

TANF Cash Assistance Should Reach Many More Families in Delaware to Lessen Hardship

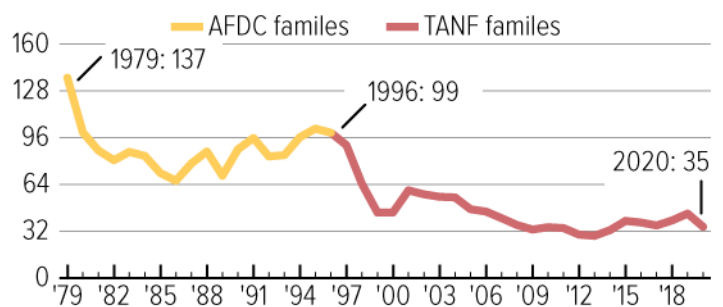


In 2019-20, for every 100 families living in poverty in Delaware, only 35 received TANF cash assistance. This “TANF-to-poverty ratio” has fallen 64 points since 1995-96. If TANF reached the same share of families in poverty that its predecessor AFDC did in 1996, 7,253 more families in Delaware would be helped by TANF now.

TANF-to-poverty ratio

	1995/96	2019/20
Delaware	99	35
National	68	21

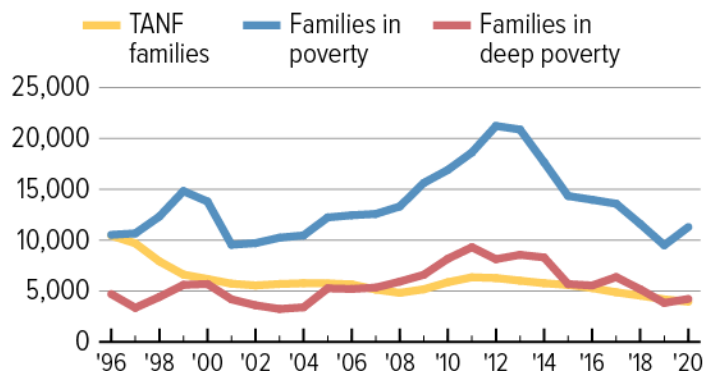
Number of Families in Delaware Receiving AFDC/TANF Cash Assistance for Every 100 Families With Children in Poverty



Families with children

	1995/96	2019/20
Receiving AFDC/TANF	10,451	3,952
In poverty	10,527	11,286
In deep poverty	4,702	4,225

Changes in AFDC/TANF Cases and the Number of Families With Children in Poverty and Deep Poverty in Delaware



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, “2020” represents “2019-2020.” AFDC/TANF caseload data from Department of Health and Human Services and (since September 2006) caseload data collected from state agencies. All ratios are rounded and point differences between ratios may appear inexact due to rounding.