhaustion of other financial sources such as personal savings or unemployment benefits.
- Washington State received a \$2.9 million High Performance Bonus for payment accuracy in June 2010 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for having one of the best accuracy rates in the nation. Washington's federal Food Stamp Program error rate was 3.7% for Federal Fiscal Year 2011.
- The proportion of the state's population that received Basic Food increased from 15.4% in SFY 2011 to 16.2% in SFY 2012.
- A majority of cases (74.0%) in SFY 2012 received Basic Food and did not receive cash assistance or SSI. The percent of cases in SFY 2012 that received other forms of public assistance averaged 12.1%, and the percent of cases that received SSI averaged 13.9%.
- In June 2012, slightly over one-half of Basic Food recipients were female (52.9%) and about half were white (52.5%). This is a slight downward trend from the previous year. More adults were never married (68.4%) than were married or separated. The average age of adults was 40.3 years old.

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Selected Basic Food Characteristics¹ SFY 2011 and SFY 2012

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	SFY 2011 (July 2010 – June 2011)	SFY 2012 (July 2011 – June 2012)
Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range)	536,602 (505,609 - 559,885)	580,977 (562,999 - 593,933)
Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)	1,039,171 (990,777 – 1,073,568)	1,105,753 (1,078,362 – 1,121,480)
Average Number of Adults Per Month (Range)	623,241 (589,886 – 648,656)	671,585 (651,897 – 685,769)
Average Number of Children Per Month (Range)	415,930 (400,891 – 424,912)	434,168 (426,465 – 436,995)
Recipients as a Percent of State's Total Population²	15.4%	16.2%
State Population	6,767,900	6,817,770
Children as a Percent of Recipients	40.0%	39.2%
Average Persons Per Case	1.9	1.9
Average Children Per Case	0.8	0.7
Average Children Per Adult	0.7	0.6
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)³	\$245.82 (\$242.20 - \$249.94)	\$243.95 (\$240.97 - \$245.95)

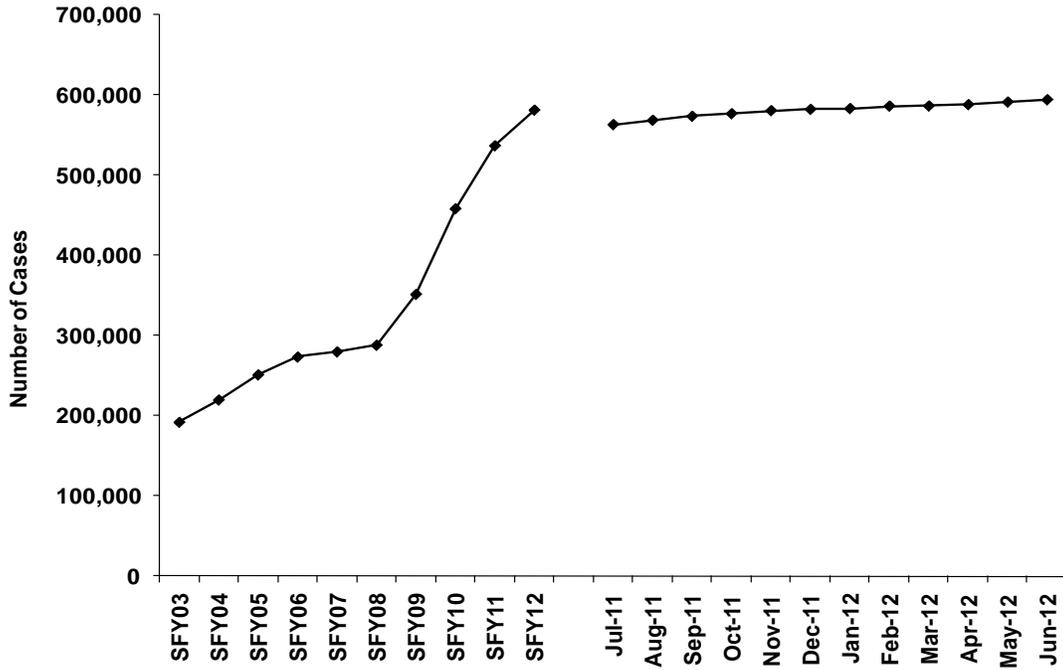
¹ Numbers include both the federally funded Basic Food Program (SNAP) and state-funded Food Assistance for Legal Immigrants Program (FAP).

² OFM 2012 Population Trends for Washington State

³ Payments are not adjusted for refunds.

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Basic Food Caseload¹ SFY 2003 - SFY 2012 Source: ESA-ACES Data



Year	Mo. Avg. Cases	Year	Mo. Avg. Cases
SFY03	192,323	SFY08	288,267
SFY04	220,120	SFY09	351,600
SFY05	251,337	SFY10	458,116
SFY06	273,538	SFY11	536,602
SFY07	279,963	SFY12	580,977

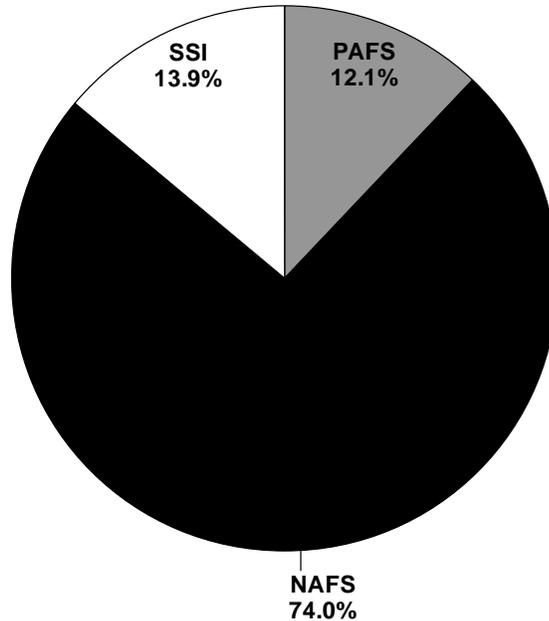
SFY 2012	Cases	Persons	Grant Expenditures	Avg. Payment Per Case
July	562,999	1,078,362	\$138,472,031.17	\$245.95
August	568,356	1,087,844	\$139,549,996.96	\$245.53
September	573,344	1,096,069	\$140,244,980.73	\$244.61
October	576,566	1,099,698	\$141,637,083.61	\$245.66
November	580,349	1,105,582	\$142,105,605.88	\$244.86
December	581,974	1,108,472	\$142,706,954.45	\$245.21
January	582,986	1,110,425	\$142,646,584.11	\$244.68
February	586,055	1,113,612	\$142,558,792.93	\$243.25
March	586,201	1,113,206	\$142,290,467.39	\$242.73
April	587,865	1,115,256	\$142,327,552.46	\$242.11
May	591,096	1,119,028	\$143,069,935.04	\$242.04
June	593,933	1,121,480	\$143,121,013.49	\$240.97
Mo. Avg.	580,977	1,105,753	\$141,727,583.19	\$243.95

¹ Numbers include both the federally funded Basic Food Program (SNAP) and the state-funded Food Assistance for Legal Immigrants Program (FAP).

