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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 employment, training, and support services for 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 2023.

TANF provides cash grants for families in need. In addition to needy families, persons who are caring for a child not their own biologically or by adoption (e.g. a relative's child, as a legal guardian, or acting in the place of a parent) are also able to apply for TANF benefits on behalf of that child. Residents of Washington state who are ineligible for TANF solely because of eligibility changes under the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act may be eligible for SFA. Adults in families receiving TANF/SFA participate in the WorkFirst Program, which helps participants resolve barriers and prepare for and find jobs.

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

### Highlights

In SFY 2023, Washington state's TANF/SFA average monthly caseload increased by 13.2%, from 28,839 households in SFY 2022 to 32,643 households in SFY 2023. Child-only households comprised 31.9% of the total TANF/SFA caseload in SFY 2023, down from 36.1% in SFY 2022. The average monthly cash assistance grant per case was \$542.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

**DATA SOURCES:** Data for this chapter is based on the ESA Automated Client Eligibility System (ACES) database as of August 2023. Quarterly employment and earnings for WorkFirst participants is based on Unemployment Insurance (UI) wage data provided by the Employment Security Department (ESD). Data on concurrent benefits, mental health treatment, and substance abuse disorder treatment comes from DSHS' Research and Data Analysis (RDA). Child support data is based on ESA Division of Child Support's Support Enforcement Management System (SEMS).

#### DATA NOTES:

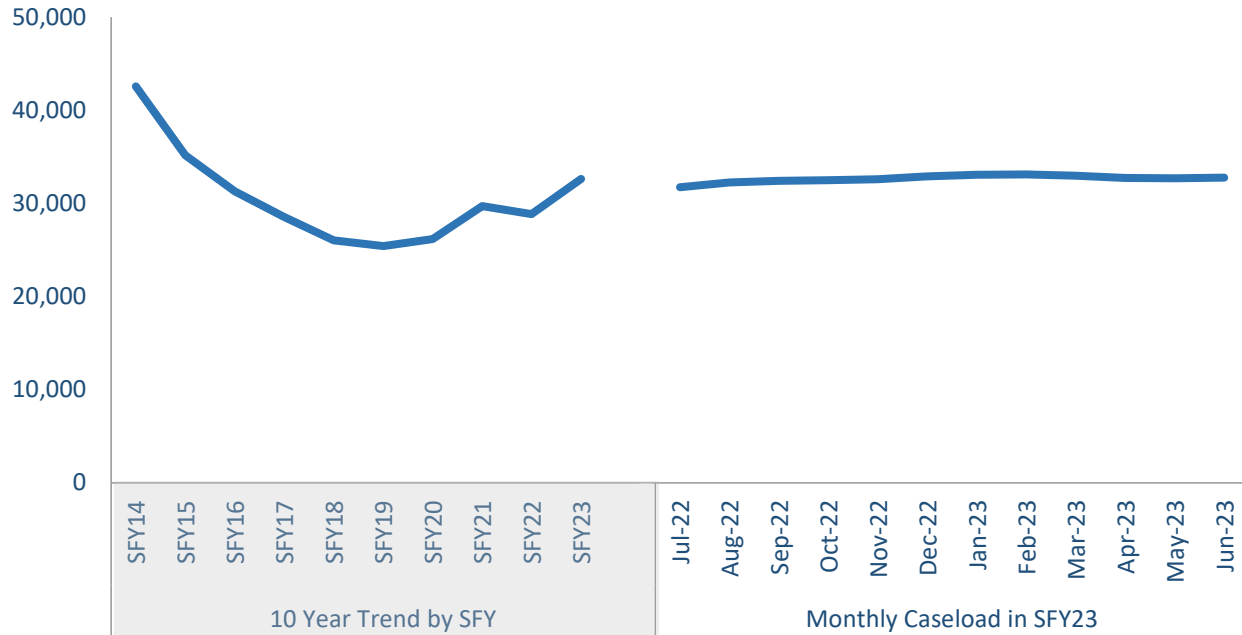
- Unless otherwise noted, both federally-funded TANF and state-funded SFA cases/clients are reported jointly in this section.
- WorkFirst clients are adult clients receiving TANF/SFA benefits. This can include teen parents.
- WorkFirst cases are those in which at least one adult is receiving TANF/SFA assistance.
- Percentages may not add up to expected totals due to rounding.
- All reports of 10-year caseload trends reflect the monthly average for each state fiscal year (SFY).

## Selected TANF/SFA Program Overview, SFY 2022 and SFY 2023

	SFY 2022 (July 2021-June 2022)	SFY 2023 (July 2022-June 2023)	Change	
Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range)	28,839 (26,456 - 31,417)	32,643 (31,727 - 33,103)	13.2% (Increase)	↑
Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)	69,465 (61,496 - 77,881)	82,813 (78,905 - 84,768)	19.2% (Increase)	↑
Average Number of Adults Per Month (Range)	20,929 (17,822 - 24,284)	26,728 (24,889 - 27,516)	27.7% (Increase)	↑
Average Number of Children Per Month (Range)	48,536 (43,674 - 53,597)	56,086 (54,016 - 57,252)	15.6% (Increase)	↑
State Population <sup>1</sup>	7,864,400	7,951,150	1.1% (Increase)	↑
Monthly Average Recipients as a Percent of State's Total Population	0.9%	1.0%	0.1 Point Increase	↑
Children as Percent of Recipients	69.9%	67.7%	-2.2% Point (Decrease)	↓
Average Persons Per Case	2.4	2.5	0.1 Point Increase	↑
Average Children Per Case	1.7	1.7	No Change	=
Average Children Per Adult	2.3	2.1	-0.2 Point (Decrease)	↓
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range) <sup>2</sup>	\$537.19 ((\$530.55 - \$544.00))	\$542.20 ((\$533.98 - \$551.65))	0.9% (Increase)	↑

<sup>1</sup> Source: Office of Financial Management (OFM) population estimates<sup>2</sup> Payments not adjusted for refunds.

## TANF/SFA Caseload, SFY 2014 – 2023



SFY	Monthly Average Caseload	SFY	Monthly Average Caseload
SFY14	42,564	SFY19	25,422
SFY15	35,158	SFY20	26,172
SFY16	31,284	SFY21	29,701
SFY17	28,555	SFY22	28,839
SFY18	26,030	SFY23	32,643

SFY 2023	Total Caseload	Clients	Grant Expenditures	Average Payment Per Case
July	31,727	78,905	\$16,996,941	\$535.72
August	32,252	80,534	\$17,222,013	\$533.98
September	32,413	81,386	\$17,381,038	\$536.24
October	32,493	82,119	\$17,511,134	\$538.92
November	32,605	82,696	\$17,649,511	\$541.31
December	32,912	83,944	\$18,080,617	\$549.36
January	33,070	84,546	\$17,988,673	\$543.96
February	33,103	84,768	\$18,261,423	\$551.65
March	32,962	84,290	\$17,977,900	\$545.41
April	32,722	83,425	\$17,813,070	\$544.38
May	32,694	83,457	\$17,734,963	\$542.45
June	32,758	83,688	\$17,770,623	\$542.48
Mo. Avg.	32,643	82,813	\$17,698,992	\$542.20
Annual Unduplicated	55,716	143,864	\$212,387,905	\$3,811.97

### TANF/SFA Caseload by Funding Type, SFY 2023<sup>3</sup>

SFY 2023	Total	TANF Only		Mixed TANF & SFA <sup>4</sup>		SFA Only	
	Caseload	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	31,727	29,991	94.5%	769	2.4%	967	3.0%
August	32,252	30,433	94.4%	783	2.4%	1,036	3.2%
September	32,413	30,570	94.3%	806	2.5%	1,037	3.2%
October	32,493	30,515	93.9%	846	2.6%	1,132	3.5%
November	32,605	30,457	93.4%	890	2.7%	1,258	3.9%
December	32,912	30,611	93.0%	931	2.8%	1,370	4.2%
January	33,070	30,639	92.6%	973	2.9%	1,458	4.4%
February	33,103	30,530	92.2%	1,030	3.1%	1,543	4.7%
March	32,962	30,263	91.8%	1,091	3.3%	1,608	4.9%
April	32,722	29,906	91.4%	1,148	3.5%	1,668	5.1%
May	32,694	29,676	90.8%	1,215	3.7%	1,803	5.5%
June	32,758	29,588	90.3%	1,267	3.9%	1,903	5.8%
Mo. Avg.	32,643	30,265	92.7%	979	3.0%	1,399	4.3%

SFY 2023	SFA Caseload	State	Federal	Average State	Total Average
		Expenditures on	Expenditures on	Expenditures Per	Expenditures Per
		SFA Cases	SFA Cases <sup>5</sup>	Case	Case
July	1,736	\$901,510	\$218,875	\$519.30	\$645.38
August	1,819	\$940,800	\$221,997	\$517.21	\$639.25
September	1,843	\$932,630	\$239,926	\$506.04	\$636.22
October	1,978	\$1,003,537	\$250,828	\$507.35	\$634.16
November	2,148	\$1,091,515	\$267,887	\$508.15	\$632.87
December	2,301	\$1,184,783	\$284,086	\$514.90	\$638.36
January	2,431	\$1,268,866	\$295,050	\$521.95	\$643.32
February	2,573	\$1,353,923	\$310,237	\$526.20	\$646.78
March	2,699	\$1,406,014	\$316,529	\$520.94	\$638.22
April	2,816	\$1,471,934	\$338,085	\$522.70	\$642.76
May	3,018	\$1,552,848	\$354,027	\$514.53	\$631.83
June	3,170	\$1,646,596	\$359,167	\$519.43	\$632.73
Mo. Avg.	2,378	\$1,229,580	\$288,058	\$517.06	\$638.20
Annual Unduplicated	5,431	\$14,754,956	\$3,456,694	\$2,716.80	\$3,353.28

<sup>3</sup> The number of newly arrived immigrants, from Ukraine as well as other countries, continued to increase throughout SFY 2023. This caused an increase in the percentage of cases that are mixed TANF & SFA and in the percentage of cases that are SFA.

<sup>4</sup> The mixed TANF/SFA cases have at least one member in the household receiving federal TANF and at least one member receiving SFA benefits.

<sup>5</sup> These are federal expenditures on mixed TANF/SFA households.

## TANF/SFA Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2023 Snapshot

The following pages detail the TANF/SFA caseload, June 2023 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), Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) within DSHS's Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (ALTSa), Developmental Disability Administration (DDA), or Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (PGST).
- CSO of Residence: Based on the CSO coverage area in which a client lives.

Overview	Office of Issuance				Office 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	9,593	29.3%	23,984	28.7%	9,576	29.2%	23,926	28.6%
Region 2 CSOs	11,433	34.9%	30,938	37.0%	11,322	34.6%	30,647	36.6%
Region 3 CSOs	11,706	35.7%	28,713	34.3%	11,852	36.2%	29,091	34.8%
CSCCs	15	<0.1%	38	<0.1%	N/A			
ALTSa (HCS)	9	<0.1%	11	<0.1%				
DDA	2	<0.1%	4	<0.1%				
Tribal Locations <sup>6</sup>	0	0.0%	0	0.0%				
Not Reported / Unidentifiable	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	<0.1%	24	<0.1%
State Total	32,758	100.0%	83,688	100.0%	32,758	100.0%	83,688	100.0%

<sup>6</sup> Tribal locations do not include Tribal TANF programs that tribal nations operate independently.



## TANF/SFA Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2023 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	156	0.5%	371	0.4%	157	0.5%	376	0.4%
COLFAX	124	0.4%	322	0.4%	125	0.4%	320	0.4%
COLVILLE	247	0.8%	631	0.8%	246	0.8%	630	0.8%
ELLENSBURG	159	0.5%	398	0.5%	157	0.5%	391	0.5%
GOLDENDALE	86	0.3%	210	0.3%	86	0.3%	206	0.2%
KENNEWICK	1,586	4.8%	4,152	5.0%	1,602	4.9%	4,178	5.0%
MOSES LAKE	691	2.1%	1,714	2.0%	698	2.1%	1,740	2.1%
NEWPORT	99	0.3%	256	0.3%	97	0.3%	253	0.3%
OKANOGAN	291	0.9%	685	0.8%	274	0.8%	642	0.8%
REPUBLIC	46	0.1%	111	0.1%	47	0.1%	108	0.1%
SPOKANE MAPLE	1,322	4.0%	3,303	3.9%	1,444	4.4%	3,606	4.3%
SPOKANE TRENT	1,960	6.0%	5,006	6.0%	1,824	5.6%	4,671	5.6%
SUNNYSIDE	395	1.2%	1,076	1.3%	375	1.1%	1,031	1.2%
TOPPENISH	470	1.4%	1,099	1.3%	468	1.4%	1,092	1.3%
WALLA WALLA	337	1.0%	836	1.0%	338	1.0%	842	1.0%
WENATCHEE	378	1.2%	863	1.0%	381	1.2%	867	1.0%
WHITE SALMON	44	0.1%	105	0.1%	45	0.1%	107	0.1%
YAKIMA	1,202	3.7%	2,846	3.4%	1,212	3.7%	2,866	3.4%
Region 1 Total	9,593	29.3%	23,984	28.7%	9,576	29.2%	23,926	28.6%

