

DCS 101

Mission, Vision, Values

Vision – *Safe, healthy individuals, families, and communities*

Mission - *The Department of Social and Health Services will improve the safety and health of individuals, families and communities by providing leadership and establishing and participating in partnerships.*

Values

- *Excellence in Service*
- *Respect*
- *Collaboration and Partnership*
- *Diversity*
- *Accountability*

Division of Child Support Purpose and Services

We provide exceptional child support services to improve the lives of children, families and communities.

Core Functions

- Locating parents
- Paternity Establishment (in partnership with the county prosecuting attorneys)
- Establishing child support and medical orders
- Enforcing those orders
- Collecting and distributing child support payments

Cases - Highlights

- DCS served about one (1) of every ten (10) state residents during SFY 2010.
- DCS served an average of 336,580 children per month in SFY 2010.
- The DCS caseload has increased from 356,761 cases in January 2010, to 365,212 in January 2011, a 2.4% increase.
- In December 2010, the typical Support Enforcement Officer 2 was responsible for 693 cases.

Cases - Types

Current Assistance

- Custodians who are now receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits

Former Assistance

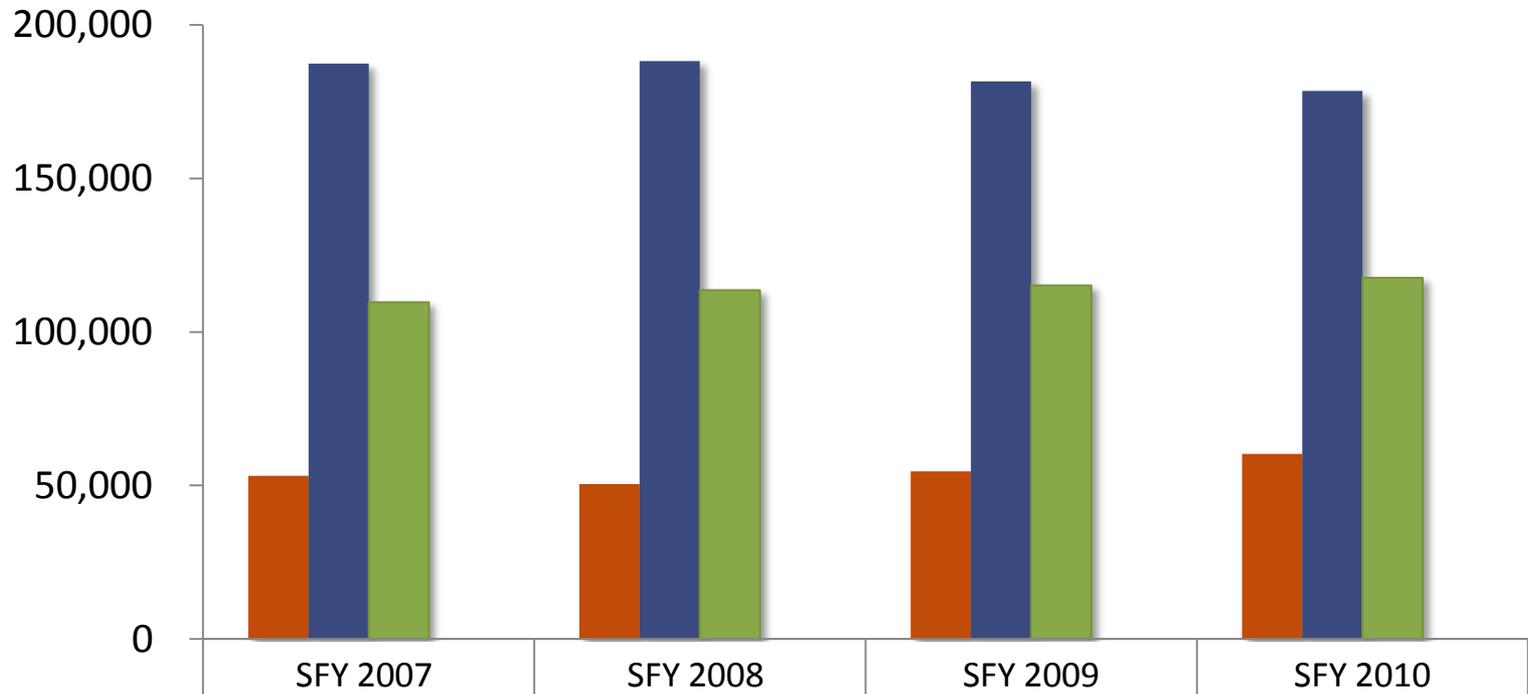
- Custodians who previously received TANF or Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) benefits

