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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 2017.

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 8.7% in SFY 2017, from 31,284 in SFY 2016 to 28,555 in SFY 2017. The decline is part of an ongoing 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 slightly increased from 4.0% in SFY 2016 to 4.2% in SFY 2017.

Child-only households comprised 46.7% of the total TANF/SFA caseload in SFY 2017, up from 44.6% in SFY 2016.

TECHNICAL NOTES

DATA SOURCES: Data for this chapter is based on the September 2017 ESA Automated Client Eligibility System (ACES) database. Quarterly employment and earnings for WorkFirst participants is based on Unemployment Insurance (UI) wage data provided by the Employment Security Department (ESD).

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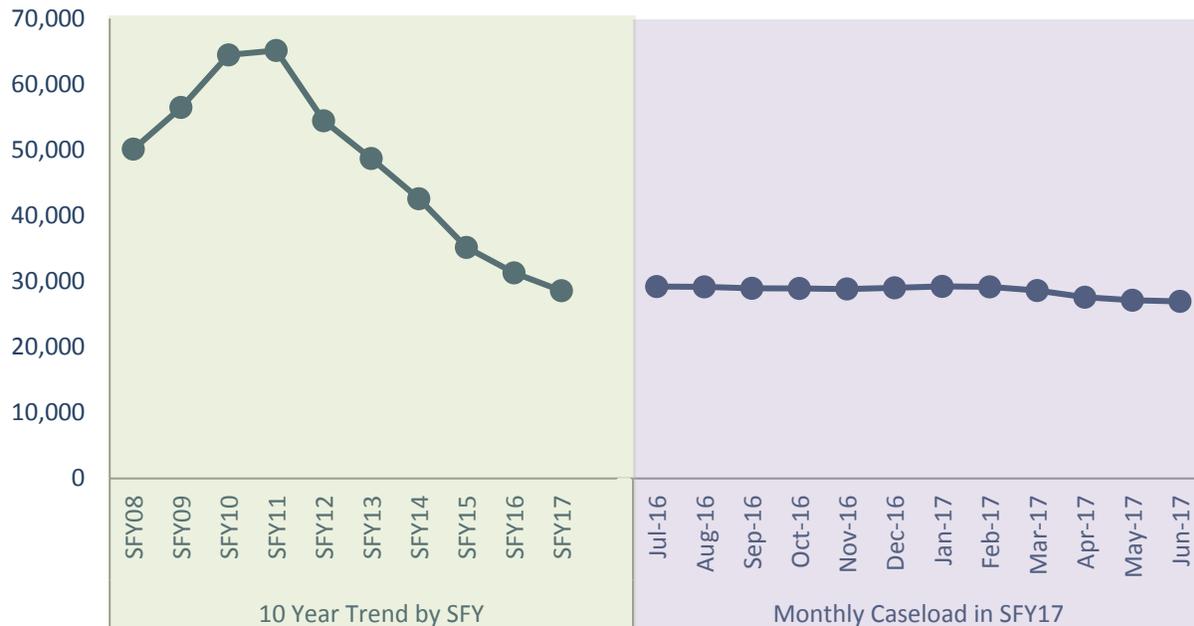
- 1) Unless otherwise noted, both federally-funded TANF and state-funded SFA cases/clients are reported jointly in this section.
- 2) WorkFirst clients are adult clients receiving TANF/SFA benefits. This can include teen parents.
- 3) WorkFirst cases are those in which at least one adult is receiving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

Selected TANF/SFA Program Overview, SFY 2016 and SFY 2017

	SFY 2016 (July 2015-June 2016)	SFY 2017 (July 2016-June 2017)	Change	
Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range)	31,284 (29,753 - 32,189)	28,555 (26,945 - 29,221)	-8.7% (Decrease)	↓
Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)	70,037 (66,257 - 72,682)	63,704 (59,666 - 65,828)	-9.0% (Decrease)	↓
Average Number of Adults Per Month (Range)	19,701 (18,288 - 20,403)	17,323 (16,122 - 18,016)	-12.1% (Decrease)	↓
Average Number of Children Per Month (Range)	50,336 (47,969 - 52,452)	46,381 (43,544 - 48,243)	-7.9% (Decrease)	↓
State Population	7,183,700	7,310,300	1.8% (Increase)	↑
Recipients as a Percent of State's Total Population	1.0%	0.9%	-0.1% Point (Decrease)	↓
Children as Percent of Recipients	71.9%	72.8%	0.9% Point (Increase)	↑
Average Persons Per Case	2.2	2.2	No Change	=
Average Children Per Case	1.6	1.6	No Change	=
Average Children Per Adult	2.6	2.7	0.1% (Increase)	↑
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range) ¹	\$409 (\$405 - \$413)	\$408 (\$406 - \$413)	-0.3% (Decrease)	↓

¹ Payments not adjusted for refunds.

TANF/SFA Caseload, SFY 2008 – 2017²



SFY	Monthly Average Caseload	SFY	Monthly Average Caseload
SFY08	50,116	SFY13	48,675
SFY09	56,456	SFY14	42,564
SFY10	64,448	SFY15	35,158
SFY11	65,127	SFY16	31,284
SFY12	54,425	SFY17	28,555

SFY 2017	Total Caseload	Persons	Grant Expenditures	Average Payment Per Case
July	29,201	64,839	\$11,893,650	\$407.3
August	29,155	65,037	\$11,849,263	\$406.4
September	28,936	64,448	\$11,772,765	\$406.9
October	28,914	64,657	\$11,800,084	\$408.1
November	28,828	64,430	\$11,774,393	\$408.4
December	29,009	65,132	\$11,853,367	\$408.6
January	29,221	65,828	\$11,914,623	\$407.7
February	29,156	65,314	\$12,028,556	\$412.6
March	28,598	63,744	\$11,709,580	\$409.5
April	27,574	61,235	\$11,266,951	\$408.6
May	27,125	60,114	\$11,060,968	\$407.8
June	26,945	59,666	\$10,950,856	\$406.4
Mo. Avg.	28,555	63,704	\$11,656,255	\$408.2

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 2017

SFY 2017	Total Caseload ³	TANF Only		Mixed TANF & SFA ⁴		SFA Only	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	29,201	28,397	97.2%	472	1.6%	332	1.1%
August	29,155	28,353	97.2%	464	1.6%	338	1.2%
September	28,936	28,164	97.3%	445	1.5%	327	1.1%
October	28,914	28,136	97.3%	440	1.5%	338	1.2%
November	28,828	28,024	97.2%	460	1.6%	344	1.2%
December	29,009	28,165	97.1%	490	1.7%	354	1.2%
January	29,221	28,355	97.0%	513	1.8%	353	1.2%
February	29,156	28,269	97.0%	516	1.8%	371	1.3%
March	28,598	27,712	96.9%	512	1.8%	374	1.3%
April	27,574	26,731	96.9%	460	1.7%	383	1.4%
May	27,125	26,305	97.0%	433	1.6%	387	1.4%
June	26,945	26,100	96.9%	458	1.7%	387	1.4%
Mo. Avg.	28,555	27,726	97.1%	472	1.7%	357	1.3%

SFY 2017	SFA Caseload	State	Federal	Average State	Total Average
		Expenditures on SFA Cases	Expenditures on SFA Cases ⁵	Expenditures Per Case	Expenditures Per Case
July	804	\$252,527	\$109,886	\$314	\$450.8
August	802	\$247,171	\$107,617	\$308	\$442.4
September	772	\$240,076	\$105,367	\$311	\$447.5
October	778	\$249,025	\$102,974	\$320	\$452.4
November	804	\$253,221	\$104,460	\$315	\$444.9
December	844	\$268,691	\$113,888	\$318	\$453.3
January	866	\$273,427	\$118,447	\$316	\$452.5
February	887	\$279,422	\$123,107	\$315	\$453.8
March	886	\$283,124	\$126,340	\$320	\$462.1
April	843	\$277,322	\$111,381	\$329	\$461.1
May	820	\$269,131	\$106,352	\$328	\$457.9
June	845	\$270,325	\$108,374	\$320	\$448.2
Mo. Avg.	829	\$263,622	\$111,516	\$318	\$452.5

