

California | TANF Caseload Factsheet



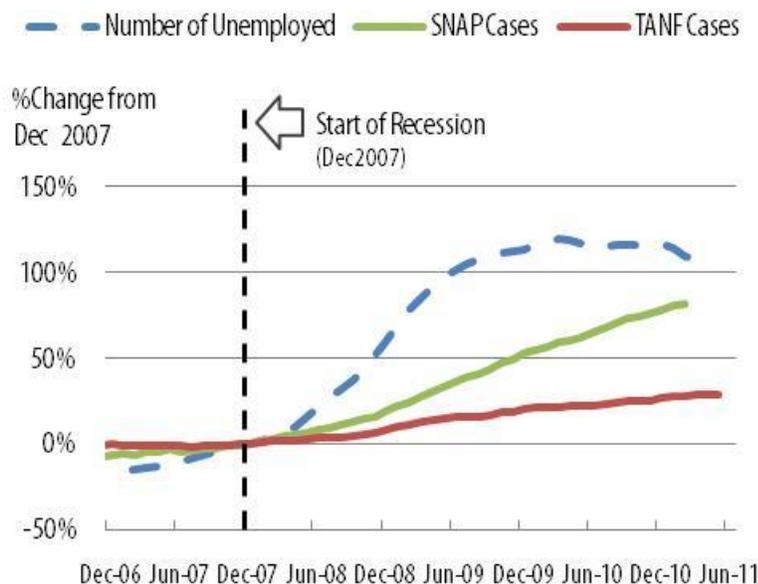
The TANF caseload in California increased by 20 percent from Dec 07 to Dec 09.

TANF, SNAP and Unemployment Trends

	Dec 07	Dec 09	Dec 10	% Change Dec 07-09	% Change Dec 09-10
Number of Unemployed	1,049,100	2,233,900	2,272,500	113%	2%
SNAP Cases	871,400	1,327,600	1,552,900	52%	17%
TANF Cases	466,900	561,900	591,900	20%	5%

- California's TANF caseload was stable prior to the recession and has risen steadily since the beginning of the recession.
- Among all states, California ranked 16th in the amount its caseload increased from December 2007 to December 2009.

Changes in TANF Cases, SNAP Cases, and the Number of Unemployed Persons



A smaller share of needy families receives TANF now compared to 15 years ago.

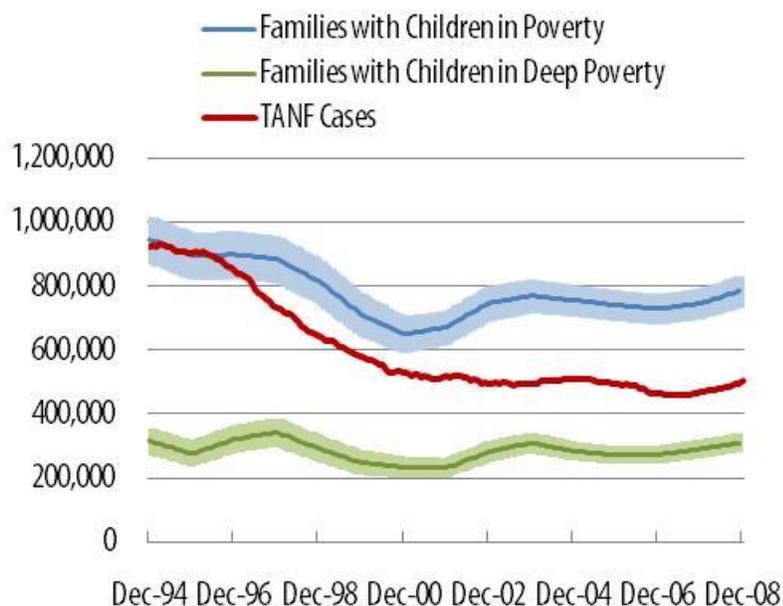
TANF and Poverty Trends in California

Families with children:	1994-95	2008-09
... on AFDC/TANF	915,800	510,500
... in Poverty	946,100	786,300
TANF to Poverty Ratio	97	65
<i>United States TANF to Poverty Ratio</i>	75	28

- In 1994-95, for every 100 California families in poverty, the AFDC program served 97 families. In 2008-09, only 65 families participated in TANF for every 100 in poverty.
- In 2009, California used 51% of its state and federal TANF funds on Basic Assistance.
- The monthly grant for a family of three in California was \$694 in 2010, 16% lower than in 1996 after adjusting for inflation.

Beginning in 2006, this analysis uses TANF caseload data collected directly from state agencies rather than the official data reported by HHS in order to more consistently reflect the number of families receiving cash welfare in each state over time. Unlike the HHS data, these data include solely state-funded programs, and exclude worker supplement programs.

Number of Families with Children in Poverty, Deep Poverty and TANF Cases



Deep Poverty refers to families below half the poverty line. Shading in graph shows the 90% confidence interval (lower and upper bound) of poverty estimates. Two years of Current Population Survey (CPS) data were merged to improve reliability. For example, Dec-08 represents merged CPS poverty data for calendar years 2008 and 2009.