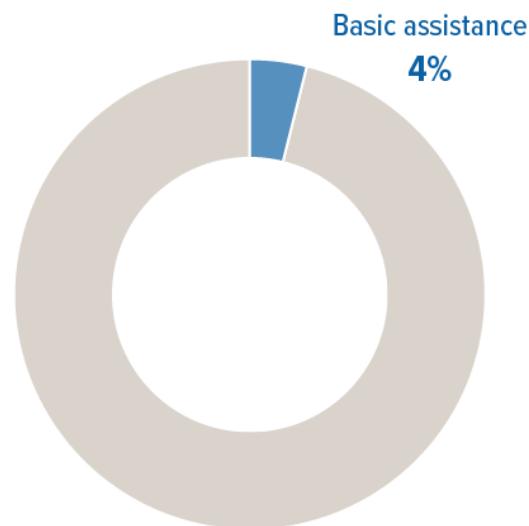


# Illinois TANF Spending



In 2021 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 2021, Illinois ranked 50th among the states and Washington, D.C. for percent of TANF funds spent on basic assistance.



## Federal and State TANF Spending by Category, 2021

	Illinois Millions of dollars	Share of spending	National Share of U.S. spending
<b>Basic Assistance</b>	\$45	4%	23%
<b>Work Activities</b>	\$18	2%	8%
<b>Work Supports and Supportive Services</b>	\$6	0.5%	2%
<b>Child Care</b>	\$535	47%	16%
<b>Administration and Systems</b>	\$86	7%	11%
<b>Tax Credits</b>	\$103	9%	9%
<b>Pre-K</b>	\$113	10%	10%
<b>Child Welfare</b>	\$230	20%	9%
<b>Other Services</b>	\$13	1%	14%
<b>Total</b>	\$1100	100%	100%

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

	2006	2011	2016	2018	2021
Basic Assistance	\$124	\$106	\$54	\$32	\$45
Work Activities	\$71	\$180	\$18	\$19	\$18
Child Care	\$406	\$609	\$626	\$593	\$535

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

- In 2021 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 2021, 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 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 Illinois met these requirements and was subject to the 75 percent MOE obligation.

### 2021 TANF Allocation and MOE Obligation for Illinois

Federal Funds Awarded	\$583 million
75% MOE Obligation	\$430 million

### 2021 Federal and MOE TANF Expenditures for Illinois

Federal Spending	\$583 million
MOE Spending	\$566 million

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.



Source: The spending data are based on CBPP analysis of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services TANF financial data. Illinois's TANF block grant amount has been adjusted to exclude Tribal TANF and research expenditures.