

Tennessee | TANF Caseload Factsheet



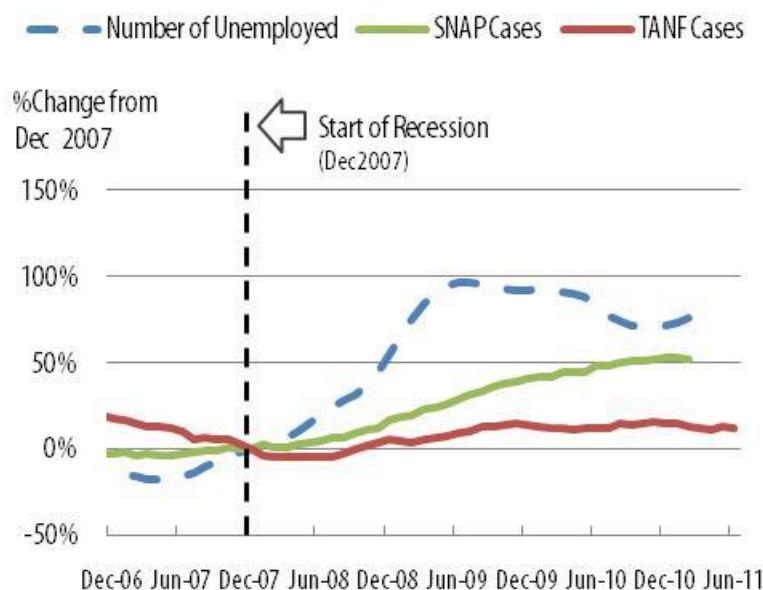
The TANF caseload in Tennessee increased by 14 percent from Dec 07 to Dec 09.

TANF, SNAP and Unemployment Trends

	Dec 07	Dec 09	Dec 10	% Change Dec 07-09	% Change Dec 09-10
Number of Unemployed	167,300	320,000	286,900	91%	-10%
SNAP Cases	398,100	561,000	608,700	41%	9%
TANF Cases	55,200	62,800	63,200	14%	1%

- Tennessee's TANF caseload was declining prior to the recession and continued to decline during the first month of the recession. The caseload increased steadily from August 2008 to December 2009, and has been relatively stable since then.
- Among all states, Tennessee ranked 20th in the amount its caseload increased from December 2007 to December 2009.

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



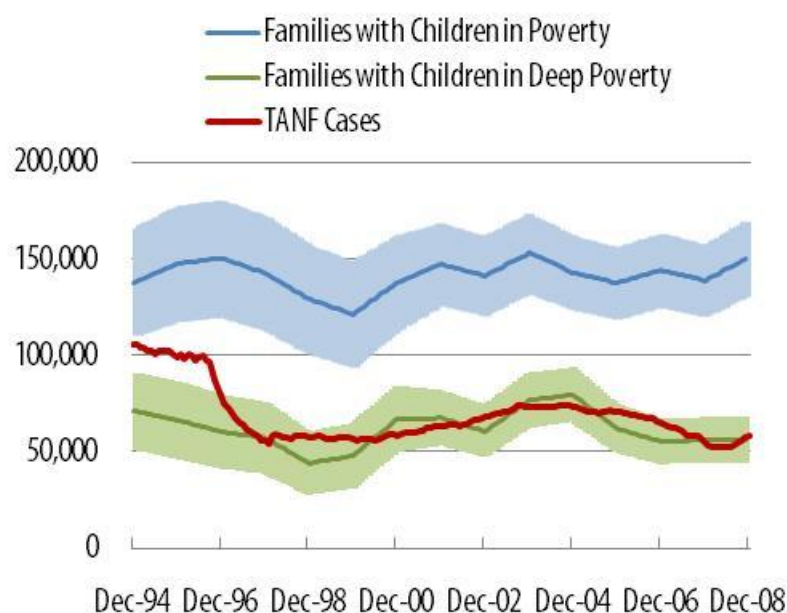
A smaller share of needy families receives TANF now compared to 15 years ago.

TANF and Poverty Trends in Tennessee

Families with children:	1994-95	2008-09
... on AFDC/TANF	106,000	57,200
... in Poverty	137,600	150,900
TANF to Poverty Ratio	77	38
<i>United States TANF to Poverty Ratio</i>	75	28

- In 1994-95, for every 100 Tennessee families in poverty, the AFDC program served 77 families. In 2008-09, only 38 families participated in TANF for every 100 in poverty.
- In 2009, Tennessee used 31% of its state and federal TANF funds on Basic Assistance.
- The monthly grant for a family of three in Tennessee was \$185 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.