

IMPROVING MICHIGAN'S ACCESS TO TANF-RELATED DATA & ANALYSIS

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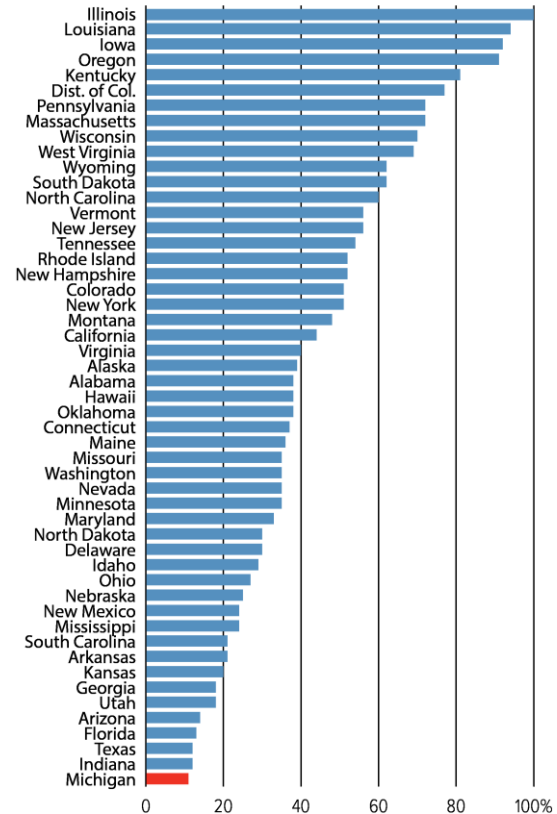
TANF **DATA**
COLLABORATIVE

MI TANF Background

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) reports Michigan has the highest 2018 TANF application denial rate

Michigan has the Lowest Percentage of TANF Applications Approved in the Nation

TANF application approval rate for all 50 states and the District of Columbia

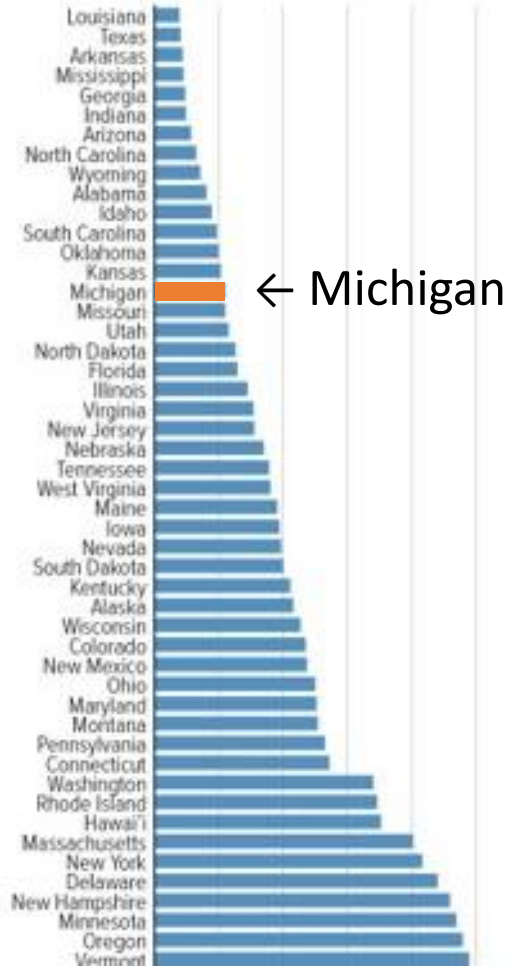


Note: TANF = Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

Source: TANF application approval rates were calculated by dividing the number of applications approved by the number of applications received in fiscal year 2018 in each state using the TANF Application Data from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Few Poor Families With Children Received TANF, 2019

