

Aged,
Blind or
Disabled
(ABD)

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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. The Department of Commerce administers the HEN program and determines eligibility for housing assistance and essential needs items through its network of local providers.

Additional information, 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 **21,847 in SFY 2022**, up from **21,522 in SFY 2021**. The average monthly cash grant assistance per client was **\$185**. The average monthly ABD clients in SFY 2022 included:

- Aged – 4,603 persons
- Disabled – 494 persons
- Pending SSI – 16,748 persons
- Institutionalized – 2 persons
- Blind – 1 person

TECHNICAL NOTES

DATA SOURCES: Data for this chapter was based on the ESA ACES database as of August 2022.

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.
- All reports of 10-year client trends reflect the monthly average for each state fiscal year (SFY).

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.

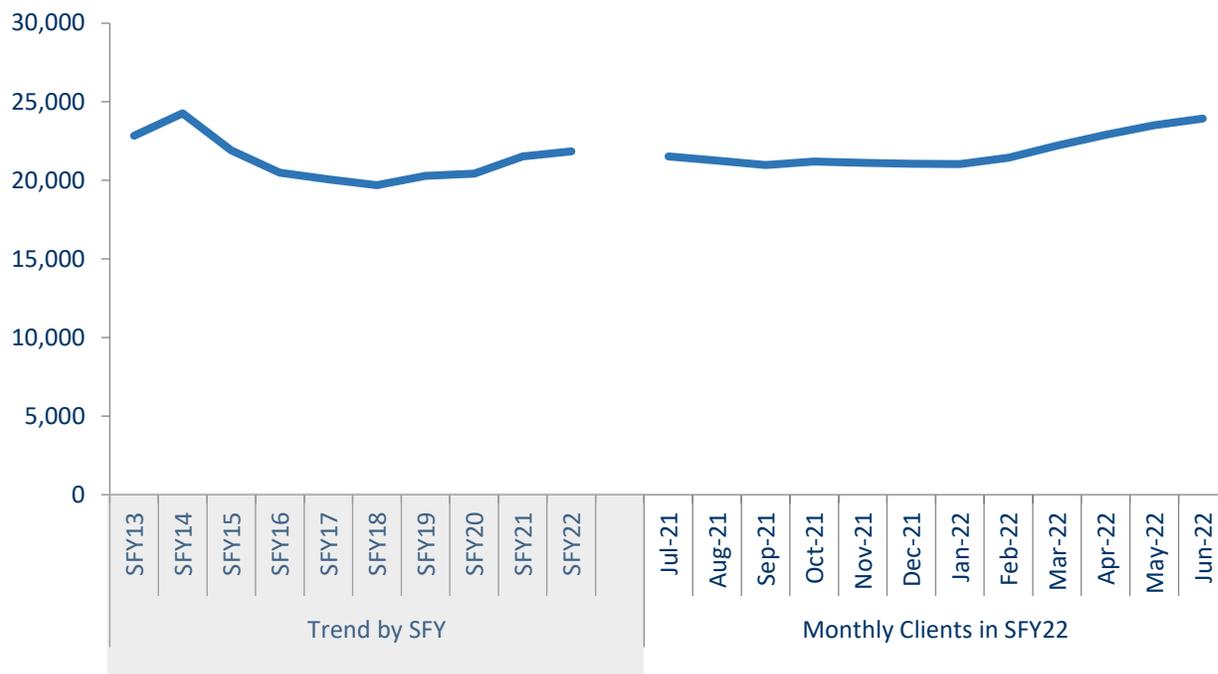
Selected ABD Program Overview, SFY 2021 and SFY 2022

	SFY 2021	SFY 2022	Change	
	(July 2020-June 2021)	(July 2021-June 2022)		
Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)	21,522 (21,079 - 21,828)	21,847 (20,968 - 23,923)	1.5% (Increase)	↑
State Population² Age 18 and Over	6,084,554	6,164,228	1.3% (Increase)	↑
Average Monthly Recipients as a Percent of State's Population 18 and Over	0.4%	0.4%	No Change	=
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)³	\$185.27 (\$184.67 - \$185.94)	\$184.76 (\$183.39 - \$185.71)	-0.3% (Decrease)	↓

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

³ Payments not adjusted for refunds.