Never Assistance

- Custodians who have never received TANF or AFDC

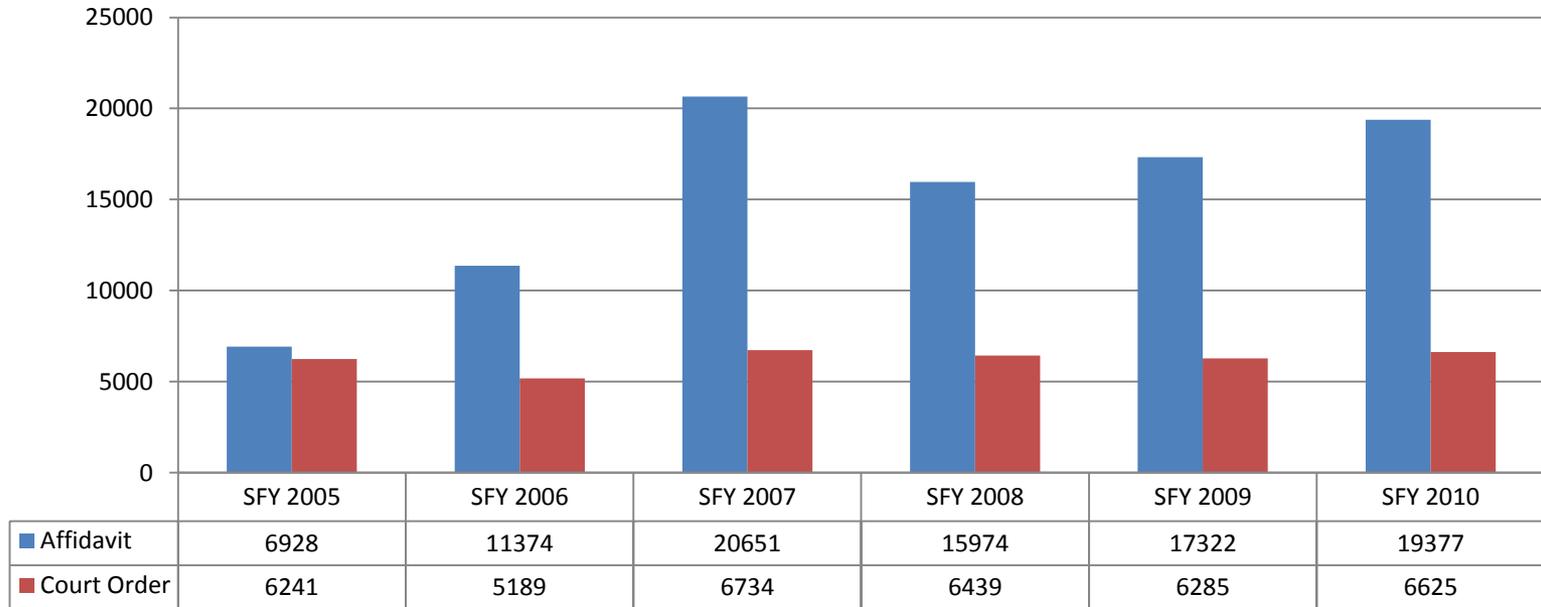
Note: The case type determines how child support collections are distributed

