

WorkFirst Performance Chartbook
Including Program Counts and Performance Measures

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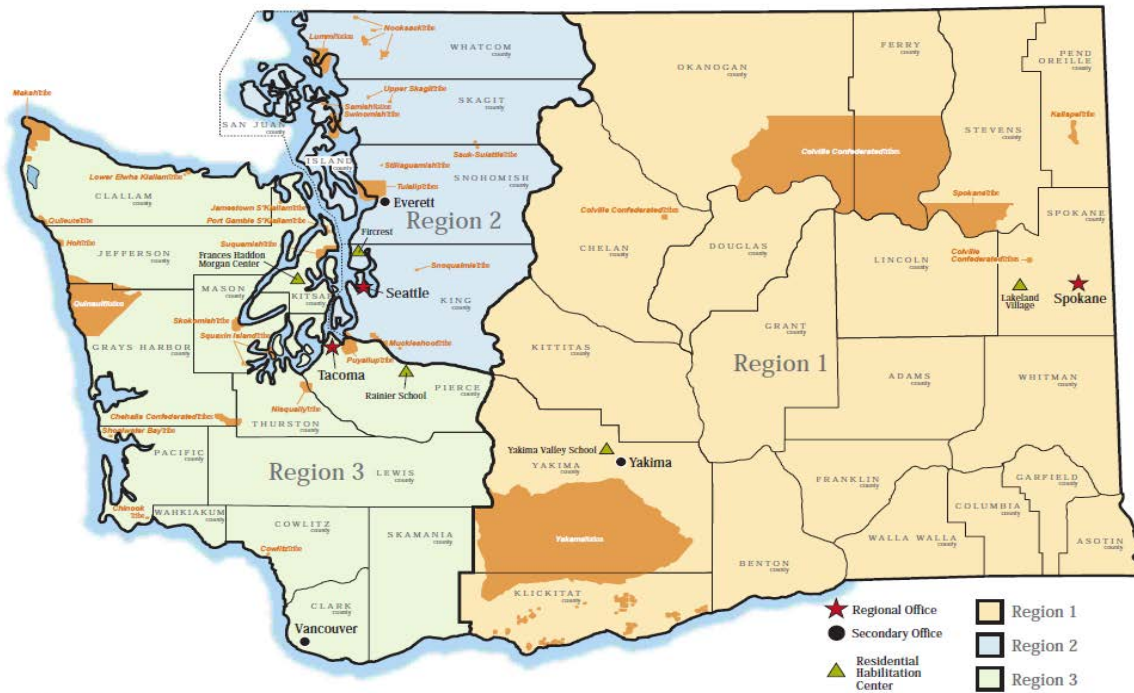
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DSHS Regional Map

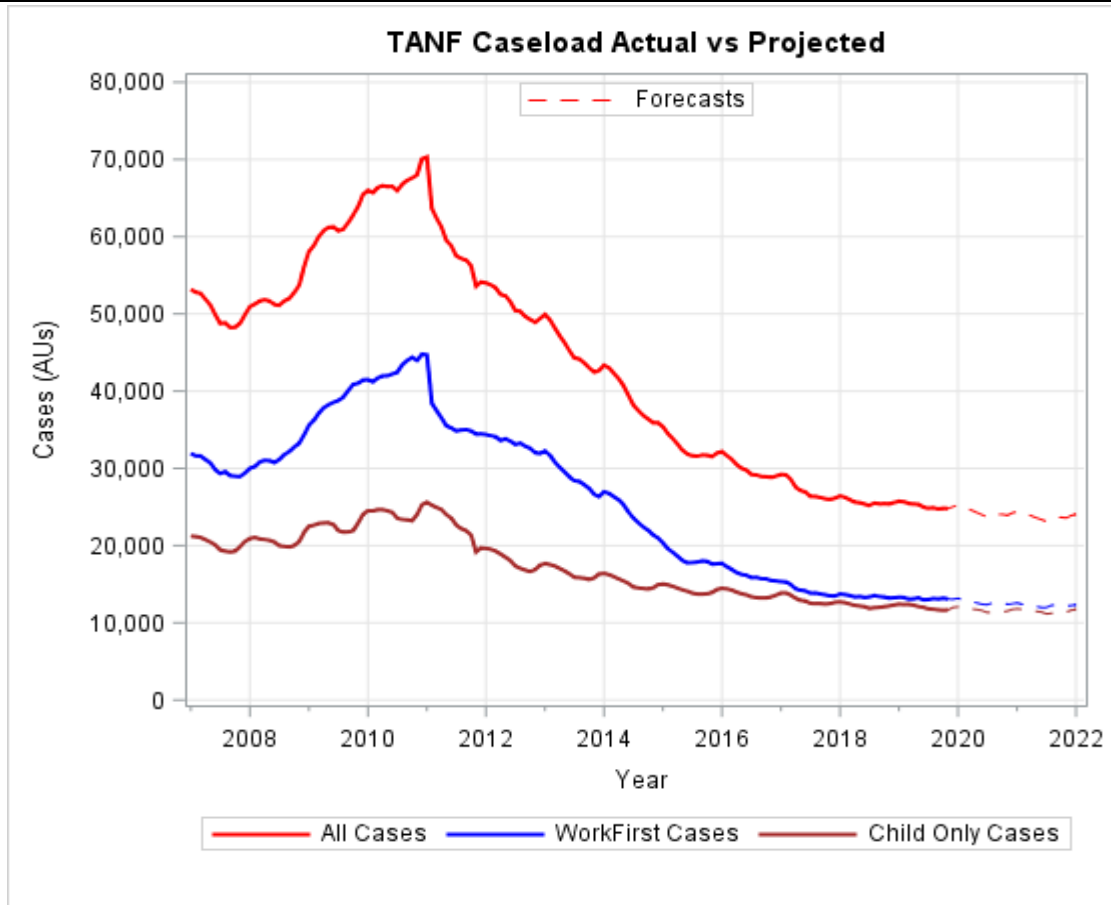


DSHS region boundaries are shown above. There were six DSHS prior to March 2011. This chartbook reports caseloads associated with the old regions to provide greater detail. Current Region 1 is made up of the counties in old Regions 1 and 2 as described below. Current Region 2 is made up of old Regions 3 and 4. Current Region 3 is made up of old Regions 5 and 6. Klickitat County is an exception. It was assigned to current Region 1 instead of 3. The Department of Children, Youth, and Families sets child care rates using the six original DSHS regions, with separate rates for Clark and Spokane counties.

Counties in WCCC Subsidy Regions, and Former DSHS Regions

New DSHS Region 1: (Add Klickitat)	Old Region 1:	Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, and Whitman
	Old Region 2:	Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Kittitas, Walla Walla, and Yakima
New DSHS Region 2:	Old Region 3:	Island, Skagit, Snohomish, San Juan, and Whatcom
	Old Region 4:	King
New DSHS Region 3: (Drop Klickitat)	Old Region 5:	Pierce and Kitsap
	Old Region 6:	Clark, Clallam, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Klickitat, Lewis Mason, Pacific, Skamania, Thurston, and Wahkiakum

Count 1: Caseload Forecast



Forecast

The most recent forecast was released in November 2019. The forecast model incorporates TANF entry and exit trends, economic conditions, and seasonal patterns. Forecasts for WorkFirst and Child Only caseloads are made separately and added together. The November 2019 forecast includes estimates of the impacts of increased minimum wages that took effect in January 2019 and will continue in subsequent years under Initiative 1433; of changing household asset limits (E2SHB 1831) and of changes to TANF time limits and sanction policies in 2SHB 1603.

Further information on the TANF caseload forecasts and forecast tracking can be found at: http://www.cfc.wa.gov/HumanServices_PAS_TANF_Total.htm

Experience to Date

Caseloads declined between December 2005 and December 2007. This trend reversed in 2008. Caseloads grew from May 2008 through January 2011. The drop in February 2011 resulted from policy changes including implementation of 60 month time limits and a 15% reduction in payment standards. The November 2011 drop in Child Only cases was also due to changes in program rules. The flat spot in caseloads between July 2015 and January 2016 followed a 9% payment standard increase adopted in July 2015. Caseload declines resumed in 2016. The TANF caseload reached a low point of 25,195 in July 2018, increased to 25,754 by January 2019, but dropped back to 24,793 in November 2019. The increase in the first half of FY 2019 followed a 9.3% payment standard increase adopted in July 2018. The November 2019 caseload is 2% lower than the caseload in November 2018.

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Count 1: Caseload Forecast

Data Table

Month	Total Cases	% Change Year Ago	WorkFirst Cases	Child Only Cases	WorkFirst Cases	
					Entries	Exits
Jan-11	70,331	6.6%	44,710	25,621	4,156	4,232
Jan-12	54,020	-23.2%	34,386	19,634	3,581	3,640
Jan-13	49,939	-7.6%	32,257	17,682	3,927	3,591
Jul-13	44,297	-12.2%	28,404	15,893	3,528	4,007
Jan-14	43,365	-13.2%	26,962	16,403	3,904	3,272
Jul-14	38,222	-13.7%	23,593	14,629	2,804	3,568
Jan-15	35,380	-18.4%	20,352	15,028	2,532	3,174
Jul-15	31,633	-17.2%	17,795	13,838	2,608	2,573
Jan-16	32,191	-9.0%	17,715	14,476	2,406	2,356
Jul-16	29,201	-7.7%	15,840	13,361	2,173	2,478
Jan-17	29,221	-9.2%	15,343	13,878	2,103	2,186
Jul-17	26,364	-9.7%	13,832	12,532	2,008	2,306
Jan-18	26,430	-9.6%	13,733	12,697	2,107	1,842
Jul-18	25,195	-6.5%	13,341	11,854	1,938	1,888
Jan-19	25,754	-2.6%	13,322	12,432	1,701	1,641
Jul-19	24,815	-1.5%	13,011	11,804	1,878	1,841
Oct-19	24,830	-2.4%	13,181	11,645	1,841	1,737
Nov-19	24,793	-2.3%	13,072	11,675	1,764	1,826

Projected (November 2019 Forecast)

Jan-20	25,232	-2.0%	13,175	12,056	1,722	1,629
Jul-20	23,661	-4.7%	12,344	11,317	1,705	1,761
Jan-21	24,399	-3.3%	12,580	11,819	1,652	1,569
Jul-21	23,133	-2.2%	11,979	11,154	1,637	1,636
Jan-22	24,068	-1.4%	12,350	11,719	1,584	1,480

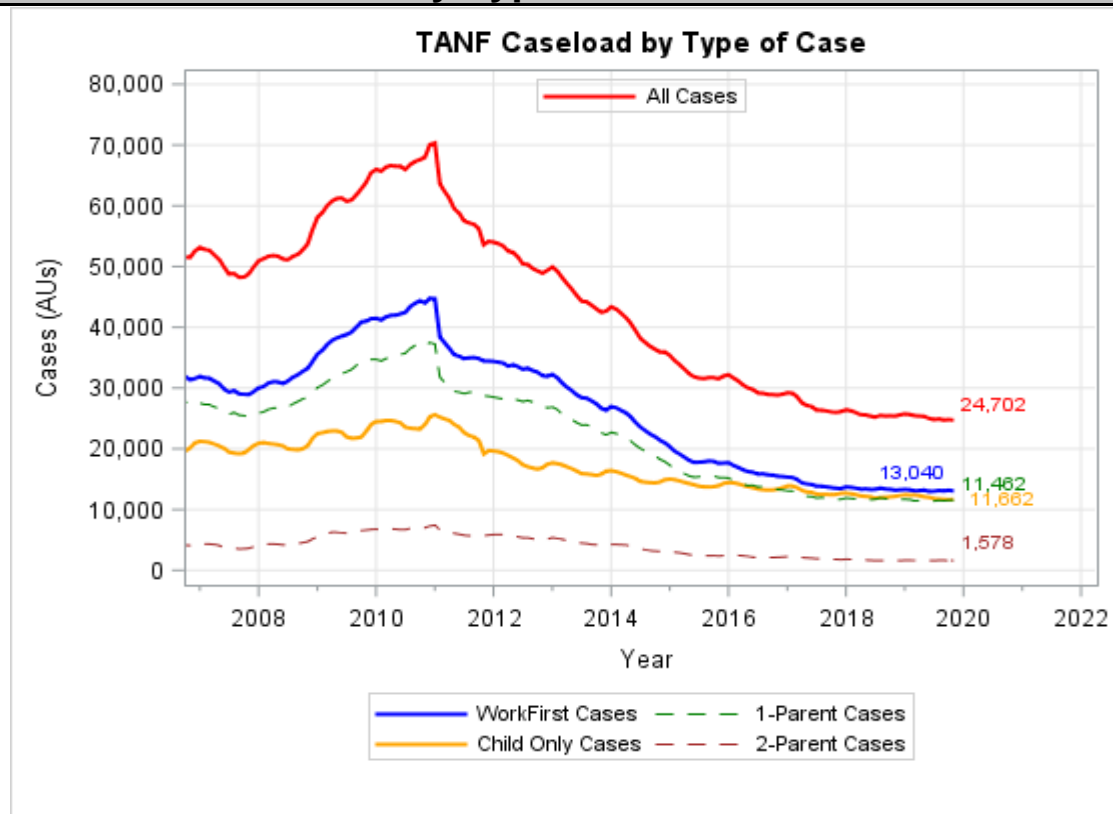
Variance from November 2019 Forecast

Month	Actual Cases	% Change Year Ago	Projected Cases	Variance Cases	%	Entries %	Exits %
Sep-18	24,734	-2.6%	24,736	-1	0.0%	-3.2%	0.6%
Oct-19	24,830	-2.4%	24,807	24	0.1%	-1.8%	-2.6%
Nov-19	24,793	-2.3%	24,705	88	0.4%	-0.6%	-1.8%
Dec-19	-	-	25,027	-	-	-	-
Jan-20	-	-	25,232	-	-	-	-
Feb-20	-	-	24,909	-	-	-	-

The most recent "Actual Cases" count shown above is lag-adjusted and reflects the monthly caseload update reported by the OFM Forecasting Division. Lag adjustments predict the number of cases that will eventually be paid during a month. The caseload counts that follow on pages 3 through 8 are reported without lag adjustments, so case counts for the most recent month shown on those pages are lower. Counts through page 6 include cases with TANF grant issuances. Counts of adults on pages 7 and 8 are from a third data source that includes information on adults who receive TANF benefits through wages paid in subsidized jobs instead of grants. Approximately 240 households/adults per month receive TANF benefits this way. WorkFirst entries include transfers from Child Only to WorkFirst caseloads. WorkFirst exits include transfers from WorkFirst to Child Only caseloads.

Source: OFM Forecast, based on CASE_SNAPSHOT table from ACES data warehouse.

Count 1a: Caseload By Type



Experience to Date

2-Parent cases made up about 12% of the WorkFirst caseload during the summer of 2007 and then increased to 16% of the WorkFirst caseload in March 2009. The percentage ranged between 16% and 17% in calendar 2011 and has dropped since that time. In November 2019, 2-Parent cases made up 12.1% of the WorkFirst caseload. Factors behind this pattern include changes to the Limited English Proficiency portion of the WorkFirst caseload. See pages 13-14.

Comments

In November 2019 the count of 2-Parent cases was 60% lower than in FY 2008, compared with a 56% decline in 1-Parent cases. Overall, the number of WorkFirst cases was 57% below the average for FY 2008. The number of Child Only cases was 42% below the average for FY 2008.

Estimating All Family, Child Only, and 2-Parent Caseloads

WorkFirst cases made up 64.9% of the caseload in FY 2013, 58.6% of the caseload in FY 2015, 53.2% in FY 2017, 52.2% in FY 2018, and 52.1% in FY 2019. WorkFirst cases are forecast to make up 51.6% of the TANF caseload in FY 2020. The average number of 2-Parent WorkFirst cases was 2,390 in FY 2016, 2,132 in FY 2017, 1,796 in FY 2018, and 1,624 in FY 2019. If the percent of 2-Parent cases among WorkFirst cases remains at 12.1%, we should expect to see an average 2-parent caseload of 1,565 in FY 2020.

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Count 1a: Caseload By Type

Data Table

Month	Total Cases	WorkFirst Cases	1-Parent Cases	2-Parent Cases	Child Only Cases	2-Parent % of WorkFirst
Jan-11	70,331	44,710	37,262	7,448	25,621	16.7%
Jan-12	54,020	34,386	28,501	5,885	19,634	17.1%
Jan-13	49,939	32,257	26,881	5,376	17,682	16.7%
Jan-14	43,365	26,962	22,695	4,267	16,403	15.8%
Jan-15	35,380	20,352	17,313	3,039	15,028	14.9%
Jul-15	31,630	17,795	15,387	2,408	13,835	13.5%
Jan-16	32,192	17,715	15,209	2,506	14,477	14.1%
Jul-16	29,200	15,837	13,720	2,117	13,363	13.4%
Jan-17	29,221	15,341	13,088	2,253	13,880	14.7%
Jul-17	26,363	13,828	11,915	1,913	12,535	13.8%
Jan-18	26,431	13,729	11,901	1,828	12,702	13.3%
Jul-18	25,195	13,341	11,720	1,621	11,854	12.2%
Jan-19	25,752	13,321	11,667	1,654	12,431	12.4%
Jul-19	24,814	13,011	11,405	1,606	11,803	12.3%
Oct-19	24,821	13,182	11,560	1,622	11,639	12.3%
Nov-19	24,702	13,040	11,462	1,578	11,662	12.1%

Percent of FY 2008 Cases

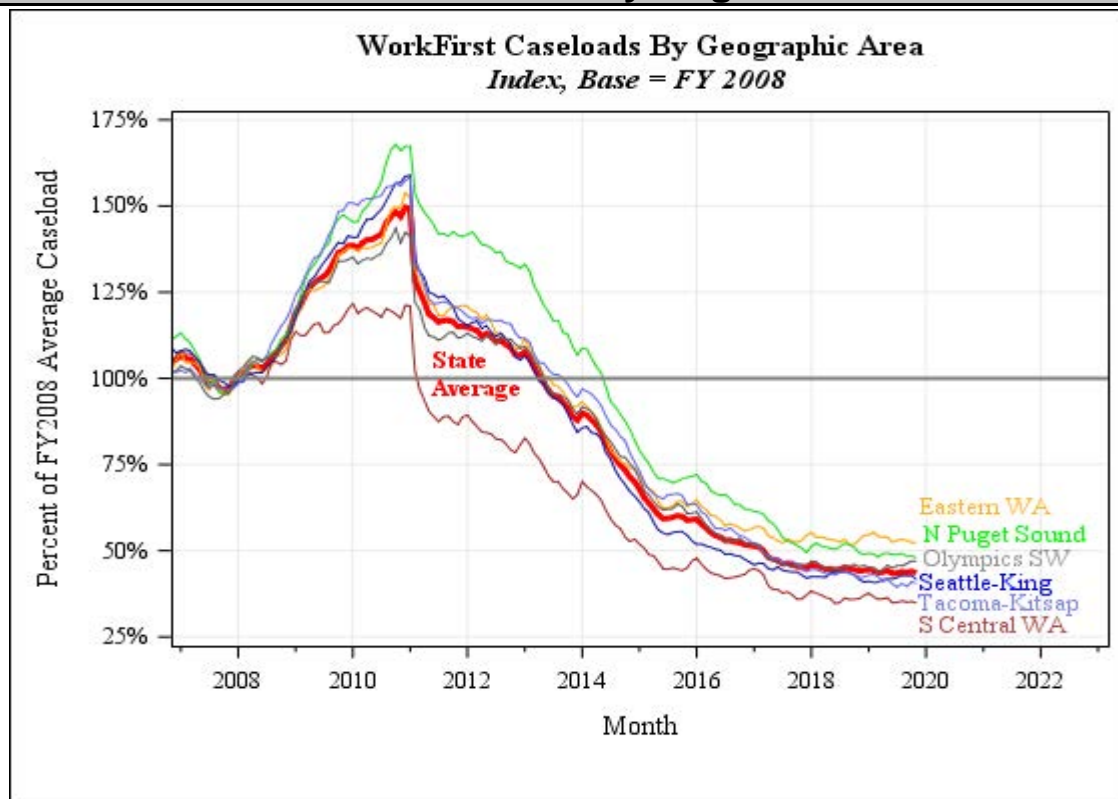
	Total Cases	WorkFirst Cases	1-Parent Cases	2-Parent Cases	Child Only Cases
FY 2008 Cases	50,317	30,079	26,095	3,985	20,238
Jan-11	139.8	148.6	142.8	186.9	126.6
Jan-12	107.4	114.3	109.2	147.7	97.0
Jan-13	99.2	107.2	103.0	134.9	87.4
Jan-14	86.2	89.6	87.0	107.1	81.1
Jan-15	70.3	67.7	66.3	76.3	74.3
Jul-15	62.9	59.2	59.0	60.4	68.4
Jan-16	64.0	58.9	58.3	62.9	71.5
Jul-16	58.0	52.7	52.6	53.1	66.0
Jan-17	58.1	51.0	50.2	56.5	68.6
Jul-17	52.4	46.0	45.7	48.0	61.9
Jan-18	52.5	45.6	45.6	45.9	62.8
Jul-18	50.1	44.4	44.9	40.7	58.6
Jan-19	51.2	44.3	44.7	41.5	61.4
Jul-19	49.3	43.3	43.7	40.3	58.3
Oct-19	49.3	43.8	44.3	40.7	57.5
Nov-19	49.1	43.4	43.9	39.6	57.6

Percentage Change in Cases since FY 2008 (the pre-recession low point for WorkFirst cases):

% Caseload Change: -51% -57% -56% -60% -42%

Source: OFM Forecast, based on CASE_SNAPSHOT table from ACES data warehouse.

