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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 2016.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) provides cash grants for families in need. Persons who are caring for a relative's child, or are legal guardians, or are acting in the place of a parent, are also able to apply for TANF benefits on behalf of these eligible 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 TANF/SFA families participate in the WorkFirst Program, which helps participants find and keep jobs.

Highlights

Washington State's **TANF/SFA average monthly caseload declined by 11.0% in SFY 2016, from 35,158 in SFY 2015 to 31,284 in SFY 2016**. The decline is part of an on-going trend, although it slowed as a result of a 9% grant increase that began in July 2015.

The monthly average proportion of WorkFirst clients sanctioned due to noncompliance with participation requirements **declined from 7.3% in SFY 2015 to 4.0% in SFY 2016**. The decline in sanctions indicates that participants are staying engaged in WorkFirst activities.

TECHNICAL NOTES

DATA SOURCES: Data for this chapter is based on the September 2016 ESA Automated Client Eligibility System (ACES) database. Quarterly employment and earnings for WorkFirst participants is based on the Unemployment Insurance (UI) database provided by the Employment Security Department (ESD).

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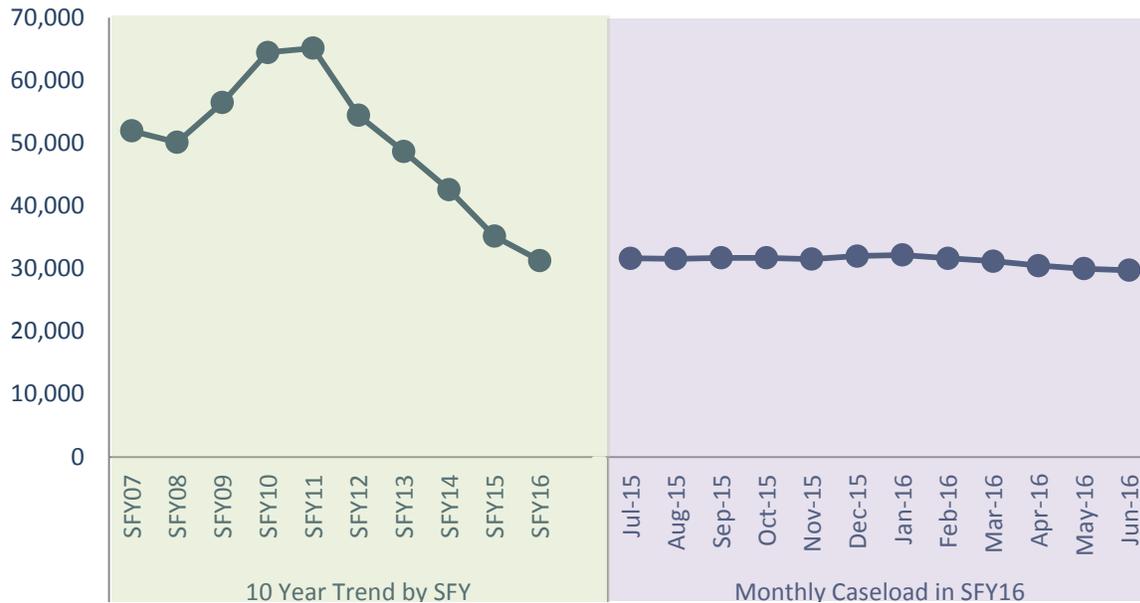
- 1) Unless otherwise noted, both federally-funded TANF and state-funded SFA cases/clients are reported jointly in this section.
- 2) WorkFirst clients are adult clients receiving TANF/SFA benefits. This can include teen parents.
- 3) WorkFirst cases are those in which at least one adult is receiving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

Selected TANF/SFA Program Overview, SFY 2015 and SFY 2016

	SFY 2015 (July 2014-June 2015)	SFY 2016 (July 2015-June 2016)	Change
Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range)	35,158 (31,847 - 38,221)	31,284 (29,753 - 32,189)	-11.0% (Decrease) ↓
Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)	79,635 (70,676 - 87,532)	70,037 (66,257 - 72,682)	-12.1% (Decrease) ↓
Average Number of Adults Per Month (Range)	23,588 (20,204 - 27,078)	19,701 (18,288 - 20,403)	-16.5% (Decrease) ↓
Average Number of Children Per Month (Range)	56,047 (50,472 - 60,454)	50,336 (47,969 - 52,452)	-10.2% (Decrease) ↓
State Population	7,061,400	7,183,700	1.7% (Increase) ↑
Recipients as a Percent of State's Total Population	1.1%	1.0%	-0.1% Point (Decrease) ↓
Children as Percent of Recipients	70.4%	71.9%	1.5% Point (Increase) ↑
Average Persons Per Case	2.3	2.2	-0.1 (Decrease) ↓
Average Children Per Case	1.6	1.6	No Change =
Average Children Per Adult	2.4	2.6	0.2 (Increase) ↑
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range) ¹	\$374 (\$369 - \$379)	\$409 (\$405 - \$413)	9.6% (Increase) ↑

¹ Payments not adjusted for refunds.

TANF/SFA Caseload, SFY 2007 – 2016²



SFY	Monthly Average Caseload	SFY	Monthly Average Caseload
SFY07	51,933	SFY12	54,425
SFY08	50,116	SFY13	48,675
SFY09	56,456	SFY14	42,564
SFY10	64,448	SFY15	35,158
SFY11	65,127	SFY16	31,284

SFY 2016	Total Caseload	Persons	Grant Expenditures	Average Payment Per Case
July	31,633	70,066	\$12,817,888	\$405.2
August	31,577	70,296	\$12,892,083	\$408.3
September	31,728	71,007	\$12,975,523	\$409.0
October	31,708	70,984	\$12,994,829	\$409.8
November	31,529	70,713	\$12,932,542	\$410.2
December	31,987	72,043	\$13,119,048	\$410.1
January	32,189	72,682	\$13,186,760	\$409.7
February	31,635	71,219	\$13,078,759	\$413.4
March	31,179	69,841	\$12,779,728	\$409.9
April	30,489	68,226	\$12,467,124	\$408.9
May	30,006	67,110	\$12,301,737	\$410.0
June	29,753	66,257	\$12,115,393	\$407.2
Mo. Avg.	31,284	70,037	\$12,805,118	\$409.3

² Washington State implemented stricter time limit extension criteria and a 15% TANF grant reduction effective February 1, 2011. The TANF grant increased by 9% on July 1, 2015, resulting in a substantially slower caseload decrease.

TANF/SFA Caseload by Funding Type, SFY 2016

SFY 2016	Total Caseload ³	TANF Only		Mixed TANF & SFA ⁴		SFA Only	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	31,633	30,785	97.3%	500	1.6%	348	1.1%
August	31,577	30,723	97.3%	510	1.6%	344	1.1%
September	31,728	30,904	97.4%	486	1.5%	338	1.1%
October	31,708	30,836	97.2%	520	1.6%	352	1.1%
November	31,529	30,646	97.2%	532	1.7%	351	1.1%
December	31,987	31,074	97.1%	560	1.8%	353	1.1%
January	32,189	31,258	97.1%	581	1.8%	350	1.1%
February	31,635	30,719	97.1%	577	1.8%	339	1.1%
March	31,179	30,278	97.1%	552	1.8%	349	1.1%
April	30,489	29,573	97.0%	544	1.8%	372	1.2%
May	30,006	29,101	97.0%	542	1.8%	363	1.2%
June	29,753	28,877	97.1%	511	1.7%	365	1.2%
Mo. Avg.	31,284	30,398	97.2%	535	1.7%	352	1.1%

SFY 2016	SFA Caseload	State	Federal	Average State	Total Average
		Expenditures on SFA Cases	Expenditures on SFA Cases ⁵	Expenditures Per Case	Expenditures Per Case
July	848	\$250,123	\$133,192	\$295	\$452.0
August	854	\$255,687	\$137,212	\$299	\$460.1
September	824	\$244,955	\$133,987	\$297	\$459.9
October	872	\$259,060	\$142,853	\$297	\$460.9
November	883	\$252,659	\$146,233	\$286	\$451.7
December	913	\$256,506	\$155,912	\$281	\$451.7
January	931	\$265,453	\$164,403	\$285	\$461.7
February	916	\$285,208	\$139,403	\$311	\$463.5
March	901	\$273,595	\$132,493	\$304	\$450.7
April	916	\$281,734	\$135,544	\$308	\$455.5
May	905	\$275,297	\$135,645	\$304	\$454.1
June	876	\$266,416	\$127,489	\$304	\$449.7
Mo. Avg.	887	\$263,891	\$140,364	\$298	\$455.8

³ Program detail may not sum to totals because cases may be in more than one program during the month.