Cases - Trends



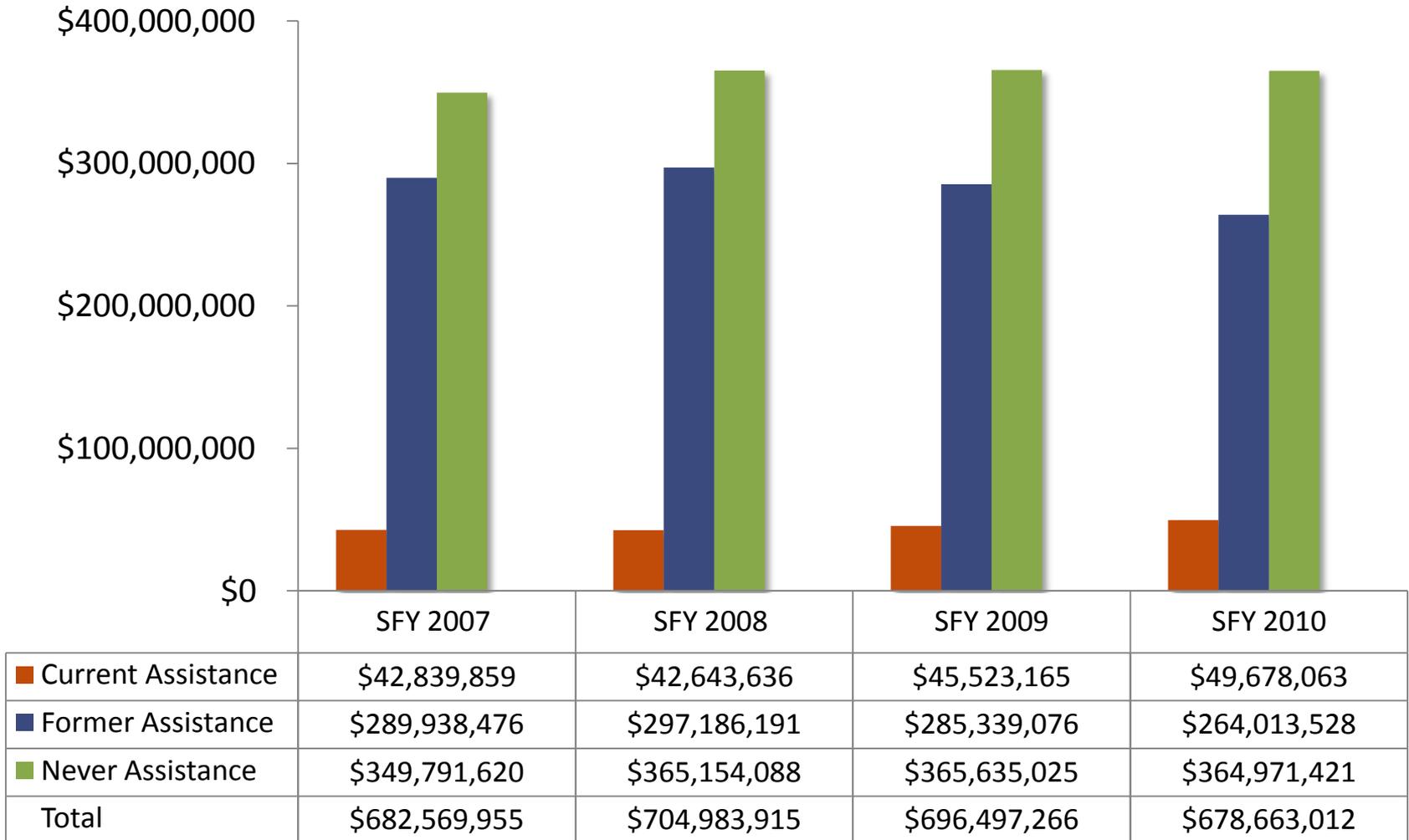
Current Assistance	53,125	50,500	54,604	60,304
Former Assistance	187,377	188,306	181,589	178,488
Never Assistance	109,705	113,616	115,122	117,644
Total	350,207	352,422	351,315	356,436

