

New Mexico | TANF Caseload Factsheet

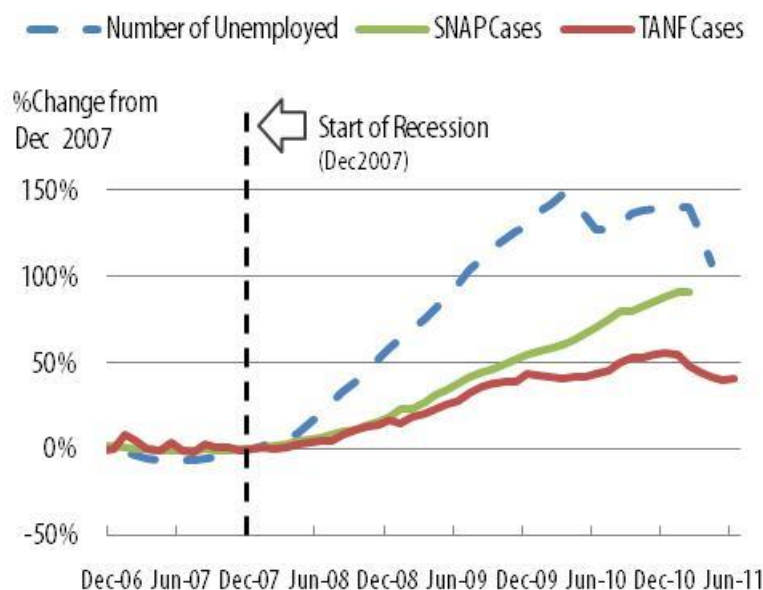
The TANF caseload in NM increased by 43 percent from Dec 07 to Dec 09.

TANF, SNAP and Unemployment Trends

	Dec 07	Dec 09	Dec 10	% Change Dec 07-09	% Change Dec 09-10
Number of Unemployed	34,500	79,000	82,600	129%	5%
SNAP Cases	92,100	142,200	173,400	54%	22%
TANF Cases	14,100	20,100	21,900	43%	9%

- New Mexico's TANF caseload was roughly stable prior to the recession and increased sharply from December 2007 to December 2010. The caseload declined from December 2010 to April 2011 and has been stable since then.
- Among all states, New Mexico ranked 2nd in the amount its caseload increased from December 2007 to December 2009.

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



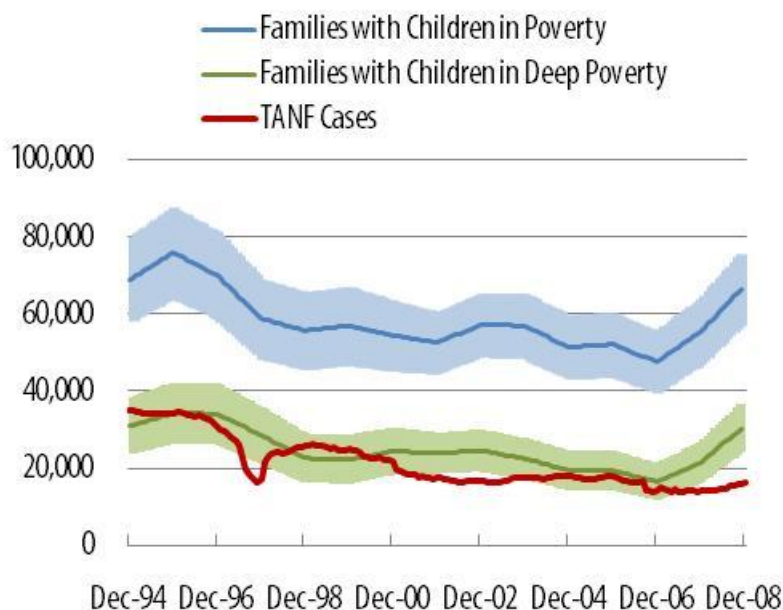
A smaller share of needy families receives TANF now compared to 15 years ago.

TANF and Poverty Trends in New Mexico

Families with children:	1994-95	2008-09
... on AFDC/TANF	34,200	16,600
... in Poverty	68,700	67,400
TANF to Poverty Ratio	50	25
<i>United States TANF to Poverty Ratio</i>	75	28

- In 1994-95, for every 100 New Mexico families in poverty, the AFDC program served 50 families. In 2008-09, only 25 families participated in TANF for every 100 in poverty.
- In 2009, New Mexico used 30% of its state and federal TANF funds on Basic Assistance.
- The monthly grant for a family of three in New Mexico was \$447 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.