ABD Clients, SFY 2013 – 2022



SFY	Monthly Average Clients	SFY	Monthly Average Clients
SFY13	22,840	SFY18	19,694
SFY14	24,268	SFY19	20,281
SFY15	21,904	SFY20	20,429
SFY16	20,499	SFY21	21,522
SFY17	20,064	SFY22	21,847

SFY 2022	Clients	Total Grant Expenditures	Average Payment Per Client
July	21,524	\$3,971,706	\$184.52
August	21,259	\$3,935,413	\$185.12
September	20,968	\$3,880,462	\$185.07
October	21,202	\$3,907,055	\$184.28
November	21,127	\$3,919,201	\$185.51
December	21,061	\$3,903,213	\$185.33
January	21,035	\$3,898,001	\$185.31
February	21,440	\$3,981,590	\$185.71
March	22,209	\$4,072,975	\$183.39
April	22,900	\$4,211,696	\$183.92
May	23,513	\$4,337,431	\$184.47
June	23,923	\$4,417,695	\$184.66
Mo. Avg.	21,847	\$4,036,370	\$184.76

ABD Clients by Program Type, SFY 2022

SFY 2022	ABD Combined					
	Caseload	Aged	Blind	Disabled	Pending SSI	Institutionalized
July	21,524	4,519	1	510	16,490	4
August	21,259	4,509	1	491	16,256	2
September	20,968	4,520	2	484	15,961	1
October	21,202	4,503	1	487	16,210	1
November	21,127	4,493	1	484	16,148	1
December	21,061	4,521	1	474	16,064	1
January	21,035	4,527	1	467	16,039	1
February	21,440	4,538	1	474	16,426	1
March	22,209	4,630	1	503	17,074	2
April	22,900	4,744	1	510	17,643	2
May	23,513	4,827	1	515	18,167	3
June	23,923	4,899	1	525	18,495	3
Mo. Avg.	21,847	4,603	1	494	16,748	2

ABD Clients Exiting to Other Programs, SFY 2022

SFY 2022	Total ABD Clients ⁴	During Subsequent Month							
		Clients Remaining on ABD		Clients Moving from ABD to HEN Referral Program		Clients Moving From ABD to SSI/SSDI		Clients Exiting ABD ⁵	
		# of Clients	Percent	# of Clients	Percent	# of Clients	Percent	# of Clients	Percent
July	21,524	20,264	94.1%	35	0.2%	412	1.9%	813	3.8%
August	21,259	19,993	94.0%	41	0.2%	343	1.6%	882	4.1%
September	20,968	19,857	94.7%	21	0.1%	332	1.6%	758	3.6%
October	21,202	20,040	94.5%	45	0.2%	337	1.6%	780	3.7%
November	21,127	20,019	94.8%	32	0.2%	300	1.4%	776	3.7%
December	21,061	19,991	94.9%	33	0.2%	334	1.6%	703	3.3%
January	21,035	20,347	96.7%	39	0.2%	269	1.3%	380	1.8%
February	21,440	20,541	95.8%	54	0.3%	338	1.6%	507	2.4%
March	22,209	21,348	96.1%	45	0.2%	372	1.7%	444	2.0%
April	22,900	22,034	96.2%	54	0.2%	377	1.6%	435	1.9%
May	23,513	22,574	96.0%	53	0.2%	371	1.6%	515	2.2%
June	23,923	22,968	96.0%	35	0.1%	380	1.6%	540	2.3%
Mo. Avg.	21,847	20,831	95.4%	41	0.2%	347	1.6%	628	2.9%

⁴ These are clients who received ABD services during the reporting month. Additional columns in the table represent programs the client enrolled/participated in during the subsequent month.

⁵ These are adults who were not enrolled in HEN Referral, SSI/SSDI, or other cash programs in the following month.

ABD Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2022 Snapshot

The following pages detail the ABD clients, June 2022 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	4,929	20.6%	5,163	21.6%
Region 2 CSOs	11,150	46.6%	11,894	49.7%
Region 3 CSOs	6,691	28.0%	6,863	28.7%
CSCCs	4	<0.1%	N/A	
HCS	1,149	4.8%	N/A	
Other Locations	0	0.0%	N/A	
Not Reported / Unidentifiable	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Total	23,923	100.0%	23,923	100.0%

Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2022 Snapshot (continued)

Region 1 CSO	CSO of Issuance		CSO of Residence	
	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
CLARKSTON	72	0.3%	71	0.3%
COLFAX	54	0.2%	59	0.2%
COLVILLE	125	0.5%	122	0.5%
ELLENSBURG	120	0.5%	122	0.5%
GOLDENDALE	63	0.3%	65	0.3%
KENNEWICK	560	2.3%	621	2.6%
MOSES LAKE	416	1.7%	440	1.8%
NEWPORT	56	0.2%	55	0.2%
OKANOGAN	115	0.5%	113	0.5%
REPUBLIC	28	0.1%	29	0.1%
SPOKANE MAPLE	1,075	4.5%	1,162	4.9%
SPOKANE TRENT	1,149	4.8%	1,153	4.8%
SUNNYSIDE	103	0.4%	113	0.5%
TOPPENISH	92	0.4%	102	0.4%
WALLA WALLA	155	0.6%	162	0.7%
WENATCHEE	222	0.9%	234	1.0%
WHITE SALMON	22	0.1%	20	0.1%
YAKIMA	502	2.1%	520	2.2%
Region 1 Total	4,929	20.6%	5,163	21.6%

Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2022 Snapshot (continued)

Region 2 CSO	CSO of Issuance		CSO of Residence	
	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
ALDERWOOD	673	2.8%	733	3.1%
AUBURN	655	2.7%	687	2.9%
BELLINGHAM	482	2.0%	498	2.1%
BELLTOWN	1,197	5.0%	1,237	5.2%
CAPITOL HILL	699	2.9%	721	3.0%
EVERETT	1,068	4.5%	1,116	4.7%
FEDERAL WAY	370	1.5%	419	1.8%
KING EASTSIDE	837	3.5%	939	3.9%
KING NORTH	962	4.0%	1,017	4.3%
KING SOUTH	784	3.3%	868	3.6%
MOUNT VERNON	476	2.0%	466	1.9%
OAK HARBOR	131	0.5%	152	0.6%
RAINIER	533	2.2%	598	2.5%
RENTON	589	2.5%	671	2.8%
SKYKOMISH VALLEY	252	1.1%	265	1.1%
SMOKEY POINT	602	2.5%	625	2.6%
WHITE CENTER	840	3.5%	882	3.7%
Region 2 Total	11,150	46.6%	11,894	49.7%

Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2022 Snapshot (continued)

Region 3 CSO	CSO of Issuance		CSO of Residence	
	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
ABERDEEN	383	1.6%	386	1.6%
BREMERTON	662	2.8%	661	2.8%
CHEHALIS	278	1.2%	278	1.2%
COLUMBIA RIVER	1,145	4.8%	1,193	5.0%
FORKS	11	<0.1%	12	0.1%
KELSO	507	2.1%	509	2.1%
LAKESWOOD	578	2.4%	606	2.5%
LONG BEACH	42	0.2%	42	0.2%
OLYMPIA	704	2.9%	738	3.1%
PIERCE NORTH	540	2.3%	552	2.3%
PIERCE SOUTH	639	2.7%	652	2.7%
PORT ANGELES	250	1.0%	251	1.0%
PORT TOWNSEND	46	0.2%	43	0.2%
PUYALLUP VALLEY	592	2.5%	621	2.6%
SHELTON	246	1.0%	252	1.1%
SOUTH BEND	37	0.2%	37	0.2%
STEVENSON	31	0.1%	30	0.1%
Region 3 Total	6,691	28.0%	6,863	28.7%

ABD Caseload by Customer Service Contact Centers (CSCC) and Other Locations, June 2022 Snapshot

Customer Service Contact Centers (CSCC)	Office of Issuance	
	Clients	% of State Total
CSCC CENTRAL SOUND	0	0.0%
CSCC NORTHEAST	0	0.0%
CSCC NORTHWEST	0	0.0%
CSCC SOUTHWEST	1	<0.1%
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	4	<0.1%

Other Locations	Office of Issuance	
	Clients	% of State Total
DDA LTC & Spec Programs	0	0.0%
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	0	0.0%

ABD Clients by Home and Community Services Offices (HCS), June 2022 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	3	<0.1%
MEDICAL LAKE HCS	78	0.3%
MOSES LAKE HCS	20	0.1%
OKANOGAN HCS	0	0.0%
SPOKANE HCS	49	0.2%
SUNNYSIDE HCS	28	0.1%
TRI-CITIES HCS	47	0.2%
WALLA WALLA HCS	7	<0.1%
WENATCHEE HCS	5	<0.1%
YAKIMA HCS	0	0.0%
Region 1 Total	237	1.0%

Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) – Region 2	HCS of Issuance	
	# of Clients	% of State Total
ALDERWOOD HCS	101	0.4%
BELLINGHAM HCS	31	0.1%
EVERETT HCS	82	0.3%
HOLGATE HCS	470	2.0%
MOUNT VERNON HCS	56	0.2%
SMOKEY POINT HCS	0	0.0%
Region 2 Total	740	3.1%

Clients by Home and Community Services Offices (HCS), June 2022 Snapshot (continued)

Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) – Region 3	HCS of Issuance	
	# of Clients	% of State Total
ABERDEEN HCS	2	<0.1%
BREMERTON HCS	1	<0.1%
CHEHALIS HCS	2	<0.1%
KELSO HCS	1	<0.1%
OLYMPIA HCS	18	0.1%
PORT ANGELES HCS	2	<0.1%
STEILACOOM HCS	19	0.1%
TACOMA HCS	78	0.3%
VANCOUVER HCS	49	0.2%
Region 3 Total	172	0.7%