Count 1b: WorkFirst Caseload By Region



Experience to Date

In November 2019, the WorkFirst caseload was 56% below the average caseload in FY 2008, the pre-recession low point for WorkFirst. The South Central portion of Region 1 (Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Kittitas, Klickitat, Walla Walla, and Yakima Counties) had a WorkFirst caseload 65% lower than in FY 2008. The caseloads in the Tacoma-Kitsap portions of Region 3 dropped to 59% below FY 2008 levels. The declines in Tacoma area could be related to the relatively high use of Diversion Cash Assistance there. See pages 17-18. The caseload in the North Puget Sound portion of Region 2 (Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties) was 52% lower than in FY 2008. Caseloads in the North Puget Sound area remained above FY 2008 levels until May 2014. The caseload in Eastern Washington (Spokane and portions of Eastern Washington not included in South Central Washington) was 48% lower than in FY 2008 and has moved ahead of North Puget Sound as the area with the smallest decline in caseload since FY 2008.

Comments

The leveling of caseloads that began in July 2015 occurred in all regions of the state. The drop in caseloads that resumed in February 2016 also occurred in all regions of the state. Another caseload leveling is under way. All of the original DSHS regions show caseload declines since January 2016, January 2017, and January 2018. Trends are less clear since that time. Month-to-month declines have occurred in 13 of the last 24 months. Declines were less common than average in the Eastern Washington, South Central Washington and Seattle-King County areas (11 declines in the last 24 months) and more common in the North Puget Sound and Tacoma-Kitsap County areas (15 declines in the last 24 months). The count of WorkFirst cases on page 6 is slightly lower than the counts shown on page 4 because some cases are associated with call centers and have not been assigned to regions.

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Count 1b: WorkFirst Caseload By Region

Data Table

		Region 1		Region 2		Region 3	
	WorkFirst Cases	Eastern Wash	South Central	North Puget Sound	Seattle King Co.	Tacoma Kitsap	Olympics Southwest
FY 2008	29,928	4,431	4,849	3,232	6,365	5,623	5,428
Jan-15	20,317	3,206	2,517	2,556	4,088	4,110	3,840
Jul-15	17,780	2,765	2,164	2,276	3,478	3,726	3,371
Jan-16	17,713	2,871	2,319	2,332	3,301	3,564	3,326
Jul-16	15,837	2,534	2,031	2,143	3,115	3,140	2,874
Jan-17	15,340	2,517	2,173	1,981	2,920	2,911	2,838
Jul-17	13,827	2,316	1,829	1,742	2,819	2,621	2,500
Jan-18	13,727	2,450	1,857	1,658	2,705	2,507	2,550
Jul-18	13,341	2,324	1,698	1,655	2,779	2,460	2,425
Jan-19	13,320	2,420	1,826	1,592	2,619	2,413	2,450
Jul-19	13,011	2,350	1,700	1,579	2,687	2,215	2,480
Oct-19	13,182	2,320	1,711	1,567	2,728	2,303	2,553
Nov-19	13,039	2,324	1,690	1,548	2,649	2,282	2,546

Percent of FY 2008 Cases

		Region 1		Region 2		Region 3	
	WorkFirst Cases	Eastern Wash	South Central	North Puget Sound	Seattle King Co.	Tacoma Kitsap	Olympics Southwest
FY 2008 Index	29,928	4,431	4,849	3,232	6,365	5,623	5,428
Jan-15	67.9	72.4	51.9	79.1	64.2	73.1	70.7
Jul-15	59.4	62.4	44.6	70.4	54.6	66.3	62.1
Jan-16	59.2	64.8	38.3	72.2	51.9	63.4	61.3
Jul-16	52.9	57.2	41.9	66.3	48.9	55.8	53.0
Jan-17	51.3	56.8	44.8	61.3	45.9	51.8	52.3
Jul-17	46.2	52.3	37.7	53.9	44.3	46.6	46.1
Jan-18	45.9	55.3	38.3	51.3	42.5	44.6	47.0
Jul-18	44.6	52.5	35.0	51.2	43.7	43.8	44.7
Jan-19	44.5	54.6	37.7	49.3	41.2	42.9	45.1
Jul-19	43.5	53.0	35.1	48.9	42.2	39.4	45.7
Oct-19	44.1	52.4	35.3	48.5	42.9	41.0	47.0
Nov-19	43.6	52.5	34.9	47.9	41.6	40.6	46.9

Percentage Change in Cases since FY 2008 (the previous low point for WorkFirst cases):

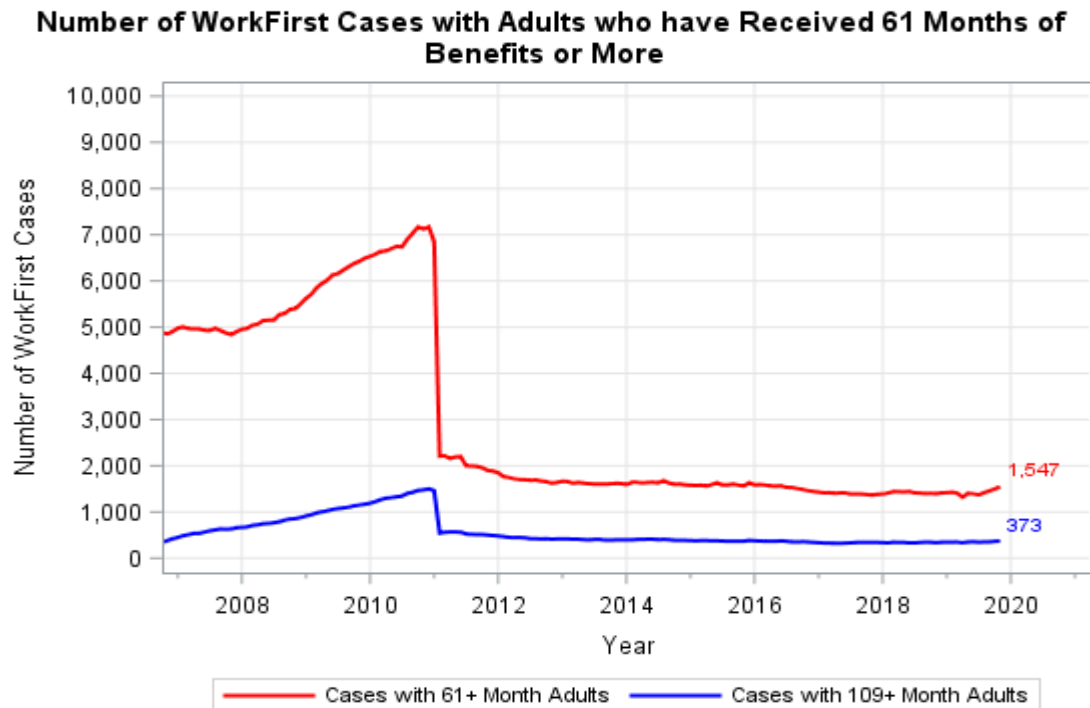
% Caseload Change -56% -48% -65% -52% -58% -59% -53%

Statewide: Region 1: Region 2: Region 3:

DSHS Region definitions were consolidated in March 2011 to create three new regions out of the original six. This report continues to track the six geographic areas associated with the former regions, but also summarizes the results to the current regional definitions. See the rates of change shown in boxes above.

Source: OFM Forecast, based on CASE_SNAPSHOT table from ACES data warehouse.

Count 1c: TANF 61 Month Cases



Target

Federal law sets a 60 month time limit for receipt of TANF benefits as an adult and allows states to extend benefits beyond this limit for up to 20% of the total caseload (including child only cases). The extension limit is currently set at 5,057 cases. Before 2011, Washington extended benefits beyond the 60 month time limit to all households as long as household members were meeting other program requirements. Beginning in February 2011, extensions to the time limit have been restricted to eight categories of hardship listed on page 8. A ninth category of hardship, for being homeless, was added in July 2019.

Experience to Date

In November 2019, cases with adults who had received more than 60 months of benefits made up 6.2% of all cases, 11.9% of WorkFirst cases, and 30.6% of the federal limit on extension to TANF time limits. The number of extension cases in November 2019 was 11% higher than in November 2018 compared with a 1% drop in the WorkFirst caseload over the same time period. The increase in extension cases is due primarily to growth in use of the new homeless extension criteria. The number of cases on extension for disability or for applying to SSI had been growing through March 2015, but began to decrease in April 2015. That number dropped by 1% between November 2018 and November 2019. The number of extension cases involving the children of parents receiving disability benefits drove that decrease, falling by 10% between November 2018 and November 2019. By contrast, the count of extension cases involving parents applying for disability or other benefits increased by 12%. DSHS Region 2 (Seattle and Northern Puget Sound) had 42% of the homeless extension cases in November 2019 (37% of all extension cases). Region 3 (Tacoma-Pierce County and Southwest Washington) had 41% of the homeless extension cases (also with 37% of all extension cases). Homeless extension cases were least common in Region 3 (Eastern Washington) with only 17% of homeless extension cases (26 percent of all extension cases).

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Count 1c: TANF 61 Month Cases

Data Table		Cases with 61+ Month Adult	Percent of All Family Cases	Reason for Extension of Time Limit				
Month	All Family Cases			Disabled Adult	Applied for SSI/SSDI	Family Violence	Homeless	Other Extension
Aug-17	13,887	1,391	10.0%	479	393	253	0	184
Sep-17	13,745	1,390	10.1%	470	396	256	0	177
Oct-17	13,639	1,378	10.1%	469	389	255	0	181
Nov-17	13,513	1,365	10.1%	478	389	248	0	181
Dec-17	13,492	1,386	10.3%	484	378	254	0	185
Jan-18	13,748	1,387	10.1%	483	372	264	0	188
Feb-18	13,665	1,411	10.3%	510	383	260	0	188
Mar-18	13,543	1,442	10.6%	508	390	276	0	196
Apr-18	13,377	1,440	10.8%	506	378	295	0	190
May-18	13,432	1,435	10.7%	504	372	298	0	195
Jun-18	13,303	1,446	10.9%	499	373	294	0	197
Jul-18	13,351	1,413	10.6%	486	351	305	0	202
Aug-18	13,558	1,410	10.4%	496	346	304	0	193
Sep-18	13,411	1,399	10.4%	475	337	311	0	189
Oct-18	13,359	1,402	10.5%	463	344	319	0	188
Nov-18	13,216	1,393	10.5%	464	339	317	0	187
Dec-18	13,279	1,415	10.7%	479	355	322	0	187
Jan-19	13,338	1,417	10.6%	473	355	327	0	185
Feb-19	13,287	1,429	10.8%	478	368	317	0	187
Mar-19	13,073	1,406	10.8%	477	361	314	0	186
Apr-19	13,113	1,320	10.1%	441	356	278	0	178
May-19	13,240	1,406	10.6%	462	359	332	0	175
Jun-19	12,986	1,391	10.7%	455	361	332	0	178
Jul-19	13,015	1,371	10.5%	447	346	325	6	169
Aug-19	13,165	1,415	10.7%	434	347	327	51	173
Sep-19	13,087	1,456	11.1%	426	360	347	96	174
Oct-19	13,188	1,498	11.4%	420	368	347	120	176
Nov-19	13,051	1,547	11.9%	417	381	351	143	183

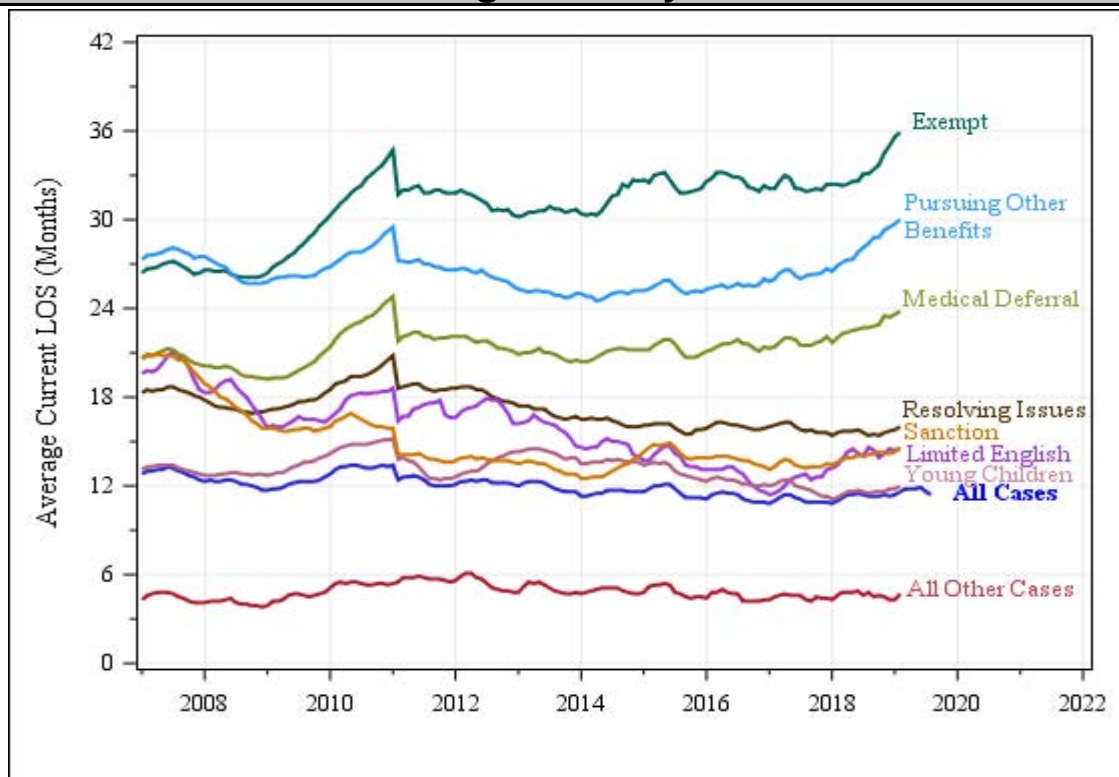
November 2019 compared to November 2018 (without adjustments for late reporting)

% Change	-1%	11%	-10%	12%	11%	N/A	-2%
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This measure is based on the number of months of TANF or State Financial Assistance received as an adult since August 1997. The other extension category includes: caring for a disabled child (130 cases); caring for a disabled adult (24); open CPS case - first dependency order (20); and 55 year old caretaker relative (9). It included cases employed 32 or more hours per week prior to July 2019. Effective in July 2019, homeless extension data is being collected in the field for employed 32+ hours per week as a temporary measure until automation changes can be completed. The number of households with extensions for employed 32+ hours per week had been zero since December 2018. The minimum wage continues to increase, and this extension is unlikely to be used again. Other households not in the other extension category are not eligible for extension and will be terminated at the end of the month (56); are in the process of having their status determined (12); or are in an administrative hearing adjudicating a determination (4). Seventy-one percent of the cases were extended for reasons that would exempt them from or defer application of WorkFirst work participation requirements. This is 1.4 times the rate of exemption or deferral found in the overall WorkFirst caseload (51%).

Source: EMAPs reports on TANF Extension Cases by Month Intervals and By Category.

Count 1d: WorkFirst Length of Stay



Experience to Date

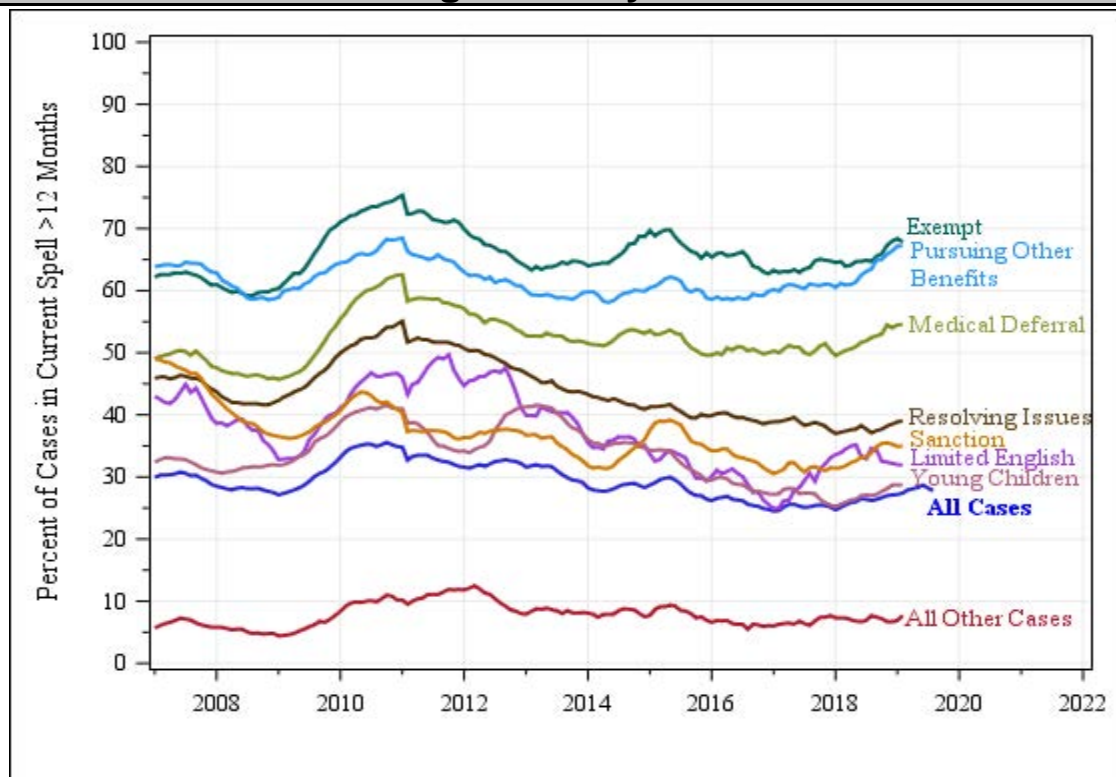
Average length of stay (LOS) since the most recent entry to WorkFirst was 11.4 months in August 2019, up from 11.3 months in August 2018. Lifetime length of stay across all spells of WorkFirst was 20.7 months in August 2018 and 20.6 months in August 2019. LOS dropped between January and February 2011 for most subgroups, but was higher in February 2019 than in February 2018 for all eight subgroups.

Comments

The WorkFirst caseload was 3% smaller in February 2019 than in February 2018 and most subgroups were also smaller. The Young Children group was the exception. The Young Children group saw a 3% increase due to the implementation of extended infant exemptions. The All Other Cases group shrank by 4% and had a LOS of only 4.7 months. That is the group most likely to be participating in WorkFirst activities. The Resolving Issues group shrank by 2%. That group includes cases with drug or alcohol dependency, mental health, family violence, or homelessness issues. The Limited English, Sanction, Medical Deferral, Pursuing Other Benefits, and Exempt groups all shrank by 14% or more per year. The Exempt and Pursuing Other Benefits definitions correspond to criteria for extending TANF benefits to adults beyond the 60 month time limit. This explains their high LOS. The Limited English group is defined using the LP and KE component flags associated with LEP services. LEP cases recorded their lowest LOS in January 2017 during a rapid influx of new LEP cases. LOS for the LEP group has increased by 3 months since that time. This increase is associated with a 19% decline in the size of the LEP group. LOS for cases with Young Children was 12.0 months in February 2019, making it the group with the lowest LOS except for the All Other Cases group. Expansion of infant exemptions in October 2017 probably accounts for this. Continued entry of new households with young children keeps the average length of stay of this group relatively low and is also expanding its size.

