

Aged,
Blind or
Disabled
(ABD)

SFY

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Provides cash assistance and a referral to the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) program for low-income adults who are age 65 or older, blind, or determined likely to meet federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability criteria.

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Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD) Cash Assistance Program Overview

ABD is a state-funded program for low-income adults who have no dependents and who are age 65 or older, blind, or determined likely to meet SSI disability criteria based on an impairment(s) expected to last at least 12 consecutive months. The ABD program provides cash assistance and a referral to the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) program¹.

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

Highlights

The average number of ABD program clients per month in Washington State was **20,429 in SFY 2020**, up from **20,281 in SFY 2019**. The average monthly cash grant assistance per client was **\$172**. The average monthly ABD clients in SFY 2020 included:

- Aged – 4,510 persons
- Disabled – 432 persons
- Pending SSI – 15,483 persons
- Institutionalized – 4 persons

TECHNICAL NOTES

DATA SOURCES: Data for this chapter was based on the ESA ACES database as of August 2020.

DATA NOTES:

- Percentages may not add up to expected totals due to rounding.
- The monthly counts of cases and clients for the ABD program are nearly identical. Therefore, only client counts are reported.

¹ [Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2667](#) expanded eligibility for the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) program to include recipients of the Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD) program effective March 13, 2018.

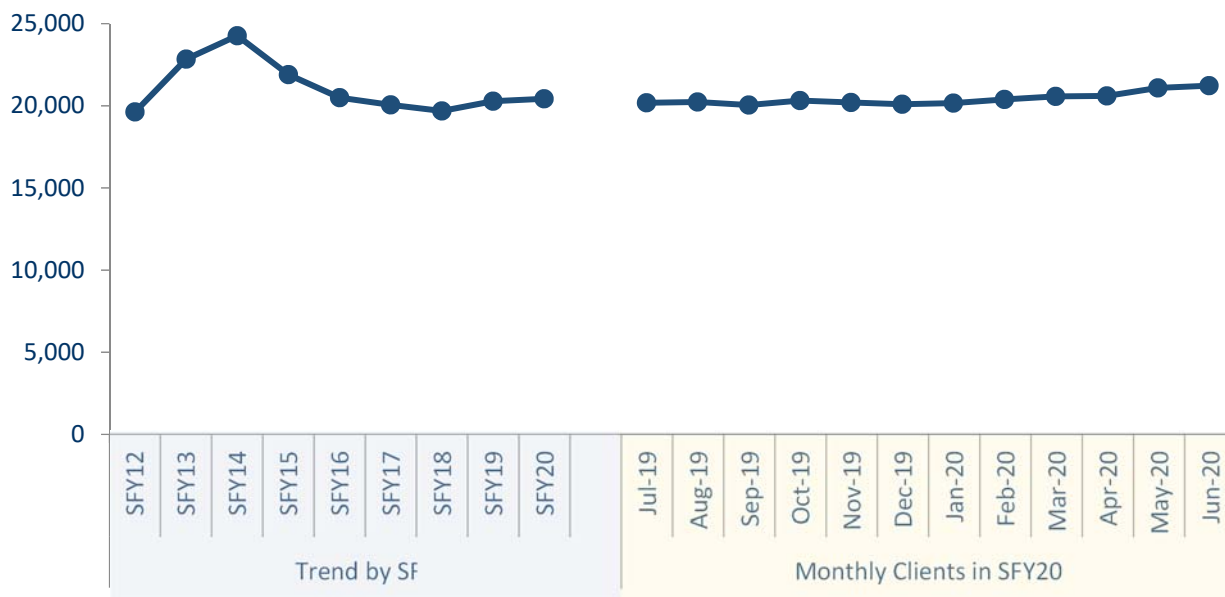
Selected ABD Program Overview, SFY 2019 and SFY 2020

