

# Minnesota | TANF Caseload Factsheet



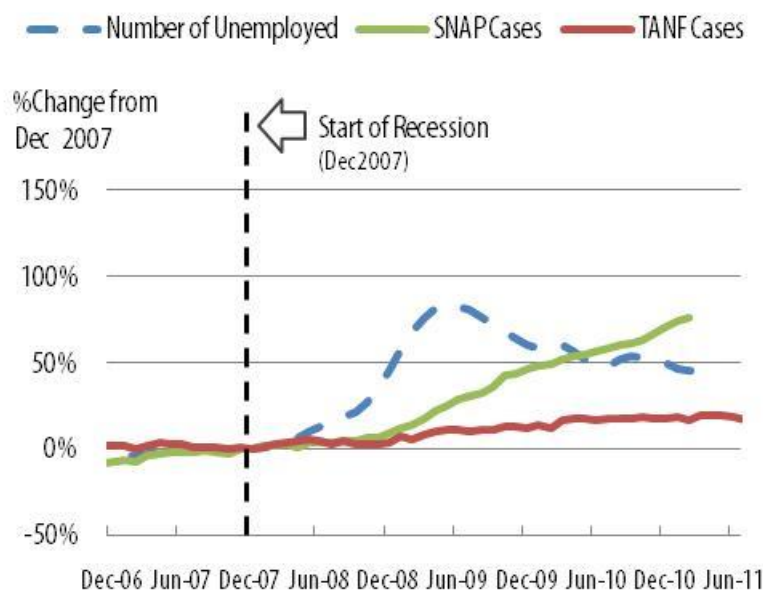
The TANF caseload in Minnesota increased by 12 percent from Dec 07 to Dec 09.

## TANF, SNAP and Unemployment Trends

|                      | Dec 07  | Dec 09  | Dec 10  | % Change<br>Dec 07-09 | % Change<br>Dec 09-10 |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Number of Unemployed | 136,600 | 219,300 | 204,800 | 60%                   | -7%                   |
| SNAP Cases           | 137,900 | 201,900 | 235,300 | 46%                   | 17%                   |
| TANF Cases           | 28,900  | 32,300  | 33,800  | 12%                   | 4%                    |

- Minnesota's TANF caseload was stable prior to the recession and during the first year of the recession. Minnesota's caseload increased slightly from December 2008 to March 2010 and has been relatively stable since then.
- Among all states, Minnesota ranked 24th in the amount its caseload increased from December 2007 to December 2009.

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



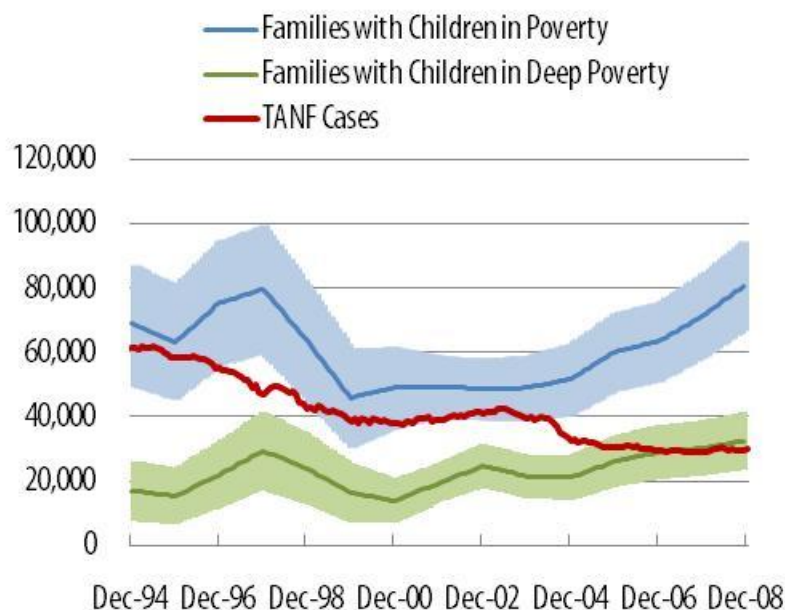
A smaller share of needy families receives TANF now compared to 15 years ago.

## TANF and Poverty Trends in Minnesota

| Families with children:                    | 1994-95   | 2008-09   |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| ... on AFDC/TANF                           | 61,500    | 30,800    |
| ... in Poverty                             | 68,800    | 81,400    |
| <b>TANF to Poverty Ratio</b>               | <b>89</b> | <b>38</b> |
| <i>United States TANF to Poverty Ratio</i> | 75        | 28        |

- In 1994-95, for every 100 Minnesota families in poverty, the AFDC program served 89 families. In 2008-09, only 38 families participated in TANF for every 100 in poverty.
- In 2009, Minnesota used 17% of its state and federal TANF funds on Basic Assistance.
- The monthly grant for a family of three in Minnesota was \$532 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.