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Count 1d: WorkFirst Length of Stay



Length of Stay Values as of August 2019 for All Cases, as of February 2019 for Subgroups

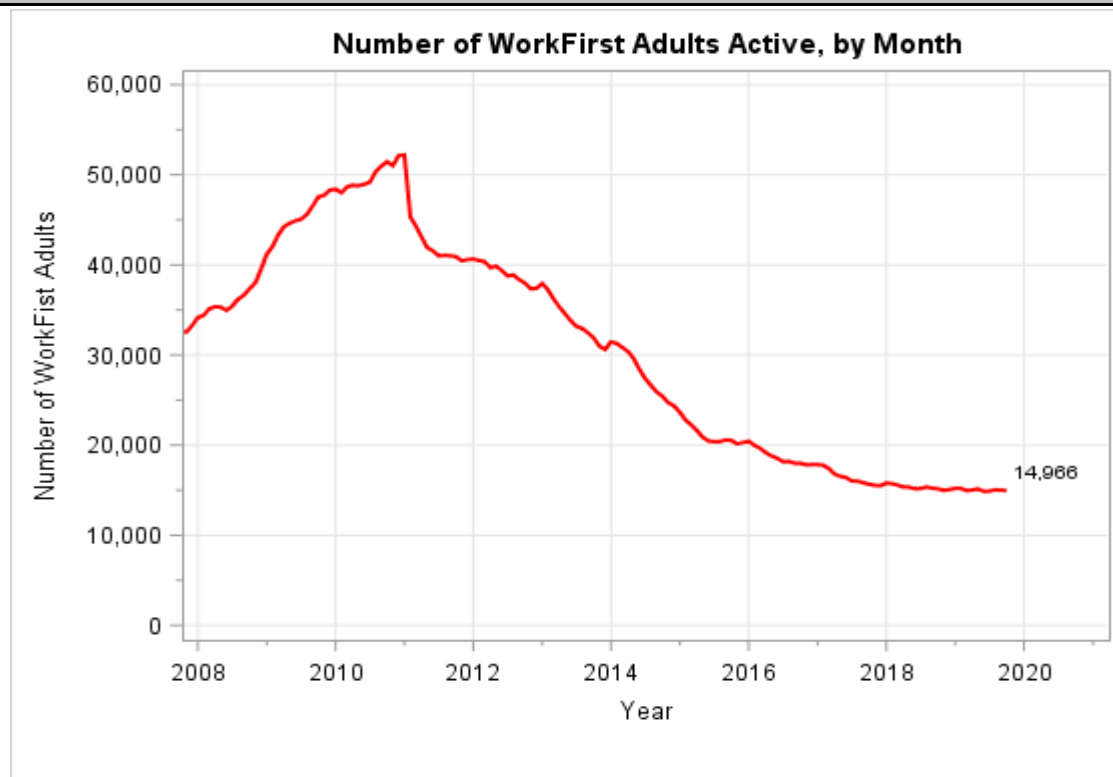
Type of Case	Number	Current Case LOS	Same 12 Mos Ago	Percent of Cases >12 mos	Percent 12 Mos Ago	Lifetime LOS in Mos	Same 12 Mos Ago
All Cases	13,436	11.4	11.3	27.8	26.2	20.6	20.7
Exempt	1,041	35.9	32.4	67.8	64.7	53.2	48.9
Resolving Issues	5,862	16.0	15.6	39.0	37.2	28.0	28.2
Limited English	853	14.5	13.4	31.9	33.9	19.7	17.4
Medical Deferral	2,206	23.8	22.0	54.6	50.0	36.8	34.5
Other Benefits	1,793	30.0	26.9	67.2	61.2	48.3	44.7
Young Children	6,869	12.0	11.2	28.7	25.6	18.6	18.2
Sanction	3,315	14.6	13.6	35.0	31.5	25.8	25.7
All Other Cases	1,818	4.7	4.6	7.7	7.3	13.2	13.7

Source: OFM Longitudinal Client Table, derived from EMAPS Client table and JAS_Actual table.

Definition

Average LOS is the number of months that WorkFirst cases have been in their current spell. The Percent > 12 Mos is the percent of WorkFirst cases that have been in their current spell longer than 12 months. A case may be in more than one group (except for All Other Cases). LOS for All Cases is shown through August 2019. LOS for other groups is through February 2019. It takes about six months for a new case to be sorted into the subgroups listed above. Lifetime months include months of benefits received as a child, and therefore differ from the count of months used for TANF time limits.

Count 1e: WorkFirst Adults



Indicator

Some WorkFirst cases have more than one adult. This chart shows the total number of TANF adults enrolled in the WorkFirst program. This total is used as the denominator for many of the Participation by Activity counts shown in section 5.

Trends

The count of WorkFirst adults was more or less stable between 2002 and 2006, at around 40,000 per month with seasonal variations. Adult counts began to decline in 2006, bottoming out at 32,543 in October 2007. Then counts began to increase. In November and December 2010, the count of WorkFirst adults surpassed 52,000. Program changes, including changes to sanctions, TANF time limits, and lower payment standards reduced the count of WorkFirst adults to 45,317 in February 2011. The count of adults reached 14,966 in October 2019, 1% lower than in October 2018. The average number of WorkFirst adults was 15,119 in FY 2019, down from 15,627 in FY 2018, 17,566 per month in FY 2017, 19,913 per month in FY 2016, 23,840 per month in FY 2015, and 31,175 per month in FY 2014. The November 2019 caseload forecast implies an average monthly caseload of 14,768 in FY 2020.

Adult counts are declining in three of the six regions tracked on page 12: Tacoma-Kitsap, North Puget Sound (Snohomish to Whatcom Counties), and South Central Washington. Pierce County CSOs are among the highest users of Diversion Cash Assistance, which probably explains the larger decline in that area. See pages 17-18 for more information on DCA.

Counts include adjustments that add in TANF recipients who are paid through subsidized jobs instead of through TANF grants. This correction added an average of 238 adults per month in FY 2019. These counts are not lag-adjusted.

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Count 1e: WorkFirst Adults

Data Table

Month	Region 1		Region 2		Region 3		Statewide Total
	Eastern Wash	South Central	North Puget Sound	Seattle King Co.	Tacoma Kitsap	Olympics Southwest	
Dec-16	2,916	2,457	2,301	3,508	3,381	3,274	17,837
Jan-17	2,986	2,507	2,291	3,470	3,315	3,285	17,853
Feb-17	2,993	2,443	2,281	3,531	3,270	3,249	17,769
Mar-17	2,981	2,383	2,238	3,541	3,143	3,130	17,416
Apr-17	2,859	2,218	2,176	3,446	3,096	2,996	16,791
May-17	2,825	2,153	2,137	3,410	3,017	2,997	16,539
Jun-17	2,758	2,156	2,066	3,487	3,018	2,934	16,418
Jul-17	2,720	2,076	1,987	3,386	2,937	2,909	16,015
Aug-17	2,768	2,099	1,937	3,359	2,963	2,885	16,011
Sep-17	2,726	2,049	1,926	3,337	2,961	2,821	15,819
Oct-17	2,702	1,979	1,889	3,325	2,883	2,893	15,671
Nov-17	2,771	1,984	1,865	3,230	2,808	2,884	15,542
Dec-17	2,822	2,073	1,807	3,164	2,752	2,881	15,500
Jan-18	2,860	2,129	1,876	3,195	2,815	2,935	15,809
Feb-18	2,798	2,092	1,911	3,193	2,825	2,906	15,723
Mar-18	2,799	2,072	1,879	3,184	2,788	2,854	15,577
Apr-18	2,763	2,013	1,880	3,166	2,741	2,784	15,348
May-18	2,724	1,988	1,855	3,248	2,738	2,798	15,352
Jun-18	2,728	1,887	1,843	3,249	2,691	2,759	15,158
Jul-18	2,682	1,905	1,877	3,229	2,727	2,755	15,175
Aug-18	2,720	1,973	1,899	3,230	2,733	2,823	15,378
Sep-18	2,636	1,962	1,878	3,198	2,710	2,844	15,230
Oct-18	2,629	1,963	1,861	3,153	2,689	2,868	15,163
Nov-18	2,708	1,983	1,806	3,044	2,639	2,796	14,977
Dec-18	2,807	2,027	1,777	3,002	2,647	2,818	15,080
Jan-19	2,826	2,085	1,802	3,027	2,685	2,781	15,208
Feb-19	2,867	2,030	1,783	3,022	2,694	2,809	15,207
Mar-19	2,805	1,997	1,762	3,035	2,667	2,690	14,958
Apr-19	2,799	1,996	1,808	3,101	2,576	2,741	15,021
May-19	2,787	2,019	1,823	3,097	2,612	2,817	15,156
Jun-19	2,707	1,938	1,817	3,100	2,525	2,785	14,872
Jul-19	2,734	1,925	1,828	3,128	2,467	2,810	14,892
Aug-19	2,726	1,954	1,841	3,181	2,535	2,822	15,059
Sep-19	2,693	1,940	1,813	3,189	2,485	2,870	14,990
Oct-19	2,641	1,929	1,786	3,162	2,561	2,886	14,966

October 2019 compared to October 2018 (without adjustments for late reporting)

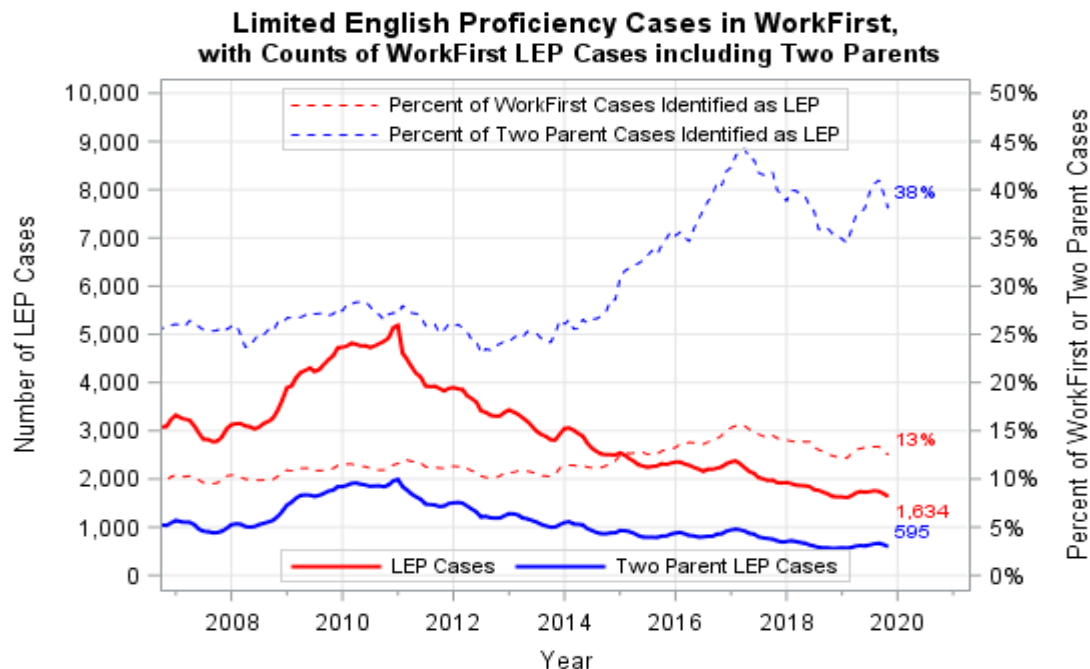
Statewide

% Change 0% -2% -4% 0% -5% 1% -1%

Region 1: 0% Region 2: -1% Region 3: -2% Statewide: -1%

Source: ACES data warehouse, EMAPS Client table, and JAS_Actual table.

Count 1f: Limited English Proficiency Cases and Adults



Indicator

Limited English Proficiency status, as defined in the EMAPS data source for this page, is based on the primary language used for communications, need for an interpreter, and immigration status. Ten percent of LEP adults defined in this way are native born. Most LEP adults are immigrants or refugees, who can be served by the Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance LEP program regardless of whether they are eligible for WorkFirst. LEP adults who are eligible for WorkFirst may be served by any of the WorkFirst partners. Counts shown here are for WorkFirst recipients only and do not depend on whether services are received.

The top ten countries of origin for the WorkFirst LEP population in November 2019 were: Ukraine, Mexico, Afghanistan, Marshall Islands, Iraq, Ethiopia, Somalia, Russia, Micronesia, and Eritrea. Together these nationalities accounted for 62% of the LEP population.

Trends

The count of LEP cases in WorkFirst during November 2019 was similar to the count in November 2018, compared with a 1% drop in total WorkFirst cases. The percent of WorkFirst cases involving LEP dropped from a peak of 15.5% in April 2017 to 12.1% in February 2019, increased to 13.3% during the summer of 2019, but dropped to 12.5% in November 2019.

Thirty-six percent of LEP households in November 2019 had two parents, compared with 8 percent of non-LEP households. English language proficiency and service needs can vary over time due to changes in the immigrant and refugee population. The number of LEP adults assessed at ESL Level 1 was 30% lower in November 2019 than in November 2018 -- only 8% of the LEP population. ESL Level 1 is the lowest level of proficiency, indicating that the adult functions "minimally, if at all, in English". Only 18% of the LEP population in November 2019 had been tested for English language skills, down from 27% in November 2018. It is not clear whether this reflects better English language skills or reduced desire for ESL services. Changes in federal refugee policies have affected refugee arrivals over the past four years, creating fluctuations in the size and makeup of the LEP population. Recent changes in length of stay, service use, and employment outcomes are probably related to those fluctuations.

TANF/ORIA provides ESL, job search, and basic education to LEP adults through contractors in the LEP Pathway program. Service counts are provided on pages 29-32 and 37-38. Length of stay is shown on pages 9-10. Employment outcomes of LEP Job Search are described on pages 55-56, 60, 88, 92, and 96. Services provided to LEP adults by other partners are included in the counts for those partners.

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Count 1f: Limited English Proficiency Cases and Adults

Data Table

Month	WorkFirst Cases	LEP WorkFirst Cases	Percent LEP	WorkFirst Adults	LEP WorkFirst Adults	Percent LEP	LEP Adults at Level 1 ESL	Percent Level 1
Jan-17	15,370	2,355	15.3%	17,589	3,185	18.1%	618	19.4%
Feb-17	15,312	2,375	15.5%	17,517	3,230	18.4%	626	19.4%
Mar-17	14,995	2,316	15.4%	17,137	3,156	18.4%	624	19.8%
Apr-17	14,416	2,233	15.5%	16,491	3,057	18.5%	597	19.5%
May-17	14,234	2,154	15.1%	16,247	2,934	18.1%	575	19.6%
Jun-17	14,146	2,115	15.0%	16,135	2,882	17.9%	572	19.8%
Jul-17	13,846	2,024	14.6%	15,746	2,730	17.3%	521	19.1%
Aug-17	13,887	2,002	14.4%	15,754	2,681	17.0%	495	18.5%
Sep-17	13,745	1,967	14.3%	15,570	2,649	17.0%	482	18.2%
Oct-17	13,639	1,981	14.5%	15,443	2,655	17.2%	485	18.3%
Nov-17	13,513	1,919	14.2%	15,295	2,555	16.7%	447	17.5%
Dec-17	13,492	1,914	14.2%	15,244	2,522	16.5%	428	17.0%
Jan-18	13,748	1,928	14.0%	15,557	2,543	16.3%	451	17.7%
Feb-18	13,665	1,905	13.9%	15,465	2,537	16.4%	474	18.7%
Mar-18	13,543	1,872	13.8%	15,300	2,493	16.3%	477	19.1%
Apr-18	13,377	1,862	13.9%	15,099	2,463	16.3%	439	17.8%
May-18	13,432	1,859	13.8%	15,126	2,443	16.2%	407	16.7%
Jun-18	13,303	1,844	13.9%	14,942	2,396	16.0%	369	15.4%
Jul-18	13,351	1,777	13.3%	14,962	2,321	15.5%	331	14.3%
Aug-18	13,558	1,764	13.0%	15,171	2,270	15.0%	313	13.8%
Sep-18	13,411	1,722	12.8%	15,012	2,211	14.7%	285	12.9%
Oct-18	13,359	1,687	12.6%	14,947	2,178	14.6%	268	12.3%
Nov-18	13,216	1,635	12.4%	14,787	2,116	14.3%	248	11.7%
Dec-18	13,279	1,630	12.3%	14,877	2,113	14.2%	232	11.0%
Jan-19	13,338	1,627	12.2%	14,976	2,120	14.2%	241	11.4%
Feb-19	13,287	1,613	12.1%	14,935	2,110	14.1%	240	11.4%
Mar-19	13,073	1,647	12.6%	14,689	2,144	14.6%	244	11.4%
Apr-19	13,113	1,708	13.0%	14,739	2,226	15.1%	245	11.0%
May-19	13,240	1,740	13.1%	14,885	2,271	15.3%	237	10.4%
Jun-19	12,986	1,725	13.3%	14,579	2,254	15.5%	226	10.0%
Jul-19	13,015	1,737	13.3%	14,602	2,296	15.7%	223	9.7%
Aug-19	13,165	1,756	13.3%	14,777	2,336	15.8%	210	9.0%
Sep-19	13,087	1,744	13.3%	14,710	2,331	15.8%	198	8.5%
Oct-19	13,188	1,696	12.9%	14,789	2,259	15.3%	191	8.5%
Nov-19	13,051	1,634	12.5%	14,610	2,154	14.7%	173	8.0%

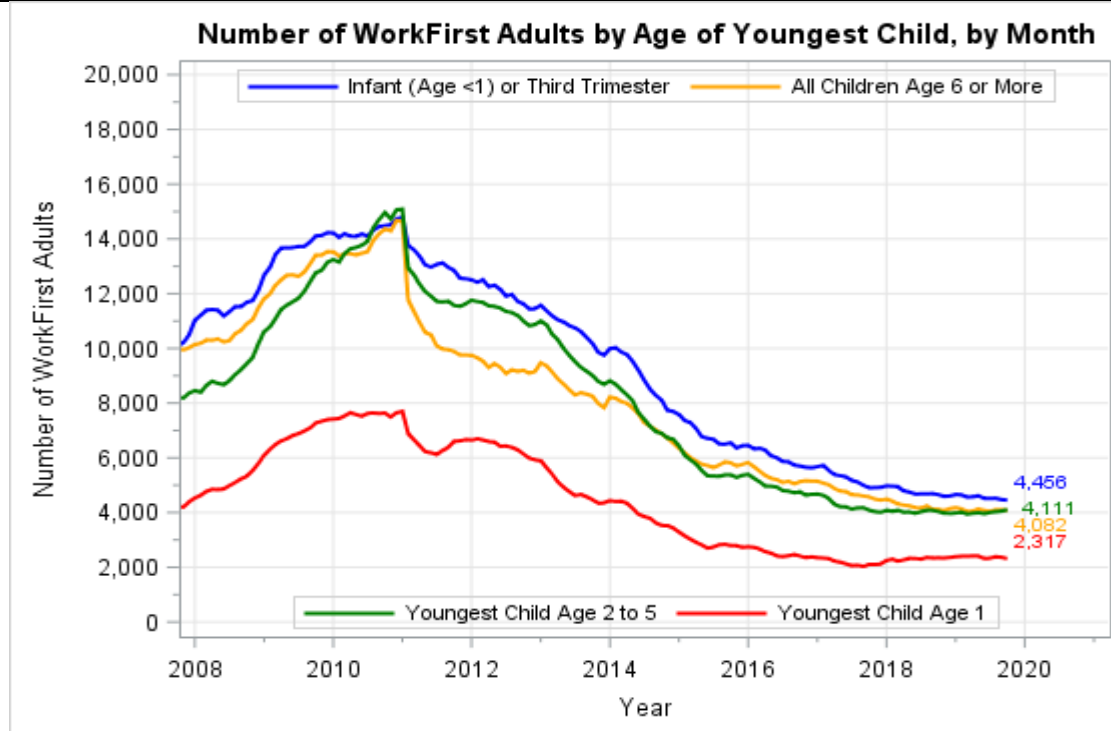
November 2019 compared to November 2018 (without adjustments for late reporting)

% Change -1% 0% -1% 2% -30%

Counts of TANF cases and WorkFirst adults on this page differ slightly from those on pages 1 through 6, 9-12, and 15-16 due to differences in data sources and data definitions.

Source: EMAPs reports on LEP Adult Cases and LEP Adult Clients and ACES Data Warehouse.

Count 1g: Adults by Age of Youngest Child



Indicator

WorkFirst adults have different work requirements depending on the age of their youngest child. This chart shows the total number of adults in four groups defined by the age of their youngest child. Under ESSB 5898, effective in October 2017, one adult in each household with children under the age of 2 is eligible for a voluntary exemption from work requirements for a lifetime limit of 24 months. The chart shows the number of households affected by this policy. An earlier suspension policy, under ESSB 5921, provided temporary suspensions for one adult in each household with children under the age of 2 or two children under the age of 6. Those suspensions could be started between July 2011 and June 2012 and were phased out during FY 2013. Single adults with children under the age of 6 have been able to meet work requirements by participating for 20 hours instead of 30 hours per week since March 2011. The four groups in the chart are mutually exclusive.

