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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 (TANF), State Family Assistance (SFA), and WorkFirst caseload and client data for SFY 2018.

TANF provides cash grants for families in need. Persons who are caring for a relative's child, 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 SFA. Some TANF/SFA families participate in the WorkFirst Program, which helps participants find and keep jobs.

Additional information, including the eligibility criteria, funding sources, and services/benefits provided, is available [here](#).

Highlights

Washington State's TANF/SFA average monthly caseload declined by 8.8% in SFY 2018, from 28,555 in SFY 2017 to 26,030 in SFY 2018.

The monthly average proportion of WorkFirst clients sanctioned due to noncompliance with participation requirements decreased from 4.2% in SFY 2017 to 3.6% in SFY 2018.

Child-only households comprised 47.7% of the total TANF/SFA caseload in SFY 2018, up from 46.7% in SFY 2017.

TECHNICAL NOTES

DATA SOURCES: Data for this chapter is based on the ESA Automated Client Eligibility System (ACES) database as of August 2018. Quarterly employment and earnings for WorkFirst participants is based on Unemployment Insurance (UI) wage data provided by the Employment Security Department (ESD).

DATA NOTES:

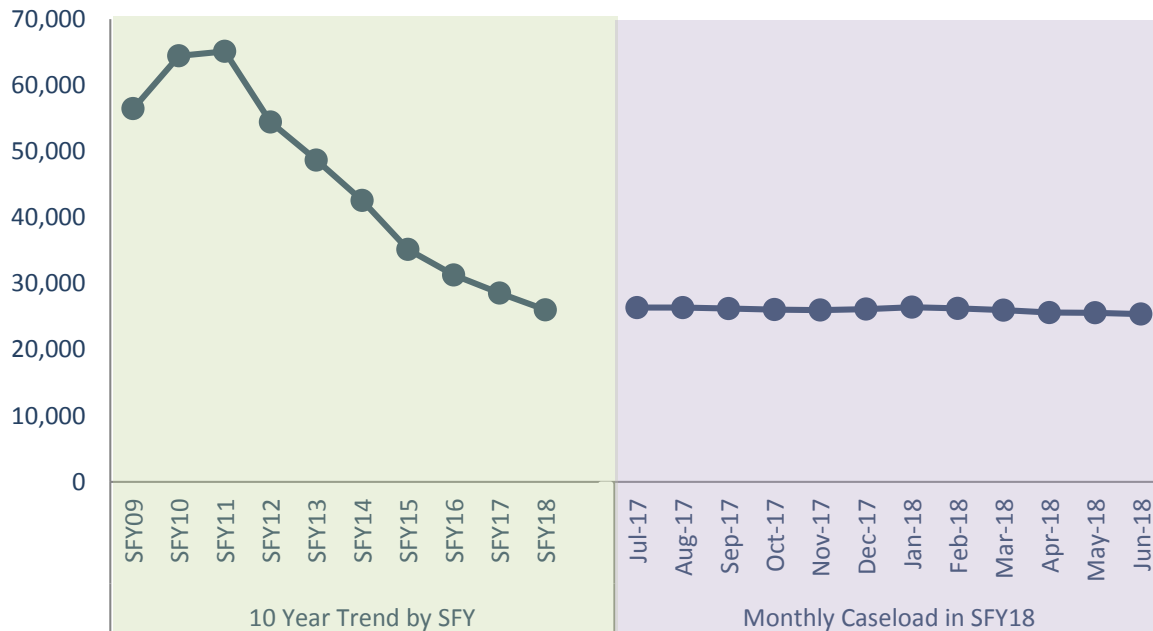
- Unless otherwise noted, both federally-funded TANF and state-funded SFA cases/clients are reported jointly in this section.
- WorkFirst clients are adult clients receiving TANF/SFA benefits. This can include teen parents.
- WorkFirst cases are those in which at least one adult is receiving TANF/SFA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

Selected TANF/SFA Program Overview, SFY 2017 and SFY 2018

	SFY 2017 (July 2016-June 2017)	SFY 2018 (July 2017-June 2018)	Change	
Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range)	28,555 (26,945 - 29,221)	26,030 (25,378 - 26,430)	-8.8% (Decrease)	↓
Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)	63,704 (59,666 - 65,828)	57,432 (55,793 - 58,558)	-9.8% (Decrease)	↓
Average Number of Adults Per Month (Range)	17,323 (16,122 - 18,016)	15,374 (14,931 - 15,751)	-11.3% (Decrease)	↓
Average Number of Children Per Month (Range)	46,381 (43,544 - 48,243)	42,058 (40,862 - 43,004)	-9.3% (Decrease)	↓
State Population	7,310,300	7,427,600	1.6% (Increase)	↑
Recipients as a Percent of State's Total Population	0.9%	0.8%	-0.1% Point (Decrease)	↓
Children as Percent of Recipients	72.8%	73.2%	0.4% 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	2.7	2.7	No Change	=
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range) ¹	\$408.20 (\$406.42 - \$412.56)	\$407.80 (\$404.44 - \$412.88)	-0.1% (Decrease)	↓

¹ Payments not adjusted for refunds.

TANF/SFA Caseload, SFY 2009 – 2018²



SFY	Monthly Average Caseload	SFY	Monthly Average Caseload
SFY09	56,456	SFY14	42,564
SFY10	64,448	SFY15	35,158
SFY11	65,127	SFY16	31,284
SFY12	54,425	SFY17	28,555
SFY13	48,675	SFY18	26,030

SFY 2018	Total Caseload	Persons	Grant Expenditures	Average Payment Per Case
July	26,364	58,263	\$10,716,210	\$406.47
August	26,368	58,251	\$10,715,763	\$406.39
September	26,224	57,809	\$10,605,911	\$404.44
October	26,065	57,364	\$10,595,389	\$406.50
November	25,990	57,193	\$10,545,977	\$405.77
December	26,133	57,811	\$10,669,393	\$408.27
January	26,430	58,558	\$10,747,085	\$406.62
February	26,247	58,040	\$10,836,890	\$412.88
March	25,973	57,252	\$10,632,767	\$409.38
April	25,614	56,501	\$10,462,007	\$408.45
May	25,576	56,346	\$10,491,192	\$410.20
June	25,378	55,793	\$10,361,852	\$408.30
Mo. Avg.	26,030	57,432	\$10,615,036	\$407.80

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 2018

SFY 2018	Total Caseload ³	TANF Only		Mixed TANF & SFA ⁴		SFA Only	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	26,364	25,638	97.2%	363	1.4%	363	1.4%
August	26,368	25,630	97.2%	378	1.4%	360	1.4%
September	26,224	25,464	97.1%	387	1.5%	373	1.4%
October	26,065	25,312	97.1%	371	1.4%	382	1.5%
November	25,990	25,213	97.0%	400	1.5%	377	1.5%
December	26,133	25,313	96.9%	431	1.6%	389	1.5%
January	26,430	25,615	96.9%	455	1.7%	360	1.4%
February	26,247	25,444	96.9%	444	1.7%	359	1.4%
March	25,973	25,179	96.9%	447	1.7%	347	1.3%
April	25,614	24,797	96.8%	451	1.8%	366	1.4%
May	25,576	24,756	96.8%	460	1.8%	360	1.4%
June	25,378	24,547	96.7%	457	1.8%	374	1.5%
Mo. Avg.	26,030	25,242	97.0%	420	1.6%	368	1.4%

SFY 2018	SFA Caseload	State Expenditures on	Federal Expenditures on	Average State Expenditures Per	Total Average Expenditures Per
		SFA Cases	SFA Cases ⁵	Case	Case
July	726	\$237,777	\$87,145	\$327.52	\$447.55
August	738	\$239,740	\$86,816	\$324.85	\$442.49
September	760	\$244,782	\$88,455	\$322.08	\$438.47
October	753	\$247,004	\$79,249	\$328.03	\$433.27
November	777	\$253,283	\$90,677	\$325.97	\$442.68
December	820	\$262,903	\$100,942	\$320.61	\$443.71
January	815	\$263,336	\$104,240	\$323.11	\$451.01
February	803	\$267,269	\$104,295	\$332.84	\$462.72
March	794	\$255,964	\$108,553	\$322.37	\$459.09
April	817	\$263,047	\$106,194	\$321.97	\$451.95
May	820	\$261,866	\$109,382	\$319.35	\$452.74
June	831	\$266,847	\$110,279	\$321.12	\$453.82
Mo. Avg.	788	\$255,318	\$98,019	\$324.01	\$448.40

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 2018 Snapshot

The following pages detail the TANF/SFA caseload, June 2018 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 the CSO coverage area in which a client lives.