## TANF/SFA Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2023 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	827	2.5%	2,442	2.9%	818	2.5%	2,414	2.9%
AUBURN	999	3.0%	2,876	3.4%	1,004	3.1%	2,899	3.5%
BELLINGHAM	733	2.2%	1,848	2.2%	729	2.2%	1,834	2.2%
BELLTOWN	270	0.8%	688	0.8%	273	0.8%	691	0.8%
CAPITOL HILL	261	0.8%	641	0.8%	253	0.8%	623	0.7%
EVERETT	1,088	3.3%	3,122	3.7%	1,075	3.3%	3,087	3.7%
FEDERAL WAY	717	2.2%	2,078	2.5%	704	2.1%	2,036	2.4%
KING EASTSIDE	946	2.9%	2,596	3.1%	927	2.8%	2,534	3.0%
KING NORTH	649	2.0%	1,659	2.0%	639	2.0%	1,641	2.0%
KING SOUTH	1,264	3.9%	3,758	4.5%	1,246	3.8%	3,721	4.4%
MT VERNON	515	1.6%	1,227	1.5%	485	1.5%	1,167	1.4%
OAK HARBOR	115	0.4%	231	0.3%	143	0.4%	286	0.3%
RAINIER	532	1.6%	1,379	1.6%	523	1.6%	1,363	1.6%
RENTON	751	2.3%	2,023	2.4%	742	2.3%	1,993	2.4%
SKY VALLEY	244	0.7%	593	0.7%	246	0.8%	592	0.7%
SMOKEY POINT	714	2.2%	1,736	2.1%	709	2.2%	1,734	2.1%
WHITE CENTER	808	2.5%	2,041	2.4%	806	2.5%	2,032	2.4%
Region 2 Total	11,433	34.9%	30,938	37.0%	11,322	34.6%	30,647	36.6%

## TANF/SFA Caseload by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2023 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	464	1.4%	1,045	1.2%	476	1.5%	1,078	1.3%
BREMERTON	876	2.7%	2,038	2.4%	871	2.7%	2,026	2.4%
CHEHALIS	533	1.6%	1,212	1.4%	521	1.6%	1,181	1.4%
COLUMBIA RIVER	2,208	6.7%	6,012	7.2%	2,200	6.7%	5,989	7.2%
FORKS	105	0.3%	232	0.3%	105	0.3%	232	0.3%
KELSO	922	2.8%	2,134	2.5%	921	2.8%	2,126	2.5%
LAKEWOOD	1,299	4.0%	3,222	3.9%	1,296	4.0%	3,210	3.8%
LONG BEACH	53	0.2%	108	0.1%	53	0.2%	108	0.1%
OLYMPIA	1,244	3.8%	2,895	3.5%	1,434	4.4%	3,428	4.1%
PIERCE NORTH	789	2.4%	1,904	2.3%	774	2.4%	1,872	2.2%
PIERCE SOUTH	1,248	3.8%	3,187	3.8%	1,248	3.8%	3,181	3.8%
PORT ANGELES	203	0.6%	437	0.5%	202	0.6%	431	0.5%
PORT TOWNSEND	73	0.2%	146	0.2%	72	0.2%	145	0.2%
PUYALLUP VALLEY	1,250	3.8%	3,127	3.7%	1,241	3.8%	3,078	3.7%
SHELTON	335	1.0%	767	0.9%	336	1.0%	762	0.9%
SOUTH BEND	56	0.2%	131	0.2%	55	0.2%	129	0.2%
STEVENSON	48	0.1%	116	0.1%	47	0.1%	115	0.1%
Region 3 Total	11,706	35.7%	28,713	34.3%	11,852	36.2%	29,091	34.8%

## TANF/SFA Caseload by Customer Service Contact Centers (CSCC) and Other Locations, June 2023 Snapshot

Customer Service Contact Centers (CSCC)	Office of Issuance			
	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
CSCC Central Sound	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CSCC Northeast	2	<0.1%	5	<0.1%
CSCC Northwest	3	<0.1%	7	<0.1%
CSCC South Sound	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CSCC Southeast	1	<0.1%	4	<0.1%
CSCC Southwest	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CSCC Virtual Case Management Center	9	<0.1%	22	<0.1%
CSCC WASHCAP	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>CSCC and WASHCAP Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>&lt;0.1%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>&lt;0.1%</b>

DDA Locations	Office of Issuance			
	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
DDA Behavioral Health Financial Unit	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
DDA Long-Term Care & Special Programs	2	<0.1%	4	<0.1%
<b>DDA Locations Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>&lt;0.1%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>&lt;0.1%</b>

Tribal Locations	Office of Issuance			
	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (PGST)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

## TANF/SFA Caseload by Home and Community Services Offices (HCS), June 2023 Snapshot

ALTSA Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) – Region 1	HCS of Issuance			
	# of Cases	% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total
CLARKSTON HCS	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%
COLVILLE HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
ELLENSBURG HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MEDICAL LAKE HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MOSES LAKE HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OKANOGAN HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SPOKANE HCS	1	<0.1%	3	<0.1%
SUNNYSIDE HCS	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%
TRI-CITIES HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
WALLA WALLA HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
WENATCHEE HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
YAKIMA HCS	3	<0.1%	3	<0.1%
<b>Region 1 Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>&lt;0.1%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>&lt;0.1%</b>

ALTSA Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) – Region 2	HCS of Issuance			
	# of Cases	% of State Total	Clients	% of State Total
ALDERWOOD HCS	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%
BELLINGHAM HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
EVERETT HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
HOLGATE HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MOUNT VERNON HCS	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%
SMOKEY POINT HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Region 2 Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>&lt;0.1%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>&lt;0.1%</b>

## TANF/SFA Caseload by Home and Community Services Offices (HCS), June 2023 Snapshot (continued)

ALTSA Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) – Region 3	HCS of Issuance			
	# of Cases	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
ABERDEEN HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
BREMERTON HCS	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%
CHEHALIS HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
KELSO HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OLYMPIA HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
PORT ANGELES HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
STEILACOOM HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TACOMA HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
VANCOUVER HCS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Region 3 Total	1	<0.1%	1	<0.1%

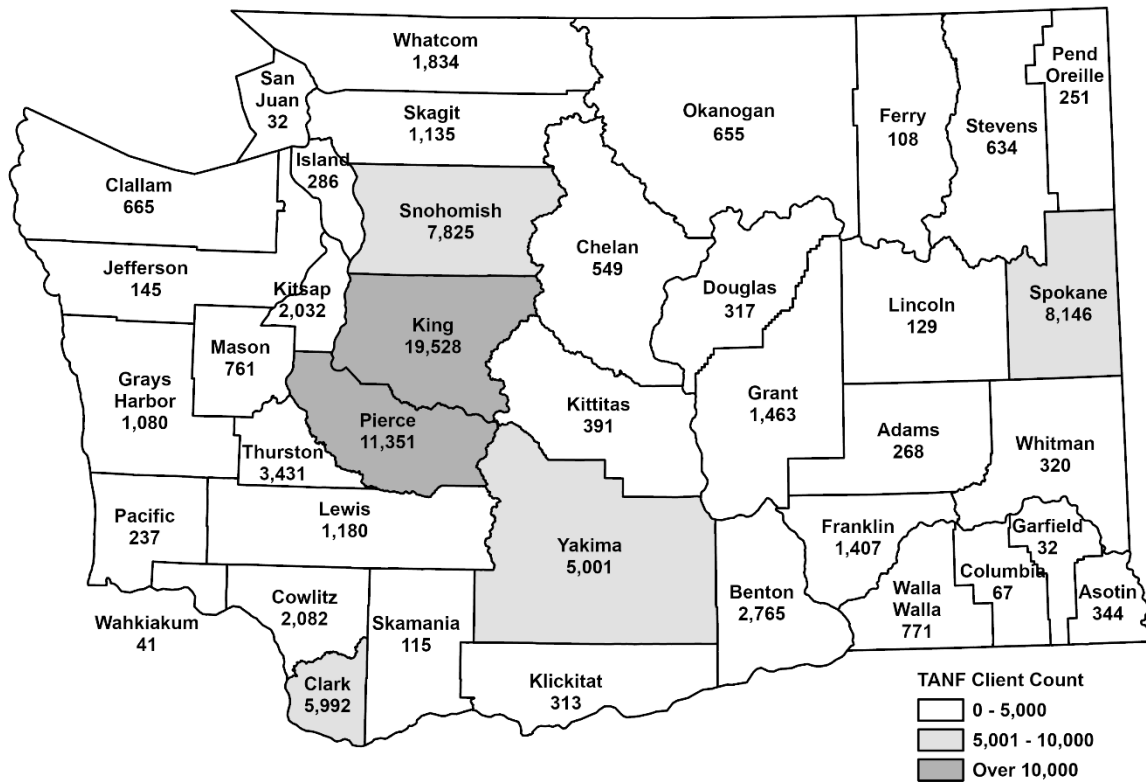
## TANF/SFA Caseload by County of Residence, June 2023 Snapshot

County	# of Cases	% of Total	# of Clients	% of Total	County	# of Cases	% of Total	# of Clients	% of Total
Adams	116	0.4%	268	0.3%	Lewis	520	1.6%	1,180	1.4%
Asotin	143	0.4%	344	0.4%	Lincoln	51	0.2%	129	0.2%
Benton	1,069	3.3%	2,765	3.3%	Mason	335	1.0%	761	0.9%
Chelan	234	0.7%	549	0.7%	Okanogan	279	0.9%	655	0.8%
Clallam	308	0.9%	665	0.8%	Pacific	108	0.3%	237	0.3%
Clark	2,201	6.7%	5,992	7.2%	Pend Oreille	96	0.3%	251	0.3%
Columbia	29	0.1%	67	0.1%	Pierce	4,561	13.9%	11,351	13.6%
Cowlitz	901	2.8%	2,082	2.5%	San Juan	14	<0.1%	32	<0.1%
Douglas	147	0.4%	317	0.4%	Skagit	471	1.4%	1,135	1.4%
Ferry	47	0.1%	108	0.1%	Skamania	47	0.1%	115	0.1%
Franklin	531	1.6%	1,407	1.7%	Snohomish	2,847	8.7%	7,825	9.4%
Garfield	14	<0.1%	32	<0.1%	Spokane	3,216	9.8%	8,146	9.7%
Grant	578	1.8%	1,463	1.7%	Stevens	248	0.8%	634	0.8%
Grays Harbor	476	1.5%	1,080	1.3%	Thurston	1,436	4.4%	3,431	4.1%
Island	143	0.4%	286	0.3%	Wahkiakum	19	0.1%	41	<0.1%
Jefferson	72	0.2%	145	0.2%	Walla Walla	308	0.9%	771	0.9%
King	7,117	21.7%	19,528	23.3%	Whatcom	729	2.2%	1,834	2.2%
Kitsap	873	2.7%	2,032	2.4%	Whitman	125	0.4%	320	0.4%
Kittitas	157	0.5%	391	0.5%	Yakima	2,059	6.3%	5,001	6.0%
Klickitat	131	0.4%	313	0.4%	Not Reported/ Unidentifiable	2	<0.1%	5	<0.1%

	# of Cases	# of Clients
State Total	32,758	83,688

## TANF/SFA Client Density Maps by Residential County, June 2023 Snapshot

Number of TANF Clients by Residential County in Washington State: June 2023



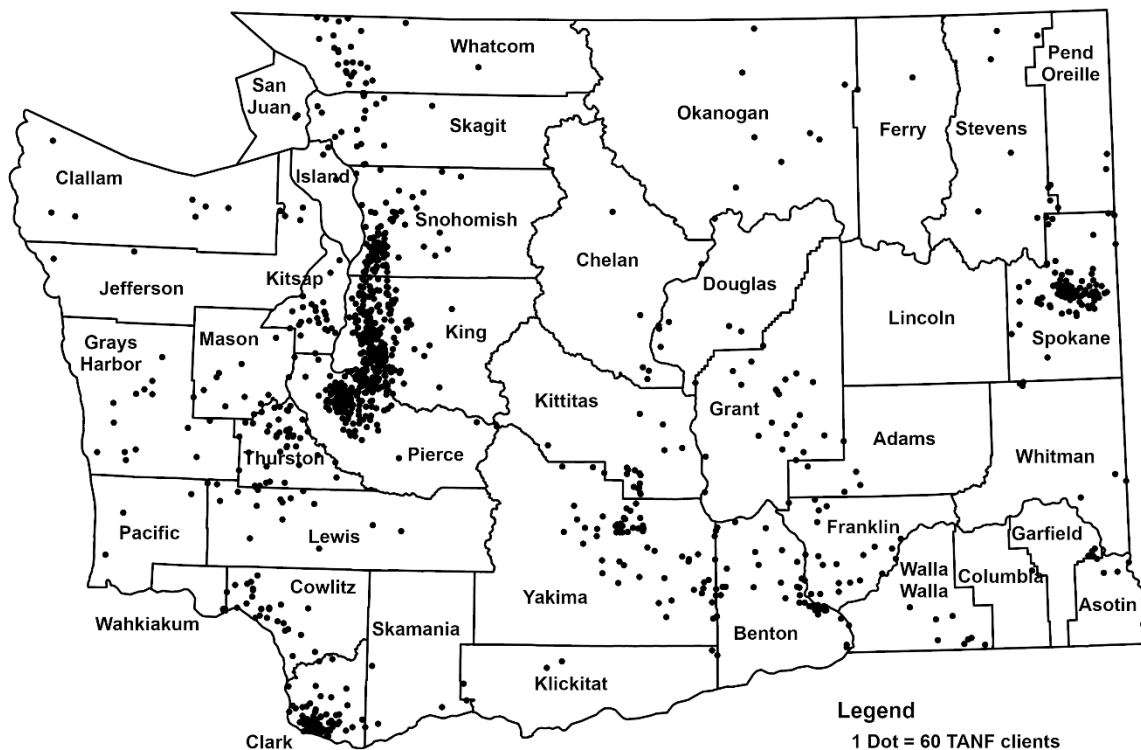
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## TANF/SFA Client Density Maps, June 2023 Snapshot (continued)