	SFY 2019	SFY 2020	Change	
	(July 2018-June 2019)	(July 2019-June 2020)		
Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)	20,281 (20,042 - 20,473)	20,429 (20,050 - 21,232)	0.7% (Increase)	↑
State Population² Age 18 and Over	5,863,772	5,958,785	1.6% (Increase)	↑
Average Monthly Recipients as a Percent of State's Population 18 and Over	0.3%	0.3%	No Change	=
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)³	\$170.51 (\$169.42 - \$171.60)	\$172.13 (\$170.38 - \$175.35)	1.0% (Increase)	↑

²Source: Office of Financial Management (OFM) population estimates

³ Payments not adjusted for refunds.

ABD Clients, SFY 2012 – 2020⁴



SFY	Monthly Average Clients	SFY	Monthly Average Clients
SFY11	N/A	SFY16	20,499
SFY12	19,627	SFY17	20,064
SFY13	22,840	SFY18	19,694
SFY14	24,268	SFY19	20,281
SFY15	21,904	SFY20	20,429

SFY 2020	Clients	Total Grant Expenditures	Average Payment Per Client
July	20,183	\$3,439,187	\$170.40
August	20,235	\$3,447,626	\$170.38
September	20,050	\$3,426,511	\$170.90
October	20,322	\$3,475,581	\$171.03
November	20,209	\$3,469,049	\$171.66
December	20,097	\$3,461,629	\$172.25
January	20,169	\$3,456,562	\$171.38
February	20,387	\$3,499,515	\$171.65
March	20,579	\$3,545,214	\$172.27
April	20,601	\$3,575,578	\$173.56
May	21,088	\$3,678,903	\$174.45
June	21,232	\$3,722,943	\$175.35
Mo. Avg.	20,429	\$3,516,525	\$172.13

⁴ The ABD program started November 1, 2011.

ABD Clients by Program Type, SFY 2020

SFY 2020	ABD Combined					
	Caseload	Aged	Blind	Disabled	Pending SSI	Institutionalized
July	20,183	4,694	1	485	15,000	3
August	20,235	4,699	1	485	15,047	4
September	20,050	4,630	1	482	14,934	4
October	20,322	4,614	1	472	15,230	6
November	20,209	4,557	1	439	15,208	4
December	20,097	4,527	1	395	15,170	5
January	20,169	4,466	1	313	15,384	5
February	20,387	4,464	1	316	15,602	4
March	20,579	4,402	2	452	15,719	4
April	20,601	4,327	1	437	15,833	3
May	21,088	4,359	1	467	16,258	3
June	21,232	4,376	1	446	16,407	2
Mo. Avg.	20,429	4,510	1	432	15,483	4

ABD Adult Clients Exiting to Other Programs, SFY 2020

SFY 2020	Total ABD Adults ⁵	During Subsequent Month							
		Adults Remaining on ABD		Adults Moving from ABD to HEN Referral Program		Adults Moving From ABD to SSI/SSDI		Adults Exiting ABD ⁶	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
July	20,183	18,620	92.3%	120	0.6%	453	2.2%	990	4.9%
August	20,235	18,573	91.8%	128	0.6%	430	2.1%	1,104	5.5%
September	20,050	18,577	92.7%	138	0.7%	429	2.1%	906	4.5%
October	20,322	18,603	91.5%	128	0.6%	496	2.4%	1,095	5.4%
November	20,209	18,680	92.4%	110	0.5%	431	2.1%	988	4.9%
December	20,097	18,613	92.6%	125	0.6%	465	2.3%	894	4.4%
January	20,169	18,754	93.0%	107	0.5%	350	1.7%	958	4.7%
February	20,387	18,904	92.7%	107	0.5%	458	2.2%	918	4.5%
March	20,579	19,379	94.2%	87	0.4%	501	2.4%	612	3.0%
April	20,601	19,864	96.4%	49	0.2%	480	2.3%	208	1.0%
May	21,088	20,193	95.8%	55	0.3%	459	2.2%	381	1.8%
June	21,232	20,431	96.2%	90	0.4%	327	1.5%	384	1.8%
Mo. Avg.	20,429	19,099	93.5%	104	0.5%	440	2.2%	787	3.8%

⁵ These are clients who received ABD services during the reporting month. Additional columns in the table represent programs the client received/participated in during the subsequent month.