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	7,709	30.4%	17,052	30.6%	7,704	30.4%	17,019	30.5%
Region 2 CSOs	7,861	31.0%	17,836	32.0%	7,772	30.6%	17,606	31.6%
Region 3 CSOs	9,802	38.6%	20,894	37.4%	9,896	39.0%	21,153	37.9%
CSCCs	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%	N/A			
HCS	5	<0.1%	10	<0.1%	N/A			
Not Reported / Unidentifiable	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	<0.1%	15	<0.1%
State Total	25,378	100.0%	55,793	100.0%	25,378	100.0%	55,793	100.0%

Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2018 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	185	0.7%	418	0.7%	184	0.7%	415	0.7%
COLFAX	85	0.3%	185	0.3%	84	0.3%	182	0.3%
COLVILLE	194	0.8%	408	0.7%	195	0.8%	411	0.7%
ELLENSBURG	119	0.5%	239	0.4%	120	0.5%	240	0.4%
GOLDENDALE	72	0.3%	154	0.3%	70	0.3%	151	0.3%
KENNEWICK	980	3.9%	2,243	4.0%	1,010	4.0%	2,312	4.1%
MOSES LAKE	563	2.2%	1,186	2.1%	570	2.2%	1,202	2.2%
NEWPORT	95	0.4%	182	0.3%	94	0.4%	180	0.3%
OKANOGAN	172	0.7%	361	0.6%	165	0.7%	343	0.6%
REPUBLIC	29	0.1%	64	0.1%	29	0.1%	64	0.1%
SPOKANE MAPLE	1,106	4.4%	2,424	4.3%	1,247	4.9%	2,746	4.9%
SPOKANE TRENT	1,674	6.6%	3,876	6.9%	1,532	6.0%	3,544	6.4%
SUNNYSIDE	326	1.3%	775	1.4%	298	1.2%	699	1.3%
TOPPENISH	351	1.4%	732	1.3%	345	1.4%	716	1.3%
WALLA WALLA	243	1.0%	541	1.0%	243	1.0%	543	1.0%
WENATCHEE	365	1.4%	767	1.4%	363	1.4%	762	1.4%
WHITE SALMON	41	0.2%	80	0.1%	41	0.2%	81	0.1%
YAKIMA	1,109	4.4%	2,417	4.3%	1,114	4.4%	2,428	4.4%
Region 1 Total	7,709	30.4%	17,052	30.6%	7,704	30.4%	17,019	30.5%

Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2018 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	418	1.6%	960	1.7%	415	1.6%	949	1.7%
AUBURN	647	2.5%	1,557	2.8%	641	2.5%	1,538	2.8%
BELLINGHAM	657	2.6%	1,459	2.6%	652	2.6%	1,447	2.6%
BELLTOWN	128	0.5%	282	0.5%	128	0.5%	287	0.5%
CAPITOL HILL	214	0.8%	451	0.8%	210	0.8%	440	0.8%
EVERETT	664	2.6%	1,551	2.8%	658	2.6%	1,537	2.8%
FEDERAL WAY	486	1.9%	1,140	2.0%	479	1.9%	1,123	2.0%
KING EASTSIDE	473	1.9%	1,086	1.9%	463	1.8%	1,066	1.9%
KING NORTH	440	1.7%	1,019	1.8%	429	1.7%	996	1.8%
KING SOUTH	797	3.1%	1,962	3.5%	784	3.1%	1,931	3.5%
MT VERNON	395	1.6%	818	1.5%	388	1.5%	809	1.5%
OAK HARBOR	121	0.5%	250	0.4%	127	0.5%	257	0.5%
RAINIER	478	1.9%	1,054	1.9%	480	1.9%	1,044	1.9%
RENTON	511	2.0%	1,257	2.3%	505	2.0%	1,229	2.2%
SKY VALLEY	203	0.8%	400	0.7%	201	0.8%	397	0.7%
SMOKEY POINT	597	2.4%	1,191	2.1%	593	2.3%	1,187	2.1%
WHITE CENTER	632	2.5%	1,399	2.5%	619	2.4%	1,369	2.5%
Region 2 Total	7,861	31.0%	17,836	32.0%	7,772	30.6%	17,606	31.6%

Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2018 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	500	2.0%	1,011	1.8%	512	2.0%	1,036	1.9%
BREMERTON	794	3.1%	1,648	3.0%	793	3.1%	1,646	3.0%
CHEHALIS	546	2.2%	1,208	2.2%	542	2.1%	1,204	2.2%
COLUMBIA RIVER	1,367	5.4%	2,976	5.3%	1,364	5.4%	2,974	5.3%
FORKS	82	0.3%	159	0.3%	81	0.3%	159	0.3%
KELSO	896	3.5%	1,951	3.5%	893	3.5%	1,941	3.5%
LAKEWOOD	1,027	4.0%	2,235	4.0%	1,039	4.1%	2,295	4.1%
LONG BEACH	59	0.2%	106	0.2%	60	0.2%	107	0.2%
OLYMPIA	1,041	4.1%	2,161	3.9%	1,157	4.6%	2,460	4.4%
PIERCE NORTH	669	2.6%	1,468	2.6%	654	2.6%	1,432	2.6%
PIERCE SOUTH	1,179	4.6%	2,562	4.6%	1,163	4.6%	2,520	4.5%
PORT ANGELES	175	0.7%	348	0.6%	177	0.7%	354	0.6%
PORT TOWNSEND	103	0.4%	211	0.4%	101	0.4%	207	0.4%
PUYALLUP VALLEY	922	3.6%	1,921	3.4%	922	3.6%	1,904	3.4%
SHELTON	337	1.3%	661	1.2%	336	1.3%	653	1.2%
SOUTH BEND	64	0.3%	161	0.3%	62	0.2%	156	0.3%
STEVENSON	41	0.2%	107	0.2%	40	0.2%	105	0.2%
Region 3 Total	9,802	38.6%	20,894	37.4%	9,896	39.0%	21,153	37.9%

Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2018 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 SVC WASHCAP	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%
PGST	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CSCC/PGST Total	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%

Caseload by Home and Community Services Offices (HCS), June 2018 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	2	<0.1%	5	<0.1%
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	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
HCS Region 1 Total	2	<0.1%	5	<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	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%
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	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%

Caseload by Home and Community Services Offices (HCS), June 2018 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	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
BREMERTON HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CHEHALIS HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
KELSO HCS OFFICE	1	<0.1%	1	<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	1	<0.1%	3	<0.1%
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%	4	<0.1%