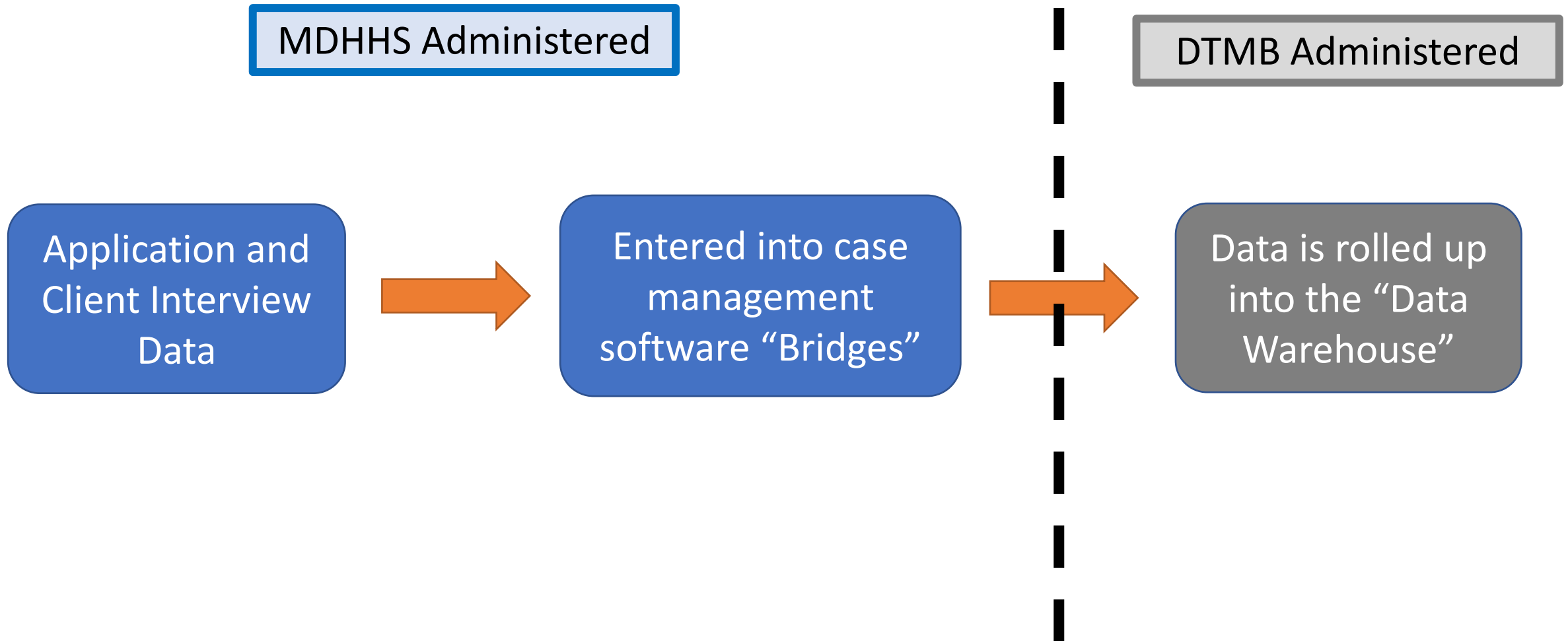
Number of families with children receiving TANF benefits for every 100 families with children in poverty



