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The federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and the State Family Assistance (SFA) programs provide cash grants for eligible low-income families. The state's WorkFirst program provides welfare-to-work and support services to TANF/SFA clients to help them move forward on a pathway to self-sufficiency.

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## TANF, SFA, and WorkFirst Overview

This chapter summarizes the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, State Family Assistance, and WorkFirst caseload and client data for SFY 2015.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) provides cash grants for families in need. Persons who are caring for a relative's child, or legal guardians, or are acting in the place of a parent, are also able to apply for TANF benefits on behalf of these children. Persons who are residents of Washington State and are ineligible for TANF solely because of eligibility changes due to the Welfare Reform Act may be eligible for State Family Assistance (SFA). Some families participate in the WorkFirst Program. The WorkFirst Program helps participants find and keep jobs.

### Highlights

Washington State's **TANF/SFA average monthly caseload declined by 17.4% in SFY 2015, from 42,564 in SFY 2014 to 35,158 in SFY 2015**. The decline is part of an on-going trend that is partly due to policy changes in November 2011 that included a narrowing of who can qualify for a TANF time limit extension and a 15% grant reduction. Compared to the child-only caseload, the decline in SFY 2015 was significantly higher for the WorkFirst caseload: 22.9% (3.7% for the child-only caseload).

The monthly average proportion of WorkFirst clients sanctioned due to noncompliance of participation requirements **declined from 10.7% in SFY 2014 to 7.3% in SFY 2015**. The decline is partly due to the recent policy change implemented on November 1, 2014<sup>1</sup>.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

**DATA SOURCES:** Data for this chapter was based on the September 2015 ESA Automated Client Eligibility System (ACES) database. Quarterly employment and earnings for WorkFirst participants was based on the Unemployment Insurance (UI) database provided by Employment Security Department (ESD).

#### DATA NOTES:

- 1) Unless otherwise noted, both federally-funded TANF and state-funded SFA cases/clients are reported in this section.
- 2) WorkFirst clients are adult clients receiving TANF/SFA benefits, including teen parents.
- 3) WorkFirst cases are those in which at least one adult is receiving TANF/SFA assistance.
- 4) Percentages may not add up to expected totals due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup> The non-compliance sanction (NCS) policy for WorkFirst was modified effective November 1, 2014 (See WAC 388-310-1600). The NCS policy terminates TANF or SFA when adults refuse to participate for two months in a row. The NCS policy also terminates TANF or SFA when mandatory, noncompliant WorkFirst adults fail to attend a non-compliance case staffing and DSHS is not able to make contact with them at the subsequent home visit or alternative site visit. Prior to November 1, 2014, the sanction period was four months (not two) and did not require a home/alternative site visit.

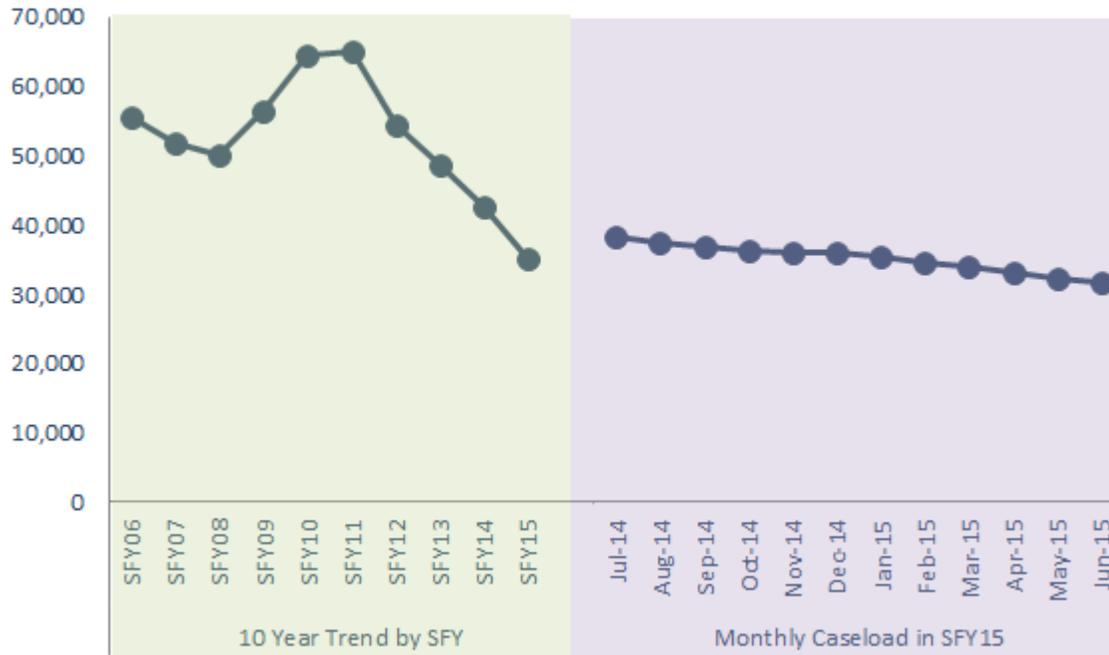
## Selected TANF/SFA Program Overview, SFY 2014 and SFY 2015

	SFY 2014 (July 2013-June 2014)	SFY 2015 (July 2014-June 2015)	Change	
<b>Average Number of Cases</b>	42,564	35,158	-17.4%	↓
<b>Per Month (Range)</b>	(39,454 – 44,297)	(31,847 - 38,221)	<i>Decrease</i>	
<b>Average Number of Persons</b>	98,172	79,635	-18.9%	↓
<b>Per Month (Range)</b>	(90,636 – 102,207)	(70,676 - 87,532)	<i>Decrease</i>	
<b>Average Number of Adults</b>	30,833	23,588	-23.5%	↓
<b>Per Month (Range)</b>	(28,021 – 32,799)	(20,204 - 27,078)	<i>Decrease</i>	
<b>Average Number of Children</b>	67,340	56,047	-16.8%	↓
<b>Per Month (Range)</b>	(62,615 – 69,409)	(50,472 - 60,454)	<i>Decrease</i>	
<b>State Population<sup>2</sup></b>	6,968,170	7,061,400	1.3%	↑
			<i>Increase</i>	
<b>Recipients as a Percent of State's Total Population</b>	1.4%	1.1%	-0.3%	↓
			<i>Decrease</i>	
<b>Children as Percent of Recipients</b>	68.6%	70.4%	1.8%	↑
			<i>Increase</i>	
<b>Average Persons Per Case</b>	2.3	2.3	No Change	=
			<i>Change</i>	
<b>Average Children Per Case</b>	1.6	1.6	No Change	=
			<i>Change</i>	
<b>Average Children Per Adult</b>	2.2	2.4	0.2	↑
			<i>Increase</i>	
<b>Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)<sup>3</sup></b>	\$369 (\$367 – \$372)	\$374 (\$369 - \$379)	1.4%	↑
			<i>Increase</i>	

<sup>2</sup> OFM Forecasting Division

<sup>3</sup> Payments not adjusted for refunds.

### TANF/SFA Caseload, SFY 2006 – 2015<sup>4</sup>



SFY	Mo. Avg. Caseload	SFY	Mo. Avg. Caseload
SFY06	55,514	SFY11	65,127
SFY07	51,933	SFY12	54,425
SFY08	50,116	SFY13	48,675
SFY09	56,456	SFY14	42,564
SFY10	64,448	SFY15	35,158

SFY 215	Total Caseload	Persons	Grant Expenditures	Average Payment Per Case
July	38,221	87,532	\$14,119,288	\$369.41
August	37,504	85,938	\$13,901,873	\$370.68
September	36,846	84,058	\$13,590,912	\$368.86
October	36,389	82,808	\$13,490,996	\$370.74
November	35,905	81,817	\$13,322,900	\$371.06
December	35,935	81,994	\$13,483,671	\$375.22
January	35,377	80,488	\$13,292,632	\$375.74
February	34,478	77,944	\$13,066,115	\$378.97
March	33,888	76,120	\$12,774,738	\$376.97
April	33,139	74,106	\$12,449,168	\$375.67
May	32,366	72,141	\$12,175,604	\$376.19
June	31,847	70,676	\$11,929,096	\$374.58
<b>Mo. Avg.</b>	<b>35,158</b>	<b>79,635</b>	<b>\$13,133,083</b>	<b>\$373.54</b>

<sup>4</sup> The State implemented stricter time limit extension criteria and a 15% TANF grant reduction effective February 1, 2011.