⁴ The mixed TANF/SFA cases have at least one member in the household receiving federal TANF and at least one member receiving SFA benefits.

⁵ These are federal expenditures on mixed TANF/SFA households.

Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2016 Snapshot

The following pages detail the TANF/SFA caseload, June 2016 snapshot, by both the CSO of Issuance and CSO of Residence.

- CSO of Issuance: 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: Based on where the clients live within a CSO coverage area.

Overview	CSO of Issuance				CSO of Residence			
	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
Region 1 CSOs	8,719	29.3%	19,553	29.5%	8,703	29.3%	19,513	29.5%
Region 2 CSOs	9,370	31.5%	21,403	32.3%	9,275	31.2%	21,135	31.9%
Region 3 CSOs	11,653	39.2%	25,283	38.2%	11,769	39.6%	25,595	38.6%
CSCCs	4	<0.1%	5	<0.1%	N/A			
HCS	7	<0.1%	13	<0.1%	N/A			
Not Reported / Unidentifiable	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	<0.1%	14	<0.1%
State Total	29,753	100.0%	66,257	100.0%	29,753	100.0%	66,257	100.0%

Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2016 Snapshot (continued)

Region 1 CSO	CSO of Issuance				CSO of Residence			
	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
CLARKSTON	166	0.6%	372	0.6%	163	0.5%	366	0.6%
COLFAX	88	0.3%	194	0.3%	87	0.3%	191	0.3%
COLVILLE	206	0.7%	470	0.7%	228	0.8%	515	0.8%
ELLENSBURG	123	0.4%	240	0.4%	123	0.4%	240	0.4%
GOLDENDALE	94	0.3%	204	0.3%	96	0.3%	210	0.3%
KENNEWICK	1,266	4.3%	2,948	4.4%	1,306	4.4%	3,046	4.6%
MOSES LAKE	634	2.1%	1,379	2.1%	639	2.1%	1,384	2.1%
NEWPORT	107	0.4%	233	0.4%	106	0.4%	231	0.3%
OKANOGAN	205	0.7%	385	0.6%	183	0.6%	340	0.5%
REPUBLIC	47	0.2%	93	0.1%	27	0.1%	57	0.1%
SPOKANE MAPLE	1,356	4.6%	3,120	4.7%	1,327	4.5%	3,035	4.6%
SPOKANE TRENT	1,525	5.1%	3,462	5.2%	1,555	5.2%	3,536	5.3%
SUNNYSIDE	461	1.5%	1,094	1.7%	399	1.3%	959	1.4%
TOPPENISH	432	1.5%	901	1.4%	437	1.5%	911	1.4%
WALLA WALLA	245	0.8%	542	0.8%	261	0.9%	573	0.9%
WENATCHEE	434	1.5%	928	1.4%	443	1.5%	950	1.4%
WHITE SALMON	42	0.1%	92	0.1%	40	0.1%	89	0.1%
YAKIMA	1,288	4.3%	2,896	4.4%	1,283	4.3%	2,880	4.3%
Region 1 Total	8,719	29.3%	19,553	29.5%	8,703	29.3%	19,513	29.5%

Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2016 Snapshot (continued)

Region 2 CSO	CSO of Issuance				CSO of Residence			
	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
ALDERWOOD	455	1.5%	1,003	1.5%	450	1.5%	1,003	1.5%
AUBURN	635	2.1%	1,349	2.0%	643	2.2%	1,366	2.1%
BELLINGHAM	798	2.7%	1,739	2.6%	790	2.7%	1,722	2.6%
BELLTOWN	131	0.4%	282	0.4%	138	0.5%	316	0.5%
CAPITOL HILL	270	0.9%	618	0.9%	262	0.9%	605	0.9%
EVERETT	846	2.8%	2,045	3.1%	835	2.8%	2,005	3.0%
FEDERAL WAY	649	2.2%	1,536	2.3%	632	2.1%	1,473	2.2%
KING EASTSIDE	497	1.7%	1,070	1.6%	491	1.7%	1,038	1.6%
KING NORTH	475	1.6%	1,066	1.6%	462	1.6%	1,034	1.6%
KING SOUTH	941	3.2%	2,517	3.8%	938	3.2%	2,512	3.8%
MT VERNON	531	1.8%	1,161	1.8%	505	1.7%	1,108	1.7%
OAK HARBOR	149	0.5%	320	0.5%	172	0.6%	355	0.5%
RAINIER	586	2.0%	1,400	2.1%	584	2.0%	1,387	2.1%
RENTON	573	1.9%	1,316	2.0%	560	1.9%	1,276	1.9%
SKY VALLEY	270	0.9%	557	0.8%	271	0.9%	565	0.9%
SMOKEY POINT	702	2.4%	1,495	2.3%	700	2.4%	1,487	2.2%
WHITE CENTER	862	2.9%	1,929	2.9%	842	2.8%	1,883	2.8%
Region 2 Total	9,370	31.5%	21,403	32.3%	9,275	31.2%	21,135	31.9%

Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2016 Snapshot (continued)

Region 3 CSO	CSO of Issuance				CSO of Residence			
	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
ABERDEEN	570	1.9%	1,230	1.9%	586	2.0%	1,250	1.9%
BREMERTON	971	3.3%	2,042	3.1%	968	3.3%	2,040	3.1%
CHEHALIS	631	2.1%	1,319	2.0%	620	2.1%	1,298	2.0%
COLUMBIA RIVER	1,757	5.9%	3,915	5.9%	1,721	5.8%	3,843	5.8%
FORKS	82	0.3%	169	0.3%	82	0.3%	169	0.3%
KELSO	1,003	3.4%	2,268	3.4%	1,025	3.4%	2,313	3.5%
LAKESWOOD	1,314	4.4%	2,902	4.4%	1,306	4.4%	2,892	4.4%
LONG BEACH	64	0.2%	113	0.2%	63	0.2%	110	0.2%
OLYMPIA	1,148	3.9%	2,386	3.6%	1,294	4.3%	2,777	4.2%
PIERCE NORTH	751	2.5%	1,654	2.5%	772	2.6%	1,700	2.6%
PIERCE SOUTH	1,414	4.8%	3,242	4.9%	1,389	4.7%	3,175	4.8%
PORT ANGELES	234	0.8%	451	0.7%	234	0.8%	453	0.7%
PORT TOWNSEND	100	0.3%	214	0.3%	98	0.3%	211	0.3%
PUYALLUP VALLEY	1,043	3.5%	2,208	3.3%	1,037	3.5%	2,191	3.3%
SHELTON	443	1.5%	884	1.3%	445	1.5%	888	1.3%
SOUTH BEND	83	0.3%	185	0.3%	83	0.3%	183	0.3%
STEVENSON	45	0.2%	101	0.2%	46	0.2%	102	0.2%
Region 3 Total	11,653	39.2%	25,283	38.2%	11,769	39.6%	25,595	38.6%

Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2016 Snapshot (continued)

Customer Service Contact Centers (CSCC)	CSO of Issuance			
	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
CUSTOMER SVC CENTRAL	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CUSTOMER SVC NE	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%
CUSTOMER SVC NW	1	<0.1%	2	<0.1%
CUSTOMER SVC SW	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CUSTOMER SVC SO SOUND	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CUSTOMER SERV WASHCAP	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%
PGST	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%
CSCC/PGST Total	4	<0.1%	5	<0.1%

Caseload by Home and Community Services Offices (HCS), June 2016 Snapshot

Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) – Region 1	HCS of Issuance			
	# of Cases	% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total
CLARKSTON HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
COLVILLE HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
ELLENSBURG HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MOSES LK HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OKANOGAN HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SPOKANE HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SUNNYSIDE HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TRI-CITIES HCS OFC	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
WALLA WALLA HCS OFC	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
WAPATO HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
WENATCHEE HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
YAKIMA HCS OFFICE	2	<0.1%	3	<0.1%
HCS Region 1 Total	2	<0.1%	3	<0.1%

Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) – Region 2	HCS of Issuance			
	# of Cases	% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total
ALDERWOOD HCS OFFICE	1	<0.1%	3	<0.1%
BELLINGHAM HCS OFC	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
EVERETT HCS OFFICE	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%
HOLGATE HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MT VERNON HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OAK HARBOR HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SKYKOMISH HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SMOKEY POINT HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
HCS Region 2 Total	2	<0.1%	4	<0.1%

Caseload by Home and Community Services Offices (HCS), June 2016 Snapshot (continued)

Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) – Region 3	HCS of Issuance			
	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
ABERDEEN HCS OFFICE	1	<0.1%	2	<0.1%
BREMERTON HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CHEHALIS HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
KELSO HCS OFFICE	1	<0.1%	2	<0.1%
OLYMPIA HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
PACIFIC COUNTY HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
PORT ANGELES HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TACOMA HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
VANCOUVER HCS OFFICE	1	<0.1%	2	<0.1%
LTC SPECIALTY UNIT	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
HCS Region 3 Total	3	<0.1%	6	<0.1%

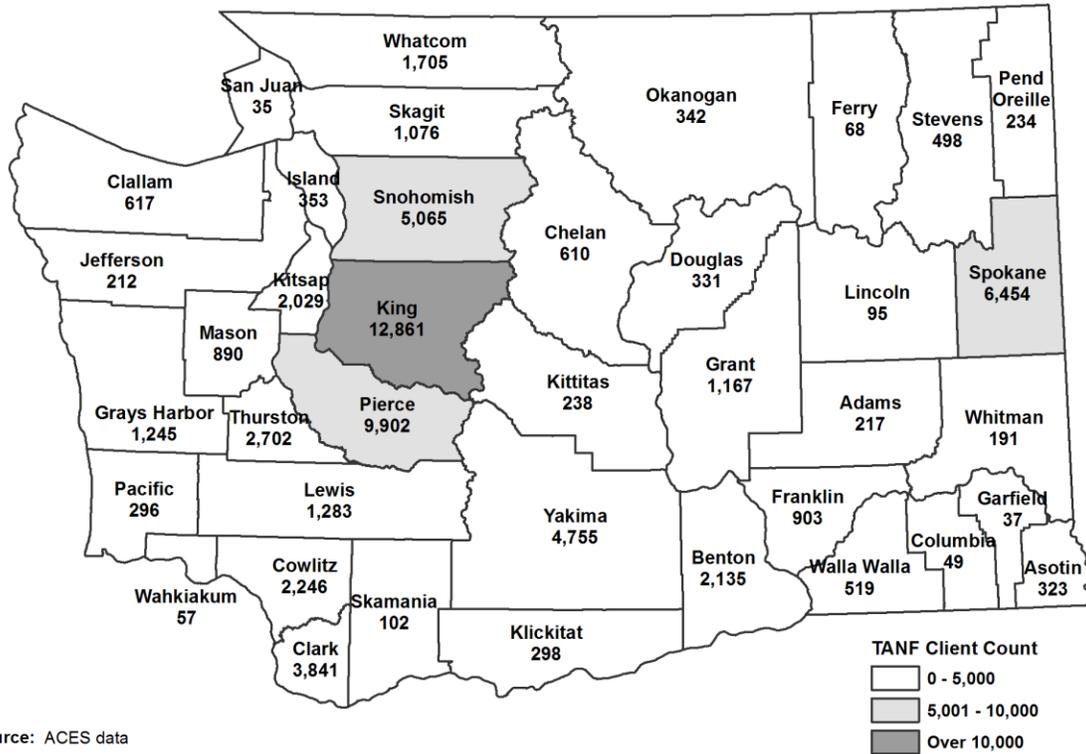
Caseload by County of Residence, June 2016 Snapshot

County	# of Cases	% of Total	# of Clients	% of Total	County	# of Cases	% of Total	# of Clients	% of Total
Adams	97	0.3%	217	0.3%	Lewis	612	2.1%	1,283	1.9%
Asotin	148	0.5%	323	0.5%	Lincoln	46	0.2%	95	0.1%
Benton	913	3.1%	2,135	3.2%	Mason	446	1.5%	890	1.3%
Chelan	289	1.0%	610	0.9%	Okanogan	184	0.6%	342	0.5%
Clallam	314	1.1%	617	0.9%	Pacific	147	0.5%	296	0.4%
Clark	1,719	5.8%	3,841	5.8%	Pend Oreille	107	0.4%	234	0.4%
Columbia	23	0.1%	49	0.1%	Pierce	4,476	15.0%	9,902	14.9%
Cowlitz	1,000	3.4%	2,246	3.4%	San Juan	19	0.1%	35	0.1%
Douglas	151	0.5%	331	0.5%	Skagit	486	1.6%	1,076	1.6%
Ferry	29	0.1%	68	0.1%	Skamania	46	0.2%	102	0.2%
Franklin	389	1.3%	903	1.4%	Snohomish	2,255	7.6%	5,065	7.6%
Garfield	13	0.0%	37	0.1%	Spokane	2,827	9.5%	6,454	9.7%
Grant	540	1.8%	1,167	1.8%	Stevens	223	0.7%	498	0.8%
Grays Harbor	584	2.0%	1,245	1.9%	Thurston	1,268	4.3%	2,702	4.1%
Island	171	0.6%	353	0.5%	Wahkiakum	21	0.1%	57	0.1%
Jefferson	98	0.3%	212	0.3%	Walla Walla	236	0.8%	519	0.8%
King	5,538	18.6%	12,861	19.4%	Whatcom	786	2.6%	1,705	2.6%
Kitsap	962	3.2%	2,029	3.1%	Whitman	86	0.3%	191	0.3%
Kittitas	122	0.4%	238	0.4%	Yakima	2,122	7.1%	4,755	7.2%
Klickitat	135	0.5%	298	0.4%	Not Reported/ Unidentifiable	125	0.4%	276	0.4%

	# of Cases	# of Clients
State Total	29,753	66,257

Client Density Maps by Residential County, June 2016 Snapshot

Number of TANF Clients by Residential County in Washington State: June 2016

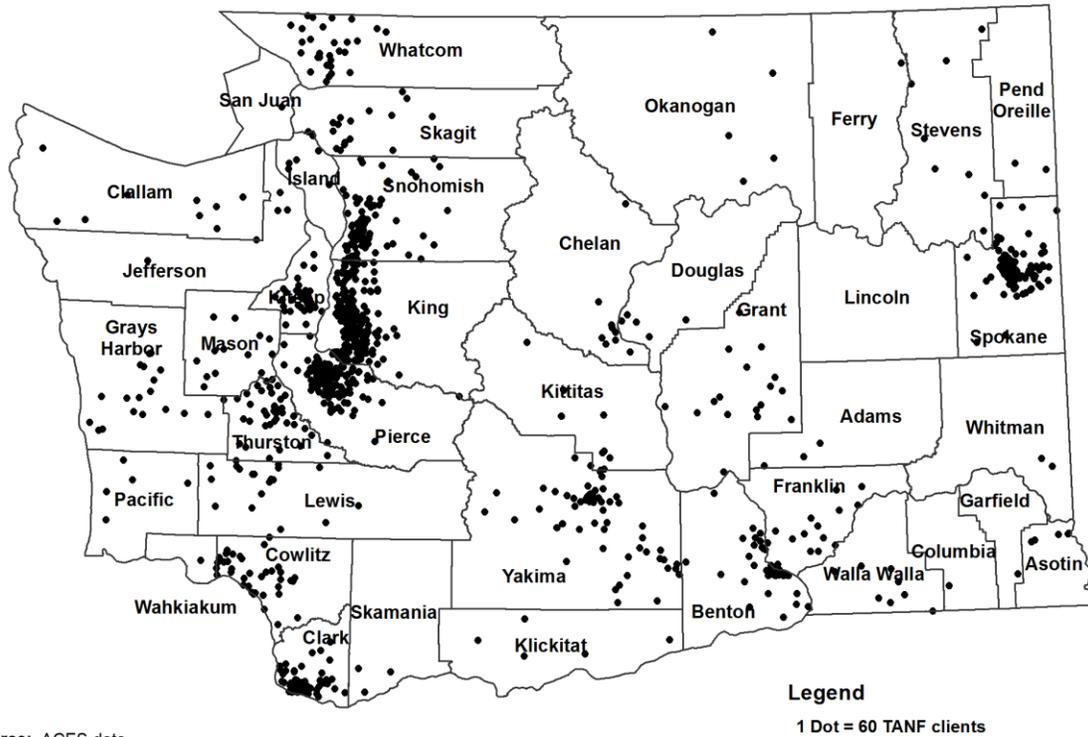


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Client Density Maps, June 2016 Snapshot (continued)