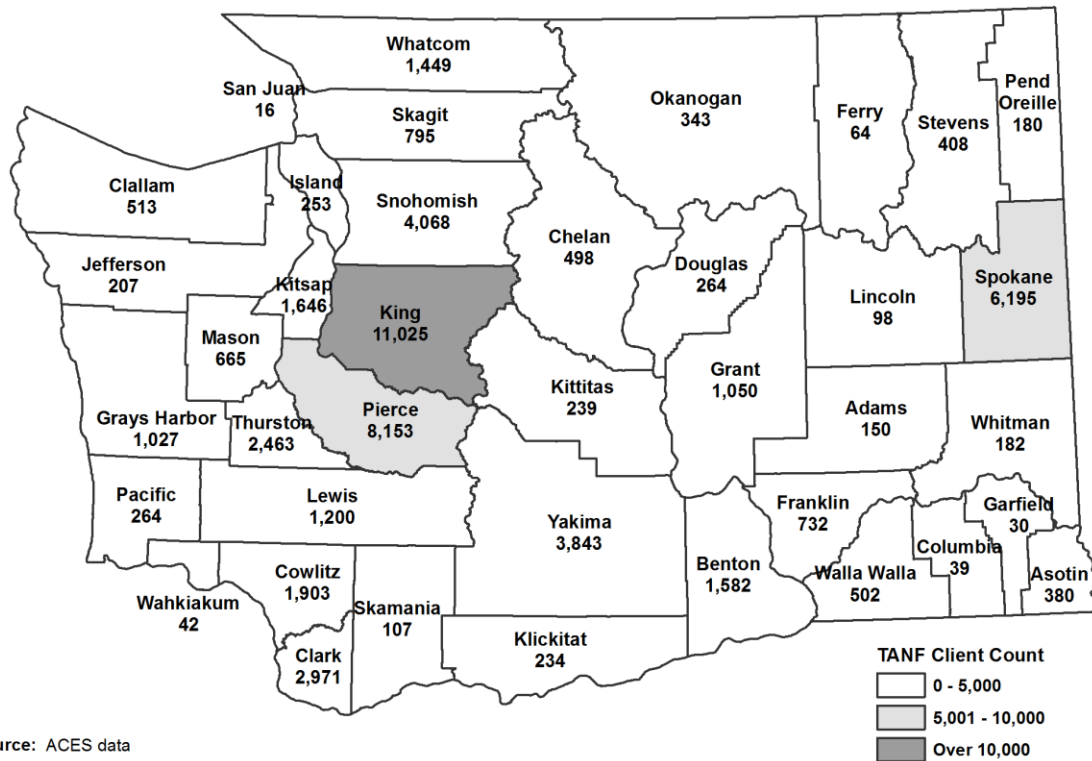
Caseload by County of Residence, June 2018 Snapshot

County	# of Cases	% of Total	# of Clients	% of Total	County	# of Cases	% of Total	# of Clients	% of Total
Adams	71	0.3%	150	0.3%	Lewis	542	2.1%	1,200	2.2%
Asotin	173	0.7%	380	0.7%	Lincoln	44	0.2%	98	0.2%
Benton	712	2.8%	1,582	2.8%	Mason	341	1.3%	665	1.2%
Chelan	235	0.9%	498	0.9%	Okanogan	165	0.7%	343	0.6%
Clallam	258	1.0%	513	0.9%	Pacific	122	0.5%	264	0.5%
Clark	1,363	5.4%	2,971	5.3%	Pend Oreille	94	0.4%	180	0.3%
Columbia	22	<0.1%	39	<0.1%	Pierce	3,780	14.9%	8,153	14.6%
Cowlitz	873	3.4%	1,903	3.4%	San Juan	10	<0.1%	16	<0.1%
Douglas	128	0.5%	264	0.5%	Skagit	381	1.5%	795	1.4%
Ferry	29	0.1%	64	0.1%	Skamania	41	0.2%	107	0.2%
Franklin	299	1.2%	732	1.3%	Snohomish	1,866	7.4%	4,068	7.3%
Garfield	10	<0.1%	30	<0.1%	Spokane	2,736	10.8%	6,195	11.1%
Grant	498	2.0%	1,050	1.9%	Stevens	194	0.8%	408	0.7%
Grays Harbor	507	2.0%	1,027	1.8%	Thurston	1,156	4.6%	2,463	4.4%
Island	123	0.5%	253	0.5%	Wahkiakum	22	<0.1%	42	<0.1%
Jefferson	101	0.4%	207	0.4%	Walla Walla	220	0.9%	502	0.9%
King	4,738	18.7%	11,025	19.8%	Whatcom	653	2.6%	1,449	2.6%
Kitsap	793	3.1%	1,646	3.0%	Whitman	84	0.3%	182	0.3%
Kittitas	120	0.5%	239	0.4%	Yakima	1,757	6.9%	3,843	6.9%
Klickitat	112	0.4%	234	0.4%	Not Reported/ Unidentifiable	5	<0.1%	13	<0.1%

	# of Cases	# of Clients
State Total	25,378	55,793

Client Density Maps by Residential County, June 2018 Snapshot

Number of TANF Clients by Residential County in Washington State: June 2018

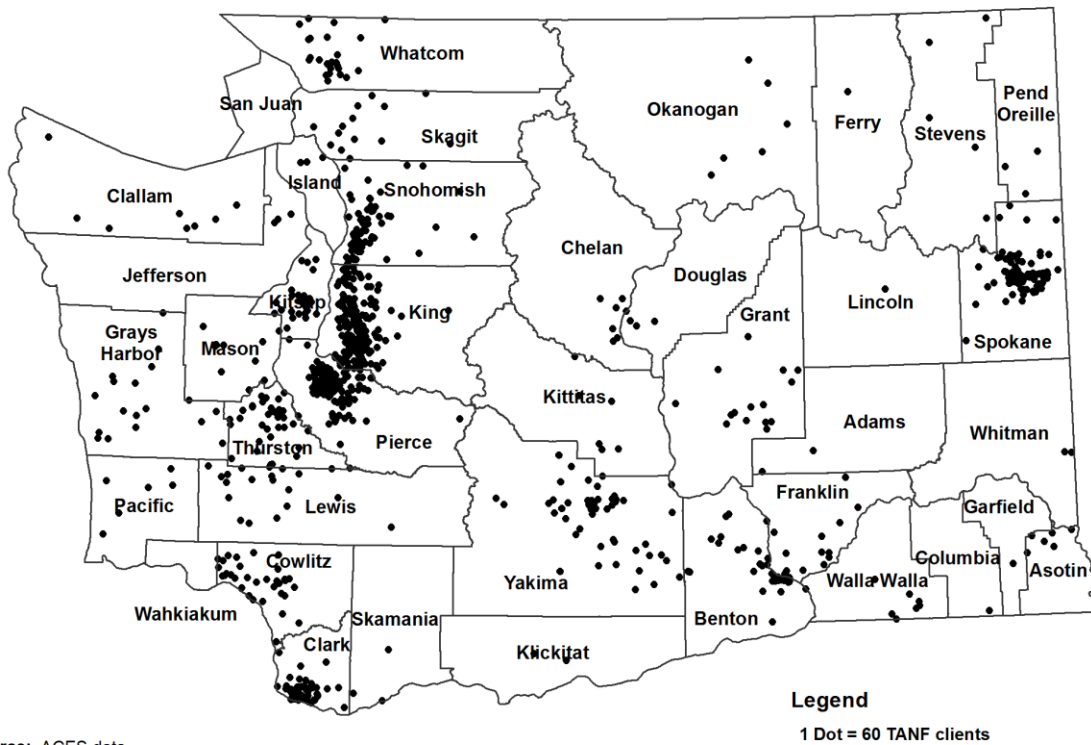


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Client Density Maps, June 2018 Snapshot (continued)

