

Massachusetts | TANF Caseload

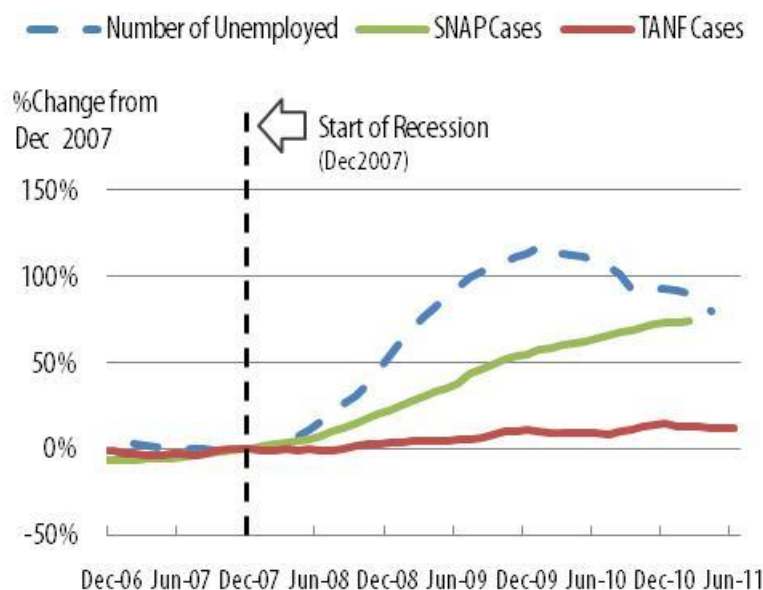
The TANF caseload in MA increased by 11 percent from Dec 07 to Dec 09.

TANF, SNAP and Unemployment Trends

	Dec 07	Dec 09	Dec 10	% Change Dec 07-09	% Change Dec 09-10
Number of Unemployed	151,600	322,500	291,700	113%	-10%
SNAP Cases	254,100	393,000	439,100	55%	12%
TANF Cases	45,900	50,800	52,500	11%	3%

- Massachusetts' TANF caseload was stable prior to the recession and during the first seven months of the recession. The caseload increased slightly from August 2008 to December 2010 and has been stable since then.
- Among all states, Massachusetts ranked 27th in the amount its caseload increased from December 2007 to December 2009.

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



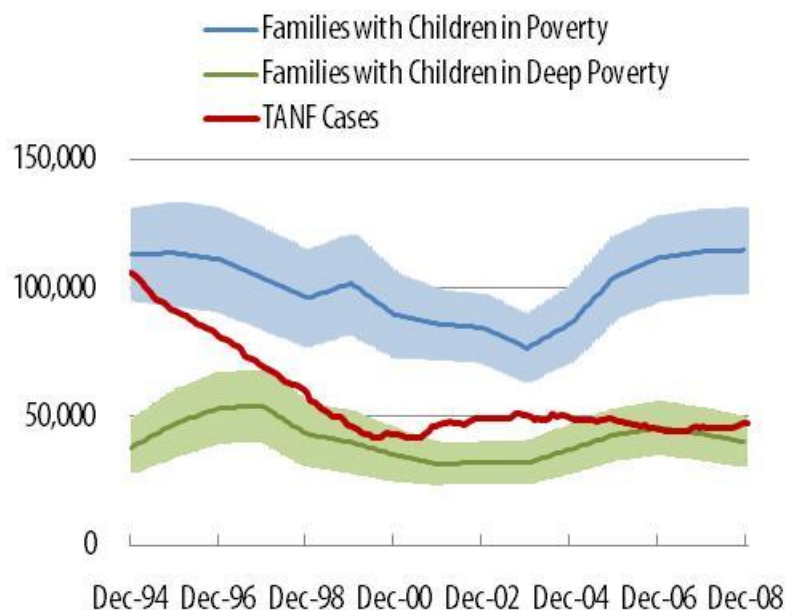
A smaller share of needy families receives TANF now compared to 15 years ago.

TANF and Poverty Trends in Massachusetts

Families with children:	1994-95	2008-09
... on AFDC/TANF	103,600	47,500
... in Poverty	113,100	114,700
TANF to Poverty Ratio	92	41
<i>United States TANF to Poverty Ratio</i>	75	28

- In 1994-95, for every 100 Massachusetts families in poverty, the AFDC program served 92 families. In 2008-09, only 41 families participated in TANF for every 100 in poverty.
- In 2009, Massachusetts used 27% of its state and federal TANF funds on Basic Assistance.
- The monthly grant for a family of three in Massachusetts was \$618 in 2010, 21% 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.