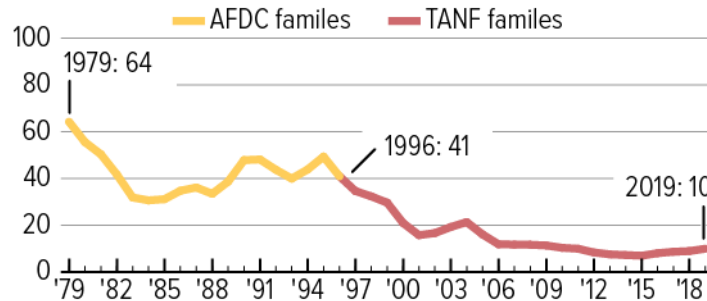


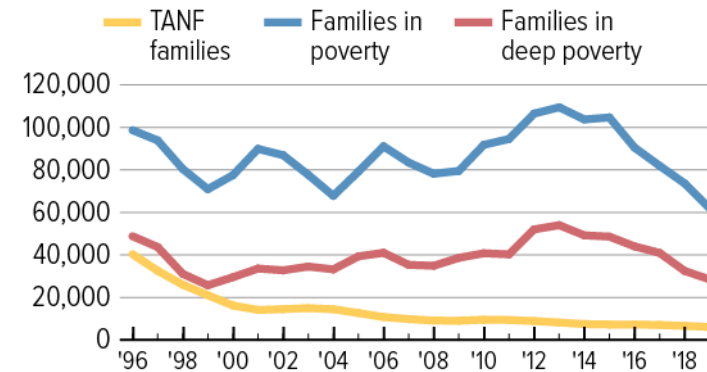
# TANF Cash Assistance Should Reach Many More Families in Oklahoma to Lessen Hardship

In 2018-19, for every 100 families living in poverty in Oklahoma, only 10 received TANF cash assistance. This “TANF-to-poverty ratio” has fallen 31 points since 1995-96. If TANF reached the same share of families in poverty that its predecessor AFDC did in 1996, 19,151 more families in Oklahoma would be helped by TANF now.

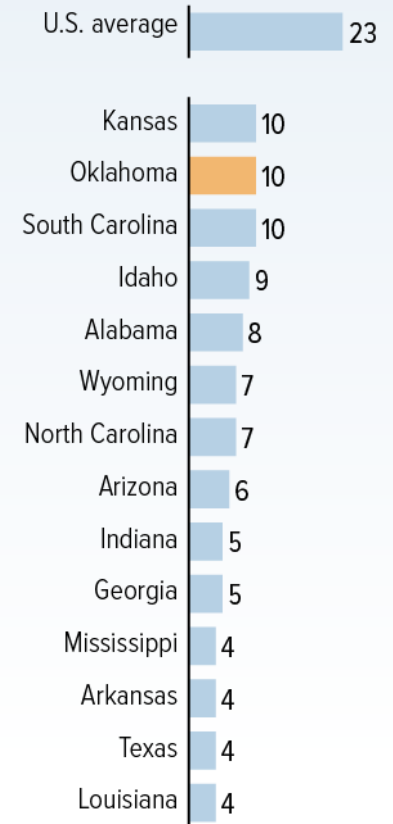
**Number of Families in Oklahoma Receiving AFDC/TANF Cash Assistance for Every 100 Families with Children in Poverty**



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



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



TANF-to-poverty ratio	1995/96	2018/19
Oklahoma	41	10
National	68	23

Families with children	1995/96	2018/19
Receiving AFDC/TANF	40,303	6,096
In poverty	98,644	61,793
In deep poverty	48,757	28,415

Disproportionate Shares of Black, Latino Children Live in Lowest TPR States	Black children	41%
	Latino children	33%
	White children	28%

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, "2019" represents "2018-2019." AFDC/TANF caseload data from Department of Health and Human Services and (since September 2006) caseload data collected from state agencies.