

Pennsylvania | TANF Caseload Factsheet



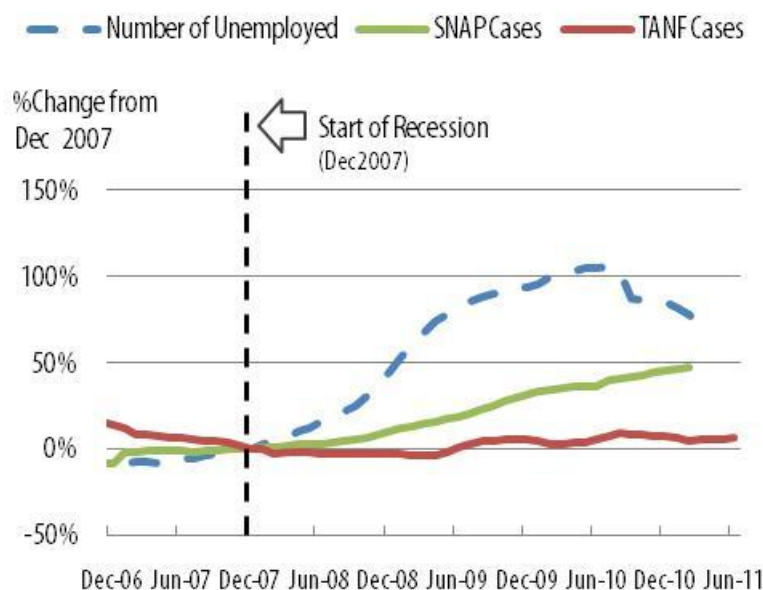
The TANF caseload in PA increased by 5 percent from Dec 07 to Dec 09.

TANF, SNAP and Unemployment Trends

	Dec 07	Dec 09	Dec 10	% Change Dec 07-09	% Change Dec 09-10
Number of Unemployed	288,600	559,600	535,300	94%	-4%
SNAP Cases	548,500	718,300	795,100	31%	11%
TANF Cases	81,400	85,500	87,000	5%	2%

- Pennsylvania's TANF caseload was declining prior to the recession and was stable from December 2007 to June 2009. The caseload increased slightly between May 2009 and May 2011.
- Among all states, Pennsylvania ranked 36th 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.

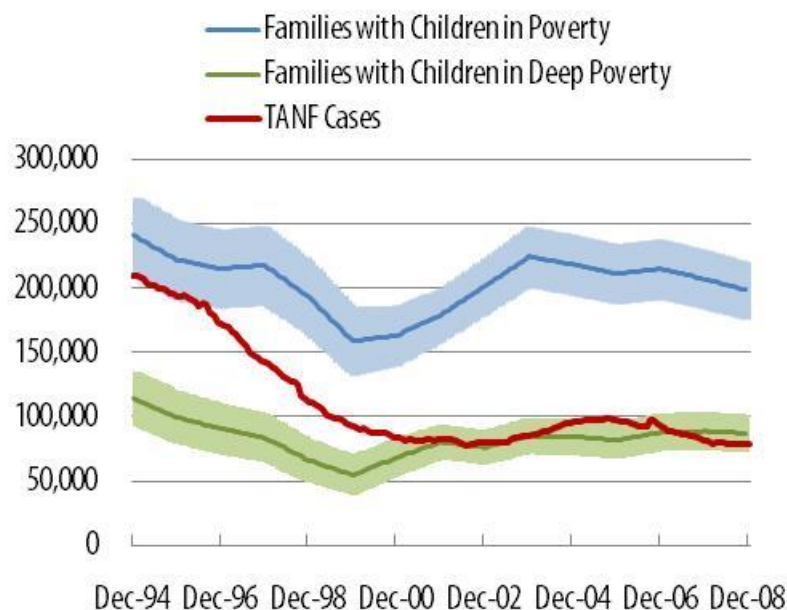
TANF and Poverty Trends in Pennsylvania

Families with children:	1994-95	2008-09
... on AFDC/TANF	205,800	80,800
... in Poverty	241,000	197,700
TANF to Poverty Ratio	85	41
<i>United States TANF to Poverty Ratio</i>	75	28

- In 1994-95, for every 100 Pennsylvania families in poverty, the AFDC program served 85 families. In 2008-09, only 41 families participated in TANF for every 100 in poverty.
- In 2009, Pennsylvania used 17% of its state and federal TANF funds on Basic Assistance.
- The monthly grant for a family of three in Pennsylvania was \$421 in 2010, 28% lower than in 1996 after adjusting for inflation.

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.

Number of Families with Children in Poverty, Deep Poverty and TANF Cases



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.