

# Rhode Island | TANF Caseload Factsheet

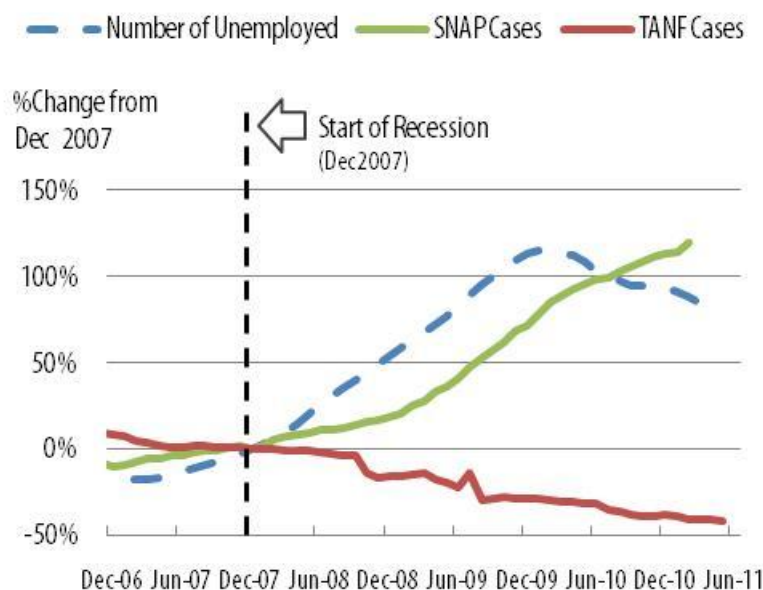
The TANF caseload in RI declined by 29 percent from Dec 07 to Dec 09.

## TANF, SNAP and Unemployment Trends

	Dec 07	Dec 09	Dec 10	% Change Dec 07-09	% Change Dec 09-10
Number of Unemployed	34,100	72,800	66,200	<b>113%</b>	<b>-9%</b>
SNAP Cases	38,900	66,700	83,000	<b>71%</b>	<b>25%</b>
TANF Cases	10,900	7,800	6,800	<b>-29%</b>	<b>-13%</b>

- Rhode Island's TANF caseload was declining prior to the recession, continued to decline slightly until September 2008, and has been declining more sharply since.
- Among all states, Rhode Island ranked 50th in the amount its caseload increased from December 2007 to December 2009.

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



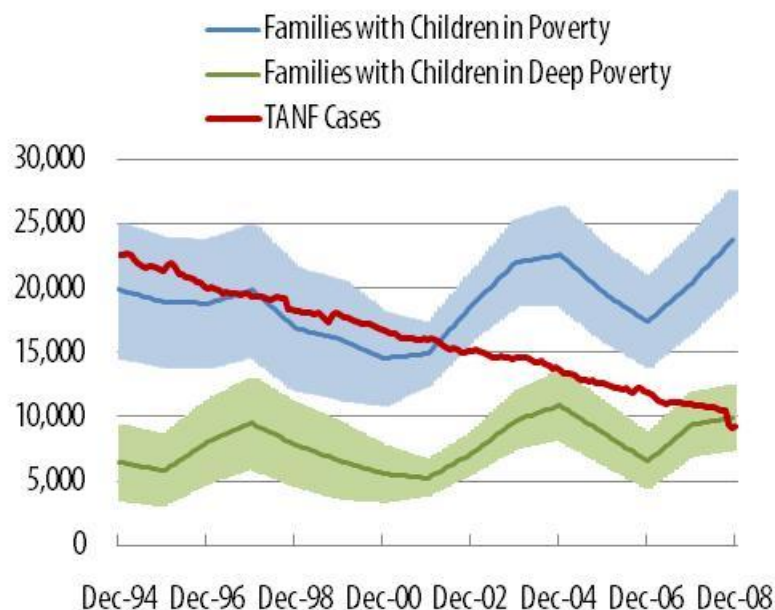
A smaller share of needy families receives TANF now compared to 15 years ago.

## TANF and Poverty Trends in Rhode Island

Families with children:	1994-95	2008-09
... on AFDC/TANF	22,300	9,400
... in Poverty	19,800	24,000
<b>TANF to Poverty Ratio</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>39</b>
<i>United States TANF to Poverty Ratio</i>	75	28

- In 1994-95, for every 100 Rhode Island families in poverty, the AFDC program served 112 families. In 2008-09, only 39 families participated in TANF for every 100 in poverty.
- In 2009, Rhode Island used 36% of its state and federal TANF funds on Basic Assistance.
- The monthly grant for a family of three in Rhode Island was \$554 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.