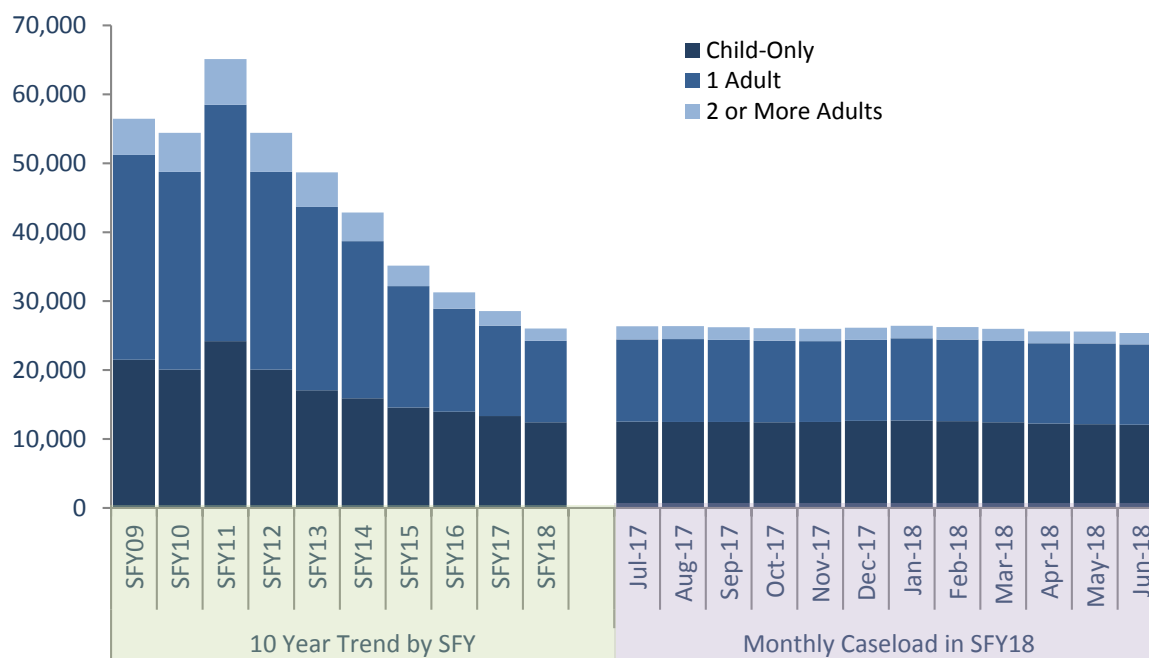
Number of TANF Clients by Density of Residential Zip Code in Washington State: June 2018



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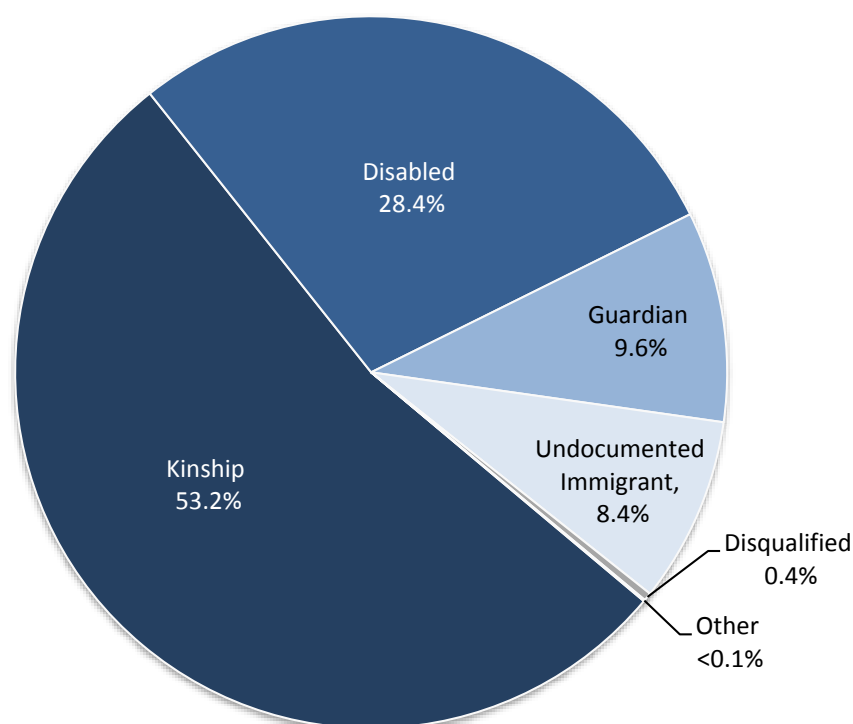
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Caseload by Case Type, SFY 2009 – 2018



SFY 2018	Total Caseload	Caseload By Case Type					
		Child-Only		1 Adult		2 or More Adults	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	26,364	12,514	47.5%	11,945	45.3%	1,905	7.2%
August	26,368	12,477	47.3%	12,014	45.6%	1,877	7.1%
September	26,224	12,475	47.6%	11,915	45.4%	1,834	7.0%
October	26,065	12,421	47.7%	11,836	45.4%	1,808	6.9%
November	25,990	12,474	48.0%	11,727	45.1%	1,789	6.9%
December	26,133	12,638	48.4%	11,739	44.9%	1,756	6.7%
January	26,430	12,679	48.0%	11,938	45.2%	1,813	6.9%
February	26,247	12,579	47.9%	11,858	45.2%	1,810	6.9%
March	25,973	12,427	47.8%	11,787	45.4%	1,759	6.8%
April	25,614	12,235	47.8%	11,655	45.5%	1,724	6.7%
May	25,576	12,142	47.5%	11,734	45.9%	1,700	6.6%
June	25,378	12,077	47.6%	11,660	45.9%	1,641	6.5%
Mo. Avg.	26,030	12,428	47.7%	11,817	45.4%	1,785	6.9%

Child-Only Caseload by Major Caretaker Groups, June 2018 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.

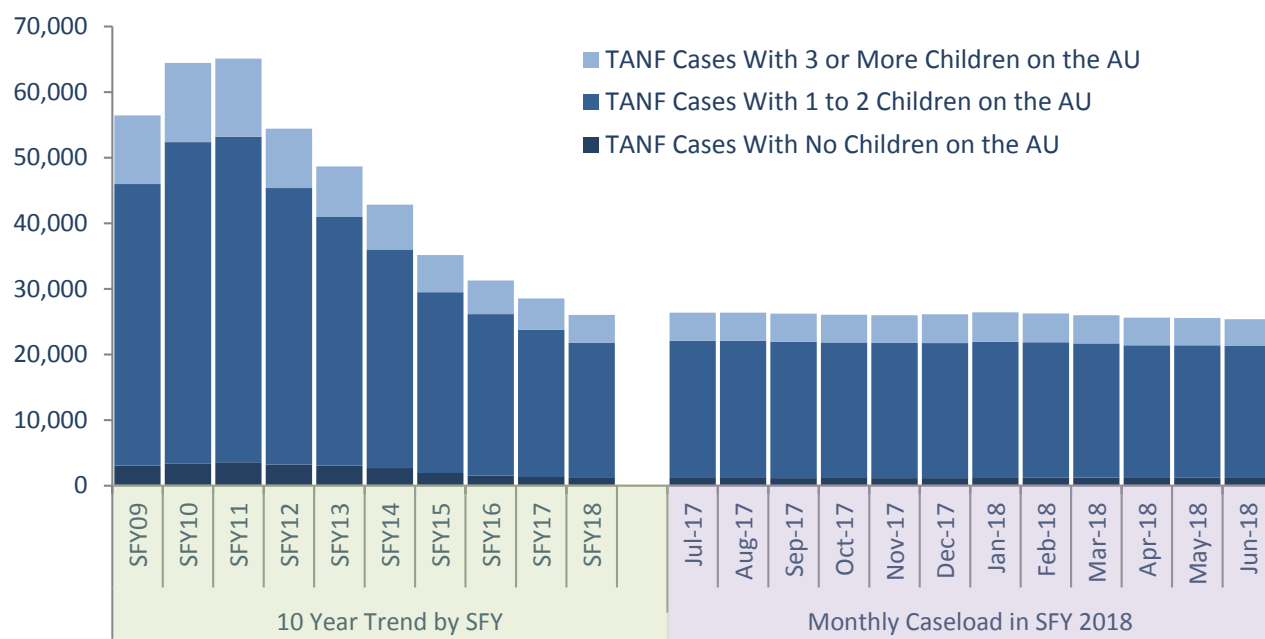
Guardian – Sometimes, in the absence of the parent, a relative or other concerned adult will seek legal guardianship of a child. As with relative caregivers without this legal status, guardians may receive TANF on behalf of an otherwise eligible child.