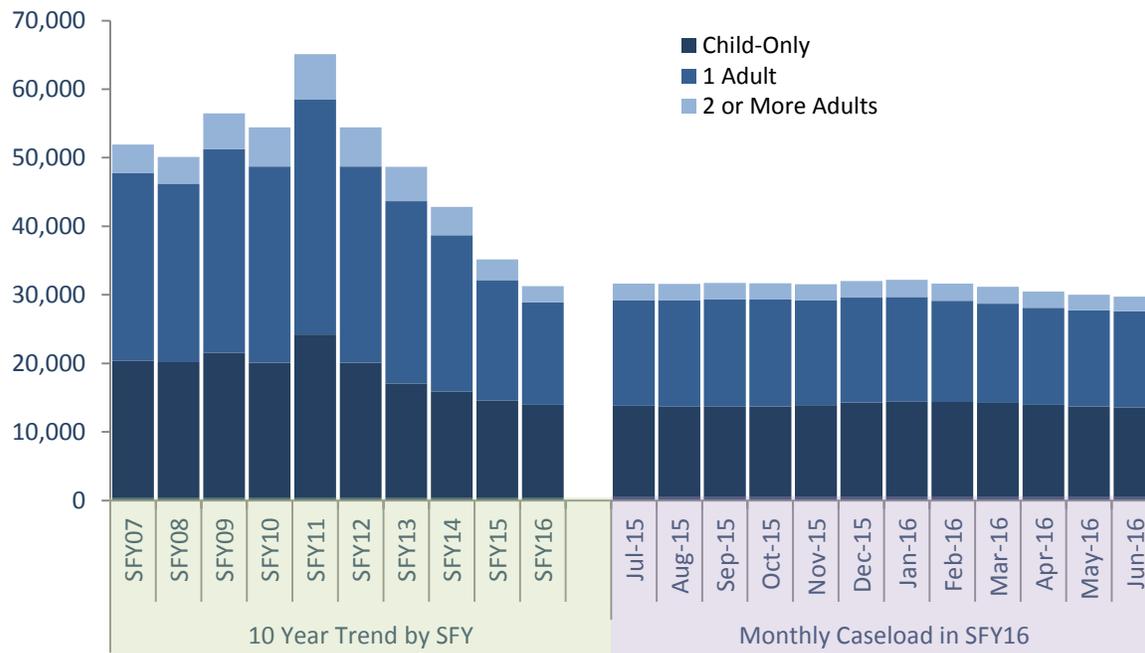
Number of TANF Clients by Density of Residential Zip Code in Washington State: June 2016



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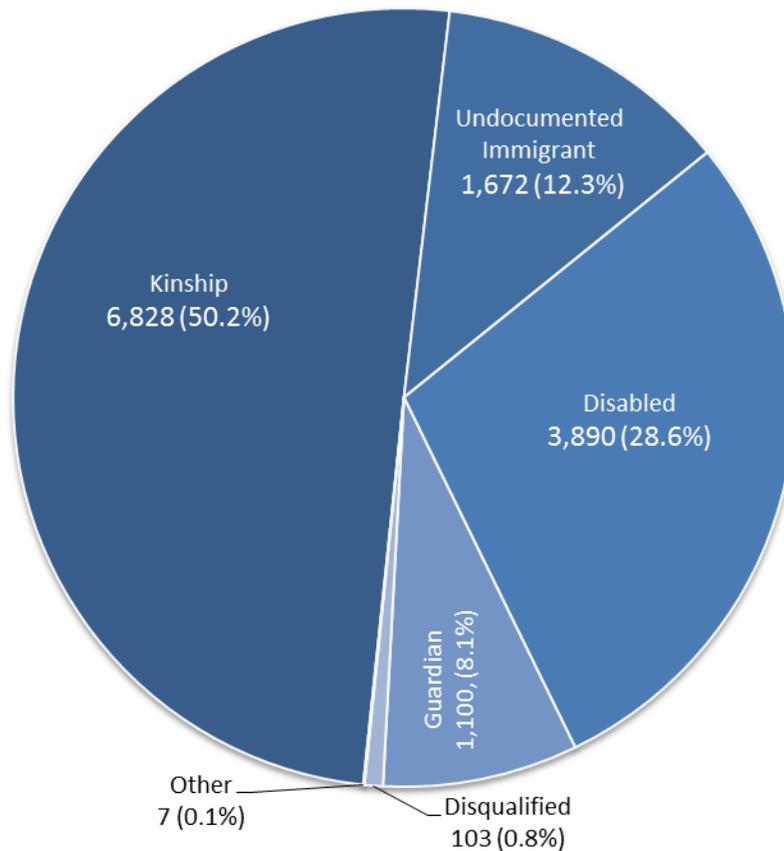
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Caseload by Case Type, SFY 2007 – 2016



SFY 2016	Total	Child-Only		1 Adult		2 or More Adults	
	Caseload	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	31,633	13,792	43.6%	15,452	48.8%	2,389	7.6%
August	31,577	13,686	43.3%	15,547	49.2%	2,344	7.4%
September	31,728	13,676	43.1%	15,692	49.5%	2,360	7.4%
October	31,708	13,725	43.3%	15,594	49.2%	2,389	7.5%
November	31,529	13,892	44.1%	15,299	48.5%	2,338	7.4%
December	31,987	14,296	44.7%	15,286	47.8%	2,405	7.5%
January	32,189	14,444	44.9%	15,248	47.4%	2,497	7.8%
February	31,635	14,366	45.4%	14,768	46.7%	2,501	7.9%
March	31,179	14,219	45.6%	14,493	46.5%	2,467	7.9%
April	30,489	13,955	45.8%	14,156	46.4%	2,378	7.8%
May	30,006	13,732	45.8%	13,994	46.6%	2,280	7.6%
June	29,753	13,600	45.7%	14,005	47.1%	2,148	7.2%
Mo. Avg.	31,284	13,949	44.6%	14,961	47.8%	2,375	7.6%

Child-Only Caseload by Major Caretaker Groups, June 2016 Snapshot⁶



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.

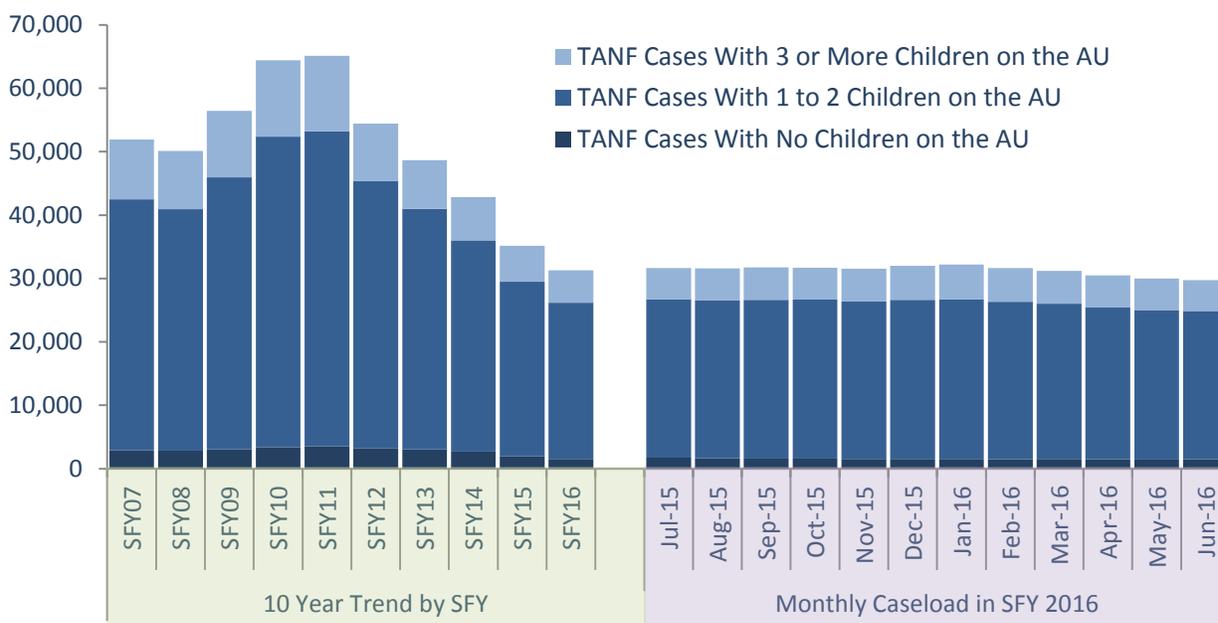
Guardian – Sometimes, in the absence of the parent, a relative or other concerned adult will seek legal guardianship of a child. As with relative caregivers without this legal status, guardians may receive TANF on behalf of an otherwise eligible child.