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 2017 Snapshot

The following pages detail the TANF/SFA caseload, 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) 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	8,058	29.9%	18,001	30.2%	8,057	29.9%	17,985	30.1%
Region 2 CSOs	8,317	30.9%	19,131	32.1%	8,236	30.6%	18,924	31.7%
Region 3 CSOs	10,563	39.2%	22,524	37.8%	10,647	39.5%	22,746	38.1%
CSCCs	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%	N/A			
HCS	6	<0.1%	9	<0.1%	N/A			
Not Reported / Unidentifiable	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	<0.1%	11	<0.1%
State Total	26,945	100.0%	59,666	100.0%	26,945	100.0%	59,666	100.0%

Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2017 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	189	0.7%	438	0.7%	188	0.7%	436	0.7%
COLFAX	79	0.3%	169	0.3%	78	0.3%	165	0.3%
COLVILLE	197	0.7%	449	0.8%	198	0.7%	453	0.8%
ELLENSBURG	133	0.5%	271	0.5%	135	0.5%	274	0.5%
GOLDENDALE	91	0.3%	188	0.3%	92	0.3%	191	0.3%
KENNEWICK	1,093	4.1%	2,591	4.3%	1,136	4.2%	2,688	4.5%
MOSES LAKE	583	2.2%	1,264	2.1%	591	2.2%	1,276	2.1%
NEWPORT	102	0.4%	214	0.4%	101	0.4%	210	0.4%
OKANOGAN	176	0.7%	323	0.5%	165	0.6%	303	0.5%
REPUBLIC	34	0.1%	76	0.1%	34	0.1%	76	0.1%
SPOKANE MAPLE	1,078	4.0%	2,427	4.1%	1204	4.5%	2719	4.6%
SPOKANE TRENT	1,652	6.1%	3,762	6.3%	1529	5.7%	3472	5.8%
SUNNYSIDE	384	1.4%	885	1.5%	329	1.2%	760	1.3%
TOPPENISH	389	1.4%	812	1.4%	392	1.5%	817	1.4%
WALLA WALLA	244	0.9%	573	1.0%	253	0.9%	588	1.0%
WENATCHEE	382	1.4%	792	1.3%	379	1.4%	782	1.3%
WHITE SALMON	38	0.1%	83	0.1%	37	0.1%	80	0.1%
YAKIMA	1,214	4.5%	2,684	4.5%	1,216	4.5%	2,695	4.5%
Region 1 Total	8,058	29.9%	18,001	30.2%	8,057	29.9%	17,985	30.1%

Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2017 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	481	1.8%	1,095	1.8%	473	1.8%	1,080	1.8%
AUBURN	606	2.2%	1,363	2.3%	602	2.2%	1,348	2.3%
BELLINGHAM	722	2.7%	1,520	2.5%	715	2.7%	1,502	2.5%
BELLTOWN	124	0.5%	263	0.4%	127	0.5%	279	0.5%
CAPITOL HILL	242	0.9%	538	0.9%	235	0.9%	516	0.9%
EVERETT	678	2.5%	1,585	2.7%	679	2.5%	1,581	2.6%
FEDERAL WAY	570	2.1%	1,425	2.4%	558	2.1%	1,395	2.3%
KING EASTSIDE	427	1.6%	950	1.6%	413	1.5%	911	1.5%
KING NORTH	473	1.8%	1,102	1.8%	461	1.7%	1,080	1.8%
KING SOUTH	833	3.1%	2,256	3.8%	820	3.0%	2,224	3.7%
MT VERNON	456	1.7%	973	1.6%	443	1.6%	950	1.6%
OAK HARBOR	126	0.5%	251	0.4%	138	0.5%	274	0.5%
RAINIER	510	1.9%	1,203	2.0%	521	1.9%	1,224	2.1%
RENTON	510	1.9%	1,180	2.0%	510	1.9%	1,176	2.0%
SKY VALLEY	219	0.8%	438	0.7%	214	0.8%	426	0.7%
SMOKEY POINT	631	2.3%	1,340	2.2%	628	2.3%	1,329	2.2%
WHITE CENTER	709	2.6%	1,649	2.8%	699	2.6%	1,629	2.7%
Region 2 Total	8,317	30.9%	19,131	32.1%	8,236	30.6%	18,924	31.7%

Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2017 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	527	2.0%	1,082	1.8%	537	2.0%	1,104	1.9%
BREMERTON	900	3.3%	1,838	3.1%	896	3.3%	1,830	3.1%
CHEHALIS	597	2.2%	1,316	2.2%	596	2.2%	1,311	2.2%
COLUMBIA RIVER	1,527	5.7%	3,253	5.5%	1,523	5.7%	3,244	5.4%
FORKS	74	0.3%	136	0.2%	75	0.3%	138	0.2%
KELSO	946	3.5%	2,071	3.5%	944	3.5%	2,063	3.5%
LAKESWOOD	1,136	4.2%	2,533	4.2%	1,139	4.2%	2,561	4.3%
LONG BEACH	60	0.2%	107	0.2%	60	0.2%	105	0.2%
OLYMPIA	1,071	4.0%	2,206	3.7%	1,181	4.4%	2,485	4.2%
PIERCE NORTH	748	2.8%	1,655	2.8%	741	2.8%	1,626	2.7%
PIERCE SOUTH	1,232	4.6%	2,752	4.6%	1,214	4.5%	2,708	4.5%
PORT ANGELES	192	0.7%	367	0.6%	193	0.7%	370	0.6%
PORT TOWNSEND	104	0.4%	225	0.4%	104	0.4%	226	0.4%
PUYALLUP VALLEY	941	3.5%	1,961	3.3%	940	3.5%	1,961	3.3%
SHELTON	376	1.4%	719	1.2%	376	1.4%	721	1.2%
SOUTH BEND	81	0.3%	189	0.3%	79	0.3%	183	0.3%
STEVENSON	51	0.2%	114	0.2%	49	0.2%	110	0.2%
Region 3 Total	10,563	39.2%	22,524	37.8%	10,647	39.5%	22,746	38.1%

Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2017 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	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CUSTOMER SVC NW	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CUSTOMER SVC SW	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CUSTOMER SVC SO SOUND	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CUSTOMER SERV WASHCAP	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
PGST	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%
CSCC/PGST Total	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%

Caseload by Home and Community Services Offices (HCS), June 2017 Snapshot

Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) – Region 1	HCS of Issuance			
	# of Cases	% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total
CLARKSTON HCS OFFICE	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%
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	1	<0.1%	2	<0.1%
YAKIMA HCS OFFICE	2	<0.1%	4	<0.1%
HCS Region 1 Total	4	<0.1%	7	<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	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
BELLINGHAM HCS OFC	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
EVERETT HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
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	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Caseload by Home and Community Services Offices (HCS), June 2017 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%	1	<0.1%
BREMERTON HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CHEHALIS HCS OFFICE	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%
KELSO HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
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	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
LTC SPECIALTY UNIT	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
HCS Region 3 Total	2	<0.1%	2	<0.1%

