



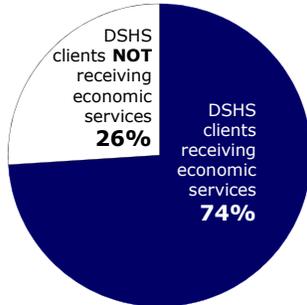
A means to economic independence

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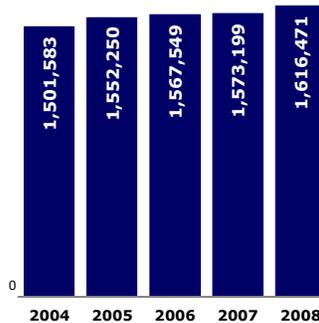
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Percent of clients receiving this DSHS service

1,616,471 of 2,177,023 TOTAL SFY 2008

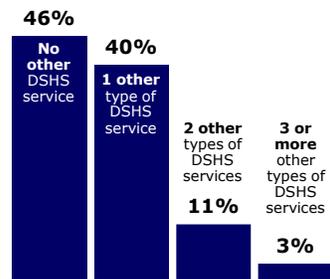


Economic services client trend



Clients need many services

In SFY 2008, percent using economic services and . . .



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Decreasing poverty through economic support

2008 CLIENT SERVICE COUNTS

ECONOMIC SERVICES: DSHS, through its Economic Services Administration, provides cash assistance, work-focused services, food benefits, and social services to help individuals and families meet their basic needs and achieve economic independence. ESA also ensures parents provide financial and medical support to their children through Child Support Enforcement services. The administration oversees over a dozen major federal and state programs aimed at reducing poverty, and promoting parental responsibility and self-sufficiency, including: Washington's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, General Assistance for the Unemployable, Basic Food, (Washington's food stamp program), Washington Telephone Assistance, Refugee Cash Assistance, and Child Support Enforcement. Through ESA, DSHS also determines eligibility for state and federal medical programs like Medicaid and authorizes subsidy payments for the Working Connections Child Care program administered by the Department of Early Learning. In State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2008, **1,616,471 clients** received the economic services described below. The average cost per client for these services was **\$942**.

BASIC FOOD PROGRAM

Basic Food provides benefits to individuals and families with incomes up to 200 percent of FPL and resources below established limits. (Prior to October 1, 2008, the income limit was 130 percent FPL). The program is comprised of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps), and the state Food Assistance Program for legal immigrants ineligible for the federal SNAP benefits. Benefits can only be used to purchase food items at participating stores. Food stores are reimbursed directly for these federal dollars; thus, they do not appear in the DSHS budget. **832,755 clients**, average client cost = \$796

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

The Division of Child Support (DCS) establishes paternity, locates non-custodial parents, and establishes and enforces child support orders. Services are initiated when a parent enrolls in TANF or certain Medicaid programs, submits an application, when another state or nation requests assistance in collecting child support, or a court order requires payment through DCS. In SFY 2009 DCS collected \$696 million for about 372,000 families. Collecting child support and enforcing private medical insurance directly benefits children and avoids more than \$100 million per year in public assistance costs. **1,084,959 clients**, average per client cost = \$134

Number of clients receiving economic services	Child Support Services	1,084,959
	Basic Food Program	832,755
	218,007 TANF and State Family Assistance	
	169,635 Working Connections Child Care	
	54,407 General Assistance <i>All grant categories</i>	
	39,731 Additional Services	
	36,537 Supplemental Security Income-State	
	23,954 Diversion Cash Assistance	
	8,244 Refugee and Immigrant Assistance	
	1,076 Refugee Assistance	
	761 Consolidated Emergency Assistance Program	

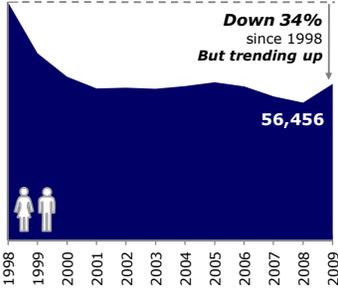
SFY 2008
Total Clients = 1,616,471
DSHS Client Services Database

NOTE: Since most clients receive more than one service, the sum of the categories shown at right will exceed the total number of clients served by the program.

NOTE: CSDB identifies service use information and expenditures specific to each DSHS client. Costs that cannot be assigned to individual clients are not included—such as facilities, licensing, admin, outreach, prevention, fraud investigation, community block grants, and cost recoveries.