Trends

Implementation of 60 month time limits in February 2011 reduced the number of adults with children in every age group. It had the largest impact on households with the oldest children and smallest impact on households with the youngest children. The count of parents with youngest child age 1 (12 to 23 months) began to increase in August 2011 under the ESSB 5921 suspension policy, but began to decline again in October 2011 and dropped to pre-suspension levels by October 2012. The ESSB 5898 policy has increased the count of households with youngest child age 1 again, by 14% since September 2017. This is slowing the decline in overall caseloads. The count of WorkFirst adults is currently decreasing by 1% per year. Counts of households with youngest child age 2 to 5 have begun to increase over the past year.

The "Potential Exemption Parents" column counts only one adult per household.

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Count 1g: Adults by Age of Youngest Child

Data Table		Youngest Child		Work Participation Requirements				Total Adults	
		Age 1 Year		20 Hours	35 Hours	30 Hours	35 Hours		
		Infant Age < 1 Year or Pregnant	but < 2 Years (Exemptions Began Oct-17)	Potential Exemption Parents	Youngest Child Age		No Child Younger		
					Two but < Six Years	Than Age Six			
Month				1 Adult	2 Adults	1 Adult	2 Adults		
Apr-17	5,386	2,226	5,050	3,143	1,156	3,802	1,078	16,791	
May-17	5,348	2,190	5,013	3,088	1,127	3,745	1,041	16,539	
Jun-17	5,309	2,127	4,960	3,075	1,137	3,741	1,029	16,418	
Jul-17	5,175	2,061	4,862	3,041	1,086	3,680	972	16,015	
Aug-17	5,120	2,074	4,839	3,116	1,058	3,708	935	16,011	
Sep-17	4,999	2,034	4,717	3,129	1,052	3,700	905	15,819	
Oct-17	4,904	2,105	4,707	3,057	1,030	3,665	910	15,671	
Nov-17	4,913	2,102	4,730	3,016	1,021	3,639	851	15,542	
Dec-17	4,918	2,120	4,766	3,021	989	3,599	854	15,500	
Jan-18	4,978	2,251	4,903	3,049	1,036	3,614	882	15,809	
Feb-18	4,965	2,299	4,931	3,013	1,030	3,538	880	15,723	
Mar-18	4,952	2,225	4,803	3,045	1,042	3,483	830	15,577	
Apr-18	4,790	2,268	4,768	3,008	1,006	3,433	843	15,348	
May-18	4,750	2,331	4,817	3,027	998	3,417	829	15,352	
Jun-18	4,679	2,326	4,816	3,027	943	3,357	826	15,158	
Jul-18	4,687	2,297	4,817	3,113	921	3,342	817	15,175	
Aug-18	4,687	2,362	4,882	3,125	959	3,455	791	15,378	
Sep-18	4,695	2,338	4,894	3,103	980	3,393	723	15,230	
Oct-18	4,656	2,347	4,870	3,072	969	3,363	756	15,163	
Nov-18	4,593	2,337	4,848	3,052	925	3,310	762	14,977	
Dec-18	4,605	2,360	4,848	3,045	926	3,385	760	15,080	
Jan-19	4,661	2,387	4,888	3,056	925	3,390	789	15,208	
Feb-19	4,648	2,407	4,835	3,076	940	3,375	761	15,207	
Mar-19	4,566	2,406	4,783	3,013	933	3,312	728	14,958	
Apr-19	4,574	2,418	4,803	3,044	930	3,302	754	15,021	
May-19	4,615	2,415	4,815	3,051	941	3,368	766	15,156	
Jun-19	4,514	2,320	4,677	3,048	913	3,296	781	14,872	
Jul-19	4,519	2,333	4,691	3,098	907	3,259	776	14,892	
Aug-19	4,526	2,391	4,728	3,114	924	3,344	762	15,059	
Sep-19	4,475	2,364	4,670	3,086	966	3,342	757	14,990	
Oct-19	4,456	2,317	4,649	3,140	971	3,357	725	14,966	

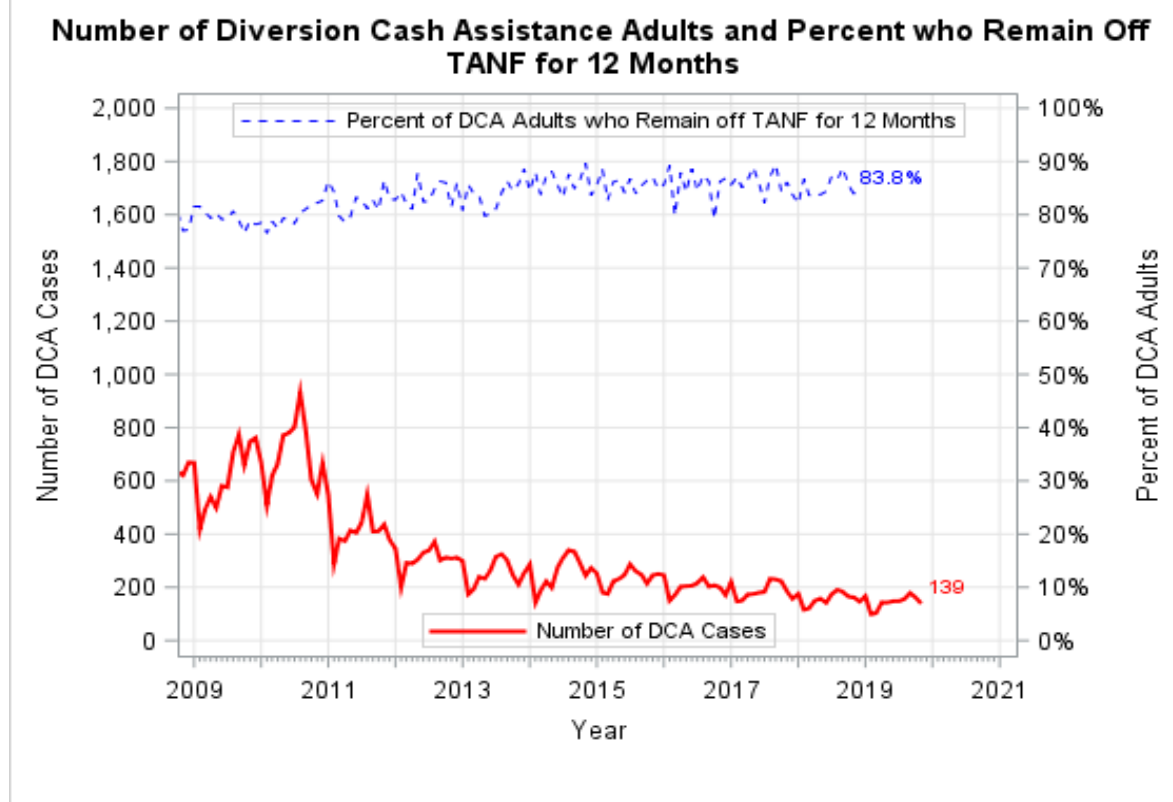
October 2019 compared to October 2018 (without adjustments for late reporting)

% Change	-4%	-1%	-5%	2%	0%	0%	-4%	-1%
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Reduced work requirements were implemented for two parent households in October 2010, after which only one of the two adults was required to participate. Reduced work requirements for single adults with children under six were introduced in March 2011. Reduced work requirements were introduced to reduce child care costs. Budgets for employment and educational programs were reduced for the suspension in FY 2012 and for the expansion of infant exemptions in FY 2018. The counts of adults in one and two parent households with older children have been corrected. It had been incorrect in chart books dated January to July 2019.

Source: ACES data warehouse, EMAPS Client table, and JAS_Actual table.

Count 2: DCA Success Rate



DCA Program

Diversion Cash Assistance (DCA) is provided to meet the temporary income needs of eligible adults so they do not have to enter TANF (WorkFirst). Households receive payments of up to \$1,250, a portion of which must be repaid if recipients enter TANF during the following 12 months. Eighty-five percent of DCA payments in November 2019 were used to pay for housing assistance, 9% for employment related expenses, and 6% for transportation related expenses.

Target

The historical WorkFirst target for the percent of DCA recipients who did not enter TANF within 12 months was 80%. There is no current target for this measure.

Experience to Date

Use of DCA dropped after October 2010. Until October 2010, DCA households could receive payments of up to \$1,500. The maximum payment was reduced to \$1,250 in October 2010. The maximum was reduced again -- to \$1,000 -- in January 2011. The maximum DCA payment returned to \$1,250 in July 2011. TANF time limits and reductions to TANF payment standards introduced in February 2011 also reduced the number of households eligible to receive DCA. DCA benefits were provided at 43 CSOs in November 2019. Spokane Trent and Lakewood CSOs had the largest number of users, with 16 each, followed by Pierce South CSO (11) and Puyallup Valley CSO (10). Columbia River and Pierce North CSOs were next, with 8 users each.

The percent of DCA users who did not use TANF over the following 12 months began to increase around July 2010 -- about six months before the implementation of TANF time limits. The percent remaining off TANF for 12 months was 84% for households receiving DCA in November 2018.

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Count 2: DCA Success Rate

Data Table

Month	DCA Adults in Next 12 Months				New WorkFirst Entries	DCA as % of Entries
	DCA Cases	DCA Adults	Adults w/ No TANF	Success Rate		
Sep-17	230	283	253	89%	2,068	11%
Oct-17	223	268	226	84%	1,929	12%
Nov-17	185	223	192	86%	1,950	9%
Dec-17	157	191	160	84%	1,876	8%
Jan-18	176	218	179	82%	2,077	8%
Feb-18	116	150	130	87%	1,588	7%
Mar-18	121	159	133	84%	1,610	8%
Apr-18	150	191	160	84%	1,723	9%
May-18	158	197	165	84%	1,802	9%
Jun-18	142	173	146	84%	1,771	8%
Jul-18	174	202	176	87%	1,907	9%
Aug-18	191	231	200	87%	1,873	10%
Sep-18	183	214	190	89%	1,799	10%
Oct-18	165	208	178	86%	1,771	9%
Nov-18	162	204	171	84%	1,759	9%
Dec-18	146	179	.	.	1,766	8%
Jan-19	167	214	.	.	1,681	10%
Feb-19	99	130	.	.	1,410	7%
Mar-19	103	122	.	.	1,519	7%
Apr-19	144	184	.	.	1,785	8%
May-19	143	179	.	.	1,783	8%
Jun-19	148	.	.	.	1,663	9%
Jul-19	148	.	.	.	1,851	8%
Aug-19	156	.	.	.	1,912	8%
Sep-19	179	.	.	.	1,855	10%
Oct-19	162	.	.	.	1,815	9%
Nov-19	139	.	.	.	1,735	8%

November 2019 compared to November 2018

% Change -14% -1%

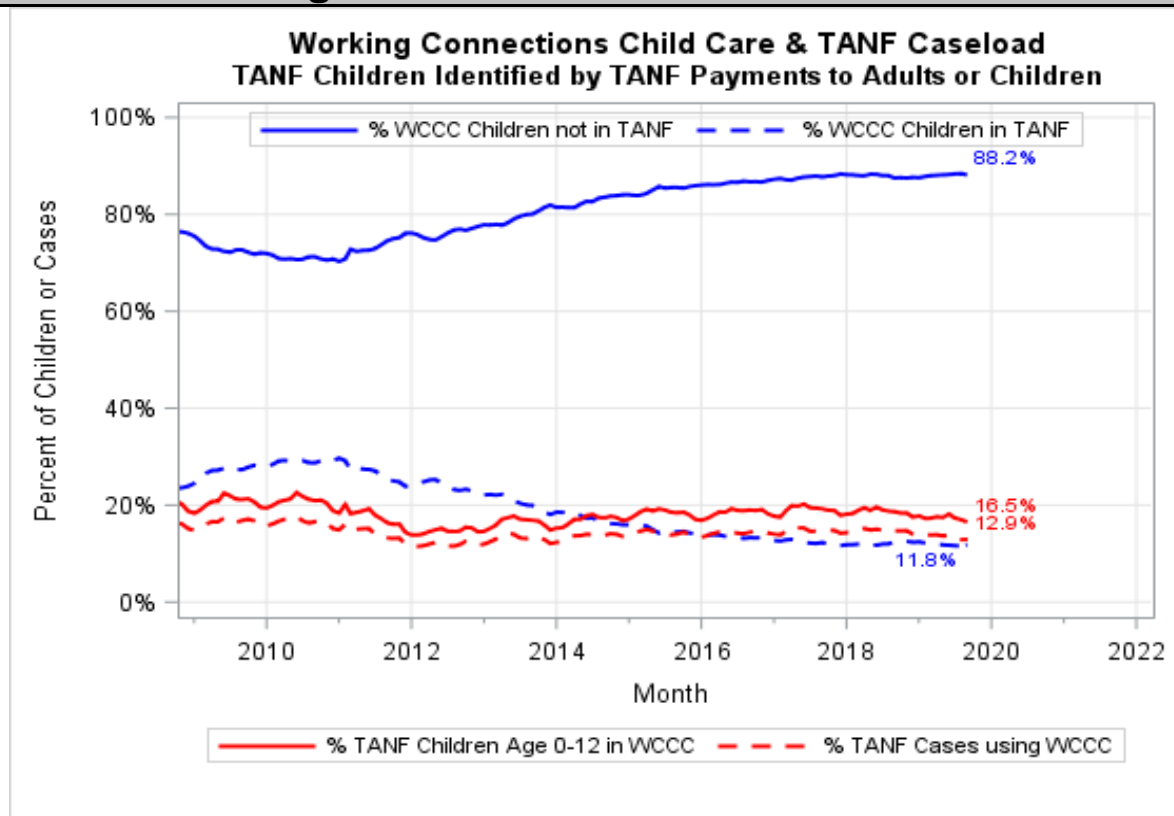
If DCA recipients had entered TANF instead, WorkFirst entries would have been 15% higher in calendar year 2010. DCA use reduced WorkFirst entries by 9% in 2015 through 2017 and by 8% in 2018. DCA use in November 2019 was 14% lower than in November 2018. New WorkFirst entries decreased by 1% over the same period. Counts of DCA cases and WorkFirst entries are lag adjusted to reflect delayed reporting. The count of new WorkFirst entries shown here differs from counts shown on page 2. This count does not include transfers from Child Only to WorkFirst as a new entry to WorkFirst.

Definition of Measure

The chart measures the number of Diversion Cash Assistance clients who do not enter TANF within 12 months of receiving a DCA payment.

Source: DSHS performance reports and ACES data warehouse.

Count 3: Working Connections Child Care



Goal

Working Connections Child Care provides subsidized child care for TANF and other low-income families so parents are able to work and move toward family self-sufficiency and so children have stable access to nurturing environments that help support their healthy development and school readiness.

Experience to Date

In 2010, 29% of WCCC children were members of TANF households. The percent of TANF children age 0-12 served in WCCC was 16.5% in September 2019. However, most WCCC households have used TANF in the past: 76% of WCCC households in September 2019 had used TANF: 13% in August or September 2019 (shown as 12.9% above using a slightly different definition); 46% most recently between February 2011 and July 2019; and 17% prior to the TANF program changes of February 2011. The majority (58%) of past TANF users currently using WCCC have incomes above the Federal Poverty Level. In September 2019, only 234 WCCC households (0.9%) had no prior experience with TANF, Basic Food, or Medical programs.

Comments

Caseloads are not lag adjusted for late reporting. Caseloads for August and September 2019 could rise by 0.8% and 2.0% respectively. The drop in TANF-related households may be due to changes in work participation requirements and the drop in TANF caseloads since February 2011. Caseloads increased in July 2016 due to eligibility changes in the Early Start Act, but decreased in July 2017 and again in July 2018 and July 2019. A steady decline in new entries to WCCC is driving much of the caseload decline. The September to September comparisons shown in these pages suggest that there was a 9.8% caseload decline over the past year. September 2019 caseloads will likely reach 25,973 households and 44,711 children once all bills are paid (and HB 1624 cases included in the counts) -- 6.1% and 6.8% lower than in September 2018.

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Count 3: Working Connections Child Care

Data Table

Month	WCCC Cases	Non-TANF Related Cases	TANF Related Cases	WCCC Children	TANF WCCC Children	% of TANF Households Using WCCC	% of TANF Children 0-12 Using WCCC
May-17	31,374	27,231	4,143	53,497	6,696	15.3%	19.8%
Jun-17	31,731	27,612	4,119	55,153	6,781	15.3%	20.2%
Jul-17	30,000	26,149	3,851	52,919	6,448	14.6%	19.5%
Aug-17	30,125	26,268	3,857	53,271	6,436	14.6%	19.4%
Sep-17	29,897	26,013	3,884	51,547	6,331	14.8%	19.2%
Oct-17	30,028	26,175	3,853	51,295	6,183	14.8%	19.0%
Nov-17	30,089	26,242	3,847	51,446	6,158	14.8%	18.9%
Dec-17	29,666	25,962	3,704	50,792	5,914	14.2%	17.9%
Jan-18	29,871	26,079	3,792	51,205	6,064	14.3%	18.2%
Feb-18	29,783	26,017	3,766	50,955	6,025	14.3%	18.2%
Mar-18	30,033	26,203	3,830	51,414	6,153	14.7%	18.9%
Apr-18	30,170	26,279	3,891	51,819	6,224	15.2%	19.5%
May-18	30,086	26,287	3,799	51,564	6,032	14.9%	18.9%
Jun-18	30,143	26,319	3,824	52,695	6,186	15.1%	19.6%
Jul-18	28,495	24,787	3,708	50,391	6,027	14.7%	19.0%
Aug-18	28,389	24,686	3,703	50,421	6,038	14.5%	18.8%
Sep-18	27,670	23,936	3,734	47,958	5,991	14.7%	18.7%
Oct-18	27,614	23,876	3,738	47,577	5,883	14.7%	18.3%
Nov-18	27,386	23,650	3,736	47,019	5,880	14.7%	18.4%
Dec-18	26,753	23,168	3,585	46,026	5,673	14.0%	17.5%
Jan-19	27,039	23,386	3,653	46,580	5,787	14.2%	17.8%
Feb-19	26,571	23,002	3,569	45,675	5,569	13.9%	17.3%
Mar-19	26,774	23,254	3,520	45,998	5,513	13.8%	17.3%
Apr-19	27,100	23,574	3,526	46,886	5,596	13.9%	17.6%
May-19	27,000	23,544	3,456	46,453	5,483	13.6%	17.4%
Jun-19	27,183	23,728	3,455	47,638	5,601	13.8%	18.2%
Jul-19	25,982	22,730	3,252	46,101	5,368	13.1%	17.3%
Aug-19	25,631	22,426	3,205	45,524	5,263	12.9%	17.0%
Sep-19	24,966	21,785	3,181	42,950	5,076	12.9%	16.5%

September 2019 compared to September 2018 (without adjustments for late reporting)

Change -10% -9% -15% -10% -15%

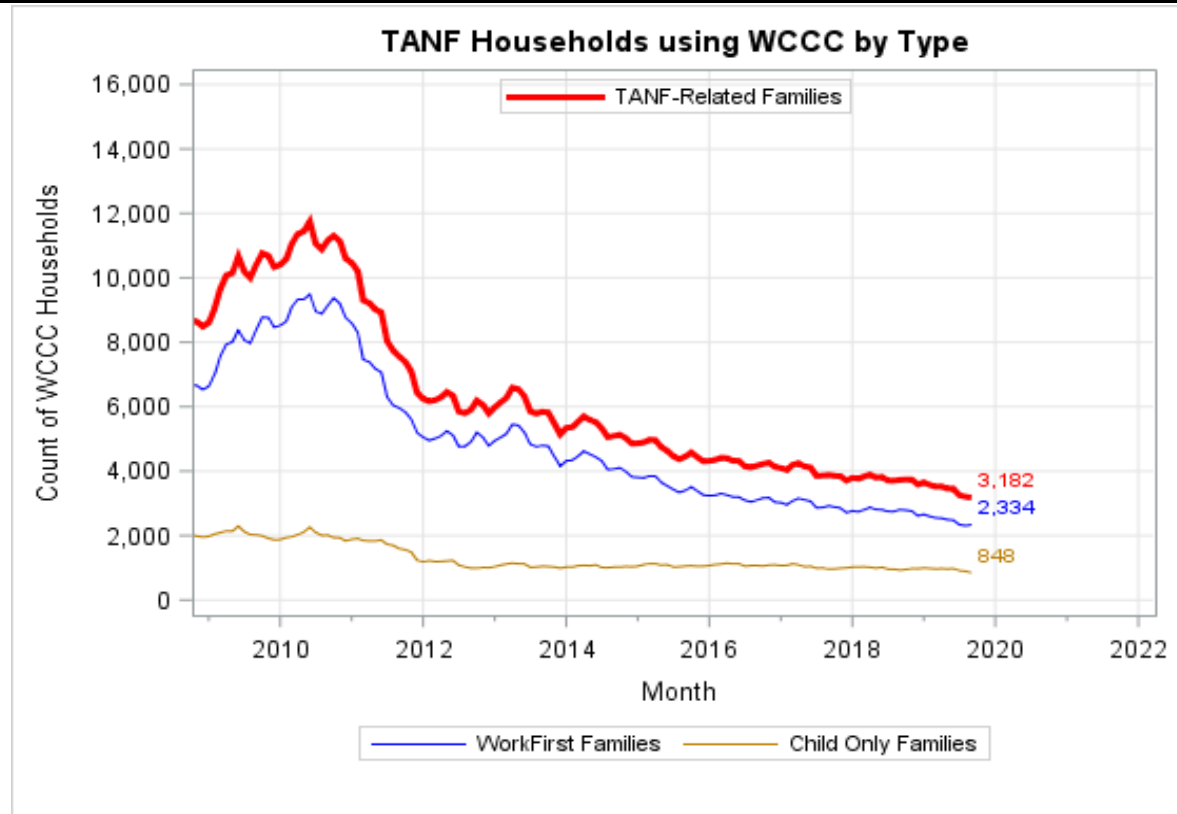
Definition of Measure

Results are tabulated from files supplied by the Department of Children, Youth, and Families. The percent of TANF children served by WCCC is based on the number of children living in households receiving TANF and WCCC (based on DCYF data) divided by the number of TANF children aged 0 to 12 (based on ACES data). This method is based on matching WCCC consumer IDs with TANF records. This definition of TANF households includes households with children in Child Only cases. Homeless Grace Period cases are included in counts from July 2017 onwards. Households transitioning from Children's Administration care under HB 1624 are not included in these counts. CA transition enrollments began in December 2018. There were 506 such CA cases in September 2019 according to separate reports by DCYF.