## TANF/SFA Caseload by Funding Type, SFY 2015

SFY 2015	Total Caseload	TANF/SFA CASELOAD BY FUNDING SOURCE					
		TANF Only		Mixed TANF & SFA <sup>5</sup>		SFA Only	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	38,221	37,331	97.7%	531	1.4%	359	0.9%
August	37,504	36,622	97.6%	533	1.4%	349	0.9%
September	36,846	35,968	97.6%	526	1.4%	352	1.0%
October	36,389	35,475	97.5%	552	1.5%	362	1.0%
November	35,905	34,979	97.4%	561	1.6%	365	1.0%
December	35,935	34,984	97.4%	592	1.6%	359	1.0%
January	35,377	34,416	97.3%	596	1.7%	365	1.0%
February	34,478	33,530	97.3%	579	1.7%	369	1.1%
March	33,888	32,938	97.2%	573	1.7%	377	1.1%
April	33,139	32,194	97.1%	567	1.7%	378	1.1%
May	32,366	31,414	97.1%	569	1.8%	383	1.2%
June	31,847	30,887	97.0%	572	1.8%	388	1.2%
Mo. Avg.	<b>35,158</b>	<b>34,228</b>	<b>97.4%</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>1.0%</b>

SFY 2015	SFA Caseload	State Expenditures on SFA Cases	Federal Expenditures on SFA Cases <sup>6</sup>	Average State Expenditures Per Case	Total Average Expenditures Per Case
July	890	\$224,164	\$135,039	\$252	\$403.6
August	882	\$231,595	\$130,742	\$263	\$410.8
September	878	\$231,395	\$132,055	\$264	\$414.0
October	914	\$241,263	\$137,108	\$264	\$414.0
November	926	\$240,995	\$142,253	\$260	\$413.9
December	951	\$252,661	\$150,903	\$266	\$424.4
January	961	\$253,299	\$148,515	\$264	\$418.1
February	948	\$258,145	\$148,818	\$272	\$429.3
March	950	\$257,414	\$148,946	\$271	\$427.7
April	945	\$254,222	\$145,888	\$269	\$423.4
May	952	\$261,475	\$154,209	\$275	\$436.6
June	960	\$263,245	\$146,913	\$274	\$427.2
Mo. Avg.	<b>930</b>	<b>\$247,489</b>	<b>\$143,449</b>	<b>\$266</b>	<b>\$420.4</b>

<sup>5</sup> The mixed TANF/SFA cases have at least one member in the household receiving federal TANF and at least one member receiving SFA benefits.

<sup>6</sup> These are federal expenditures on mixed TANF/SFA households.

## Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2015 Snapshot

The following pages detail the TANF/SFA caseload, June 2015 snapshot, by both the CSO of Issuance and CSO of Residence.

- CSO of Issuance: Caseload distribution is based on the location from which benefits were issued. While most benefits are issued through ESA's Community Service Offices (CSO), benefits may be issued by Customer Service Contact Centers (CSCC) or Home and Community Services Offices (HCS) within DSHS's Aging and Long-Term Support Administration.
- CSO of Residence: Caseload distribution is based on where the clients live within a CSO coverage area.

Overview	CSO of ISSUANCE				CSO of RESIDENCE			
	Cases	% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total	Cases	% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total
Region 1 CSOs	8,853	27.8%	19,652	27.8%	8,896	27.9%	19,720	27.9%
Region 2 CSOs	10,069	31.6%	22,938	32.5%	10,012	31.4%	22,766	32.2%
Region 3 CSOs	12,677	39.8%	27,681	39.2%	12,931	40.6%	28,177	39.9%
CSCCs	241	0.8%	398	0.6%	Not Applicable			
HCS	7	0.0%	7	0.0%	Not Applicable			
Not Reported / Unidentifiable	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	0.0%	13	0.0%
<b>State Total</b>	<b>31,847</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>70,676</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>31,847</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>70,676</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2015 Snapshot (continued)

Region 1 CSO	CSO of ISSUANCE				CSO of RESIDENCE			
	Cases	% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total	Cases	% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total
ACCESS SPOKANE	2,937	9.2%	6,608	9.3%	2,943	9.2%	6,624	9.4%
CLARKSTON	185	0.6%	392	0.6%	183	0.6%	394	0.6%
COLFAX	108	0.3%	266	0.4%	109	0.3%	258	0.4%
COLVILLE	281	0.9%	627	0.9%	230	0.7%	512	0.7%
ELLENSBURG	138	0.4%	312	0.4%	135	0.4%	305	0.4%
GOLDENDALE	83	0.3%	192	0.3%	85	0.3%	192	0.3%
KENNEWICK	1,297	4.1%	3,009	4.3%	1,314	4.1%	3,040	4.3%
MOSES LAKE	627	2.0%	1,353	1.9%	635	2.0%	1,366	1.9%
NEWPORT	103	0.3%	237	0.3%	105	0.3%	243	0.3%
OKANOGAN	201	0.6%	363	0.5%	203	0.6%	370	0.5%
REPUBLIC	40	0.1%	74	0.1%	81	0.3%	155	0.2%
SUNNYSIDE	468	1.5%	1,105	1.6%	467	1.5%	1,112	1.6%
TOPPENISH	414	1.3%	838	1.2%	418	1.3%	854	1.2%
WALLA WALLA	245	0.8%	561	0.8%	255	0.8%	564	0.8%
WENATCHEE	417	1.3%	874	1.2%	409	1.3%	856	1.2%
WHITE SALMON	34	0.1%	79	0.1%	39	0.1%	86	0.1%
YAKIMA	1,275	4.0%	2,762	3.9%	1,285	4.0%	2,789	3.9%
<b>Region 1 Total</b>	<b>8,853</b>	<b>27.8%</b>	<b>19,652</b>	<b>27.8%</b>	<b>8,896</b>	<b>27.9%</b>	<b>19,720</b>	<b>27.9%</b>

## Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2015 Snapshot (continued)

Region 2 CSO	Cases	CSO of ISSUANCE			CSO of RESIDENCE			
		% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total	Cases	% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total
ALDERWOOD	523	1.6%	1,183	1.7%	532	1.7%	1,198	1.7%
AUBURN	644	2.0%	1,377	1.9%	678	2.1%	1,418	2.0%
BELLINGHAM	860	2.7%	1,841	2.6%	845	2.7%	1,806	2.6%
BELLTOWN	184	0.6%	413	0.6%	206	0.6%	467	0.7%
CAPITOL HILL	315	1.0%	717	1.0%	291	0.9%	672	1.0%
EVERETT	920	2.9%	2,119	3.0%	889	2.8%	2,067	2.9%
FEDERAL WAY	600	1.9%	1,332	1.9%	565	1.8%	1,274	1.8%
KING EASTSIDE	520	1.6%	1,189	1.7%	544	1.7%	1,231	1.7%
KING NORTH	500	1.6%	1,204	1.7%	486	1.5%	1,168	1.7%
KING SOUTH	990	3.1%	2,619	3.7%	986	3.1%	2,620	3.7%
MT VERNON	526	1.7%	1,115	1.6%	537	1.7%	1,137	1.6%
OAK HARBOR	153	0.5%	325	0.5%	152	0.5%	328	0.5%
RAINIER	644	2.0%	1,557	2.2%	656	2.1%	1,569	2.2%
RENTON	633	2.0%	1,457	2.1%	633	2.0%	1,440	2.0%
SKY VALLEY	290	0.9%	597	0.8%	284	0.9%	586	0.8%
SMOKEY POINT	706	2.2%	1,502	2.1%	718	2.3%	1,507	2.1%
WHITE CENTER	1,061	3.3%	2,391	3.4%	1,010	3.2%	2,278	3.2%
<b>Region 2 Total</b>	<b>10,069</b>	<b>31.6%</b>	<b>22,938</b>	<b>32.5%</b>	<b>10,012</b>	<b>31.4%</b>	<b>22,766</b>	<b>32.2%</b>

## Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2015 Snapshot (continued)

Region 3 CSO	Cases	CSO of ISSUANCE			CSO of RESIDENCE			
		% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total	Cases	% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total
ABERDEEN	573	1.8%	1,181	1.7%	598	1.9%	1,215	1.7%
BREMERTON	1,021	3.2%	2,187	3.1%	1,030	3.2%	2,203	3.1%
CHEHALIS	680	2.1%	1,473	2.1%	701	2.2%	1,512	2.1%
COLUMBIA RIVER	2,003	6.3%	4,364	6.2%	2,055	6.5%	4,508	6.4%
FORKS	86	0.3%	176	0.2%	90	0.3%	187	0.3%
KELSO	1,104	3.5%	2,537	3.6%	1,067	3.4%	2,430	3.4%
LAKESWOOD	1,474	4.6%	3,312	4.7%	1,449	4.5%	3,250	4.6%
LONG BEACH	62	0.2%	104	0.1%	57	0.2%	100	0.1%
OLYMPIA	1,184	3.7%	2,503	3.5%	1,323	4.2%	2,830	4.0%
PIERCE NORTH	843	2.6%	1,904	2.7%	882	2.8%	1,973	2.8%
PIERCE SOUTH	1,523	4.8%	3,548	5.0%	1,620	5.1%	3,725	5.3%
PORT ANGELES	288	0.9%	538	0.8%	286	0.9%	527	0.7%
PORT TOWNSEND	105	0.3%	220	0.3%	101	0.3%	219	0.3%
PUYALLUP VALLEY	1,130	3.5%	2,377	3.4%	1,084	3.4%	2,267	3.2%
SHELTON	458	1.4%	951	1.3%	458	1.4%	945	1.3%
SOUTH BEND	98	0.3%	216	0.3%	90	0.3%	203	0.3%
STEVENSON	45	0.1%	90	0.1%	40	0.1%	83	0.1%
<b>Region 3 Total</b>	<b>12,677</b>	<b>39.8%</b>	<b>27,681</b>	<b>39.2%</b>	<b>12,931</b>	<b>40.6%</b>	<b>28,177</b>	<b>39.9%</b>

## Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2015 Snapshot (continued)

Customer Service Contact Centers (CSCC)	CSO of ISSUANCE			
	Cases	% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total
CUSTOMER SVC CENTRAL	16	0.1%	59	0.1%
CUSTOMER SVC NE	5	0.0%	13	0.0%
CUSTOMER SVC NW	8	0.0%	25	0.0%
CUSTOMER SVC SW	6	0.0%	20	0.0%
CUSTOMER SVC SO SOUND	5	0.0%	10	0.0%
CUSTOMER SERV LTC	199	0.6%	269	0.4%
CUSTOMER SVC WASHCAP	2	0.0%	2	0.0%
<b>CSCC Total</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>0.6%</b>

## Caseload by Home and Community Services Offices (HCS), June 2015 Snapshot

Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) – Region 1	HCS of ISSUANCE			
	Cases	% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total
OKANOGAN HCS OFFICE	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
<b>Region 1 Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) – Region 2	HCS of ISSUANCE			
	Cases	% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total
BELLINGHAM HCS OFFICE	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
HOLGATE HCS OFFICE	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
SMOKEY POINT HCS	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
<b>Region 2 Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) – Region 3	HCS of ISSUANCE			
	Cases	% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total
OLYMPIA HCS OFFICE	3	0.0%	3	0.0%
<b>Region 3 Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

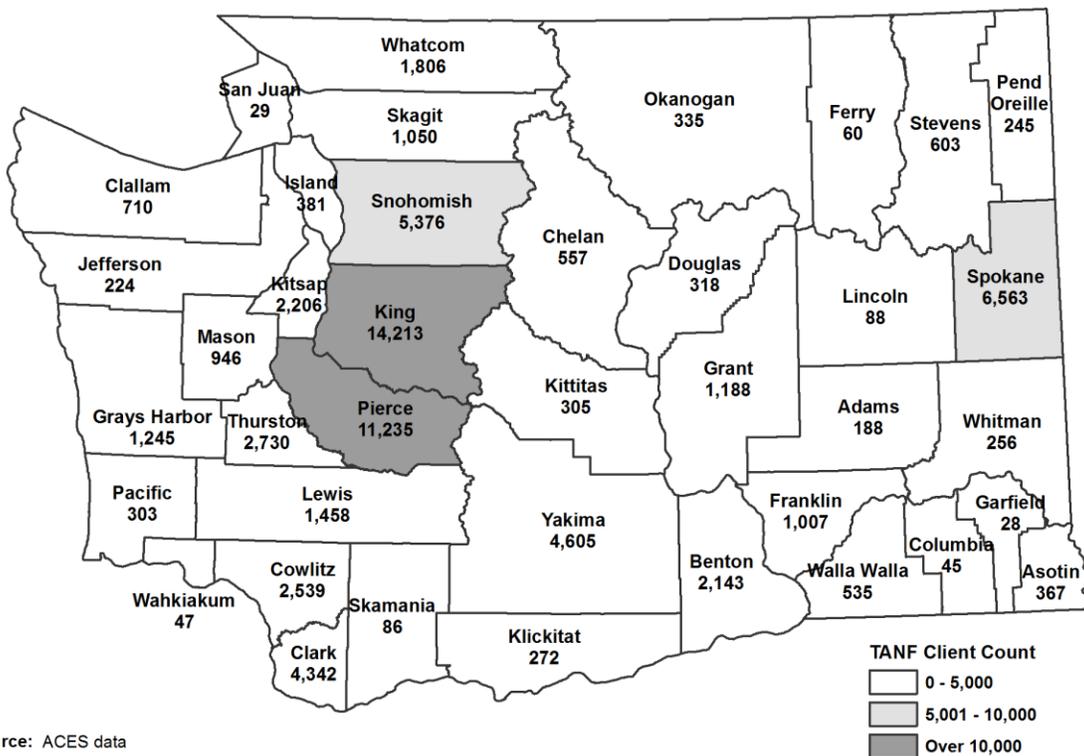
## Caseload by County of Residence, June 2015 Snapshot

County	Cases	% of Total	Clients	% of Total	County	Cases	% of Total	Clients	% of Total
Adams	90	0.3%	188	0.3%	Lewis	674	2.1%	1,458	2.1%
Asotin	173	0.5%	367	0.5%	Lincoln	41	0.1%	88	0.1%
Benton	925	2.9%	2,143	3.0%	Mason	458	1.4%	946	1.3%
Chelan	264	0.8%	557	0.8%	Okanogan	187	0.6%	335	0.5%
Clallam	374	1.2%	710	1.0%	Pacific	147	0.5%	303	0.4%
Clark	1,987	6.2%	4,342	6.1%	Pend Oreille	106	0.3%	245	0.3%
Columbia	19	0.1%	45	0.1%	Pierce	5,038	15.8%	11,235	15.9%
Cowlitz	1,112	3.5%	2,539	3.6%	San Juan	16	0.1%	29	0.0%
Douglas	152	0.5%	318	0.4%	Skagit	492	1.5%	1,050	1.5%
Ferry	30	0.1%	60	0.1%	Skamania	42	0.1%	86	0.1%
Franklin	434	1.4%	1,007	1.4%	Snohomish	2,428	7.6%	5,376	7.6%
Garfield	11	0.0%	28	0.0%	Spokane	2,917	9.2%	6,563	9.3%
Grant	551	1.7%	1,188	1.7%	Stevens	277	0.9%	603	0.9%
Grays Harbor	617	1.9%	1,245	1.8%	Thurston	1,288	4.0%	2,730	3.9%
Island	178	0.6%	381	0.5%	Wahkiakum	21	0.1%	47	0.1%
Jefferson	104	0.3%	224	0.3%	Walla Walla	246	0.8%	535	0.8%
King	6,081	19.1%	14,213	20.1%	Whatcom	845	2.7%	1,806	2.6%
Kitsap	1,032	3.2%	2,206	3.1%	Whitman	108	0.3%	256	0.4%
Kittitas	135	0.4%	305	0.4%	Yakima	2,107	6.6%	4,605	6.5%
Klickitat	122	0.4%	272	0.4%	Not Reported/ Unidentifiable	18	0.1%	42	0.1%

