

Texas | TANF Caseload Factsheet

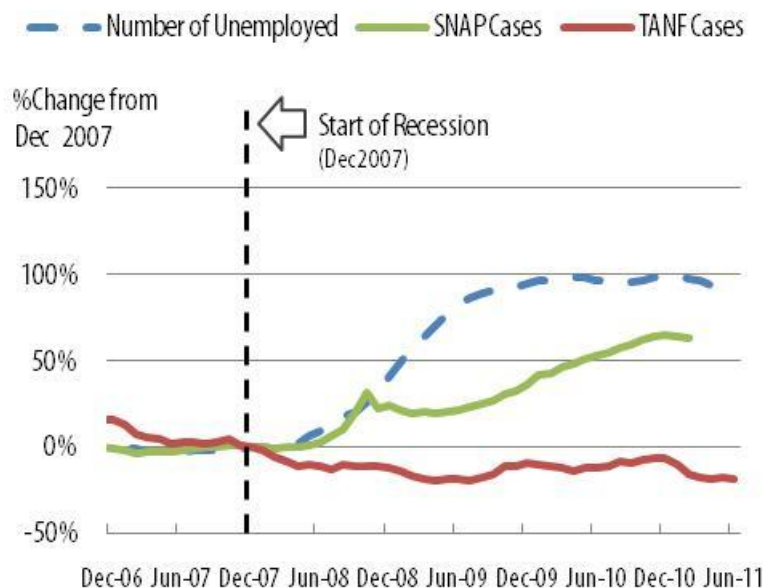
The TANF caseload in Texas declined by 9 percent from Dec 07 to Dec 09.

TANF, SNAP and Unemployment Trends

	Dec 07	Dec 09	Dec 10	% Change Dec 07-09	% Change Dec 09-10
Number of Unemployed	508,300	987,200	1,010,700	94%	2%
SNAP Cases	963,900	1,310,500	1,592,600	36%	22%
TANF Cases	54,900	49,800	51,000	-9%	2%

- Texas' TANF caseload was declining prior to the recession and continued to decline during the first year and a half of the recession. The caseload increased slightly from August 2009 to December 2010, and has been declining since then.
- Among all states, Texas ranked 47th in the amount its caseload increased from December 2007 to December 2009.

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



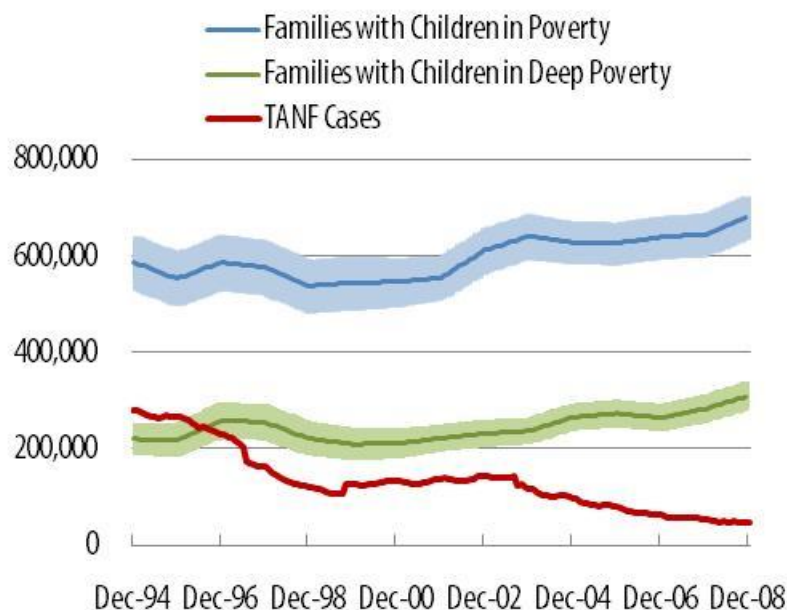
A smaller share of needy families receives TANF now compared to 15 years ago.

TANF and Poverty Trends in Texas

Families with children:	1994-95	2008-09
... on AFDC/TANF	276,100	47,700
... in Poverty	587,300	683,000
TANF to Poverty Ratio	47	7
<i>United States TANF to Poverty Ratio</i>	75	28

- In 1994-95, for every 100 Texas families in poverty, the AFDC program served 47 families. In 2008-09, only 7 families participated in TANF for every 100 in poverty.
- In 2009, Texas used 10% of its state and federal TANF funds on Basic Assistance.
- The monthly grant for a family of three in Texas was \$260 in 2010, 1% 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.