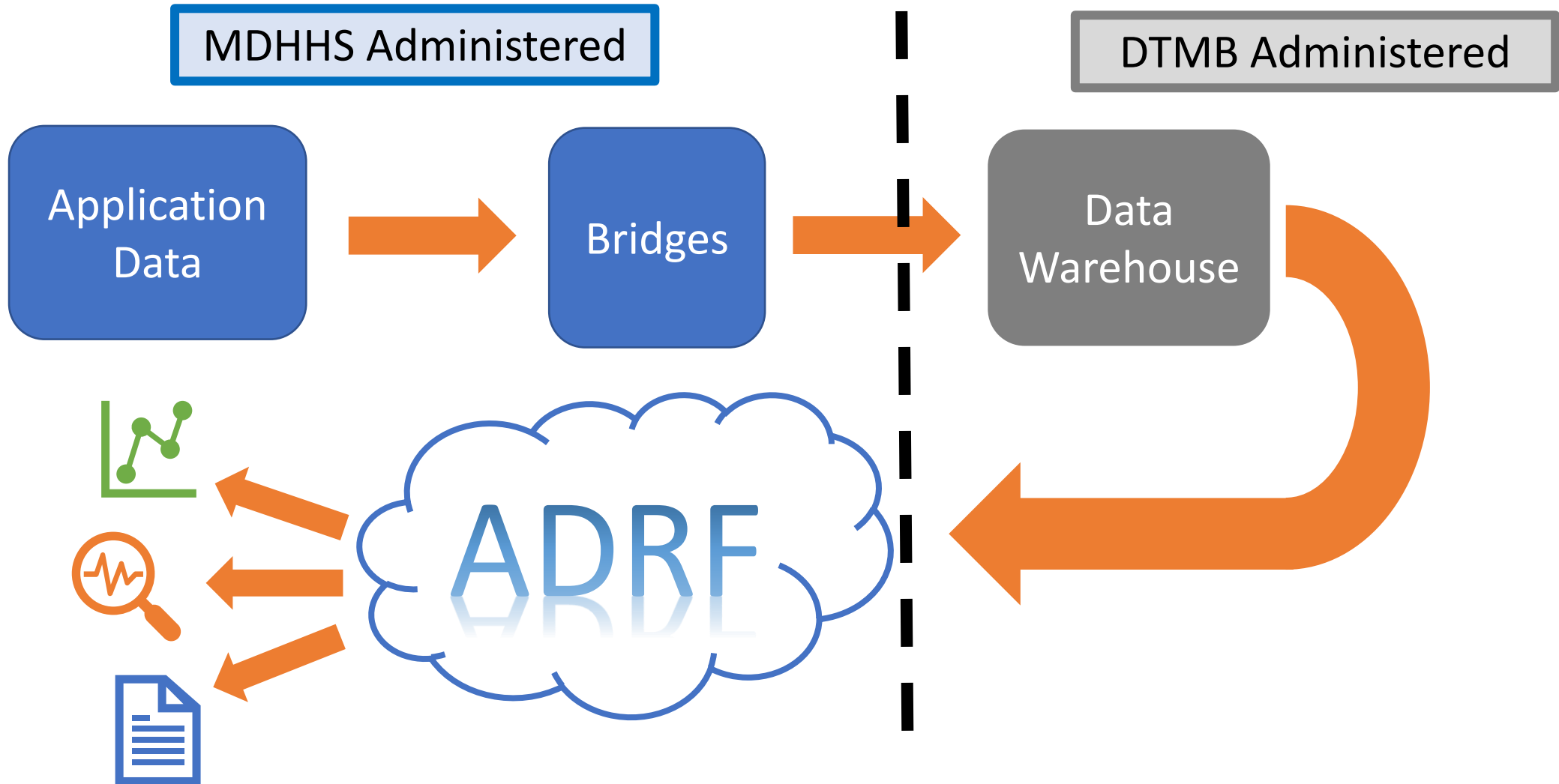
Background: Income thresholds

- Only approximately 20% of all cash applications were approved in 2019
- Lower application approval rate than most other states

MDHHS Data Flow



New and Improved Data Flow!



What is the ADRF?

A secure cloud-based platform that provides:



Safe Projects



Safe People



Safe Settings

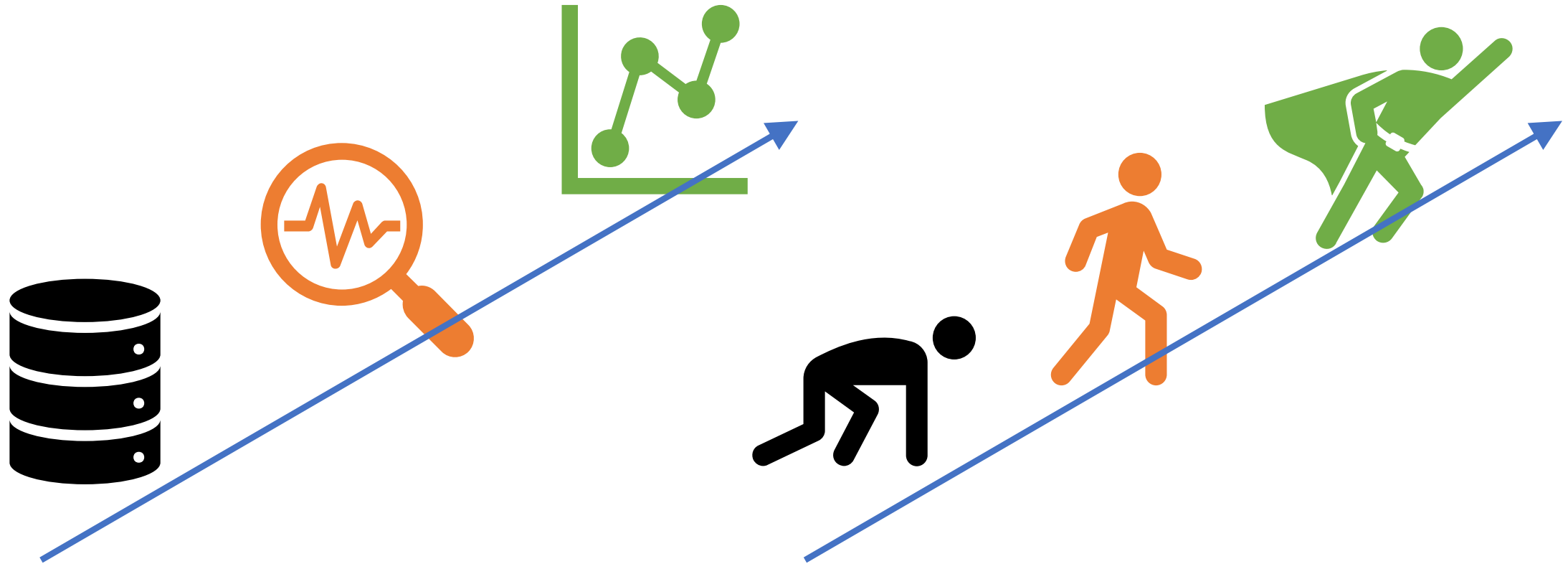


Safe Data



Safe Exports

How does the ADRF benefit MDHHS?