	Cases	Clients
<b>State Total</b>	<b>31,847</b>	<b>70,676</b>

# Client Density Maps by Residential County, June 2015 Snapshot

Number of TANF Clients by Residential County in Washington State: June 2015



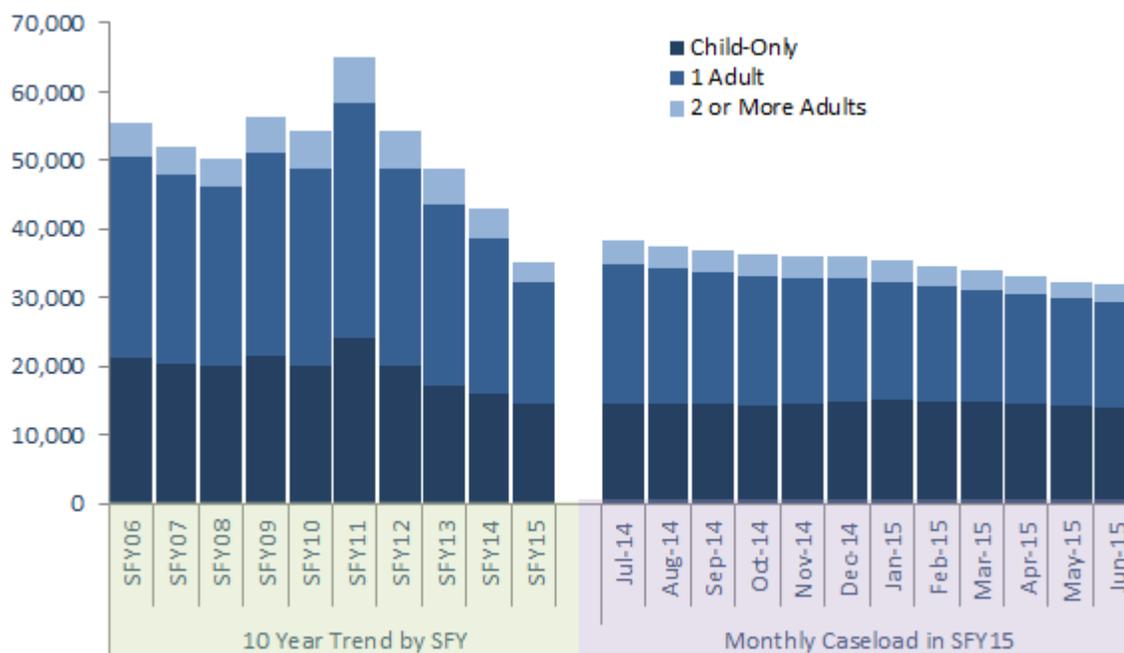
Source: ACES data

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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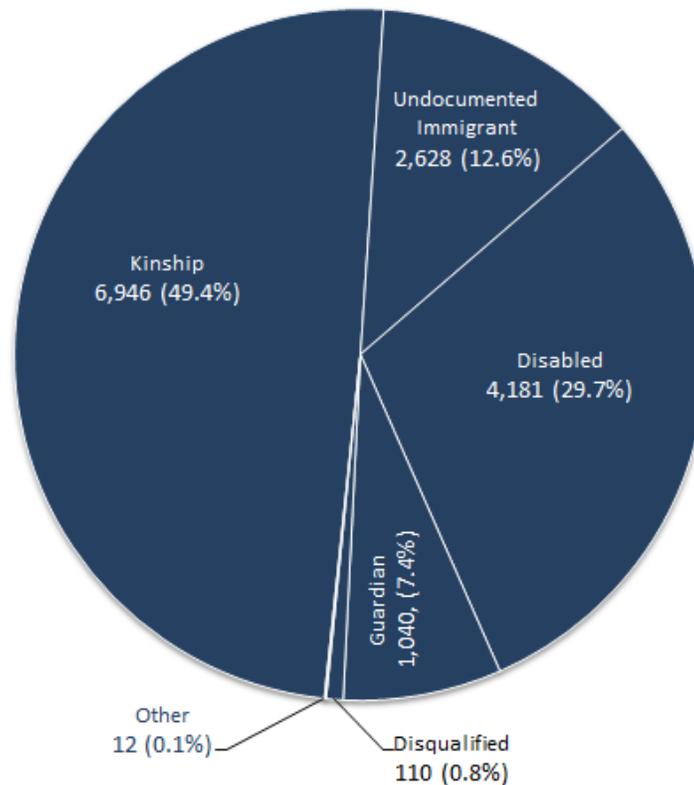


## Caseload by Case Type, SFY 2006 – 2015



SFY 2015	Total Caseload	TANF/SFA CASELOAD BY CASE TYPE					
		Child-Only		1 Adult		2 or More Adults	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	38,221	14,620	38.3%	20,104	52.6%	3,497	9.1%
August	37,504	14,488	38.6%	19,680	52.5%	3,336	8.9%
September	36,846	14,411	39.1%	19,226	52.2%	3,209	8.7%
October	36,389	14,338	39.4%	18,895	51.9%	3,156	8.7%
November	35,905	14,489	40.4%	18,328	51.0%	3,088	8.6%
December	35,935	14,904	41.5%	17,948	49.9%	3,083	8.6%
January	35,377	14,999	42.4%	17,357	49.1%	3,021	8.5%
February	34,478	14,867	43.1%	16,685	48.4%	2,926	8.5%
March	33,888	14,716	43.4%	16,313	48.1%	2,859	8.4%
April	33,139	14,470	43.7%	15,942	48.1%	2,727	8.2%
May	32,366	14,241	44.0%	15,578	48.1%	2,547	7.9%
June	31,847	14,060	44.1%	15,361	48.2%	2,426	7.6%
Mo. Avg.	35,158	14,550	41.4%	17,618	50.1%	2,990	8.5%

## Child-Only Caseload by Major Caretaker Groups, June 2015 Snapshot



**Kinship** – Some parents are unable to care for their children due to their own circumstances, such as substance abuse, mental health or other problems. Often, grandparents or other relatives step in to provide the needed care, even though they have no legal responsibility to do so. Unless these relative caregivers are willing to get licensed as foster parents (a much more expensive program for the state), a TANF child-only grant may be the only way they can afford to care for these children. As long as the child has no income or assets of his/her own that would disqualify the child, the relative caregiver can receive TANF on the child's behalf even if they do not have legal custody of the child. They only need to show that the child lives with them most of the time and that they are currently the child's primary caregiver.

**Disabled** – Disabled parents who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) will not qualify for TANF because federal law does not allow them to receive both. Their minor children will still be eligible for TANF, as long as the household meets the program's financial eligibility criteria.

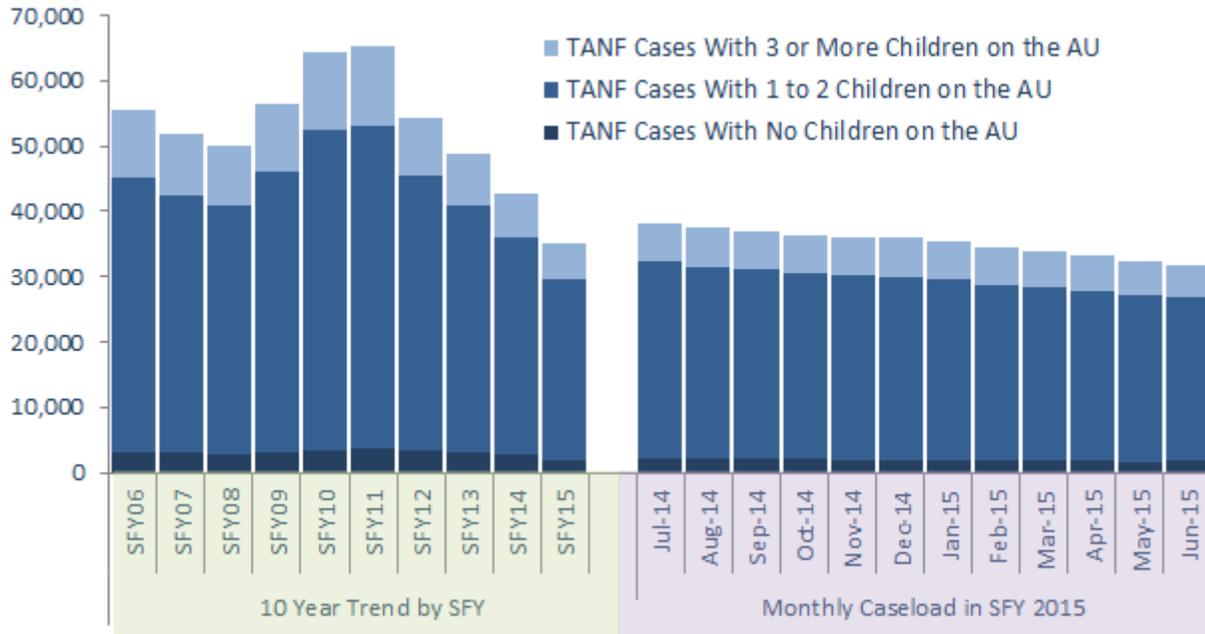
**Undocumented Immigrant** – Children in households headed by undocumented immigrants may be U.S. citizens and therefore eligible for TANF benefits if the household, including non-recipient adults, meets financial eligibility criteria. Undocumented immigrant parents may apply for TANF on behalf of their citizen children, but they receive no continuing benefits (cash, food, or medical) for themselves.

**Guardian** – Sometimes, in the absence of the parent, a relative or other concerned adult will seek legal guardianship of a child. As with relative caregivers without this legal status, guardians may receive TANF on behalf of an otherwise eligible child.

**Disqualified** – Some parents may be disqualified from receiving TANF because of fleeing a felony conviction, a probation or parole violation, or fraudulent receipt of public assistance. Their minor children will still be eligible for TANF, as long as the household meets financial eligibility criteria. Fleeing felons and probation or parole violators can restore their TANF eligibility by complying with the law. The court determines the period of ineligibility for those convicted of fraud.

**Other** – Caretaker is defined using the child's relationship to the head of household member. Other cases are those in which the head of the household's status is unknown.