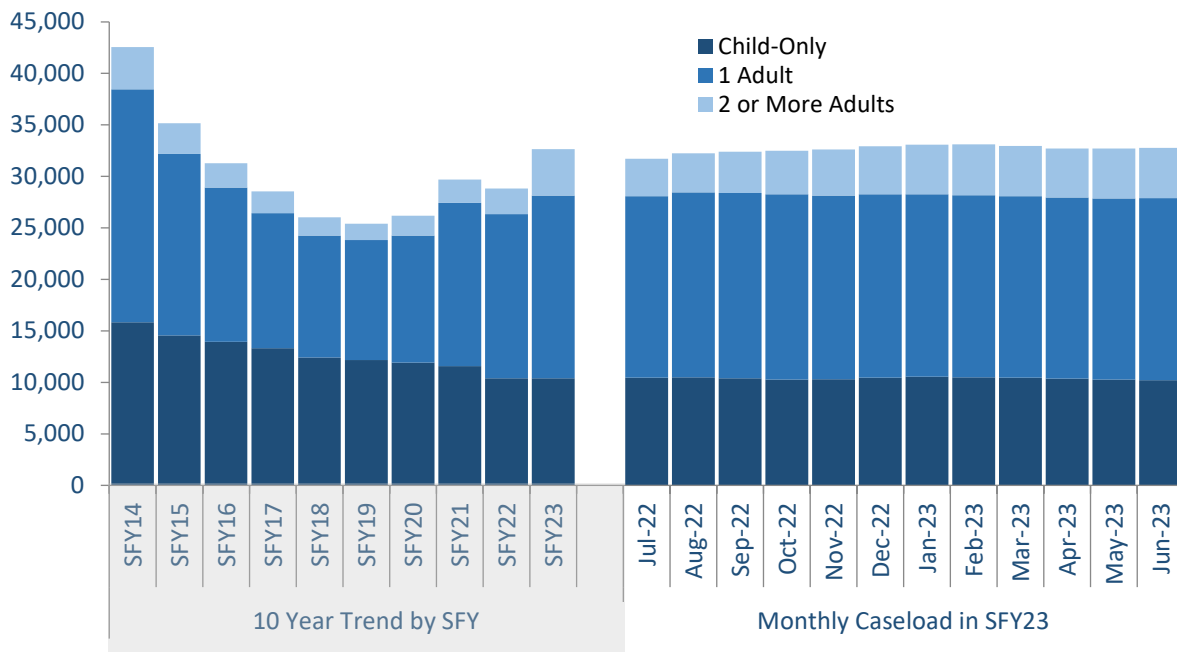
Number of TANF Clients by Density of Residential Zip Code in Washington State: June 2023



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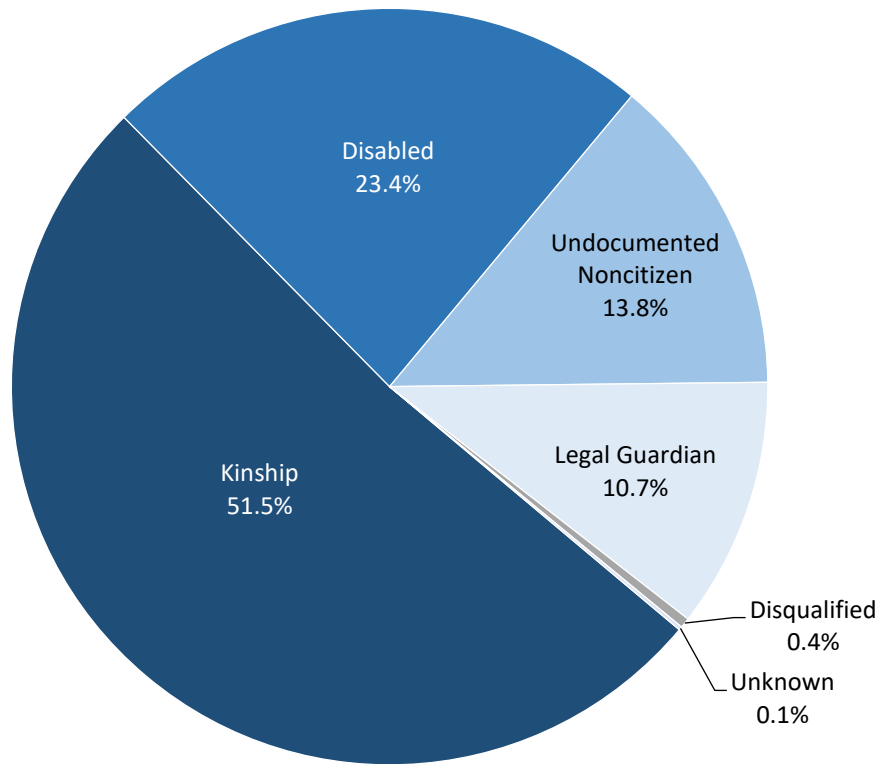
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## TANF/SFA Caseload by Case Type, SFY 2014 – 2023



SFY 2023	Caseload By Case Type						
	Total	Child-Only		1 Adult		2 or More Adults	
	Caseload	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	31,727	10,475	33.0%	17,613	55.5%	3,639	11.5%
August	32,252	10,497	32.5%	17,955	55.7%	3,800	11.8%
September	32,413	10,388	32.0%	18,005	55.5%	4,020	12.4%
October	32,493	10,274	31.6%	17,986	55.4%	4,233	13.0%
November	32,605	10,309	31.6%	17,846	54.7%	4,450	13.6%
December	32,912	10,462	31.8%	17,815	54.1%	4,635	14.1%
January	33,070	10,539	31.9%	17,718	53.6%	4,813	14.6%
February	33,103	10,503	31.7%	17,682	53.4%	4,918	14.9%
March	32,962	10,471	31.8%	17,619	53.5%	4,872	14.8%
April	32,722	10,379	31.7%	17,572	53.7%	4,771	14.6%
May	32,694	10,268	31.4%	17,585	53.8%	4,841	14.8%
June	32,758	10,210	31.2%	17,691	54.0%	4,857	14.8%
Mo. Avg.	32,643	10,398	31.9%	17,757	54.4%	4,487	13.7%

## TANF/SFA Child-Only Caseload by Major Caretaker Groups, June 2023 Snapshot<sup>7</sup>



### **Non-Parental Child-Only TANF**

These are households caring for a minor child not their own biologically or by adoption.

**Kinship** – Some parents are unable to care for their children due to their own circumstances, such as the impacts of substance use disorder. Grandparents or other relatives often step in to provide the needed care, even though they have no legal responsibility to do so. For those unwilling or unable to get licensed as foster parents, 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 financially disqualifying income or assets of his/her own, the relative caregiver can receive TANF on the child's behalf (the relative caregiver can do this even if they do not have legal custody of the child). Caregivers need only show that the child lives with them most of the time and that they are currently the child's primary caregiver.

**Guardian/*In Loco Parentis*** – Sometimes, when a parent is unable to provide care, a relative or other concerned adult will seek guardianship of a child. As with relative caregivers, non-relative guardians may receive TANF on behalf of an otherwise eligible child. In addition, non-relatives who are serving as primary caregiver even without legal status (acting *in loco parentis*) and who pass a criminal history background check may receive TANF on behalf of an otherwise eligible child<sup>8</sup>.

<sup>7</sup> The chart may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

<sup>8</sup> Effective May 15, 2023, changes were made to the application process to make it easier for *In Loco Parentis* caregivers to apply for and receive TANF/SFA assistance (WAC 388-454-0006). While caregivers are still required to submit a Background Check Authorization Form as part of the application, approval of TANF/SFA assistance for *In Loco Parentis* cases no longer depends on the results of a background check.

## TANF/SFA Child-Only Caseload by Major Caretaker Groups, June 2023 Snapshot (continued)

### **Parental Child-Only TANF**

These are households where the child lives in the home with their legal parent(s), but the parent(s) are not eligible for a TANF grant for themselves.

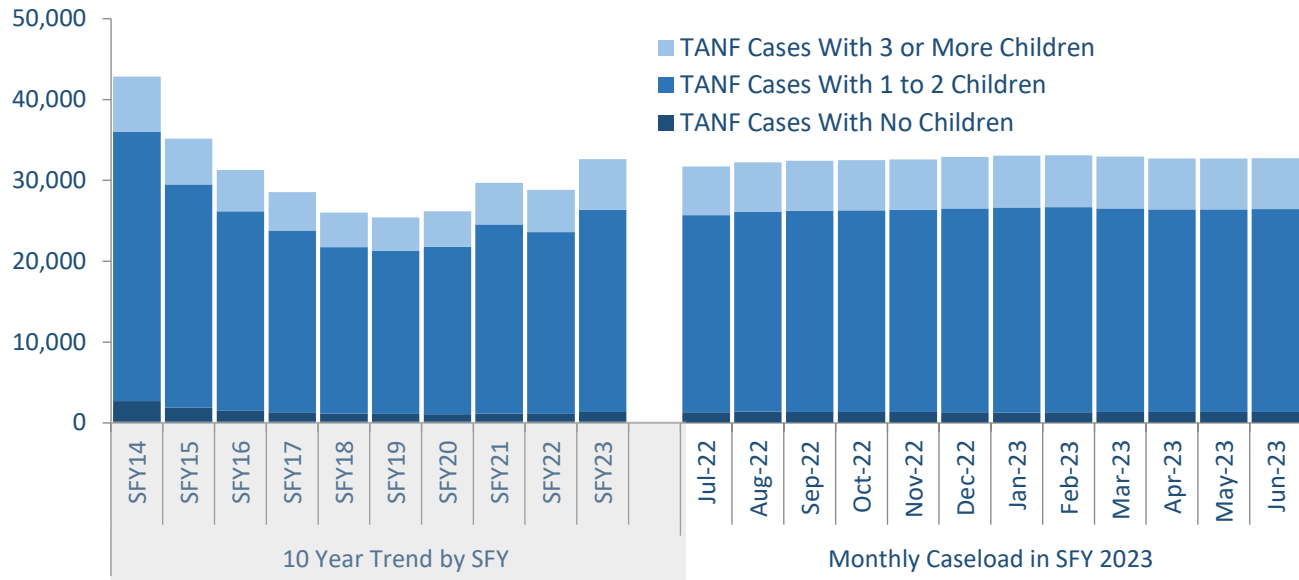
**Undocumented Noncitizen** – Children in households headed by undocumented noncitizens may be U.S. citizens and therefore eligible for TANF benefits if the household, including non-recipient adults, meets financial eligibility criteria. Undocumented noncitizen parents may apply for TANF on behalf of their citizen (and/or lawfully present or qualified noncitizen) children; the undocumented parents receive no continuing benefits (cash, food, or medical) for themselves.

**Disabled** – Disabled parents who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) do not qualify for TANF because federal law does not allow them to receive both. Their minor children are still eligible for TANF, as long as the household meets the program's financial eligibility criteria.

**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 are still 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.

**Unknown (or 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.

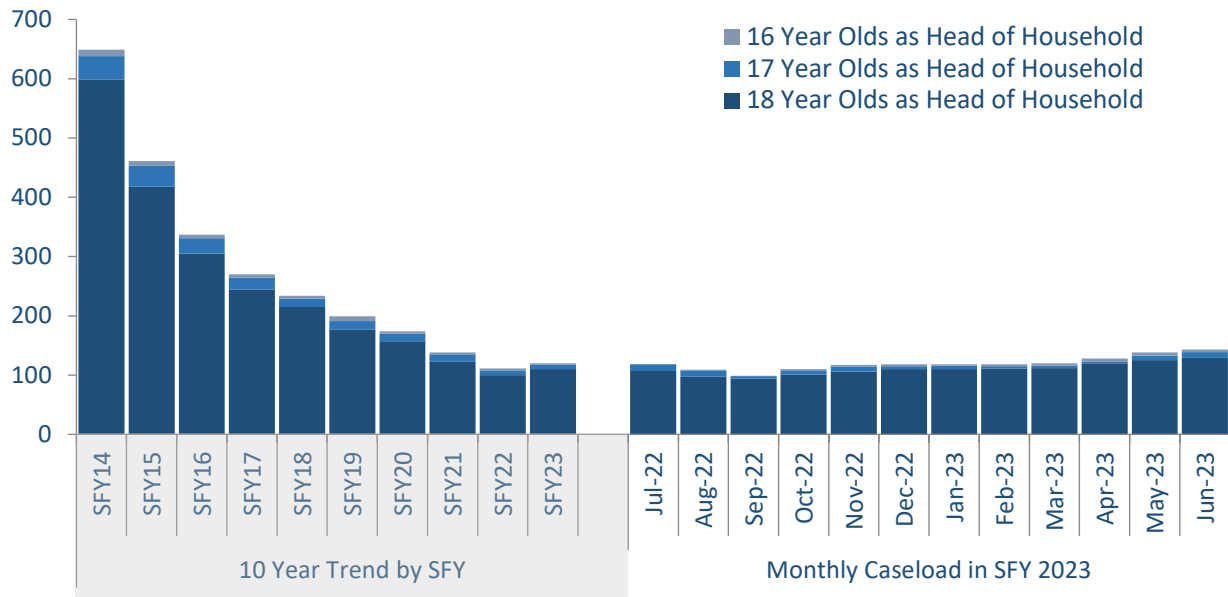
## TANF/SFA Caseload by Number of Children<sup>9</sup>, SFY 2014 – 2023



Caseload by Number of Children							
SFY 2023	Total TANF/SFA Caseload	No Children		1 to 2 Children		3 or More Children	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	31,727	1,338	4.2%	24,370	76.8%	6,019	19.0%
August	32,252	1,380	4.3%	24,738	76.7%	6,134	19.0%
September	32,413	1,360	4.2%	24,906	76.8%	6,147	19.0%
October	32,493	1,365	4.2%	24,932	76.7%	6,196	19.1%
November	32,605	1,363	4.2%	25,008	76.7%	6,234	19.1%
December	32,912	1,319	4.0%	25,229	76.7%	6,364	19.3%
January	33,070	1,285	3.9%	25,385	76.8%	6,400	19.4%
February	33,103	1,302	3.9%	25,374	76.7%	6,427	19.4%
March	32,962	1,364	4.1%	25,178	76.4%	6,420	19.5%
April	32,722	1,369	4.2%	25,038	76.5%	6,315	19.3%
May	32,694	1,359	4.2%	25,042	76.6%	6,293	19.2%
June	32,758	1,361	4.2%	25,083	76.6%	6,314	19.3%
Mo. Avg.	32,643	1,347	4.1%	25,024	76.7%	6,272	19.2%

<sup>9</sup> Some TANF/SFA cases have no children. If the only children eligible for TANF/SFA are receiving SSI, those children will not receive a TANF/SFA payment, but the parents will receive a TANF/SFA payment. Also, pregnant individuals with no children are eligible for TANF/SFA.