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.

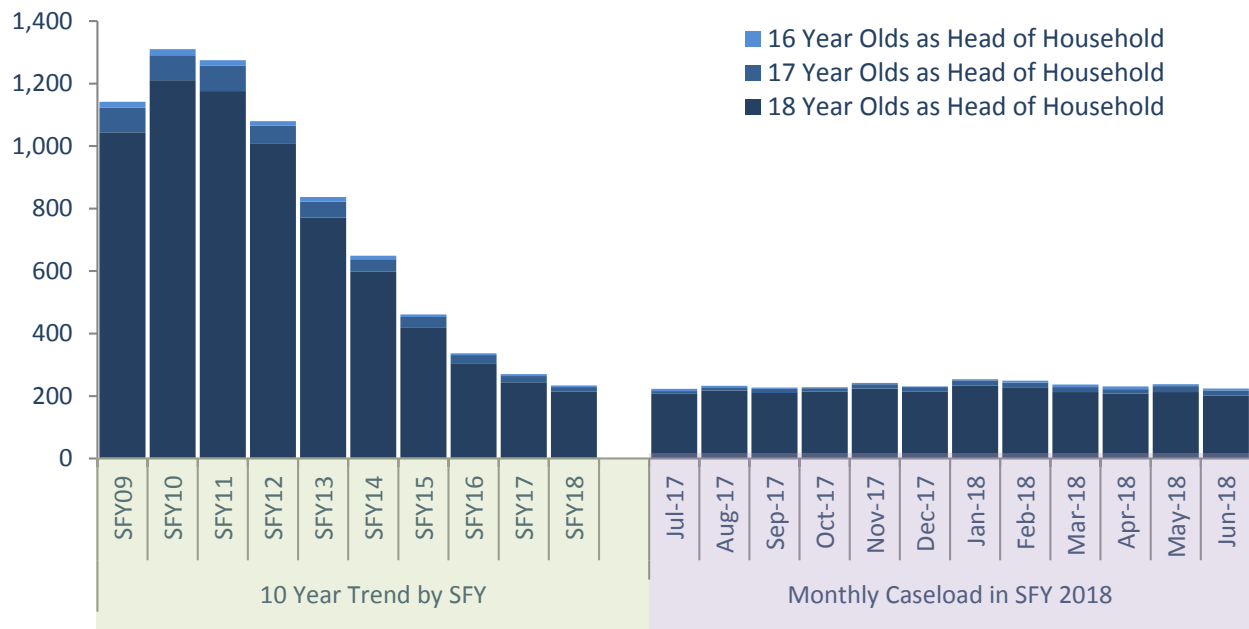
Caseload by Number of Children⁷, SFY 2009 – 2018



Caseload by Number of Children							
SFY 2018	Total TANF Caseload	No Children		1 to 2 Children		3 or More Children	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	26,364	1,169	4.4%	20,907	79.3%	4,288	16.3%
August	26,368	1,182	4.5%	20,911	79.3%	4,275	16.2%
September	26,224	1,161	4.4%	20,808	79.3%	4,255	16.2%
October	26,065	1,182	4.5%	20,662	79.3%	4,221	16.2%
November	25,990	1,139	4.4%	20,623	79.3%	4,228	16.3%
December	26,133	1,147	4.4%	20,588	78.8%	4,398	16.8%
January	26,430	1,167	4.4%	20,804	78.7%	4,459	16.9%
February	26,247	1,189	4.5%	20,682	78.8%	4,376	16.7%
March	25,973	1,218	4.7%	20,470	78.8%	4,285	16.5%
April	25,614	1,183	4.6%	20,209	78.9%	4,222	16.5%
May	25,576	1,196	4.7%	20,207	79.0%	4,173	16.3%
June	25,378	1,175	4.6%	20,121	79.3%	4,082	16.1%
Mo. Avg.	26,030	1,176	4.5%	20,583	79.1%	4,272	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.

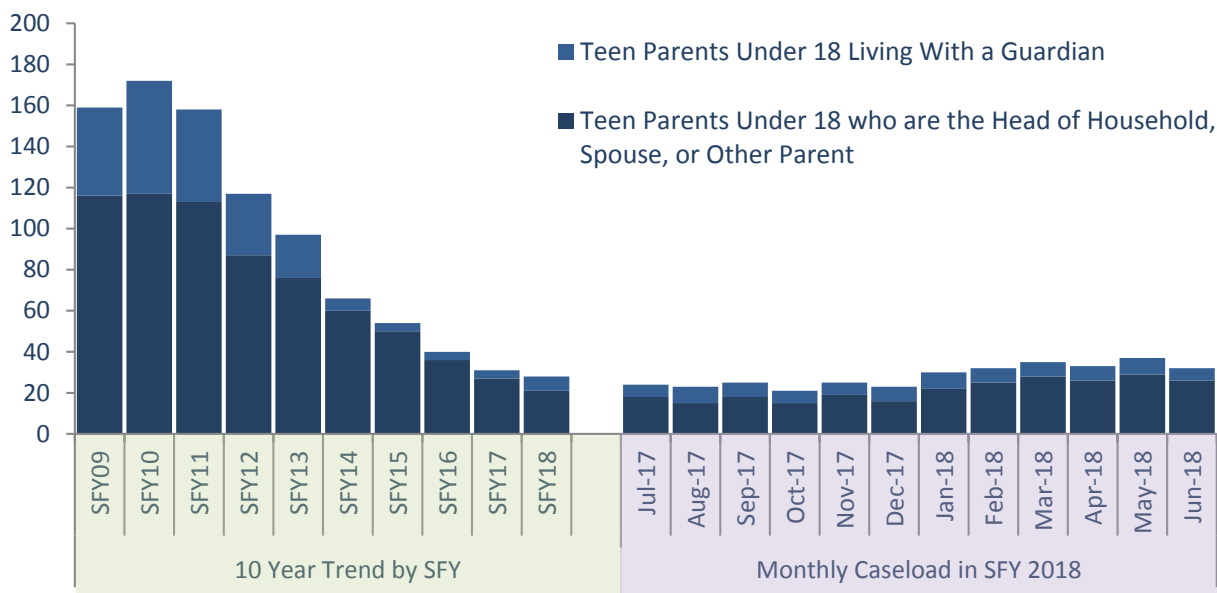
Teen Head of Household, SFY 2009 – 2018



SFY 2018	Teen Head of Households ⁸						
	Total TANF Caseload	16 Years Old or Younger		17 Years Old		18 Years Old	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	223	7	3.1%	9	4.0%	207	92.8%
August	233	5	2.1%	10	4.3%	218	93.6%
September	227	4	1.8%	13	5.7%	210	92.5%
October	228	3	1.3%	11	4.8%	214	93.9%
November	242	4	1.7%	14	5.8%	224	92.6%
December	231	2	0.9%	14	6.1%	215	93.1%
January	254	4	1.6%	16	6.3%	234	92.1%
February	249	6	2.4%	17	6.8%	226	90.8%
March	237	8	3.4%	16	6.8%	213	89.9%
April	231	9	3.9%	14	6.1%	208	90.0%
May	238	6	2.5%	19	8.0%	213	89.5%
June	224	6	2.7%	17	7.6%	201	89.7%
Mo. Avg.	235	5	2.1%	14	6.0%	215	91.5%

