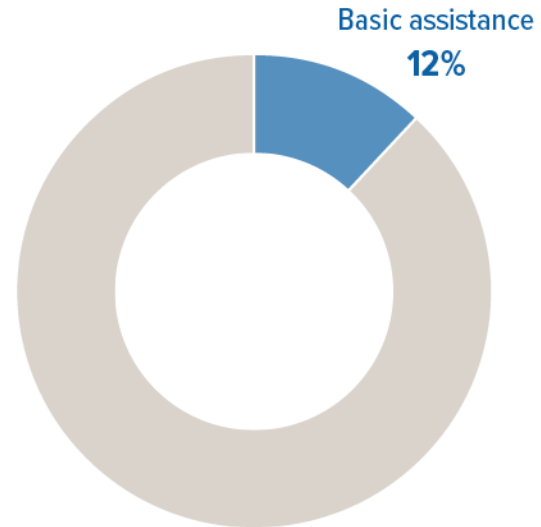


Pennsylvania TANF Spending

In 2019, Pennsylvania spent about **\$1.2 billion** in federal and state funds under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. **It spent 12 percent of these funds on basic assistance**, generally as cash assistance to TANF families. In 2019, Pennsylvania ranked 36th 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

	Pennsylvania		National Share of U.S. spending
	Millions of dollars	Share of spending	
Basic Assistance	\$151	12%	21%
Work Activities	\$99	8%	10%
Work Supports and Supportive Services	\$5	0.4%	3%
Child Care	\$507	41%	16%
Administration and Systems	\$80	7%	10%
Tax Credits	\$0	0%	9%
Pre-K/Head Start	\$236	19%	8%
Child Welfare	\$0	0%	8%
Other Services	\$153	12%	14%
Total	\$1200	100%	100%

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

	2001	2006	2011	2016	2019
Basic Assistance	\$305	\$393	\$189	\$229	\$151
Work Activities	\$110	\$162	\$149	\$97	\$99
Child Care	\$127	\$262	\$469	\$568	\$507

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

- In 2019, Pennsylvania was awarded its TANF block grant of \$717 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, Pennsylvania has accumulated \$496 million in unspent TANF block grant funds, equal to 69 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, Pennsylvania met these requirements and was subject to the 75 percent MOE obligation.

2019 TANF Allocation and MOE Obligation for Pennsylvania

Federal Funds Awarded	\$717 million
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75% MOE Obligation	\$407 million
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2019 Federal and MOE TANF Expenditures for Pennsylvania

Federal Spending	\$729 million
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MOE Spending	\$502 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.