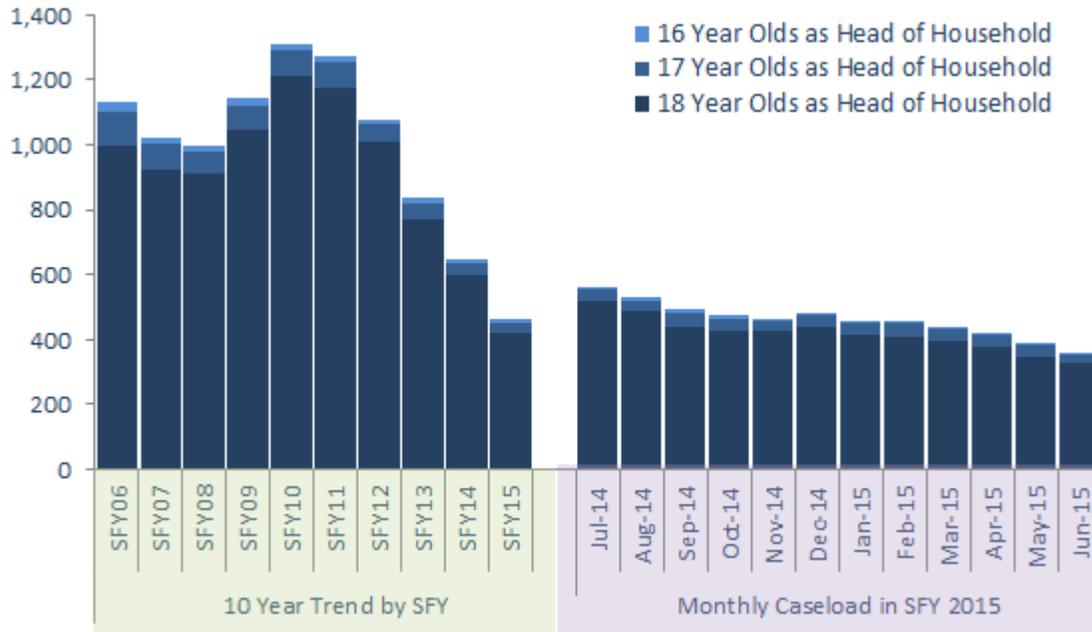
## Caseload by Number of Children, SFY 2006 – 2015



SFY 2015	Total Caseload	TANF/SFA CASELOAD BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN <sup>7</sup>					
		No Children		1 to 2 Children		3 or More Children	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	38,221	2,283	6.0%	29,908	78.3%	6,030	15.8%
August	37,504	2,201	5.9%	29,287	78.1%	6,016	16.0%
September	36,846	2,149	5.8%	28,830	78.2%	5,867	15.9%
October	36,389	2,103	5.8%	28,523	78.4%	5,763	15.8%
November	35,905	1,982	5.5%	28,116	78.3%	5,807	16.2%
December	35,935	1,882	5.2%	28,087	78.2%	5,966	16.6%
January	35,377	1,809	5.1%	27,668	78.2%	5,900	16.7%
February	34,478	1,795	5.2%	27,003	78.3%	5,680	16.5%
March	33,888	1,789	5.3%	26,621	78.6%	5,478	16.2%
April	33,139	1,719	5.2%	26,130	78.8%	5,290	16.0%
May	32,366	1,674	5.2%	25,521	78.9%	5,171	16.0%
June	31,847	1,698	5.3%	25,118	78.9%	5,031	15.8%
Mo. Avg.	35,158	1,924	5.5%	27,568	78.4%	5,667	16.1%

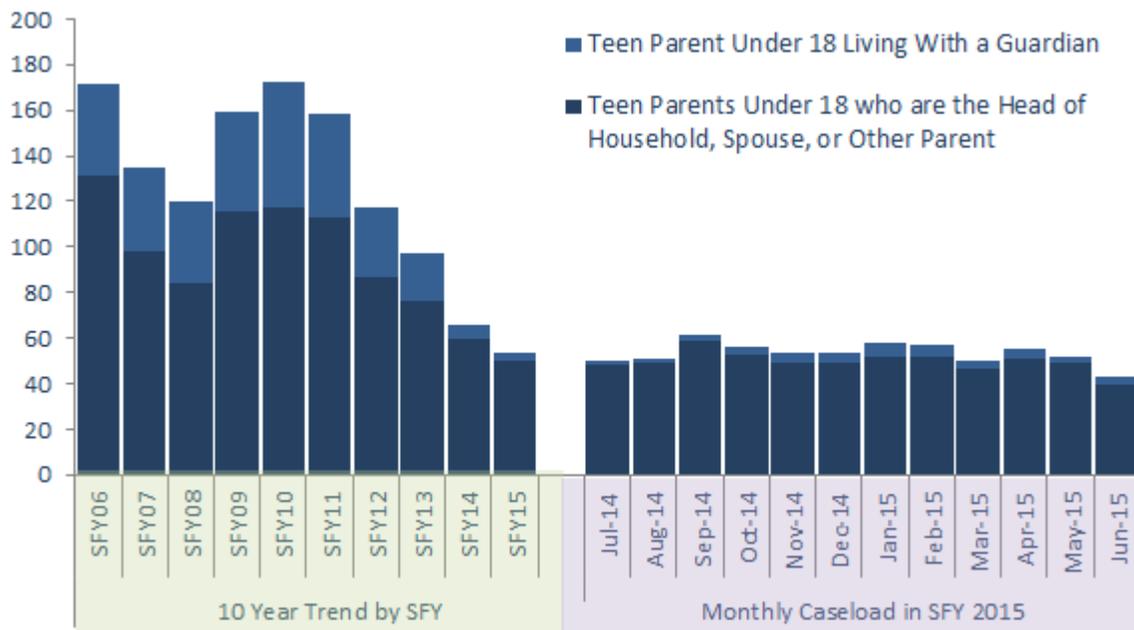
<sup>7</sup> In cases in which the only children eligible for TANF are receiving SSI, those children will not receive a TANF payment, but the parents will receive a TANF payment. Also, pregnant women with no children are eligible for TANF.

## Teen Head of Household, SFY 2006 – 2015



TANF/SFA Caseload with Teen Head of Household							
SFY 2015	Total Caseload	16 Years Old or Younger		17 Years Old		18 Years Old	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	705	10	1.4%	43	6.1%	652	92.5%
August	691	12	1.7%	43	6.2%	636	92.0%
September	682	13	1.9%	39	5.7%	630	92.4%
October	660	14	2.1%	39	5.9%	607	92.0%
November	635	11	1.7%	38	6.0%	586	92.3%
December	623	11	1.8%	33	5.3%	579	92.9%
January	646	14	2.2%	36	5.6%	596	92.3%
February	647	14	2.2%	36	5.6%	597	92.3%
March	639	9	1.4%	42	6.6%	588	92.0%
April	616	8	1.3%	41	6.7%	567	92.0%
May	593	8	1.3%	37	6.2%	548	92.4%
June	570	9	1.6%	35	6.1%	526	92.3%
Mo. Avg.	642	11	1.7%	39	6.1%	593	92.4%

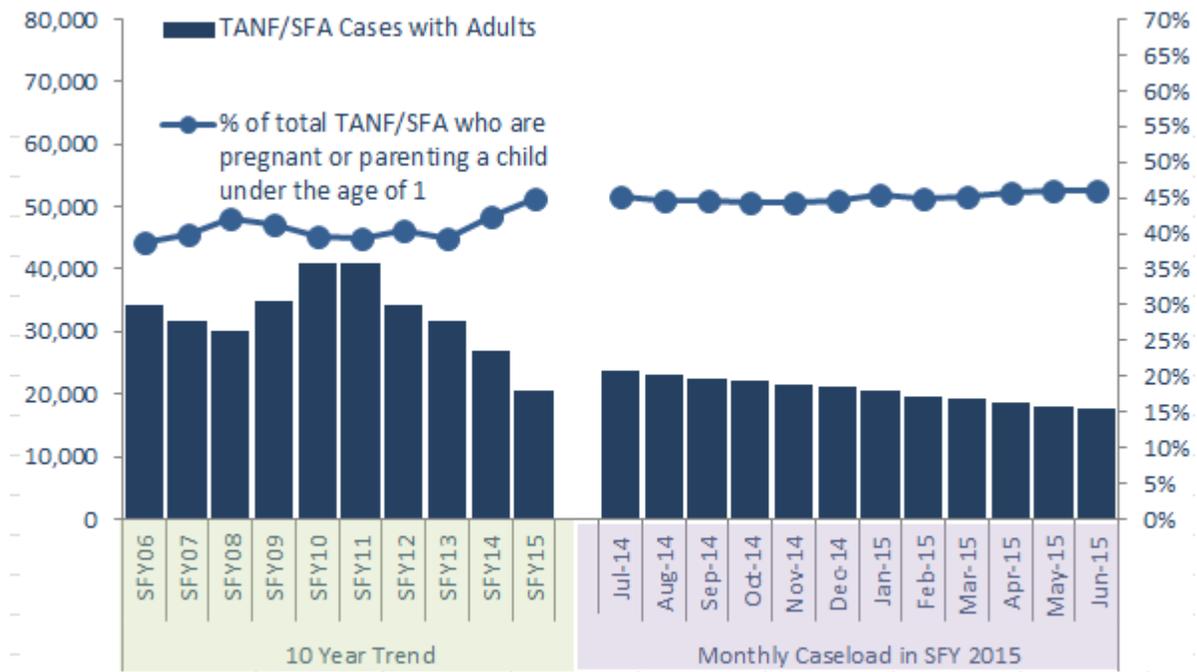
## Teen Parents under Age 18, SFY 2006 – 2015



Teen Parents Under Age 18 <sup>8</sup>					
SFY 2015	Total Clients	Living with a Legal Guardian		Head of Household, Spouse, or Other Parent	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	50	2	4.0%	48	96.0%
August	51	2	3.9%	49	96.1%
September	61	2	3.3%	59	96.7%
October	56	3	5.4%	53	94.6%
November	54	5	9.3%	49	90.7%
December	54	5	9.3%	49	90.7%
January	58	6	10.3%	52	89.7%
February	57	5	8.8%	52	91.2%
March	50	3	6.0%	47	94.0%
April	55	4	7.3%	51	92.7%
May	52	3	5.8%	49	94.2%
June	43	3	7.0%	40	93.0%
Mo. Avg.	53	4	7.5%	50	94.3%

<sup>8</sup> Teen Parents are defined based on the client’s head of household relationship. If the client is coded as “CP” (child parent), the child is considered to be living under legal guardianship while caring for their own child.