See: http://www.cfc.wa.gov/HumanServices_DCYF_WorkingConnections.htm for WCCC forecasts.

Source: WCCC cases and children, DCYF; Number of TANF children aged 0-12, ACES data warehouse.

Count 3a: Type of TANF Cases Using WCCC



Use of WCCC by TANF Households

Parents often need paid child care to maintain employment or to participate in WorkFirst activities, but many households do not use child care. In 2012, there was one WCCC case for every 2.3 WorkFirst adults using partner services. Use dropped to one WCCC case for every 2.6 adults using services in FY 2016, but has increased since then. There was one WCCC case per 2.4 adults who used WorkFirst services in FY 2018 and FY 2019. TANF related care includes WCCC child care provided to kinship caregivers, guardians, and parents of children with Child Only TANF grants. Categorized by type of Child Only household, WCCC was used by 13% of kinship caregivers, 10% of legal guardians, 8% of parents disqualified from using TANF, 5% of non-citizen parents, and 4% of disabled parents in FY 2019.

Experience to Date

Use of WCCC by WorkFirst (All Family) TANF households reached a high point during the summer of 2010 and then dropped after cutbacks to the WorkFirst program. Exemptions from WorkFirst work requirements were extended to households with children under the age of 2 in October 2017, which was expected to reduce TANF-related child care activity and produce budget savings. WorkFirst households used WCCC in September 2019 at a lower rate than in September 2018 but the figure for September 2019 will increase once all bills are paid. Use of WCCC by Child Only cases remained relatively stable until program changes in November 2011. Kinship caregivers may receive WCCC without using TANF, so the drop in TANF Child Only households using WCCC does not necessarily imply a drop in the use of child care by those households. (They can also be counted among the non-TANF WCCC households.)

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Count 3a: Type of TANF Cases Using WCCC

Data Table							
Month	WorkFirst TANF Cases	WorkFirst Cases Using WCCC	Percent Using WCCC	Child Only TANF Cases	Child Only Cases Using WCCC	Percent Using WCCC	Child Only % of TANF WCCC Users
Apr-17	14,392	3,157	21.9%	13,184	1,091	8.3%	25.7%
May-17	14,216	3,109	21.9%	12,911	1,036	8.0%	25.0%
Jun-17	14,125	3,071	21.7%	12,828	1,049	8.2%	25.5%
Jul-17	13,827	2,868	20.7%	12,537	986	7.9%	25.6%
Aug-17	13,860	2,870	20.7%	12,508	993	7.9%	25.7%
Sep-17	13,721	2,922	21.3%	12,503	962	7.7%	24.8%
Oct-17	13,621	2,888	21.2%	12,444	966	7.8%	25.1%
Nov-17	13,487	2,856	21.2%	12,503	991	7.9%	25.8%
Dec-17	13,463	2,711	20.1%	12,670	997	7.9%	26.9%
Jan-18	13,728	2,769	20.2%	12,702	1,023	8.1%	27.0%
Feb-18	13,640	2,739	20.1%	12,608	1,027	8.1%	27.3%
Mar-18	13,519	2,800	20.7%	12,455	1,032	8.3%	26.9%
Apr-18	13,355	2,877	21.5%	12,261	1,016	8.3%	26.1%
May-18	13,407	2,809	21.0%	12,173	990	8.1%	26.1%
Jun-18	13,291	2,804	21.1%	12,095	1,020	8.4%	26.7%
Jul-18	13,341	2,749	20.6%	11,854	960	8.1%	25.9%
Aug-18	13,535	2,748	20.3%	11,968	956	8.0%	25.8%
Sep-18	13,393	2,807	21.0%	12,005	927	7.7%	24.8%
Oct-18	13,344	2,792	20.9%	12,093	947	7.8%	25.3%
Nov-18	13,193	2,759	20.9%	12,189	977	8.0%	26.2%
Dec-18	13,262	2,612	19.7%	12,311	974	7.9%	27.2%
Jan-19	13,322	2,659	20.0%	12,432	994	8.0%	27.2%
Feb-19	13,279	2,592	19.5%	12,381	977	7.9%	27.4%
Mar-19	13,056	2,551	19.5%	12,391	969	7.8%	27.5%
Apr-19	13,103	2,543	19.4%	12,290	983	8.0%	27.9%
May-19	13,236	2,493	18.8%	12,110	964	8.0%	27.9%
Jun-19	12,974	2,479	19.1%	12,017	978	8.1%	28.3%
Jul-19	13,011	2,337	18.0%	11,804	916	7.8%	28.2%
Aug-19	13,150	2,308	17.6%	11,768	897	7.6%	28.0%
Sep-19	13,076	2,334	17.8%	11,655	848	7.3%	26.6%

September 2019 compared to September 2018 (without adjustments for late reporting)

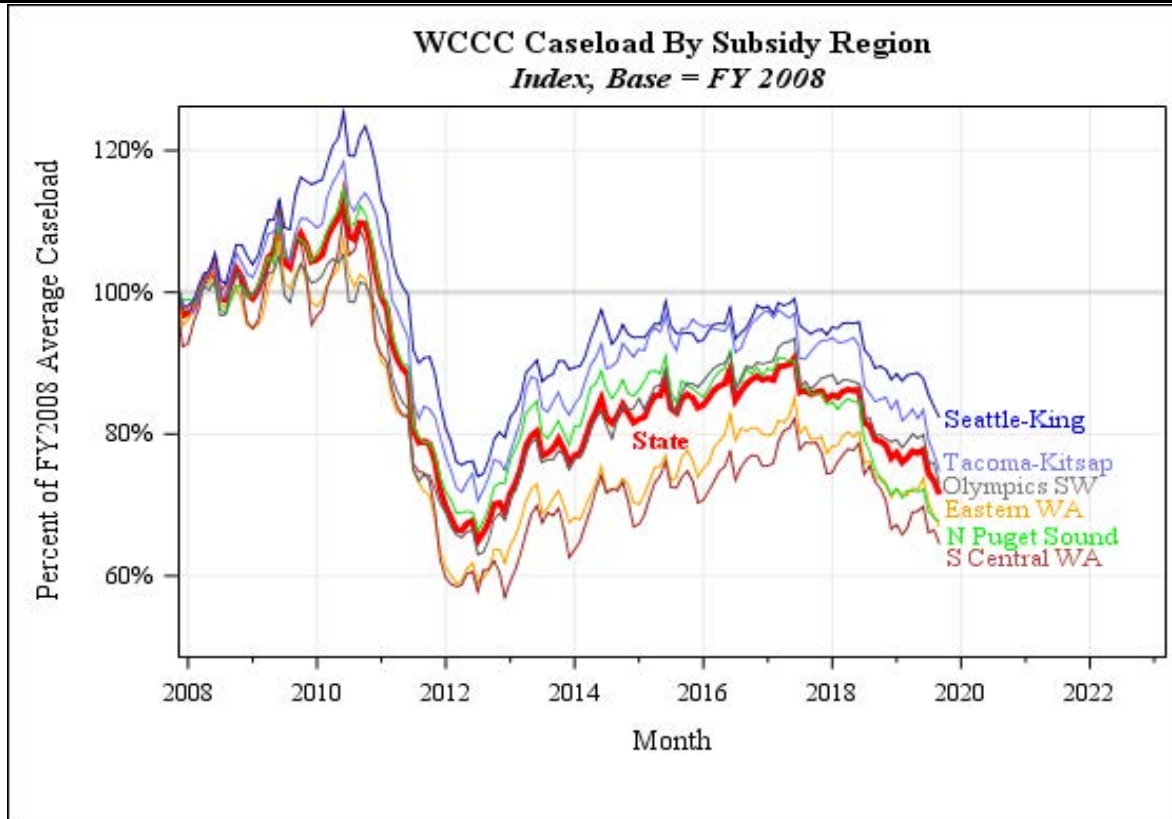
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Definition of Measures

Results are tabulated from files supplied by DCYF matched with TANF case data. WCCC cases are identified as WorkFirst if a parent receiving benefits in a TANF case is listed as the head of the WCCC household during the current or prior month. WCCC cases are identified as Child Only if an adult associated with a Child Only TANF case is identified as the head of the WCCC household during the current or prior month. This method of counting TANF-related cases produces a larger count of WCCC households than would be obtained by looking at the WCCC eligibility records, which appear to undercount WCCC households receiving TANF. Many cases counted as non-TANF related have also received TANF in the past, but not recently enough to be counted in this measure.

Source: WCCC cases from DCYF matched to Client IDs in ACES.

Count 3b: WCCC Caseload by Subsidy Region



Experience to Date

WCCC caseloads began to grow in most areas in mid-2008 but began to decline by late-2010 in all parts of the state. Caseloads began to increase in all six regions in January 2013 but flattened out during the summer of 2015. Declines began during the summer of 2017 and occurred again in July 2018 and July 2019.

Average caseloads grew by 3.1% in FY 2017 but declined by 2.5% in FY 2018 and by 8.6% in FY 2019. WCCC caseloads expected to decline by 4.3% in FY 2020 and 4.0% in FY 2021 according to the November 2019 caseload forecast. The decline in FY 2018 resulted from reduced entries, passing the anniversary of 12-month eligibility, and program changes made to reduce costs in the 2017-19 budget. Entry declines continued in FY 2019. Some of the decline may be due to requirements that providers begin using electronic attendance systems in July 2018. The decline is related to reduced entries to WCCC and is occurring in all areas of the state. Declines are most pronounced among license exempt FFN providers (see pages 27-28).

Under 12-month eligibility, households with changes in circumstance remain eligible for a full year. The first cohorts found eligible under those rules reached the end of their year long-eligibility in July 2017. Some were no longer eligible to continue, and the new cohorts of households beginning services were not large enough to fully replace the departing cohorts. The drops seen in July 2017, July 2018, and July 2019 also show up in the number of households eligible for WCCC and eligible households with authorizations to be paid for services. Some have proposed that increased wage levels have reduced the number of households eligible for care and reduced incentives to provide FFN care.

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Count 3b: WCCC Caseload by Subsidy Region

Data Table		Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6
	WCCC Cases	Eastern Wash	South Central	North Puget Sound	Seattle King Co.	Tacoma Kitsap	Olympics Southwest
FY 2008	34,941	6,270	5,437	4,614	7,436	5,008	5,770
Jan-14	26,895	4,274	3,465	3,742	6,646	4,218	4,427
Jul-14	28,732	4,502	3,898	3,982	7,081	4,467	4,582
Jan-15	28,681	4,396	3,660	3,977	6,967	4,608	4,815
Jul-15	29,226	4,602	3,940	3,967	7,077	4,667	4,787
Jan-16	29,376	4,716	3,843	3,930	6,938	4,764	5,107
Jul-16	29,615	4,958	3,995	4,005	6,944	4,580	5,073
Jan-17	30,712	5,004	4,106	4,119	7,288	4,880	5,210
Jul-17	30,000	5,024	4,230	4,000	7,085	4,538	5,044
Jan-18	29,871	4,908	4,058	3,898	7,072	4,690	5,019
Jul-18	28,495	4,759	4,037	3,655	6,832	4,345	4,748
Jan-19	27,039	4,526	3,654	3,338	6,578	4,243	4,506
Jul-19	25,982	4,399	3,596	3,186	6,359	3,960	4,377
Aug-19	25,631	4,298	3,614	3,145	6,232	3,859	4,380
Sep-19	24,966	4,194	3,505	3,118	6,120	3,741	4,206

September 2019 compared to September 2018 (without adjustments for late reporting)

% Change	-10%	-9%	-12%	-10%	-8%	-12%	-9%
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Percent of FY 2008 Cases

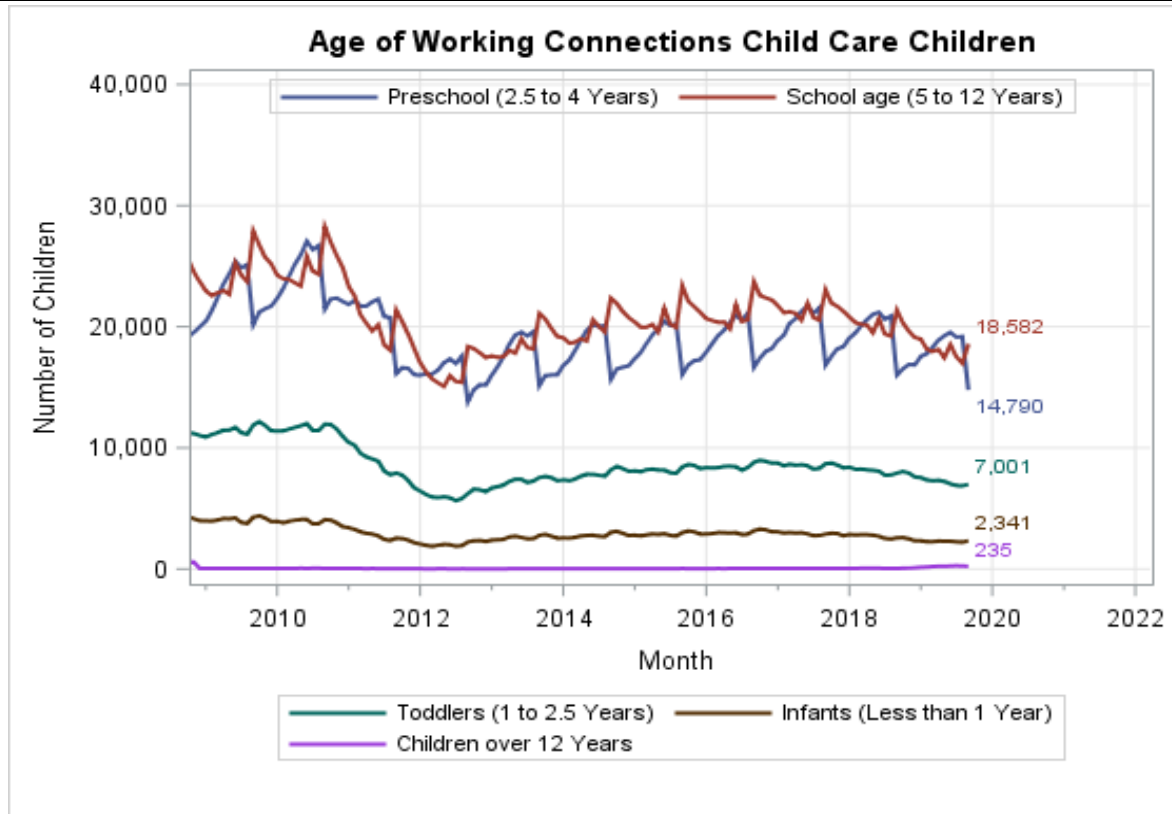
	WCCC Cases	Eastern Wash	South Central	North Puget Sound	Seattle King Co.	Tacoma Kitsap	Olympics Southwest
FY 2008	34,941	6,270	5,437	4,614	7,436	5,008	5,770
Jan-14	77.0	68.2	63.7	81.1	89.4	84.2	76.7
Jul-14	82.2	71.8	71.7	86.3	95.2	89.2	79.4
Jan-15	82.1	70.1	67.3	86.2	93.7	92.0	83.4
Jul-15	83.6	73.4	72.5	86.0	95.2	93.2	83.0
Jan-16	84.1	75.2	70.7	85.2	93.3	95.1	88.5
Jul-16	84.8	79.1	73.5	86.8	93.4	91.5	87.9
Jan-17	87.9	79.8	75.5	89.3	98.0	97.4	90.3
Jul-17	85.9	80.1	77.8	86.7	95.3	90.6	87.4
Jan-18	85.5	78.3	74.6	84.5	95.1	93.6	87.0
Jul-18	81.6	75.9	74.3	79.2	91.9	86.8	82.3
Jan-19	77.4	72.2	67.2	72.3	88.5	84.7	78.1
Jul-19	74.4	70.2	66.1	69.1	85.5	79.1	75.9
Aug-19	73.4	68.5	66.5	68.2	83.8	77.1	75.9
Sep-19	71.5	66.9	64.5	67.6	82.3	74.7	72.9

Definition of Measure

Counts of WCCC cases by region use the county of service provider to identify WCCC subsidy regions. Household counts differ from page 20 because region cannot be identified for some providers. The percent of FY 2008 figures show the monthly caseload divided by the region's average caseload in State fiscal year 2008. The index is useful for viewing changes between periods by region.

Source: WCCC cases from DCYF monthly extract.

Count 3c: WCCC Children by Age



Ages of WCCC Children

Working Connections Child Care pays different vendor rates for children of different ages. Knowledge of child age is also important to policymakers since some policies affect only certain age groups. Vendor rates differ for preschool children and school age children. Children who are 5 years old by August 31 of a year reach school age beginning in September of that year. The drop in preschool children and increase in school age children that occurs in each September is the movement of 5-year olds at the start of the school year.

Experience to Date

The number of children per WCCC household has a seasonal pattern -- 1.76 during the summer of 2018 and 1.72 during the 2018-19 school year. The average number of children served per household was 1.72 in FY 2013; 1.71 in FYs 2014 through 2016; 1.72 in FY 2017, and 1.73 in FYs 2018 and 2019.

The number of children served in September 2019 with bills paid through November 27, 2019 was 10.4% lower than in September 2018. The number children declined at all ages except ages 13, 15, and 17. The largest decreases were among 9-year olds (down 18%), 11-year olds (down 16%), 12-year olds (down 15%), and 1-, 5-, and 7-year olds (down 14%). Counts of 2- and 4-year olds showed the smallest declines (7%) between September 2018 and September 2019. Older school aged children are leaving WCCC faster than they are being replaced, except for 13-year olds, 11 times higher due to a change in policy. Infants and 1-year olds, the ages affected by the extension of WorkFirst infant exemptions, are down by 27% in WorkFirst related WCCC caseloads over the past year, compared with a 10% drop in children that age among non-TANF related caseloads.