IV-D Paternity

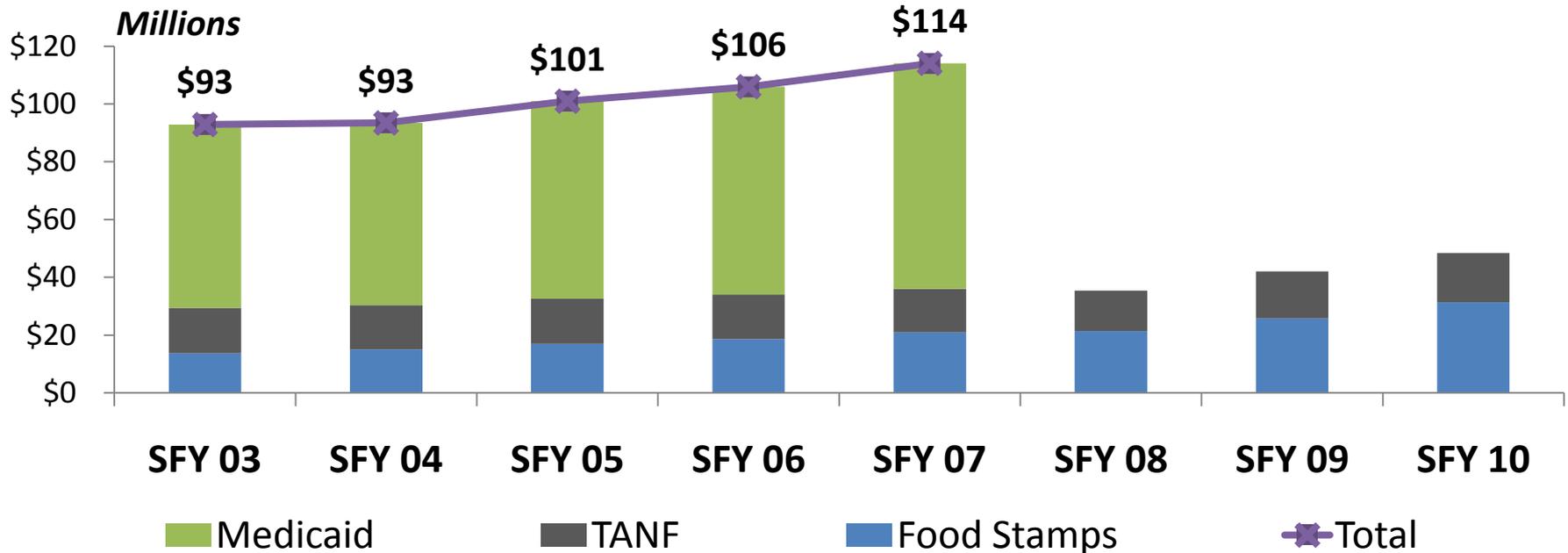


- In 2009, the Washington Dept. of Health (DOH) reported 29,652 total births to unmarried parents. In 22,587 (76.2%) of these births the parents collectively signed and filed paternity affidavit forms with DOH. The vast majority of those forms were signed at the hospital as a result of Washington's Paternity Affidavit Program.

