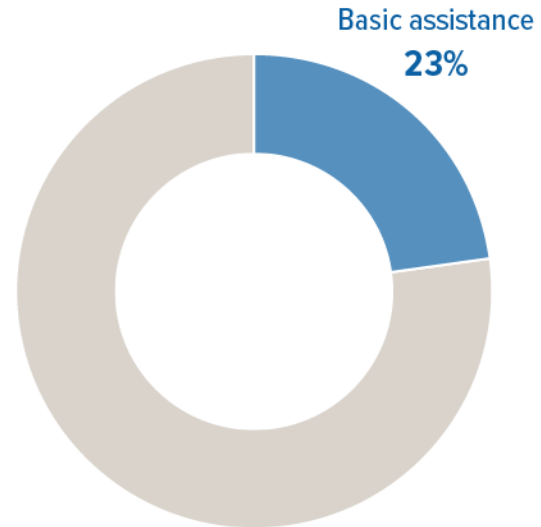


Maryland TANF Spending

In 2019, Maryland spent about \$511 million in federal and state funds under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. It spent 23 percent of these funds on basic assistance, generally as cash assistance to TANF families.



Federal and State TANF Spending by Category, 2019

	Maryland		National
	Millions of dollars	Share of spending	Share of U.S. spending
Basic Assistance	\$118	23%	21%
Work Activities	\$30	6%	10%
Work Supports and Supportive Services	\$5	1%	3%
Child Care	\$6	1%	16%
Administration and Systems	\$44	9%	10%
Tax Credits	\$157	31%	9%
Pre-K/Head Start	\$70	14%	8%
Child Welfare	\$17	3%	8%
Other Services	\$64	13%	14%
Total	\$511	100%	100%

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

	2001	2006	2011	2016	2019
Basic Assistance	\$224	\$106	\$88	\$123	\$118
Work Activities	\$92	\$29	\$37	\$31	\$30
Child Care	\$-6	\$42	\$34	\$31	\$6

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

- In 2019, Maryland was awarded its TANF block grant of \$228 million and an additional \$26 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 2019, Maryland has accumulated \$30 million in unspent TANF block grant funds, equal to 13 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 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, Maryland met these requirements and was subject to the 75 percent MOE obligation.

2019 TANF Allocation and MOE Obligation for Maryland

Federal Funds Awarded	\$255 million
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75% MOE Obligation	\$177 million
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2019 Federal and MOE TANF Expenditures for Maryland

Federal Spending	\$234 million
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MOE Spending	\$277 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.