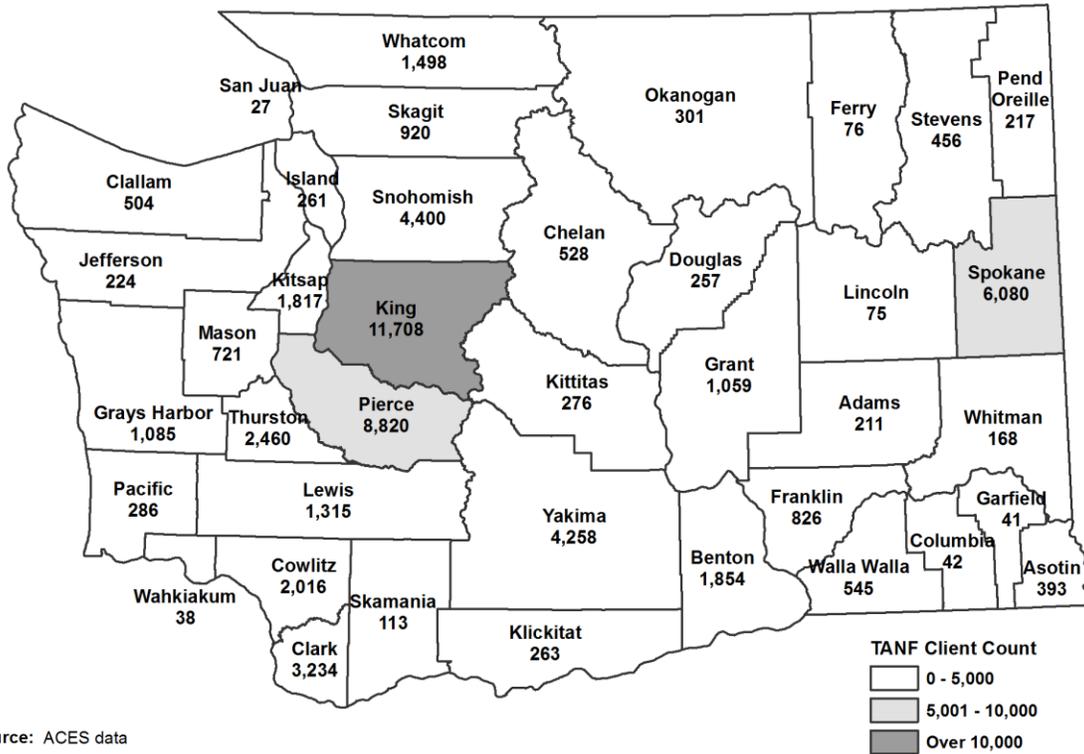
Caseload by County of Residence, June 2017 Snapshot

County	# of Cases	% of Total	# of Clients	% of Total	County	# of Cases	% of Total	# of Clients	% of Total
Adams	90	0.3%	211	0.4%	Lewis	597	2.2%	1,315	2.2%
Asotin	173	0.6%	393	0.7%	Lincoln	35	0.1%	75	0.1%
Benton	790	2.9%	1,854	3.1%	Mason	377	1.4%	721	1.2%
Chelan	250	0.9%	528	0.9%	Okanogan	164	0.6%	301	0.5%
Clallam	266	1.0%	504	0.8%	Pacific	138	0.5%	286	0.5%
Clark	1,517	5.6%	3,234	5.4%	Pend Oreille	103	0.4%	217	0.4%
Columbia	23	0.1%	42	0.1%	Pierce	4,021	14.9%	8,820	14.8%
Cowlitz	922	3.4%	2,016	3.4%	San Juan	15	0.1%	27	0.0%
Douglas	130	0.5%	257	0.4%	Skagit	429	1.6%	920	1.5%
Ferry	34	0.1%	76	0.1%	Skamania	50	0.2%	113	0.2%
Franklin	345	1.3%	826	1.4%	Snohomish	1,982	7.4%	4,400	7.4%
Garfield	14	0.1%	41	0.1%	Spokane	2,682	10.0%	6,080	10.2%
Grant	496	1.8%	1,059	1.8%	Stevens	199	0.7%	456	0.8%
Grays Harbor	530	2.0%	1,085	1.8%	Thurston	1,171	4.3%	2,460	4.1%
Island	132	0.5%	261	0.4%	Wahkiakum	17	0.1%	38	0.1%
Jefferson	103	0.4%	224	0.4%	Walla Walla	229	0.8%	545	0.9%
King	4,915	18.2%	11,708	19.6%	Whatcom	712	2.6%	1,498	2.5%
Kitsap	891	3.3%	1,817	3.0%	Whitman	79	0.3%	168	0.3%
Kittitas	137	0.5%	276	0.5%	Yakima	1,929	7.2%	4,258	7.1%
Klickitat	126	0.5%	263	0.4%	Not Reported/ Unidentifiable	132	0.5%	293	0.5%

	# of Cases	# of Clients
State Total	26,945	59,666

Client Density Maps by Residential County, June 2017 Snapshot

Number of TANF Clients by Residential County in Washington State: June 2017

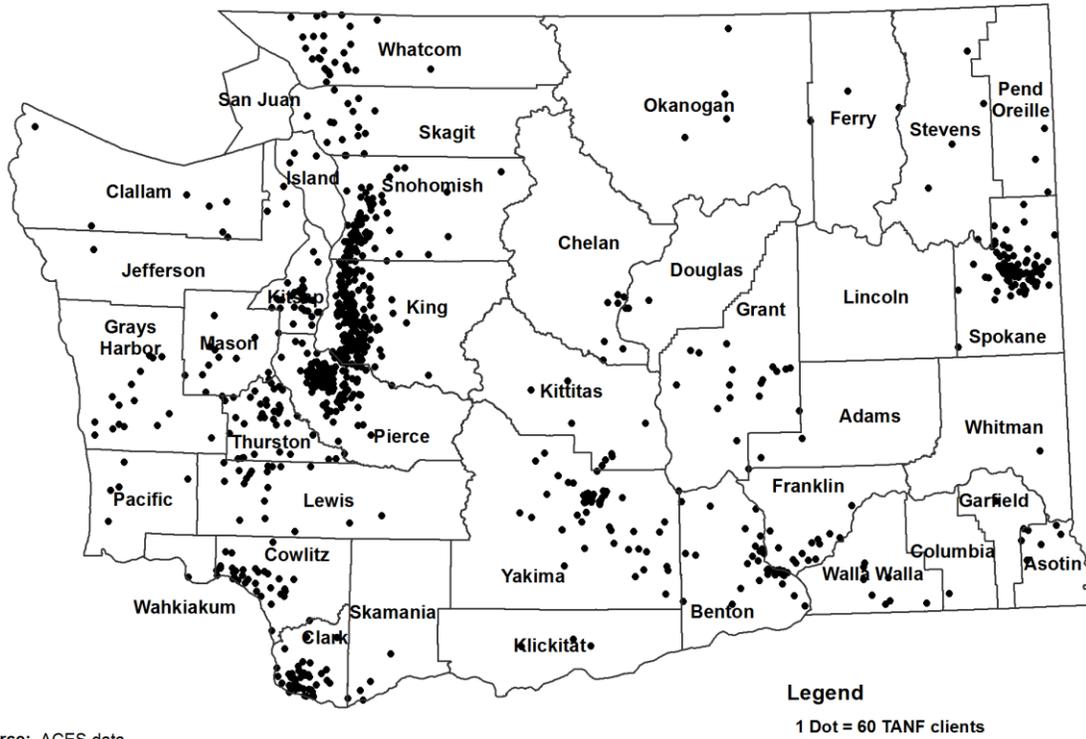


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Client Density Maps, June 2017 Snapshot (continued)

