

Pregnant  
Women  
Assistance  
(PWA)

SFY

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Provides cash assistance to low-income pregnant individuals 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 individuals 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.

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

### **Highlights**

The program served a monthly average of 66 clients in SFY 2019, up from 60 clients in SFY 2018. The monthly average cash grant assistance per client was approximately \$177. About 72% of people served by the program in June 2019 have never been married.

#### **TECHNICAL NOTES:**

DATA SOURCE: Data reported in this chapter are based on ESA's ACES database as of August 2019.

DATA NOTE:

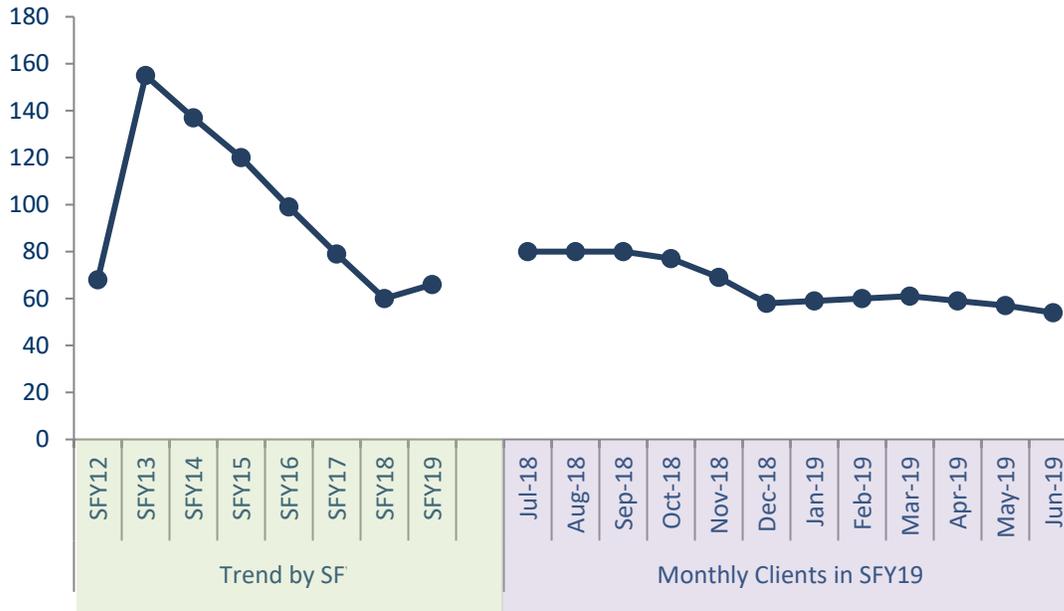
- Percentages may not add up to totals due to rounding.

## Selected PWA Program Overview, SFY 2018 and SFY 2019

	SFY 2018 (July 2017-June 2018)	SFY 2019 (July 2018-June 2019)	Change	
Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)	60 (51 – 77)	66 (54 -80)	10.0% (Increase)	↑
State Population <sup>1</sup> 18 and Over	5,760,666	5,863,772	1.8% (Increase)	↑
Recipients as a Percent of State's Population Age 18 and Over	<0.1%	<0.1%	No Change	=
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)	\$175.18 (\$164.89 - \$186.44)	\$177.12 (\$169.53 - \$186.42)	1.1% (Increase)	↑

<sup>1</sup> Source: Office of Financial Management (OFM) population estimates

## PWA Clients, SFY 2012<sup>2</sup> – 2019



SFY	Monthly Avg. Clients	SFY	Monthly Avg. Clients
SFY10	N/A	SFY15	120
SFY11	N/A	SFY16	99
SFY12	68	SFY17	79
SFY13	155	SFY18	60
SFY14	137	SFY19	66

SFY 2019	Clients	Grant Expenditures	Average Payment Per Client
July	80	\$13,949.00	\$174.36
August	80	\$13,759.85	\$172.00
September	80	\$13,996.00	\$174.95
October	77	\$14,218.00	\$184.65
November	69	\$12,863.00	\$186.42
December	58	\$10,669.00	\$183.95
January	59	\$10,367.84	\$175.73
February	60	\$10,474.00	\$174.57
March	61	\$10,852.00	\$177.90
April	59	\$10,329.00	\$175.07
May	57	\$10,001.00	\$175.46
June	54	\$9,154.49	\$169.53
<b>Mo. Avg.</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>\$11,719.43</b>	<b>\$177.12</b>

<sup>2</sup> PWA data from SFY 2012 represents only eight months, since the PWA program was implemented on November 1, 2011.

## PWA Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2019 Snapshot

The following pages detail the PWA clients, June 2019 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 (AL TSA).
- CSO of Residence: Based on the CSO coverage area in which a client lives.