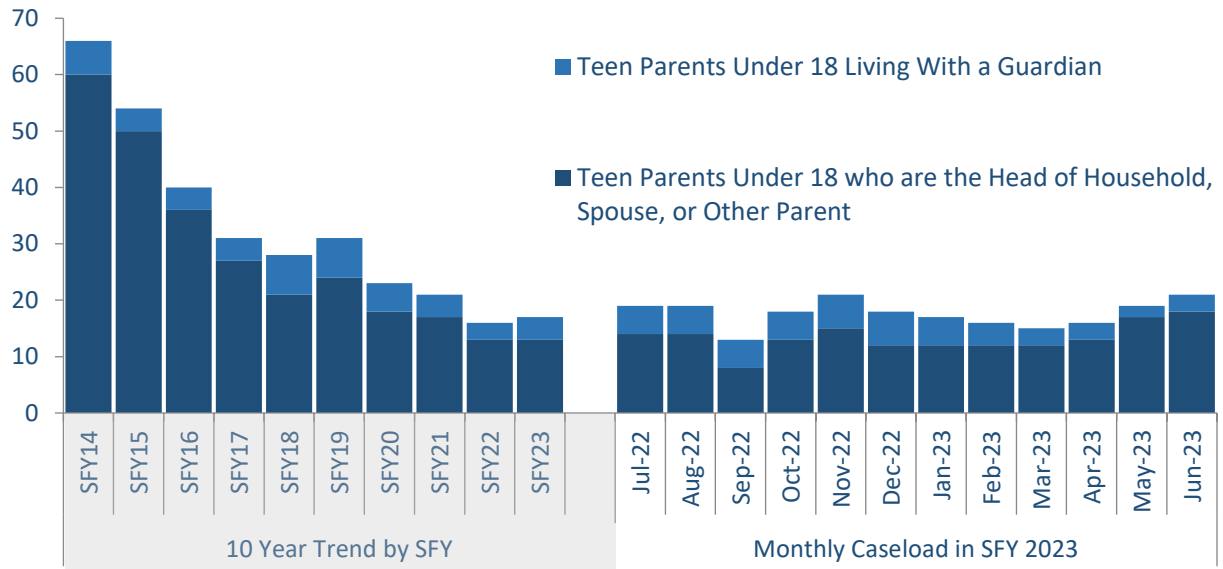
## TANF/SFA Teen Head of Household (HOH), SFY 2014 – 2023



Teen Head of Households <sup>10</sup>							
SFY 2023	Total TANF/SFA Cases with a Teen HOH	16 Years Old or Younger		17 Years Old		18 Years Old	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	119	1	0.8%	11	9.2%	107	89.9%
August	109	1	0.9%	11	10.1%	97	89.0%
September	99	1	1.0%	4	4.0%	94	94.9%
October	110	2	1.8%	7	6.4%	101	91.8%
November	117	3	2.6%	8	6.8%	106	90.6%
December	118	3	2.5%	5	4.2%	110	93.2%
January	118	2	1.7%	6	5.1%	110	93.2%
February	118	3	2.5%	4	3.4%	111	94.1%
March	120	4	3.3%	4	3.3%	112	93.3%
April	128	5	3.9%	3	2.3%	120	93.8%
May	138	5	3.6%	8	5.8%	125	90.6%
June	143	4	2.8%	10	7.0%	129	90.2%
Mo. Avg.	120	3	2.5%	7	5.8%	110	91.7%

<sup>10</sup> Numbers reflect households where the head of household is a teen parent living independently from his/her formal legal guardian.

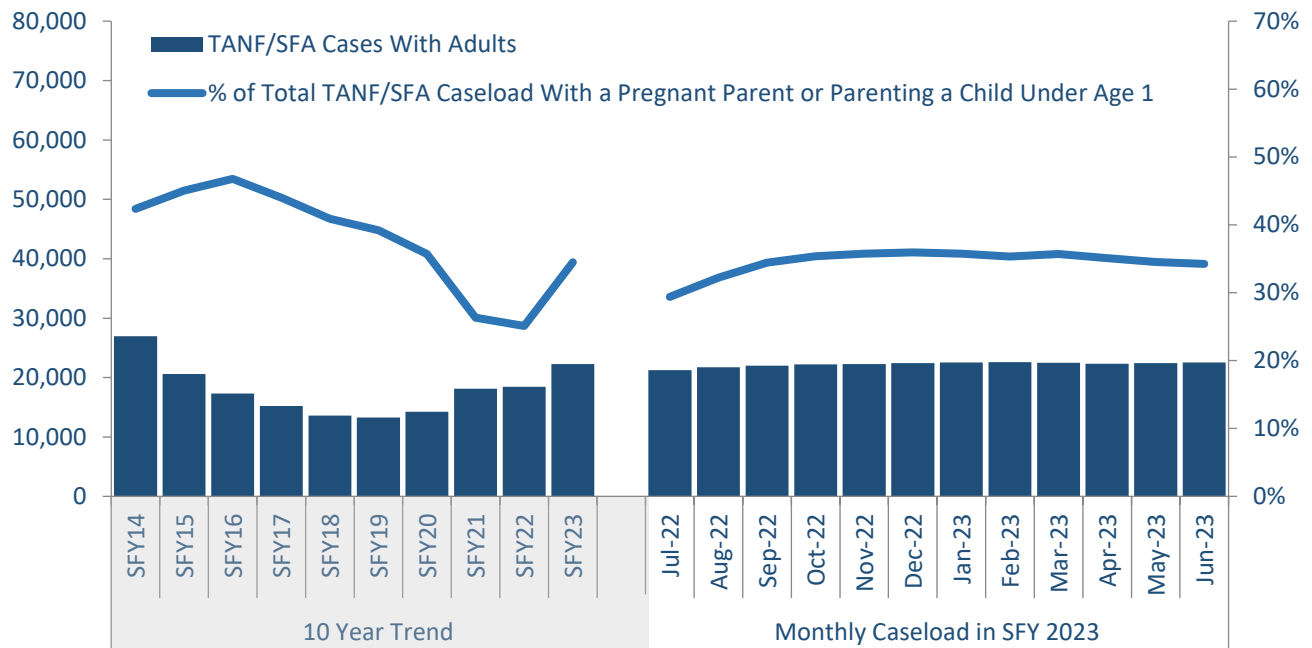
## TANF/SFA Teen Parents under Age 18, SFY 2014 – 2023



Teen Parents Under Age 18 <sup>11</sup>					
SFY 2023	Total Clients	Living with a Legal Guardian		Head of Household, Spouse or Other Parent	
		# of Clients	% of Total	# of Clients	% of Total
July	19	5	26.3%	14	73.7%
August	19	5	26.3%	14	73.7%
September	13	5	38.5%	8	61.5%
October	18	5	27.8%	13	72.2%
November	21	6	28.6%	15	71.4%
December	18	6	33.3%	12	66.7%
January	17	5	29.4%	12	70.6%
February	16	4	25.0%	12	75.0%
March	15	3	20.0%	12	80.0%
April	16	3	18.8%	13	81.3%
May	19	2	10.5%	17	89.5%
June	21	3	14.3%	18	85.7%
Mo. Avg.	18	4	22.2%	13	72.2%

<sup>11</sup> Teen Parents are defined based on the client's relationship to the head of household. 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.

## TANF/SFA Adult Caseload with Pregnant Individuals Or Children Under Age 1, SFY 2014 – 2023



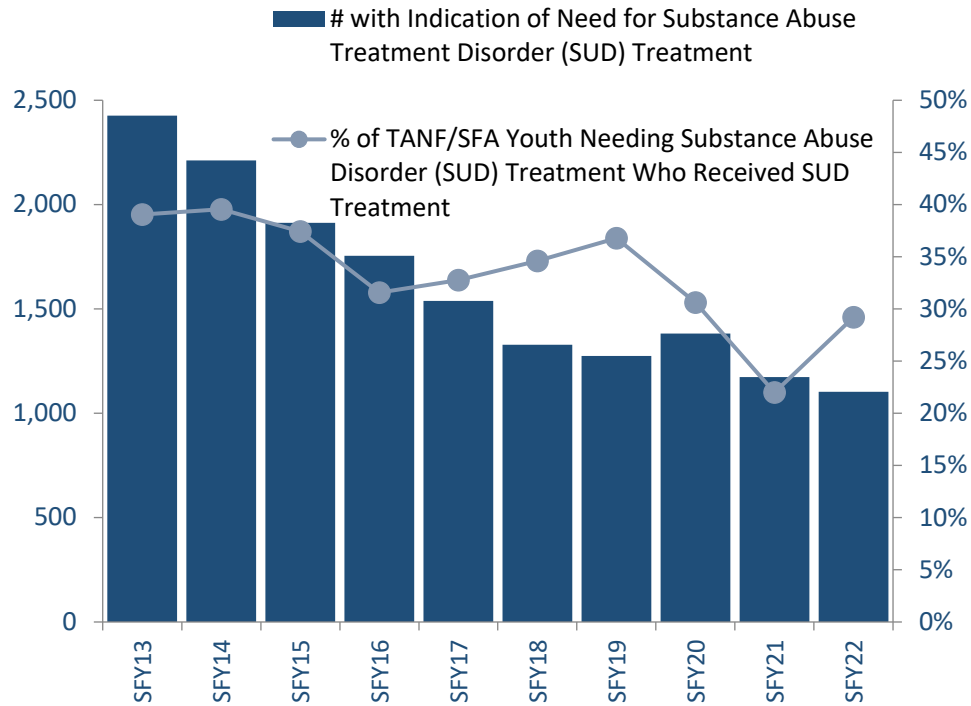
SFY 2023	Total Adult Caseload <sup>12</sup>	Pregnant <sup>13</sup>		0 – 3 Months Old		4 – 12 Months Old	
		Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total	Caseload	% of Total
July	21,252	2,746	12.9%	1,129	5.3%	2,366	11.1%
August	21,755	3,435	15.8%	1,151	5.3%	2,423	11.1%
September	22,025	3,972	18.0%	1,204	5.5%	2,412	11.0%
October	22,219	4,233	19.1%	1,215	5.5%	2,407	10.8%
November	22,296	4,346	19.5%	1,220	5.5%	2,401	10.8%
December	22,450	4,409	19.6%	1,202	5.4%	2,452	10.9%
January	22,531	4,376	19.4%	1,196	5.3%	2,483	11.0%
February	22,600	4,335	19.2%	1,131	5.0%	2,516	11.1%
March	22,491	4,411	19.6%	1,160	5.2%	2,456	10.9%
April	22,343	4,244	19.0%	1,194	5.3%	2,398	10.7%
May	22,426	4,180	18.6%	1,158	5.2%	2,404	10.7%
June	22,548	4,176	18.5%	1,106	4.9%	2,436	10.8%
Mo. Avg.	22,245	4,072	18.3%	1,172	5.3%	2,430	10.9%

<sup>12</sup> Cases are unduplicated across the sub-groups and are counted using the following rule of hierarchy if the case has individuals belonging to more than one group: pregnant, 0-3 months old, and 4-12 months old.

<sup>13</sup> Pregnancy status was identified in ACES.