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Count 3c: WCCC Children by Age

Data Table

Month	Infants Lt 1 Year	Toddlers 1 to 2.5 Yrs	Preschool 2.5 to 4 Yrs	School Age 5-12 Yrs	WCCC Over 12 13-19 Yrs	Unknown Age	Total Children
Feb-17	2,974	8,521	19,309	21,152	41	22	52,019
Mar-17	3,009	8,654	20,278	21,253	43	16	53,253
Apr-17	2,978	8,572	20,661	21,113	39	16	53,379
May-17	2,989	8,619	21,284	20,548	41	16	53,497
Jun-17	2,906	8,527	21,716	21,942	45	17	55,153
Jul-17	2,748	8,248	21,089	20,769	49	16	52,919
Aug-17	2,769	8,303	21,580	20,547	51	21	53,271
Sep-17	2,885	8,690	16,830	23,063	49	30	51,547
Oct-17	2,959	8,754	17,560	21,956	48	18	51,295
Nov-17	2,932	8,584	18,183	21,683	50	14	51,446
Dec-17	2,745	8,341	18,351	21,287	53	15	50,792
Jan-18	2,856	8,405	19,070	20,807	53	14	51,205
Feb-18	2,813	8,238	19,503	20,337	57	7	50,955
Mar-18	2,834	8,248	20,054	20,204	61	13	51,414
Apr-18	2,828	8,196	20,587	20,132	60	16	51,819
May-18	2,796	8,153	21,027	19,503	63	22	51,564
Jun-18	2,703	8,077	21,191	20,652	60	12	52,695
Jul-18	2,526	7,755	20,626	19,414	58	12	50,391
Aug-18	2,480	7,759	20,884	19,232	58	8	50,421
Sep-18	2,584	7,918	16,013	21,379	55	9	47,958
Oct-18	2,596	8,053	16,530	20,332	59	7	47,577
Nov-18	2,497	7,917	16,887	19,638	78	2	47,019
Dec-18	2,329	7,601	16,854	19,126	114	2	46,026
Jan-19	2,336	7,553	17,560	18,986	139	6	46,580
Feb-19	2,249	7,338	17,781	18,133	174	0	45,675
Mar-19	2,263	7,293	18,283	17,953	204	2	45,998
Apr-19	2,306	7,322	18,907	18,125	221	5	46,886
May-19	2,288	7,230	19,254	17,442	238	1	46,453
Jun-19	2,294	7,027	19,544	18,518	249	6	47,638
Jul-19	2,261	6,894	19,146	17,539	260	1	46,101
Aug-19	2,217	6,871	19,201	16,984	249	2	45,524
Sep-19	2,341	7,001	14,790	18,582	235	1	42,950

September 2019 compared to September 2018 (without adjustments for late reporting)

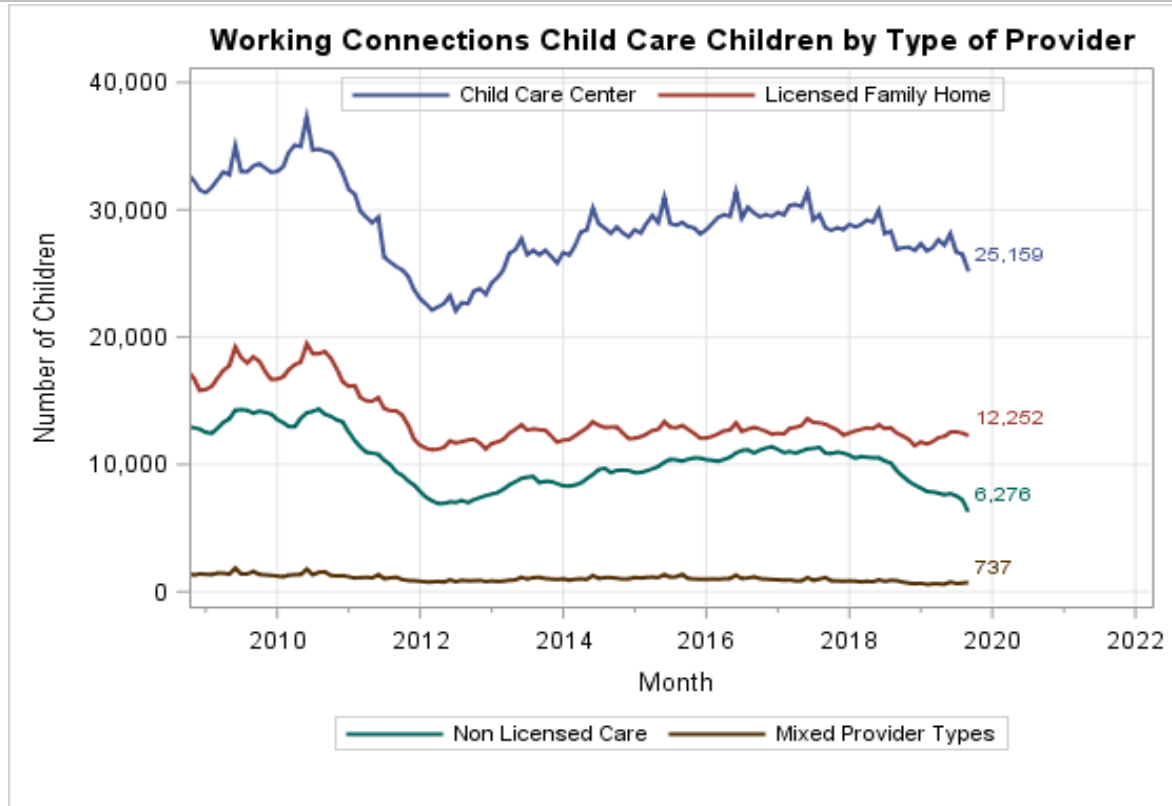
% Change	-9%	-12%	-8%	-13%	327%	-89%	-10%
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Definition of Measure

The number of WCCC cases by age is measured by comparing children's birthdates with month of service as reported to DCYF. Some birthdates produce ages below zero or above 19 and are reported in the "Unknown Age" category. Children age 13 to 19 can be served under exceptional circumstances. Beginning in October 2018, children who reach the age of 13 are served until the end of their 12 month eligibility period. The labels for "Preschool 2.5 to 4" and "School Age 5 to 12" incorporate the school age definition where children who are 5 years old prior to September become school aged in September and those who are not 5 years old until September or later remain preschool aged until the next September.

Source: WCCC cases from DCYF monthly extract.

Count 3d: WCCC Children by Type of Provider



Providers of WCCC Care

Working Connections Child Care uses three types of providers. Child care centers are licensed providers of child care and early learning services. Family homes are licensed providers of child care and early learning services for not more than 12 children. License-exempt providers also operate out of a home, but are exempt from licensing. They are often family, friends, and neighbors of the children receiving care and are also referred to as FFN providers. Some Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program providers also provide WCCC care. These are classified as centers in the WCCC payment system, though that may not be their category in the licensing system.

Experience to Date

Without lag adjustments, the number of WCCC children decreased by 10.5% between September 2018 and September 2019. Licensed family homes experienced the smallest change, serving 2% fewer children than a year earlier. Child care centers served 6% fewer children. The number of children at licensed-exempt FFN providers declined by 34%. Children served by centers may increase the most after all bills are paid. This report is based on payments reported through November 27, 2019. There were 822 center or licensed family home children missing from the September counts due to the absence of CA cases served under HB 1624. The missing children do not affect FFN counts. The number of children served at FFN providers had been steadily increasing between February 2013 and August 2017. That trend has turned around. The count of children served by FFN providers has declined at a faster rate than seen for licensed providers since May 2018. Registration and training requirements implemented in October 2018 and anticipated reporting requirements may contribute to the decline in the number of children served by license exempt FFN providers. Only 152 new FFN providers began subsidy care per month during FY 2019, down from 297 in FY 2018 and 325 in FY 2017. See pages 66-68 for Barometer measures related to type of provider for TANF- related households.

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Count 3d: WCCC Children by Type of Provider

Month	Child Care Center	Licensed Family Home	License-Exempt	Mixed Types	Total Children
Feb-17	29,595	12,402	10,924	902	52,019
Mar-17	30,342	12,831	11,012	932	53,253
Apr-17	30,435	12,907	10,888	851	53,379
May-17	30,248	13,050	11,053	854	53,497
Jun-17	31,434	13,606	11,228	1,115	55,153
Jul-17	29,201	13,300	11,258	884	52,919
Aug-17	29,631	13,270	11,345	1,002	53,271
Sep-17	28,587	13,166	10,885	1,122	51,547
Oct-17	28,380	12,917	10,841	853	51,295
Nov-17	28,601	12,711	10,976	842	51,446
Dec-17	28,434	12,300	10,884	826	50,792
Jan-18	28,866	12,464	10,730	855	51,205
Feb-18	28,649	12,647	10,485	826	50,955
Mar-18	28,827	12,745	10,621	779	51,414
Apr-18	29,196	12,874	10,572	823	51,819
May-18	29,020	12,806	10,514	776	51,564
Jun-18	29,973	13,121	10,533	932	52,695
Jul-18	28,126	12,814	10,267	816	50,391
Aug-18	28,324	12,887	10,109	899	50,421
Sep-18	26,885	12,456	9,490	873	47,958
Oct-18	27,028	12,233	9,067	751	47,577
Nov-18	27,071	11,962	8,664	678	47,019
Dec-18	26,808	11,464	8,382	628	46,026
Jan-19	27,337	11,767	8,147	671	46,580
Feb-19	26,777	11,596	7,876	574	45,675
Mar-19	27,006	11,780	7,835	623	45,998
Apr-19	27,650	12,109	7,746	619	46,886
May-19	27,223	12,206	7,617	593	46,453
Jun-19	28,146	12,545	7,709	762	47,638
Jul-19	26,675	12,548	7,529	651	46,101
Aug-19	26,522	12,468	7,220	686	45,524
Sep-19	25,159	12,252	6,276	737	42,950

September 2019 compared to September 2018 (without adjustments for late reporting)

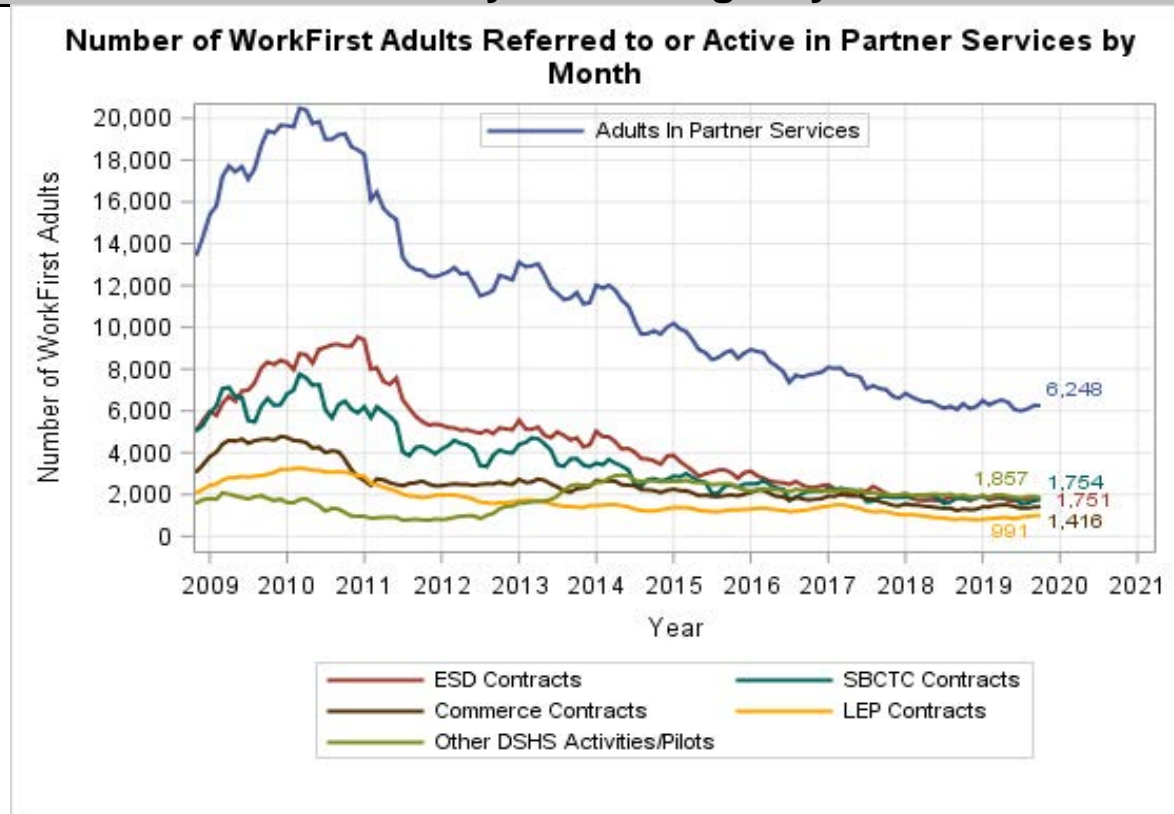
% Change	-6%	-2%	-34%	-16%	-10%
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Definition of Measure

Some children may be served by more than one type of provider during the same month. The mixed category includes children recorded as having been served by more than one type of provider. Such children are also included in the counts for each type of provider that served them. As a result, the sum of children served by child care centers, family homes, and license-exempt providers is greater than the total number of children, which has been unduplicated.

Source: WCCC cases from DCYF monthly extract.

Count 5a: Enrollment by Partner Agency



Information Shown

WorkFirst adults receive services provided by partner agencies. Profiles of specific services are shown in the tables that follow. Some services are provided by several partners, so profiles by service type do not always provide a clear picture of the number of adults served by each partner. This indicator provides an unduplicated count of adults with open activities (referrals) served by five types of partner. The unduplicated count of adults served by any of the partners is lower than the sum of the partner counts.

Trends

The number of adults referred to or receiving partner services reached a peak in March 2010 and then declined as budget cuts and reduced participation requirements began to take effect. Forty-two percent of adults were served by partners during March-April 2010 -- 36% were served between February and June 2011, and only 31% during the suspension of work requirements in FY 2012. The percent served returned to 41% in December 2014, reached a high of 47% in May 2017, dropped to 43% in November 2017 and to 40% during the summer of 2018. That pattern repeated in 2019 with use rates reaching 43% in the spring, dropping back to 40% in the summer. The percent served rose to 42% in September and October 2019 from the summer low point. Infant exemptions were expanded in October 2017 under ESSB 5898, reducing service use rates to 43% or below since that time.

The number of adults in referral status at Commerce contractors increased by 8% between October 2018 and October 2019. The number of adults at SBCTC colleges dropped by 7% and the number of adults with open referrals to ESD job search dropped by 4% compared with a 1% decline in the number of WorkFirst adults. The number with open referrals to Limited English program contractors increased by 17%, compared with a 4% increase in the number of LEP adults. The "Other DSHS Activities" count excludes DSHS pilot projects. Commerce counts shown here are higher than shown on pages 35-36 because they include adults who have not yet started approved work assignments.

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Count 5a: Enrollment by Partner Agency

Month	Employment Security	SBCTC Colleges	Commerce Department	Limited English Contracts	Other DSHS Activities	Total Adults (No Dups)	Percent of Adults
May-17	2,089	2,209	1,935	1,379	2,164	7,712	47%
Jun-17	2,205	2,144	1,934	1,340	2,201	7,611	46%
Jul-17	2,168	1,655	1,792	1,223	2,069	7,066	44%
Aug-17	2,391	1,694	1,789	1,163	2,091	7,217	45%
Sep-17	2,220	1,890	1,661	1,203	2,012	7,059	45%
Oct-17	2,057	1,901	1,593	1,183	2,021	7,029	45%
Nov-17	1,884	1,858	1,487	1,103	1,970	6,698	43%
Dec-17	1,966	1,860	1,447	1,040	1,980	6,602	43%
Jan-18	2,019	1,878	1,566	1,035	2,047	6,843	43%
Feb-18	1,803	1,864	1,495	1,036	1,951	6,661	42%
Mar-18	1,739	1,977	1,495	1,004	1,974	6,537	42%
Apr-18	1,718	1,920	1,441	970	1,959	6,432	42%
May-18	1,721	1,919	1,413	924	2,016	6,451	42%
Jun-18	1,705	1,866	1,372	892	2,021	6,269	41%
Jul-18	1,768	1,567	1,337	875	1,978	6,122	40%
Aug-18	1,884	1,645	1,346	816	2,027	6,227	40%
Sep-18	1,816	1,835	1,234	807	1,915	6,065	40%
Oct-18	1,823	1,876	1,312	849	1,985	6,346	42%
Nov-18	1,705	1,768	1,277	812	1,884	6,101	41%
Dec-18	1,864	1,842	1,292	792	1,868	6,198	41%
Jan-19	1,941	1,907	1,413	823	1,951	6,495	43%
Feb-19	1,736	1,841	1,397	839	1,882	6,285	41%
Mar-19	1,820	1,955	1,485	864	1,961	6,428	43%
Apr-19	1,827	1,885	1,506	901	1,992	6,525	43%
May-19	1,718	1,895	1,502	901	1,921	6,413	42%
Jun-19	1,690	1,817	1,423	833	1,871	6,059	41%
Jul-19	1,761	1,554	1,353	922	1,843	6,003	40%
Aug-19	1,799	1,581	1,349	950	1,906	6,096	40%
Sep-19	1,837	1,715	1,406	991	1,912	6,269	42%
Oct-19	1,751	1,754	1,416	991	1,857	6,248	42%

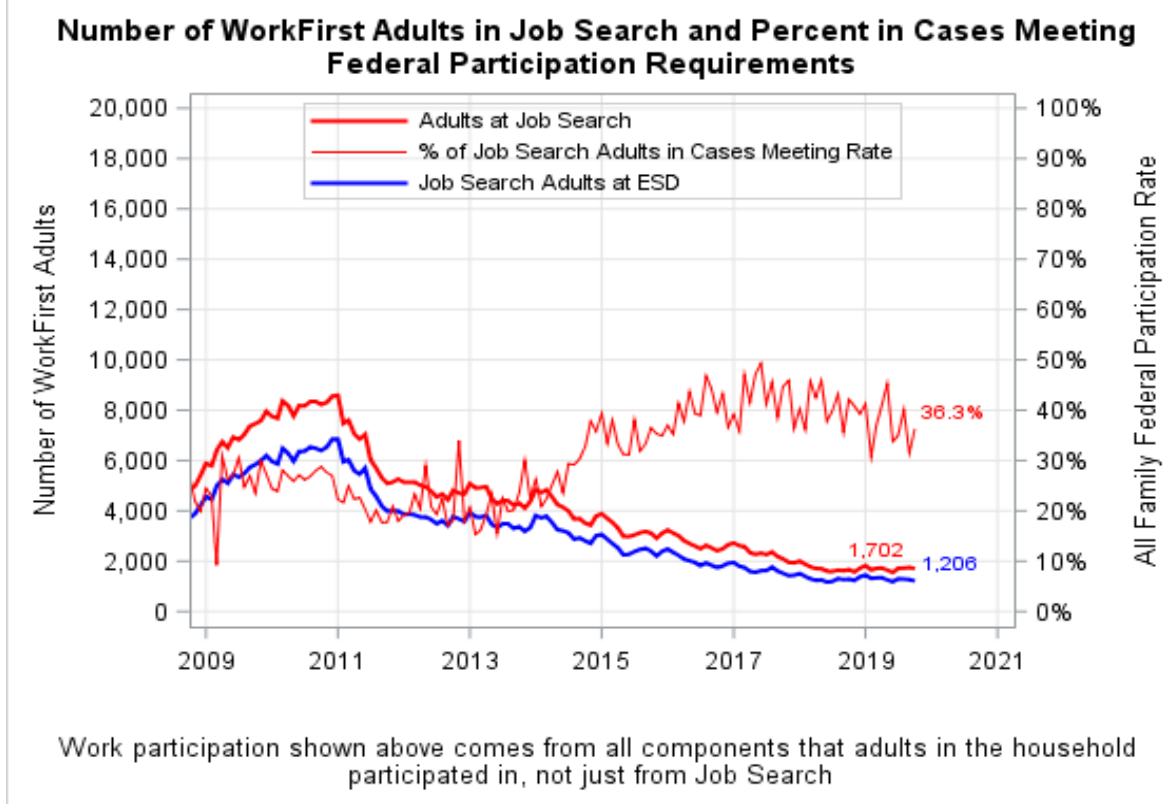
October 2019 compared to October 2018 (without adjustments for late reporting)

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Adults

% Change	-4%	-7%	8%	17%	-6%	-2%	-1%
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Counts in this table are based on contractor codes associated with referrals and services. They include enrollment in direct services, such as job search, vocational education, or GED preparation and also include referrals to services such as referral to community technical college (RA), job search (RI), or Limited English Pathway (LP). Most Employment Security services are provided without contractor codes. RI, JS and OT services have been counted as Employment Security services when they occur without a contractor code. Other DSHS activities include contracts made directly between DSHS and vendors, including colleges, transit agencies, non-profits, private-for-profit case management firms for specialized services such as barrier removal and support services. Some pilot projects for transportation, housing, and home visits previously included in the DSHS count have been removed. Adults must have an open TANF case and have Jas_Actv and Comp_Dtl records open during the month to be counted in this table. End dates are defined by the DSHS case manager and may differ from end dates identified by partner agencies.

