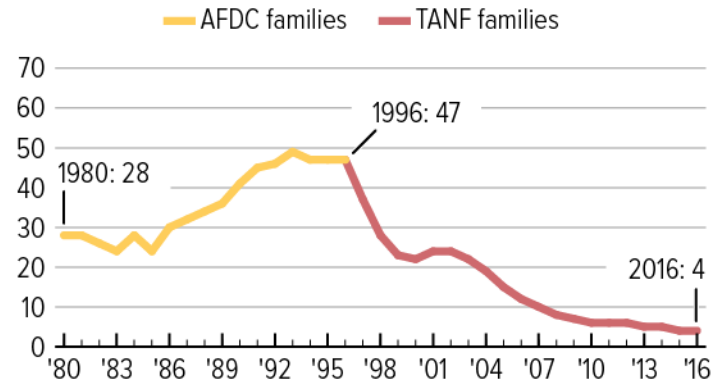


Texas' TANF Cash Assistance Is Disappearing for Poor Families

In 2015-16, for every 100 poor families with children in Texas, only 4 received TANF. This “TANF-to-poverty ratio” declined 43 points since 1995-96.

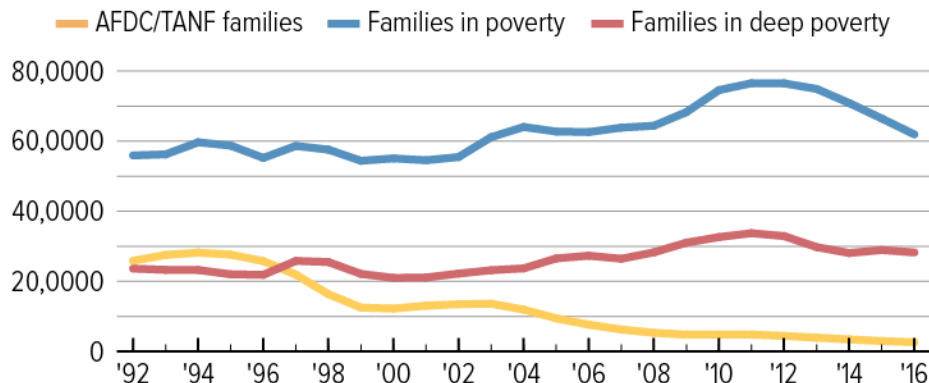
TANF-to-poverty ratio	1995/96	2015/16
Texas	47	4
National	68	23

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



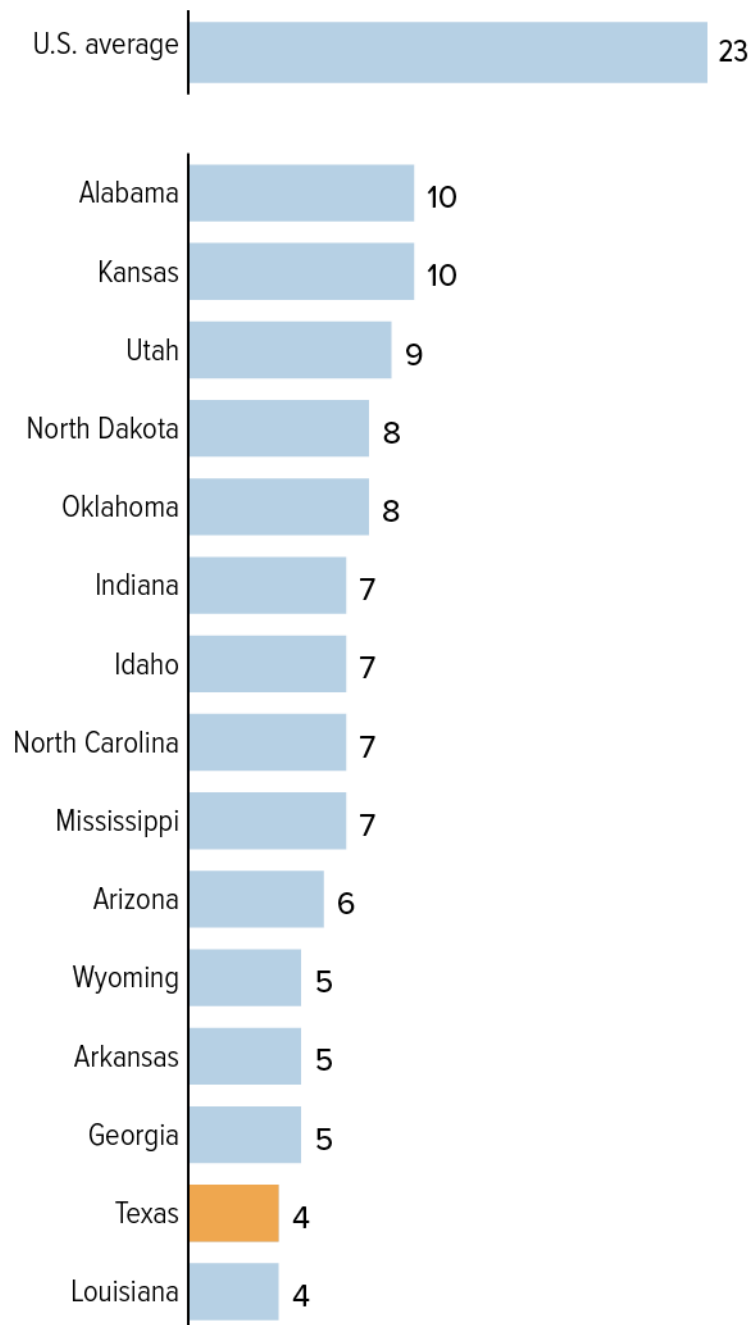
Families with children	1995/96	2015/16	TANF benefit level	Share of federal poverty level	
on AFDC/TANF	257,800	26,400	Texas benefit	\$286	17%
in Poverty	552,200	619,300	Median state benefit	\$432	25%
in Deep poverty	218,600	282,400			

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



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

Number of families receiving TANF for every 100 poor families, 2016



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, '2016' represents '2015-2016.' 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 1995 is adjusted for inflation using the CPI-U-RS.