## Pregnant Women & Women with Child under Age 1, SFY 2006 – 2015



SFY 2015	Caseload with Adults <sup>9</sup>	% of Total TANF/SFA Caseload with Adults, Pregnant Woman or Child Under Age 1					
		Pregnant <sup>10</sup>		0 – 3 Months Old		4 – 12 Months Old	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	23,601	4,372	18.5%	2,322	9.8%	3,950	16.7%
August	23,016	4,216	18.3%	2,275	9.9%	3,779	16.4%
September	22,435	4,127	18.4%	2,208	9.8%	3,660	16.3%
October	22,051	4,002	18.1%	2,185	9.9%	3,591	16.3%
November	21,416	3,839	17.9%	2,111	9.9%	3,516	16.4%
December	21,031	3,700	17.6%	2,158	10.3%	3,539	16.8%
January	20,378	3,562	17.5%	2,170	10.6%	3,541	17.4%
February	19,611	3,308	16.9%	2,014	10.3%	3,482	17.8%
March	19,172	3,262	17.0%	1,950	10.2%	3,437	17.9%
April	18,669	3,296	17.7%	1,932	10.3%	3,320	17.8%
May	18,125	3,273	18.1%	1,897	10.5%	3,145	17.4%
June	17,787	3,264	18.4%	1,837	10.3%	3,100	17.4%
Mo. Avg.	20,608	3,685	17.9%	2,088	10.1%	3,505	17.0%

<sup>9</sup> Cases are unduplicated across groups. If a case has multiple young children or a pregnant recipient and a young child, the case category reflects the youngest child. Adults include teen parents.

<sup>10</sup> Pregnant women were identified using pregnancy status as recorded in ACES.

## TANF/SFA Adult Clients Participating in WorkFirst Activities, SFY 2015

The WorkFirst program provides job search assistance, employment, education and skills training, and work supports to TANF recipients. The goal of WorkFirst is to help these families build a pathway that can lead them out of poverty and toward economic self-sufficiency. Participation in WorkFirst activities is mandatory for most adult TANF recipients.<sup>11</sup> Failure in meeting the participation requirements without a good cause is subject to the WorkFirst noncompliance sanction (NCS)<sup>12</sup>.

SFY 2015	Total WorkFirst Clients Receiving TANF/SFA	Total WorkFirst Clients Exempted <sup>13</sup> from Participation	WorkFirst Clients Required to Participate (Non-Exempt)	% of Non-Exempt WorkFirst Clients Participating in WorkFirst Activities
July	27,078	5,851	21,227	65.1%
August	26,347	5,724	20,623	64.4%
September	25,635	5,565	20,070	65.8%
October	25,199	5,452	19,747	67.4%
November	24,497	5,235	19,262	68.3%
December	24,109	5,324	18,785	70.1%
January	23,386	5,331	18,055	72.9%
February	22,529	5,200	17,329	74.8%
March	22,023	5,176	16,847	75.7%
April	21,388	5,070	16,318	76.1%
May	20,664	4,900	15,764	75.7%
June	20,204	4,885	15,319	74.6%
<b>Mo. Avg.</b>	<b>23,588</b>	<b>5,309</b>	<b>18,279</b>	<b>70.5%</b>

<sup>11</sup> WorkFirst participation may be waived or deferred if the individual meets an exemption criterion as described in WAC 388-310-0350.

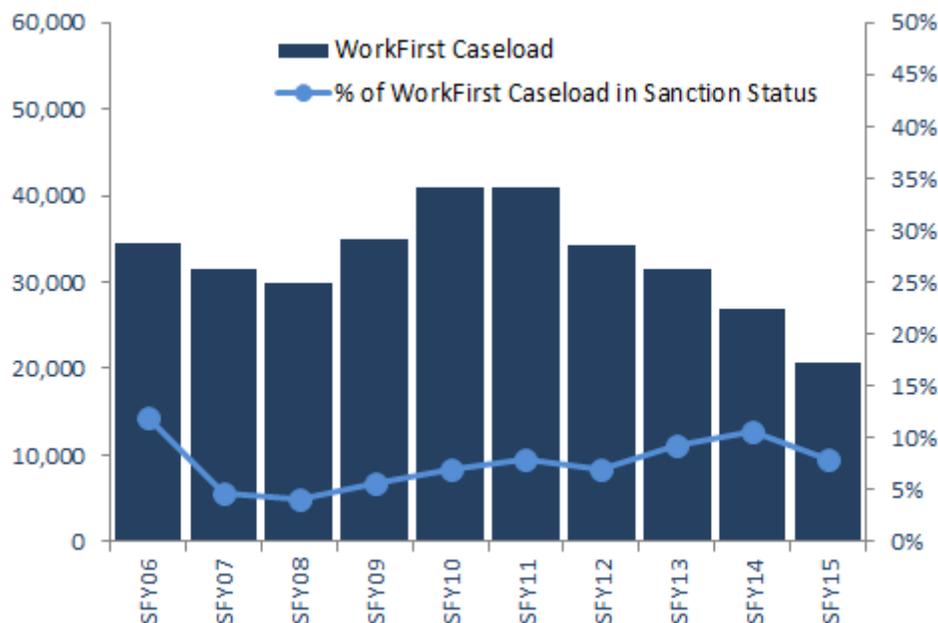
<sup>12</sup> The non-compliance sanction (NCS) policy for WorkFirst was modified effective November 1, 2014 (See WAC 388-310-1600). The NCS policy terminates TANF or SFA when adults refuse to participate for two months in a row. The NCS policy also terminates TANF or SFA when mandatory, noncompliant WorkFirst adults fail to attend a non-compliance case staffing and DSHS is not able to make contact with them at the subsequent home visit or alternative site visit. Prior to November 1, 2014, the sanction period was four months (not two) and did not require a home/alternative site visit.

<sup>13</sup> Clients meeting one or more of the following exemption definitions may be exempted from WorkFirst participation: Infant exemption, Postpartum Exemption, Pursuing SSI, 55 & older caretaker relative, Caring for an adult with disabilities who is not a full time student, Caring for a child with special needs who is not a full time student, or an adult with severe and chronic disabilities.

## WorkFirst Cases and Clients in NCS Sanction Status<sup>14</sup>, SFY 2006 – 2015

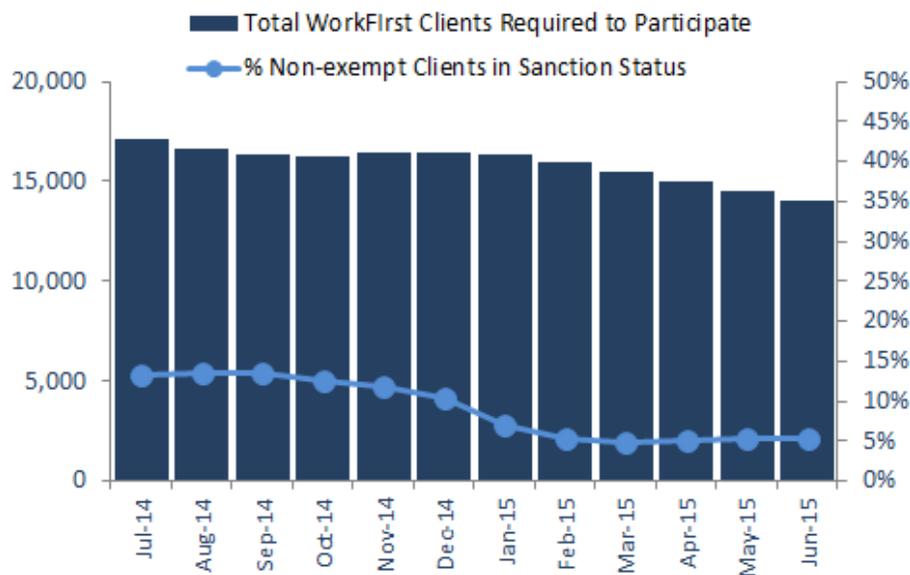
SFY	Cases (Monthly Average)			Clients (Monthly Average)		
	WorkFirst Caseload	Cases with at Least 1 Adult in Sanction	% of Cases with at least 1 Adult in Sanction	All WorkFirst Clients	Clients in Sanction Status	% of All WorkFirst Clients in Sanction Status
SFY06	34,385	4,125	12.0%	39,223	4,692	12.0%
SFY07	31,563	1,468	4.7%	35,683	1,566	4.4%
SFY08	29,964	1,219	4.1%	33,842	1,281	3.8%
SFY09	34,952	1,944	5.6%	40,183	2,055	5.1%
SFY10	41,030	2,862	7.0%	47,545	3,047	6.4%
SFY11	40,930	3,285	8.0%	47,562	3,480	7.3%
SFY12	34,363	2,393	7.0%	40,037	2,480	6.2%
SFY13	31,598	2,921	9.2%	36,596	3,063	8.4%
SFY14	26,727	2,869	10.7%	30,833	3,038	9.9%
SFY15	20,608	1,619	7.9%	23,588	1,717	7.3%