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.

⁶ The chart may not add up to 100% exactly due to rounding.

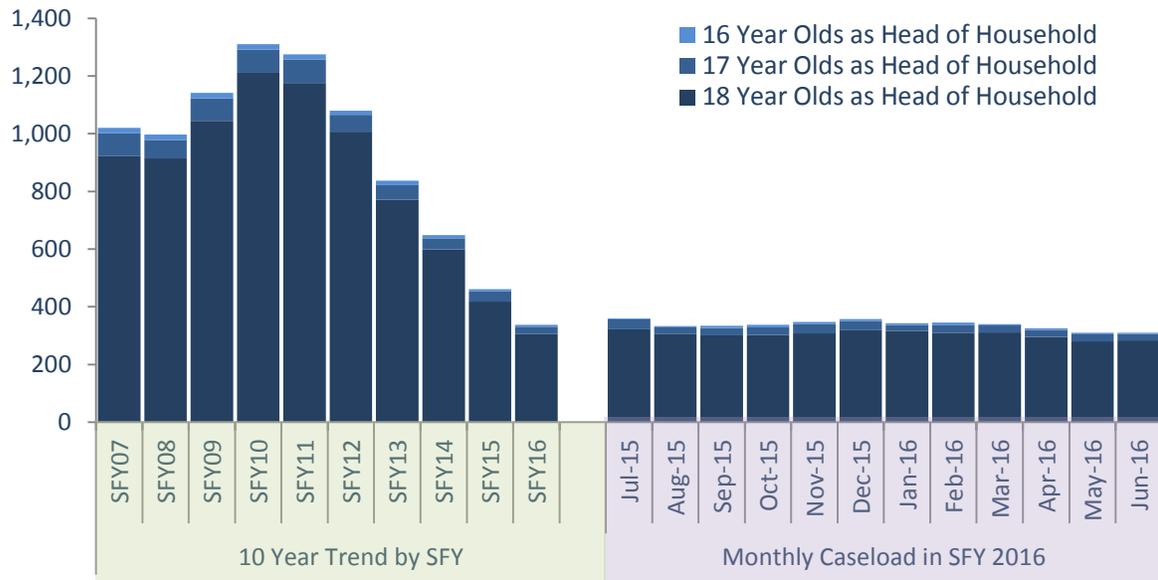
Caseload by Number of Children⁷, SFY 2007 – 2016



SFY 2016	Total	No Children		1 to 2 Children		3 or More Children	
	Caseload	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	31,633	1,735	5.5%	24,981	79.0%	4,917	15.5%
August	31,577	1,647	5.2%	24,946	79.0%	4,984	15.8%
September	31,728	1,565	4.9%	25,084	79.1%	5,079	16.0%
October	31,708	1,573	5.0%	25,091	79.1%	5,044	15.9%
November	31,529	1,533	4.9%	24,843	78.8%	5,153	16.3%
December	31,987	1,530	4.8%	25,091	78.4%	5,366	16.8%
January	32,189	1,511	4.7%	25,243	78.4%	5,435	16.9%
February	31,635	1,480	4.7%	24,829	78.5%	5,326	16.8%
March	31,179	1,530	4.9%	24,491	78.5%	5,158	16.5%
April	30,489	1,494	4.9%	23,926	78.5%	5,069	16.6%
May	30,006	1,447	4.8%	23,568	78.5%	4,991	16.6%
June	29,753	1,457	4.9%	23,409	78.7%	4,887	16.4%
Mo. Avg.	31,284	1,542	4.9%	24,625	78.7%	5,117	16.4%

⁷ In cases where 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.

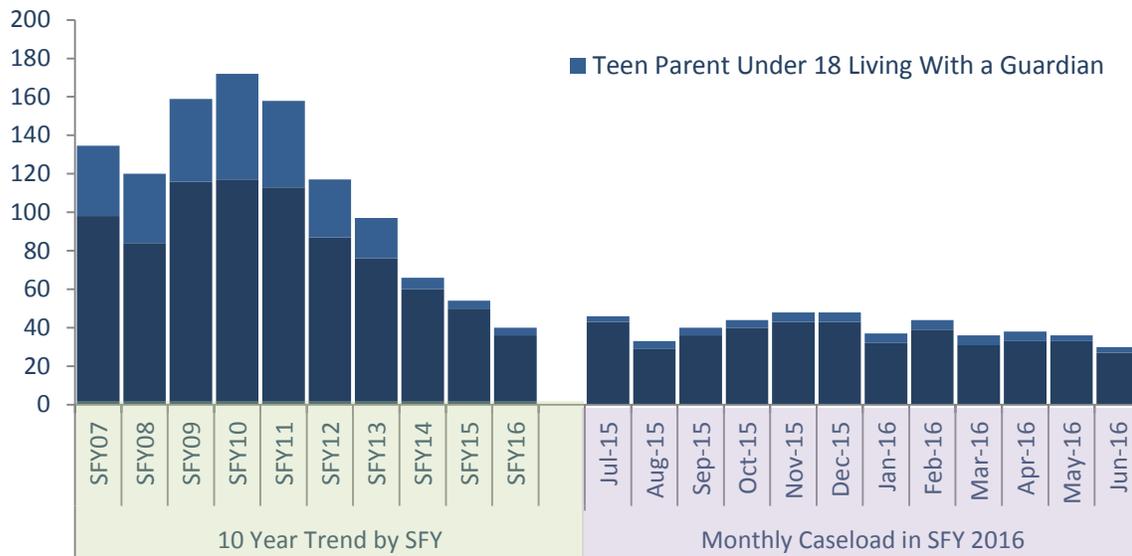
Teen Head of Household, SFY 2007 – 2016



TANF/SFA Caseload with Teen Head of Household ⁸							
SFY 2016	Total Caseload	16 Years Old or Younger		17 Years Old		18 Years Old	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	360	4	1.1%	34	9.6%	322	90.4%
August	333	4	1.2%	22	6.7%	307	93.3%
September	334	7	2.1%	26	8.0%	301	92.0%
October	338	9	2.7%	27	8.2%	302	91.8%
November	347	6	1.7%	33	9.7%	308	90.3%
December	357	6	1.7%	32	9.1%	319	90.9%
January	343	7	2.0%	20	6.0%	316	94.0%
February	345	8	2.3%	27	8.0%	310	92.0%
March	340	5	1.5%	24	7.2%	311	92.8%
April	325	5	1.5%	24	7.5%	296	92.5%
May	310	6	1.9%	24	7.9%	280	92.1%
June	310	4	1.3%	22	7.2%	284	92.8%
Mo. Avg.	337	6	1.8%	26	7.9%	305	92.1%

⁸ Numbers reflect households where the head of household member is a teen parent living independently from his/her formal legal guardian.

