

Louisiana | TANF Caseload Factsheet



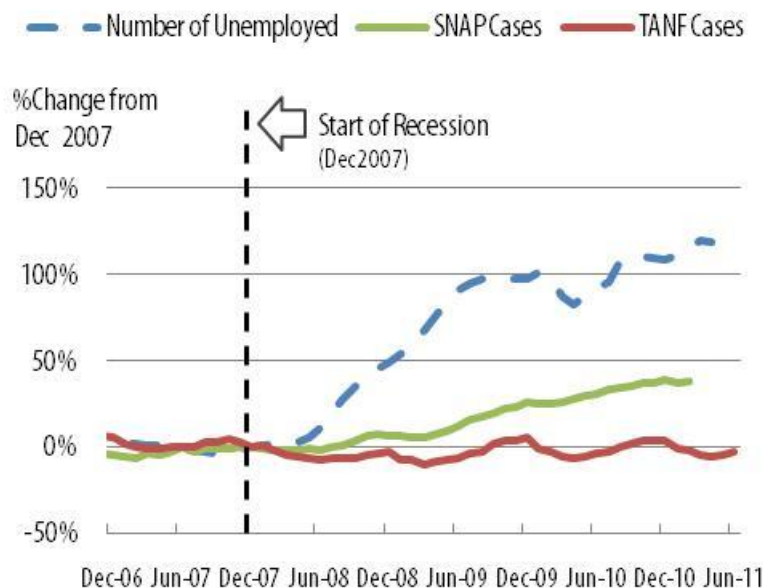
The TANF caseload in Louisiana increased by 5 percent from Dec 07 to Dec 09.

TANF, SNAP and Unemployment Trends

	Dec 07	Dec 09	Dec 10	% Change Dec 07-09	% Change Dec 09-10
Number of Unemployed	76,700	151,500	160,000	97%	6%
SNAP Cases	276,200	346,900	383,000	26%	10%
TANF Cases	11,200	11,700	11,600	5%	-2%

- Louisiana's TANF caseload was stable prior to the recession, declined slightly from December 2007 to December 2008, and increased slightly from December 2008 to December 2009. Other than seasonal fluctuations, the caseload has remained relatively stable since December 2009.
- Among all states, Louisiana ranked 37th 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.

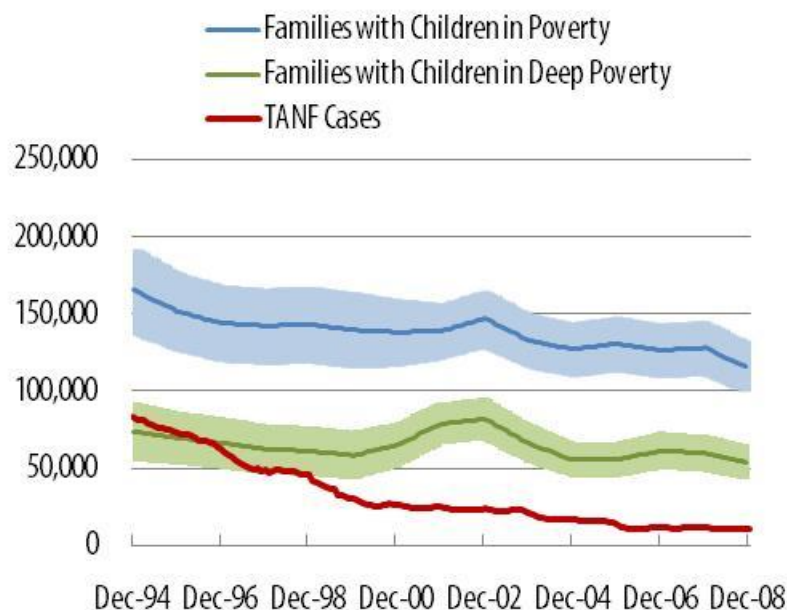
TANF and Poverty Trends in Louisiana

Families with children:	1994-95	2008-09
... on AFDC/TANF	81,500	10,700
... in Poverty	165,400	115,100
TANF to Poverty Ratio	49	9
<i>United States TANF to Poverty Ratio</i>	75	28

- In 1994-95, for every 100 Louisiana families in poverty, the AFDC program served 49 families. In 2008-09, only 9 families participated in TANF for every 100 in poverty.
- In 2009, Louisiana used 17% of its state and federal TANF funds on Basic Assistance.
- The monthly grant for a family of three in Louisiana was \$240 in 2010, 9% lower than in 1996 after adjusting for inflation.

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.

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



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.