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

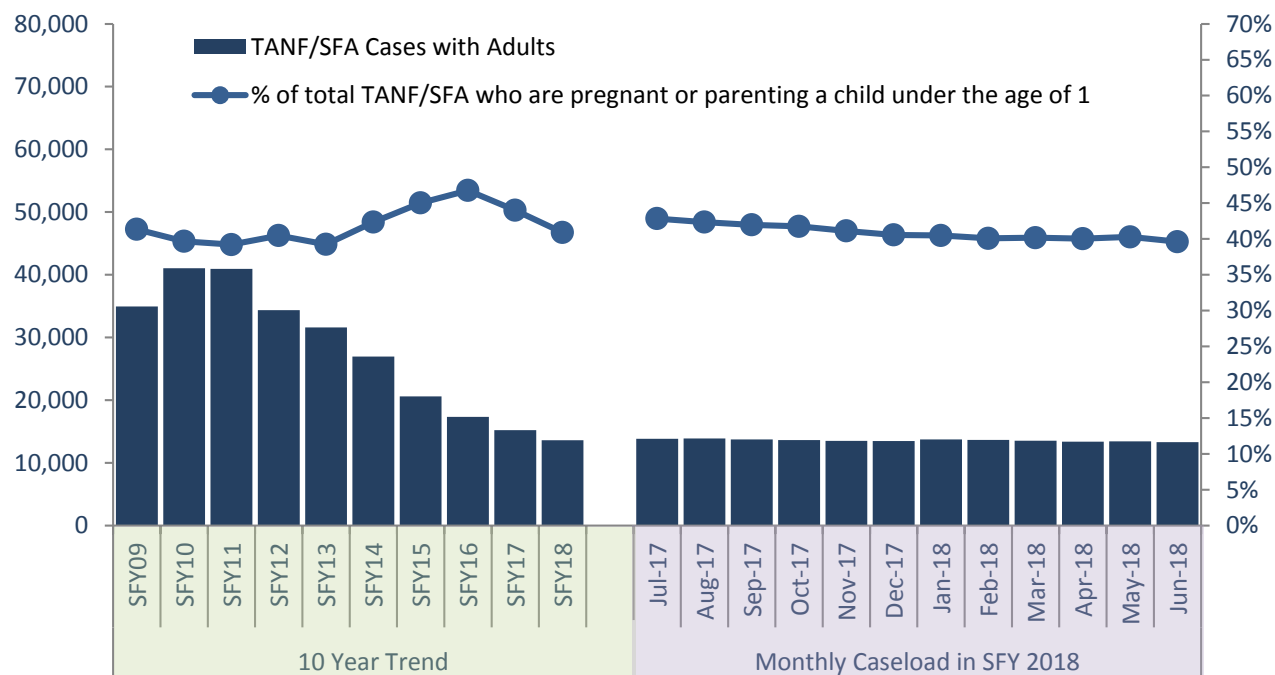
Teen Parents under Age 18, SFY 2009 – 2018



Teen Parents Under Age 18 ⁹					
SFY 2018	Total Clients	Living with a Legal Guardian		Head of Household, Spouse or Other Parent	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	24	6	25.0%	18	75.0%
August	23	8	34.8%	15	65.2%
September	25	7	28.0%	18	72.0%
October	21	6	28.6%	15	71.4%
November	25	6	24.0%	19	76.0%
December	23	7	30.4%	16	69.6%
January	30	8	26.7%	22	73.3%
February	32	7	21.9%	25	78.1%
March	35	7	20.0%	28	80.0%
April	33	7	21.2%	26	78.8%
May	37	8	21.6%	29	78.4%
June	32	6	18.8%	26	81.3%
Mo. Avg.	28	7	25.0%	21	75.0%

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 their own child.

Pregnant Women & Women with Child under Age 1, SFY 2009 – 2018



% of Total TANF/SFA Caseload with Adults that have a Pregnant Woman or Child Under Age 1							
SFY 2018	Caseload with Adults ¹⁰	Pregnant ¹¹		0 – 3 Months Old		4 – 12 Months Old	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	13,850	1,908	13.8%	1,561	11.3%	2,464	17.8%
August	13,891	1,966	14.2%	1,478	10.6%	2,439	17.6%
September	13,749	1,924	14.0%	1,453	10.6%	2,393	17.4%
October	13,644	1,918	14.1%	1,458	10.7%	2,321	17.0%
November	13,516	1,807	13.4%	1,414	10.5%	2,336	17.3%
December	13,495	1,727	12.8%	1,408	10.4%	2,339	17.3%
January	13,751	1,769	12.9%	1,466	10.7%	2,332	17.0%
February	13,668	1,743	12.8%	1,393	10.2%	2,342	17.1%
March	13,546	1,776	13.1%	1,357	10.0%	2,309	17.0%
April	13,379	1,763	13.2%	1,359	10.2%	2,234	16.7%
May	13,434	1,844	13.7%	1,358	10.1%	2,210	16.5%
June	13,301	1,748	13.1%	1,313	9.9%	2,207	16.6%
Mo. Avg.	13,602	1,824	13.4%	1,418	10.4%	2,327	17.1%

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 2018

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.

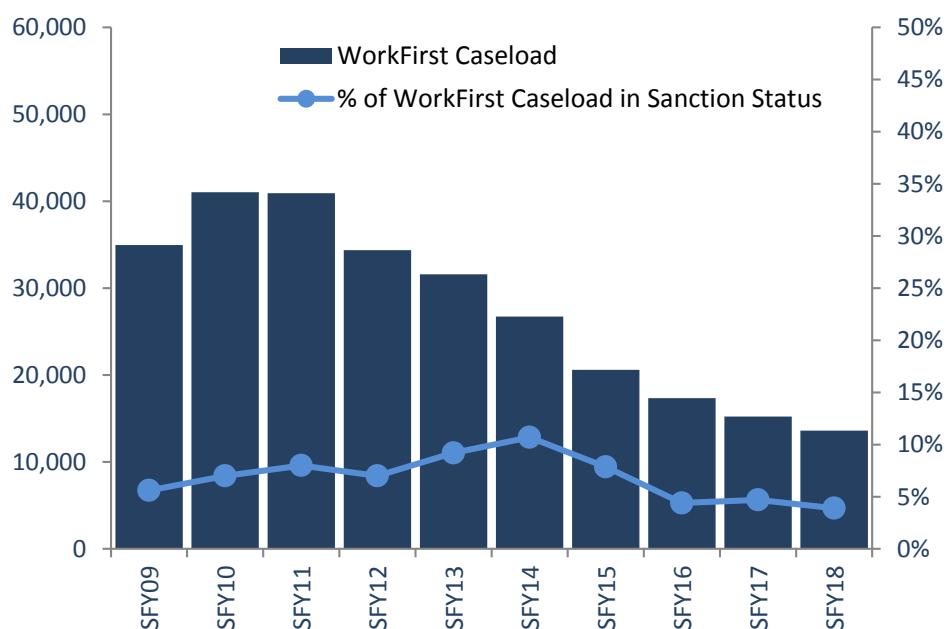
SFY 2018	Total WorkFirst Clients Receiving TANF/SFA	Total WorkFirst Clients Exempted ¹⁴ from Participation	WorkFirst Clients Required to Participate (Non-Exempt)	% of Non-Exempt WorkFirst Clients Participating in WorkFirst Activities
July	15,743	4,193	11,550	76.2%
August	15,751	4,170	11,581	76.2%
September	15,567	4,065	11,502	75.5%
October	15,441	4,266	11,175	76.3%
November	15,294	4,526	10,768	76.3%
December	15,242	4,730	10,512	75.3%
January	15,554	4,965	10,589	76.4%
February	15,460	4,946	10,514	76.2%
March	15,294	5,081	10,213	75.9%
April	15,094	4,996	10,098	76.7%
May	15,122	5,013	10,109	77.1%
June	14,931	5,049	9,882	76.3%
Mo. Avg.	15,374	4,667	10,708	76.2%

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, Toddler 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.

