

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE
Facts and Figures
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Caseload Information

Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC)⁽¹⁾

| | Caseload | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | As of September 2012 | Previous Month | Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Month |
| Cases | 53,063 | 52,898 | 165 | 0.31% |
| Recipients | 108,278 | 108,128 | 150 | 0.14% |

Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children (EAEDC)⁽²⁾

| | Caseload | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | As of September 2012 | Previous Month | Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Month |
| Cases | 23,674 | 23,820 | (146) | -0.61% |
| Recipients | 23,827 | 23,980 | (153) | -0.64% |

State Supplemental Security Income⁽³⁾

| | Caseload | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | As of August 2012 | Previous Month | Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Month |
| Cases | 200,561 | 199,876 | 685 | 0.34% |
| Recipients | 200,561 | 199,876 | 685 | 0.34% |

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

| | Caseload | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | As of July 2012 | Previous Month | Change from Last Month | % Change from Last Month |
| Cases | 490,836 | 488,334 | 2,502 | 0.51% |
| Recipients | 877,542 | 873,891 | 3,651 | 0.42% |

Notes:

⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾Effective July 2012 TAFDC and EAEDC caseload numbers reflect a new caseload reporting system. This does not reflect an actual increase in the number of households served, but the new system's ability to report all cases active at any time in a month.

⁽³⁾Effective July 2012 SSI-SSP caseload numbers include blind persons who previously received benefits paid through the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

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Grant Levels and Eligibility Standards

TAFDC

| Family Size | Maximum Monthly Benefits* | | 185% Income Ceiling | |
|--|---------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| | Exempt | Nonexempt | Exempt | Nonexempt |
| 1 | \$428 | \$418 | \$792 | \$773 |
| 2 | \$531 | \$518 | \$982 | \$958 |
| 3 | \$633 | \$618 | \$1,171 | \$1,143 |
| 4 | \$731 | \$713 | \$1,352 | \$1,319 |
| incremental | \$105 | \$103 | \$194 | \$191 |
| FY12 Avg Monthly Grant ⁽⁴⁾ | \$456 | | | |

* Includes a \$40 per month rent allowance for families in unsubsidized housing.

EAEDC

| Family Size | Monthly Grant |
|--|---------------|
| 1 | \$304 |
| 2 | \$395 |
| 3 | \$487 |
| 4 | \$578 |
| incremental | \$92 |
| FY12 Avg Monthly Grant ⁽⁵⁾ | \$306 |

Supplemental Security Income

| Aged | Maximum Monthly Benefits | Federal Basic Payment | State Supplement |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| | Full cost of living | \$827 | \$698 |
| Shared living expenses | \$737 | \$698 | \$39 |
| Household of another | \$570 | \$465 | \$104 |
| Disabled | | | |
| Full cost of living | \$812 | \$698 | \$114 |
| Shared living expenses | \$728 | \$698 | \$30 |
| Household of another | \$553 | \$465 | \$88 |

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

| Family Size | Income Standards ⁽⁶⁾ | | Maximum Monthly Benefit |
|-------------|---|--|-------------------------|
| | With Child Under 19 and a Pregnant Woman Living Alone | Without Child Under 19 or Without Elderly or Disabled Household Member | |
| 1 | \$1,862 | \$1,211 | \$200 |
| 2 | \$2,522 | \$1,640 | \$367 |
| 3 | \$3,182 | \$2,069 | \$526 |
| 4 | \$3,842 | \$2,498 | \$668 |
| 5 | \$4,502 | \$2,927 | \$793 |
| 6 | \$5,162 | \$3,356 | \$952 |
| 7 | \$5,822 | \$3,785 | \$1,052 |
| 8 | \$6,482 | \$4,214 | \$1,202 |
| incremental | \$660 | \$429 | \$150 |

Notes:

⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾ The FY12 Average Monthly Grant for TAFDC and EAEDC is a calculation based on the average monthly spending and the monthly caseload.

⁽⁶⁾ These income limits do not apply to households with elderly and disabled members. Also, recipients of TAFDC, EAEDC, and SSI are automatically eligible for SNAP.

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FY13 Appropriations

| | | <u>FY13 Appropriations</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| ADMINISTRATION | Management and Support | \$55,114,985 |
| | Caseworkers | \$62,797,173 |
| | SNAP Administration | \$3,097,436 |
| | Domestic Violence | <u>\$798,944</u> |
| | Subtotal Administration | \$121,808,538 |
| PROGRAMS | TAFDC | \$315,351,679 |
| | SNA | \$1,200,000 |
| | Teen Structured Settings | \$8,031,401 |
| | SSI | \$237,230,438 |
| | EAEDC | \$87,263,877 |
| | ESP - Job Training | \$7,899,506 |
| | Subtotal Programs | <u>\$656,976,901</u> |
| Total | \$778,785,439 | |

DTA Revenue By Source

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| <u>Revenue</u> | <u>FY13 Target</u> |
| TANF Block Grant/Contingency (Prog.and Admin.) | \$358,060,446 |
| SSI Interim Assistance Reimbursement | \$13,500,000 |
| SNAP Administration | \$52,487,985 |
| Medicaid (Title XIX) Administration | \$9,495,468 |
| Recoveries | \$2,500,000 |
| Child Support Collections | <u>\$24,773,082</u> |
| Subtotal DTA Revenue | \$460,816,981 |
| TANF Block Grant Transfers to DCF/EEC | <u>\$137,811,337</u> |
| DTA Total & Transfers | \$598,628,318 |

SNAP Error Rate

| <u>Error Rate</u> | Oct-10 - Sep-11 | Oct-09 - Sep-10 | Oct-08 - Sep-09 | Oct-07 - Sep-08 | Oct-06 - Sep-07 |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| SNAP | 4.4% | 5.9% | 4.4% | 4.5% | 4.4% |