IV-D Collections

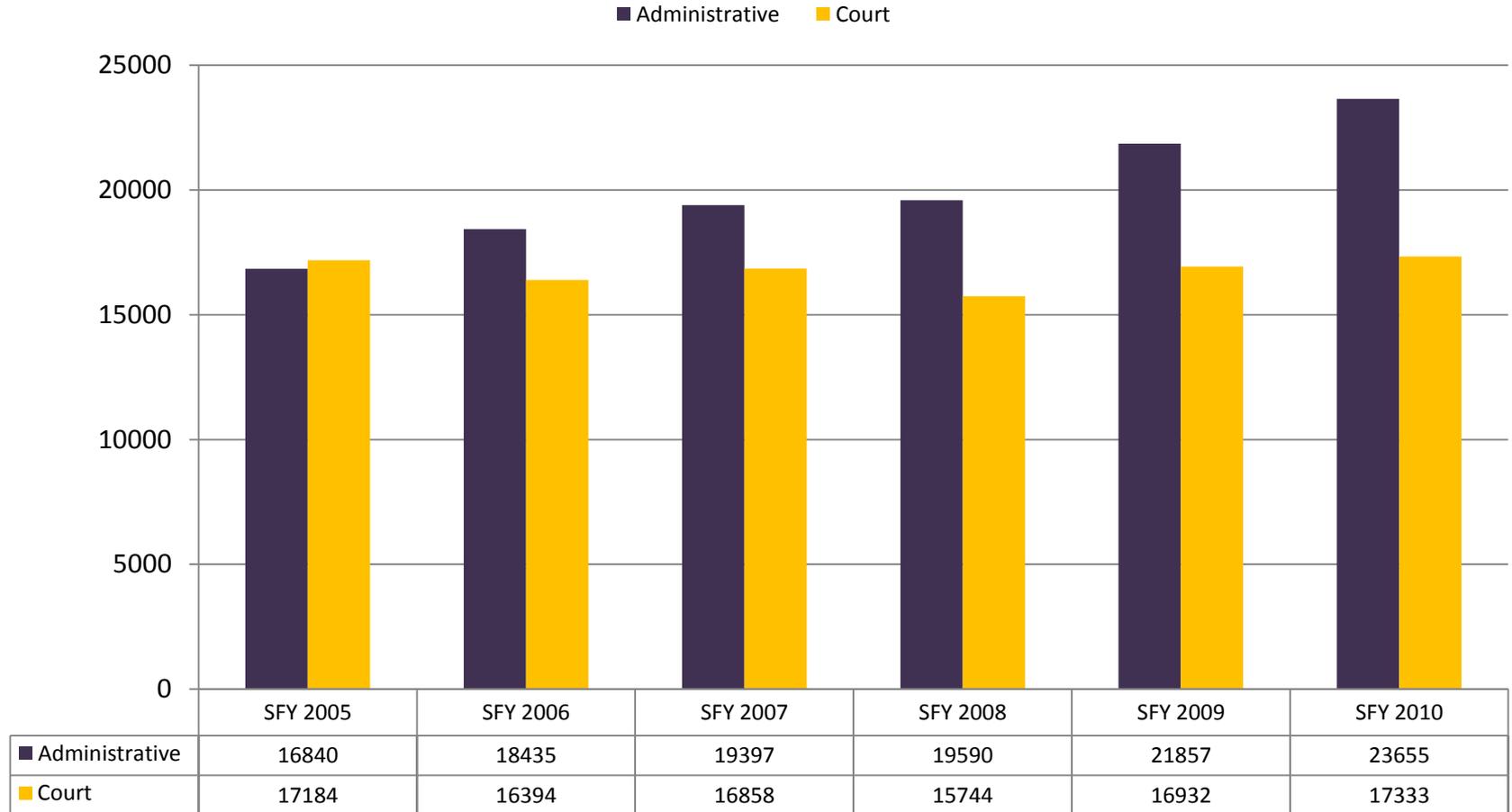


Cost Avoidance



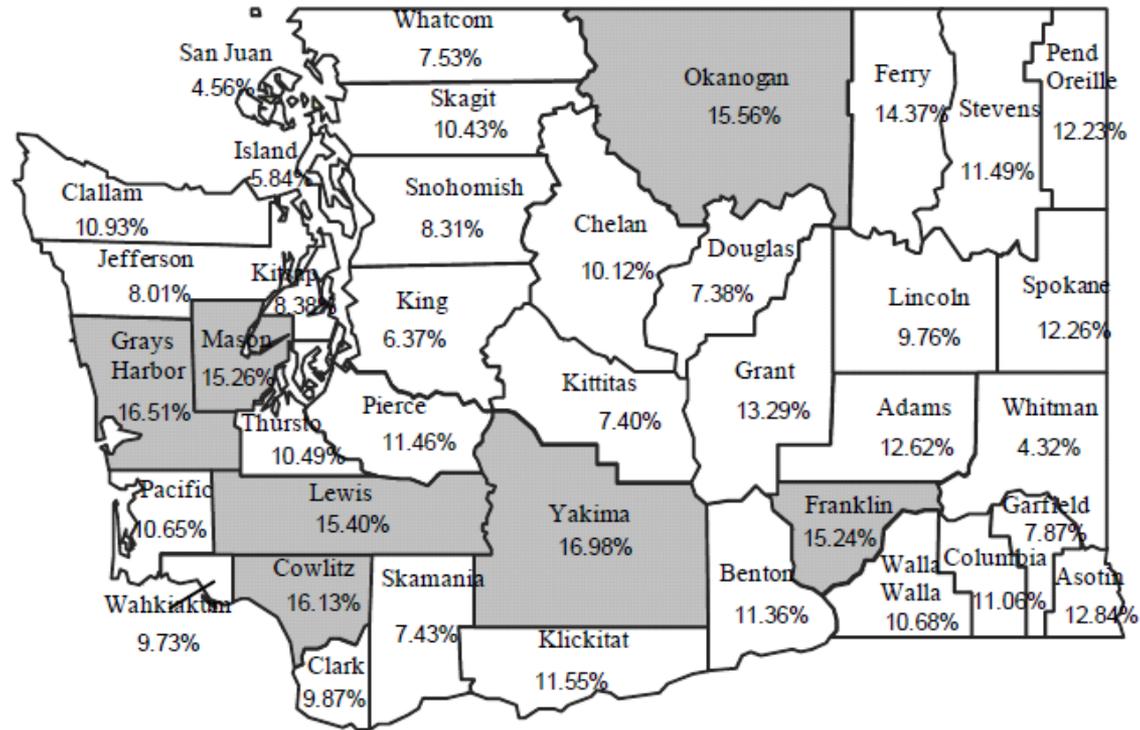
- DCS measures financial return by the cost-avoidance of public assistance expenditures due to the success of child support collections. DCS studies show that regular, dependable child support payments divert families from seeking public assistance.
- While numbers are not yet available for Medicaid cost avoidance, a conservative estimate puts SFY 2010 total cost avoidance at above \$125 million.

Order Establishment – Order Types



DCS Service by Counties

Percentage of Residents Served by DCS During June 2010



Note: The percentage of residents served is obtained by dividing the number of DCS clients in a county during June 2010 by the OFM 2010 County Population estimates.

DCS Service by Counties

County	DCS Clients	Population Estimate	% of Residents Served	County	DCS Clients	Population Estimate	% of Residents Served
Adams	2,309	18,300	12.6%	Lewis	11,644	75,600	15.4%