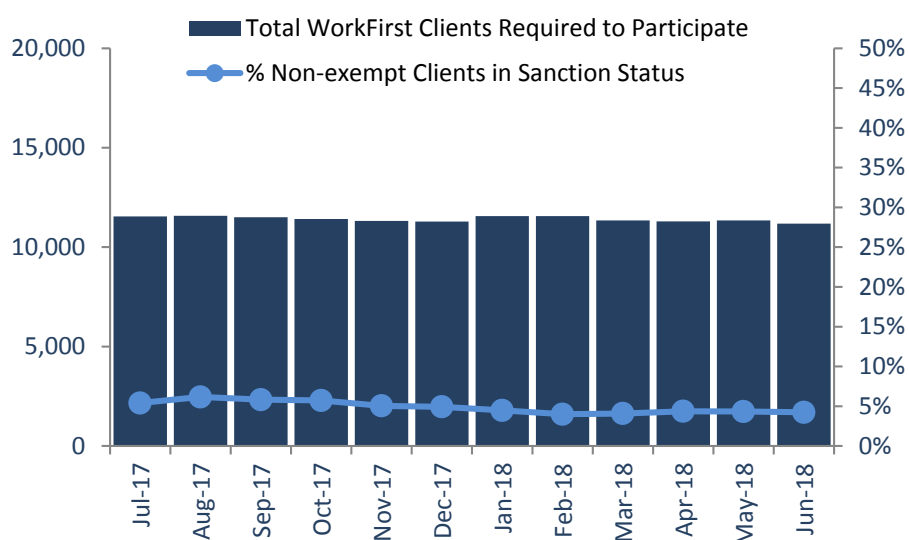
WorkFirst Cases and Clients in NCS Sanction Status¹⁵, SFY 2009 – 2018



Cases (Monthly Average)				Clients (Monthly Average)		
SFY	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
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%
SFY18	13,602	524	3.9%	15,374	557	3.6%

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WorkFirst Clients in NCS Sanction Status by Month, SFY 2018

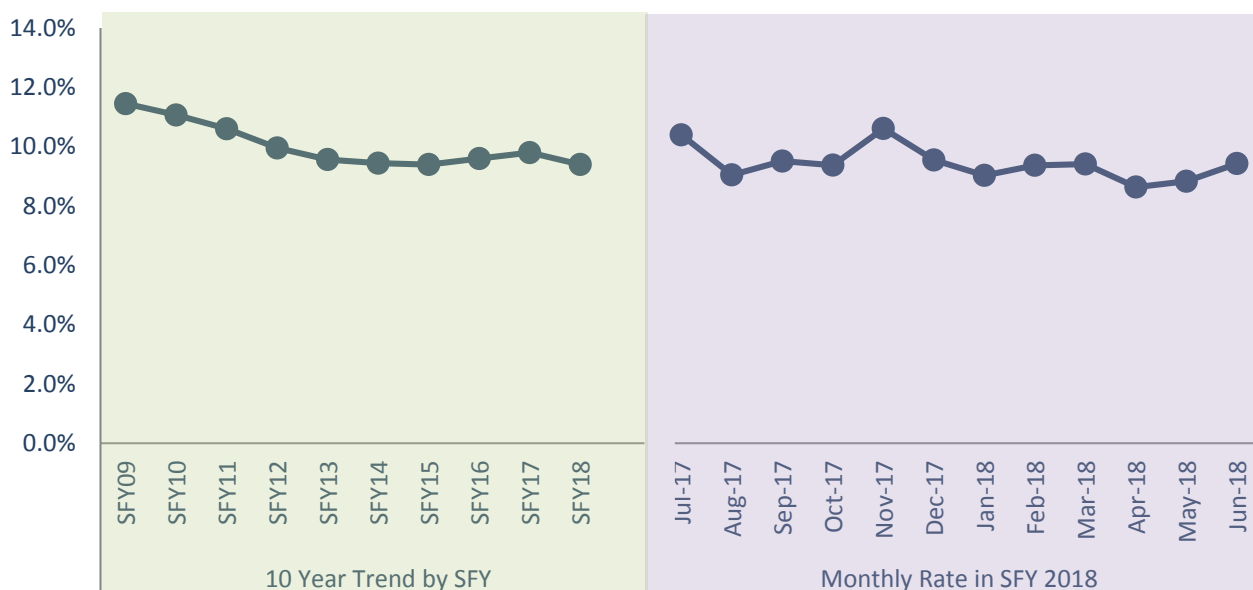


TANF/SFA Adult Clients in WorkFirst Non-Compliance Sanction (NCS)					
SFY 2018	Total WorkFirst Clients Required to Participate (Non-exempt ¹⁶)	Total Non-exempt Clients in Sanction Status	% Non-exempt Clients in Sanction Status	Clients Receiving an NCS Termination Without Grant Reduction ¹⁷	Clients in Sanction Status with Grant Reduction
July	11,549	624	5.4%	206	418
August	11,581	714	6.2%	247	467
September	11,503	670	5.8%	201	469
October	11,413	653	5.7%	210	443
November	11,318	571	5.0%	163	408
December	11,284	556	4.9%	174	382
January	11,558	517	4.5%	157	360
February	11,560	462	4.0%	140	322
March	11,345	463	4.1%	168	295
April	11,293	493	4.4%	173	320
May	11,344	492	4.3%	172	320
June	11,181	473	4.2%	180	293
Mo. Avg.	11,411	557	4.9%	183	375

¹⁶ Clients meeting one or more of the following exemption definitions may be exempted from WorkFirst participation: Infant Exemption, Toddler 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.

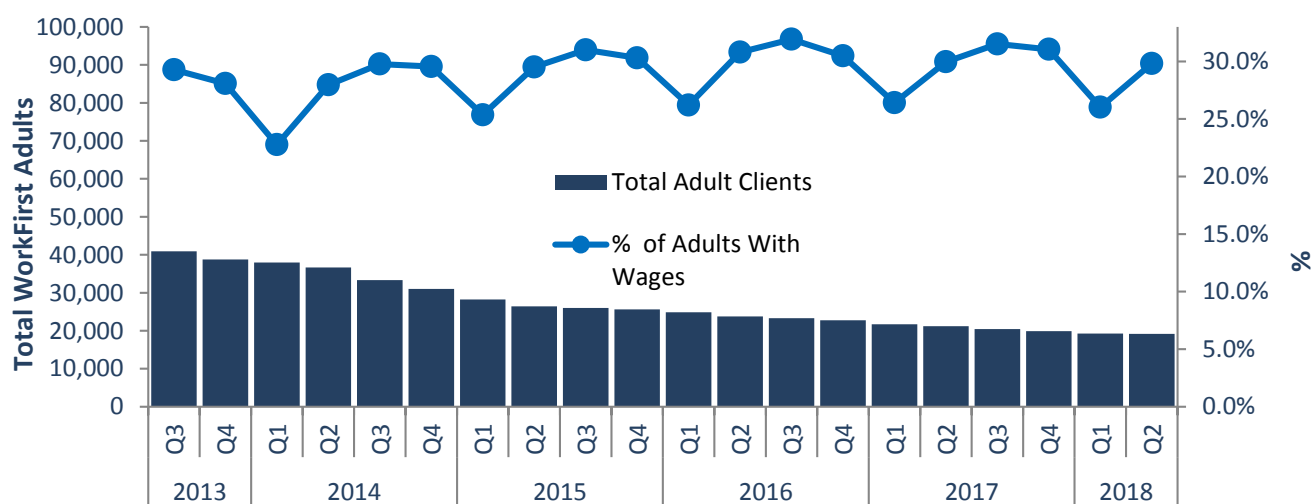
Employment Rates for WorkFirst Clients¹⁸, SFY 2009 – 2018