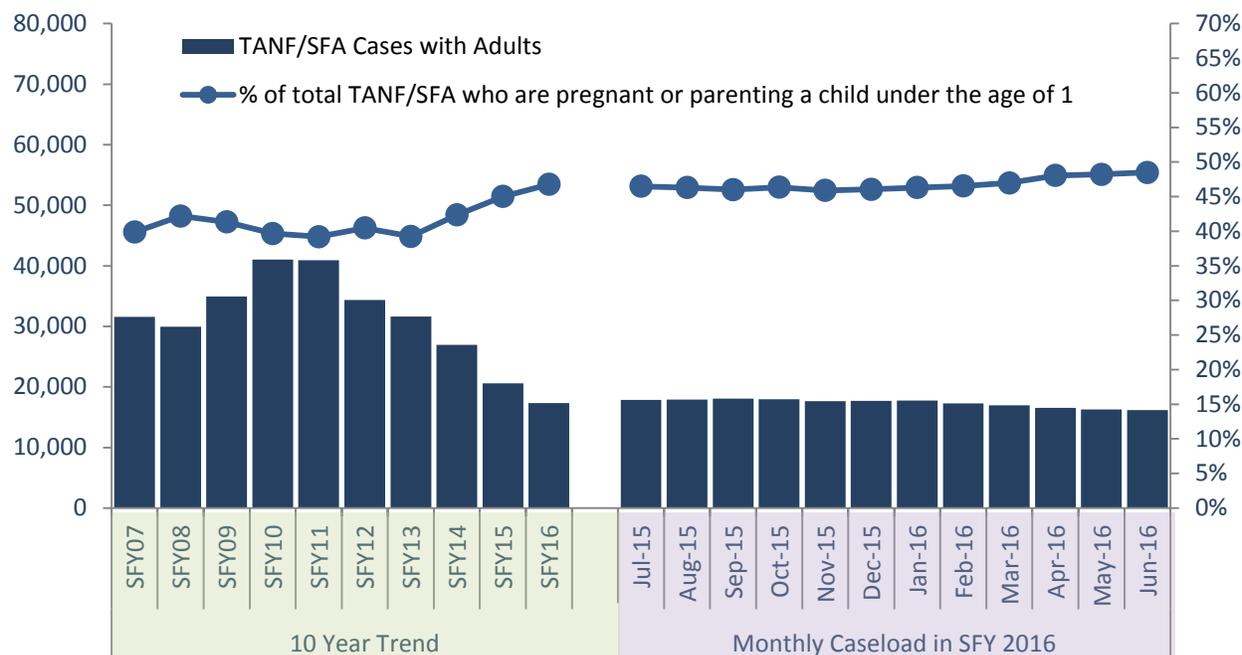
Teen Parents under Age 18, SFY 2007 – 2016



Teen Parents Under Age 18 ⁹					
SFY 2016	Total Clients	Living with a Legal Guardian		Head of Household, Spouse, or Other Parent	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	46	3	6.5%	43	93.5%
August	33	4	12.1%	29	87.9%
September	40	4	10.0%	36	90.0%
October	44	4	9.1%	40	90.9%
November	48	5	10.4%	43	89.6%
December	48	5	10.4%	43	89.6%
January	37	5	13.5%	32	86.5%
February	44	5	11.4%	39	88.6%
March	36	5	13.9%	31	86.1%
April	38	5	13.2%	33	86.8%
May	36	3	8.3%	33	91.7%
June	30	3	10.0%	27	90.0%
Mo. Avg.	40	4	10.0%	36	90.0%

⁹ 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 his/her own child.

Pregnant Women & Women with Child under Age 1, SFY 2007 – 2016



% of Total TANF/SFA Caseload with Adults, Pregnant Woman or Child Under Age 1							
SFY 2016	Caseload with Adults ¹⁰	Pregnant ¹¹		0 – 3 Months Old		4 – 12 Months Old	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	17,841	3,323	18.6%	1,871	10.5%	3,101	17.4%
August	17,891	3,328	18.6%	1,872	10.5%	3,083	17.2%
September	18,052	3,322	18.4%	1,899	10.5%	3,082	17.1%
October	17,983	3,300	18.4%	1,923	10.7%	3,111	17.3%
November	17,637	3,189	18.1%	1,836	10.4%	3,070	17.4%
December	17,691	3,172	17.9%	1,869	10.6%	3,105	17.6%
January	17,745	3,241	18.3%	1,864	10.5%	3,113	17.5%
February	17,269	3,169	18.4%	1,797	10.4%	3,071	17.8%
March	16,960	3,200	18.9%	1,766	10.4%	3,000	17.7%
April	16,534	3,242	19.6%	1,761	10.7%	2,943	17.8%
May	16,274	3,236	19.9%	1,690	10.4%	2,919	17.9%
June	16,153	3,266	20.2%	1,731	10.7%	2,834	17.5%
Mo. Avg.	17,336	3,249	18.7%	1,823	10.5%	3,036	17.5%

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Pregnant women were identified using pregnancy status data entered in ACES.

TANF/SFA Adult Clients Participating in WorkFirst Activities, SFY 2016

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.¹² Failure to meet the participation requirements without a good cause is subject to the WorkFirst noncompliance sanction (NCS)¹³.

SFY 2016	Total WorkFirst Clients Receiving TANF/SFA	Total WorkFirst Clients Exempted ¹⁴ from Participation	WorkFirst Clients Required to Participate (Non-Exempt)	% of Non-Exempt WorkFirst Clients Participating in WorkFirst Activities
July	20,224	4,979	15,245	73.4%
August	20,228	4,965	15,263	73.9%
September	20,403	4,967	15,436	75.0%
October	20,364	4,979	15,385	76.1%
November	19,963	4,852	15,111	75.5%
December	20,087	4,930	15,157	74.9%
January	20,230	4,903	15,327	74.3%
February	19,759	4,797	14,962	75.4%
March	19,417	4,767	14,650	75.7%
April	18,902	4,626	14,276	75.7%
May	18,547	4,578	13,969	75.3%
June	18,288	4,576	13,712	74.3%
Mo. Avg.	19,701	4,827	14,874	75.0%

¹² WorkFirst participation may be waived or deferred if the individual meets an exemption criterion as described in WAC 388-310-0350.

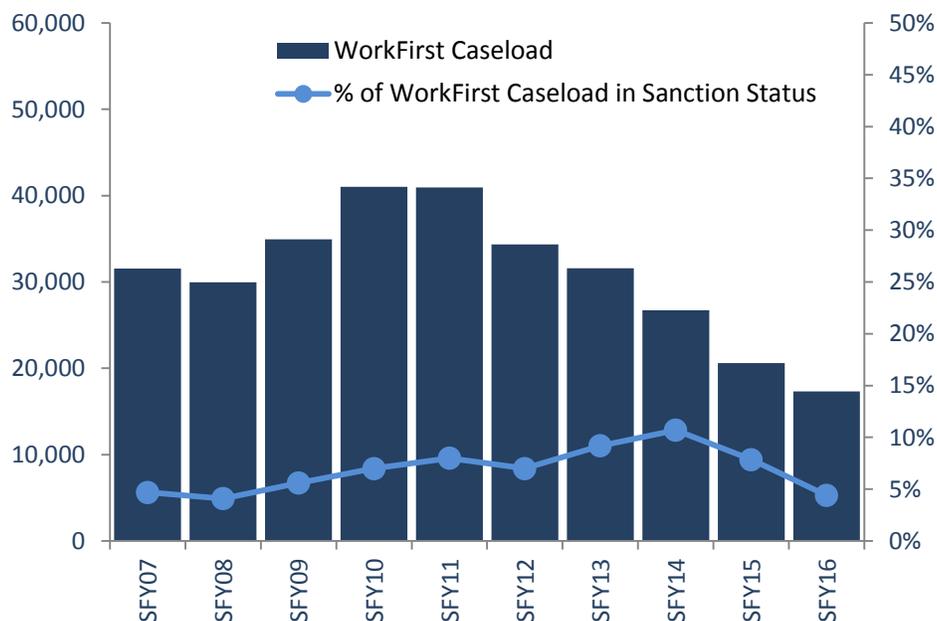
¹³ The non-compliance sanction (NCS) policy for WorkFirst was modified effective November 1, 2014 (See WAC 388-310-1600). The NCS policy terminates TANF or SFA when adults refuse to participate for two months in a row. The NCS policy also terminates TANF or SFA when mandatory, noncompliant WorkFirst 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.