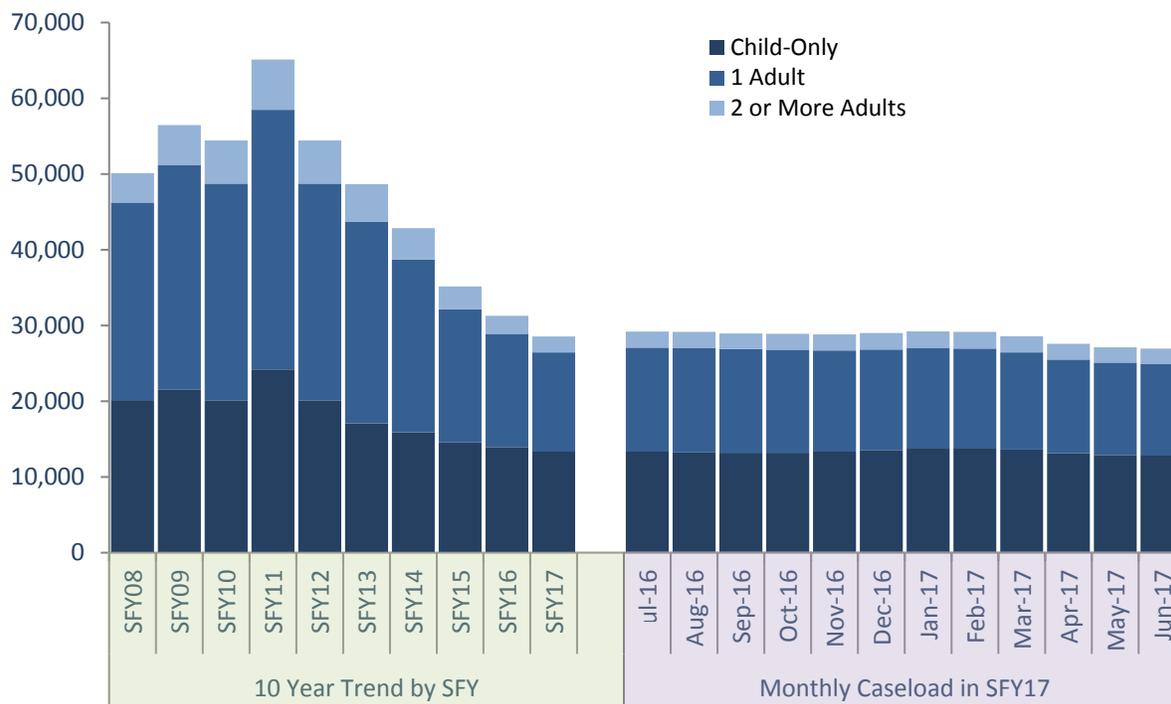
Number of TANF Clients by Density of Residential Zip Code in Washington State: June 2017



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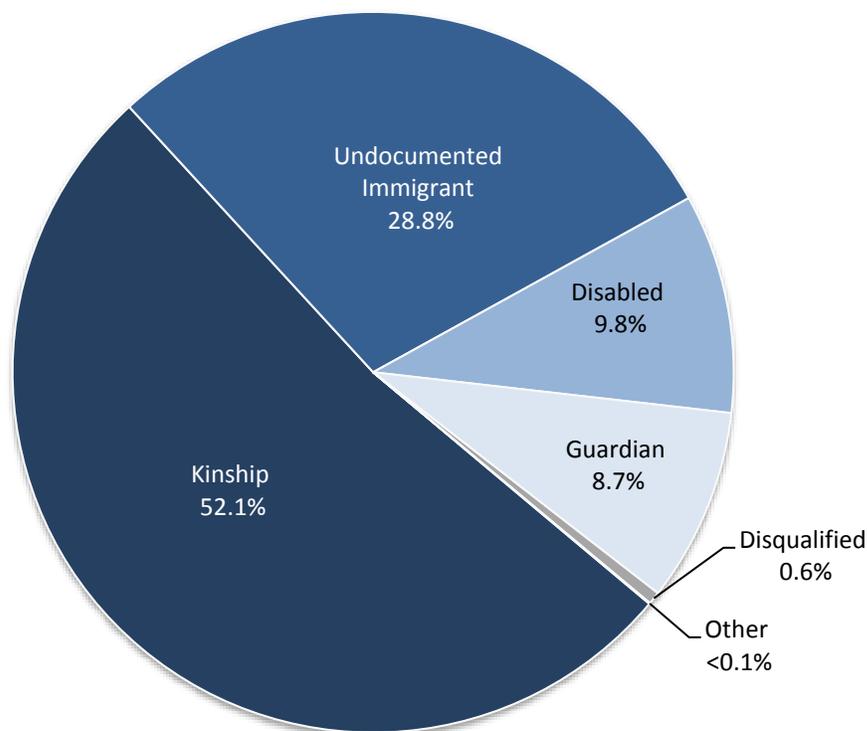
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Caseload by Case Type, SFY 2008 – 2017



SFY 2017	Total Caseload	Caseload By Case Type					
		Child-Only		1 Adult		2 or More Adults	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	29,201	13,344	45.7%	13,741	47.1%	2,116	7.2%
August	29,155	13,227	45.4%	13,828	47.4%	2,100	7.2%
September	28,936	13,192	45.6%	13,688	47.3%	2,056	7.1%
October	28,914	13,196	45.6%	13,613	47.1%	2,105	7.3%
November	28,828	13,330	46.2%	13,366	46.4%	2,132	7.4%
December	29,009	13,558	46.7%	13,256	45.7%	2,195	7.6%
January	29,221	13,847	47.4%	13,144	45.0%	2,230	7.6%
February	29,156	13,838	47.5%	13,106	45.0%	2,212	7.6%
March	28,598	13,602	47.6%	12,846	44.9%	2,150	7.5%
April	27,574	13,157	47.7%	12,337	44.7%	2,080	7.5%
May	27,125	12,890	47.5%	12,216	45.0%	2,019	7.4%
June	26,945	12,805	47.5%	12,145	45.1%	1,995	7.4%
Mo. Avg.	28,555	13,332	46.7%	13,107	45.9%	2,116	7.4%

Child-Only Caseload by Major Caretaker Groups, June 2017 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.

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.

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.

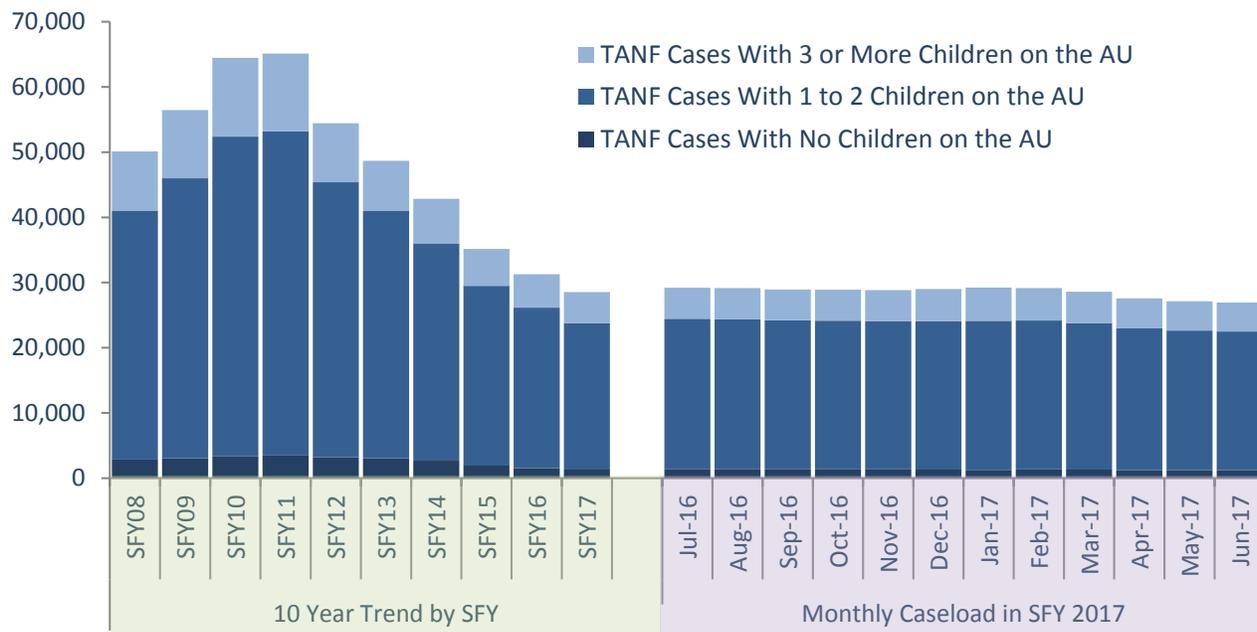
Guardian – Sometimes, in the absence of the parent, a relative or other concerned adult will seek legal guardianship of a child. As with relative caregivers without this legal status, guardians may receive TANF on behalf of an otherwise eligible child.