SFY 2018	# of WorkFirst Clients	# Employed (Earned Income > \$5.00)	% Employed (Earned Income > \$5.00)	Avg. Monthly Hours Worked (Among those Employed)
July	15,743	1,637	10.4%	57.0
August	15,751	1,425	9.0%	54.0
September	15,567	1,481	9.5%	58.0
October	15,441	1,448	9.4%	56.0
November	15,294	1,623	10.6%	54.0
December	15,242	1,456	9.6%	56.0
January	15,554	1,405	9.0%	56.0
February	15,460	1,449	9.4%	56.0
March	15,294	1,440	9.4%	57.0
April	15,094	1,304	8.6%	56.0
May	15,122	1,336	8.8%	52.0
June	14,931	1,408	9.4%	54.0
Mo. Avg.	15,374	1,451	9.4%	55.5

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 2013 – June 2018



Quarter	Total Adults	Adults with Wages ²⁰		Total Quarterly Wages ²¹	Total Quarterly Hourly Wages ²²
		Number	Percent		
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	7,801	29.5%	\$2,309	\$11.92
2015Q3	26,019	8,074	31.0%	\$2,329	\$12.26
2015Q4	25,606	7,765	30.3%	\$2,445	\$12.19
2016Q1	24,849	6,503	26.2%	\$2,130	\$12.47
2016Q2	23,792	7,338	30.8%	\$2,362	\$12.45
2016Q3	23,312	7,441	31.9%	\$2,479	\$12.66
2016Q4	22,750	6,933	30.5%	\$2,496	\$12.80
2017Q1	21,718	5,735	26.4%	\$2,333	\$13.45
2017Q2	21,184	6,347	30.0%	\$2,454	\$13.49
2017Q3	20,454	6,445	31.5%	\$2,598	\$13.79
2017Q4	19,884	6,173	31.0%	\$2,628	\$14.03
2018Q1	19,249	5,008	26.0%	\$3,499	\$14.30
2018Q2	19,167	5,713	29.8%	\$2,654	\$14.29

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 2018 Snapshot

Primary Language ²³	# of Cases	Percent of Cases	Percentage of Non-English Cases
English Language Codes			
English	23,054	90.8%	
Large Print	96	0.4%	
Sign Language	4	<0.1%	
Braille	2	<0.1%	
Total English Languages	23,156	91.2%	
Non-English Language Cases			
Spanish	1,290	5.1%	58.1%
Arabic	218	0.9%	9.8%
Russian	165	0.7%	7.4%
Somali	102	0.4%	4.6%
Tigrigna	47	0.2%	2.1%
Vietnamese	41	0.2%	1.8%
Amharic	40	0.2%	1.8%
Ukrainian	38	0.1%	1.7%
Dari	32	0.1%	1.4%
Farsi	28	0.1%	1.3%
Swahili	24	<0.1%	1.1%
Cambodian (Khmer)	17	<0.1%	0.8%
Trukese	12	<0.1%	0.5%
Oromo	10	<0.1%	0.5%
Burmese	10	<0.1%	0.5%
French	10	<0.1%	0.5%
Pashto	10	<0.1%	0.5%
Other Languages ²⁴	128	0.5%	5.8%
Total Non-English Language Cases	2,222	8.8%	100.0%
Total	25,378	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 2018 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	55,793	100.0%	14,931	100.0%	40,862	100.0%

Gender	All Clients		All Adults		All Children	
Female	32,606	58.4%	12,195	81.7%	20,411	50.0%
Male	23,184	41.6%	2,736	18.3%	20,448	50.0%
Unknown	3	<0.1%	0	0.0%	3	<0.1%

Ethnicity and Race	All Clients		All Adults		All Children	
Hispanic or Latino	11,830	21.2%	2,142	14.3%	9,688	23.7%
Not Hispanic or Latino²⁵	43,963	78.8%	12,789	85.7%	31,174	76.3%
White	25,395	45.5%	8,355	56.0%	17,040	41.7%
Black/African American	7,286	13.1%	2,106	14.1%	5,180	12.7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2,512	4.5%	787	5.3%	1,725	4.2%
American Indian/Alaska Native	2,066	3.7%	457	3.1%	1,609	3.9%
Two or More Races	1,495	2.7%	240	1.6%	1,255	3.1%
Race Not Reported	5,209	9.3%	844	5.7%	4,365	10.7%

Marital Status	All Adults	
Separated	1,433	9.6%
Married	2,993	20.0%
Never Married	8,427	56.4%
Divorced	1,872	12.5%
Widowed	101	0.7%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	105	0.7%

Citizenship Status	All Clients		All Adults		All Children	
U.S. Citizen	51,205	91.8%	12,832	85.9%	38,373	93.9%
Resident Alien	4,452	8.0%	2,050	13.7%	2,402	5.9%
U.S. National²⁶	136	0.2%	49	0.3%	87	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 2018 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	8,493	15.2%	3,768	25.2%

Education Status	All Adults	
Less than a High School Diploma	3,590	24.0%
High School Graduate or GED	7,357	49.3%
Some College or College Degree	3,780	25.3%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	204	1.4%

Age	All Clients		All Adults	
< 1 Year Old	3,541	6.3%	N/A	
1 – 5 Years Old	13,219	23.7%		
6 – 10 Years Old	10,806	19.4%		
11 – 15 Years Old	9,144	16.4%		
16 – 17 Years Old ²⁸	3,263	5.8%	23	0.2%
18 – 24 Years Old ²⁸	4,182	7.5%	3,271	21.9%
25 – 34 Years Old	6,434	11.5%	6,433	43.1%
35 – 44 Years Old	3,748	6.7%	3,748	25.1%
45 – 54 Years Old	1,224	2.2%	1,224	8.2%
55 – 64 Years Old	222	0.4%	222	1.5%
65+ Years Old	10	<0.1%	10	<0.1%
Average Age of Children	7.6 Years			
Average Age of Adults	32.0 Years			

Length of Stay ²⁹	
Average	25.6 Months
Median	16.0 Months

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

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

²⁹ Months on Assistance Since July 1997 (All Adults). Does not include child recipient months.

Child Demographics, June 2018 Snapshot

Characteristic	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
	# of Clients	% of All Children	# of Clients	% of Children in Child-Only Cases
Total Clients	40,862	100.0%	19,029	100.0%

Gender	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
	# of Clients	% of All Children	# of Clients	% of Children in Child-Only Cases
Female	20,411	50.0%	9,731	51.1%
Male	20,448	50.0%	9,297	48.9%
Unknown	3	<0.1%	1	<0.1%

Ethnicity and Race	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
	# of Clients	% of All Children	# of Clients	% of Children in Child-Only Cases
Hispanic or Latino	9,688	23.7%	5,505	28.9%
Not Hispanic or Latino³⁰	31,174	76.3%	13,524	71.1%
White	17,040	41.7%	7,651	40.2%
Black/African American	5,180	12.7%	2,033	10.7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,725	4.2%	641	3.4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1,609	3.9%	1017	5.3%
Two or More Races	1,255	3.1%	522	2.7%
Race Not Reported	4,365	10.7%	1,660	8.7%

Citizenship Status	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
	# of Clients	% of All Children	# of Clients	% of Children in Child-Only Cases
U.S. Citizen	38,373	93.9%	18,639	98.0%
Resident Alien	2,402	5.9%	353	1.9%
U.S. National³¹	87	0.2%	37	0.2%

Age	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
	# of Clients	% of All Children	# of Clients	% of Children in Child-Only Cases
< 1 Year Old	3,541	8.7%	629	3.3%
1 – 5 Years Old	13,219	32.4%	4,757	25.0%
6 – 10 Years Old	10,806	26.4%	5,519	29.0%
11 – 15 Years Old	9,144	22.4%	5,478	28.8%
16 – 17 Years Old³²	3,240	7.9%	2,062	10.8%
18 – 24 Years Old³¹	912	2.2%	584	3.1%
Average Age of Children	7.6 Years			
Average Age of Children in Child-Only Cases	9.2 Years			

³⁰ Includes clients not reporting whether or not they are of Hispanic or Latino origin

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