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Basic Food Caseload by Type¹, SFY 2012

Source: ESA-ACES Data

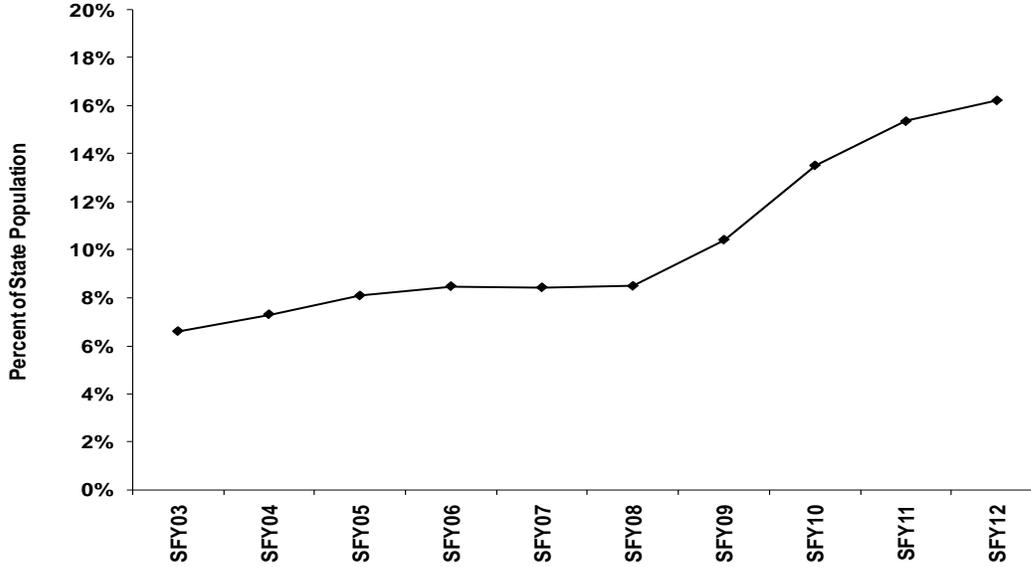


SFY 2012	Caseload	PAFS		NAFS		SSI	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
July	562,999	73,060	13.0%	411,295	73.1%	78,644	14.0%
August	568,356	72,544	12.8%	416,700	73.3%	79,112	13.9%
September	573,344	72,718	12.7%	421,020	73.4%	79,606	13.9%
October	576,566	71,624	12.4%	424,980	73.7%	79,962	13.9%
November	580,349	71,111	12.3%	428,950	73.9%	80,288	13.8%
December	581,974	69,368	11.9%	432,080	74.2%	80,526	13.8%
January	582,986	69,768	12.0%	432,231	74.1%	80,987	13.9%
February	586,055	69,192	11.8%	435,356	74.3%	81,507	13.9%
March	586,201	68,137	11.6%	436,254	74.4%	81,810	14.0%
April	587,865	67,980	11.6%	437,807	74.5%	82,078	14.0%
May	591,096	68,274	11.6%	440,468	74.5%	82,354	13.9%
June	593,933	66,621	11.2%	444,473	74.8%	82,839	13.9%
Mo. Avg.	580,977	70,033	12.1%	430,135	74.0%	80,809	13.9%

¹ NAFS stands for Non-Assistance Food Stamps, PAFS stands for Public Assistance Food Stamps, and SSI stands for Supplemental Security Income. Numbers include both the federally funded Basic Food Program (SNAP) and the state-funded Food Assistance for Legal Immigrants Program (FAP).

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Average Monthly Basic Food Participants¹ as a Percent of State Population² SFY 2003 - SFY 2012



State Fiscal Year	Average Monthly Participating Persons	Statewide Population	Percent of State Population	Statewide Population at or Below 125% FPL ³	Percent Participating As a % of State Population at or Below 125% FPL ⁴	Statewide Population at or Below 200% FPL ⁵	Percent Participating As a % of State Population at or Below 200% FPL
2003	403,525	6,098,300	6.6%				
2004	451,509	6,167,800	7.3%				
2005	506,759	6,256,400	8.1%				
2006	541,249	6,375,600	8.5%				
2007	547,596	6,488,000	8.4%				
2008	560,046	6,587,600	8.50%				
2009	695,095	6,668,200	10.40%	1,057,572	65.7%	1,861,564	37.3%
2010	910,040	6,733,250	13.50%	1,149,959	79.1%	1,985,204	45.8%
2011	1,039,171	6,767,900	15.40%	1,149,959	90.4%	1,985,204	52.3%
2012	1,105,753	6,817,770	16.20%	1,149,959	96.2%	1,985,204	55.7%

¹ Numbers include both the federally funded Basic Food Program (SNAP) and state-funded Food Assistance for Legal Immigrants Program (FAP).

² OFM, 2012 Population Trends for Washington State

³ Based on Bureau of Census American Community Survey (ACS)

