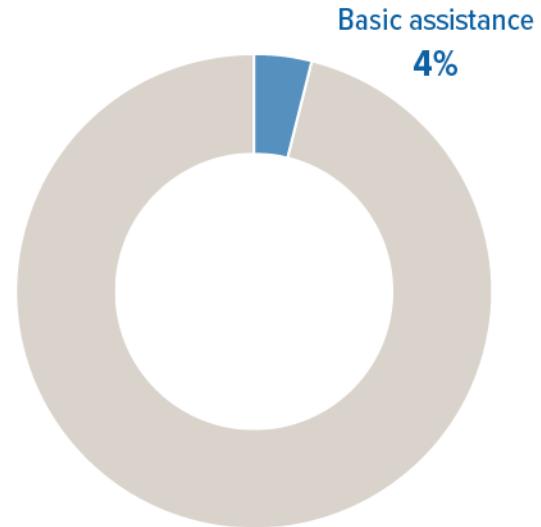


Illinois TANF Spending

In 2019, Illinois spent about \$1.1 billion in federal and state funds under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. It spent 4 percent of these funds on basic assistance, generally as cash assistance to TANF families. In 2019, Illinois ranked 50th among the states and the District of Columbia for percent of TANF funds spent on basic assistance.



Federal and State TANF Spending by Category, 2019

	Illinois Millions of dollars	Illinois Share of spending	National Share of U.S. spending
Basic Assistance	\$43	4%	21%
Work Activities	\$16	2%	10%
Work Supports and Supportive Services	\$7	1%	3%
Child Care	\$495	46%	16%
Administration and Systems	\$73	7%	10%
Tax Credits	\$90	8%	9%
Pre-K/Head Start	\$109	10%	8%
Child Welfare	\$240	22%	8%
Other Services	\$15	1%	14%
Total	\$1100	100%	100%

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

	2001	2006	2011	2016	2019
Basic Assistance	\$191	\$124	\$106	\$54	\$43
Work Activities	\$92	\$71	\$180	\$18	\$16
Child Care	\$344	\$406	\$609	\$626	\$495

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

- In 2019, Illinois was awarded its TANF block grant of \$583 million.
- 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 2019, Illinois has not accumulated any unspent TANF block grant funds.
- Every year each state must also spend, from its own funds, at least 80 percent of its historical spending on poor 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 2019, Illinois met these requirements and was subject to the 75 percent MOE obligation.

2019 TANF Allocation and MOE Obligation for Illinois

Federal Funds Awarded	\$583 million
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75% MOE Obligation	\$430 million
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2019 Federal and MOE TANF Expenditures for Illinois

Federal Spending	\$583 million
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MOE Spending	\$504 million
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The annual federal TANF block grant has been frozen since its creation and lost about 40 percent of its value between 1997 and 2019 due to inflation.

