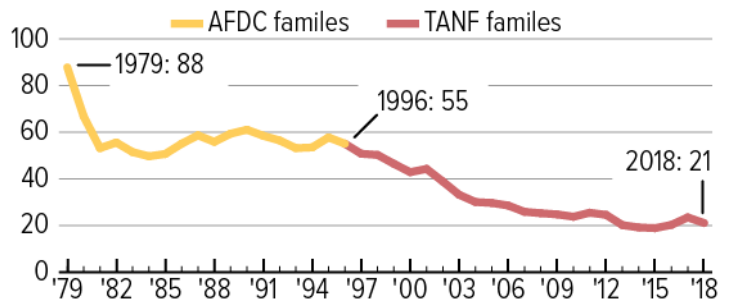


TANF Should Reach Many More Families in Kentucky

In 2017-18, for every 100 families living in poverty in Kentucky, only 21 received TANF. This “TANF-to-poverty ratio” has fallen 34 points since 1995-96. If TANF reached the same share of families in poverty that its predecessor AFDC did in 1996, 32,500 more families in Kentucky would be helped by TANF now.

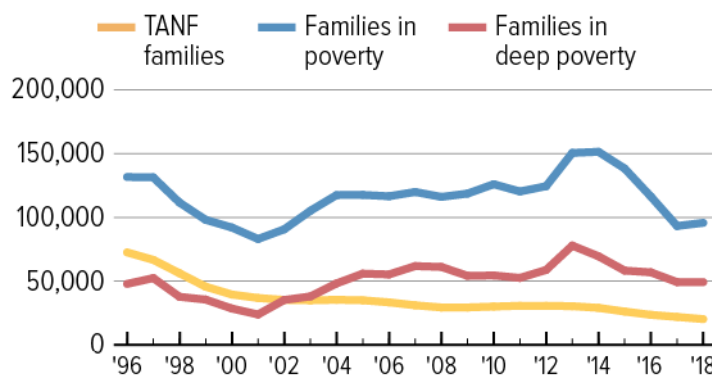
Number of Families in Kentucky Receiving AFDC/TANF Cash Assistance for Every 100 Families with Children in Poverty



TANF-to-poverty ratio	1995/96	2017/18
Kentucky	55	21
National	68	22

Families with children	1995/96	2017/18	TANF monthly benefit level	Share of federal poverty level
Receiving AFDC/TANF	72,500	20,200	Kentucky: \$262	15%
In poverty	131,600	95,700	Median state benefit: \$486	27%
In deep poverty	47,800	49,200		

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



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.