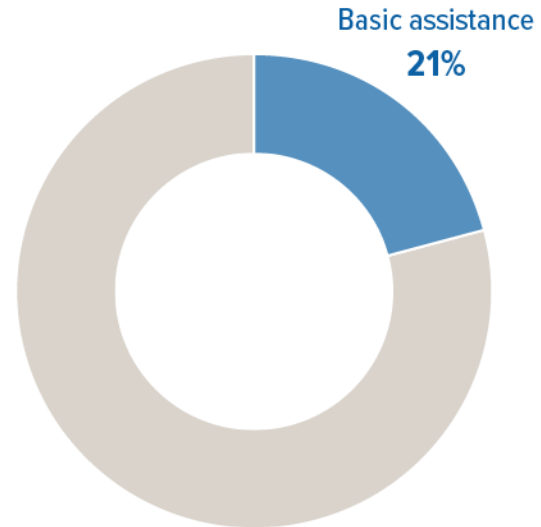


Ohio TANF Spending

In 2019, Ohio spent about **\$1.2 billion** in federal and state funds under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. **It spent 21 percent of these funds on basic assistance**, generally as cash assistance to TANF families.



Federal and State TANF Spending by Category, 2019

	Ohio Millions of dollars	Ohio Share of spending	National Share of U.S. spending
Basic Assistance	\$240	21%	21%
Work Activities	\$79	7%	10%
Work Supports and Supportive Services	\$65	6%	3%
Child Care	\$411	36%	16%
Administration and Systems	\$136	12%	10%
Tax Credits	\$0	0%	9%
Pre-K/Head Start	\$0	0%	8%
Child Welfare	\$20	2%	8%
Other Services	\$203	18%	14%
Total	\$1200	100%	100%

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

	2001	2006	2011	2016	2019
Basic Assistance	\$336	\$331	\$440	\$257	\$240
Work Activities	\$129	\$60	\$44	\$82	\$79
Child Care	\$268	\$302	\$395	\$419	\$411

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

- In 2019, Ohio was awarded its TANF block grant of \$726 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, Ohio has accumulated \$582 million in unspent TANF block grant funds, equal to 80 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, Ohio met these requirements and was subject to the 75 percent MOE obligation.

2019 TANF Allocation and MOE Obligation for Ohio

Federal Funds Awarded	\$726 million
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75% MOE Obligation	\$391 million
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2019 Federal and MOE TANF Expenditures for Ohio

Federal Spending	\$683 million
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MOE Spending	\$470 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.

