

Alabama | TANF Caseload Factsheet



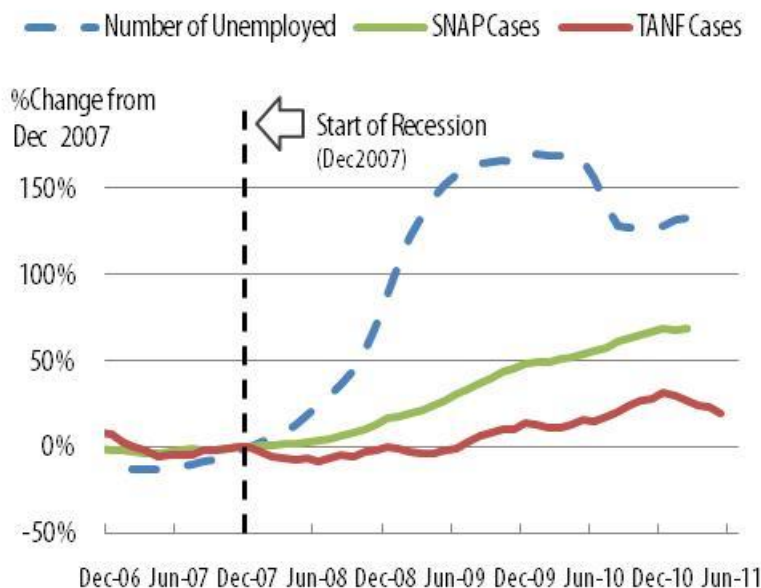
The TANF caseload in Alabama increased by 13 percent from Dec 07 to Dec 09.

TANF, SNAP and Unemployment Trends

	Dec 07	Dec 09	Dec 10	% Change Dec 07-09	% Change Dec 09-10
Number of Unemployed	84,600	224,200	193,200	165%	-14%
SNAP Cases	226,400	335,400	380,900	48%	14%
TANF Cases	18,800	21,300	24,800	13%	16%

- Alabama's TANF caseload was relatively stable until March 2009. Its caseload increased from March 2009 to December 2010 and has been declining since then.
- Among all states, Alabama ranked 22nd in the amount its caseload increased from December 2007 to December 2009.

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



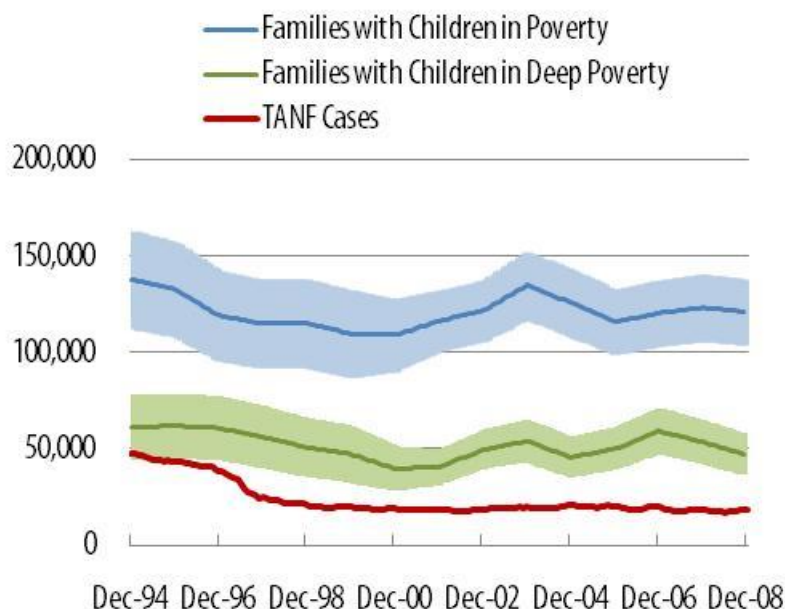
A smaller share of needy families receives TANF now compared to 15 years ago.

TANF and Poverty Trends in Alabama

Families with children:	1994-95	2008-09
... on AFDC/TANF	47,200	18,600
... in Poverty	137,800	120,900
TANF to Poverty Ratio	34	15
<i>United States TANF to Poverty Ratio</i>	75	28

- In 1994-95, for every 100 Alabama families in poverty, the AFDC program served 34 families. In 2008-09, only 15 families participated in TANF for every 100 in poverty.
- In 2009, Alabama used 26% of its state and federal TANF funds on Basic Assistance.
- The monthly grant for a family of three in Alabama was \$215 in 2010, 6% 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.