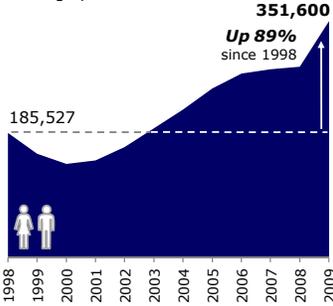
TANF caseload

Average per month
85,874



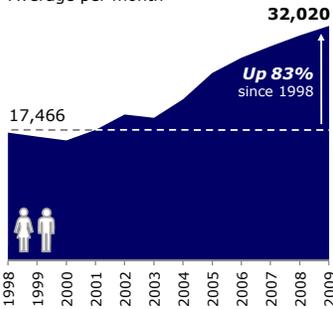
Basic food caseload

Average per month

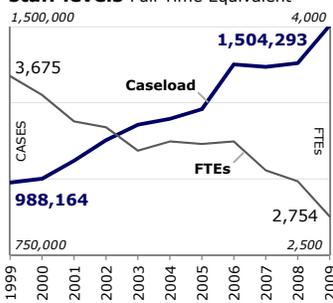


GA-U-X caseload

Average per month

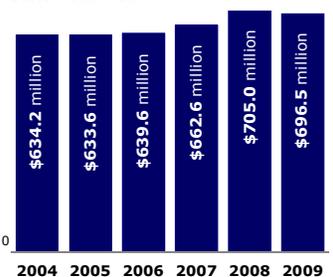


Assistance caseload versus staff levels Full Time Equivalent



Child support collections

State Fiscal Year



CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Short-term cash assistance program for specific emergency needs such as food, shelter, clothing, minor medical, household maintenance, utilities, job-related transportation, and child-related transportation. *761 clients, average client cost = \$139*

DIVERSION CASH ASSISTANCE

Short-term cash assistance program for low-income families with temporary emergent needs who are unlikely to need TANF assistance if those needs are met (shelter, transportation, child care, food, medical care, job-related needs). *23,954 clients, average client cost = \$447*

GENERAL ASSISTANCE ALL GRANT CATEGORIES¹

State funded program providing monthly cash grants to clients who are poor, without dependent children and unable to work due to physical or mental health incapacity. *54,407 clients, average client cost = \$2,108*

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

Federally funded program providing monthly payments to refugees who meet state income and grant standards, but do not qualify for TANF or SSI. Assistance is available to refugees for their first eight months in the United States. *1,076 clients, average client cost = \$1,211*

REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT SERVICES

Contracts a variety of services such as English to speakers of other languages training, health screening, foster care, self-sufficiency assessments, citizenship training, employment services, mental health and other social services. *8,244 clients, average client cost = \$1,776*

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME-STATE

The State Supplement Program (SSP) is the state funded payment that supplements the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI), a federal benefit for individuals and couples 65 or older or who are blind or disabled as determined by the Social Security Administration. (Federal SSI is not in this report.) *36,537 clients, average client cost = \$518*

TANF AND STATE FAMILY ASSISTANCE

A federally funded program providing monthly cash grants to needy families, children under age 18 (under age 19 if attending high school or working towards a GED full-time), parents or caretaker relatives of these children, unmarried teen parents under 18, and pregnant women. Eligibility requires non-exempt recipients to participate in WorkFirst employment and training activities. State Family Assistance is a state funded cash program for certain persons meeting state residency requirements who are not eligible for TANF assistance. *218,007 clients, average client cost = \$1,197*

WORKING CONNECTIONS CHILD CARE

DSHS, through the Economic Services Administration, determines eligibility and authorizes subsidy payments for the Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) program administered by the Department of Early Learning (DEL). WCCC provides child care assistance to: eligible TANF families who require child care to participate in approved WorkFirst activities, job search, employment, or training; and non-TANF families who require child care to maintain employment or to attend approved training. Clients receiving child care must pass an economic means test.² *169,635 clients, average client cost = \$1,679*

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Services that are small or unlike others are in this category and include: SSI Facilitation for GA-U recipients, TANF recipients, and ADATSA shelter residents, Protective Payee Fees, Incapacity Determination, foster care contracts for children identified as Unaccompanied Minors by the Office of Refugee Resettlement, and contracted recruiting, training, and/or licensing of foster families, placement, and casework services. *39,731 clients, average client cost = \$221*

¹Unemployable, expedited Medicaid, aged, blind, disabled, other.

²Not in this report: Non-Assistance Support Collection, Public Assistance Recoveries (which offset ESA expenditures), Washington Telephone Assistance Program, WorkFirst and clients receiving subsidized child care through the Homeless Child Care program.