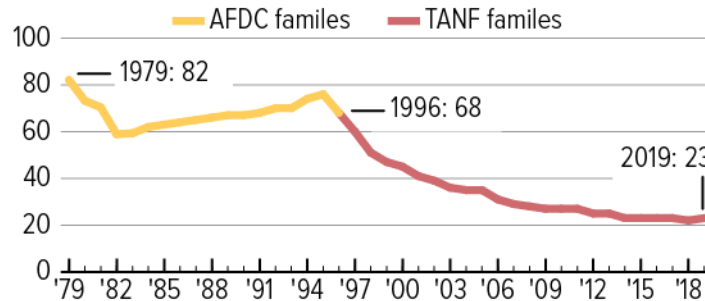


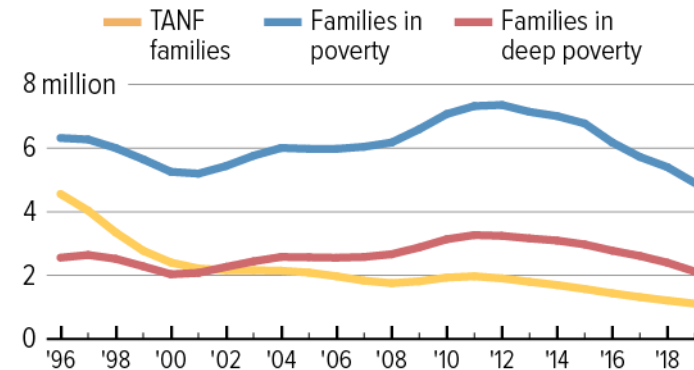
TANF Cash Assistance Should Reach Many More Families to Lessen Hardship

In 2019, for every 100 families living in poverty in the **United States**, only 23 received TANF cash assistance. This “TANF-to-poverty ratio” has fallen 45 points since 1996. If TANF reached the same share of families in poverty that AFDC did in 1996, about 2 million more families would be helped by TANF now.

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

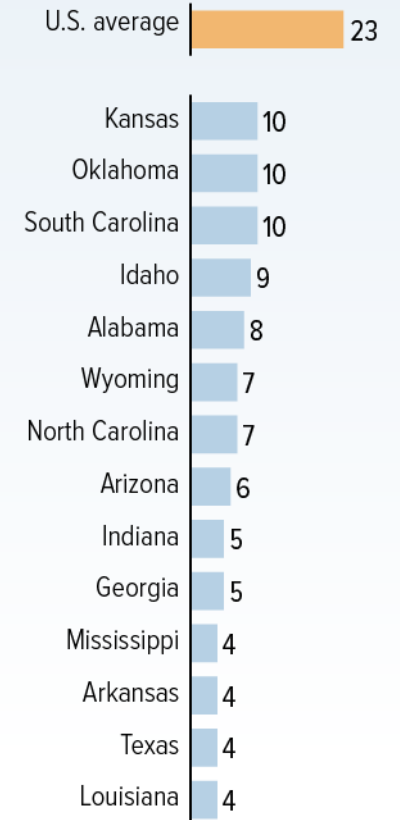


Changes in AFDC/TANF Cases and the Number of Families with Children in Poverty and Deep Poverty in United States



Lowest TANF-to-Poverty Ratios in the Nation

Number of families receiving TANF for every 100 families living in poverty, 2019



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

Families with children	1996	2019
Receiving AFDC/TANF	4,380,400	1,064,100
In poverty	6,231,200	4,568,100
In deep poverty	2,440,300	1,993,800

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. AFDC/TANF caseload data from Department of Health and Human Services and (since September 2006) caseload data collected from state agencies.