

Pregnant  
Women  
Assistance  
(PWA)

SFY

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Provides cash assistance to low-income pregnant women who are ineligible for TANF/SFA for a reason other than a failure to cooperate with TANF program rules.

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## Pregnant Women Assistance (PWA) Program Overview

Pregnant Women Assistance (PWA) is a state-funded program that provides cash assistance to low-income pregnant women who are not eligible for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or State Family Assistance (SFA) program for a reason other than not cooperating with TANF program rules. The PWA program was implemented on November 1, 2011 as required by Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2082.

### **Highlights**

The program served a monthly average of 79 clients in SFY 2017, down from 99 clients in SFY 2016. The monthly average cash grant assistance per client was about \$179. About 62% of women served by the program in June 2017 have never been married.

### **TECHNICAL NOTES**

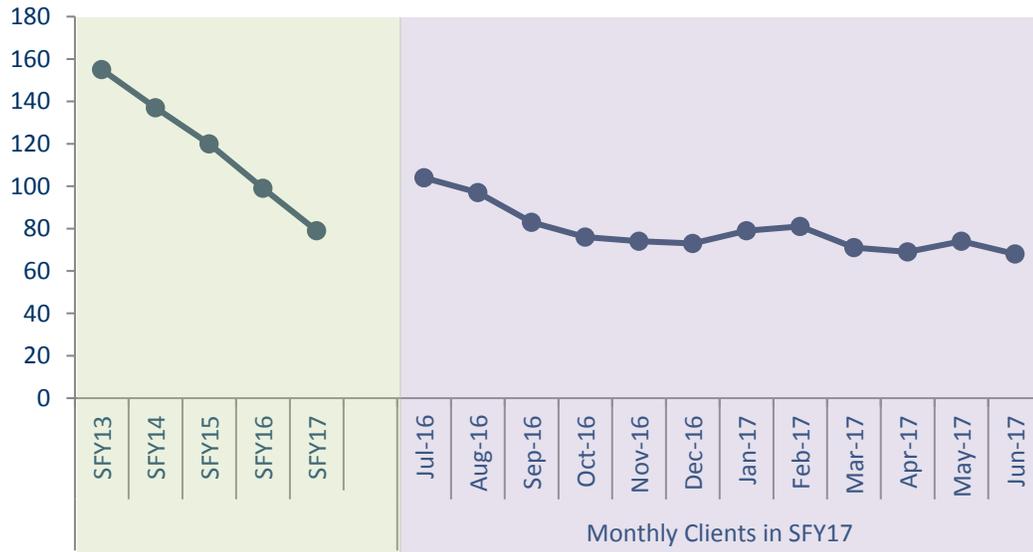
DATA SOURCES: Results reported in this chapter are based on September 2017 data from ESA's ACES database.

DATA NOTES: Percentages may not add up to totals due to rounding.

## Selected PWA Program Overview, SFY 2016 and SFY 2017

	SFY 2016 (July 2015-June 2016)	SFY 2017 (July 2016-June 2017)	Change
<b>Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)</b>	99 (89 - 109)	79 (68 - 104)	-20.2% <i>(Decrease)</i> ↓
<b>State Population 18 and Over</b>	5,557,921	5,660,730	1.8% <i>(Increase)</i> ↑
<b>Recipients as a Percent of State's Population Age 18 and Over</b>	Trace	Trace	
<b>Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)</b>	\$173.8 (\$168.0 - \$182.9)	\$179.1 (\$174.4 - \$184.4)	3.0% <i>(Increase)</i> ↑

## PWA Clients, SFY 2013<sup>1</sup> – 2017



SFY	Monthly Average Clients
SFY13	155
SFY14	137
SFY15	120
SFY16	99
SFY17	79

SFY 2017	Persons	Grant Expenditures	Average Payment Per Person
July	104	\$18,277.1	\$175.7
August	97	\$17,179.5	\$177.1
September	83	\$15,278.5	\$184.1
October	76	\$13,664.0	\$179.8
November	74	\$13,518.2	\$182.7
December	73	\$12,735.7	\$174.5
January	79	\$13,779.8	\$174.4
February	81	\$14,617.3	\$180.5
March	71	\$12,517.8	\$176.3
April	69	\$12,280.7	\$178.0
May	74	\$13,641.8	\$184.3
June	68	\$12,432.8	\$182.8
<b>Mo. Avg.</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>\$14,160.3</b>	<b>\$179.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> PWA data from SFY 2012 represents only eight months, since the PWA program was implemented on November 1, 2011. Consequently, SFY 2012 data has been omitted from the chart.

## PWA Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2017 Snapshot

The following pages detail the PWA clients, June 2017 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), Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (PGST), or Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) within DSHS's Aging and Long-Term Support Administration.
- **CSO of Residence:** Based on where the client lives within a CSO coverage area.

Overview	CSO of Issuance		CSO of Residence	
	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
Region 1 CSOs	18	26.5%	18	26.5%
Region 2 CSOs	20	29.4%	20	29.4%
Region 3 CSOs	30	44.1%	30	44.1%
CSCCs	0	0.0%	N/A	
HCS	0	0.0%	N/A	
Not Reported / Unidentifiable	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>State Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## PWA Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2017 Snapshot (continued)

Region 1 CSO	CSO of Issuance		CSO of Residence	
	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
CLARKSTON	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
COLFAX	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
COLVILLE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
ELLENSBURG	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
GOLDENDALE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
KENNEWICK	3	4.4%	3	4.4%
MOSES LAKE	2	2.9%	2	2.9%
NEWPORT	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OKANOGAN	1	1.5%	1	1.5%
REPUBLIC	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SPOKANE MAPLE	4	5.9%	5	7.4%
SPOKANE TRENT	6	8.8%	5	7.4%
SUNNYSIDE	1	1.5%	1	1.5%
TOPPENISH	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
WALLA WALLA	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
WAPATO	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
WENATCHEE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
WHITE SALMON	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
YAKIMA	1	1.5%	1	1.5%
<b>Region 1 Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>26.5%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>26.5%</b>