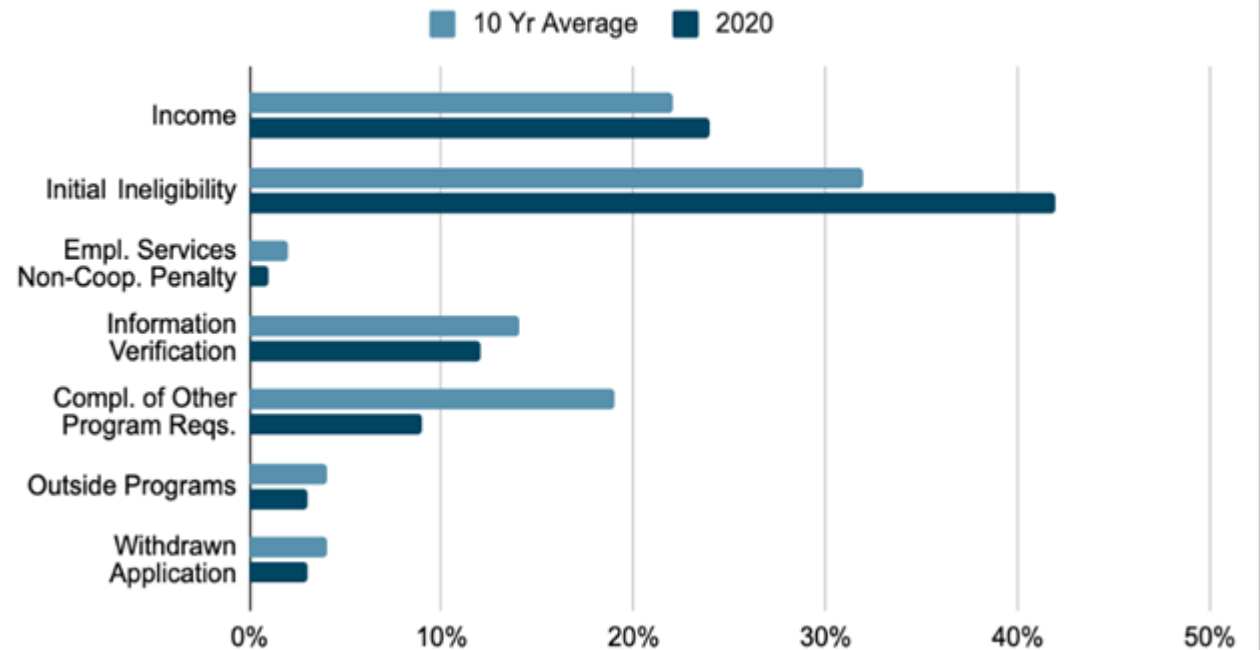
Iterative & Progressive Analysis

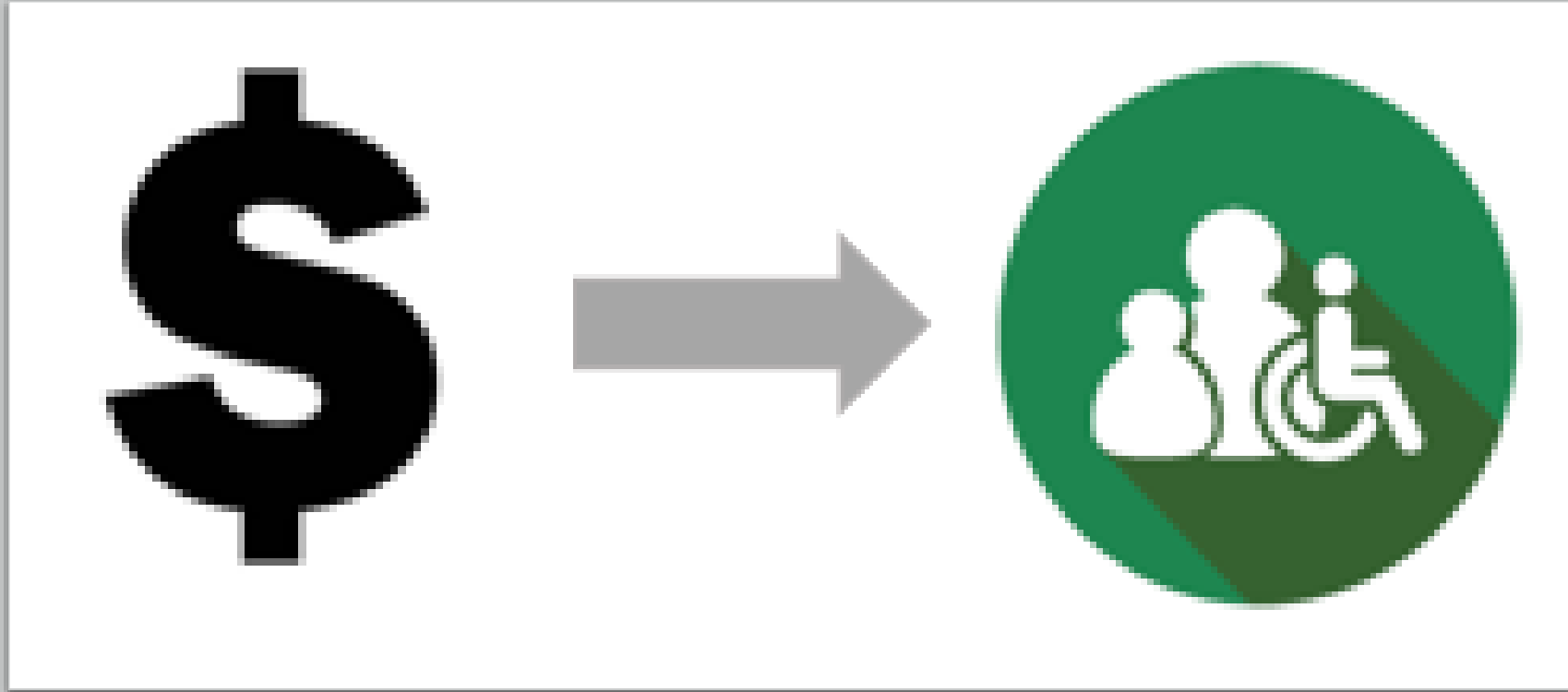


Initial Findings

- Most denials due to **Initial Ineligibility**
- **Income** denials are the second most frequent denial type

