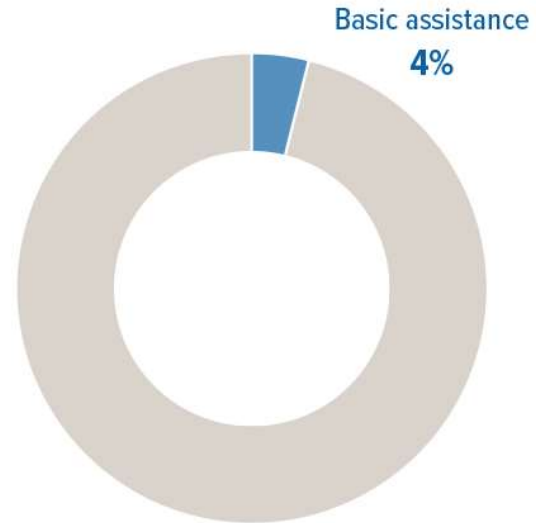


# Texas TANF Spending



**In 2021 Texas spent about \$927 million 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, Texas ranked 51st among the states and Washington, D.C. for percent of TANF funds spent on basic assistance.



## Federal and State TANF Spending by Category, 2021

	Texas		National Share of U.S. spending
	Millions of dollars	Share of spending	
Basic Assistance	\$35	4%	23%
Work Activities	\$78	8%	8%
Work Supports and Supportive Services	\$0.7	0.1%	2%
Child Care	\$0	0%	16%
Administration and Systems	\$83	9%	11%
Tax Credits	\$0	0%	9%
Pre-K	\$326	34%	10%
Child Welfare	\$384	40%	9%
Other Services	\$52	5%	14%
Total	\$927	100%	100%

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

	2006	2011	2016	2018	2021
<b>Basic Assistance</b>	\$139	\$104	\$54	\$53	\$35
<b>Work Activities</b>	\$73	\$86	\$85	\$85	\$78
<b>Child Care</b>	\$27	\$27	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

- In 2021 Texas was awarded its TANF block grant of \$485 million and an additional \$58 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 2021, Texas has accumulated \$364 million in unspent TANF block grant funds, equal to 75 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 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 Texas met these requirements and was subject to the 75 percent MOE obligation.

### 2021 TANF Allocation and MOE Obligation for Texas

<b>Federal Funds Awarded</b>	\$542 million
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<b>75% MOE Obligation</b>	\$236 million
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### 2021 Federal and MOE TANF Expenditures for Texas

<b>Federal Spending</b>	\$557 million
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<b>MOE Spending</b>	\$370 million
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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.