Asotin	2,787	21,700	12.8%	Lincoln	1,025	10,500	9.8%
Benton	19,642	172,900	11.4%	Mason	8,712	57,100	15.3%
Chelan	7,418	73,300	10.1%	Okanogan	6,365	40,900	15.6%
Clallam	7,660	70,100	10.9%	Pacific	2,354	22,100	10.7%
Clark	42,983	435,600	9.9%	Pend Oreille	1,602	13,100	12.2%
Columbia	459	4,150	11.1%	Pierce	93,335	814,600	11.5%
Cowlitz	16,127	100,000	16.1%	San Juan	753	16,500	4.6%
Douglas	2,843	38,500	7.4%	Skagit	12,440	119,300	10.4%
Ferry	1,128	7,850	14.4%	Skamania	810	10,900	7.4%
Franklin	11,504	75,500	15.2%	Snohomish	59,075	711,100	8.3%
Garfield	181	2,300	7.9%	Spokane	57,649	470,300	12.3%
Grant	11,658	87,700	13.3%	Stevens	5,088	44,300	11.5%
Grays Harbor	11,824	71,600	16.5%	Thurston	26,466	252,400	10.5%
Island	4,734	81,100	5.8%	Wahkiakum	404	4,150	9.7%
Jefferson	2,347	29,300	8.0%	Walla Walla	6,364	59,600	10.7%
King	123,128	1,933,400	6.4%	Whatcom	14,728	195,500	7.5%
Kitsap	20,817	248,300	8.4%	Whitman	1,883	43,600	4.3%
Kittitas	2,998	40,500	7.4%	Yakima	40,594	239,100	17.0%
Klickitat	2,367	20,500	11.5%	State Total	646,205	6,733,250	9.6%

