

# Washington | TANF Caseload Factsheet

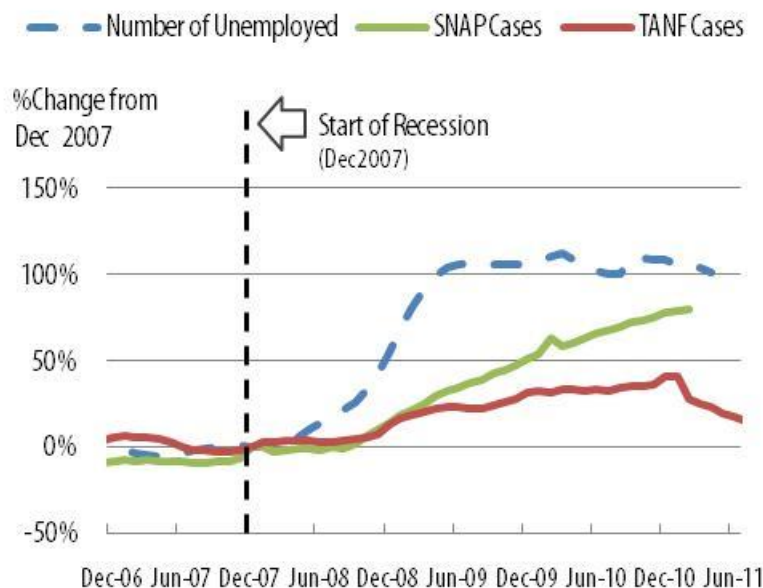
The TANF caseload in WA increased by 31 percent from Dec 07 to Dec 09.

### TANF, SNAP and Unemployment Trends

	Dec 07	Dec 09	Dec 10	% Change Dec 07-09	% Change Dec 09-10
Number of Unemployed	157,700	324,500	328,500	106%	1%
SNAP Cases	298,800	450,000	530,300	51%	18%
TANF Cases	49,900	65,400	70,000	31%	7%

- Washington's TANF caseload was declining slightly prior to the recession, increased from December 2007 to January 2011, and has been declining since then.
- Among all states, Washington ranked 7th in the amount its caseload increased from December 2007 to December 2009.

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



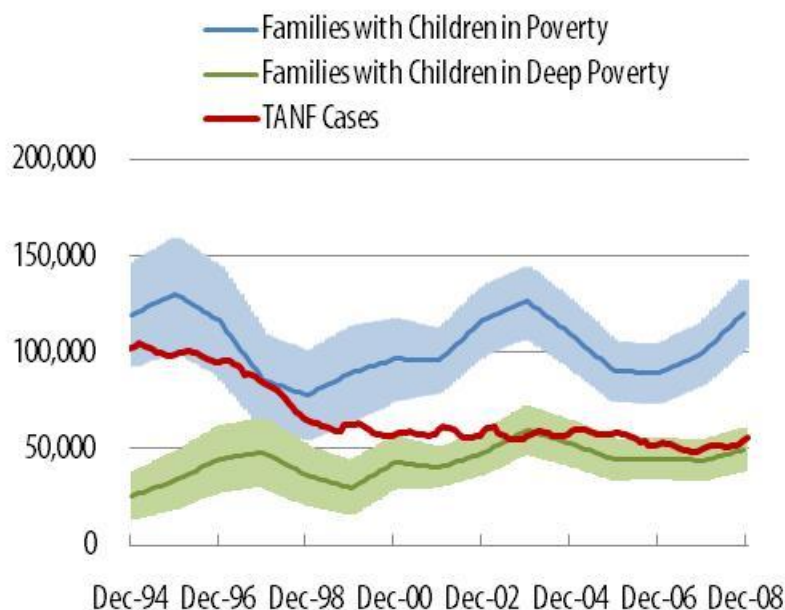
A smaller share of needy families receives TANF now compared to 15 years ago.

### TANF and Poverty Trends in Washington

Families with children:	1994-95	2008-09
... on AFDC/TANF	102,100	56,700
... in Poverty	119,400	122,000
<b>TANF to Poverty Ratio</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>47</b>
<i>United States TANF to Poverty Ratio</i>	75	28

- In 1994-95, for every 100 Washington families in poverty, the AFDC program served 86 families. In 2008-09, only 47 families participated in TANF for every 100 in poverty.
- In 2009, Washington used 20% of its state and federal TANF funds on Basic Assistance.
- The monthly grant for a family of three in Washington was \$562 in 2010, 26% 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.