Count 5b: Use of Job Search



Components Shown

Job search is one of the primary WorkFirst activities contributing to federal participation. Most job search (76% in FY 2016, 74% in FY 2018, and 78% in FY 2019) is provided by the Employment Security Department. The rest is provided by other partners, most of them programs for limited English speakers. The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 limited the amount of time that job search can count toward federal participation rates. For needy states, including Washington, this limit is 12 weeks in a 12-month period. The percent of all WorkFirst adults enrolled in job search activities is shown on the next page. Department of Commerce contractors began using the JS component in support of their paid work preparation programs in July 2011. Commerce programs are described on pages 35-36. Job search provided in the package of services associated with Commerce programs is not included in these counts.

Trends

Job search enrollments in October 2019 were 2% higher than in October 2018. ESD job search use dropped by 6% while LEP job search use increased by 31%. The percent of WorkFirst adults in job search was 11.4% in October 2019 -- below the ESSB 5921 suspension levels of 12% in FY 2012 but higher than the level in October 2018 (11.0%). The recent influx of LEP adults in the TANF caseload has boosted LEP job search. Use of job search remains lower since the expansion of infant exemptions under ESSB 5898. ESD job search counts exclude roughly 100 enrollees per month who are seeking to return to TANF after non-compliance sanctions.

Refer Backs

Adults in the refer back (RB) component are shown in the last columns of the table. The count of adults referred back from job search in October 2019 was 7% lower than in October 2018. The RB component returns ESD job search adults to the DSHS case manager. It typically indicates participation in job search activities without finding a job. Job finding may recently have become more difficult for WorkFirst adults. See pages 55-57.

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Count 5b: Use of Job Search

Month	Number of Adults			Percent of Adults		Number in ESD Refer Back (RB)	Percent in ESD Refer Back (RB)
	Job Search Search (JS)	ESD Job Search	LEP Job Search	In Job Search	JS Meeting AF WPR		
Jun-17	2,326	1,623	695	14.2%	49.3%	424	2.6%
Jul-17	2,258	1,627	623	14.1%	41.3%	438	2.7%
Aug-17	2,372	1,771	590	14.8%	45.6%	497	3.1%
Sep-17	2,181	1,604	571	13.8%	38.6%	462	2.9%
Oct-17	2,094	1,524	562	13.4%	44.7%	466	3.0%
Nov-17	1,956	1,424	526	12.6%	45.9%	406	2.6%
Dec-17	1,933	1,442	488	12.5%	36.3%	437	2.8%
Jan-18	2,006	1,510	483	12.7%	40.3%	395	2.5%
Feb-18	1,876	1,399	472	11.9%	36.2%	379	2.4%
Mar-18	1,779	1,303	469	11.4%	45.8%	372	2.4%
Apr-18	1,707	1,234	469	11.1%	42.5%	346	2.3%
May-18	1,709	1,257	448	11.1%	45.9%	332	2.2%
Jun-18	1,603	1,172	428	10.6%	37.8%	354	2.3%
Jul-18	1,593	1,196	394	10.5%	39.8%	352	2.3%
Aug-18	1,649	1,306	337	10.7%	43.2%	393	2.6%
Sep-18	1,616	1,266	349	10.6%	35.6%	337	2.2%
Oct-18	1,669	1,289	377	11.0%	42.1%	394	2.6%
Nov-18	1,570	1,232	335	10.5%	40.8%	361	2.4%
Dec-18	1,725	1,379	346	11.4%	39.3%	420	2.8%
Jan-19	1,830	1,453	373	12.0%	41.3%	417	2.7%
Feb-19	1,656	1,314	335	10.9%	30.7%	329	2.2%
Mar-19	1,713	1,336	377	11.5%	36.9%	374	2.5%
Apr-19	1,731	1,347	379	11.5%	40.9%	367	2.4%
May-19	1,649	1,260	386	10.9%	45.3%	354	2.3%
Jun-19	1,554	1,183	369	10.4%	33.8%	306	2.1%
Jul-19	1,723	1,299	421	11.6%	35.0%	370	2.5%
Aug-19	1,722	1,287	429	11.4%	40.1%	385	2.6%
Sep-19	1,756	1,274	476	11.7%	31.5%	400	2.7%
Oct-19	1,702	1,206	493	11.4%	36.3%	365	2.4%

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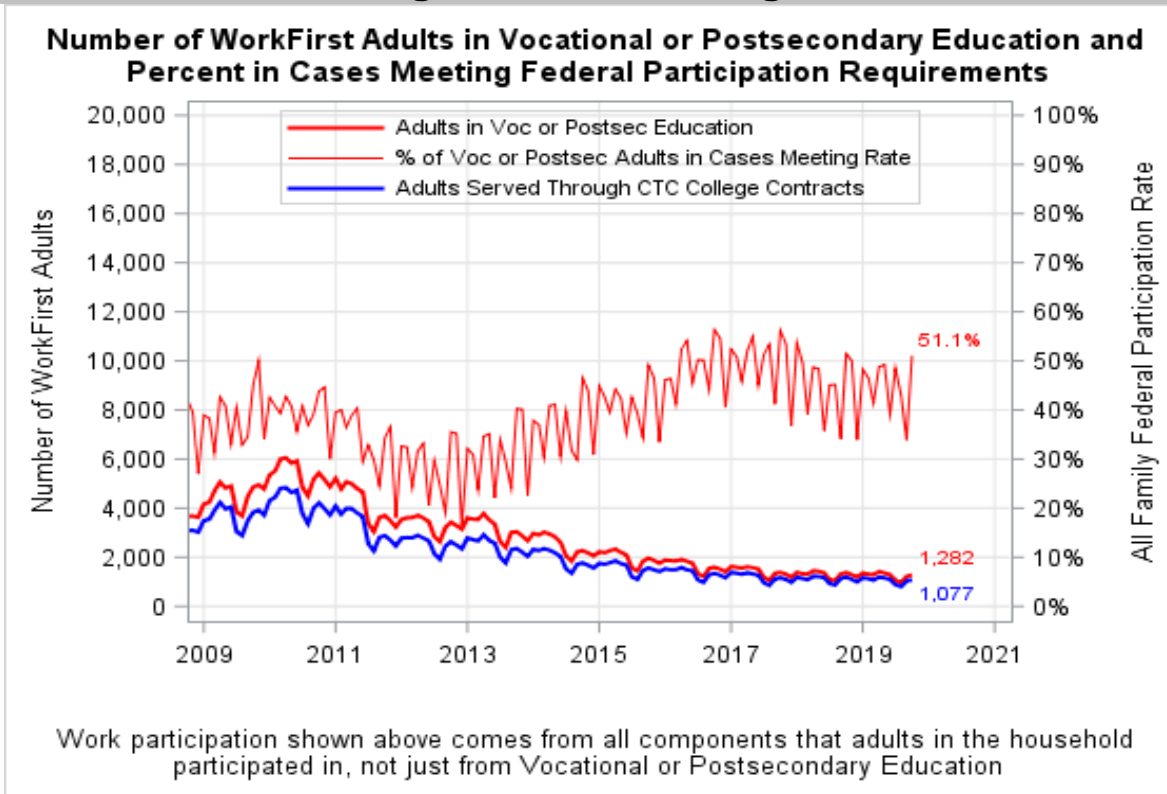
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Adults

% Change	2%	-6%	31%	-7%	-1%
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The percent of job search participants meeting federal participation requirements rose from less than 15% in February 2013 to a high of 49% in June 2017. Participation in job search counts toward federal participation rates for only 12 weeks in every 12-month period. Rates shown through June 2019 include the full 12-week participation definition. Rates for July through September 2019 are lower because they count only six weeks in the previous 12-month period. This limit will be increased once DHHS certifies that Washington is eligible for the longer limit. The average work participation rate for the past 12 months was 38% -- 35% for ESD job search and 46% for LEP job search. Participation rates for job search enrollees include contributions from paid work and enrollment in other components. LEP programs typically add other activities that boost results.

Source: ACES data warehouse, EMAPS Client file, JAS_Actv table, and JAS_Actual table, and monthly DSHS Work Participation Rate files.

Count 5c: Use of Vocational or Postsecondary Education including Part-Time College Courses



Components Shown

Vocational and postsecondary education is provided by Washington's Community and Technical College system, private career schools, and four-year colleges. CTC colleges provided 85% of these activities in FY 2019, up from 84% in FY 2018, 80% in FY 2016 and 77% in FY 2015. Full-time vocational education activities can count toward federal participation for up to 12 months in an adult's lifetime. Part-time education does not count toward this limit, but must be paired with non-educational activities. Enrollment counts by program and the percent of all WorkFirst adults enrolled in these activities are shown in the table on the next page. Under federal rules, no more than 30% of a state's work participation rate can result from full-time vocational education activities. The codes included in this chart are VE (vocational education), PE (customized training), HW (high-wage high-demand training), DC (degree completion), and VU (unapproved vocational education). VU is allowed by DSHS but is "unapproved" because it does not count towards federal work participation rates. JT identifies vocational education activity when provided under a CTC college contract.

Trends

Enrollment in vocational and postsecondary education dropped from 11% of WorkFirst adults in FY 2010 to just below 9% during the suspension of work requirements allowed in FY 2012. After suspensions ended, enrollment rose to 9% in FYs 2013 through 2017, dropping back to 8% in FYs 2018 and 2019. Some 8.6% of WorkFirst adults were enrolled in vocational or postsecondary components in October 2019, down from the 9.1% enrolled October 2018. The number of WorkFirst adults enrolled in vocational and postsecondary components in October 2019 was 7% lower than in October 2018, compared with a 1% decline in the number of WorkFirst adults.

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Count 5c: Use of Vocational or Postsecondary Education including Part-Time College Courses

Month	Number of Adults				Voc and Postsecondary		Percent of
	Full Time College (VE)	Part Time College (JT)	Other Voc PE, HW, DC	Unapproved Voc (VU)	SBCTC (No Dups)	All Schools (No Dups)	WorkFirst Adults All Schools
May-17	744	698	154	11	1,321	1,575	9.5%
Jun-17	740	711	145	11	1,275	1,526	9.3%
Jul-17	499	587	131	7	967	1,188	7.4%
Aug-17	435	521	112	7	853	1,056	6.6%
Sep-17	719	565	118	9	1,124	1,345	8.5%
Oct-17	741	562	118	10	1,163	1,384	8.8%
Nov-17	709	515	108	14	1,106	1,317	8.5%
Dec-17	655	447	106	10	978	1,181	7.6%
Jan-18	777	537	120	10	1,184	1,389	8.8%
Feb-18	730	497	108	12	1,138	1,325	8.4%
Mar-18	750	455	118	14	1,083	1,306	8.4%
Apr-18	841	505	134	18	1,230	1,454	9.5%
May-18	813	502	122	14	1,210	1,422	9.3%
Jun-18	793	521	112	15	1,178	1,371	9.0%
Jul-18	584	442	93	7	928	1,093	7.2%
Aug-18	554	406	94	6	869	1,044	6.8%
Sep-18	788	484	94	10	1,145	1,324	8.7%
Oct-18	796	505	115	9	1,200	1,384	9.1%
Nov-18	743	453	109	9	1,094	1,288	8.6%
Dec-18	704	409	85	6	997	1,189	7.9%
Jan-19	774	532	94	14	1,168	1,358	8.9%
Feb-19	729	512	82	12	1,131	1,309	8.6%
Mar-19	711	477	103	11	1,067	1,282	8.6%
Apr-19	801	552	114	10	1,200	1,421	9.5%
May-19	732	534	108	9	1,153	1,358	9.0%
Jun-19	695	536	102	11	1,102	1,290	8.7%
Jul-19	547	483	68	7	883	1,058	7.1%
Aug-19	475	433	68	6	803	963	6.4%
Sep-19	667	501	89	9	1,044	1,222	8.2%
Oct-19	691	514	97	14	1,077	1,282	8.6%

October 2019 compared to October 2018 (without adjustments for late reporting)

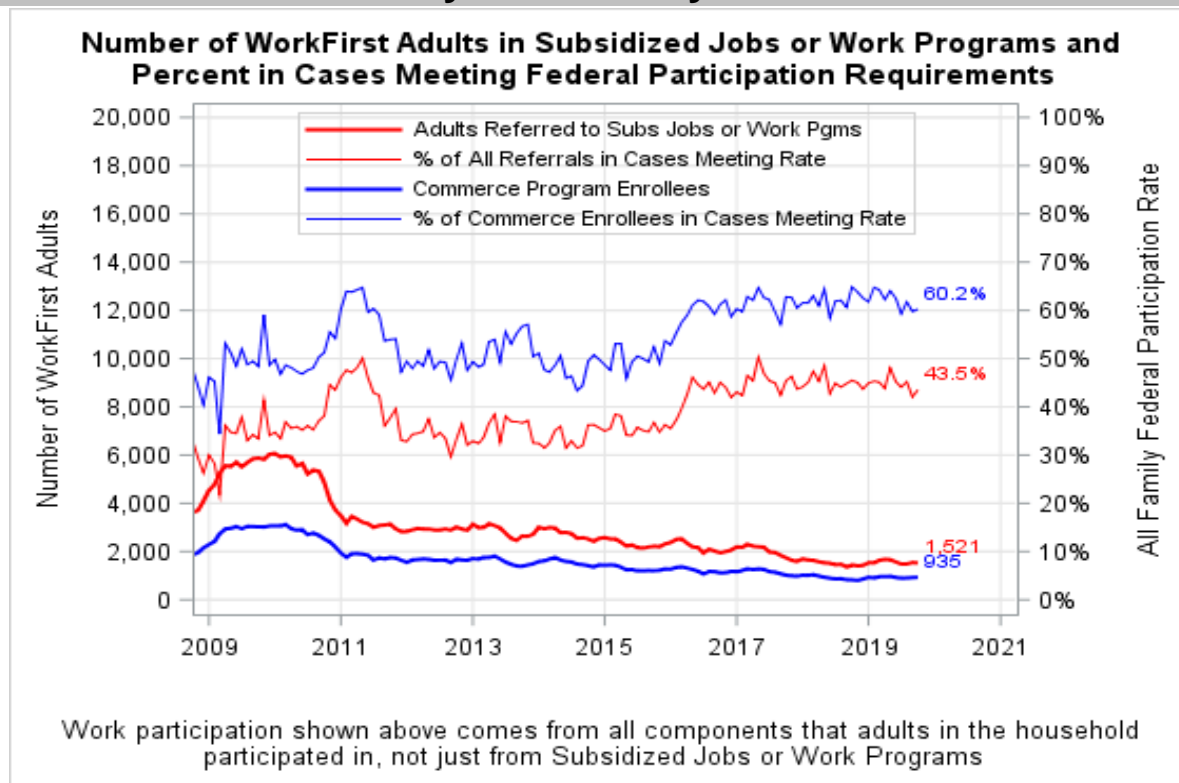
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Adults

% Change	-13%	2%	-16%	56%	-10%	-7%	-1%
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Participation rates vary, with high rates during months in the middle of academic quarters and lower rates when quarters begin and end. Federal participation in the most recent two months (September-October 2019) was 42% -- compared with 43% in September-October 2018. The average work participation rate for the most recent 12 months was 45% -- 45% for education provided by CTC colleges and 44% for other colleges. The state's extension of educational benefits to two years tends to reduce federal participation rates, which count education toward federal participation for only 12 months.

Source: ACES data warehouse, EMAPS Client file, JAS_Actv table, JAS_Actual table, and monthly DSHS Work Participation Rate files.

Count 5d: Use of Paid and Unpaid Work Programs and Voluntary Community Service



Components Shown

Community Jobs are subsidized jobs (paid work preparation activities) provided by Department of Commerce contractors. Commerce contractors also provided Community Works -- an unpaid work activity. The unpaid CW program was preceded by several other unpaid components, which are consolidated into the unpaid column. The chart shows enrollment in these activities by month on the left scale and the percent of participants who met federal work participation requirements on the right. The red line shows adults referred for all paid or unpaid work preparation activities whether adults were working in an assignment or not. The red line includes activities provided by LEP, CTC, and other non-Commerce partners. The blue line and the Commerce data in the table on page 36 show adults enrolled in approved work assignments. The service end dates used to construct this measure are recorded by DSHS case managers and may differ from the end dates reported by Commerce contractors.

Trends

Active enrollment in Commerce components rose from around 3% of WorkFirst adults in FY 2007 to 6% in FY 2010 and dropped back to 5% in FY 2011. Enrollment returned to 6.2% in January 2015 and was 6.2% in October 2019. The count of adults working in Commerce program worksites in October 2019 was 13% higher than in October 2018. Paid Commerce work enrollments were 15% higher in October 2019 than in October 2018. These counts include only those adults who have begun to work at worksites. Use of work study positions decreased by 16% from October 2018. This reduction is associated with reduction in use of SBCTC vocational education components. Federal work participation in Commerce programs was 62% over the past 12 months among workers enrolled in approved work sites -- 73% for paid work programs (Community Jobs) and 12% for the unpaid work programs. The difference probably lies in work schedules for paid vs. unpaid programs.

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Count 5d: Use of Paid and Unpaid Work Programs and Voluntary Community Service

Month	Adults Actively Enrolled in Commerce Programs				Adults in Paid Work Study during Education	Adults in Other Work Experience	
	Paid Work (CJ & JC)	Unpaid (XS WC, WE)	Total Adults (No Dups)	Percent of WorkFirst		(XS, WE)	Voluntary Community Service (VS)
Apr-17	938	337	1,252	7.5%	284	173	57
May-17	937	366	1,280	7.7%	299	163	47
Jun-17	925	362	1,262	7.7%	284	167	46
Jul-17	848	329	1,166	7.3%	297	118	18
Aug-17	814	336	1,146	7.2%	251	109	19
Sep-17	773	320	1,079	6.8%	271	112	24
Oct-17	764	284	1,020	6.5%	286	97	22
Nov-17	737	259	989	6.4%	274	85	25
Dec-17	737	253	978	6.3%	196	82	33
Jan-18	781	255	1,022	6.5%	236	80	28
Feb-18	780	239	1,012	6.4%	270	89	16
Mar-18	792	263	1,044	6.7%	205	84	17
Apr-18	735	258	981	6.4%	211	80	18
May-18	714	239	934	6.1%	240	76	19
Jun-18	705	199	897	5.9%	225	89	23
Jul-18	691	184	869	5.7%	223	78	13
Aug-18	684	201	873	5.7%	264	68	13
Sep-18	658	182	831	5.5%	259	72	17
Oct-18	662	178	829	5.5%	276	67	23
Nov-18	638	181	803	5.4%	261	62	20
Dec-18	671	195	857	5.7%	220	63	27
Jan-19	746	194	931	6.1%	252	69	22
Feb-19	744	171	903	5.9%	302	71	15
Mar-19	793	175	958	6.4%	278	88	24
Apr-19	795	180	965	6.4%	243	92	31
May-19	796	194	974	6.4%	263	99	26
Jun-19	765	166	922	6.2%	218	93	22
Jul-19	737	165	895	6.0%	222	103	10
Aug-19	745	173	905	6.0%	234	90	10
Sep-19	757	175	921	6.1%	248	82	21
Oct-19	764	177	935	6.2%	233	67	13

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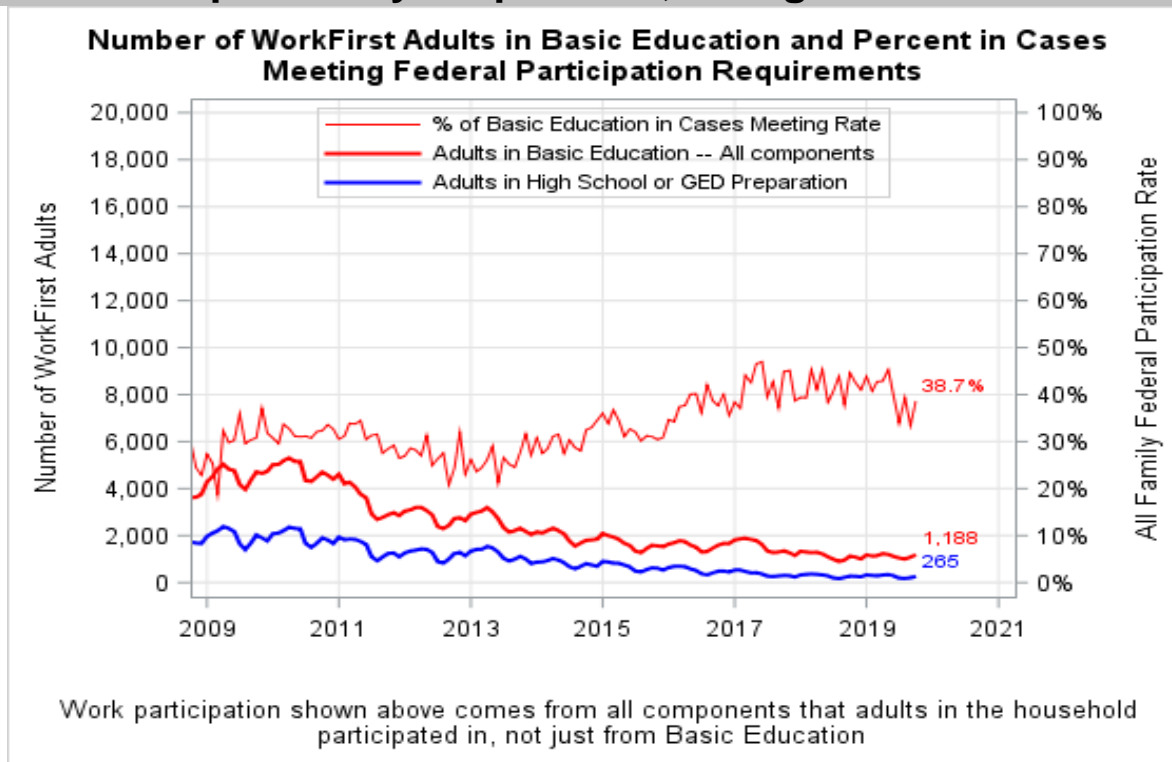
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% Change	15%	-1%	13%	-1%	-16%	0%	-43%
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Community Jobs are designed for to help overcome barriers to employment. The work study column counts the paid work study positions provided to WorkFirst students in educational programs. Most are associated with CTC programs of study and paid using WorkFirst funds. Unpaid work experience not provided by Commerce contractors is provided by LEP contractors (82%) and CTC colleges (18%). Voluntary Community Service (VS) is used by adults assisting with their children's early childhood education and is not a Commerce activity.

