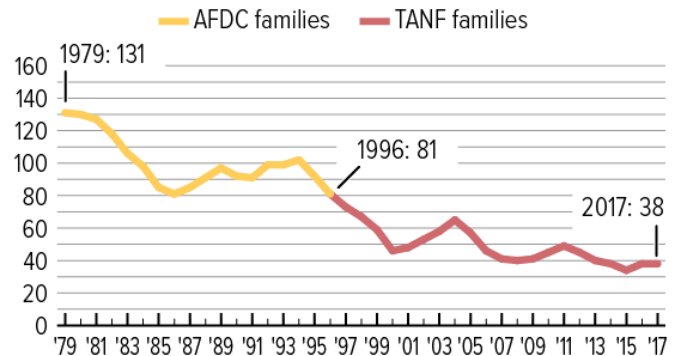


TANF Financial Assistance to Poor Families Is Disappearing in Massachusetts

In 2016-17, for every 100 poor families with children in Massachusetts, only 38 received TANF. This “TANF-to-poverty ratio” declined 43 points since 1995-96.

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



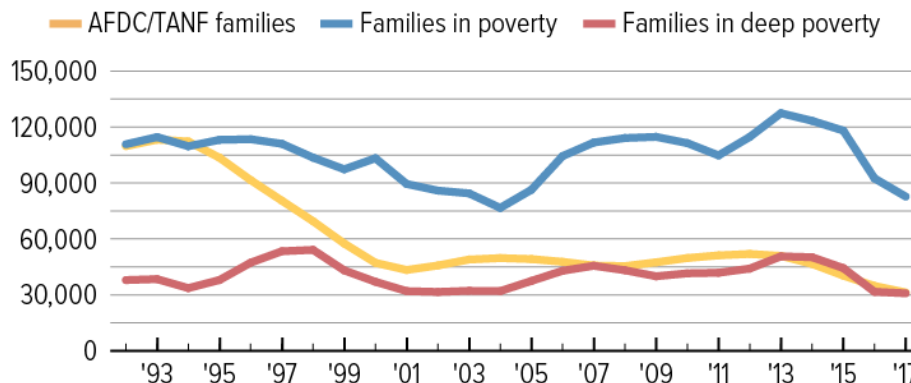
TANF-to-poverty ratio

	1995/96	2016/17
Massachusetts	81	38
National	68	23

Massachusetts families with children	1995/96	2016/17
on AFDC/TANF	91,542	31,301
in Poverty	113,480	82,728
in Deep Poverty	47,289	30,856

	TANF benefit level	Share of federal poverty level
MA benefit	\$618	36%
Median state benefit	\$450	26%

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



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.