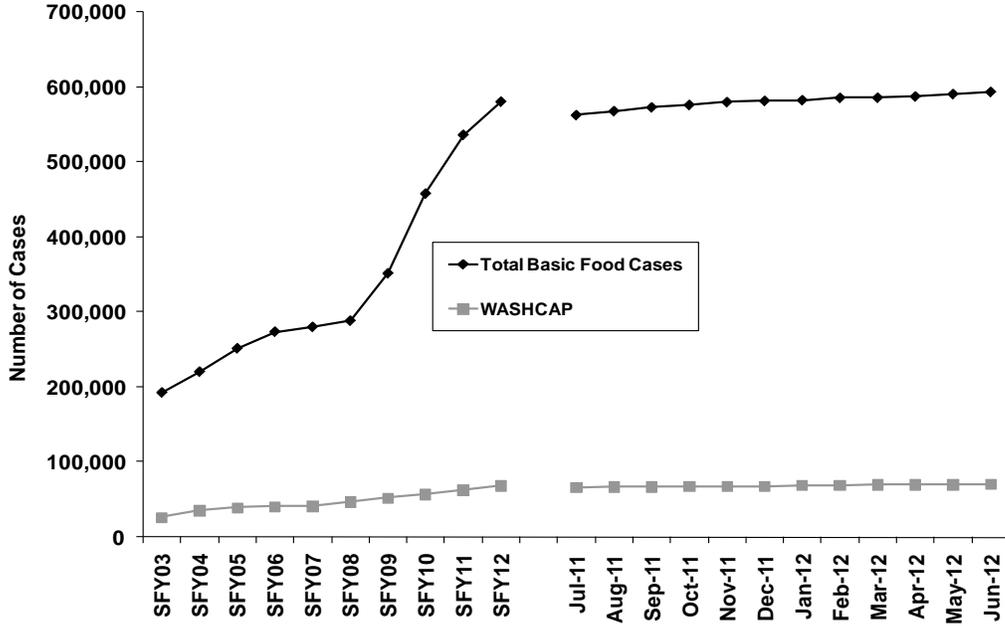
⁴ Value can exceed 100% as 125% of poverty level is used to approximate federal measure of the Program Access Index (PAI) while households can be eligible for Basic Food with income up to 200% of poverty level.

⁵ Based on Bureau of Census American Community Survey (ACS)

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Basic Food Caseload Receiving Assistance through WASHCAP¹ SFY 2003 - SFY 2012

Source: ESA-ACES Data



Year	Mo. Avg. Cases	Year	Mo. Avg. Cases
SFY03	26,659	SFY08	47,106
SFY04	35,776	SFY09	52,100
SFY05	39,377	SFY10	56,457
SFY06	40,636	SFY11	62,659
SFY07	41,324	SFY12	68,073

SFY 2012	Total Basic Food Program Caseload	Cases Receiving WASHCAP	Percent Receiving WASHCAP	WASHCAP Expenditures	WASHCAP Expenditures Per Case
July	562,999	66,134	11.7%	\$10,103,396	\$152.77
August	568,356	66,418	11.7%	\$10,148,722	\$152.80
September	573,344	66,753	11.6%	\$10,201,490	\$152.82
October	576,566	67,142	11.6%	\$10,553,808	\$157.19
November	580,349	67,368	11.6%	\$10,595,671	\$157.28
December	581,974	67,193	11.5%	\$10,563,991	\$157.22
January	582,986	68,716	11.8%	\$10,147,357	\$147.67
February	586,055	69,003	11.8%	\$10,237,886	\$148.37
March	586,201	69,302	11.8%	\$10,285,976	\$148.42
April	587,865	69,453	11.8%	\$10,269,185	\$147.86
May	591,096	69,586	11.8%	\$10,319,952	\$148.31
June	593,933	69,805	11.8%	\$10,334,425	\$148.05
Mo. Avg.	580,977	68,073	11.7%	\$10,313,488.25	\$151.51

¹ WASHCAP cases consist of strictly one client; therefore, the number of WASHCAP clients is equal to the number of WASHCAP cases.

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Basic Food Caseload Receiving SNAP and FAP¹ SFY 2012

Source: ESA-ACES Data

SFY 2012	TOTAL Caseload	SNAP ONLY		BOTH SNAP & FAP		FAP ONLY	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
July	562,999	553,020	98.2%	6,440	1.1%	3,539	0.6%
August	568,356	558,270	98.2%	6,542	1.2%	3,544	0.6%
September	573,344	563,147	98.2%	6,625	1.2%	3,572	0.6%
October	576,566	566,252	98.2%	6,675	1.2%	3,639	0.6%
November	580,349	569,876	98.2%	6,759	1.2%	3,714	0.6%
December	581,974	571,475	98.2%	6,782	1.2%	3,717	0.6%
January	582,986	572,312	98.2%	6,949	1.2%	3,725	0.6%
February	586,055	575,276	98.2%	7,048	1.2%	3,731	0.6%
March	586,201	575,349	98.1%	7,138	1.2%	3,714	0.6%
April	587,865	576,971	98.1%	7,192	1.2%	3,702	0.6%
May	591,096	580,313	98.2%	7,115	1.2%	3,668	0.6%
June	593,933	583,141	98.2%	7,142	1.2%	3,650	0.6%
Mo. Avg.	580,977	570,450	98.2%	6,867	1.2%	3,660	0.6%

SFY 2012	FAP Caseload ²	State Expenditures on FAP Cases	Federal Expenditures on FAP Cases ³	Avg. State Expenditures Per Case	Total Avg. Expenditures Per Case
July	9,979	\$1,632,362.02	\$1,825,592.04	\$163.58	\$3,457,954.06
August	10,086	\$1,652,555.66	\$1,850,855.94	\$163.85	\$3,503,411.60
September	10,197	\$1,659,096.82	\$1,860,444.22	\$162.70	\$3,519,541.04
October	10,314	\$1,676,134.77	\$1,878,353.82	\$162.51	\$3,554,488.59
November	10,473	\$1,692,628.39	\$1,886,313.28	\$161.62	\$3,578,941.67
December	10,499	\$1,692,300.98	\$1,900,391.68	\$161.19	\$3,592,692.66
January	10,674	\$1,724,808.99	\$1,957,186.30	\$161.59	\$3,681,995.29
February	10,779	\$1,727,546.52	\$1,973,635.62	\$160.27	\$3,701,182.14
March	10,852	\$1,722,381.64	\$1,989,275.70	\$158.72	\$3,711,657.34
April	10,894	\$1,725,691.68	\$1,999,785.67	\$158.41	\$3,725,477.35
May	10,783	\$1,716,379.41	\$1,966,236.41	\$159.17	\$3,682,615.82
June	10,792	\$1,717,842.25	\$1,959,856.97	\$159.18	\$3,677,699.22
Mo. Avg.	10,527	\$1,694,977.43	\$1,920,660.64	\$161.01	\$3,615,638.07

¹ SNAP is the federal Food Stamp Program. FAP is the state-funded Food Assistance for Legal Immigrants program. Some households have a member receiving federal food assistance and a member receiving state-funded FAP food assistance.

² FAP caseload includes mixed SNAP and FAP cases as well as FAP-only cases.

³ These are federal expenditures on mixed SNAP/FAP households in which at least one individual is a recipient of the federal SNAP benefits and at least one individual is a recipient of the state's FAP benefits.

