

Working
Connections
Child Care
(WCCC)

SFY

2015

Helps low-income families pay for child care while parents are working or participating in DSHS-approved work, training, or education activities.

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The Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) Program Overview

Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) is a subsidy program that helps eligible low-income families pay for child care while parents are working or participating in DSHS-approved work, training or education activities. The Department of Early Learning (DEL) establishes policies for child care subsidy programs and DSHS determines family eligibility and pays providers for authorized services.

Highlights

In SFY 2015, the program served **a monthly average of 29,111 families, a 5.5% increase from SFY 2014 (27,592)**. TANF families averaged 5,093 or 17.5% of the WCCC caseload per month, a decrease of 9.7% from the monthly average of 5,693 in SFY 2014.

The monthly number of children served by the program was **49,798 in SFY 2015, a 5.4% increase from 47,243 in SFY 2014**. Of these, 8,271 or 16.6% were TANF children.

TECHNICAL NOTES

DATA SOURCES: Data for this chapter was provided by OFM Forecasting Division based on the DSHS Social Service Payment System (SSPS) files supplied by the Department of Early Learning (DEL).

DATA NOTES:

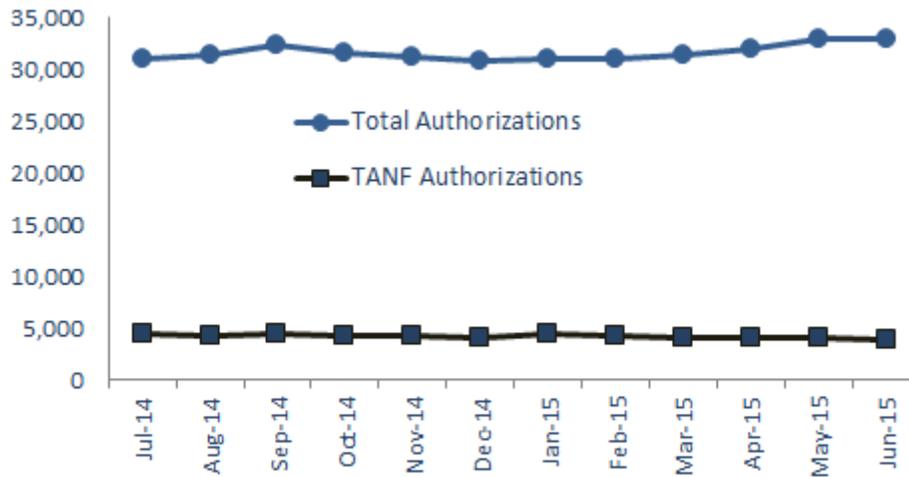
Majority of the data presented in this chapter is based on the September 2015 WCCC household file supplied by OFM Forecasting Division. TANF cases are identified by matching the DEL WCCC household payment data with ACES. The TANF caseload includes TANF child-only households. Data for more recent months may change as more child care payments are made following the publication of the Briefing Book.

Selected WCCC Program Overview, SFY 2014 and SFY 2015

	SFY 2014 (July 2013-June 2014)	SFY 2015 (July 2014-June 2015)	Change	
Average Number of Authorizations Per Month (Range)	29,081 (27,606-31,232)	31,644 (30,776 – 32,893)	8.8% <i>Increase</i>	↑
Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range)	27,592 (26,876 - 29,625)	29,111 (28,458 – 30,199)	5.5% <i>Increase</i>	↑
Average Number of TANF Cases Per Month (Range)	5,639 (5,125 - 6,087)	5,093 (4,564 – 5,522)	-9.7% <i>Decrease</i>	↓
Average Number of Children Per Month (Range)	47,243 (45,076 - 51,292)	49,798 (48,381 – 52,319)	5.4% <i>Increase</i>	↑
State's Population Under 13	1,147,441	1,157,692	0.9% <i>Increase</i>	↑
Recipients as a Percent of State's Population Under 13	4.1%	4.3%	0.2% <i>Increase</i>	↑
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)¹	\$690.68 (\$661.28 - \$784.45)	\$753.50 (\$682.74 - \$861.20)	9.1% <i>Increase</i>	↑