## PWA Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2017 Snapshot (continued)

Region 2 CSO	CSO of Issuance		CSO of Residence	
	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
ALDERWOOD	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
AUBURN	2	2.9%	2	2.9%
BELLINGHAM	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
BELLTOWN	1	1.5%	1	1.5%
CAPITOL HILL	2	2.9%	2	2.9%
EVERETT	1	1.5%	1	1.5%
FEDERAL WAY	2	2.9%	2	2.9%
KING EASTSIDE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
KING NORTH	1	1.5%	1	1.5%
KING SOUTH	3	4.4%	3	4.4%
MT VERNON	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OAK HARBOR	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
RAINIER	4	5.9%	4	5.9%
RENTON	2	2.9%	2	2.9%
SKY VALLEY	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SMOKEY POINT	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
WHITE CENTER	2	2.9%	2	2.9%
<b>Region 2 Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29.4%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29.4%</b>

## PWA Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2017 Snapshot (continued)

Region 3 CSO	CSO of Issuance		CSO of Residence	
	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
ABERDEEN	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
BREMERTON	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CHEHALIS	1	1.5%	1	1.5%
COLUMBIA RIVER	3	4.4%	3	4.4%
FORKS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
KELSO	2	2.9%	2	2.9%
LAKESWOOD	2	2.9%	2	2.9%
LONG BEACH	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OLYMPIA	1	1.5%	1	1.5%
PIERCE NORTH	6	8.8%	6	8.8%
PIERCE SOUTH	12	17.6%	12	17.6%
PORT ANGELES	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
PORT TOWNSEND	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
PUYALLUP VALLEY	1	1.5%	1	1.5%
SHELTON	2	2.9%	2	2.9%
SOUTH BEND	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
STEVENSON	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Region 3 Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>44.1%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>44.1%</b>

## PWA Clients by County of Residence, June 2017 Snapshot

County	# of Clients	% of Total	County	# of Clients	% of Total
Adams	0	0.0%	Lewis	1	1.5%
Asotin	0	0.0%	Lincoln	0	0.0%
Benton	0	0.0%	Mason	1	1.5%
Chelan	0	0.0%	Okanogan	1	1.5%
Clallam	0	0.0%	Pacific	0	0.0%
Clark	3	4.4%	Pend Oreille	0	0.0%
Columbia	0	0.0%	Pierce	20	29.4%
Cowlitz	2	2.9%	San Juan	0	0.0%
Douglas	0	0.0%	Skagit	0	0.0%
Ferry	0	0.0%	Skamania	0	0.0%
Franklin	3	4.4%	Snohomish	1	1.5%
Garfield	0	0.0%	Spokane	10	14.7%
Grant	2	2.9%	Stevens	0	0.0%
Grays Harbor	0	0.0%	Thurston	1	1.5%
Island	0	0.0%	Wahkiakum	0	0.0%
Jefferson	0	0.0%	Walla Walla	0	0.0%
King	19	27.9%	Whatcom	0	0.0%
Kitsap	0	0.0%	Whitman	0	0.0%
Kittitas	0	0.0%	Yakima	2	2.9%
Klickitat	0	0.0%	Not Reported/ Unidentifiable	2	2.9%

	# of Clients	% of Total
<b>State Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## PWA Client Demographics, June 2017 Snapshot

Characteristic	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
<b>Total Clients</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Gender	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
<b>Female</b>	68	100.0%
<b>Male</b>	0	0.0%
<b>Unknown</b>	0	0.0%

Ethnicity and Race	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13.2%</b>
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>59</b>	<b>86.8%</b>
White	28	41.2%
Black/African American	21	30.9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	2.9%
American Indian/Alaska Native	4	5.9%
Two or More Races	0	0.0%
Race Not Reported	4	5.9%

Marital Status	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
<b>Separated</b>	13	19.1%
<b>Married</b>	8	11.8%
<b>Never Married</b>	42	61.8%
<b>Divorced</b>	5	7.4%
<b>Widowed</b>	0	0.0%
<b>Not Reported/Unidentifiable</b>	0	0.0%

Citizenship Status	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
<b>U.S. Citizen</b>	67	98.5%
<b>Resident Alien</b>	1	1.5%
<b>U.S. National<sup>3</sup></b>	0	0.0%
<b>Not Reported/Unidentifiable</b>	0	0.0%

<sup>2</sup> Includes clients not reporting whether or not they are of Hispanic or Latino origin.

<sup>3</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).

## PWA Client Demographics, June 2017 Snapshot (continued)

Characteristic	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients

Homeless Status		
	All Clients	
Homeless <sup>4</sup>	35	51.5%

Education Status		
	All Clients	
Less than a High School Diploma	24	35.30%
High School Graduate or GED	31	45.60%
Some College or College Degree	13	19.10%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	0	0.00%

Age		
	All Clients	
< 18 Years Old	0	0.0%
18 – 24 Years Old	1	1.5%
25 – 34 Years Old	53	77.9%
35 – 44 Years Old	14	20.6%
45 – 54 Years Old	0	0.0%
55 – 64 Years Old	0	0.0%
65+ Years Old	0	0.0%
Average Age of Clients		
	31.6 Years	

<sup>4</sup> Homeless is defined as: homeless without housing, homeless with housing (staying temporarily with family or friends), emergency shelter, or battered spouse shelter.