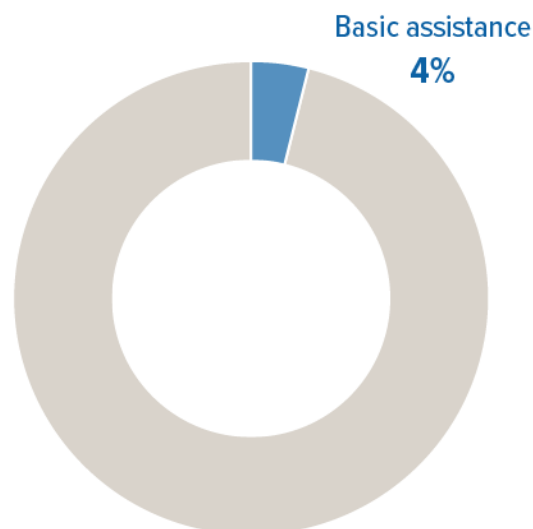


Texas TANF Spending

In 2019, Texas spent about \$993 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 2019, Texas ranked 49th 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

	Texas		National
	Millions of dollars	Share of spending	Share of U.S. spending
Basic Assistance	\$40	4%	21%
Work Activities	\$84	8%	10%
Work Supports and Supportive Services	\$3	0.3%	3%
Child Care	\$0	0%	16%
Administration and Systems	\$119	12%	10%
Tax Credits	\$0	0%	9%
Pre-K/Head Start	\$350	35%	8%
Child Welfare	\$324	33%	8%
Other Services	\$73	7%	14%
Total	\$993	100%	100%

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

	2001	2006	2011	2016	2019
Basic Assistance	\$242	\$139	\$104	\$54	\$40
Work Activities	\$60	\$73	\$86	\$85	\$84
Child Care	\$28	\$27	\$27	\$0	\$0

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

- In 2019, Texas was awarded its TANF block grant of \$485 million and an additional \$56 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, Texas has accumulated \$330 million in unspent TANF block grant funds, equal to 68 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, Texas met these requirements and was subject to the 75 percent MOE obligation.

2019 TANF Allocation and MOE Obligation for Texas

Federal Funds Awarded	\$541 million
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75% MOE Obligation	\$236 million
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2019 Federal and MOE TANF Expenditures for Texas

Federal Spending	\$599 million
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MOE Spending	\$394 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.