## TANF/SFA Youth<sup>14</sup> Receiving Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) Treatment<sup>15</sup>, SFY 2013 – 2022

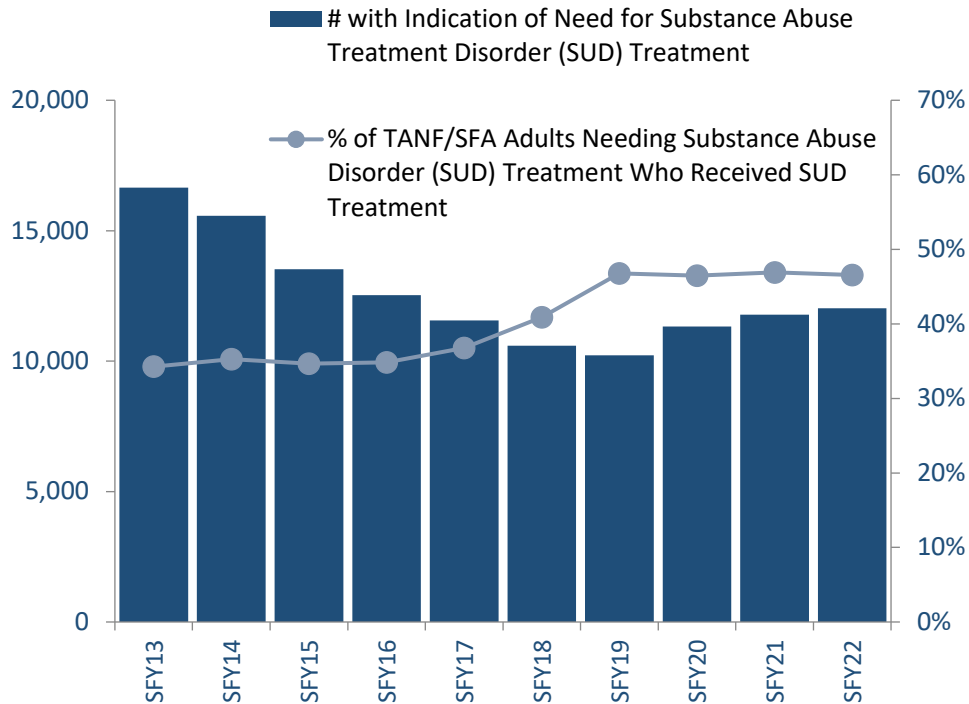


	# with Indication of Need for Substance Abuse Treatment Disorder (SUD) Treatment	# Receiving Publicly Funded Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) Treatment	% of TANF/SFA Youth Needing Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) Treatment Who Received SUD Treatment
<b>SFY13</b>	2,427	948	39.1%
<b>SFY14</b>	2,212	875	39.6%
<b>SFY15</b>	1,913	716	37.4%
<b>SFY16</b>	1,755	554	31.6%
<b>SFY17</b>	1,538	504	32.8%
<b>SFY18</b>	1,329	460	34.6%
<b>SFY19</b>	1,275	469	36.8%
<b>SFY20</b>	1,382	423	30.6%
<b>SFY21</b>	1,173	258	22.0%
<b>SFY22</b>	1,103	322	29.2%

<sup>14</sup> TANF/SFA youth are clients ages 12 – 17. Clients are classified as youth based on age rather than their relationship to the head of household.

<sup>15</sup> Data is from DSHS' Research and Data Analysis (RDA). SUD treatment need is indicated by administrative data that reflect diagnoses, services, medications, or arrests recorded for substance-related problems in the listed or prior fiscal year. Clients are defined as having received SUD services if they received SUD-related services through the state-funded behavioral health system in the listed year.

## TANF/SFA Adults<sup>16</sup> Receiving Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) Treatment<sup>17</sup>, SFY 2013 – 2022

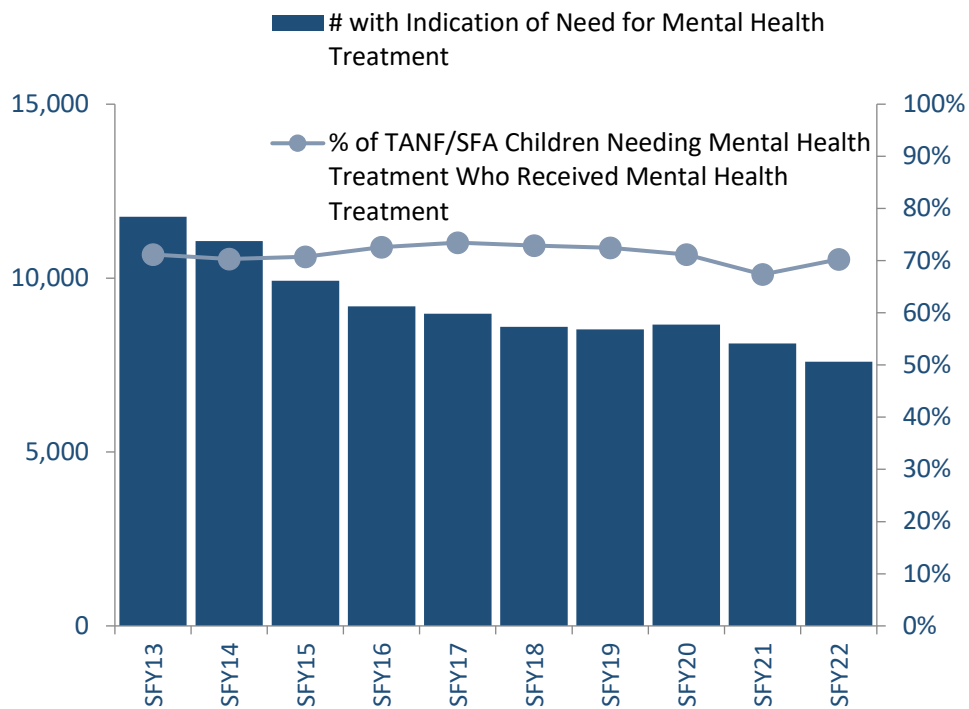


	# with Indication of Need for Substance Abuse Treatment Disorder (SUD) Treatment	# Receiving Publicly Funded Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) Treatment	% of TANF/SFA Adults Needing Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) Treatment Who Received SUD Treatment
<b>SFY13</b>	16,656	5,706	34.3%
<b>SFY14</b>	15,567	5,491	35.3%
<b>SFY15</b>	13,525	4,689	34.7%
<b>SFY16</b>	12,531	4,367	34.8%
<b>SFY17</b>	11,555	4,248	36.8%
<b>SFY18</b>	10,585	4,327	40.9%
<b>SFY19</b>	10,223	4,780	46.8%
<b>SFY20</b>	11,321	5,263	46.5%
<b>SFY21</b>	11,778	5,525	46.9%
<b>SFY22</b>	12,026	5,601	46.6%

<sup>16</sup> TANF/SFA adult clients are ages 18+. Clients are classified as adults based on age rather than their relationship to the head of household.

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## TANF/SFA Children<sup>18</sup> Receiving Mental Health Treatment<sup>19</sup>, SFY 2013 – 2022

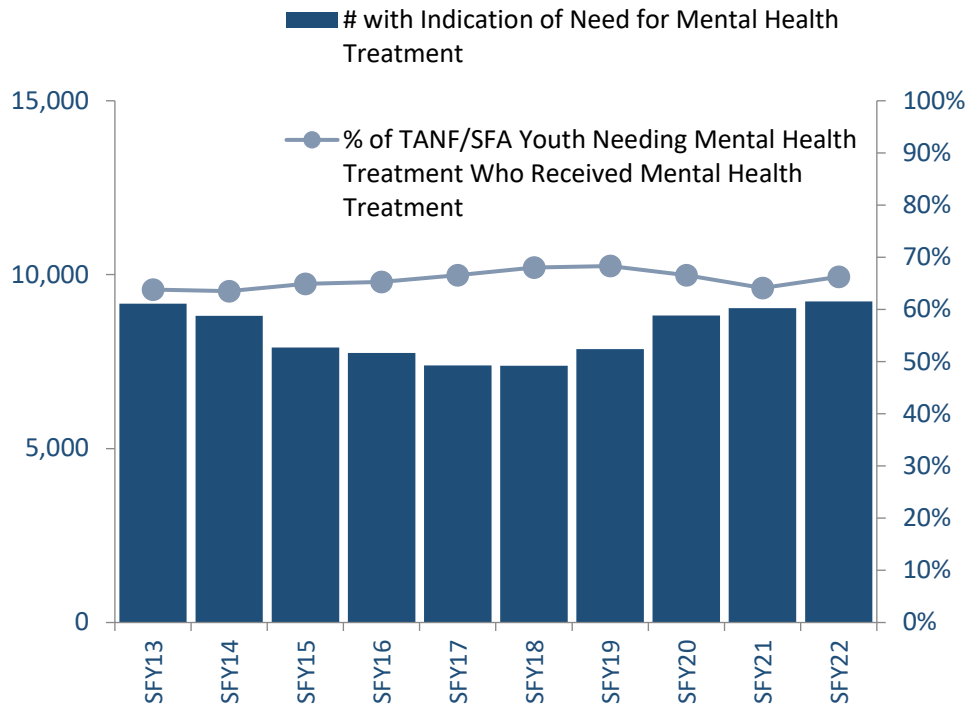


	# with Indication of Need for Mental Health Treatment	# Receiving Mental Health Treatment	% of TANF/SFA Children Needing Mental Health Treatment Who Received Mental Health Treatment
SFY13	11,764	8,371	71.2%
SFY14	11,067	7,780	70.3%
SFY15	9,922	7,020	70.8%
SFY16	9,186	6,668	72.6%
SFY17	8,976	6,594	73.5%
SFY18	8,595	6,265	72.9%
SFY19	8,526	6,179	72.5%
SFY20	8,659	6,165	71.2%
SFY21	8,121	5,470	67.4%
SFY22	7,592	5,333	70.2%

<sup>18</sup> TANF/SFA children are clients ages 5 – 11. Clients are classified as children based on age rather than their relationship to the head of household.

<sup>19</sup> Data is from DSHS' Research and Data Analysis (RDA). Mental health treatment need is identified through receipt of publicly funded mental health services, prescribed psychotropic medications, or mental health diagnoses recorded during the listed or prior fiscal year. Receiving mental health treatment is defined as receiving mental health treatment services through the Washington State Behavioral Health Organizations, the medical mental health benefit, or tribal mental health.

## TANF/SFA Youth<sup>20</sup> Receiving Mental Health Treatment<sup>21</sup>, SFY 2013 – 2022

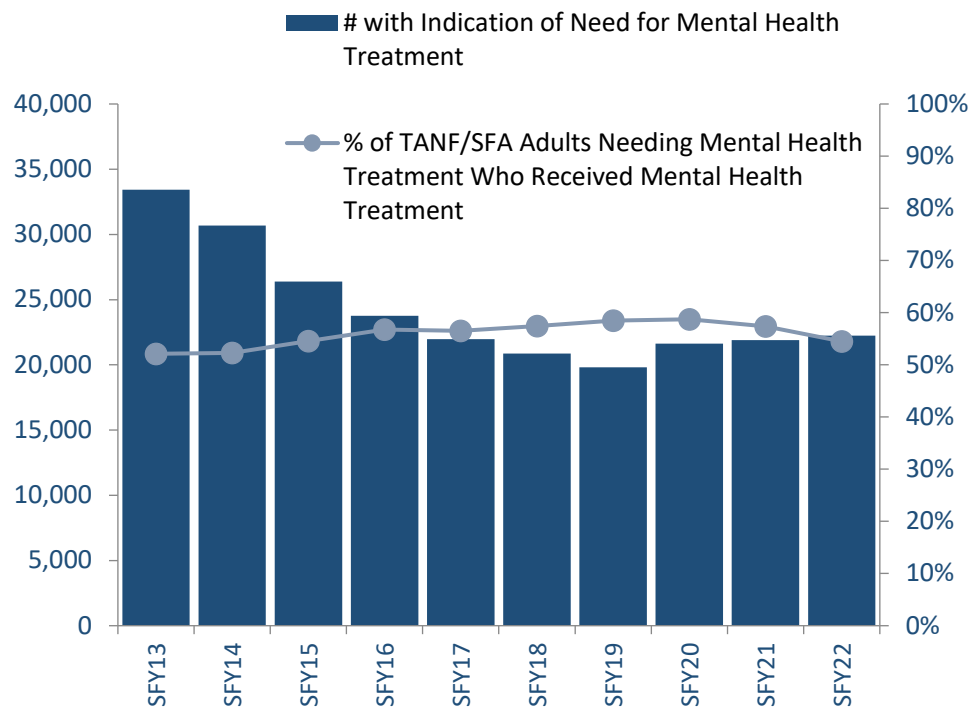


	# with Indication of Need for Mental Health Treatment	# Receiving Mental Health Treatment	% of TANF/SFA Youth Needing Mental Health Treatment Who Received Mental Health Treatment
<b>SFY13</b>	9,163	5,846	63.8%
<b>SFY14</b>	8,815	5,599	63.5%
<b>SFY15</b>	7,904	5,130	64.9%
<b>SFY16</b>	7,750	5,058	65.3%
<b>SFY17</b>	7,389	4,920	66.6%
<b>SFY18</b>	7,379	5,020	68.0%
<b>SFY19</b>	7,861	5,371	68.3%
<b>SFY20</b>	8,828	5,877	66.6%
<b>SFY21</b>	9,034	5,790	64.1%
<b>SFY22</b>	9,231	6,119	66.3%

<sup>20</sup> TANF/SFA youth are clients ages 12 – 17. Clients are classified as youth based on age rather than their relationship to the head of household.