⁶ These are adults who were not enrolled in HEN Referral, SSI, or other cash programs in the following month.

ABD Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2020 Snapshot

The following pages detail the ABD clients, June 2020 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	4,505	21.2%	4,682	22.1%
Region 2 CSOs	10,015	47.2%	10,498	49.4%
Region 3 CSOs	5,909	27.8%	6,051	28.5%
CSCCs	3	0.0%	N/A	
HCS	794	3.7%	N/A	
Other Locations	6	<0.1%	N/A	
Not Reported / Unidentifiable	0	0.0%	1	<0.1%
State Total	21,232	100.0%	21,232	100.0%

Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2020 Snapshot (continued)

Region 1 CSO	CSO of Issuance		CSO of Residence	
	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
CLARKSTON	55	0.3%	57	0.3%
COLFAX	36	0.2%	36	0.2%
COLVILLE	103	0.5%	104	0.5%
ELLENSBURG	87	0.4%	86	0.4%
GOLDENDALE	35	0.2%	35	0.2%
KENNEWICK	527	2.5%	582	2.7%
MOSES LAKE	371	1.7%	392	1.8%
NEWPORT	46	0.2%	47	0.2%
OKANOGAN	95	0.4%	96	0.5%
REPUBLIC	18	0.1%	18	0.1%
SPOKANE MAPLE	1,085	5.1%	1,153	5.4%
SPOKANE TRENT	1,082	5.1%	1,071	5.0%
SUNNYSIDE	90	0.4%	95	0.4%
TOPPENISH	72	0.3%	76	0.4%
WALLA WALLA	103	0.5%	114	0.5%
WENATCHEE	212	1.0%	222	1.0%
WHITE SALMON	16	0.1%	16	0.1%
YAKIMA	472	2.2%	482	2.3%
Region 1 Total	4,505	21.2%	4,682	22.1%

Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2020 Snapshot (continued)

Region 2 CSO	CSO of Issuance		CSO of Residence	
	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
ALDERWOOD	714	3.4%	745	3.5%
AUBURN	459	2.2%	476	2.2%
BELLINGHAM	528	2.5%	538	2.5%
BELLTOWN	995	4.7%	1,033	4.9%
CAPITOL HILL	531	2.5%	547	2.6%
EVERETT	971	4.6%	1,008	4.7%
FEDERAL WAY	344	1.6%	369	1.7%
KING EASTSIDE	765	3.6%	824	3.9%
KING NORTH	910	4.3%	945	4.5%
KING SOUTH	738	3.5%	796	3.7%
MOUNT VERNON	391	1.8%	402	1.9%
OAK HARBOR	150	0.7%	157	0.7%
RAINIER	449	2.1%	482	2.3%
RENTON	564	2.7%	616	2.9%
SKYKOMISH VALLEY	234	1.1%	243	1.1%
SMOKEY POINT	536	2.5%	539	2.5%
WHITE CENTER	736	3.5%	778	3.7%
Region 2 Total	10,015	47.2%	10,498	49.4%

Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2020 Snapshot (continued)

