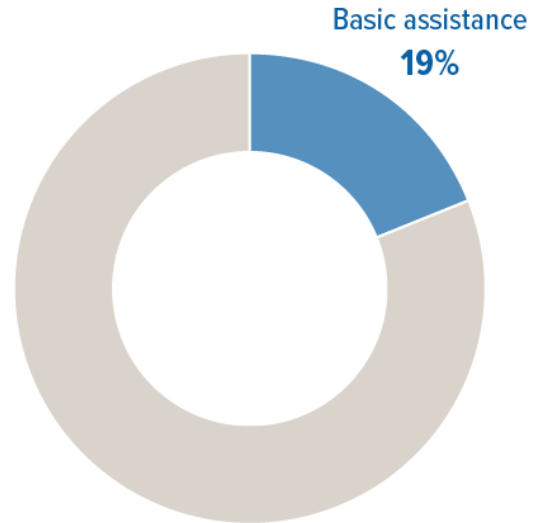


Utah TANF Spending

In 2021 Utah spent about \$76 million in federal and state funds under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. It spent 19 percent of these funds on basic assistance, generally as cash assistance to TANF families.



Federal and State TANF Spending by Category, 2021

| | Utah Millions of dollars | Utah Share of spending | National Share of U.S. spending |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Basic Assistance | \$16 | 19% | 23% |
| Work Activities | \$16 | 20% | 8% |
| Work Supports and Supportive Services | \$3 | 3% | 2% |
| Child Care | \$22 | 27% | 16% |
| Administration and Systems | \$8 | 9% | 11% |
| Tax Credits | \$0 | 0% | 9% |
| Pre-K | \$2 | 2% | 10% |
| Child Welfare | \$1 | 1% | 9% |
| Other Services | \$15 | 18% | 14% |
| Total | \$76 | 100% | 100% |

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

| | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 | 2018 | 2021 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Basic Assistance | \$37 | \$31 | \$21 | \$19 | \$16 |
| Work Activities | \$35 | \$31 | \$33 | \$23 | \$16 |
| Child Care | \$7 | \$10 | \$20 | \$23 | \$22 |

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

- In 2021 Utah was awarded its TANF block grant of \$75 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 2021, Utah has accumulated \$77 million in unspent TANF block grant funds, equal to 102 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 Utah met these requirements and was subject to the 75 percent MOE obligation.

2021 TANF Allocation and MOE Obligation for Utah

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| Federal Funds Awarded | \$75 million |
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| 75% MOE Obligation | \$25 million |
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2021 Federal and MOE TANF Expenditures for Utah

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| Federal Spending | \$51 million |
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| MOE Spending | \$25 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.