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Basic Food Caseload by DSHS Region, CSO, and HCS Office June 2012

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	Cases		Clients	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Region 1				
Access Spokane 032	44,231	7.4%	90,420	8.1%
Clarkston CSO	2,556	0.4%	5,240	0.5%
Colfax CSO	1,523	0.3%	3,180	0.3%
Colville CSO	3,728	0.6%	8,215	0.7%
Ellensburg CSO	2,961	0.5%	5,468	0.5%
Goldendale CSO	1,060	0.2%	2,089	0.2%
Kennewick CSO	19,009	3.2%	45,453	4.1%
Mattawa CSO	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Moses Lake CSO	9,696	1.6%	22,787	2.0%
Newport CSO	894	0.2%	2,200	0.2%
Okanogan CSO	1,130	0.2%	2,436	0.2%
Othello CSO	4,777	0.8%	9,791	0.9%
Pomeroy Outstation	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
R2 Processing Center	235	0.0%	562	0.1%
Republic CSO	1,431	0.2%	2,971	0.3%
Sunnyside CSO	6,898	1.2%	17,799	1.6%
Walla Walla CSO	4,745	0.8%	9,908	0.9%
Wapato CSO	6,370	1.1%	15,444	1.4%
Wenatchee CSO	8,216	1.4%	17,916	1.6%
White Salmon CSO	773	0.1%	1,653	0.1%
Yakima CSO	16,982	2.9%	37,296	3.3%
Region Total	137,215	23.1%	300,828	26.8%
Region 2				
Alderwood CSO	11,675	2.0%	23,110	2.1%
Auburn CSO	6,723	1.1%	13,742	1.2%
Bellingham CSO	15,577	2.6%	29,226	2.6%
Belltown CSO	8,633	1.5%	10,383	0.9%
Capitol Hill CSO	8,153	1.4%	12,116	1.1%
Everett CSO	15,867	2.7%	31,169	2.8%
Federal Way CSO	13,621	2.3%	28,897	2.6%
King Eastside CSO	12,097	2.0%	23,305	2.1%
King North CSO	13,279	2.2%	21,557	1.9%
King South CSO	12,836	2.2%	28,324	2.5%
Mt Vernon CSO	11,887	2.0%	24,028	2.1%
Oak Harbor CSO	3,035	0.5%	6,140	0.5%
Rainier CSO	9,622	1.6%	20,448	1.8%
Renton CSO	11,408	1.9%	23,018	2.1%
Sky Valley CSO	5,659	1.0%	10,897	1.0%
Smokey Point CSO	11,751	2.0%	23,673	2.1%
White Center CSO	18,805	3.2%	37,834	3.4%
Region Total	190,628	32.1%	367,867	32.8%

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Basic Food Caseload by DSHS Region, CSO, and HCS Office (continued) June 2012

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	Cases		Clients	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Region 3				
Aberdeen CSO	8,044	1.4%	15,236	1.4%
Bremerton CSO	15,632	2.6%	30,035	2.7%
Chehalis CSO	8,613	1.5%	17,388	1.6%
Columbia River CSO	34,149	5.7%	73,053	6.5%
Forks CSO	1,047	0.2%	2,167	0.2%
Friday Harbor Outstation	0	0.0%	-	0.0%
Kelso CSO	12,730	2.1%	25,026	2.2%
Lakewood CSO	17,003	2.9%	35,758	3.2%
Long Beach CSO	1,397	0.2%	2,324	0.2%
Olympia CSO	18,935	3.2%	35,624	3.2%
Pierce North CSO	15,064	2.5%	26,929	2.4%
Pierce South CSO	17,269	2.9%	34,473	3.1%
Port Angeles CSO	4,697	0.8%	8,737	0.8%
Port Townsend CSO	2,506	0.4%	4,537	0.4%
Puyallup Valley CSO	18,646	3.1%	38,565	3.4%
Shelton CSO	5,839	1.0%	11,449	1.0%
South Bend CSO	970	0.2%	1,894	0.2%
Stevenson CSO	822	0.1%	1,641	0.1%
Region Total	183,363	30.9%	364,836	32.5%
Customer Service Center	910	0.2%	2,567	0.2%
WASHCAP ¹	57,359	9.7%	57,359	5.1%
Medical Eligibility Service	88	0.0%	156	0.0%
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	133	0.0%	309	0.0%

¹ The WASHCAP office is a Statewide Customer Service Call Center (CSC) and includes cases from around the state that receive assistance from this office. Not all WASHCAP clients receive service from the WASHCAP office.

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Basic Food Caseload by DSHS Region, CSO, and HCS Office (continued) June 2012

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	Cases		Clients	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
HCS Region 1				
CLARKSTON HCS OFFICE	161	0.0%	179	0.0%
COLVILLE HCS OFFICE	400	0.1%	430	0.0%
ELLENSBURG HCS	150	0.0%	162	0.0%
MOSES LK HCS OFFICE	531	0.1%	602	0.1%
OKANOGAN HCS OFFICE	259	0.0%	281	0.0%
SPOKANE HCS OFFICE	2,129	0.4%	2,405	0.2%
SUNNYSIDE HCS OFFICE	146	0.0%	172	0.0%
TRI-CITIES HCS OFC	826	0.1%	939	0.1%
WALLA WALLA HCS OFC	323	0.1%	358	0.0%
WAPATO HCS	146	0.0%	161	0.0%
WENATCHEE HCS OFFICE	265	0.0%	283	0.0%
YAKIMA HCS OFFICE	602	0.1%	642	0.1%
Region Total	5,939	1.0%	6,617	0.6%
HCS Region 2				
ALDERWOOD HCS OFFICE	527	0.1%	627	0.1%
BELLINGHAM HCS OFC	493	0.1%	579	0.1%
EVERETT HCS OFFICE	1,029	0.2%	1,210	0.1%
HOLGATE HCS OFFICE	7,220	1.2%	8,438	0.8%
MT VERNON HCS OFFICE	363	0.1%	404	0.0%
OAK HARBOR HCS	128	0.0%	134	0.0%
SKYKOMISH HCS OFFICE	354	0.1%	388	0.0%
SMOKEY POINT HCS	406	0.1%	445	0.0%
Region Total	10,520	1.8%	12,225	1.1%
HCS Region 3				
ABERDEEN HCS OFFICE	404	0.1%	437	0.0%
BREMERTON HCS OFFICE	692	0.1%	746	0.1%
CHEHALIS HCS OFFICE	318	0.1%	339	0.0%
KELSO HCS	411	0.1%	451	0.0%
OLYMPIA HCS OFFICE	835	0.1%	910	0.1%
PACIFIC COUNTY HCS	226	0.0%	247	0.0%
PORT ANGELES HCS	358	0.1%	381	0.0%
TACOMA HCS OFFICE	2,509	0.4%	2,854	0.3%
VANCOUVER HCS	2,024	0.3%	2,354	0.2%
Region Total	7,777	1.3%	8,719	0.8%
State Total	593,933	100.0%	1,121,480	100.0%