Region 3 CSO	CSO of Issuance		CSO of Residence	
	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
ABERDEEN	346	1.6%	352	1.7%
BREMERTON	551	2.6%	551	2.6%
CHEHALIS	346	1.6%	346	1.6%
COLUMBIA RIVER	931	4.4%	962	4.5%
FORKS	17	0.1%	17	0.1%
KELSO	502	2.4%	504	2.4%
LAKESWOOD	528	2.5%	552	2.6%
LONG BEACH	46	0.2%	46	0.2%
OLYMPIA	602	2.8%	641	3.0%
PIERCE NORTH	483	2.3%	499	2.4%
PIERCE SOUTH	532	2.5%	550	2.6%
PORT ANGELES	180	0.8%	182	0.9%
PORT TOWNSEND	53	0.2%	53	0.2%
PUYALLUP VALLEY	531	2.5%	538	2.5%
SHELTON	192	0.9%	192	0.9%
SOUTH BEND	41	0.2%	41	0.2%
STEVENSON	28	0.1%	25	0.1%
Region 3 Total	5,909	27.8%	6,051	28.5%

ABD Caseload by Customer Service Contact Centers (CSCC) and Other Locations, June 2020 Snapshot

Customer Service Contact Centers (CSCC)	Office of Issuance	
	Clients	% of State Total
CSCC CNTRLSOUND	0	0.0%
CSCC NORTHEAST	0	0.0%
CSCC NORTHWEST	0	0.0%
CSCC SOUTHWEST	0	0.0%
CSCC SOUTHEAST	0	0.0%
CSCC SOUTH SOUND	0	0.0%
CSCC LTC	0	0.0%
CSCC WASHCAP	3	<0.1%
CSCC and WASHCAP Total	3	<0.1%

Other Locations	Office of Issuance	
	Clients	% of State Total
DDA LTC & Spec Programs	6	<0.1%
MEDICAL ELIG. DET SVC	0	0.0%
Health Care Authority	0	0.0%
PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE (PGST)	0	0.0%
Other Locations Total	6	<0.1%

ABD Clients by Home and Community Services Offices (HCS), June 2020 Snapshot

Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) – Region 1	HCS of Issuance	
	# of Clients	% of State Total
CLARKSTON HCS	0	0.0%
COLVILLE HCS	0	0.0%
ELLENSBURG HCS	2	<0.1%
MEDICAL LAKE HCS	19	0.1%
MOSES LAKE HCS	20	0.1%
OKANOGAN HCS	0	0.0%
SPOKANE HCS	69	0.3%
SUNNYSIDE HCS	23	0.1%
TRI-CITIES HCS	42	0.2%
WALLA WALLA HCS	9	<0.1%
WAPATO HCS	0	0.0%
WENATCHEE HCS	2	<0.1%
YAKIMA HCS	1	<0.1%
Region 1 Total	187	0.9%

Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) – Region 2	HCS of Issuance	
	# of Clients	% of State Total
ALDERWOOD HCS	63	0.3%
BELLINGHAM HCS	10	<0.1%
EVERETT HCS	48	0.2%
HOLGATE HCS	337	1.6%
MOUNT VERNON HCS	20	0.1%
SMOKEY POINT HCS	0	0.0%
Region 2 Total	478	2.3%

Clients by Home and Community Services Offices (HCS), June 2020 Snapshot (continued)

Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) – Region 3	HCS of Issuance	
	# of Clients	% of State Total
ABERDEEN HCS	1	<0.1%
BREMERTON HCS	4	<0.1%
CHEHALIS HCS	4	<0.1%
KELSO HCS	1	<0.1%
OLYMPIA HCS	13	0.1%
PORT ANGELES HCS	0	0.0%
STEILACOOM HCS	30	0.1%
TACOMA HCS	49	0.2%
VANCOUVER HCS	27	0.1%
Region 3 Total	129	0.6%