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.

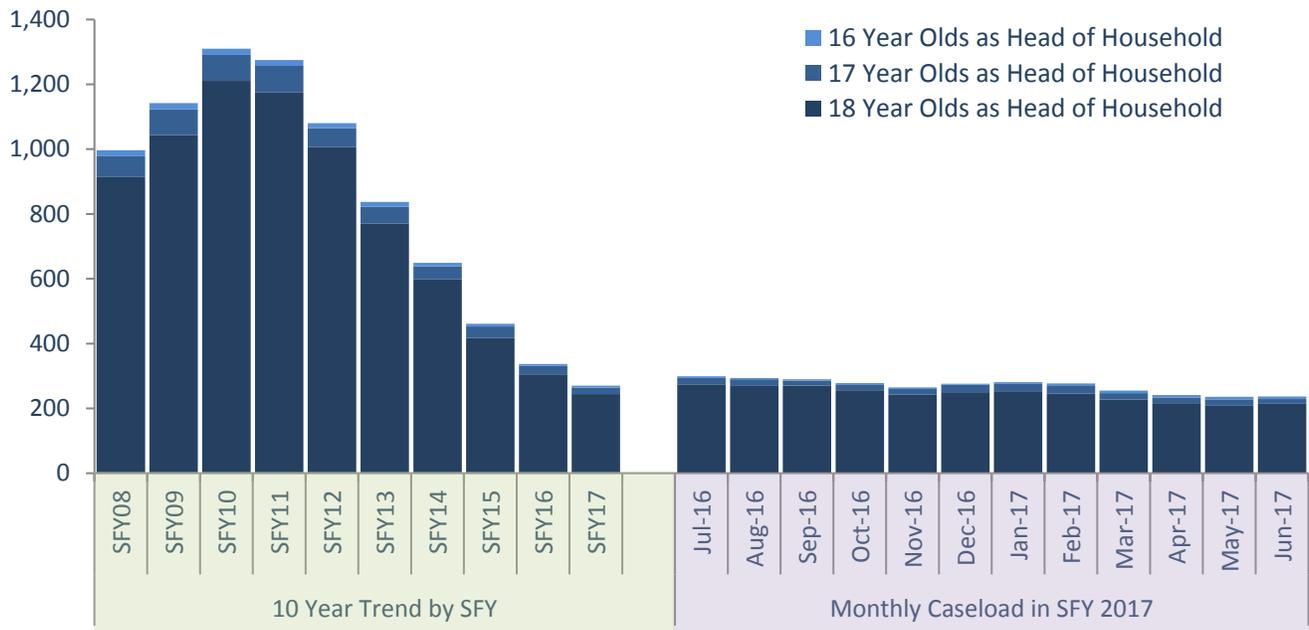
Caseload by Number of Children⁷, SFY 2008 – 2017



SFY 2017	Caseload by Number of Children						
	Total TANF Caseload	No Children		1 to 2 Children		3 or More Children	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	29,201	1,428	4.9%	23,027	78.9%	4,746	16.3%
August	29,155	1,420	4.9%	22,972	78.8%	4,763	16.3%
September	28,936	1,410	4.9%	22,817	78.9%	4,709	16.3%
October	28,914	1,351	4.7%	22,792	78.8%	4,771	16.5%
November	28,828	1,338	4.6%	22,710	78.8%	4,780	16.6%
December	29,009	1,323	4.6%	22,734	78.4%	4,952	17.1%
January	29,221	1,281	4.4%	22,843	78.2%	5,097	17.4%
February	29,156	1,353	4.6%	22,815	78.3%	4,988	17.1%
March	28,598	1,315	4.6%	22,463	78.5%	4,820	16.9%
April	27,574	1,243	4.5%	21,743	78.9%	4,588	16.6%
May	27,125	1,258	4.6%	21,376	78.8%	4,491	16.6%
June	26,945	1,227	4.6%	21,270	78.9%	4,448	16.5%
Mo. Avg.	28,555	1,329	4.7%	22,464	78.7%	4,763	16.7%

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.

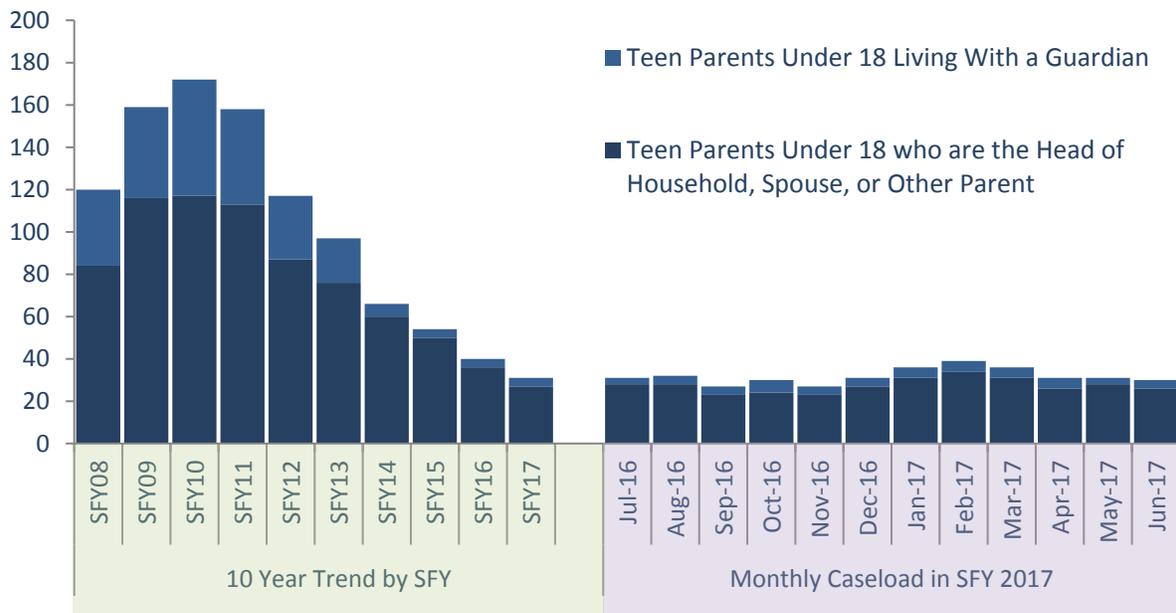
Teen Head of Household, SFY 2008 – 2017



SFY 2017	Total TANF Caseload	Teen Head of Households ⁸					
		16 Years Old or Younger		17 Years Old		18 Years Old	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	299	5	1.7%	20	6.7%	274	91.6%
August	294	4	1.4%	21	7.1%	269	91.5%
September	290	4	1.4%	16	5.5%	270	93.1%
October	278	4	1.4%	18	6.5%	256	92.1%
November	265	5	1.9%	18	6.8%	242	91.3%
December	276	3	1.1%	23	8.3%	250	90.6%
January	281	4	1.4%	24	8.5%	253	90.0%
February	277	6	2.2%	25	9.0%	246	88.8%
March	255	8	3.1%	20	7.8%	227	89.0%
April	241	7	2.9%	18	7.5%	216	89.6%
May	236	8	3.4%	18	7.6%	210	89.0%
June	237	8	3.4%	15	6.3%	214	90.3%
Mo. Avg.	269	6	2.2%	20	7.4%	244	90.7%

