

# Wyoming | TANF Caseload Factsheet



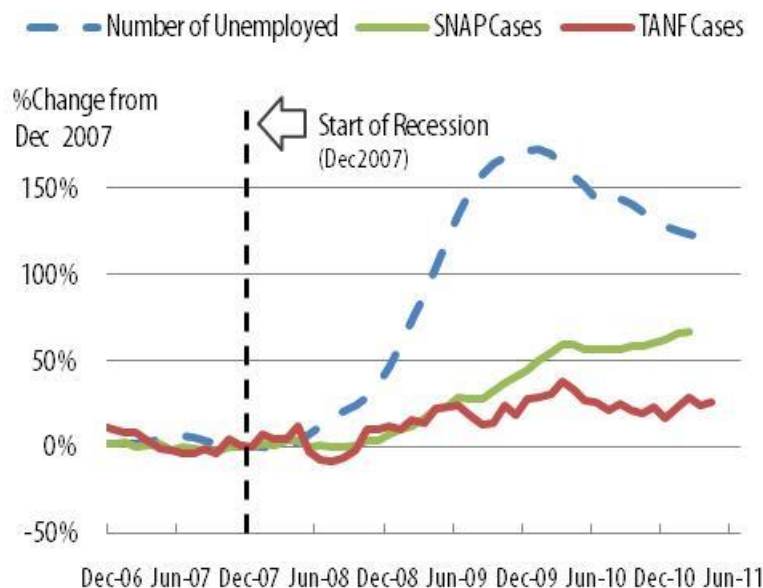
The TANF caseload in Wyoming increased by 28 percent from Dec 07 to Dec 09.

## TANF, SNAP and Unemployment Trends

	Dec 07	Dec 09	Dec 10	% Change Dec 07-09	% Change Dec 09-10
Number of Unemployed	8,100	22,100	18,500	172%	-16%
SNAP Cases	9,500	13,700	15,400	45%	12%
TANF Cases	300	400	300	28%	-8%

- Wyoming's TANF caseload was declining prior to the recession and reached its lowest point in July 2008, seven months after the start of the recession. The caseload has increased since then despite some fluctuations.
- Among all states, Wyoming ranked 10th in the amount its caseload increased from December 2007 to December 2009.

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



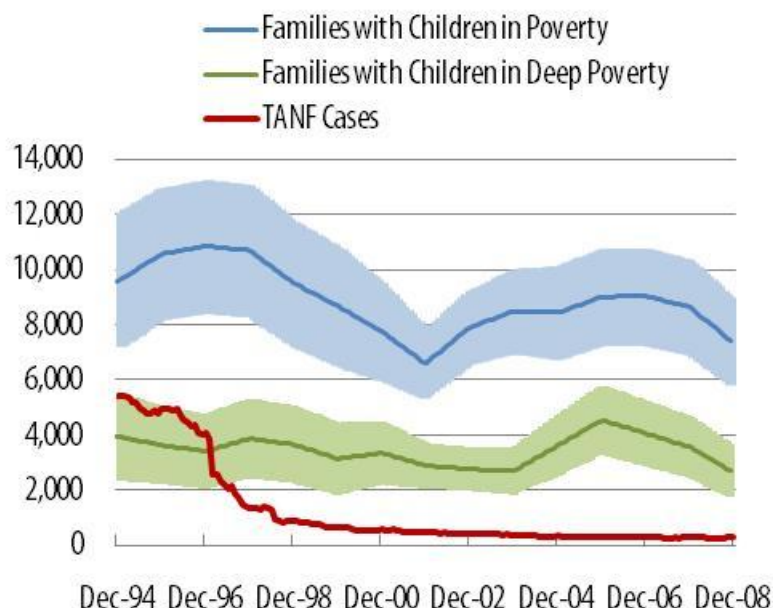
A smaller share of needy families receives TANF now compared to 15 years ago.

## TANF and Poverty Trends in Wyoming

Families with children:	1994-95	2008-09
... on AFDC/TANF	5,400	300
... in Poverty	9,600	7,300
<b>TANF to Poverty Ratio</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>4</b>
<i>United States TANF to Poverty Ratio</i>	75	28

- In 1994-95, for every 100 Wyoming families in poverty, the AFDC program served 56 families. In 2008-09, only 4 families participated in TANF for every 100 in poverty.
- In 2009, Wyoming used 36% of its state and federal TANF funds on Basic Assistance.
- The monthly grant for a family of three in Wyoming was \$561 in 2010, 12% higher 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.