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## TANF/SFA Adults<sup>22</sup> Receiving Mental Health Treatment<sup>23</sup>, SFY 2013 – 2022

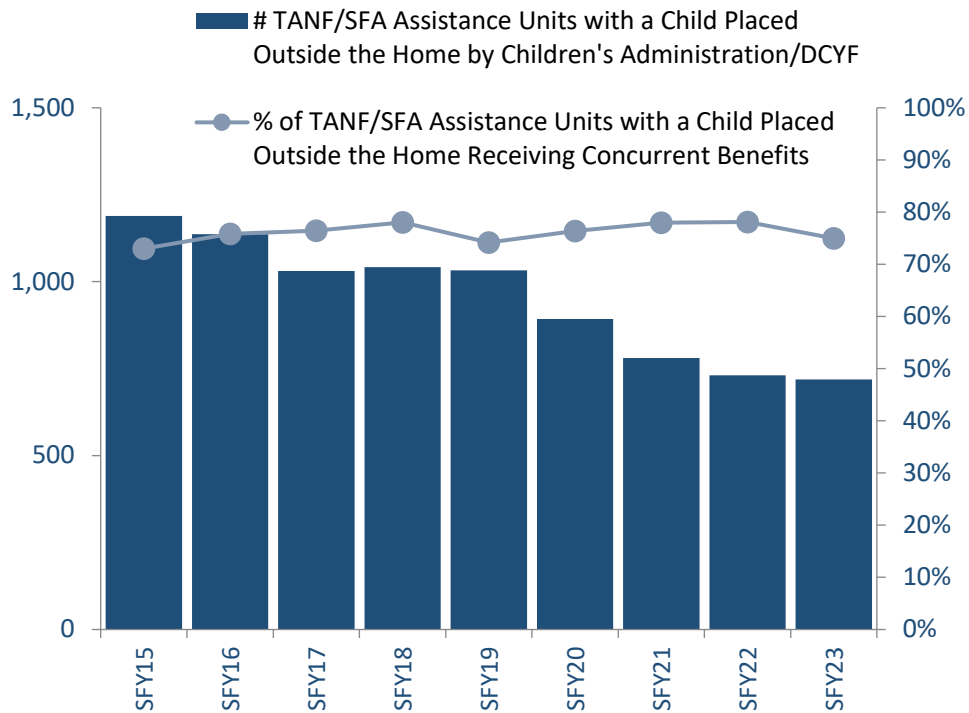


	# with Indication of Need for Mental Health Treatment	# Receiving Mental Health Treatment	% of TANF/SFA Adults Needing Mental Health Treatment Who Received Mental Health Treatment
<b>SFY13</b>	33,416	17,418	52.1%
<b>SFY14</b>	30,670	16,037	52.3%
<b>SFY15</b>	26,387	14,402	54.6%
<b>SFY16</b>	23,768	13,491	56.8%
<b>SFY17</b>	21,976	12,415	56.5%
<b>SFY18</b>	20,867	11,985	57.4%
<b>SFY19</b>	19,800	11,578	58.5%
<b>SFY20</b>	21,622	12,700	58.7%
<b>SFY21</b>	21,888	12,561	57.4%
<b>SFY22</b>	22,245	12,118	54.5%

<sup>22</sup> TANF/SFA adults are clients ages 18+. Age is not based on relationship to head of household, but is based on the midpoint of the fiscal year.

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## TANF/SFA Households Receiving Concurrent Benefits<sup>24</sup>, SFY 2015 – 2023



	# TANF/SFA Households with a Child Placed Outside the Home by Children's Administration/DCYF	# TANF/SFA Households Receiving Concurrent Benefits	% of TANF/SFA Households with a Child Placed Outside the Home Receiving Concurrent Benefits
SFY15	1,189	868	73.0%
SFY16	1,137	862	75.8%
SFY17	1,031	788	76.4%
SFY18	1,042	813	78.0%
SFY19	1,033	766	74.2%
SFY20	893	682	76.4%
SFY21	781	609	78.0%
SFY22	731	571	78.1%
SFY23	719	539	75.0%

<sup>24</sup> Data is from DSHS' Research and Data Analysis (RDA). Reflects out-of-home placements and TANF/SFA issuances through June 2023. Children's Administration transitioned from DSHS to DCYF in July 2018. DSHS allows certain households to receive concurrent benefits, in which two households receive benefits for the same child in the same month. When the Children's Administration/DCYF removes a child from a household receiving TANF/SFA, both the household from which the child is removed and the household where the child is temporarily residing may receive TANF/SFA benefits for a limited time.

## WorkFirst Clients Participating in WorkFirst Activities, SFY 2023

The WorkFirst program provides job search assistance, employment, education and skills training, and work supports to TANF recipients. The program also provides referrals to assistance in removing barriers to employment that may include family violence, homelessness, and physical or behavioral health. Families may also be referred to child care subsidies and other sources of parenting support. 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.<sup>25</sup> Adult clients who fail to meet participation requirements without a good cause are subject to the WorkFirst noncompliance sanction (NCS)<sup>26</sup>.

SFY 2023	Total WorkFirst Clients Receiving TANF/SFA	Total WorkFirst Clients Exempted from Participation <sup>27</sup>	WorkFirst Clients Normally Required to Participate (Non-Exempt)	# Non-Exempt WorkFirst Clients Participating in WorkFirst Activities	% of Non-Exempt WorkFirst Clients Participating in WorkFirst Activities
July	24,889	4,367	20,522	9,223	44.9%
August	25,553	4,496	21,057	9,674	45.9%
September	26,039	4,484	21,555	9,973	46.3%
October	26,448	4,406	22,042	10,283	46.7%
November	26,737	4,314	22,423	10,387	46.3%
December	27,079	4,296	22,783	10,292	45.2%
January	27,339	4,290	23,049	10,729	46.5%
February	27,516	4,166	23,350	10,848	46.5%
March	27,359	4,167	23,192	10,914	47.1%
April	27,110	4,100	23,010	10,739	46.7%
May	27,263	4,109	23,154	10,781	46.6%
June	27,399	4,117	23,282	10,497	45.1%
Mo. Avg.	26,728	4,276	22,452	10,362	46.2%

<sup>25</sup> WorkFirst participation may be waived or deferred if the individual meets an exemption criterion as described in WAC 388-310-0350.

<sup>26</sup> WorkFirst non-compliance sanction (NCS) – participation in the WorkFirst program is mandatory for adult recipients as a condition of eligibility. Those who do not participate in WorkFirst as required may not qualify for the full grant. Effective July 1, 2021, Substitute House Bill 2441 made changes to WorkFirst NCS policies. Under the new policy, the sanction reduction penalty is applied after two continuous months of non-compliance. Participants are eligible for an additional ten months of reduced grant sanction before the TANF or SFA case is terminated.

<sup>27</sup> TANF/SFA adults are required to participate in the WorkFirst program unless they meet one or more of the following exemption criteria: 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 Clients Participating in WorkFirst Activities<sup>28</sup>, SFY 2023 (continued)

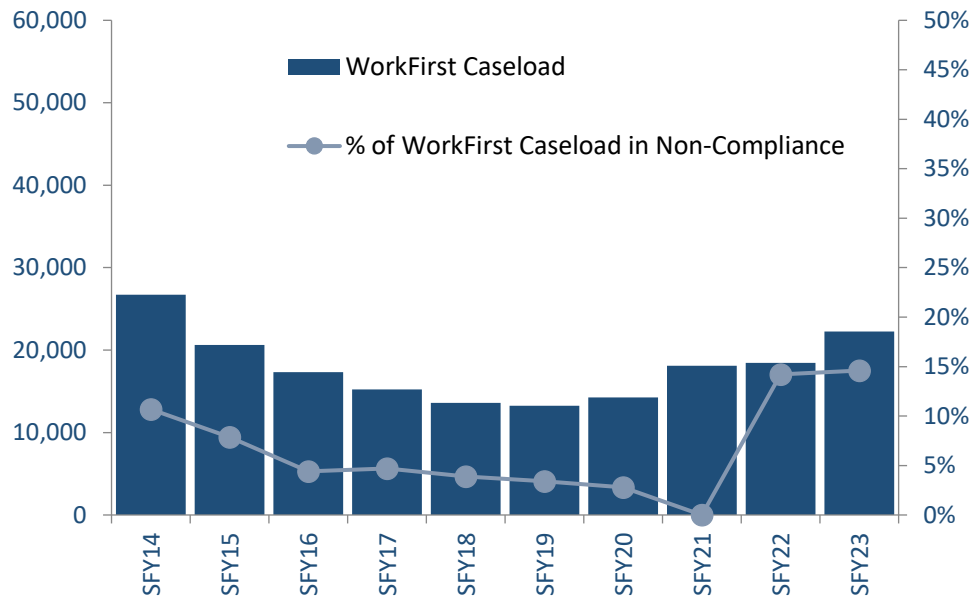
SFY 2023	# of Non-Exempt WorkFirst Clients Participating in WorkFirst Activities	# Working	% Working	# Looking For Work	% Looking For Work
July	9,223	2,372	25.7%	2,348	25.5%
August	9,674	2,355	24.3%	2,549	26.3%
September	9,973	2,386	23.9%	2,587	25.9%
October	10,283	2,479	24.1%	2,613	25.4%
November	10,387	2,404	23.1%	2,682	25.8%
December	10,292	2,395	23.3%	2,696	26.2%
January	10,729	2,563	23.9%	2,871	26.8%
February	10,848	2,560	23.6%	2,962	27.3%
March	10,914	2,563	23.5%	3,052	28.0%
April	10,739	2,556	23.8%	2,959	27.6%
May	10,781	2,605	24.2%	2,919	27.1%
June	10,497	2,552	24.3%	2,725	26.0%
Mo. Avg.	10,362	2,483	24.0%	2,747	26.5%

SFY 2023	# Preparing for Work (Education and Training)	% Preparing for Work (Education and Training)	# Resolving Issues	% Resolving Issues
July	2,899	31.4%	4,215	45.7%
August	2,961	30.6%	4,663	48.2%
September	3,337	33.5%	4,412	44.2%
October	3,601	35.0%	4,484	43.6%
November	3,685	35.5%	4,382	42.2%
December	3,655	35.5%	4,240	41.2%
January	3,948	36.8%	4,426	41.3%
February	3,980	36.7%	4,322	39.8%
March	3,961	36.3%	4,510	41.3%
April	3,913	36.4%	4,475	41.7%
May	3,905	36.2%	4,505	41.8%
June	3,860	36.8%	4,310	41.1%
Mo. Avg.	3,642	35.1%	4,412	42.6%

<sup>28</sup> Clients may participate in more than one type of WorkFirst activity in each month.



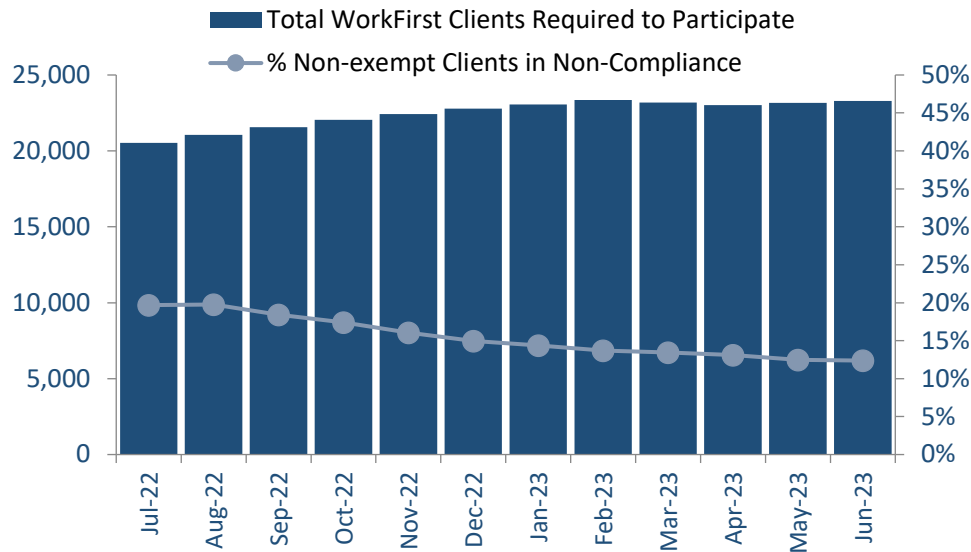
## WorkFirst Cases and Clients in Non-Compliance, SFY 2014 – 2023



SFY	Cases (Monthly Average)			Clients (Monthly Average)		
	WorkFirst Caseload	Cases with at Least 1 Adult in Non-Compliance	% of Cases with at least 1 Adult in Non-Compliance	All WorkFirst Clients	Clients in Non-Compliance	% of All WorkFirst Clients in Non-Compliance
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%
SFY19	13,266	457	3.4%	14,877	471	3.2%
SFY20 <sup>29</sup>	14,249	397	2.8%	16,146	409	2.5%
SFY21	18,118	0	0.0%	18,505	0	0.0%
SFY22	18,434	2,625	14.2%	20,929	2,803	13.4%
SFY23	22,245	3,249	14.6%	26,728	3,454	12.9%

<sup>29</sup> Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, DSHS temporarily suspended mandatory participation requirements between March 16, 2020 and August 31, 2021; therefore, monthly averages for SFY 2020 reflect a 9-month average rather than a 12-month average.