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

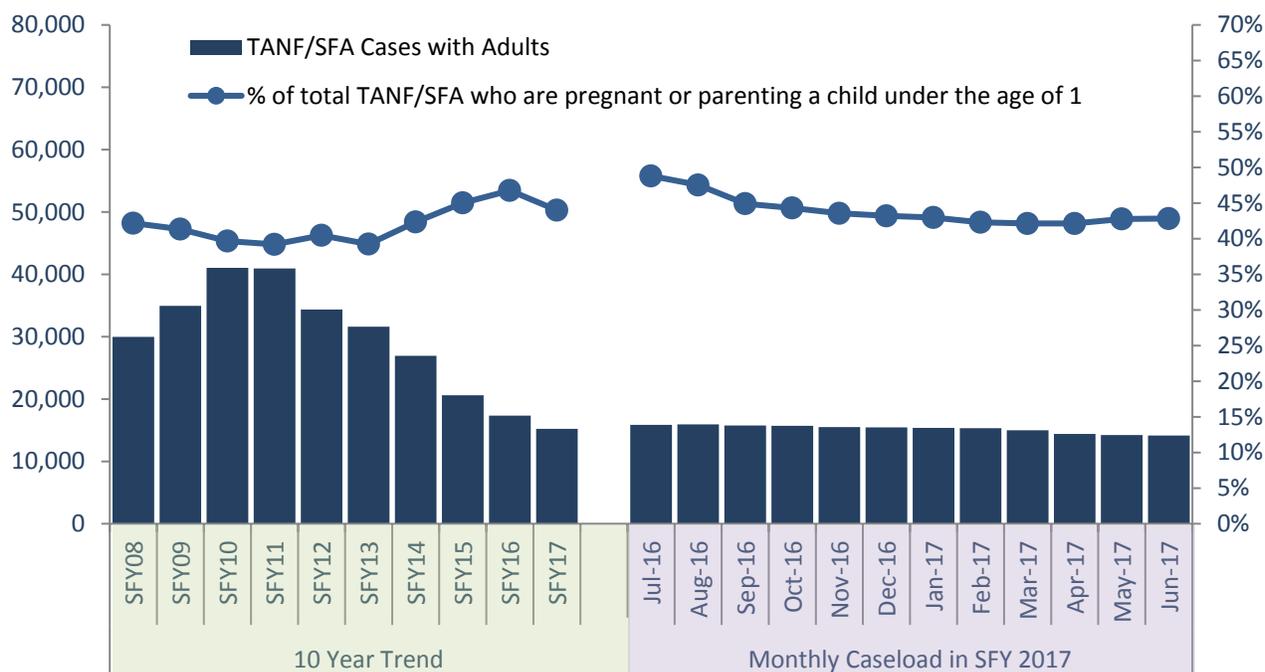
Teen Parents under Age 18, SFY 2008 – 2017



Teen Parents Under Age 18 ⁹					
SFY 2017	Total Clients	Living with a Legal Guardian		Head of Household, Spouse or Other Parent	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	31	3	9.7%	28	90.3%
August	32	4	12.5%	28	87.5%
September	27	4	14.8%	23	85.2%
October	30	6	20.0%	24	80.0%
November	27	4	14.8%	23	85.2%
December	31	4	12.9%	27	87.1%
January	36	5	13.9%	31	86.1%
February	39	5	12.8%	34	87.2%
March	36	5	13.9%	31	86.1%
April	31	5	16.1%	26	83.9%
May	31	3	9.7%	28	90.3%
June	30	4	13.3%	26	86.7%
Mo. Avg.	32	4	12.5%	27	84.4%

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 their own child.

Pregnant Women & Women with Child under Age 1, SFY 2008 – 2017



% of Total TANF/SFA Caseload with Adults that have a Pregnant Woman or Child Under Age 1							
SFY 2017	Caseload with Adults ¹⁰	Pregnant ¹¹		0 – 3 Months Old		4 – 12 Months Old	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	15,857	3,217	20.3%	1,694	10.7%	2,828	17.8%
August	15,928	3,004	18.9%	1,739	10.9%	2,828	17.8%
September	15,744	2,621	16.6%	1,718	10.9%	2,732	17.4%
October	15,718	2,478	15.8%	1,770	11.3%	2,716	17.3%
November	15,498	2,322	15.0%	1,742	11.2%	2,687	17.3%
December	15,451	2,216	14.3%	1,707	11.0%	2,752	17.8%
January	15,374	2,132	13.9%	1,700	11.1%	2,774	18.0%
February	15,318	2,065	13.5%	1,582	10.3%	2,833	18.5%
March	14,996	2,038	13.6%	1,561	10.4%	2,719	18.1%
April	14,417	1,958	13.6%	1,542	10.7%	2,574	17.9%
May	14,235	2,020	14.2%	1,518	10.7%	2,551	17.9%
June	14,140	1,986	14.0%	1,531	10.8%	2,538	17.9%
Mo. Avg.	15,223	2,338	15.4%	1,650	10.8%	2,711	17.8%

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 2017

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 security. 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.

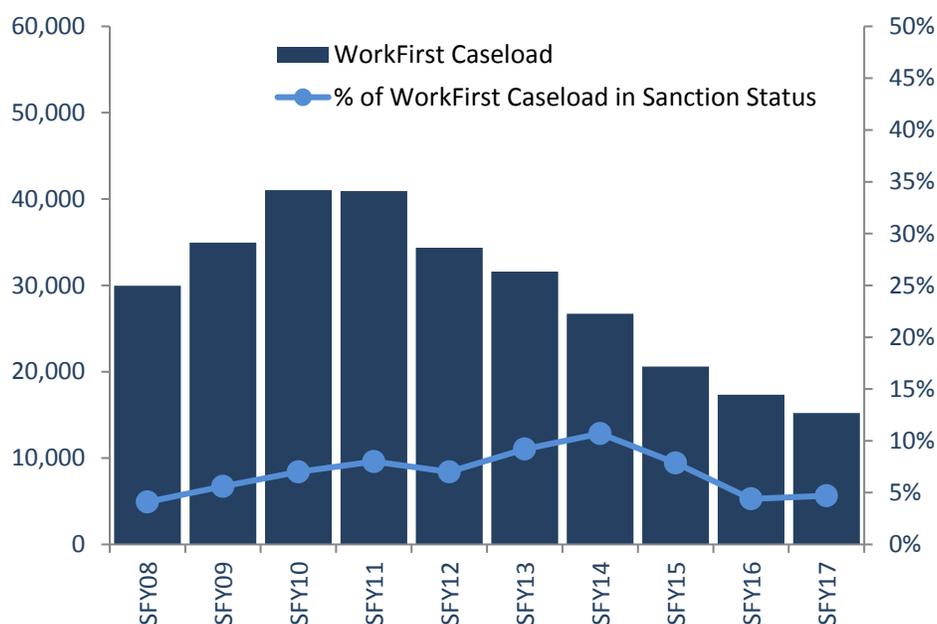
SFY 2017	Total WorkFirst Clients Receiving TANF/SFA	Total WorkFirst Clients Exempted ¹⁴ from Participation	WorkFirst Clients Required to Participate (Non-Exempt)	% of Non-Exempt WorkFirst Clients Participating in WorkFirst Activities
July	17,960	4,577	13,383	73.8%
August	18,016	4,596	13,420	74.8%
September	17,784	4,579	13,205	74.9%
October	17,806	4,557	13,249	75.7%
November	17,612	4,541	13,071	76.4%
December	17,629	4,506	13,123	75.9%
January	17,585	4,504	13,081	76.1%
February	17,512	4,444	13,068	76.5%
March	17,130	4,453	12,677	77.1%
April	16,483	4,314	12,169	77.5%
May	16,240	4,326	11,914	78.9%
June	16,122	4,332	11,790	78.2%
Mo. Avg.	17,323	4,477	12,846	76.3%

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 fail 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 or deferral 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.