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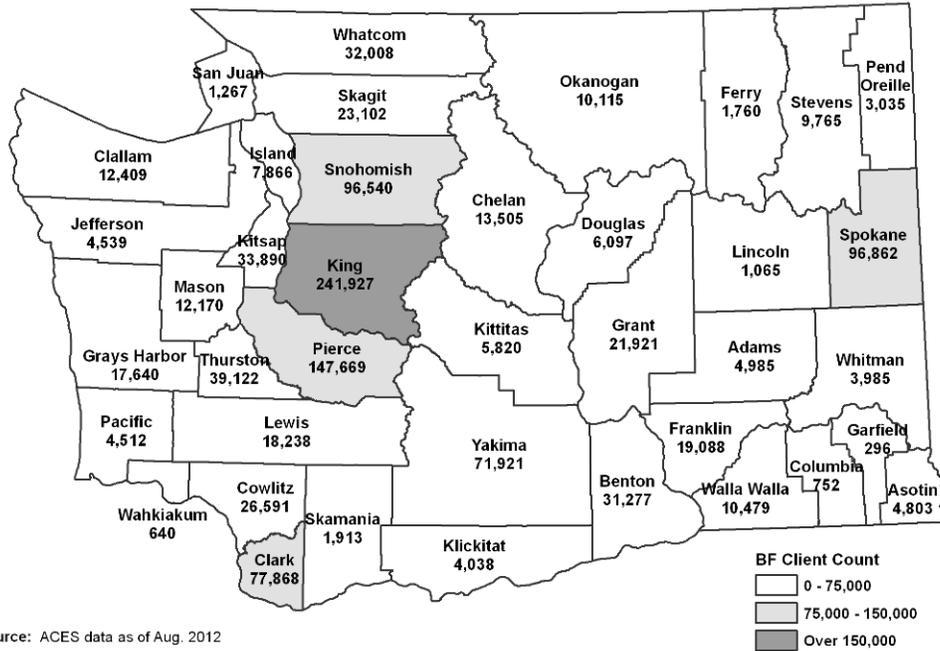
Basic Food Caseload by County of Residence June 2012

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	Number of Cases	Percentage of Statewide Caseload	Number of Clients	Percentage of Statewide Clients
Adams	1,985	0.3%	4,985	0.4%
Asotin	2,518	0.4%	4,803	0.4%
Benton	14,481	2.4%	31,277	2.8%
Chelan	6,799	1.1%	13,505	1.2%
Clallam	7,015	1.2%	12,409	1.1%
Clark	38,587	6.5%	77,868	6.9%
Columbia	398	0.1%	752	0.1%
Cowlitz	14,482	2.4%	26,591	2.4%
Douglas	2,758	0.5%	6,097	0.5%
Ferry	994	0.2%	1,760	0.2%
Franklin	7,865	1.3%	19,088	1.7%
Garfield	135	0.0%	296	0.0%
Grant	10,184	1.7%	21,921	2.0%
Grays Harbor	10,147	1.7%	17,640	1.6%
Island	4,164	0.7%	7,866	0.7%
Jefferson	2,732	0.5%	4,539	0.4%
King	136,615	23.0%	241,927	21.6%
Kitsap	18,977	3.2%	33,890	3.0%
Kittitas	3,279	0.6%	5,820	0.5%
Klickitat	2,151	0.4%	4,038	0.4%
Lewis	9,724	1.6%	18,238	1.6%
Lincoln	493	0.1%	1,065	0.1%
Mason	6,634	1.1%	12,170	1.1%
Okanogan	5,292	0.9%	10,115	0.9%
Pacific	2,719	0.5%	4,512	0.4%
Pend Oreille	1,592	0.3%	3,035	0.3%
Pierce	78,671	13.2%	147,669	13.2%
San Juan	753	0.1%	1,267	0.1%
Skagit	12,048	2.0%	23,102	2.1%
Skamania	1,031	0.2%	1,913	0.2%
Snohomish	52,050	8.8%	96,540	8.6%
Spokane	50,942	8.6%	96,862	8.6%
Stevens	4,898	0.8%	9,765	0.9%
Thurston	22,027	3.7%	39,122	3.5%
Wahkiakum	312	0.1%	640	0.1%
Walla Walla	5,377	0.9%	10,479	0.9%
Whatcom	18,143	3.1%	32,008	2.9%
Whitman	2,064	0.3%	3,985	0.4%
Yakima	32,897	5.5%	71,921	6.4%
Statewide Total	593,933	100.0%	1,121,480	100.0%

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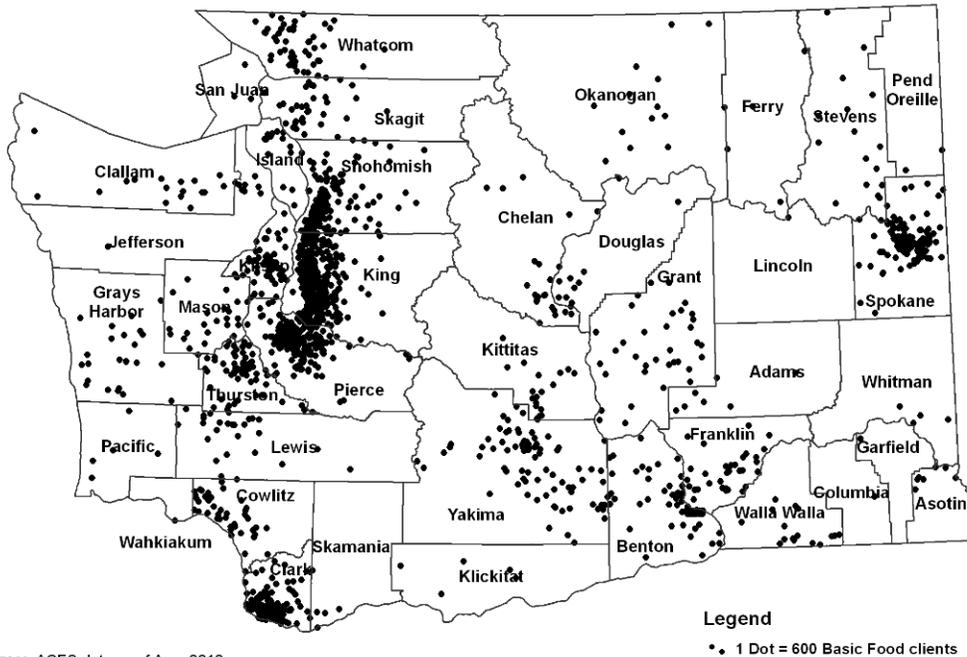
Number of Basic Food Clients by Residential County in Washington State: June 2012



Source: ACES data as of Aug. 2012
 Note: If a client is found to be in more than one county during the month (due to transition), then the client would be counted in each county they are found in.