## WorkFirst Clients in Non-Compliance by Month, SFY 2023

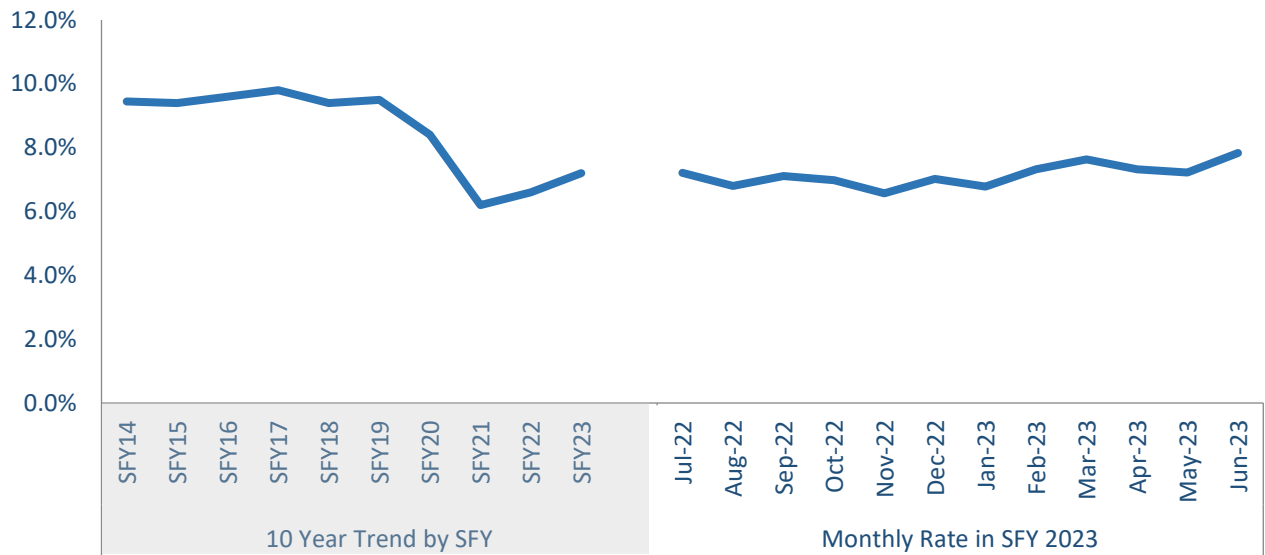


WorkFirst Adult Clients in Non-Compliance					Clients on Cases Terminated Due to Non-Compliance Sanction Effective the Following Month
SFY 2023 <sup>30</sup>	Total WorkFirst Clients Required to Participate (Non-exempt <sup>31</sup> )	Total Non-Exempt Clients in Non-Compliance	% Non-Exempt Clients in Non-Compliance	Clients in Sanction Status with Grant Reduction	
July	20,522	4,040	19.7%	2,116	0
August	21,057	4,162	19.8%	2,191	0
September	21,555	3,975	18.4%	2,181	1
October	22,042	3,834	17.4%	2,102	37
November	22,423	3,605	16.1%	2,037	63
December	22,783	3,408	15.0%	1,872	79
January	23,049	3,309	14.4%	1,765	98
February	23,350	3,202	13.7%	1,656	88
March	23,192	3,121	13.5%	1,574	88
April	23,010	3,016	13.1%	1,507	89
May	23,154	2,892	12.5%	1,481	58
June	23,282	2,882	12.4%	1,478	61
Mo. Avg.	22,452	3,454	15.4%	1,619	73

<sup>30</sup> DSHS implemented a new sanction policy starting in October 2021. As a result, no cases were terminated due to non-compliance sanction until September 2022.

<sup>31</sup> 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.

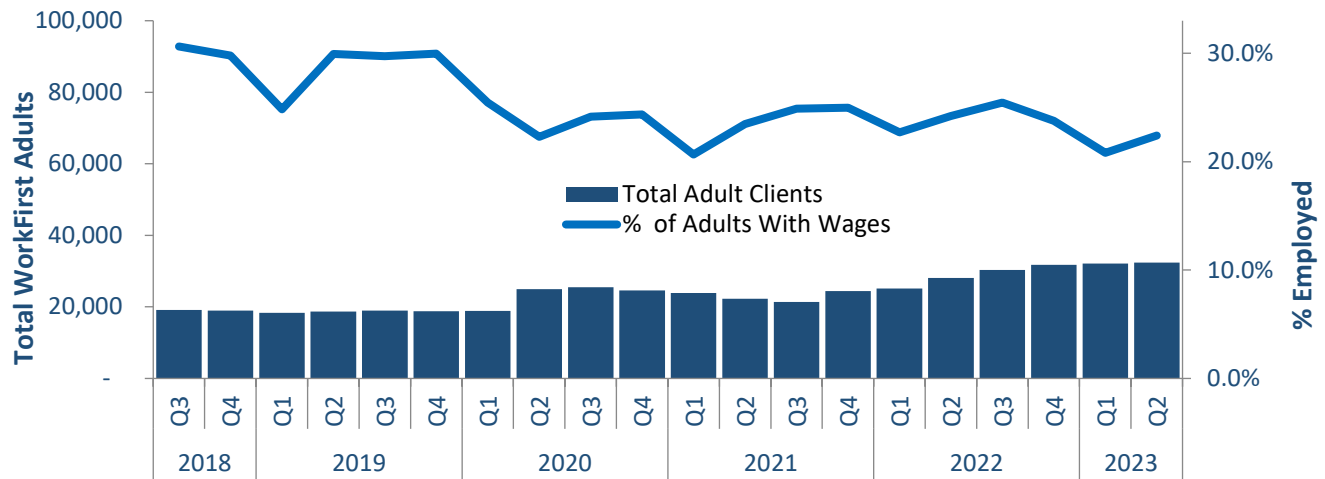
## WorkFirst Client Employment Rates<sup>32</sup>, SFY 2014 – 2023



SFY 2023	# of WorkFirst Clients	# Employed (Earned Income >= \$5.00)	% Employed (Earned Income >= \$5.00)	Avg. Monthly Hours Worked (Among those Employed)
July	24,889	1,795	7.2%	65
August	25,553	1,738	6.8%	65
September	26,039	1,852	7.1%	65
October	26,448	1,847	7.0%	62
November	26,737	1,757	6.6%	63
December	27,079	1,900	7.0%	64
January	27,339	1,854	6.8%	65
February	27,516	2,015	7.3%	68
March	27,359	2,088	7.6%	68
April	27,110	1,986	7.3%	66
May	27,263	1,968	7.2%	68
June	27,399	2,146	7.8%	70
Mo. Avg.	26,728	1,912	7.2%	65.8

<sup>32</sup>Employment 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 Clients Receiving Quarterly Wages<sup>33</sup>, July 2018 – June 2023



Quarter	Total Adults	Adults with Wages <sup>34</sup>		Average Quarterly Wages <sup>35</sup>	Average Quarterly Hourly Wages <sup>36</sup>
		Number	Percent		
2018Q3	19,182	5,874	30.6%	\$2,677	\$14.56
2018Q4	18,995	5,660	29.8%	\$2,790	\$14.88
2019Q1	18,383	4,566	24.8%	\$2,493	\$15.10
2019Q2	18,726	5,606	29.9%	\$2,749	\$15.15
2019Q3	18,977	5,639	29.7%	\$2,832	\$15.33
2019Q4	18,761	5,622	30.0%	\$2,910	\$15.63
2020Q1	18,866	4,800	25.4%	\$2,800	\$16.33
2020Q2	24,930	5,558	22.3%	\$2,659	\$17.33
2020Q3	25,534	6,166	24.1%	\$3,412	\$16.98
2020Q4	24,601	5,993	24.4%	\$3,536	\$17.17
2021Q1	23,890	4,935	20.7%	\$3,225	\$17.36
2021Q2	22,277	5,227	23.5%	\$3,416	\$17.38
2021Q3	21,415	5,329	24.9%	\$3,532	\$18.08
2021Q4	24,457	6,110	25.0%	\$3,562	\$18.78
2022Q1	25,154	5,713	22.7%	\$3,284	\$18.91
2022Q2	28,071	6,793	24.2%	\$3,719	\$18.99
2022Q3	30,355	7,721	25.4%	\$3,944	\$19.42
2022Q4	31,726	7,544	23.8%	\$3,847	\$20.02
2023Q1	32,148	6,688	20.8%	\$3,945	\$20.25
2023Q2	32,390	7,256	22.4%	\$4,100	\$20.44

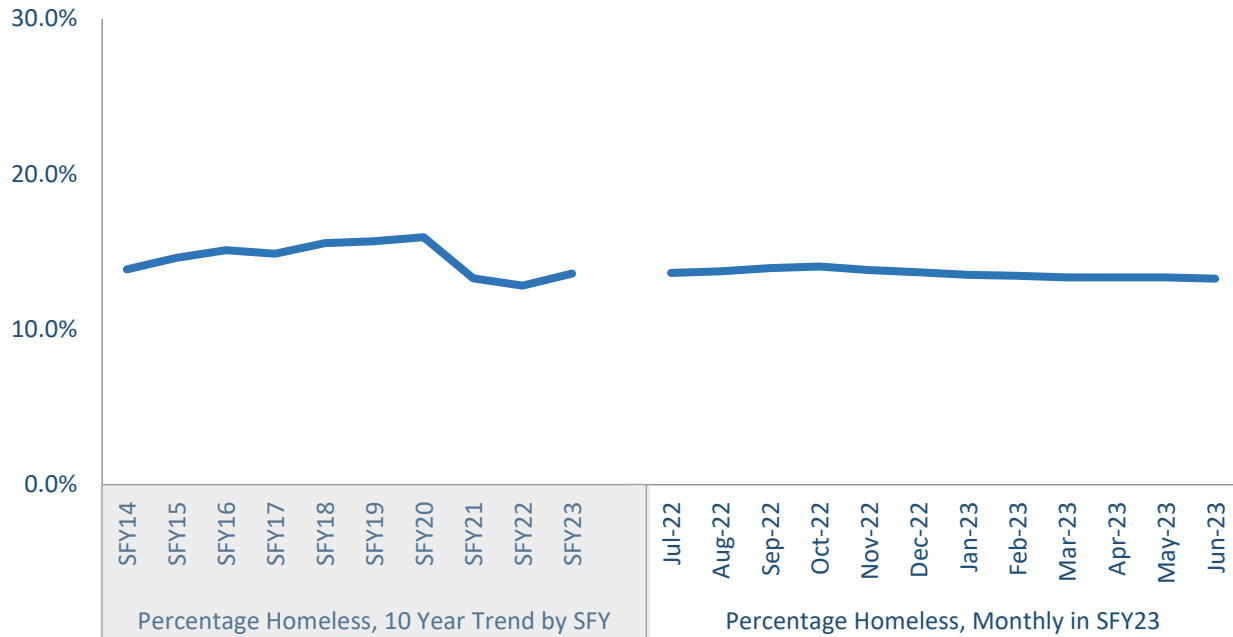
<sup>33</sup> Quarterly wage information is based on the Employment Security Department's (ESD) Unemployment Insurance (UI) wage data.

<sup>34</sup> Adults with wages are those adult clients with wages who earned total wages of more than \$5.00 in a quarter.

<sup>35</sup> Average quarterly wages per person for those adult clients with wages in a quarter.

<sup>36</sup> Jobs without hours or with 1,000 or more hours are excluded. Only includes jobs with an hourly wage rate between \$5 and \$50.

## TANF/SFA Households Experiencing Homelessness<sup>37</sup>, SFY 2023



SFY 2023	Total Caseload	# Homeless Cases	% Homeless	# Homeless without Housing	% Homeless without Housing
July	31,727	4,327	13.6%	890	2.8%
August	32,252	4,436	13.8%	920	2.9%
September	32,413	4,520	13.9%	921	2.8%
October	32,493	4,564	14.0%	929	2.9%
November	32,605	4,508	13.8%	904	2.8%
December	32,912	4,501	13.7%	887	2.7%
January	33,070	4,470	13.5%	869	2.6%
February	33,103	4,452	13.4%	862	2.6%
March	32,962	4,402	13.4%	860	2.6%
April	32,722	4,372	13.4%	870	2.7%
May	32,694	4,365	13.4%	881	2.7%
June	32,758	4,349	13.3%	893	2.7%
Mo. Avg.	32,643	4,439	13.6%	891	2.7%

<sup>37</sup> 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.