Percent of Applications with Denial Reason Category Applied, 10 Yr Average vs 2020



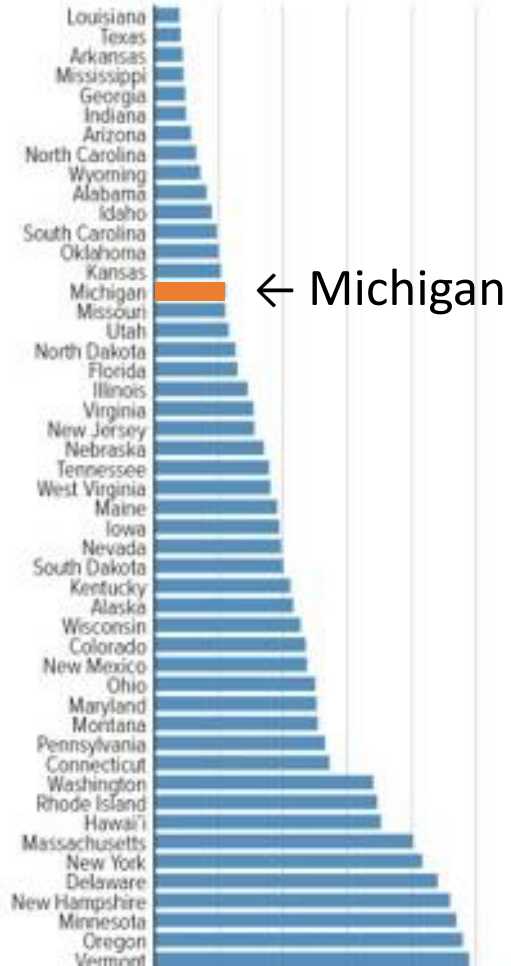


Analyzing Policy Change: Initial Eligibility

- Idea for icon change came from initial analysis and collaboration
- Subsequent semester Harris students tracked policy change results, building on previous work
- Analysis will continue internally

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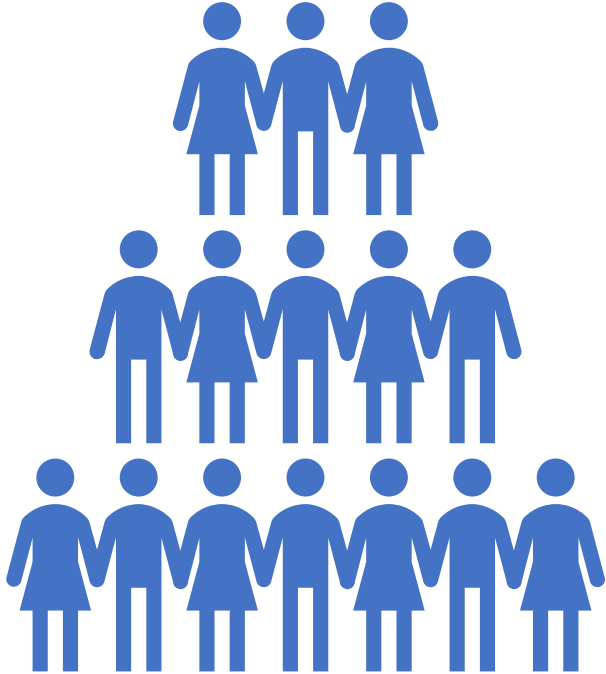
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Analyzing Policy Change: Income Denials

- 98% of TANF approved families were below 40% FPL
- Income threshold increases were simulated to illustrate the effects on application approval rates and potential budget affects
- The Harris master-level students offered policy recommendations based on the simulations

Next Steps





Thank You!

Questions?