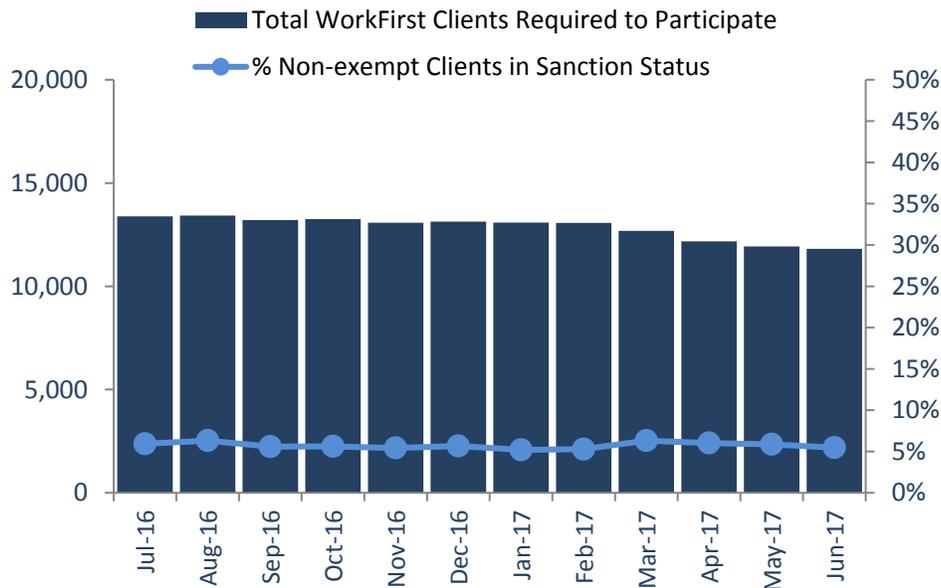
WorkFirst Cases and Clients in NCS Sanction Status¹⁵, SFY 2008 – 2017



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
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%
SFY17	15,223	714	4.7%	17,323	736	4.2%

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WorkFirst Clients in NCS Sanction Status by Month, SFY 2017

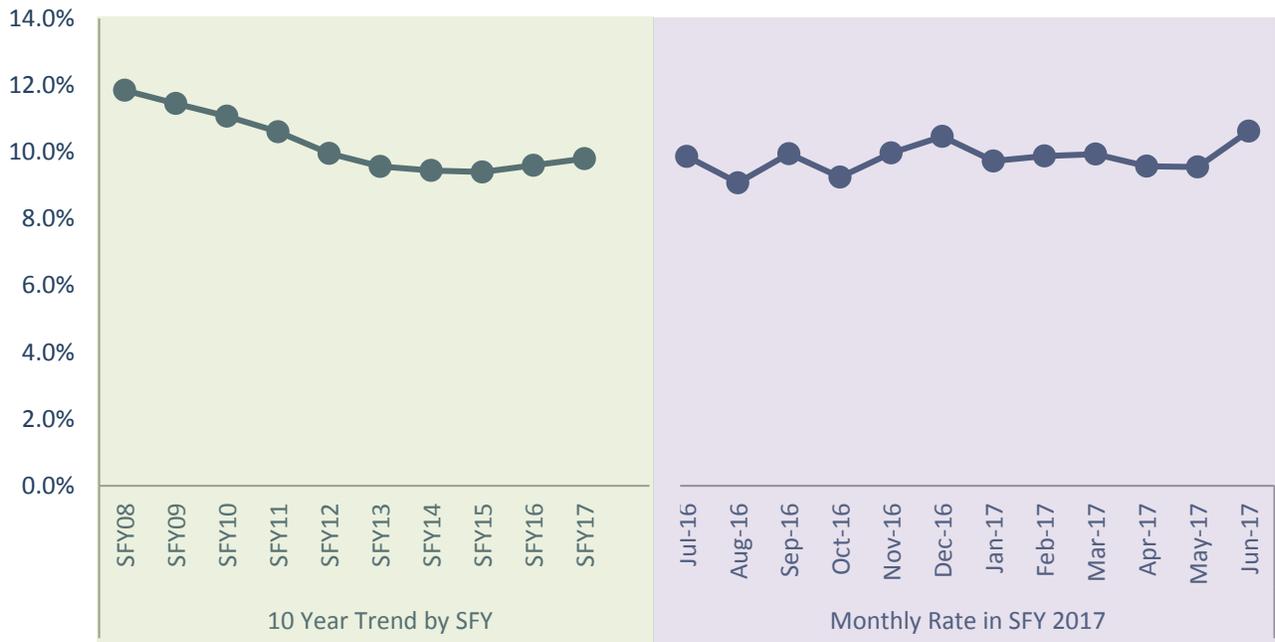


TANF/SFA Adult Clients in WorkFirst Non-Compliance Sanction (NCS)					
SFY 2017	Total WorkFirst Clients Required to Participate (Non-exempt ¹⁶)	Total Non-exempt Clients in Sanction Status	% Non-exempt Clients in Sanction Status	Clients Receiving an NCS Termination Without Grant Reduction ¹⁷	Clients in Sanction Status with Grant Reduction
July	13,385	795	5.9%	267	528
August	13,421	847	6.3%	253	594
September	13,209	738	5.6%	217	521
October	13,256	745	5.6%	235	510
November	13,077	710	5.4%	218	492
December	13,128	744	5.7%	233	511
January	13,087	680	5.2%	212	468
February	13,073	691	5.3%	170	521
March	12,683	801	6.3%	291	510
April	12,177	733	6.0%	216	517
May	11,929	700	5.9%	187	513
June	11,815	646	5.5%	206	440
Mo. Avg.	12,853	736	5.7%	225	510

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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.

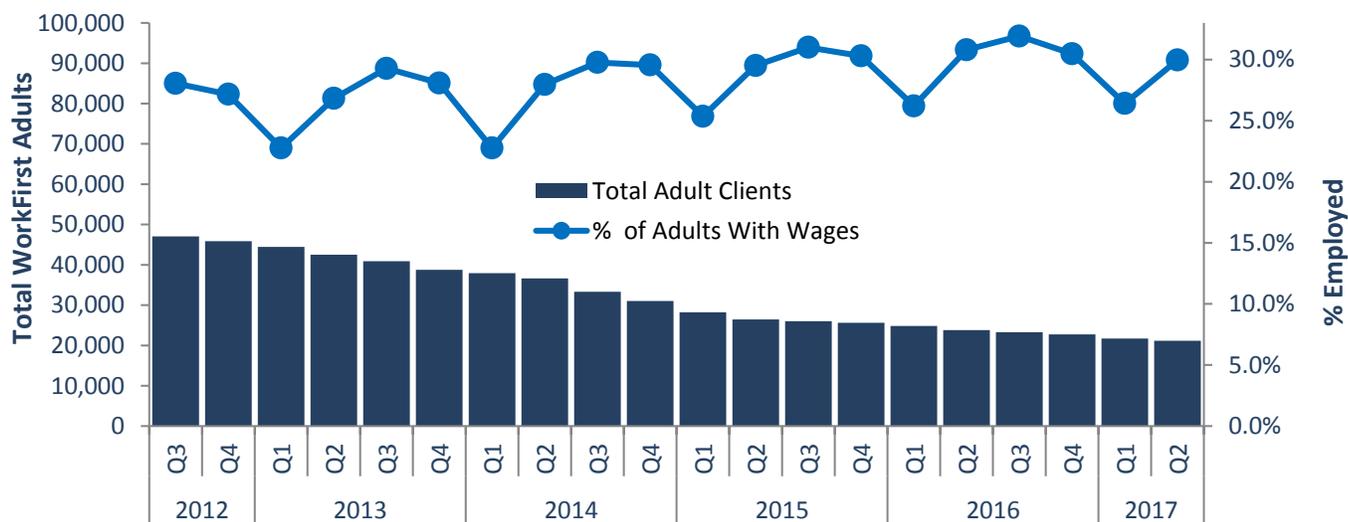
Employment Rates for WorkFirst Clients¹⁸, SFY 2008 – 2017