ABD Clients by County of Residence, June 2020 Snapshot

County	# of Clients	% of Total	County	# of Clients	% of Total
Adams	40	0.2%	Lewis	347	1.6%
Asotin	56	0.3%	Lincoln	21	0.1%
Benton	388	1.8%	Mason	192	0.9%
Chelan	167	0.8%	Okanogan	97	0.5%
Clallam	199	0.9%	Pacific	87	0.4%
Clark	961	4.5%	Pend Oreille	46	0.2%
Columbia	10	<0.1%	Pierce	2,140	10.1%
Cowlitz	496	2.3%	San Juan	15	0.1%
Douglas	55	0.3%	Skagit	388	1.8%
Ferry	18	0.1%	Skamania	26	0.1%
Franklin	194	0.9%	Snohomish	2,535	11.9%
Garfield	1	<0.1%	Spokane	2,204	10.4%
Grant	352	1.7%	Stevens	104	0.5%
Grays Harbor	351	1.7%	Thurston	641	3.0%
Island	157	0.7%	Wahkiakum	8	<0.1%
Jefferson	52	0.2%	Walla Walla	104	0.5%
King	6,863	32.3%	Whatcom	538	2.5%
Kitsap	553	2.6%	Whitman	36	0.2%
Kittitas	86	0.4%	Yakima	653	3.1%
Klickitat	51	0.2%	Not Reported/ Unidentifiable	0	0.0%

	# of Clients	% of Total
State Total	21,232	100.0%

ABD Client Demographics, June 2020 Snapshot

Characteristic	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
Total Clients	21,232	100.0%

Gender		
	All Clients	
Female	10,299	48.5%
Male	10,933	51.5%
Unknown	6	<0.1%

Ethnicity and Race		
	All Clients	
Hispanic or Latino	2,300	10.8%
Not Hispanic or Latino⁷	18,932	89.2%
White	11,782	55.5%
Black/African American	2,569	12.1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2,804	13.2%
American Indian/Alaska Native	666	3.1%
Two or More Races	342	1.6%
Race Not Reported	769	3.6%

Marital Status		
	All Clients	
Separated	1,651	7.8%
Married	2,472	11.6%
Never Married	9,211	43.4%
Divorced	5,233	24.6%
Widowed	2,298	10.8%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	367	1.7%

Citizenship Status		
	All Clients	
U.S. Citizen	16,168	76.1%
Resident Noncitizen	5,044	23.8%
U.S. National⁸	20	0.1%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	0	0.0%

⁷ Includes clients not reporting whether or not they are of Hispanic or Latino origin.

⁸ 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).

ABD Client Demographics, June 2020 Snapshot (continued)

Characteristic	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients

Homeless Status		
	All Clients	
Homeless ⁹	9,157	43.1%

Disability		
	All Clients	
Mental	12,250	57.7%
Physical	4,599	21.7%
Aged ¹⁰	4,378	20.6%
Other ¹¹	5	<0.1%

Education Status		
	All Clients	
Less than a High School Diploma	4,834	22.8%
High School Graduate or GED	10,048	47.3%
Some College or College Degree	5,551	26.1%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	799	3.8%

Age		
	All Clients	
Under 18 Years Old	N/A	N/A
18 - 24 Years Old	944	4.4%
25 - 34 Years Old	3,234	15.2%
35 - 44 Years Old	4,308	20.3%
45 - 54 Years Old	5,484	25.8%
55 - 64 Years Old	2,884	13.6%
65+ Years Old	4,378	20.6%

⁹ Homeless is defined as: homeless without housing, homeless with housing, emergency shelter, or domestic violence shelter.

¹⁰ Clients with a program type code of 'A' regardless of the presence of a disability type code.

¹¹ These are the clients who had a disability determination made by Division of Disability Determination Services (DDDS).

ABD Client Demographics, June 2020 Snapshot (continued)

Average Length of Stay ¹²	All Clients
Average Age of Clients	49.7 Years
Average Length of Stay Since November 2011	26.4 Months
Average Length of Stay on ABD-Pending SSI Since November 2011	20.7 Months
Average Length of Stay on ABD-Aged Since November 2011	44.9 Months
Average Length of Stay on ABD-Blind/ Disabled/ Institutionalized Since November 2011 (Average Number of Months on ABD)	22.5 Months

¹² Length of Stay is based on cumulative months since November 2011.