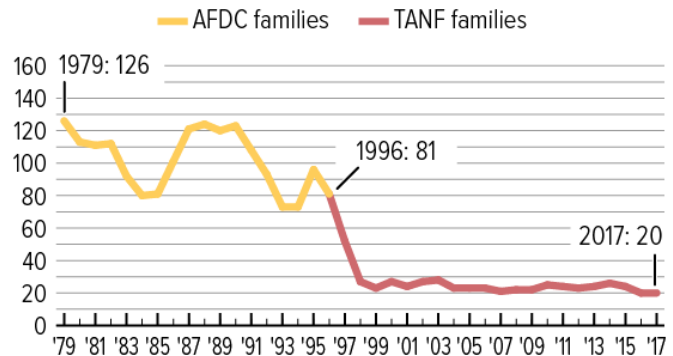


# TANF Financial Assistance to Poor Families Is Disappearing in Wisconsin

In 2016-17, for every 100 poor families with children in Wisconsin, only 20 received TANF. This “TANF-to-poverty ratio” declined 61 points since 1995-96.

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



## TANF-to-poverty ratio

	1995/96	2016/17
Wisconsin	81	20
National	68	23

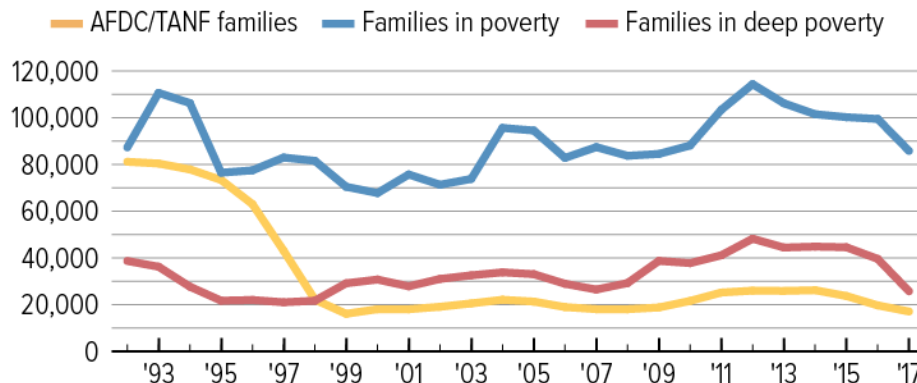
## Wisconsin families with children

	1995/96	2016/17
on AFDC/TANF	63,053	17,105
in Poverty	77,505	85,871
in Deep Poverty	22,032	25,773

## TANF benefit level

	TANF benefit level	Share of federal poverty level
WI benefit	\$653	38%
Median state benefit	\$450	26%

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



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.