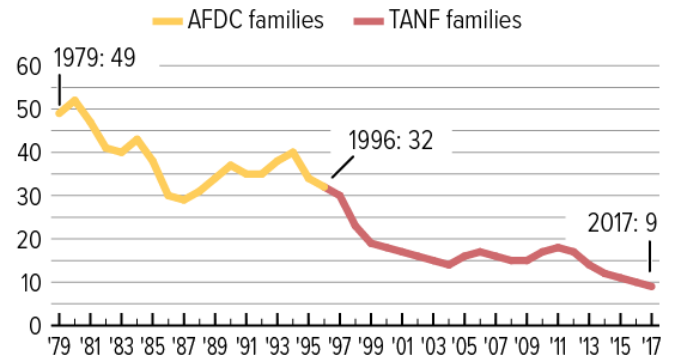


# TANF Financial Assistance to Poor Families Is Disappearing in Alabama

In 2016-17, for every 100 poor families with children in **Alabama**, only 9 received TANF. This “TANF-to-poverty ratio” declined 23 points since 1995-96.

**Number of Families in Alabama Receiving AFDC/TANF Cash Assistance for Every 100 Families with Children in Poverty**



TANF-to-poverty ratio	1995/96	2016/17
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Alabama	32	9
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National	68	23
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Alabama families with children	1995/96	2016/17
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on AFDC/TANF	43,099	10,168
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in Poverty	132,675	114,290
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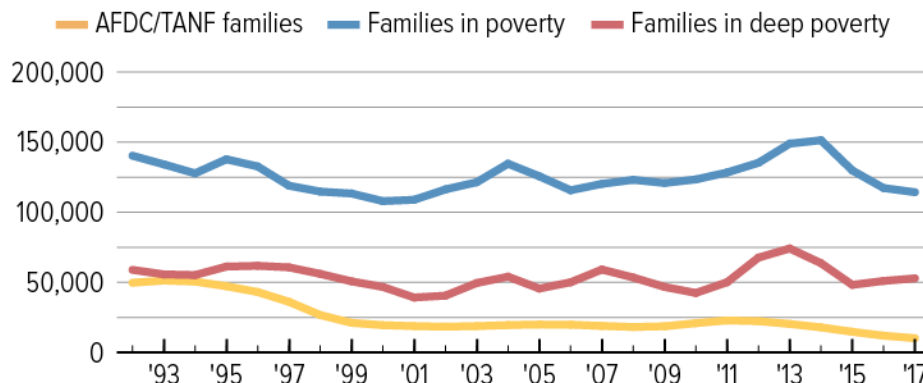
in Deep Poverty	61,802	52,870
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TANF benefit level	Share of federal poverty level
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AL benefit	\$215	12%
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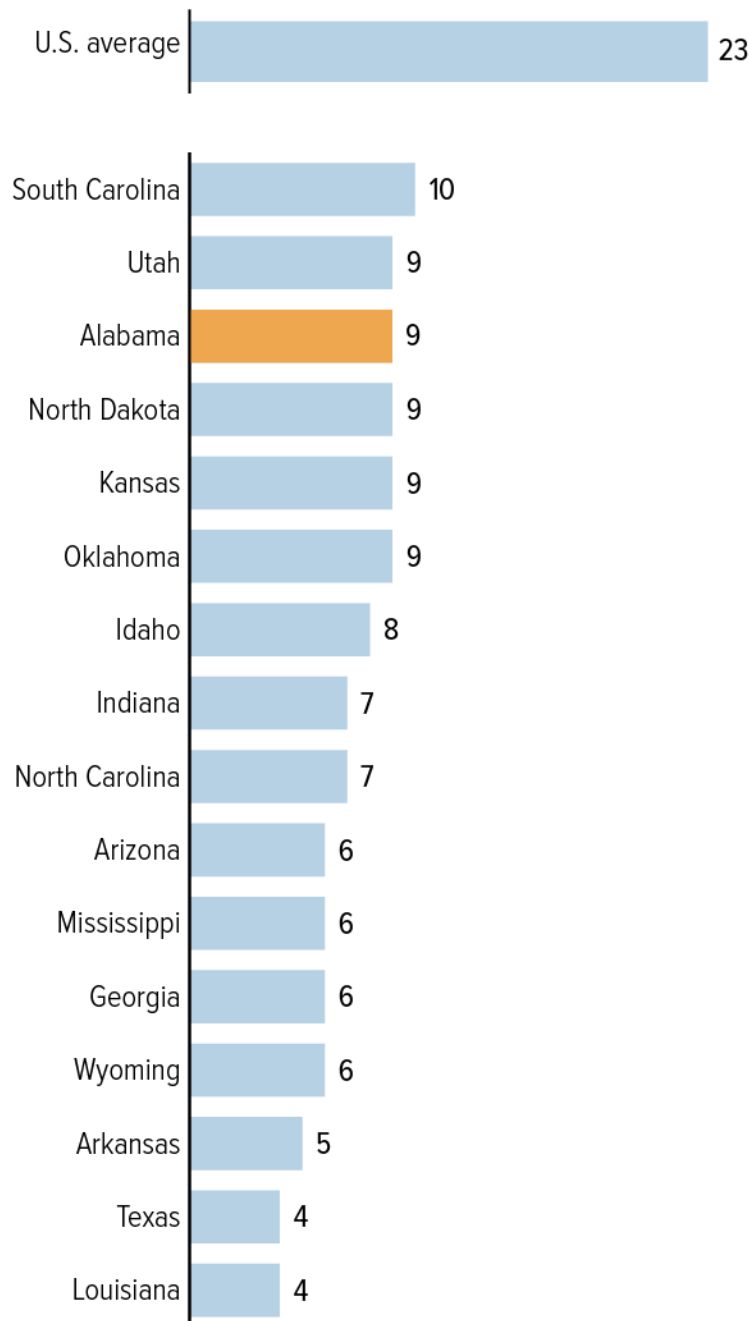
Median state benefit	\$450	26%
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**Changes in AFDC/TANF Cases and the Number of Families with Children in Poverty and Deep Poverty in Alabama**



## Alabama Has One of the Lowest TANF-to-Poverty Ratios in the Nation

Number of families receiving TANF for every 100 poor families, 2017



Source note: TANF = Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; AFDC = Aid to Families with Dependent Children. CBPP analysis of poverty and deep poverty data from the Census' Current Population Survey. CBPP uses two-year averages of the poverty data and the TANF-to-poverty ratios to improve the reliability of the data at the state level. Single-year labels represent two-year averages for state data. For example, '2017' represents '2016-2017.' AFDC/TANF caseload data from Department of Health and Human Services and (since September 2006) caseload data collected from state agencies. TANF benefit levels compiled by CBPP from various sources. Benefit levels represented are the maximum benefit for a family of three. The change in the value of the benefits since 1996 is adjusted for inflation using the CPI-U-RS.