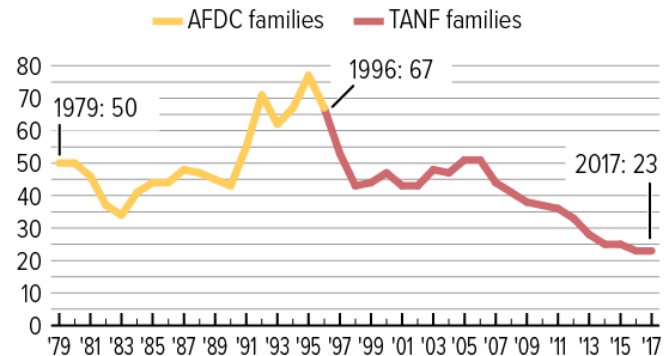


TANF Financial Assistance to Poor Families Is Disappearing in Tennessee

In 2016-17, for every 100 poor families with children in Tennessee, only 23 received TANF. This “TANF-to-poverty ratio” declined 44 points since 1995-96.

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



TANF-to-poverty ratio **1995/96** **2016/17**

Tennessee 67 23

National 68 23

Tennessee families with children

1995/96 **2016/17**

on AFDC/TANF 98,550 27,693

in Poverty 147,449 119,985

in Deep Poverty 66,469 58,089

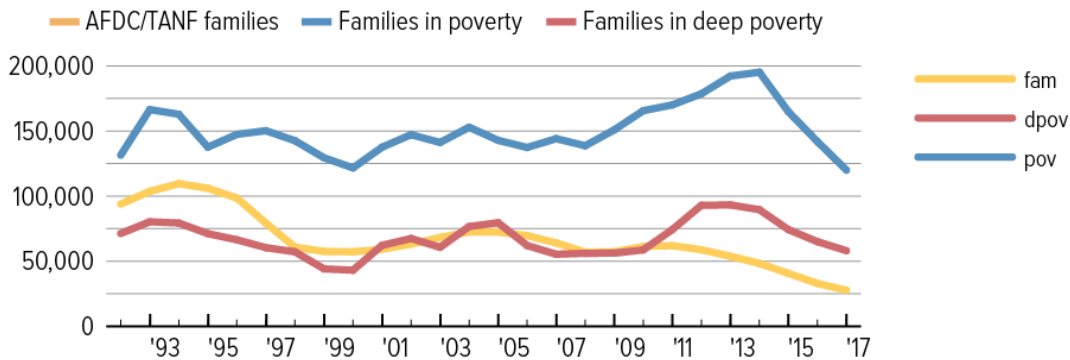
TANF benefit level

Share of federal poverty level

TN benefit \$185 11%

Median state benefit \$450 26%

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



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.