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Number of Basic Food Clients by Density of Residential Zip Code in Washington State: June 2012



Source: ACES data as of Aug. 2012
 Note: If a client is found to be in more than one zip area during the month (due to transition), then the client would be counted in each zip area they are found in.

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Basic Food Error Rate Federal Fiscal Year October through September FFY 1996 through FFY 2011¹

Source: ESA – Operations Support Division, Office of Quality Assurance

Federal Fiscal Year	State Finding	Official State Error Rate	Lower Bound ²	Tolerance ³	Difference ⁴
1996	10.4	11.3		9.2	-2.1
1997	14.0	14.6		9.8	-4.8
1998	14.1	15.6		10.7	-4.9
1999	7.6	8.6		9.9	1.3
2000	7.2	8.2		8.9	0.7
2001	8.1	8.5		8.7	0.2
2002	7.8	8.2		8.3	0.1
2003	6.2	6.3	5.0	7.0	2.0
2004	7.6	7.6	6.4	6.2	-0.2
2005	2.9	2.7	1.9	6.1	4.2
2006	2.5	2.6	2.0	6.0	3.4
2007	2.9	2.9	1.9	5.6	2.7
2008	3.8	3.9	3.3	5.0	1.1
2009	1.8	1.8	1.1	4.4	2.6
2010	3.1	3.3	2.5	3.8	1.3
2011	3.7	3.8	2.8	4.0	1.2

Information about Basic Food Program Error Rate

Each month, a number of Basic Food cases are randomly selected for federal quality control review. The findings on all cases are reported monthly to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which administers the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). After 12 months of reviews are reported, the data collected is considered statistically valid. These findings, along with a regression rate (based on federal differences and the number of completions) determined by FNS, comprise the state's official error rate. The error rates of all states are used to determine the national average payment error rate.

The state's payment error rate is compared to the national average payment error rate to determine if the state is in sanction status or is eligible for bonus monies. States may be awarded bonus monies as either one of the best in the nation or one of the most improved. However, a state will be in sanction status if it exceeds the federal tolerance level for at least two consecutive years.

Determining sanctions is a two-step process. First, the lower boundary of the state's error rate at 95% confidence interval is determined and compared to 105% of the national payment error rate. (Example: An error rate of 8.5% may have a tolerance level of +/- .5%. This means that there is a 95% chance that the error rate falls between 8% and 9%. The lower boundary of 8% is compared to 105% of the federal rate. If the federal error rate is 7.75%, the rate used would be 7.75 x 1.05, or 8.1375%. In this example, the state's lower boundary error rate of 8% is less than 105% of the federal error rate, or 8.1375%, so there is no sanction.) If the state's lower boundary is above the adjusted federal rate, then the second step, determining the sanction amount, is computed. To compute this, determine the difference between the state's error rate and 6%. (This figure of 6% is constant.) Multiply that difference by the value of all allotments issued during the federal fiscal year, and multiply this by 10%. That is the amount of the potential sanction for one year.

The USDA Secretary determines if all or most of a sanction amount will be waived. If not waived, the Secretary can determine how much of that amount will be used for reinvesting in payment accuracy activities and how much will be "at risk", or eligible to be repaid to FNS if the state is in sanction for a second consecutive year.

¹ Official data is made available nine months after the end of the previous Federal Fiscal Year. Therefore, 2011 data is not yet available.

² Calculation of the lower bound began in FFY 2003 when the new bonus and penalty system went into effect as it is used in the determination of potential sanction.

³ The tolerance level is a federally determined threshold that states may be sanctioned for exceeding. Prior to 2003, the tolerance level was set at the national average. Beginning in 2003, the tolerance level became 105 percent of the national average.

⁴ The difference is calculated by subtracting the lower boundary of the Official State Error Rate from the federally determined tolerance level. If a number is positive, it means that the lower boundary is below the tolerance level and is not subject to sanction status. If the number is negative, it means that the lower boundary is above the tolerance level and the state is subject to sanction status.

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Basic Food Client Demographics

June 2012

Source: ESA-ACES Data

Characteristic	All Clients		All Adults		All Children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	1,121,480	100.0%	685,769	100.0%	435,711	100.0%
Gender						
Female	593,687	52.9%	380,362	55.5%	213,325	49.0%
Male	527,793	47.1%	305,407	44.5%	222,386	51.0%
Race						
White	588,652	52.5%	418,387	61.0%	170,265	39.1%
Hispanic	173,399	15.5%	70,359	10.3%	103,040	23.6%
Black	82,996	7.4%	55,526	8.1%	27,470	6.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	59,608	5.3%	42,264	6.2%	17,344	4.0%
Native American	32,923	2.9%	22,452	3.3%	10,471	2.4%
Unknown	183,902	16.4%	76,781	11.2%	107,121	24.6%
Marital Status (Adults Only)						
Separated	54,873	4.9%	54,565	8.0%	308	0.1%
Married	150,370	13.4%	149,806	21.8%	564	0.1%
Never Married	767,003	68.4%	332,627	48.5%	434,376	99.7%
Divorced	115,717	10.3%	115,653	16.9%	64	0.0%
Widowed	24,337	2.2%	24,330	3.5%	7	0.0%
Unknown	9,180	0.8%	8,788	1.3%	392	0.1%
Citizenship¹						
U.S. Citizen	1,045,572	93.2%	623,075	90.9%	422,497	97.0%
Resident Alien	74,976	6.7%	61,970	9.0%	13,006	3.0%
U.S. National	932	0.1%	724	0.1%	208	0.0%
Age						
< 1 Year Old	27,873	2.5%	-	0.0%	27,873	6.4%
1 – 5 Years Old	151,937	13.5%	-	0.0%	151,937	34.9%
6 – 10 Years Old	123,473	11.0%	-	0.0%	123,473	28.3%
11 – 15 Years Old	99,040	8.8%	-	0.0%	99,040	22.7%
16 – 17 Years Old	33,388	3.0%	-	0.0%	33,388	7.7%
18 – 20 Years Old	53,031	4.7%	53,031	7.7%	-	0.0%
21 – 29 Years Old	170,262	15.2%	170,262	24.8%	-	0.0%
30 – 39 Years Old	147,380	13.1%	147,380	21.5%	-	0.0%
40 – 49 Years Old	119,918	10.7%	119,918	17.5%	-	0.0%
50 – 55 Years Old	66,396	5.9%	66,396	9.7%	-	0.0%
56 – 59 Years Old	34,968	3.1%	34,968	5.1%	-	0.0%
60 – 64 Years Old	31,934	2.8%	31,934	4.7%	-	0.0%
65+ Years Old	61,880	5.5%	61,880	9.0%	-	0.0%
Avg. Age of Children	7.5		Avg. Age of Adults		40.3	

¹ See Refugee/Immigrant section, page 28-29 for glossary of Citizenship terms.