Demographics

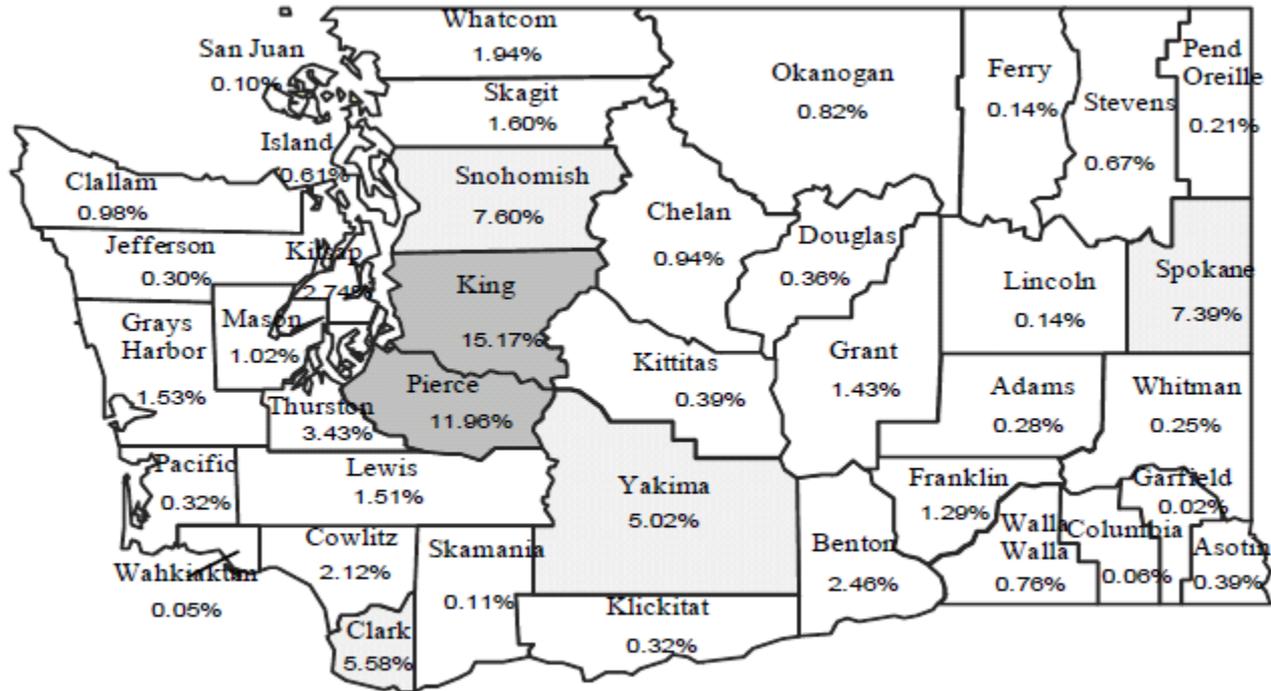
Child Support Client Demographics June 2010

Source: Division of Child Support SEMS (Support Enforcement Management System)