## Percent of WorkFirst Caseload in Sanction Status, SFY 2006 – 2015



<sup>14</sup> The non-compliance sanction (NCS) policy for WorkFirst was modified effective November 1, 2014 (See WAC 388-310-1600). The NCS policy terminates TANF or SFA when adults refuse to participate for two months in a row. The NCS policy also terminates TANF or SFA when mandatory, noncompliant WorkFirst adults fail to attend a non-compliance case staffing and DSHS is not able to make contact with them at the subsequent home visit or alternative site visit. Prior to November 1, 2014, the sanction period was four months (not two) and did not require a home/alternative site visit.

## WorkFirst Clients in NCS Sanction Status by Month, SFY 2015

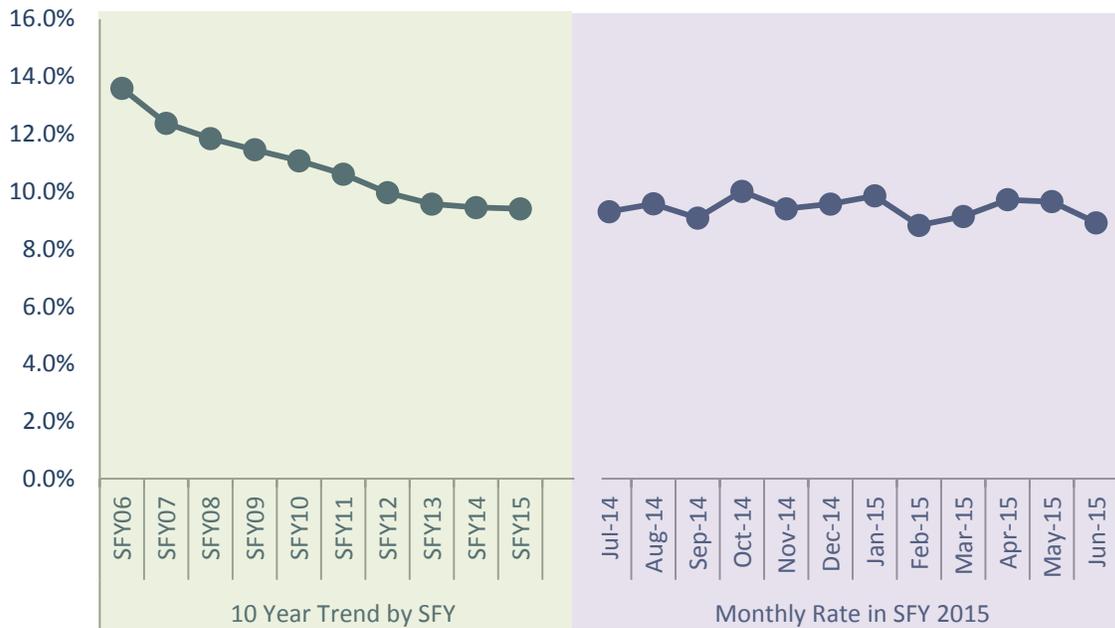


TANF/SFA Adult Clients in WorkFirst Non-compliance Sanction (NCS)					
SFY 2015	Total WorkFirst Clients Required to Participate (Non-exempt <sup>15</sup> )	Total Non-exempt Clients in Sanction Status	% Non-exempt Clients in Sanction Status	Clients Receiving an NCS Termination Without Grant Reduction <sup>16</sup>	Clients in Sanction Status with Grant Reduction
July	21,227	2,813	13.3%	Not Applicable	2,813
August	20,623	2,804	13.6%		2,804
September	20,070	2,710	13.5%		2,710
October	19,747	2,477	12.5%		2,477
November	19,262	2,301	11.9%	102	2,199
December	18,785	1,960	10.4%	256	1,704
January	18,055	1,273	7.1%	264	1,009
February	17,329	942	5.4%	272	670
March	16,847	829	4.9%	298	531
April	16,318	841	5.2%	267	574
May	15,764	855	5.4%	275	580
June	15,319	803	5.2%	226	577
<b>Mo. Avg.</b>	<b>18,279</b>	<b>1,717</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>1,554</b>

<sup>15</sup> Clients meeting one or more of the following exemption definitions may be exempted from WorkFirst participation: Infant exemption, Postpartum Exemption, Pursuing SSI, 55 & older caretaker relative, Caring for an adult with disabilities who is not a full time student, Caring for a child with special needs who is not a full time student, or an adult with severe and chronic disabilities.

<sup>16</sup> Effective November 1, 2014, clients who did not attend the required NCS case staffing and the home visit may be terminated from TANF without a grant reduction. Some of these clients may be reinstated if they reapply and complete a financial intake by the end of the month of their case closures.

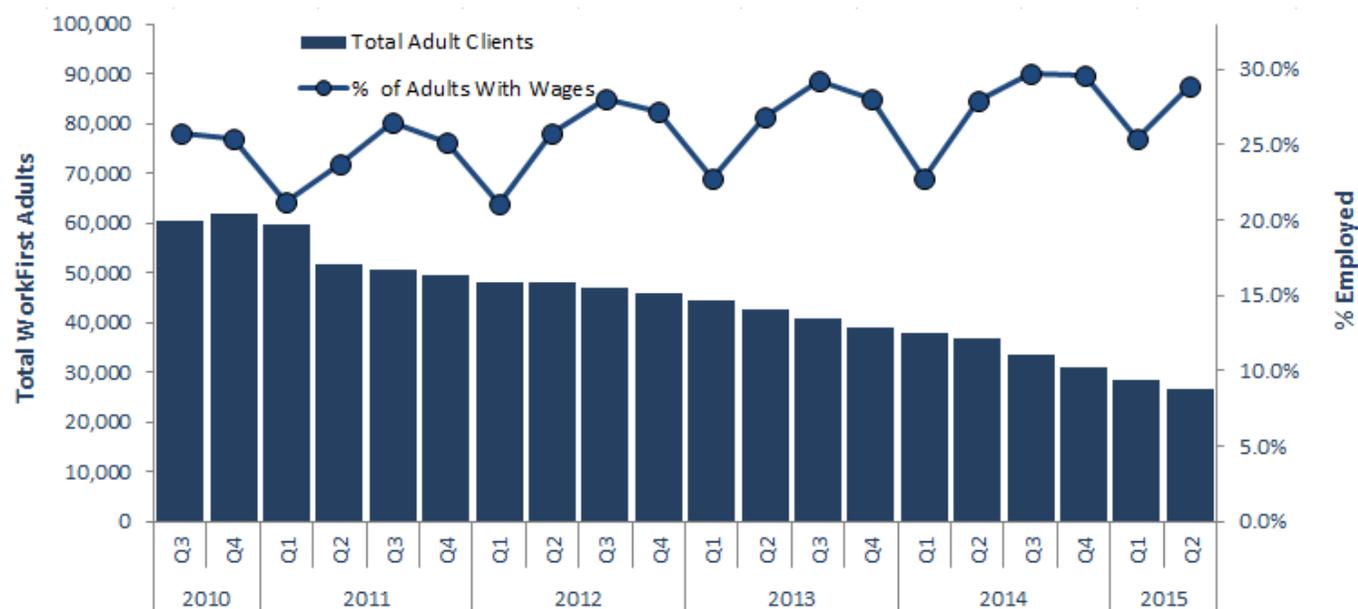
## Employment Rates for WorkFirst Clients<sup>17</sup>, SFY 2006 – 2015



SFY 2015	# of WorkFirst Clients	# Employed (Earned Income > \$5.00)	% Employed (Earned Income > \$5.00)	Avg. Monthly Hours Worked
July	27,078	2,518	9.3%	47
August	26,347	2,522	9.6%	49
September	25,635	2,327	9.1%	49
October	25,199	2,522	10.0%	50
November	24,497	2,303	9.4%	49
December	24,109	2,306	9.6%	49
January	23,386	2,303	9.8%	49
February	22,529	1,988	8.8%	49
March	22,023	2,011	9.1%	49
April	21,388	2,078	9.7%	52
May	20,664	1,994	9.6%	50
June	20,204	1,800	8.9%	51
Mo. Avg.	23,588	2,223	9.4%	49.4

<sup>17</sup>Employment status is based on the client’s self-reported earnings from work as recorded in the ACES database. If the client reported \$5 or more earned income in the month, the client is considered employed.

