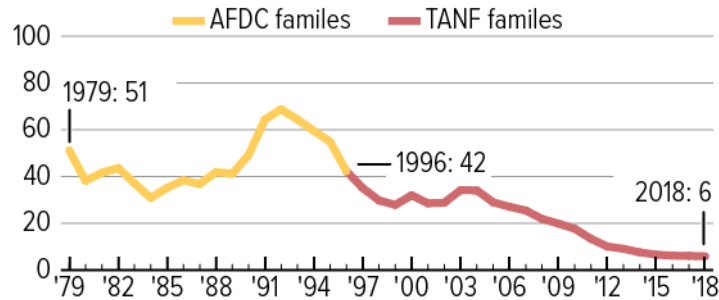


# TANF Should Reach Many More Families in Arizona

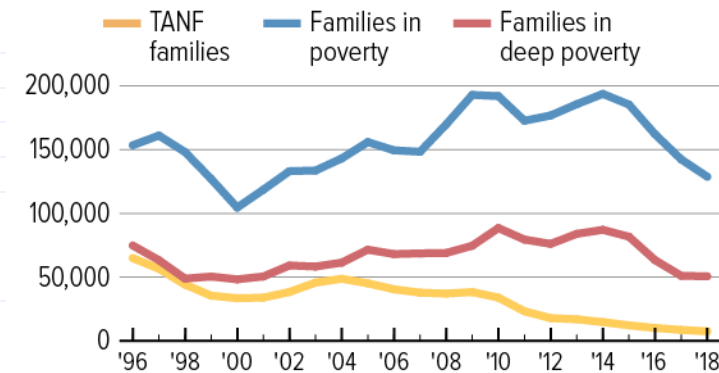


In 2017-18, for every 100 families living in poverty in Arizona, only 6 received TANF. This “TANF-to-poverty ratio” has fallen 36 points since 1995-96. If TANF reached the same share of families in poverty that its predecessor AFDC did in 1996, it would help 46,900 more families in Arizona now.

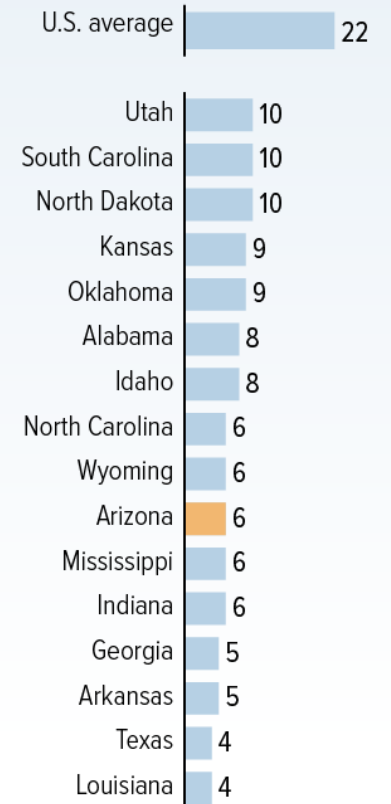
**Number of Families in Arizona Receiving AFDC/TANF Cash Assistance for Every 100 Families with Children in Poverty**



**Changes in AFDC/TANF Cases and the Number of Families with Children in Poverty and Deep Poverty in Arizona**



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



TANF-to-poverty ratio	1995/96	2017/18
Arizona	42	6
National	68	22

Families with children	1995/96	2017/18
Receiving AFDC/TANF	64,900	7,500
In poverty	153,400	128,700
In deep poverty	74,800	50,600

	TANF monthly benefit level	Share of federal poverty level
Arizona	\$278	16%
Median state benefit	\$486	27%

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, "2018" represents "2017-2018." 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 and are current as of July 1, 2019. 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. All ratios are rounded and point differences between ratios may appear inexact due to rounding.