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FAP Client Demographics

June 2012

Source: ESA-ACES Data

Characteristic	All Clients		All Adults		All Children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	15,209	100.0%	14,124	100.0%	1,085	100.0%
Gender						
Female	9,197	60.5%	8,668	61.4%	529	48.8%
Male	6,012	39.5%	5,456	38.6%	556	51.2%
Race						
White	1,631	10.7%	1,579	11.2%	52	4.8%
Hispanic	2,918	19.2%	2,800	19.8%	118	10.9%
Black	1,275	8.4%	1,260	8.9%	15	1.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	5,284	34.7%	4,774	33.8%	510	47.0%
Native American	10	0.1%	10	0.1%	-	0.0%
Unknown	4,091	26.9%	3,701	26.2%	390	35.9%
Marital Status (Adults Only)						
Separated	772	5.1%	771	5.5%		
Married	7,863	51.7%	7,861	55.7%		
Never Married	5,238	34.4%	4,156	29.4%		
Divorced	483	3.2%	483	3.4%		
Widowed	651	4.3%	651	4.6%		
Unknown	202	1.3%	202	1.4%		
Citizenship¹						
U.S. Citizen						
Resident Alien	15,209	100.0%	14,124	100.0%	1,085	100.0%
U.S. National						
Age						
< 1 Year Old	4	0.0%	-	0.0%	4	0.4%
1 – 5 Years Old	158	1.0%	-	0.0%	158	14.6%
6 – 10 Years Old	331	2.2%	-	0.0%	331	30.5%
11 – 15 Years Old	395	2.6%	-	0.0%	395	36.4%
16 – 17 Years Old	197	1.3%	-	0.0%	197	18.2%
18 – 20 Years Old	807	5.3%	807	5.7%	-	0.0%
21 – 29 Years Old	3,250	21.4%	3,250	23.0%	-	0.0%
30 – 39 Years Old	4,120	27.1%	4,120	29.2%	-	0.0%
40 – 49 Years Old	2,444	16.1%	2,444	17.3%	-	0.0%
50 – 55 Years Old	884	5.8%	884	6.3%	-	0.0%
56 – 59 Years Old	519	3.4%	519	3.7%	-	0.0%
60 – 64 Years Old	663	4.4%	663	4.7%	-	0.0%
65+ Years Old	1,437	9.4%	1,437	10.2%	-	0.0%
Avg, Age of Children	10.8		Avg. Age of Adults		40.2	

¹ See Refugee/Immigrant section, page 28-29 for glossary of Citizenship terms.

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FAP Caseload Country of Origin June 2012

Country	Total Clients		Adults		Children	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients	# of Clients	% of Adults	# of Clients	% of Children
Total	15,209	100.0%	14,124	100.0%	1,085	100.0%
Mexico	2,458	16.2%	2,386	16.9%	72	6.6%
Marshall Islands	2,083	13.7%	1,468	10.4%	615	56.7%
Vietnam	1,644	10.8%	1,634	11.6%	10	0.9%
Micronesia	1,173	7.7%	963	6.8%	210	19.4%
Ethiopia	878	5.8%	873	6.2%	5	0.5%
Philippines	843	5.5%	832	5.9%	11	1.0%
Ukraine	573	3.8%	566	4.0%	7	0.6%
Russia	485	3.2%	477	3.4%	8	0.7%
China	342	2.2%	341	2.4%	1	0.1%
Kenya	241	1.6%	234	1.7%	7	0.6%
India	233	1.5%	227	1.6%	6	0.6%
Chile	218	1.4%	217	1.5%	1	0.1%
El Salvador	187	1.2%	187	1.3%	-	0.0%
Moldova	185	1.2%	180	1.3%	5	0.5%
Korea (South)	158	1.0%	157	1.1%	1	0.1%
Somalia	150	1.0%	149	1.1%	1	0.1%
Eritrea	148	1.0%	148	1.0%	-	0.0%
Cambodia	138	0.9%	138	1.0%	-	0.0%
Kampuchea						
Palau	129	0.8%	106	0.8%	23	2.1%
Canada	126	0.8%	123	0.9%	3	0.3%
Egypt	100	0.7%	95	0.7%	5	0.5%
Guatemala	94	0.6%	94	0.7%	-	0.0%
Iran	92	0.6%	92	0.7%	-	0.0%
Pakistan	85	0.6%	85	0.6%	-	0.0%
Honduras	74	0.5%	74	0.5%	-	0.0%
Peru	62	0.4%	60	0.4%	2	0.2%
Iraq	61	0.4%	59	0.4%	2	0.2%
Fiji	56	0.4%	56	0.4%	-	0.0%
Morocco	56	0.4%	56	0.4%	-	0.0%
Indonesia	51	0.3%	47	0.3%	4	0.4%
Western Samoa	50	0.3%	49	0.3%	1	0.1%
Afghanistan	48	0.3%	47	0.3%	1	0.1%
Kosovo	47	0.3%	47	0.3%	-	0.0%
Japan	46	0.3%	46	0.3%	-	0.0%
Thailand	46	0.3%	46	0.3%	-	0.0%
Congo, Democratic Republic of	45	0.3%	42	0.3%	3	0.3%
Romania	44	0.3%	44	0.3%	-	0.0%
Uzbekistan	44	0.3%	44	0.3%	-	0.0%
Gambia, The	40	0.3%	40	0.3%	-	0.0%
Kazakhstan	40	0.3%	40	0.3%	-	0.0%
Nigeria	37	0.2%	37	0.3%	-	0.0%
Belarus (Belorussia)	36	0.2%	36	0.3%	-	0.0%
Columbia	36	0.2%	33	0.2%	3	0.3%

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FAP Caseload Country of Origin (continued) June 2012

