

# Alaska | TANF Caseload Factsheet



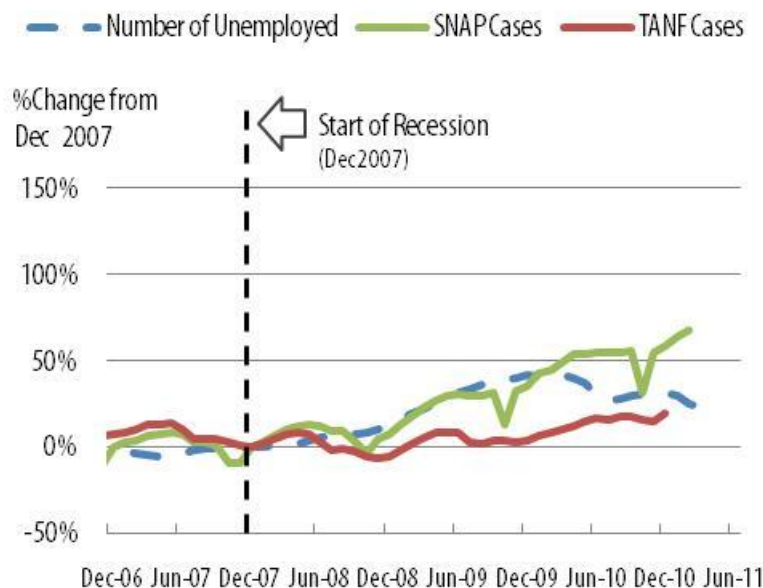
The TANF caseload in Alaska increased by 3 percent from Dec 07 to Dec 09.

## TANF, SNAP and Unemployment Trends

	Dec 07	Dec 09	Dec 10	% Change Dec 07-09	% Change Dec 09-10
Number of Unemployed	22,000	31,000	28,800	<b>41%</b>	<b>-7%</b>
SNAP Cases	21,000	28,400	33,100	<b>35%</b>	<b>17%</b>
TANF Cases	3,000	3,100	3,600	<b>3%</b>	<b>16%</b>

- Alaska's TANF caseload remained relatively stable during the first two years of the recession, except for seasonal fluctuations. Its caseload has been steadily increasing since December 2009.
- Among all states, Alaska ranked 43rd in the amount its caseload increased from December 2007 to December 2009.

## Changes in TANF Cases, SNAP Cases, and the Number of Unemployed Persons



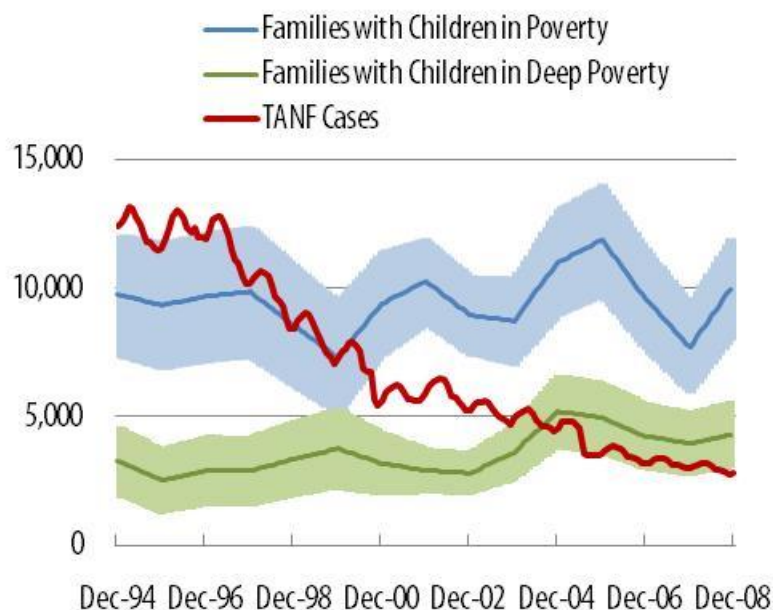
A smaller share of needy families receives TANF now compared to 15 years ago.

## TANF and Poverty Trends in Alaska

Families with children:	1994-95	2008-09
... on AFDC/TANF	12,500	3,100
... in Poverty	9,700	10,200
<b>TANF to Poverty Ratio</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>30</b>
<i>United States TANF to Poverty Ratio</i>	75	28

- In 1994-95, for every 100 Alaska families in poverty, the AFDC program served 128 families. In 2008-09, only 30 families participated in TANF for every 100 in poverty.
- In 2009, Alaska used 37% of its state and federal TANF funds on Basic Assistance.
- The monthly grant for a family of three in Alaska was \$923 in 2010, 28% lower than in 1996 after adjusting for inflation.

## Number of Families with Children in Poverty, Deep Poverty and TANF Cases



Beginning in 2006, this analysis uses TANF caseload data collected directly from state agencies rather than the official data reported by HHS in order to more consistently reflect the number of families receiving cash welfare in each state over time. Unlike the HHS data, these data include solely state-funded programs, and exclude worker supplement programs.

Deep Poverty refers to families below half the poverty line. Shading in graph shows the 90% confidence interval (lower and upper bound) of poverty estimates. Two years of Current Population Survey (CPS) data were merged to improve reliability. For example, Dec-08 represents merged CPS poverty data for calendar years 2008 and 2009.