¹⁴ 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 Status¹⁵, SFY 2007 – 2016

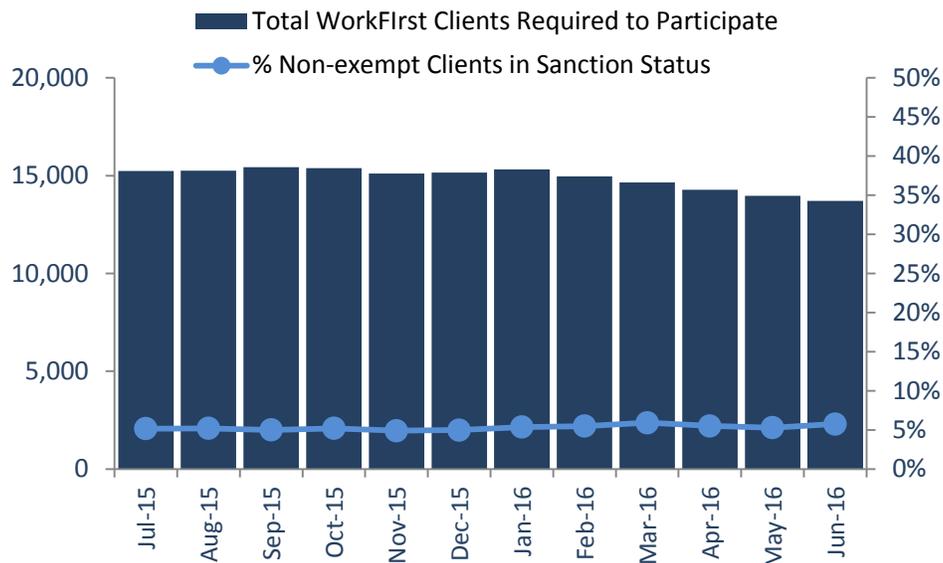
SFY	Cases (Monthly Average)			Clients (Monthly Average)		
	WorkFirst Caseload	Cases with at Least 1 Adult in Sanction	% of Cases with at least 1 Adult in Sanction	All WorkFirst Clients	Clients in Sanction Status	% of All WorkFirst Clients in Sanction Status
SFY07	31,563	1,468	4.7%	35,683	1,566	4.4%
SFY08	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%
SFY16	17,336	768	4.4%	19,701	789	4.0%

Percent of WorkFirst Caseload in Sanction Status, SFY 2007 – 2016



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WorkFirst Clients in NCS Sanction Status by Month, SFY 2016

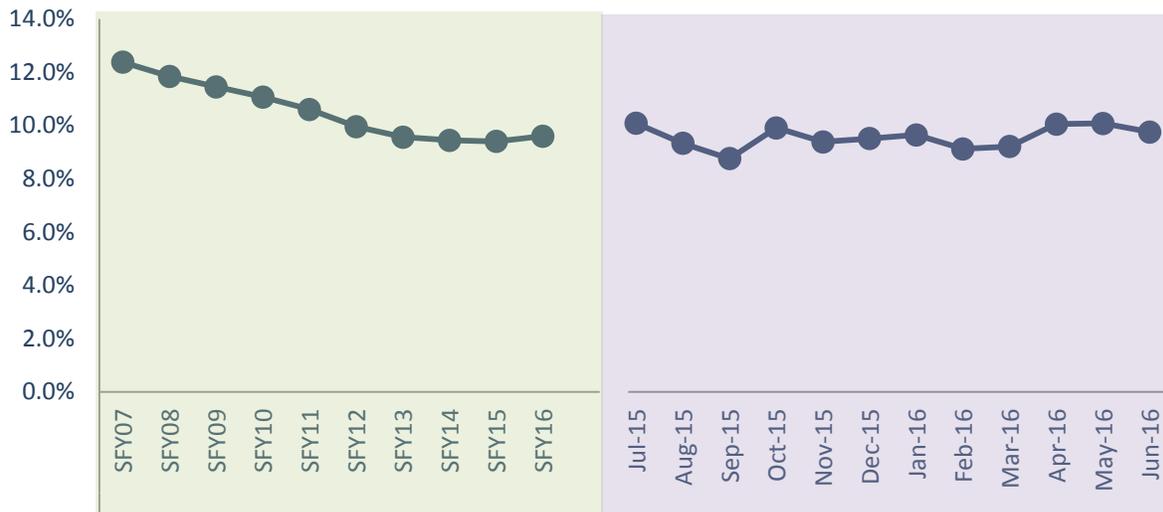


TANF/SFA Adult Clients in WorkFirst Non-compliance Sanction (NCS)					
SFY 2016	Total WorkFirst Clients Required to Participate (Non-exempt ¹⁶)	Total Non-exempt Clients in Sanction Status	% Non-exempt Clients in Sanction Status	Clients Receiving an NCS Termination Without Grant Reduction ¹⁷	Clients in Sanction Status with Grant Reduction
July	15,245	787	5.2%	246	541
August	15,263	793	5.2%	230	563
September	15,436	772	5.0%	229	543
October	15,385	800	5.2%	256	544
November	15,111	739	4.9%	205	534
December	15,157	756	5.0%	213	543
January	15,327	822	5.4%	229	593
February	14,962	822	5.5%	224	598
March	14,650	867	5.9%	267	600
April	14,276	787	5.5%	214	573
May	13,969	737	5.3%	209	528
June	13,713	789	5.8%	274	515
Mo. Avg.	14,875	789	5.3%	233	556

¹⁶ 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.

¹⁷ 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.

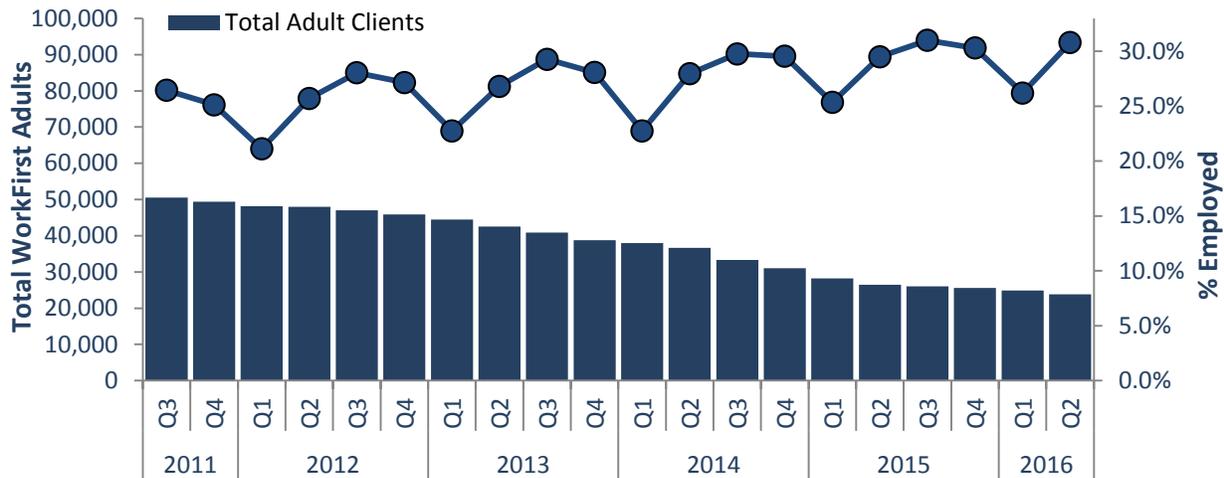
Employment Rates for WorkFirst Clients¹⁸, SFY 2007 – 2016



SFY 2016	# of WorkFirst Clients	# Employed (Earned Income > \$5.00)	% Employed (Earned Income > \$5.00)	Avg. Monthly Hours Worked
July	20,224	2,039	10.1%	52
August	20,228	1,887	9.3%	53
September	20,403	1,787	8.8%	52
October	20,364	2,018	9.9%	54
November	19,963	1,873	9.4%	53
December	20,087	1,910	9.5%	53
January	20,230	1,952	9.6%	53
February	19,759	1,802	9.1%	54
March	19,417	1,788	9.2%	54
April	18,902	1,900	10.1%	56
May	18,547	1,869	10.1%	56
June	18,288	1,784	9.8%	55
Mo. Avg.	19,701	1,884	9.6%	53.8

¹⁸Employment 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 Wages¹⁹, July 2011 – June 2016



