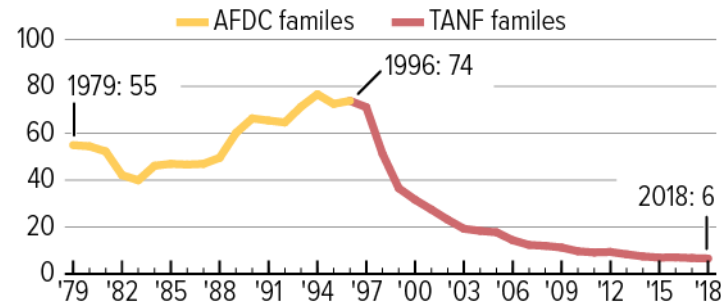


TANF Should Reach Many More Families in North Carolina

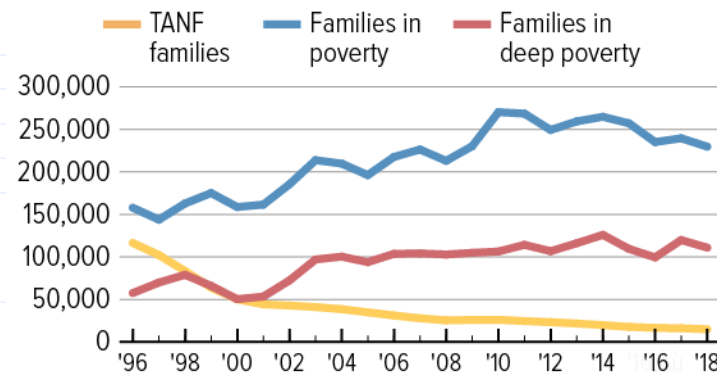


In 2017-18, for every 100 families living in poverty in North Carolina, only 6 received TANF. This “TANF-to-poverty ratio” has fallen 67 points since 1995-96. If TANF reached the same share of families in poverty that its predecessor AFDC did in 1996, it would help 154,500 more families in North Carolina now.

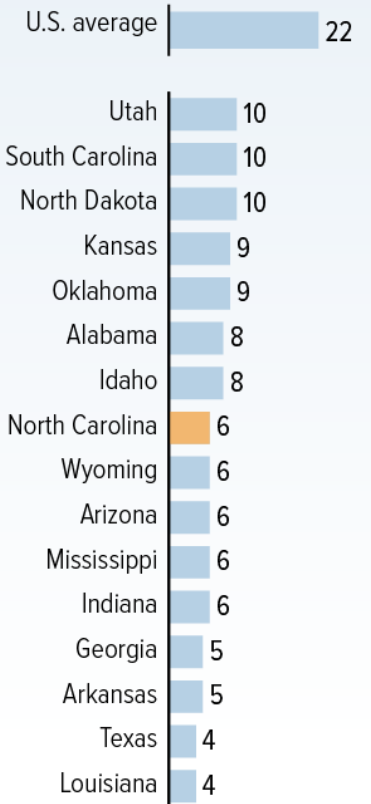
Number of Families in North Carolina Receiving AFDC/TANF Cash Assistance for Every 100 Families with Children in Poverty



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



North Carolina Has One of the Lowest TANF-to-Poverty Ratios in the Nation



TANF-to-poverty ratio	1995/96	2017/18
North Carolina	74	6
National	68	22

Families with children	1995/96	2017/18
Receiving AFDC/TANF	116,400	14,900
In poverty	157,800	229,600
In deep poverty	57,400	110,800

	TANF monthly benefit level	Share of federal poverty level
North Carolina	\$272	15%
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.