

Montana | TANF Caseload Factsheet



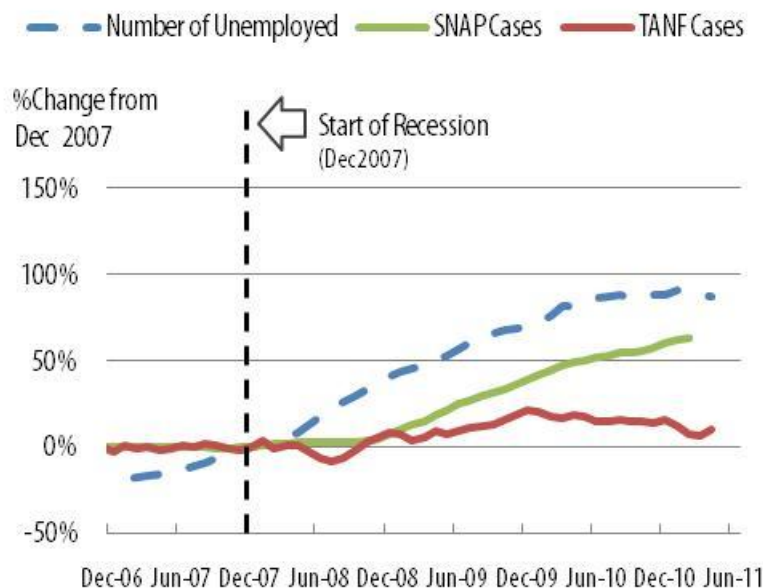
The TANF caseload in Montana increased by 21 percent from Dec 07 to Dec 09.

TANF, SNAP and Unemployment Trends

	Dec 07	Dec 09	Dec 10	% Change Dec 07-09	% Change Dec 09-10
Number of Unemployed	19,600	33,100	36,800	69%	11%
SNAP Cases	35,000	48,600	55,900	39%	15%
TANF Cases	3,200	3,900	3,700	21%	-4%

- Montana's TANF caseload was stable prior to the recession and declined slightly from December 2007 to July 2008. The caseload increased from July 2008 to December 2009 and has been declining slightly since then.
- Among all states, Montana ranked 15th in the amount its caseload increased from December 2007 to December 2009.

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



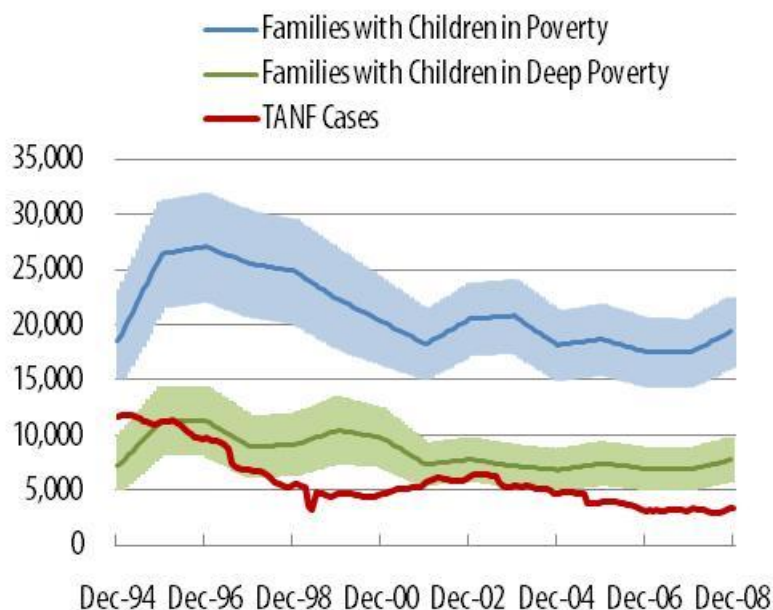
A smaller share of needy families receives TANF now compared to 15 years ago.

TANF and Poverty Trends in Montana

Families with children:	1994-95	2008-09
... on AFDC/TANF	11,600	3,400
... in Poverty	18,500	19,500
TANF to Poverty Ratio	63	17
<i>United States TANF to Poverty Ratio</i>	75	28

- In 1994-95, for every 100 Montana families in poverty, the AFDC program served 63 families. In 2008-09, only 17 families participated in TANF for every 100 in poverty.
- In 2009, Montana used 32% of its state and federal TANF funds on Basic Assistance.
- The monthly grant for a family of three in Montana was \$504 in 2010, 17% 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.