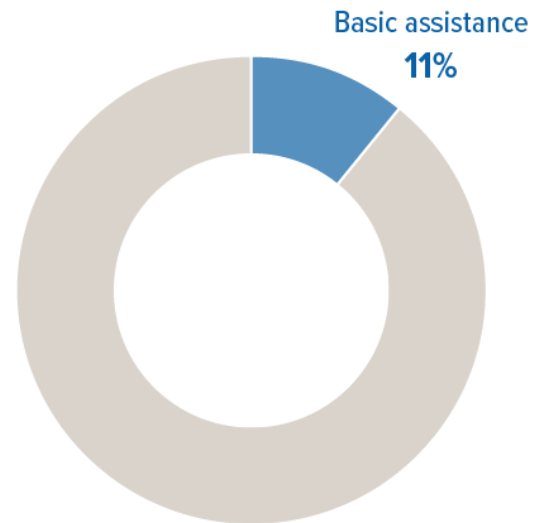


# Arizona TANF Spending

In 2021 Arizona spent about **\$318 million in federal and state funds** under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. **It spent 11 percent of these funds on basic assistance**, generally as cash assistance to TANF families. In 2021 Arizona ranked 36th among the states and Washington, D.C. for percent of TANF funds spent on basic assistance.



## Federal and State TANF Spending by Category, 2021

	Arizona		National
	Millions of dollars	Share of spending	Share of U.S. spending
Basic Assistance	\$38	11%	23%
Work Activities	\$0.6	0.2%	8%
Work Supports and Supportive Services	\$15	4%	2%
Child Care	\$0	0%	16%
Administration and Systems	\$30	9%	11%
Tax Credits	\$0	0%	9%
Pre-K	\$0	0%	10%
Child Welfare	\$228	67%	9%
Other Services	\$27	8%	14%
Total	\$318	100%	100%

## Federal and State TANF Spending on Select Activities (millions of dollars)

	2006	2011	2016	2018	2021
<b>Basic Assistance</b>	\$137	\$87	\$45	\$42	\$38
<b>Work Activities</b>	\$15	\$8	\$2	\$0.38	\$0.6
<b>Child Care</b>	\$33	\$26	\$3	\$3	\$0

## Federal TANF Allocation and State Maintenance-of-Effort (MOE) Amounts

- In 2021 Arizona was awarded its TANF block grant of \$199 million and an additional \$24 million in contingency funds.
- Since unspent block grant funds can be carried over to future years, a state may spend more or less than its annual block grant allocation in any given year. As of 2021, Arizona has accumulated \$53 million in unspent TANF block grant funds, equal to 27 percent of its block grant.
- Every year each state must also spend, from its own funds, at least 80 percent of its historical spending on low-income families with children. (A state may spend more than its minimum.) This “MOE” requirement can be reduced to 75 percent if a state meets specific work participation rate requirements. In 2021 Arizona met these requirements and was subject to the 75 percent MOE obligation.

### 2021 TANF Allocation and MOE Obligation for Arizona

<b>Federal Funds Awarded</b>	\$223 million
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<b>75% MOE Obligation</b>	\$95 million
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### 2021 Federal and MOE TANF Expenditures for Arizona

<b>Federal Spending</b>	\$189 million
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<b>MOE Spending</b>	\$129 million
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The annual federal TANF block grant has been frozen since its creation and lost about 47 percent of its value between 1997 and 2021 due to inflation.