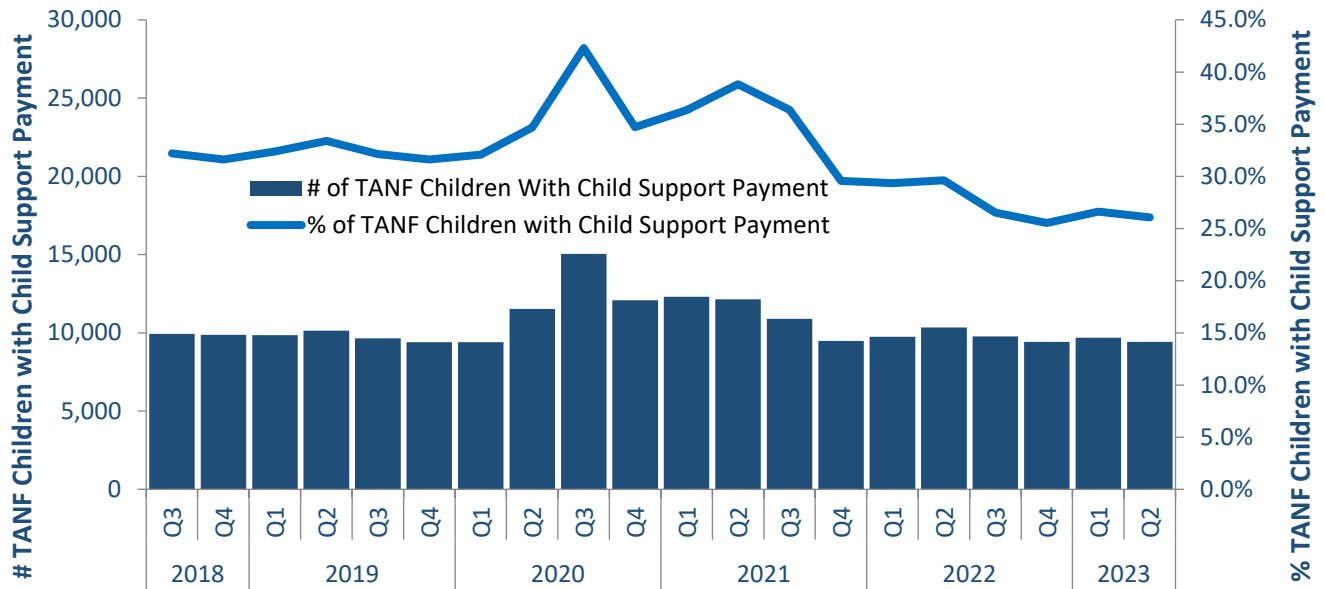
## TANF/SFA Adults and Children Experiencing Homelessness<sup>38</sup>, SFY 2023

SFY 2023	Total # Adults	# Homeless Adults	% Homeless	# Homeless without Housing	% Homeless without Housing
July	24,889	4,655	18.7%	899	3.6%
August	25,553	4,793	18.8%	936	3.7%
September	26,039	4,944	19.0%	934	3.6%
October	26,448	5,060	19.1%	951	3.6%
November	26,737	5,026	18.8%	924	3.5%
December	27,079	5,053	18.7%	904	3.3%
January	27,339	5,037	18.4%	891	3.3%
February	27,516	5,018	18.2%	891	3.2%
March	27,359	4,936	18.0%	880	3.2%
April	27,110	4,901	18.1%	913	3.4%
May	27,263	4,896	18.0%	921	3.4%
June	27,399	4,863	17.7%	933	3.4%
Mo. Avg.	26,728	4,932	18.5%	915	3.4%

SFY 2023	Total # Children	# Homeless Children	% Homeless	# Homeless without Housing	% Homeless without Housing
July	54,016	6,939	12.8%	1,099	2.0%
August	54,981	7,118	12.9%	1,169	2.1%
September	55,347	7,305	13.2%	1,191	2.2%
October	55,671	7,424	13.3%	1,203	2.2%
November	55,959	7,369	13.2%	1,171	2.1%
December	56,865	7,360	12.9%	1,142	2.0%
January	57,207	7,290	12.7%	1,090	1.9%
February	57,252	7,195	12.6%	1,086	1.9%
March	56,931	7,094	12.5%	1,066	1.9%
April	56,316	7,031	12.5%	1,087	1.9%
May	56,194	7,026	12.5%	1,085	1.9%
June	56,289	7,009	12.5%	1,102	2.0%
Mo. Avg.	56,086	7,180	12.8%	1,124	2.0%

<sup>38</sup> 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.

## TANF Children With Child Support Payment, By Quarter, July 2018 – June 2023



SFY/Quarter	# of TANF Children with Open Child Support Cases	# of TANF Children With Child Support Payment	% of TANF Children with Child Support Payment
2018Q3	30,840	9,928	32.2%
2018Q4	31,228	9,874	31.6%
2019Q1	30,413	9,846	32.4%
2019Q2	30,336	10,132	33.4%
2019Q3	30,004	9,641	32.1%
2019Q4	29,727	9,394	31.6%
2020Q1	29,316	9,406	32.1%
2020Q2	33,238	11,532	34.7%
2020Q3	35,585	15,049	42.3%
2020Q4	34,769	12,070	34.7%
2021Q1	33,877	12,310	36.3%
2021Q2	31,269	12,137	38.8%
2021Q3	29,941	10,891	36.4%
2021Q4	32,078	9,480	29.6%
2022Q1	33,221	9,751	29.4%
2022Q2	34,889	10,332	29.6%
2022Q3	36,871	9,775	26.5%
2022Q4	36,911	9,422	25.5%
2023Q1	36,390	9,685	26.6%
2023Q2	36,120	9,418	26.1%

## TANF/SFA Caseload by Primary Language, June 2023 Snapshot

Primary Language <sup>39</sup>	# of Cases	Percent of Cases	Percentage of Non-English Cases
<b>English Language Cases</b>			
English	26,589	81.2%	N/A
Large Print	517	1.6%	N/A
Sign Language	5	<0.1%	N/A
Braille	2	<0.1%	N/A
<b>Total English Languages</b>	<b>27,113</b>	<b>82.8%</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Non-English Language Cases</b>			
Spanish	2,371	7.2%	42.0%
Russian	1,247	3.8%	22.1%
Ukrainian	787	2.4%	13.9%
Dari	256	0.8%	4.5%
Arabic	176	0.5%	3.1%
Other Language	94	0.3%	1.7%
Romanian	90	0.3%	1.6%
Portuguese	85	0.3%	1.5%
Pashto	69	0.2%	1.2%
Trukese	63	0.2%	1.1%
Tigrigna	63	0.2%	1.1%
French	62	0.2%	1.1%
Somali	42	0.1%	0.7%
Farsi	34	0.1%	0.6%
Amharic	33	0.1%	0.6%
Vietnamese	31	0.1%	0.5%
Haitian-Creole	28	0.1%	0.5%
Swahili	22	0.1%	0.4%
Samoan	13	<0.1%	0.2%
Turkish	11	<0.1%	0.2%
<b>Other Languages<sup>40</sup></b>	<b>68</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
<b>Total Non-English Languages</b>	<b>5,645</b>	<b>17.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,758</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

<sup>39</sup> Primary Language is based on the language indicated by the head of household during eligibility determination. It is used for letters, notices, and other written communications.

<sup>40</sup> These are non-English languages with fewer than 10 households each.



## TANF/SFA Client Demographics<sup>41</sup>, June 2023 Snapshot

Characteristic	<u>All Clients</u>		<u>All Adults</u>		<u>All Children</u>	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients	# of Clients	% of Total Adults	# of Clients	% of Total Children
<b>Total Clients</b>	<b>83,688</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>27,399</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>56,289</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Gender	<u>All Clients</u>		<u>All Adults</u>		<u>All Children</u>	
<b>Female</b>	48,822	58.3%	20,777	75.8%	28,045	49.8%
<b>Male</b>	34,856	41.6%	6,620	24.2%	28,236	50.2%
<b>Unknown</b>	10	<0.1%	2	<0.1%	8	<0.1%

Ethnicity and Race	<u>All Clients</u>		<u>All Adults</u>		<u>All Children</u>	
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	<b>20,514</b>	<b>24.5%</b>	<b>4,932</b>	<b>18.0%</b>	<b>15,582</b>	<b>27.7%</b>
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino<sup>42</sup></b>	<b>63,174</b>	<b>75.5%</b>	<b>22,467</b>	<b>82.0%</b>	<b>40,707</b>	<b>72.3%</b>
White	36,853	44.0%	14,244	52.0%	22,609	40.2%
Black/African American	10,559	12.6%	3,419	12.5%	7,140	12.7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	5,424	6.5%	1,977	7.2%	3,447	6.1%
American Indian/Alaska Native	3,242	3.9%	913	3.3%	2,329	4.1%
Two or More Races	2,706	3.2%	606	2.2%	2,100	3.7%
Race Not Reported	4,390	5.2%	1,308	4.8%	3,082	5.5%

Marital Status	<u>All Adults</u>	
<b>Separated</b>	2,144	7.8%
<b>Married</b>	8,825	32.2%
<b>Never Married</b>	13,073	47.7%
<b>Divorced</b>	3,040	11.1%
<b>Widowed</b>	263	1.0%
<b>Not Reported/Unidentifiable</b>	54	0.2%

Citizenship Status	<u>All Clients</u>		<u>All Adults</u>		<u>All Children</u>	
<b>U.S. Citizen</b>	66,691	79.7%	18,992	69.3%	47,699	84.7%
<b>Resident Noncitizen</b>	16,657	19.9%	8,236	30.1%	8,421	15.0%
<b>U.S. National<sup>43</sup></b>	263	0.3%	131	0.5%	132	0.2%
<b>Survivors of Certain Crimes<sup>44</sup></b>	77	0.1%	40	0.1%	37	0.1%

<sup>41</sup> Clients are classified as adults or children based on their relationship to the head of household, rather than age.

<sup>42</sup> Includes clients not reporting whether or not they are of Hispanic or Latino origin.

<sup>43</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).

<sup>44</sup> Effective February 1, 2022, certain state-funded benefits including State Family Assistance (SFA), are available to noncitizens who have been harmed by a crime and have filed or are preparing to file with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services an application for T visa for trafficking victims, U visa for victims of qualifying crimes or asylum status. This population is referred to as survivors of certain crimes (SCCs).

## TANF/SFA Client Demographics, June 2023 Snapshot (continued)

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

Homeless Status	All Clients		All Adults	
Homeless <sup>45</sup>	11,872	14.2%	4,863	17.7%

Education Status	All Clients		All Adults	
Less than a High School Diploma			5,857	21.4%
High School Graduate or GED			12,105	44.2%
Some College or College Degree			8,948	32.7%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable			489	1.8%

Age	All Clients		All Adults	
< 1 Year Old	3,562	4.3%	N/A	
1 – 5 Years Old	16,675	19.9%		
6 – 10 Years Old	15,629	18.7%		
11 – 15 Years Old	14,252	17.0%		
16 – 17 Years Old <sup>46</sup>	4,933	5.9%	16	0.1%
18 – 24 Years Old	4,596	5.5%	3,342	12.2%
25 – 34 Years Old	11,098	13.3%	11,098	40.5%
35 – 44 Years Old	9,559	11.4%	9,559	34.9%
45 – 54 Years Old	2,872	3.4%	2,872	10.5%
55 – 64 Years Old	481	0.6%	481	1.8%
65+ Years Old	31	<0.1%	31	0.1%
Average Age of Adults	34.5 Years			

Length of Stay <sup>47</sup>	
Average	27.8 Months
Median	15.0 Months

<sup>45</sup> 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.

<sup>46</sup> Clients are classified as adults or children based on their relationship to the head of household, rather than age.

<sup>47</sup> Months on Assistance since July 1997 (All Adults). Does not include child recipient months.

## TANF/SFA Child Demographics<sup>48</sup>, June 2023 Snapshot

Characteristic	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
	# of Clients	% of All Children	# of Clients	% of Children in Child-Only Cases
<b>Total Clients</b>	<b>56,289</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>16,068</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Gender	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
	# of Clients	% of All Children	# of Clients	% of Children in Child-Only Cases
<b>Female</b>	28,045	49.8%	8,242	51.3%
<b>Male</b>	28,236	50.2%	7,826	48.7%
<b>Unknown</b>	8	<0.1%	0	0.0%

Ethnicity and Race	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
	# of Clients	% of All Children	# of Clients	% of Children in Child-Only Cases
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	<b>15,582</b>	<b>27.7%</b>	<b>6,056</b>	<b>37.7%</b>
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino<sup>49</sup></b>	<b>40,707</b>	<b>72.3%</b>	<b>10,012</b>	<b>62.3%</b>
White	22,609	40.2%	5,719	35.6%
Black/African American	7,140	12.7%	1,612	10.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	3,447	6.1%	595	3.7%
American Indian/Alaska Native	2,329	4.1%	1,014	6.3%
Two or More Races	2,100	3.7%	511	3.2%
Race Not Reported	3,082	5.5%	561	3.5%

Citizenship Status	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
	# of Clients	% of All Children	# of Clients	% of Children in Child-Only Cases
<b>U.S. Citizen</b>	47,699	84.7%	15,744	98.0%
<b>Resident Noncitizen</b>	8,421	15.0%	269	1.7%
<b>U.S. National<sup>50</sup></b>	132	0.2%	50	0.3%
<b>Survivors of Certain Crimes<sup>51</sup></b>	37	0.1%	5	<0.1%

Age	All Children		Children in Child-Only Cases	
	# of Clients	% of All Children	# of Clients	% of Children in Child-Only Cases
<b>&lt; 1 Year Old</b>	3,561	6.3%	488	3.0%
<b>1 – 5 Years Old</b>	16,675	29.6%	3,086	19.2%
<b>6 – 10 Years Old</b>	15,629	27.8%	4,386	27.3%
<b>11 – 15 Years Old</b>	14,252	25.3%	5,347	33.3%
<b>16 – 17 Years Old</b>	4,918	8.7%	2,144	13.3%
<b>18 – 24 Years Old</b>	1,254	2.2%	617	3.8%
<b>Average Age of Children</b>	8.2 Years		10.1 Years	

<sup>48</sup> Clients are classified as adults or children based on their relationship to the head of household, rather than age.

<sup>49</sup> Includes clients not reporting whether or not they are of Hispanic or Latino origin.

<sup>50</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).

<sup>51</sup> Effective February 1, 2022, certain state-funded benefits including State Family Assistance (SFA), are available to noncitizens who have been harmed by a crime and have filed or are preparing to file with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services an application for T visa for trafficking victims, U visa for victims of qualifying crimes or asylum status. This population is referred to as survivors of certain crimes (SCCs).