

Iowa | TANF Caseload Factsheet



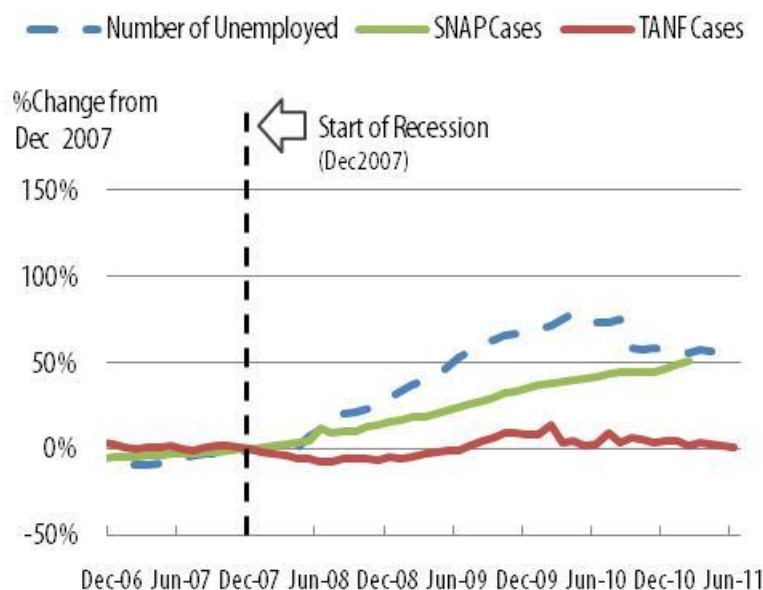
The TANF caseload in Iowa increased by 8 percent from Dec 07 to Dec 09.

TANF, SNAP and Unemployment Trends

	Dec 07	Dec 09	Dec 10	% Change Dec 07-09	% Change Dec 09-10
Number of Unemployed	65,300	109,800	102,600	68%	-7%
SNAP Cases	112,600	152,300	164,800	35%	8%
TANF Cases	16,500	17,800	17,100	8%	-4%

- Iowa's TANF caseload was stable prior to the recession and then declined slightly during the first seven months of the recession. The caseload increased slightly from August 2008 to February 2010, and has been declining slightly since then.
- Among all states, Iowa ranked 31st in the amount its caseload increased from December 2007 to December 2009.

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



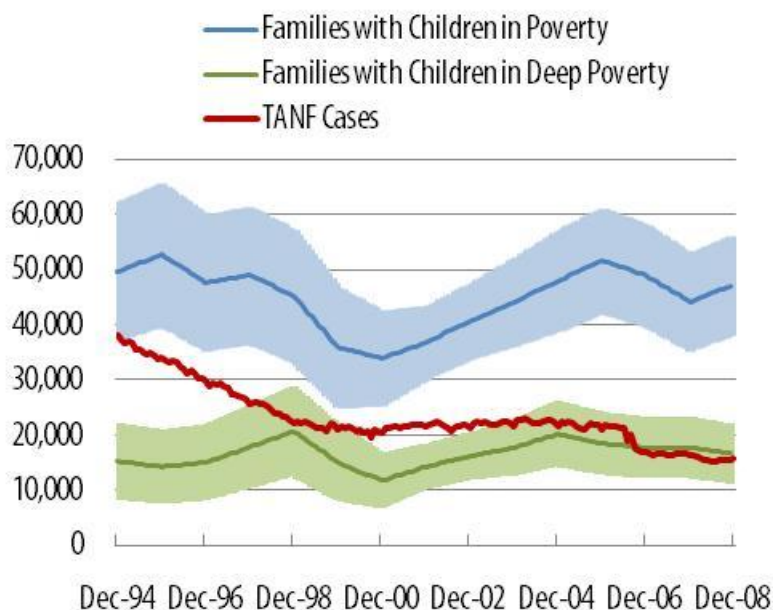
A smaller share of needy families receives TANF now compared to 15 years ago.

TANF and Poverty Trends in Iowa

Families with children:	1994-95	2008-09
... on AFDC/TANF	37,500	16,100
... in Poverty	49,600	47,300
TANF to Poverty Ratio	75	34
<i>United States TANF to Poverty Ratio</i>	75	28

- In 1994-95, for every 100 Iowa families in poverty, the AFDC program served 75 families. In 2008-09, only 34 families participated in TANF for every 100 in poverty.
- In 2009, Iowa used 28% of its state and federal TANF funds on Basic Assistance.
- The monthly grant for a family of three in Iowa was \$426 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.