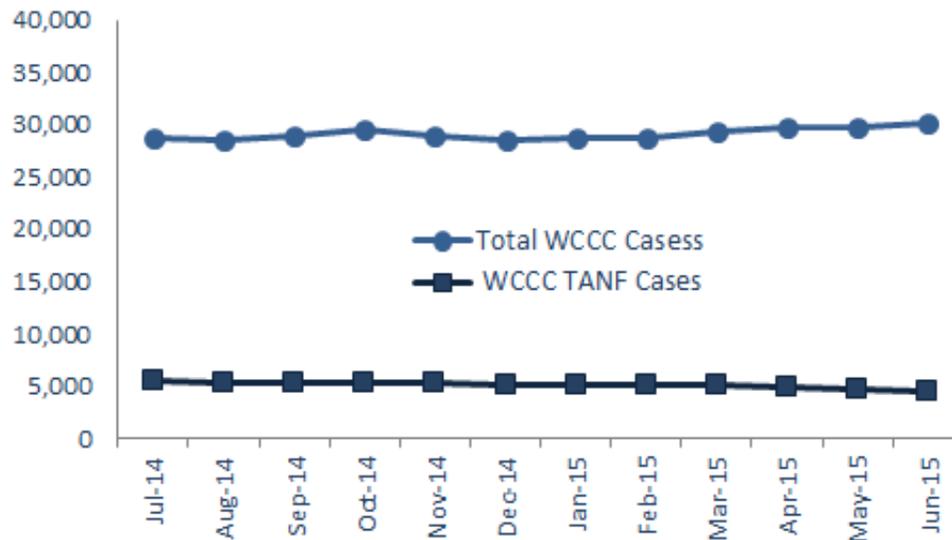
¹ Based on the December 2015 household file supplied by OFM Forecasting Division.

Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) Authorizations by Month, SFY 2015



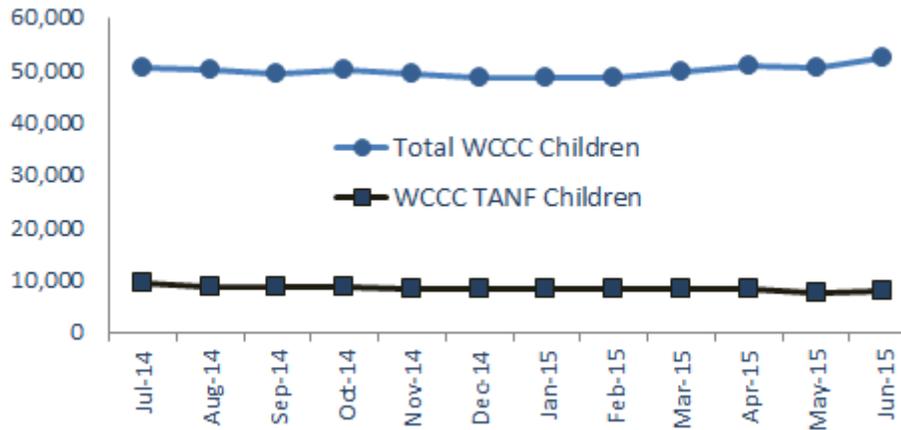
SFY 2015	Total Authorizations	TANF Authorizations
July	31,036	4,402
August	31,382	4,297
September	32,366	4,501
October	31,642	4,320
November	31,270	4,261
December	30,776	4,109
January	31,028	4,337
February	31,024	4,162
March	31,355	4,111
April	31,988	4,072
May	32,893	4,062
June	32,971	3,882
Mo. Avg.	31,644	4,210

Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) Caseload by Month, SFY 2015



SFY 2015	Total WCCC Cases	TANF WCCC Cases	% of WCCC Households on TANF
July	28,731	5,522	19.2%
August	28,458	5,263	18.5%
September	28,843	5,317	18.4%
October	29,424	5,367	18.2%
November	28,946	5,261	18.2%
December	28,485	5,074	17.8%
January	28,653	5,062	17.7%
February	28,750	5,047	17.6%
March	29,318	5,055	17.2%
April	29,778	4,947	16.6%
May	29,741	4,633	15.6%
June	30,199	4,564	15.1%
Mo. Avg.	29,111	5,093	17.5%

Children Receiving Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) by Month, SFY 2015



SFY 2015	Total WCCC Children	WCCC TANF Children	% of WCCC Children on TANF
July	50,540	9,217	18.2%
August	50,044	8,737	17.5%
September	49,312	8,527	17.3%
October	50,082	8,524	17.0%
November	49,191	8,348	17.0%
December	48,381	8,091	16.7%
January	48,668	8,157	16.8%
February	48,597	8,128	16.7%
March	49,539	8,189	16.5%
April	50,616	8,061	15.9%
May	50,283	7,538	15.0%
June	52,319	7,730	14.8%
Mo. Avg.	49,798	8,271	16.6%

Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) Payments by Month, SFY 2015

SFY 2015	Total WCCC Payment	WCCC TANF Payment	% of WCCC TANF Payment
July	\$24,754,143	\$4,716,403	19.1%
August	\$23,318,276	\$4,254,192	18.2%
September	\$20,295,655	\$3,719,289	18.3%
October	\$21,926,276	\$4,054,037	18.5%
November	\$19,777,829	\$3,638,182	18.4%
December	\$20,894,750	\$3,723,818	17.8%
January	\$21,712,926	\$3,873,122	17.8%
February	\$19,966,266	\$3,632,707	18.2%
March	\$21,926,154	\$3,904,774	17.8%
April	\$22,389,335	\$3,866,893	17.3%
May	\$21,864,687	\$3,576,466	16.4%
June	\$24,521,062	\$3,845,698	15.7%
Mo. Avg.	\$21,945,613	\$3,900,465	17.8%