Country	Total Clients		Adults		Children	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients	# of Clients	% of Adults	# of Clients	% of Children
Mongolia	35	0.2%	31	0.2%	4	0.4%
Armenia	33	0.2%	33	0.2%	-	0.0%
Ghana	31	0.2%	30	0.2%	1	0.1%
Bulgaria	30	0.2%	30	0.2%	-	0.0%
Korea (North)	30	0.2%	30	0.2%	-	0.0%
Sudan	30	0.2%	30	0.2%	-	0.0%
Venezuela	29	0.2%	29	0.2%	-	0.0%
Bangladesh	28	0.2%	28	0.2%	-	0.0%
Laos	27	0.2%	27	0.2%	-	0.0%
Azerbaijan	26	0.2%	25	0.2%	1	0.1%
Haiti	25	0.2%	25	0.2%	-	0.0%
Kyrgyzstan	25	0.2%	24	0.2%	1	0.1%
Tonga	25	0.2%	25	0.2%	-	0.0%
Nepal	22	0.1%	22	0.2%	-	0.0%
England	20	0.1%	19	0.1%	1	0.1%
Nicaragua	20	0.1%	20	0.1%	-	0.0%
Albania	19	0.1%	19	0.1%	-	0.0%
Cuba	19	0.1%	19	0.1%	-	0.0%
Turkey	19	0.1%	19	0.1%	-	0.0%
Brazil	18	0.1%	17	0.1%	1	0.1%
Jamaica	18	0.1%	18	0.1%	-	0.0%
Northern Mariana Islands	18	0.1%	14	0.1%	4	0.4%
Congo	17	0.1%	16	0.1%	1	0.1%
Estonia	17	0.1%	12	0.1%	5	0.5%
Taiwan	17	0.1%	17	0.1%	-	0.0%
Georgia	16	0.1%	16	0.1%	-	0.0%
Malaysia	16	0.1%	12	0.1%	4	0.4%
Uganda	15	0.1%	15	0.1%	-	0.0%
Germany	14	0.1%	13	0.1%	1	0.1%
United Kingdom	14	0.1%	14	0.1%	-	0.0%
Algeria	13	0.1%	13	0.1%	-	0.0%
Dominican Republic	13	0.1%	13	0.1%	-	0.0%
France	13	0.1%	13	0.1%	-	0.0%
Jordan	13	0.1%	13	0.1%	-	0.0%
Bosnia-Herzegovina	12	0.1%	12	0.1%	-	0.0%
Ecuador	12	0.1%	12	0.1%	-	0.0%
South Africa	12	0.1%	12	0.1%	-	0.0%
Argentina	11	0.1%	11	0.1%	-	0.0%
Myanmar (Burma)	11	0.1%	11	0.1%	-	0.0%
Tajikistan	11	0.1%	11	0.1%	-	0.0%
Zaire	11	0.1%	11	0.1%	-	0.0%
Italy	10	0.1%	10	0.1%	-	0.0%
New Zealand	10	0.1%	10	0.1%	-	0.0%
Other	702	4.6%	648	4.6%	54	5.0%

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Basic Food WASHCAP Client Demographics June 2012

Source: ESA-ACES Data

Characteristic	All Clients	
	Number	Percent
TOTAL¹	69,805	100.0%
Gender		
Female	39,340	56.4%
Male	30,465	43.6%
Race		
White	45,997	65.9%
Hispanic	3,497	5.6%
Black	6,398	9.2%
Asian/Pacific Islander	5,570	8.5%
Native American	2,203	3.4%
Unknown	4,641	7.4%
Marital Status		
Separated	8,536	12.2%
Married	374	0.5%
Never Married	33,205	47.6%
Divorced	19,335	27.7%
Widowed	7,276	10.4%
Unknown	1,079	1.5%
Citizenship²		
U.S. Citizen	64,086	91.8%
Resident Alien	5,644	8.1%
U.S. National	75	0.1%
Age³		
18 – 20 Years Old	876	1.3%
21 – 29 Years Old	6,588	9.4%
30 – 39 Years Old	6,889	9.9%
40 – 49 Years Old	11,524	16.5%
50 – 55 Years Old	11,745	16.8%
56 – 59 Years Old	8,152	11.7%
60 – 64 Years Old	7,516	10.8%
65+ Years Old	16,515	23.7%
Avg. Age of Clients	53.4	

¹ Numbers include both the federally funded Basic Food Program (SNAP) and state-funded Food Assistance for Legal Immigrants Program (FAP).

² See Refugee/Immigrant section, page 28-29 for glossary of Citizenship terms.

³ Individuals 18 years and older are eligible for WASHCAP

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Basic Food Employment & Training (BF E&T) FFY 2012

The Washington State Basic Food Employment and Training (BF E&T) program provides job search, job search training, self-directed job search, educational services, skills training, and other employment opportunities to Basic Food (SNAP) recipients who are not eligible to participate in a Title IV-A work program. Services are provided through community or technical colleges and/or community based organizations (CBO).

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) leverages local, private, and state educational funds to draw 50% federal matching funds through USDA Food and Nutrition Services. FNS provides these funds to improve employability of SNAP recipients with the overall goal of increasing wage potential and reducing the need for ongoing assistance.

Program in Practice: BF E&T is an important part of the state's comprehensive workforce development system serving the needs of low-income individuals, displaced workers, and employers by encouraging financial independence from public assistance through skill acquisition, personal responsibility and gainful employment.

BFE&T provides employability assessments and a menu of services to eligible participants. These services include:

- Assessment
- Case management
- Job readiness training
- Basic skills/ESL training (e.g., literacy, math, vocational ESL, GED preparation)
- Vocational training, job search assistance, job placement, and support services (transportation, childcare, housing, clothing, wage progression)

TANF Alternative or Post-TANF Services: DSHS staff can offer services to appropriate TANF applicants as part of the department's positive prevention strategy. Parents who receive SNAP benefits could access needed employment and training services without having to receive TANF.

Working parents on Transitional Food Assistance, Washington's SNAP transitional benefit alternative program, can be offered BF E&T services as part of a wage and skill progression strategy. In addition, post 60-month parents could continue their education program (if at a BFE&T partner college) or access needed employment and training wrap-around services if they still receive Basic Food when TANF closes.

In FFY 2012 (September 2011-October 2012), BF E&T:

- Partnered with 27 community and technical colleges located in 14 counties across the state;
- Partnered with 12 community based organizations in King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties;
- Provided employment & training services to 17,680 participants with many receiving multiple services (job search, job search training, vocational education, basic education, and job retention services);
- Brought in more than \$11 million in federal funds into the state.