SFY 2017	# of WorkFirst Clients	# Employed (Earned Income > \$5.00)	% Employed (Earned Income > \$5.00)	Avg. Monthly Hours Worked (Among those Employed)
July	17,960	1,772	9.9%	57
August	18,016	1,635	9.1%	56
September	17,784	1,769	9.9%	56
October	17,806	1,646	9.2%	53
November	17,612	1,756	10.0%	54
December	17,629	1,845	10.5%	57
January	17,585	1,711	9.7%	55
February	17,512	1,730	9.9%	55
March	17,130	1,702	9.9%	56
April	16,483	1,578	9.6%	57
May	16,240	1,551	9.6%	55
June	16,122	1,713	10.6%	57
Mo. Avg.	17,323	1,701	9.8%	55.7

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 2012 – June 2017



Quarter	Total Adults	Adults with Wages ²⁰		Total Quarterly Wages ²¹	Total Quarterly Hourly Wages ²²
		Number	Percent		
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
2016Q3	23,312	7,441	31.9%	\$2,479	\$12.7
2016Q4	22,750	6,933	30.5%	\$2,496	\$12.8
2017Q1	21,718	5,735	26.4%	\$2,333	\$13.5
2017Q2	21,184	6,347	30.0%	\$2,454	\$13.5

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

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

²¹ Total quarterly wages per person for those adult clients with wages in a quarter.

²² Jobs without hours or with 1,000 hours are excluded. Only includes jobs with an hourly wage rate between \$5 and \$50.

Caseload by Primary Language, June 2017 Snapshot

Primary Language ²³	# of Cases	Percent of Cases	Percentage of Non-English Cases
English Language Codes			
English	24,106	89.5%	
Large Print	63	0.2%	
Sign Language	6	<0.1%	
Braille	1	<0.1%	
Total English Languages	24,176	89.7%	
Non-English Language Cases			
Spanish	1,542	5.7%	55.7%
Arabic	298	1.1%	10.8%
Somali	211	0.8%	7.6%
Russian	164	0.6%	5.9%
Tigrigna	58	0.2%	2.1%
Vietnamese	51	0.2%	1.8%
Farsi	49	0.2%	1.8%
Dari	45	0.2%	1.6%
Amharic	41	0.2%	1.5%
Ukrainian	34	0.1%	1.2%
Burmese	27	0.1%	1.0%
Swahili	22	0.1%	0.8%
Cambodian (Khmer)	17	0.1%	0.6%
French	17	0.1%	0.6%
Trukese	16	0.1%	0.6%
Oromo	14	0.1%	0.5%
Samoan	12	<0.1%	0.4%
Pashto	9	<0.1%	0.3%
Chinese	9	<0.1%	0.3%
Other Languages ²⁴	133	0.5%	4.8%
Total Non-English Language Cases	2,769	10.3%	100.0%
Total	26,945	100.0%	

²³ Primary Language Code comes from the language chosen by the Assistance Unit that is used for letters, notices, and other written communications.

²⁴ 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 2017 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	59,666	100.0%	16,122	100.0%	43,544	100.0%

Gender	All Clients		All Adults		All Children	
Female	34,508	57.8%	12,890	80.0%	21,618	49.6%
Male	25,154	42.2%	3,232	20.0%	21,922	50.3%
Unknown	4	<0.1%	0	0.0%	4	<0.1%

Ethnicity and Race	All Clients		All Adults		All Children	
Hispanic or Latino	12,351	20.7%	2,225	13.8%	10,126	23.3%
Not Hispanic or Latino²⁵	47,315	79.3%	13,897	86.2%	33,418	76.7%
White	26,714	44.8%	9,013	55.9%	17,701	40.7%
Black/African American	7,579	12.7%	2,207	13.7%	5,372	12.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2,404	4.0%	803	5.0%	1,601	3.7%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1,783	3.0%	400	2.5%	1,383	3.2%
Two or More Races	1,332	2.2%	228	1.4%	1,104	2.5%
Race Not Reported	7,503	12.6%	1,246	7.7%	6,257	14.4%

Marital Status	All Adults	
Separated	1,581	9.8%
Married	3,646	22.6%
Never Married	8,837	54.8%
Divorced	1,803	11.2%
Widowed	113	0.7%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	142	0.9%

Citizenship Status	All Clients		All Adults		All Children	
U.S. Citizen	53,905	90.3%	13,526	83.9%	40,379	92.7%
Resident Alien	5,601	9.4%	2,535	15.7%	3,066	7.0%
U.S. National²⁶	160	0.3%	61	0.4%	99	0.2%

²⁵ Includes clients not reporting whether or not they are of Hispanic or Latino origin

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).

Client Demographics, June 2017 Snapshot (continued)

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

Homeless Status	All Clients		All Adults	
Homeless ²⁷	8,579	14.4%	3,835	23.8%

Education Status	All Adults	
Less than a High School Diploma	3,962	24.6%
High School Graduate or GED	8,069	50.0%
Some College or College Degree	3,786	23.5%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	305	1.9%

Age	All Clients		All Adults	
< 1 Year Old	4,102	6.9%		
1 – 5 Years Old	13,446	22.5%		
6 – 10 Years Old	11,817	19.8%		
11 – 15 Years Old	9,755	16.3%		
16 – 17 Years Old ²⁸	3,440	5.8%	24	0.1%
18 – 24 Years Old ²⁸	4,635	7.8%	3,627	22.5%
25 – 34 Years Old	6,843	11.5%	6,843	42.4%
35 – 44 Years Old	3,961	6.6%	3,961	24.6%
45 – 54 Years Old	1,393	2.3%	1,393	8.6%
55 – 64 Years Old	264	0.4%	264	1.6%
65+ Years Old	10	<0.1%	10	0.1%
Average Age of Children	7.7 Years			
Average Age of Adults	32.0 Years			

Months on Assistance Since July 1997 (All Adults)

Average	25
Median	16

²⁷ Homeless is defined as: homeless without housing, homeless with housing (staying temporarily with family or friends), emergency shelter, or battered spouse shelter.

²⁸ Clients are classified as adults or children based on their relationship to the head of household, rather than age.

Child Demographics, June 2017 Snapshot

Characteristic	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
	# of Clients	% of All Children	# of Clients	% of Children in Child-Only Cases
Total Clients	43,544	100.0%	20,273	100.0%

Gender	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
Female	21,618	49.6%	10,278	50.7%
Male	21,922	50.3%	9,992	49.3%
Unknown	4	<0.1%	3	<0.1%

Ethnicity and Race	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
Hispanic or Latino	10,126	23.3%	5,902	29.1%
Not Hispanic or Latino²⁹	33,418	76.7%	14,371	70.9%
White	17,701	40.7%	7,967	39.3%
Black/African American	5,372	12.3%	2,072	10.2%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,601	3.7%	622	3.1%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1,383	3.2%	920	4.5%
Two or More Races	1,104	2.5%	482	2.4%
Race Not Reported	6,257	14.4%	2,308	11.4%

Citizenship Status	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
U.S. Citizen	40,379	92.7%	19,881	98.1%
Resident Alien	3,066	7.0%	349	1.7%
U.S. National³⁰	99	0.2%	43	0.2%

Age	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
< 1 Year Old	4,102	9.4%	766	3.8%
1 – 5 Years Old	13,446	30.9%	5,050	24.9%
6 – 10 Years Old	11,817	27.1%	5,949	29.3%
11 – 15 Years Old	9,755	22.4%	5,735	28.3%
16 – 17 Years Old³¹	3,416	7.8%	2,129	10.5%
18 – 24 Years Old³¹	1,008	2.3%	644	3.2%
Average Age of Children	7.7 Years			
Average Age of Children in Child-Only Cases	9.1 Years			

²⁹ Includes clients not reporting whether or not they are of Hispanic or Latino origin

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