

West Virginia | TANF Caseload Factsheet

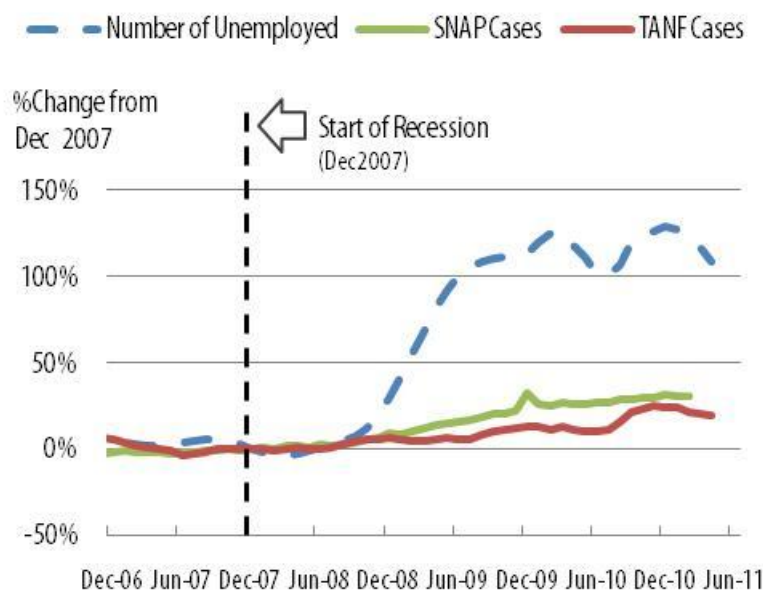
The TANF caseload in WV increased by 13 percent from Dec 07 to Dec 09.

TANF, SNAP and Unemployment Trends

	Dec 07	Dec 09	Dec 10	% Change Dec 07-09	% Change Dec 09-10
Number of Unemployed	33,100	70,600	75,600	113%	7%
SNAP Cases	122,700	162,800	161,100	33%	-1%
TANF Cases	9,700	10,900	12,000	13%	10%

- West Virginia's TANF caseload was relatively stable prior to the recession and during the first six months of the recession. The caseload increased from June 2008 to December 2010, and has been declining slightly since then.
- Among all states, West Virginia ranked 23rd in the amount its caseload increased from December 2007 to December 2009.

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



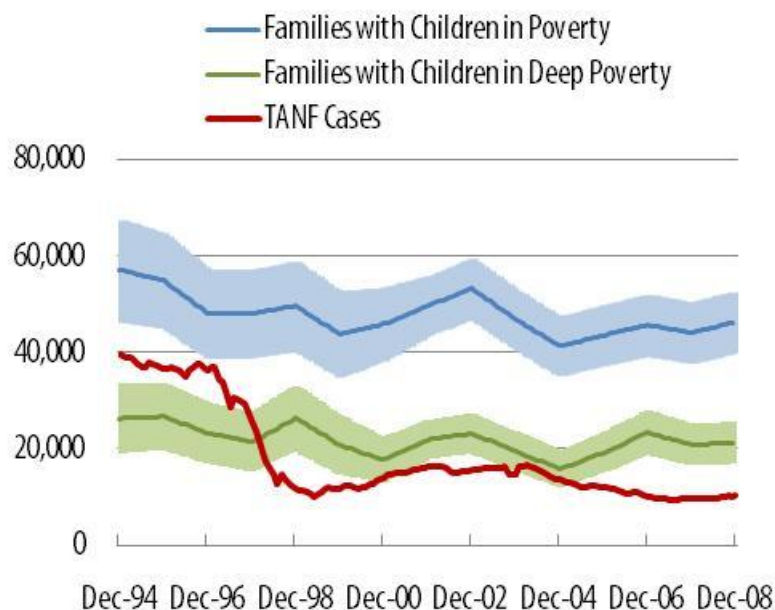
A smaller share of needy families receives TANF now compared to 15 years ago.

TANF and Poverty Trends in West Virginia

Families with children:	1994-95	2008-09
... on AFDC/TANF	39,100	10,100
... in Poverty	57,000	46,300
TANF to Poverty Ratio	68	22
<i>United States TANF to Poverty Ratio</i>	75	28

- In 1994-95, for every 100 West Virginia families in poverty, the AFDC program served 68 families. In 2008-09, only 22 families participated in TANF for every 100 in poverty.
- In 2009, West Virginia used 20% of its state and federal TANF funds on Basic Assistance.
- The monthly grant for a family of three in West Virginia was \$340 in 2010, 3% 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.