## WorkFirst Adults Receiving Quarterly Wages<sup>18</sup>, July 2010 – June 2015



Calendar Quarter	Total Adults	Adults Employed		Avg. Quarterly Earnings	Avg. Quarterly Hourly Wages
		Number	Percent		
2010Q3	60,287	15,501	25.7%	\$2,033	\$10.96
2010Q4	61,892	15,708	25.4%	\$2,106	\$11.02
2011Q1	59,828	12,670	21.2%	\$1,912	\$10.98
2011Q2	51,687	12,257	23.7%	\$1,583	\$10.97
2011Q3	50,486	13,353	26.4%	\$1,673	\$11.12
2011Q4	49,427	12,421	25.1%	\$1,671	\$10.97
2012Q1	48,171	10,170	21.1%	\$1,639	\$11.22
2012Q2	47,942	12,324	25.7%	\$2,088	\$11.27
2012Q3	47,041	13,195	28.0%	\$2,186	\$11.37
2012Q4	45,853	12,452	27.2%	\$2,267	\$11.46
2013Q1	44,460	10,117	22.8%	\$2,049	\$11.60
2013Q2	42,505	11,400	26.8%	\$2,123	\$11.45
2013Q3	40,905	11,974	29.3%	\$2,216	\$11.51
2013Q4	38,767	10,884	28.1%	\$2,241	\$11.62
2014Q1	37,956	8,639	22.8%	\$2,056	\$11.90
2014Q2	36,643	10,245	28.0%	\$2,222	\$11.72
2014Q3	33,336	9,923	29.8%	\$2,460	\$11.75
2014Q4	31,019	9,168	29.6%	\$2,395	\$11.89
2015Q1	28,237	7,159	25.4%	\$2,044	\$11.89
2015Q2	26,435	7,628	28.9%	\$2,318	\$11.94

<sup>18</sup> Quarterly wage information is based on the Employment Security Department's Unemployment Insurance (UI) wage data.

## Caseload by Primary Language, June 2015 Snapshot

Primary Language <sup>19</sup>	Number of Cases	Percent	Percentage Non-English Cases
<b>English Language Codes</b>			
English	28737	90.2%	
Large Print	34	0.1%	
Sign Language	5	0.0%	
Braille	1	0.0%	
<b>Total English Languages</b>	<b>28,777</b>	<b>90.4%</b>	
<b>Non-English Language Codes</b>			
Spanish	2012	6.3%	65.5%
Arabic	234	0.7%	7.6%
Somali	175	0.5%	5.7%
Russian	136	0.4%	4.4%
Vietnamese	61	0.2%	2.0%
Tigrigna	48	0.2%	1.6%
Amharic	48	0.2%	1.6%
Burmese	28	0.1%	0.9%
Cambodian (Khmer)	24	0.1%	0.8%
Farsi	24	0.1%	0.8%
Ukrainian	24	0.1%	0.8%
Dari	19	0.1%	0.6%
French	18	0.1%	0.6%
Swahili	17	0.1%	0.6%
Trukese	14	0.0%	0.5%
Oromo	13	0.0%	0.4%
Korean	13	0.0%	0.4%
Samoan	11	0.0%	0.4%
Romanian	10	0.0%	0.3%
Other Languages	141	0.4%	4.6%
<b>Total Non-English Language Codes</b>	<b>3,070</b>	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,847</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

<sup>19</sup> Primary Language Code is based on the language in which the Assistance Unit requested that letters, notices, and other communications be written.

## Client Demographics, June 2015 Snapshot

Characteristic	All Clients		All Adults		All Children	
	Number	% of Total Clients	Number	% of Total Adults	Number	% of Total Children
<b>Total Clients</b>	<b>70,676</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>20,204</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>50,472</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Gender						
Female	41,386	58.6%	16,233	80.3%	25,153	49.8%
Male	29,289	41.4%	3,971	19.7%	25,318	50.2%
Not Reported/ Unidentifiable	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%

Race/Ethnicity						
Hispanic Origin	14,173	20.1%	2,608	12.9%	11,565	22.9%
Not Hispanic or Latino	56,503	79.9%	17,596	87.1%	38,907	77.1%
White	32,053	45.4%	11,652	57.7%	20,401	40.4%
Black/African American	8,756	12.4%	2,679	13.3%	6,077	12.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	3,037	4.3%	1,079	5.3%	1,958	3.9%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1,727	2.4%	444	2.2%	1,283	2.5%
Two or More Races	1,355	1.9%	236	1.2%	1,119	2.2%
Race/Ethnicity Not Reported/Unidentifiable	9,575	13.5%	1,506	7.5%	8,069	16.0%

Marital Status (Adults Only)						
Separated			2,122	10.5%		
Married			3,992	19.8%		
Never Married			11,590	57.4%		
Divorced			2,014	10.0%		
Widowed			113	0.6%		
Not Reported/Unidentifiable			373	1.9%		

Citizenship Status						
U.S. Citizen	65,289	92.4%	17,650	87.4%	47,639	94.4%
Resident Alien	5,267	7.5%	2,509	12.4%	2,758	5.5%
U.S. National <sup>20</sup>	119	0.2%	44	0.2%	75	0.1%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%

<sup>20</sup> U.S. National: A national of the United States or a person who, though not a citizen of the United States, owes permanent allegiance to the United States (e.g., persons born in American Samoa or Swains Island).

## Client Demographics, June 2015 Snapshot (continued)

Characteristic	All Clients		All Adults		All Children	
	Number	% of Total Clients	Number	% of Total Adults	Number	% of Total Children

### Homeless Status

Homeless	9,875	14.0%	4,428	21.9%	5,447	10.8%
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### Education Status (Adults Only)

Less than a High School Diploma			5,096	25.2%		
High School Graduate or GED			10,678	52.9%		
Some College or College Degree			4,085	20.2%		
Not Reported/Unidentifiable			345	1.7%		

### Age

< 1 Year Old	4,982	7.0%			4,982	9.9%
1 – 5 Years Old	16,519	23.4%			16,519	32.7%
6 – 10 Years Old	13,404	19.0%			13,404	26.6%
11 – 15 Years Old	10,548	14.9%			10,548	20.9%
16 – 17 Years Old <sup>21</sup>	3,949	5.6%	39	0.2%	3,910	7.7%
18 – 24 Years Old	6,520	9.2%	5,411	26.8%	1,109	2.2%
25 – 34 Years Old	8,364	11.8%	8,364	41.4%		
35 – 44 Years Old	4,490	6.4%	4,490	22.2%		
45 – 54 Years Old	1,584	2.2%	1,584	7.8%		
55 – 64 Years Old	300	0.4%	300	1.5%		
65+ Years Old	16	0.0%	16	0.1%		
Average Age of Children	7.4 Years Old					
Average Age of Adults	31.2 Years Old					

### Months on Assistance Since July 1997 (All Adults)

Average	25.6 Months
Median	18.0 Months

<sup>21</sup> Even though a client may be 18 years old or under, the client may be classified as an adult rather than a child if he or she is determined to be the head of household or a spouse.

## Child Demographics, June 2015 Snapshot

Characteristic	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
	Number	% of All Children	Number	% of Children in Child-Only Cases
<b>Total Clients</b>	<b>50,472</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>22,122</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Gender				
Female	25,153	49.8%	11,199	50.6%
Male	25,318	50.2%	10,923	49.4%
Not Reported/ Unidentifiable	1	0.0%	0	0.0%

Race/Ethnicity				
Hispanic Origin	11,565	22.9%	6,650	30.1%
Not Hispanic or Latino	38,907	77.1%	15,472	69.9%
White	20,401	40.4%	8,381	37.9%
Black/African American	6,077	12.0%	2,268	10.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,958	3.9%	635	2.9%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1,283	2.5%	804	3.6%
Two or More Races	1,119	2.2%	396	1.8%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	8,069	16.0%	2,988	13.5%

Citizenship Status				
U.S. Citizen	47,639	94.4%	21,737	98.3%
Resident Alien	2,758	5.5%	362	1.6%
U.S. National <sup>22</sup>	75	0.1%	23	0.1%

Age				
< 1 Year Old	4,982	9.9%	860	3.9%
1 – 5 Years Old	16,519	32.7%	5,726	25.9%
6 – 10 Years Old	13,404	26.6%	6,579	29.7%
11 – 15 Years Old	10,548	20.9%	5,904	26.7%
16 – 17 Years Old	3,910	7.7%	2,399	10.8%
18 – 24 Years Old	1,109	2.2%	654	3.0%
Average Age of Children	7.4 Years Old			
Average Age of Children in Child-Only Cases	9.0 Years Old			

<sup>22</sup> U.S. National: A national of the United States or a person who, though not a citizen of the United States, owes permanent allegiance to the United States (e.g., persons born in American Samoa or Swains Island).