ABD Clients by County of Residence, June 2022 Snapshot

County	# of Clients	% of Total	County	# of Clients	% of Total
Adams	47	0.2%	Lewis	278	1.2%
Asotin	66	0.3%	Lincoln	31	0.1%
Benton	408	1.7%	Mason	252	1.1%
Chelan	169	0.7%	Okanogan	114	0.5%
Clallam	263	1.1%	Pacific	79	0.3%
Clark	1,192	5.0%	Pend Oreille	56	0.2%
Columbia	13	0.1%	Pierce	2,431	10.2%
Cowlitz	499	2.1%	San Juan	22	0.1%
Douglas	65	0.3%	Skagit	446	1.9%
Ferry	29	0.1%	Skamania	31	0.1%
Franklin	213	0.9%	Snohomish	2,738	11.4%
Garfield	5	<0.1%	Spokane	2,284	9.5%
Grant	392	1.6%	Stevens	122	0.5%
Grays Harbor	386	1.6%	Thurston	738	3.1%
Island	151	0.6%	Wahkiakum	11	<0.1%
Jefferson	43	0.2%	Walla Walla	149	0.6%
King	8,040	33.6%	Whatcom	497	2.1%
Kitsap	661	2.8%	Whitman	59	0.2%
Kittitas	122	0.5%	Yakima	735	3.1%
Klickitat	85	0.4%	Not Reported/ Unidentifiable	1	<0.1%

	# of Clients	% of Total
State Total	23,923	100.0%

ABD Client Demographics, June 2022 Snapshot

Characteristic	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
Total Clients	23,923	100.0%

Gender		
	All Clients	
Female	11,441	47.8%
Male	12,482	52.2%
Unknown	0	0.0%

Ethnicity and Race		
	All Clients	
Hispanic or Latino	2,743	11.5%
Not Hispanic or Latino⁶	21,180	88.5%
White	13,014	54.4%
Black/African American	2,966	12.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	3,111	13.0%
American Indian/Alaska Native	828	3.5%
Two or More Races	501	2.1%
Race Not Reported	760	3.2%

Marital Status		
	All Clients	
Separated	1,796	7.5%
Married	2,560	10.7%
Never Married	11,035	46.1%
Divorced	5,864	24.5%
Widowed	2,593	10.8%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	75	0.3%

Citizenship Status		
	All Clients	
U.S. Citizen	18,614	77.8%
Resident Noncitizen	5,277	22.1%
U.S. National⁷	32	0.1%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	0	0.0%

⁶ Includes clients not reporting whether or not they are of Hispanic or Latino origin.

⁷ 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 2022 Snapshot (continued)

Characteristic	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients

Homeless Status		
	All Clients	
Homeless ⁸	7,311	30.6%

Disability		
	All Clients	
Mental	13,622	56.9%
Physical	5,390	22.5%
Aged ⁹	4,901	20.5%
Other ¹⁰	10	<0.1%

Education Status		
	All Clients	
Less than a High School Diploma	5,618	23.5%
High School Graduate or GED	10,877	45.5%
Some College or College Degree	6,574	27.5%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	854	3.6%

Age		
	All Clients	
Under 18 Years Old	N/A	N/A
18 - 24 Years Old	960	4.0%
25 - 34 Years Old	3,412	14.3%
35 - 44 Years Old	5,026	21.0%
45 - 54 Years Old	5,896	24.6%
55 - 64 Years Old	3,727	15.6%
65+ Years Old	4,902	20.5%

⁸ Homeless is defined (based on the self-reported living arrangement code in ACES) as: homeless without housing, homeless with housing (staying temporarily with family or friends—commonly referred to as "couch surfing"), emergency shelter, or domestic violence shelter.

⁹ Clients with a program type code of 'A' regardless of the presence of a disability type code.

¹⁰ These are the clients who had a disability determination made by DSHS Division of Disability Determination Services (DDDS).

ABD Client Demographics, June 2022 Snapshot (continued)

Average Length of Stay ¹¹	<u>All Clients</u>
Average Age of Clients	50.2 Years
Average Length of Stay Since November 2011	29.9 Months
Average Length of Stay on ABD-Pending SSI Since November 2011	24.6 Months
Average Length of Stay on ABD-Aged Since November 2011	47.2 Months
Average Length of Stay on ABD-Blind/ Disabled/ Institutionalized Since November 2011 (Average Number of Months on ABD)	22.1 Months

¹¹ Length of Stay is based on cumulative months since November 2011 when the ABD program started.