Quarter	Total Adults	Adults Employed ²⁰		Avg. Quarterly Earnings	Avg. Quarterly Hourly Wages
		Number	Percent		
2011Q3	50,486	13,353	26.4%	\$1,673	\$11.1
2011Q4	49,427	12,421	25.1%	\$1,671	\$11.0
2012Q1	48,171	10,170	21.1%	\$1,639	\$11.2
2012Q2	47,942	12,324	25.7%	\$2,088	\$11.3
2012Q3	47,041	13,195	28.0%	\$2,186	\$11.4
2012Q4	45,853	12,452	27.2%	\$2,267	\$11.5
2013Q1	44,460	10,117	22.8%	\$2,049	\$11.6
2013Q2	42,505	11,400	26.8%	\$2,123	\$11.5
2013Q3	40,905	11,974	29.3%	\$2,216	\$11.5
2013Q4	38,767	10,884	28.1%	\$2,241	\$11.6
2014Q1	37,956	8,639	22.8%	\$2,056	\$11.9
2014Q2	36,643	10,245	28.0%	\$2,222	\$11.7
2014Q3	33,336	9,923	29.8%	\$2,460	\$11.8
2014Q4	31,019	9,168	29.6%	\$2,395	\$11.9
2015Q1	28,237	7,159	25.4%	\$2,044	\$11.9
2015Q2	26,435	7,801	29.5%	\$2,309	\$11.9
2015Q3	26,019	8,074	31.0%	\$2,329	\$12.3
2015Q4	25,606	7,765	30.3%	\$2,445	\$12.2
2016Q1	24,849	6,503	26.2%	\$2,130	\$12.5
2016Q2	23,792	7,338	30.8%	\$2,362	\$12.5

¹⁹ Quarterly wage information is based on the Employment Security Department's Unemployment Insurance (UI) wage data.

²⁰ Adults employed are those adult clients with wages who earned total wages of more than \$5.00 in a quarter.

Caseload by Primary Language, June 2016 Snapshot

Primary Language ²¹	# of Cases	Percent	Percentage Non-English Cases
English Language Codes			
English	26,650	89.6%	
Large Print	49	0.2%	
Sign Language	2	<0.1%	
Braille	3	<0.1%	
Total English Languages	26,704	89.8%	
Non-English Language Codes			
Spanish	1,922	6.5%	63.0%
Arabic	273	0.9%	9.0%
Somali	179	0.6%	5.9%
Russian	166	0.6%	5.4%
Tigrigna	58	0.2%	1.9%
Vietnamese	42	0.1%	1.4%
Farsi	39	0.1%	1.3%
Dari	33	0.1%	1.1%
Amharic	32	0.1%	1.0%
Ukrainian	32	0.1%	1.0%
Burmese	25	0.1%	0.8%
Swahili	21	0.1%	0.7%
Cambodian (Khmer)	20	0.1%	0.7%
French	16	0.1%	0.5%
Trukese	15	0.1%	0.5%
Oromo	11	<0.1%	0.4%
Samoan	10	<0.1%	0.3%
Pashto	10	<0.1%	0.3%
Chinese	10	<0.1%	0.3%
Other Languages ²²	135	0.5%	4.4%
Total Non-English Language Codes	3,049	10.2%	100.0%
Total	29,753	100.0%	

²¹ Primary Language Code comes from the language chosen by the Assistance Unit that is used for letters, notices, and other written communications.

²² Clients who are coded as "Other Language" in the ACES database or speak a language with less than 10 clients in the caseload

Client Demographics, June 2016 Snapshot

Characteristic	All Clients		All Adults		All Children	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients	# of Clients	% of Total Adults	# of Clients	% of Total Children
Total Clients	66,257	100.0%	18,288	100.0%	47,969	100.0%

Gender	All Clients		All Adults		All Children	
Female	38,545	58.2%	14,737	80.6%	23,808	49.6%
Male	27,710	41.8%	3,551	19.4%	24,159	50.4%
Not Reported/ Unidentifiable	2	<0.1%	0	0.0%	2	<0.1%

Race	All Clients		All Adults		All Children	
Hispanic Origin	14,033	21.2%	2,591	14.2%	11,442	23.9%
Not Hispanic or Latino	52,224	78.8%	15,697	85.8%	36,527	76.1%
White	29,228	44.1%	10,280	56.2%	18,948	39.5%
Black/African American	8,185	12.4%	2,444	13.4%	5,741	12.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2,813	4.2%	983	5.4%	1,830	3.8%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1,687	2.5%	386	2.1%	1,301	2.7%
Two or More Races	1,278	1.9%	217	1.2%	1,061	2.2%
Race/Ethnicity Not Reported/Unidentifiable	9,033	13.6%	1,387	7.6%	7,646	15.9%

Marital Status (Adults Only)	All Adults	
Separated	1,894	10.4%
Married	3,528	19.3%
Never Married	10,436	57.1%
Divorced	1,936	10.6%
Widowed	120	0.7%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	374	2.0%

Citizenship Status	All Clients		All Adults		All Children	
U.S. Citizen	60,710	91.6%	15,724	86.0%	44,986	93.8%
Resident Alien	5,414	8.2%	2,518	13.8%	2,896	6.0%
U.S. National²³	133	0.2%	46	0.3%	87	0.2%

²³ 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 2016 Snapshot (continued)

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

Homeless Status	All Clients		All Adults		All Children	
Homeless ²⁴	9,777	14.8%	4,242	23.2%	5,535	11.5%

Education Status (Adults Only)	All Adults	
Less than a High School Diploma	4,563	25.0%
High School Graduate or GED	9,484	51.9%
Some College or College Degree	3,910	21.4%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	331	1.8%

Age	All Clients		All Adults		All Children	
< 1 Year Old	4,610	7.0%			4,610	9.6%
1 – 5 Years Old	15,489	23.4%			15,489	32.3%
6 – 10 Years Old	13,058	19.7%			13,058	27.2%
11 – 15 Years Old	10,213	15.4%			10,213	21.3%
16 – 17 Years Old ²⁵	3,685	5.6%	26	0.1%	3,659	7.6%
18 – 24 Years Old	5,413	8.2%	4,473	24.5%	940	2.0%
25 – 34 Years Old	7,811	11.8%	7,811	42.7%		
35 – 44 Years Old	4,243	6.4%	4,243	23.2%		
45 – 54 Years Old	1,467	2.2%	1,467	8.0%		
55 – 64 Years Old	256	0.4%	256	1.4%		
65+ Years Old	12	0.0%	12	0.1%		
Average Age of Children	7.5 Years					
Average Age of Adults	31.5 Years					

Months on Assistance Since July 1997 (All Adults)

Average	25.5
Median	17.0

²⁴ Homeless is defined as: homeless without housing, homeless with housing (staying temporarily with family or friends), emergency shelter, or battered spouse shelter.

²⁵ 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 spouse of the head of household.

Child Demographics, June 2016 Snapshot

Characteristic	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
	# of Clients	% of All Children	# of Clients	% of Children in Child-Only Cases
Total Clients	47,969	100.0%	21,515	100.0%

Gender	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
Female	23,808	49.6%	10,858	50.5%
Male	24,159	50.4%	10,657	49.5%
Not Reported/ Unidentifiable	2	<0.1%	0	0.0%

Race	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
Hispanic Origin	11,442	23.9%	6,580	30.6%
Not Hispanic or Latino	36,527	76.1%	14,935	69.4%
White	18,948	39.5%	8,046	37.4%
Black/African American	5,741	12.0%	2,128	9.9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,830	3.8%	649	3.0%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1,301	2.7%	815	3.8%
Two or More Races	1,061	2.2%	364	1.7%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	7,646	15.9%	2,933	13.6%

Citizenship Status	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
U.S. Citizen	44,986	93.8%	21,130	98.2%
Resident Alien	2,896	6.0%	357	1.7%
U.S. National²⁶	87	0.2%	28	0.1%

Age	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
< 1 Year Old	4,610	9.6%	846	3.9%
1 – 5 Years Old	15,489	32.3%	5,573	25.9%
6 – 10 Years Old	13,058	27.2%	6,359	29.6%
11 – 15 Years Old	10,213	21.3%	5,862	27.2%
16 – 17 Years Old	3,659	7.6%	2,319	10.8%
18 – 24 Years Old	940	2.0%	556	2.6%
Average Age of Children	7.5 Years			
Average Age of Children in Child-Only Cases	8.9 Years			

²⁶ 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).