Overview	Office of Issuance		Office of Residence	
	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
Region 1 CSOs	16	29.6%	16	29.6%
Region 2 CSOs	19	35.2%	18	33.3%
Region 3 CSOs	19	35.2%	20	37.0%
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>54</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## PWA Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2019 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	1	1.9%	1	1.9%
GOLDENDALE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
KENNEWICK	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MOSES LAKE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
NEWPORT	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OKANOGAN	1	1.9%	1	1.9%
REPUBLIC	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SPOKANE MAPLE	3	5.6%	4	7.4%
SPOKANE TRENT	4	7.4%	4	7.4%
SUNNYSIDE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TOPPENISH	1	1.9%	1	1.9%
WALLA WALLA	1	1.9%	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	5	9.3%	5	9.3%
<b>Region 1 Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>29.6%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>29.6%</b>

## PWA Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2019 Snapshot (continued)

Region 2 CSO	CSO of Issuance		CSO of Residence	
	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
ALDERWOOD	2	3.7%	2	3.7%
AUBURN	1	1.9%	1	1.9%
BELLINGHAM	1	1.9%	1	1.9%
BELLTOWN	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CAPITOL HILL	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
EVERETT	2	3.7%	2	3.7%
FEDERAL WAY	1	1.9%	1	1.9%
KING EASTSIDE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
KING NORTH	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
KING SOUTH	4	7.4%	3	5.6%
MT VERNON	1	1.9%	1	1.9%
OAK HARBOR	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
RAINIER	2	3.7%	2	3.7%
RENTON	2	3.7%	2	3.7%
SKY VALLEY	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SMOKEY POINT	1	1.9%	1	1.9%
WHITE CENTER	2	3.7%	2	3.7%
<b>Region 2 Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>35.2%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>33.3%</b>

## PWA Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2019 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	1	1.9%	1	1.9%
CHEHALIS	1	1.9%	1	1.9%
COLUMBIA RIVER	4	7.4%	4	7.4%
FORKS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
KELSO	2	3.7%	2	3.7%
LAKEWOOD	3	5.6%	2	3.7%
LONG BEACH	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OLYMPIA	3	5.6%	4	7.4%
PIERCE NORTH	2	3.7%	2	3.7%
PIERCE SOUTH	2	3.7%	3	5.6%
PORT ANGELES	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
PORT TOWNSEND	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
PUYALLUP VALLEY	1	1.9%	1	1.9%
SHELTON	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SOUTH BEND	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
STEVENSON	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Region 3 Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>35.2%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>37.0%</b>

## PWA Clients by County of Residence, June 2019 Snapshot

County	# of Clients	% of Total	County	# of Clients	% of Total
Adams	0	0.0%	Lewis	1	1.9%
Asotin	0	0.0%	Lincoln	0	0.0%
Benton	0	0.0%	Mason	0	0.0%
Chelan	0	0.0%	Okanogan	1	1.9%
Clallam	0	0.0%	Pacific	0	0.0%
Clark	4	7.4%	Pend Oreille	0	0.0%
Columbia	0	0.0%	Pierce	8	14.8%
Cowlitz	2	3.7%	San Juan	0	0.0%
Douglas	0	0.0%	Skagit	1	1.9%
Ferry	0	0.0%	Skamania	0	0.0%
Franklin	0	0.0%	Snohomish	5	9.3%
Garfield	0	0.0%	Spokane	8	14.8%
Grant	0	0.0%	Stevens	0	0.0%
Grays Harbor	0	0.0%	Thurston	4	7.4%
Island	0	0.0%	Wahkiakum	0	0.0%
Jefferson	0	0.0%	Walla Walla	0	0.0%
King	11	20.4%	Whatcom	1	1.9%
Kitsap	1	1.9%	Whitman	0	0.0%
Kittitas	1	1.9%	Yakima	6	11.1%
Klickitat	0	0.0%	Not Reported/ Unidentifiable	0	0.0%

	# of Clients	% of Total
<b>State Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## PWA Client Demographics, June 2019 Snapshot

Characteristic	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
<b>Total Clients</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Gender	All Clients	
<b>Female</b>	54	100.0%
<b>Male</b>	0	0.0%
<b>Unknown</b>	0	0.0%

Ethnicity and Race	All Clients	
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25.9%</b>
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>40</b>	<b>74.1%</b>
White	26	48.1%
Black/African American	8	14.8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	1.9%
American Indian/Alaska Native	4	7.4%
Two or More Races	0	0.0%
Race Not Reported	1	1.9%

Marital Status	All Clients	
<b>Separated</b>	3	5.6%
<b>Married</b>	5	9.3%
<b>Never Married</b>	39	72.2%
<b>Divorced</b>	7	13.0%
<b>Widowed</b>	0	0.0%
<b>Not Reported/Unidentifiable</b>	0	0.0%

Citizenship Status	All Clients	
<b>U.S. Citizen</b>	54	100.0%
<b>Resident Alien</b>	0	0.0%
<b>U.S. National<sup>4</sup></b>	0	0.0%
<b>Not Reported/Unidentifiable</b>	0	0.0%

<sup>3</sup> Includes clients not reporting whether or not they are of Hispanic or Latino origin.

<sup>4</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 2019 Snapshot (continued)

Characteristic	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients

Homeless Status		
	All Clients	
Homeless <sup>5</sup>	31	57.4%

Education Status		
	All Clients	
Less than a High School Diploma	20	37.0%
High School Graduate or GED	26	48.1%
Some College or College Degree	8	14.8%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	0	0.0%

Age		
	All Clients	
< 18 Years Old	0	0.0%
18 – 24 Years Old	1	1.9%
25 – 34 Years Old	29	53.7%
35 – 44 Years Old	24	44.4%
45 – 54 Years Old	0	0.0%
55 – 64 Years Old	0	0.0%
65+ Years Old	0	0.0%
<b>Average Age of Clients</b>	32.7 Years	

Length of Stay <sup>6</sup>		
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	5.4 Months	

<sup>5</sup> Homeless is defined as: homeless without housing, homeless with housing (staying temporarily with family or friends), emergency shelter, or domestic violence shelter.

<sup>6</sup> Average Length of Stay Since November 2011