

# Arkansas | TANF Caseload Factsheet



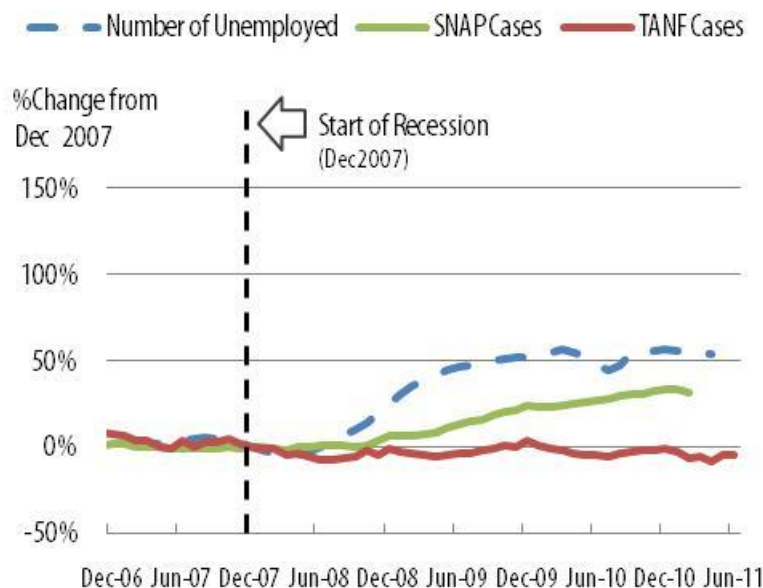
The TANF caseload in Arkansas increased by 4 percent from Dec 07 to Dec 09.

## TANF, SNAP and Unemployment Trends

	Dec 07	Dec 09	Dec 10	% Change Dec 07-09	% Change Dec 09-10
Number of Unemployed	68,700	104,500	107,200	52%	3%
SNAP Cases	158,100	195,300	210,300	24%	8%
TANF Cases	7,700	8,000	7,600	4%	-5%

- Arkansas' TANF caseload was roughly stable prior to the recession. Other than seasonal fluctuations, Arkansas' caseload has remained relatively stable since the start of the recession.
- Among all states, Arkansas ranked 41st in the amount its caseload increased from December 2007 to December 2009.

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



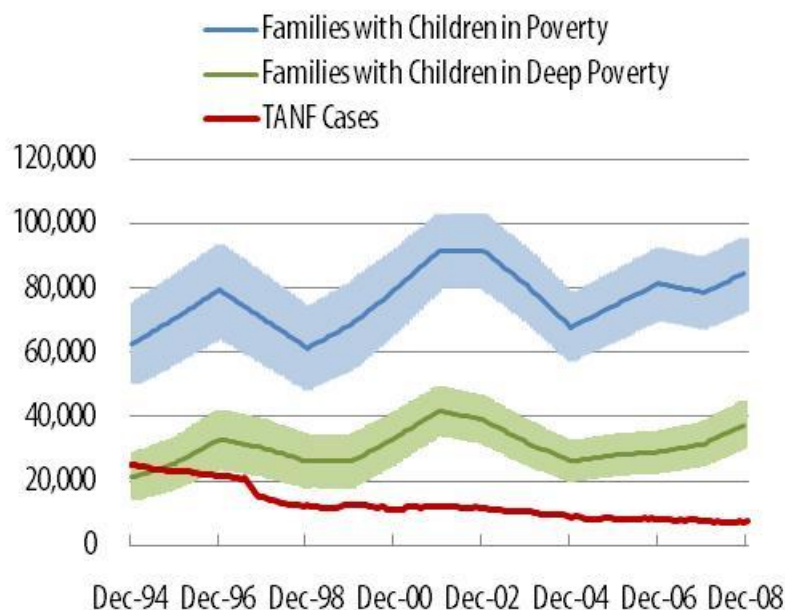
A smaller share of needy families receives TANF now compared to 15 years ago.

## TANF and Poverty Trends in Arkansas

Families with children:	1994-95	2008-09
... on AFDC/TANF	24,800	7,400
... in Poverty	62,400	84,800
<b>TANF to Poverty Ratio</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>9</b>
<i>United States TANF to Poverty Ratio</i>	75	28

- In 1994-95, for every 100 Arkansas families in poverty, the AFDC program served 40 families. In 2008-09, only 9 families participated in TANF for every 100 in poverty.
- In 2009, Arkansas used 12% of its state and federal TANF funds on Basic Assistance.
- The monthly grant for a family of three in Arkansas was \$204 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.