Characteristic	Non-Custodial Parents		Custodial Parents		Children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	273,430	100.0%	287,580	100.0%	337,157	100.0%
Gender						
Female	39,129	14.3%	254,753	88.6%	170,974	50.7%
Male	233,476	85.4%	29,834	10.4%	165,515	49.1%
Unknown	825	0.3%	2,993	1.0%	668	0.2%
Age of Parents						
< 26 Years Old	24,977	9.1%	33,209	11.5%		
26 – 35 Years Old	88,567	32.4%	93,440	32.5%		
36 – 45 Years Old	96,430	35.3%	92,615	32.2%		
46 – 55 Years Old	49,642	18.2%	47,554	16.5%		
55+ Years Old	9,633	3.5%	16,804	5.8%		
Age of Children						
< 6 Year Old					87,182	25.9%
6 – 10 Years Old					91,215	27.1%
11 – 15 Years Old					101,763	30.2%
16 – 18 Years Old					48,317	14.3%
18+ Years Old					8,234	2.4%
Mean Age	38.4 Years Old		38.5 Years Old		10.2 Years Old	
Median Age	38.0 Years Old		37.3 Years Old		10.4 Years Old	

Custodial Parents by County

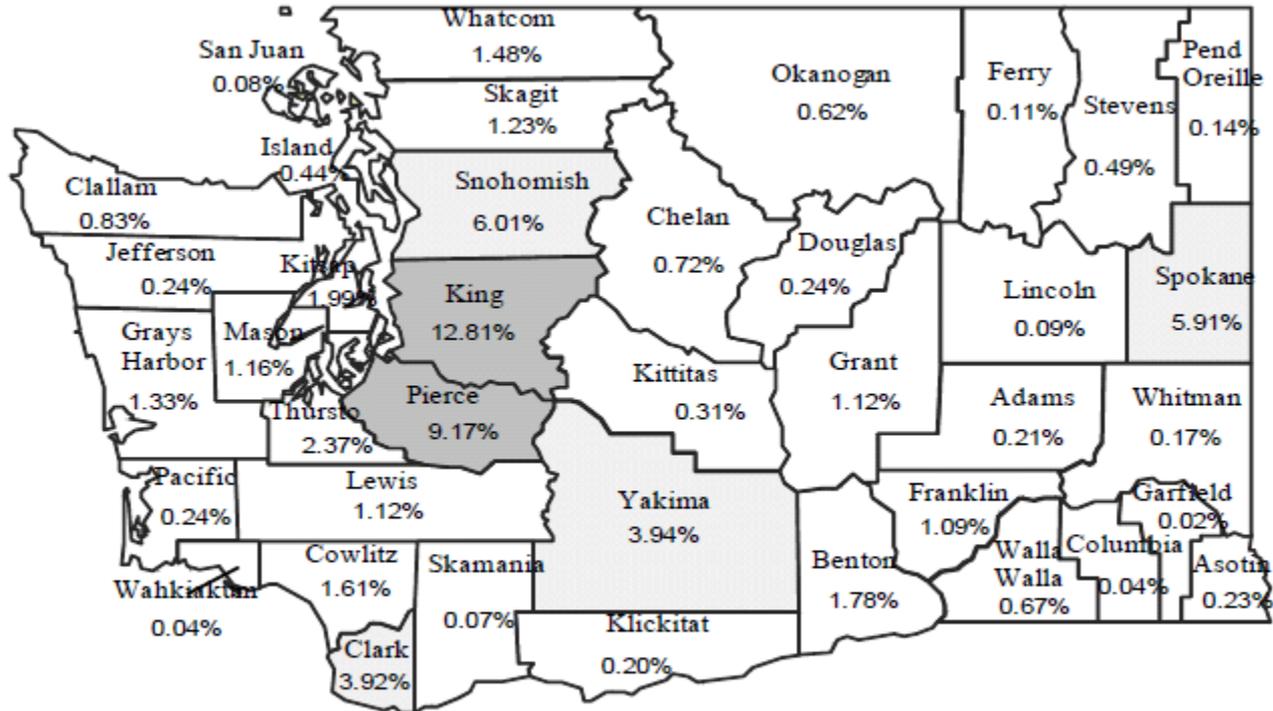
Percentage of Custodial Parents by County in Washington State: June 2010



Note: 17.99% of CPs are out of state or do not have valid Fipscode.

Non-Custodial Parents by County

Percentage of Noncustodial Parents by County in Washington State: June 2010



Note: 35.77% of NCPs are out of state or do not have valid Fipscode.