

Mississippi | TANF Caseload Factsheet

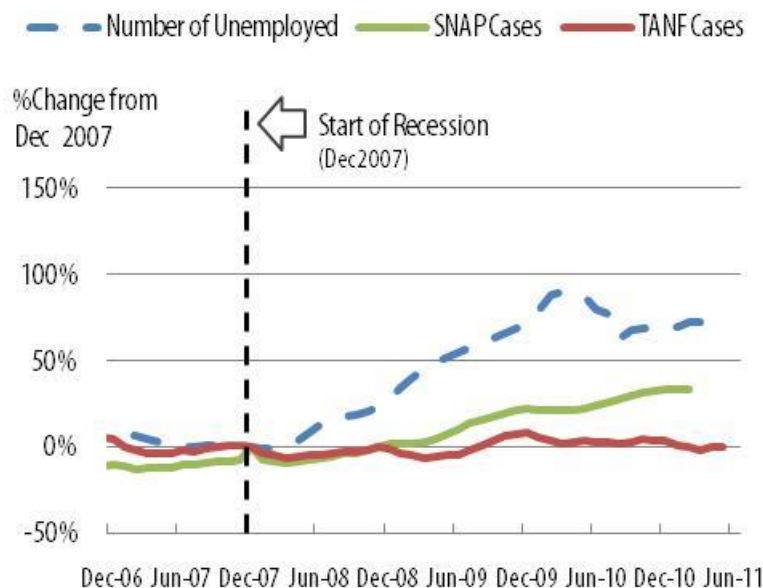
The TANF caseload in Mississippi increased by 8 percent from Dec 07 to Dec 09.

TANF, SNAP and Unemployment Trends

	Dec 07	Dec 09	Dec 10	% Change Dec 07-09	% Change Dec 09-10
Number of Unemployed	79,400	135,900	134,700	71%	-1%
SNAP Cases	201,700	245,700	269,500	22%	10%
TANF Cases	11,600	12,600	12,000	8%	-4%

- Mississippi's TANF caseload was roughly stable a year prior to the recession and during the first year of the recession. The caseload increased from April 2009 to December 2009 and has been declining slightly since then.
- Among all states, Mississippi ranked 30th in the amount its caseload increased from December 2007 to December 2009.

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



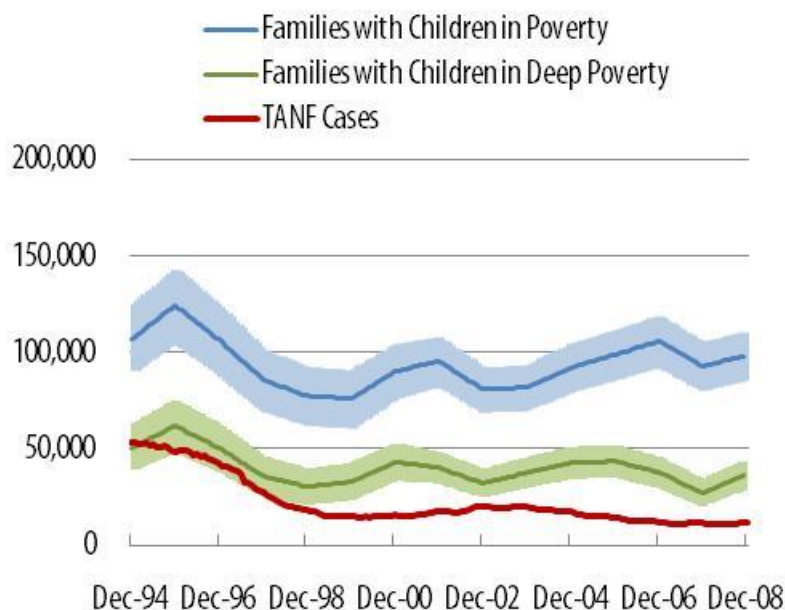
A smaller share of needy families receives TANF now compared to 15 years ago.

TANF and Poverty Trends in Mississippi

Families with children:	1994-95	2008-09
... on AFDC/TANF	53,500	11,400
... in Poverty	106,500	98,600
TANF to Poverty Ratio	50	12
<i>United States TANF to Poverty Ratio</i>	75	28

- In 1994-95, for every 100 Mississippi families in poverty, the AFDC program served 50 families. In 2008-09, only 12 families participated in TANF for every 100 in poverty.
- In 2009, Mississippi used 15% of its state and federal TANF funds on Basic Assistance.
- The monthly grant for a family of three in Mississippi was \$170 in 2010, 2% higher 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.