Source: ACES data warehouse, EMAPS Client file, JAS_Actv table, JAS_Actual table, and monthly DSHS Work Participation Rate files.

Count 5e: Use of Adult Basic Education, High School Equivalency Preparation, or High School



Components Shown

Basic education is provided by Community and Technical Colleges (CTC), Department of Commerce contractors, and Limited English Program (LEP) contractors. Codes reporting basic education include (HS) high school, (GE) high school equivalency preparation, (BE) basic education, (ES) full-time English as a second language training, and (JT) unless provided under a CTC college contract. JT provided under LEP contracts typically indicates part-time ESL. Enrollment in these activities must be stacked with core activities such as community jobs or job search to count toward federal work participation.

Trends

Enrollment in basic education has varied over time, starting at 11% of WorkFirst adults in FYs 2008 through 2010. Enrollment averaged 7% in FYs 2012-2014 but rose to 9% in FY 2017. It dropped to 8% in FY 2018 and 7% in FY 2019. It was 7.9% in October 2019. Enrollment in the HS or equivalency subset of basic education activities dropped from 4% of WorkFirst adults in FY 2010 to 3% in FYs 2012-2017 to 2% in FYs 2018 and 2019. It was 1.8% in October 2019. There were 5% more WorkFirst adults enrolled in basic education in October 2019 than in October 2018. Basic education counts increased over the past year at LEP contractors, decreased at Commerce contractors, but were unchanged at CTC providers. There were 6% fewer adults in the HS or GE components in October 2019 than in October 2018.

The percent of basic education enrollees meeting federal participation requirements has ranged from 21% to 47% since 2011, averaging 40% during the most recent 12 months. Federal work participation rates for basic education as a whole were 41% in September-October 2018 and 36% in September-October 2019. The federal work participation rate among the HS or GE subset of enrollees was 42% in September-October 2018 and 32% in September-October 2019.

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Count 5e: Use of Adult Basic Education, High School Equivalency Preparation, or High School

Month	Adults in Basic Education Provided by:			Total in (HS, GE, BE JT or ES)	Percent of Adults in Basic Ed	Total in High School or Equiv Prep (GE, HS)	Percent of WorkFirst Adults
	CTC College Contract	LEP Contract	Commerce Contract				
Apr-17	427	905	240	1,834	10.9%	413	2.5%
May-17	436	854	254	1,789	10.8%	425	2.6%
Jun-17	349	787	239	1,621	9.9%	368	2.2%
Jul-17	265	685	213	1,344	8.4%	274	1.7%
Aug-17	251	640	196	1,280	8.0%	258	1.6%
Sep-17	274	634	184	1,304	8.2%	288	1.8%
Oct-17	311	655	199	1,355	8.6%	304	1.9%
Nov-17	299	595	192	1,266	8.1%	295	1.9%
Dec-17	237	539	210	1,151	7.4%	238	1.5%
Jan-18	299	573	235	1,334	8.4%	325	2.1%
Feb-18	316	550	200	1,297	8.2%	355	2.3%
Mar-18	295	531	216	1,282	8.2%	361	2.3%
Apr-18	326	512	218	1,295	8.4%	357	2.3%
May-18	304	480	223	1,219	7.9%	330	2.1%
Jun-18	254	437	208	1,099	7.3%	286	1.9%
Jul-18	223	421	217	994	6.6%	198	1.3%
Aug-18	196	385	210	898	5.8%	173	1.1%
Sep-18	223	378	196	962	6.3%	227	1.5%
Oct-18	291	423	235	1,130	7.5%	281	1.9%
Nov-18	273	380	247	1,081	7.2%	272	1.8%
Dec-18	230	359	234	1,007	6.7%	249	1.7%
Jan-19	300	380	275	1,178	7.7%	328	2.2%
Feb-19	289	367	269	1,129	7.4%	305	2.0%
Mar-19	261	408	269	1,147	7.7%	287	1.9%
Apr-19	305	423	274	1,235	8.2%	325	2.2%
May-19	301	382	270	1,199	7.9%	343	2.3%
Jun-19	256	373	242	1,114	7.5%	290	1.9%
Jul-19	204	453	225	1,045	7.0%	187	1.3%
Aug-19	173	447	220	1,003	6.7%	177	1.2%
Sep-19	221	484	197	1,084	7.2%	211	1.4%
Oct-19	290	482	220	1,188	7.9%	265	1.8%

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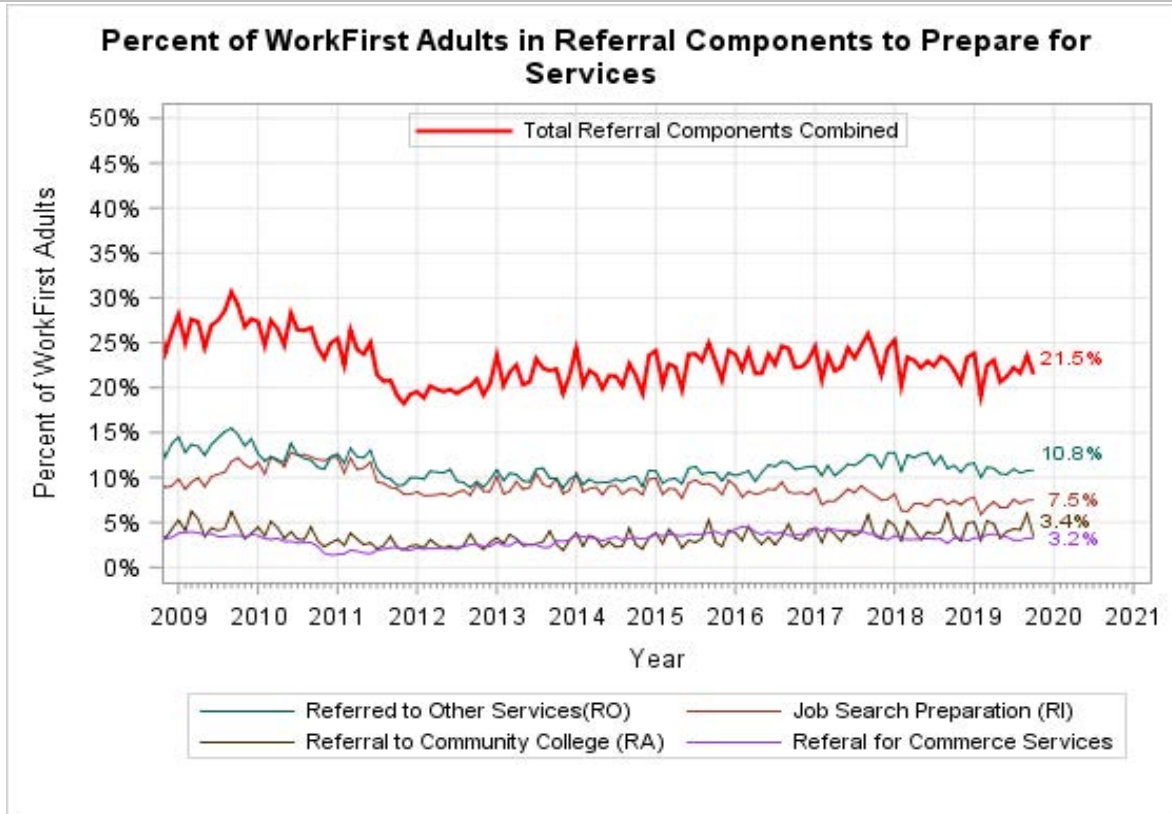
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% Change	0%	14%	-6%	5%	-6%	-1%
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The HS or equivalency group is a subset of the larger basic education group. The job skills enhancement training (JT) component has been split between vocational or postsecondary education and basic education based on contract type. SBCTC cleaned up use of the HS and GE components, which tends to increase the use of the other basic education components. See Driver Measures 12 and 13 (pages 62-63) for information on changes in the number and percent of TANF adults needing and receiving basic education services.

Source: ACES data warehouse, EMAPS Client file, JAS_Actv table, JAS_Actual table, and monthly DSHS Work Participation Rate files.

Count 5f: Use of Referral Components



Components Shown

The components shown in this chart track referrals that prepare for services to be provided or to determine what to do next. ESD and community colleges use RI and RA referrals to prepare job search or college. RO is referral component used by DSHS case managers to assess or remove barriers. The red total referral line counts adults in any of these categories and is unduplicated. Referral components are counted during the months including and between the start date and end date of the component. The Commerce services line shows adults referred to Commerce contractors from the component start date prior to the contractor actual start date.

Trends

The number of WorkFirst adults in referral status in October 2019 was 3% lower than the number in referral status in October 2018. Referrals to prepare for ESD job search were unchanged. Referrals to Commerce activities (adults sent but not yet started in their activities) decreased by 3% between October 2018 and October 2019. Referrals to prepare for a CTC program of study dropped by 7% over the same period.

The number of adults in referral status dropped after June 2011 with the temporary suspension of work requirements under ESSB 5921. Increases occurred when adults were reengaged. Referrals also dropped with the extension of infant exemptions to households with 1-year olds contained in ESSB 5898, implemented in October 2017. Referrals to other services include referrals for pregnancy to employment assessments for infant exemption users. Commerce counts shown here include rejected and no-show referrals. Rejected referrals take time and have also been included in ESD, community college, and total counts.

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Count 5f: Use of Referral Components

Month	Job Search Prep (RI)	Referral to CTC (RA)	Referral to Commerce Services	Referral to Tribal Svcs (RT)	Referral to Other Services (RO)	Total Referred (No Dups)	Percent of Adults
Apr-17	1,234	619	700	2	1,713	3,670	21.9%
May-17	1,321	478	666	2	1,782	3,681	22.3%
Jun-17	1,433	663	677	1	1,888	4,007	24.4%
Jul-17	1,327	562	639	2	1,815	3,732	23.3%
Aug-17	1,456	635	655	0	1,897	3,950	24.7%
Sep-17	1,343	918	591	0	1,989	4,112	26.0%
Oct-17	1,258	559	584	1	1,938	3,753	23.9%
Nov-17	1,162	492	510	1	1,727	3,335	21.5%
Dec-17	1,172	808	474	0	1,974	3,781	24.4%
Jan-18	1,295	736	561	1	2,022	3,997	25.3%
Feb-18	991	469	499	1	1,687	3,177	20.2%
Mar-18	968	797	482	0	1,949	3,645	23.4%
Apr-18	1,086	630	480	3	1,870	3,538	23.1%
May-18	1,092	467	482	2	1,935	3,407	22.2%
Jun-18	1,025	596	487	0	1,939	3,479	23.0%
Jul-18	1,135	561	477	0	1,737	3,399	22.4%
Aug-18	1,163	608	486	1	1,907	3,608	23.5%
Sep-18	1,068	920	406	0	1,674	3,502	23.0%
Oct-18	1,129	546	494	0	1,721	3,330	22.0%
Nov-18	1,039	443	484	1	1,585	3,077	20.5%
Dec-18	1,141	748	444	1	1,730	3,529	23.4%
Jan-19	1,184	768	494	0	1,767	3,624	23.8%
Feb-19	894	459	503	0	1,524	2,904	19.1%
Mar-19	999	776	542	0	1,666	3,366	22.5%
Apr-19	1,095	727	556	0	1,658	3,465	23.1%
May-19	1,010	491	530	0	1,578	3,127	20.6%
Jun-19	989	596	503	2	1,540	3,161	21.3%
Jul-19	1,125	636	451	1	1,631	3,312	22.2%
Aug-19	1,070	628	455	1	1,582	3,254	21.6%
Sep-19	1,117	896	489	1	1,613	3,534	23.6%
Oct-19	1,126	508	480	1	1,617	3,217	21.5%

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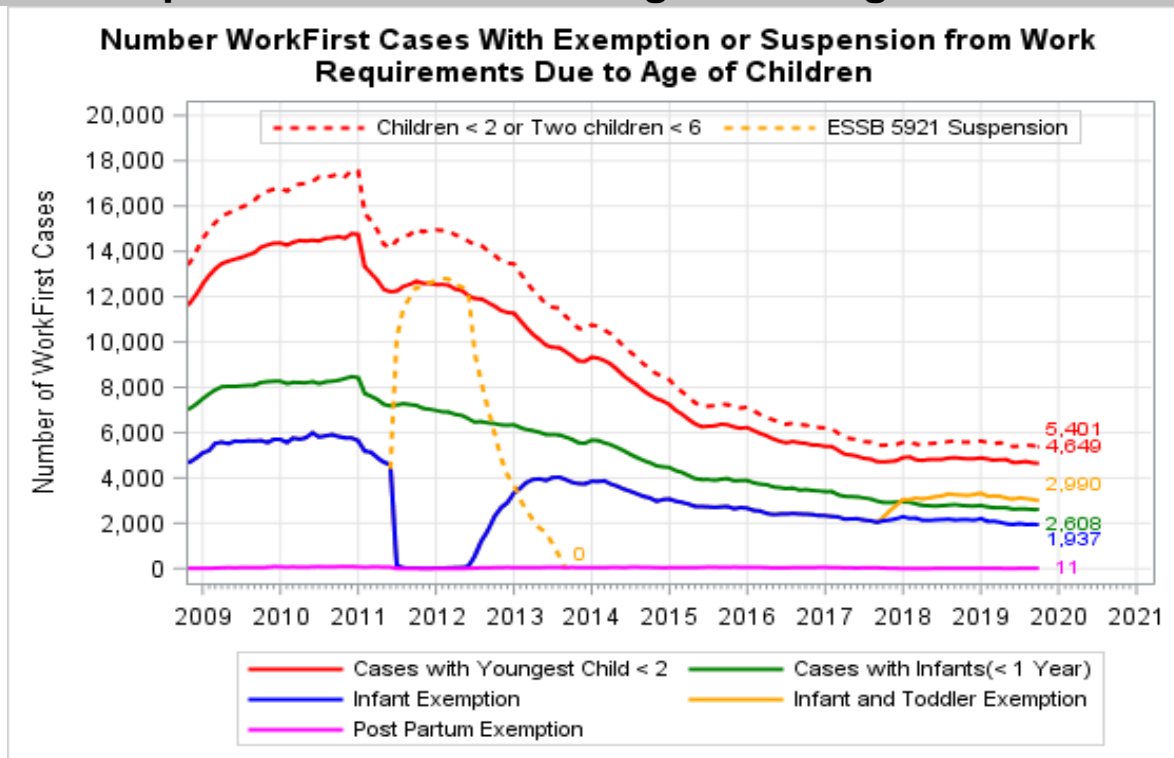
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% Change	0%	-7%	-3%	N/A	-6%	-3%	-1%
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WorkFirst adults are not typically able to meet federal work participation rates during months in which they are in a referral component. Time in this status includes the time needed to make and return rejected referrals. The percentage of adults in referral status and the length of time spent in referral components between active assignments can reduce Washington's ability to meet federal work participation requirements. The RB component, for referral back from ESD job search, has been dropped from this measure at the suggestion of stakeholders. It can be found on page 32 with other measures related to job search, so it does not need to be repeated here.

Source: ACES data warehouse, EMAPS Client file, JAS_Actv table, and JAS_Actual table.

Count 5g: Use of Infant Exemption and Work Suspension Components based on the Age of Youngest Child



Components Shown

Some WorkFirst adults with young children can seek exemptions from work participation requirements. Beginning in July 2007, adults with children under the age of 1 could request a one-time 12-month infant exemption (IE). Since July 2008, adults who have exhausted their infant exemption may seek a 12-week post-partum exemption (PD). In FY 2012, parents with children under 2 or with two children under the age of 6 could seek a suspension of work requirements under ESSB 5921. Those suspensions were available during FY 2012 and were phased out in FY 2013. Infant exemptions were extended again, this time to parents with a child under the age of 2, for a lifetime limit of 24 months in October 2017 through ESSB 5898. Months of infant exemption already used count against this 24-month limit.

The solid red line shows households potentially eligible for exemptions under ESSB 5898. The green line shows cases with infants. The blue and magenta lines show cases with infants using the infant exemption (IE) and post-partum exemption (PD). The IE code will continue to track exemption households whose youngest child is less than 12 months old. A new toddler exemption code (TE) has been added for exemption households whose youngest child is 1 year old but less than 2 years old. The solid yellow line shows the total users of IE and TE combined (and unduplicated). Computer upgrades are not complete, and TE is currently being used for both toddlers and for infants when the exemption exceeds 12 months. The percent of households with infants and with toddlers using expanded IE or TE has been estimated based on age of youngest child. Of 1,374 households using the expanded infant exemption or toddler exemption in October 2019, 1,134 were using it for one-year olds and 240 were using it to spend additional time with infants beyond the 12 months allowed under previous policy. The number of households using infant/toddler exemptions has increased by 952 (47%) since September 2017.

Counts shown here are different from those on pages 15-16, which count adults instead of cases.

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Count 5g: Use of Infant Exemption and Work Suspension Components based on the Age of Youngest Child

Month	Cases with Youngest Child < 2 Years Old	Cases With Child < 1 Year Old	Cases Using		Total Cases IE or TE (No Dups)	Percent of Cases	
			Infant Exemption	Toddler Exemption		wi Infants Using IE	wi Toddlers Using TE
Aug-17	4,839	3,075	2,113	0	2,113	68.7%	0.0%
Sep-17	4,717	2,984	2,037	0	2,038	68.3%	0.0%
Oct-17	4,707	2,915	2,113	208	2,263	72.5%	11.6%
Nov-17	4,730	2,918	2,141	488	2,564	73.4%	26.9%
Dec-17	4,766	2,931	2,202	682	2,796	75.1%	37.2%
Jan-18	4,903	2,949	2,292	854	3,051	77.7%	43.7%
Feb-18	4,931	2,931	2,212	916	3,040	75.5%	45.8%
Mar-18	4,803	2,861	2,238	984	3,111	78.2%	50.7%
Apr-18	4,768	2,790	2,132	1,037	3,074	76.4%	52.4%
May-18	4,817	2,779	2,125	1,069	3,112	76.5%	52.5%
Jun-18	4,816	2,759	2,152	1,126	3,176	78.0%	54.7%
Jul-18	4,817	2,774	2,163	1,144	3,202	78.0%	56.0%
Aug-18	4,882	2,795	2,186	1,210	3,297	78.2%	58.0%
Sep-18	4,894	2,825	2,141	1,196	3,257	75.8%	57.8%
Oct-18	4,870	2,791	2,157	1,175	3,243	77.3%	56.5%
Nov-18	4,848	2,772	2,163	1,167	3,225	78.0%	56.2%
Dec-18	4,848	2,755	2,135	1,213	3,271	77.5%	58.0%
Jan-19	4,888	2,784	2,211	1,235	3,334	79.4%	58.7%
Feb-19	4,835	2,722	2,082	1,215	3,200	76.5%	57.5%
Mar-19	4,783	2,682	2,093	1,233	3,202	78.0%	58.7%
Apr-19	4,803	2,680	2,041	1,270	3,191	76.2%	59.8%
May-19	4,815	2,685	1,977	1,227	3,113	73.6%	57.6%
Jun-19	4,677	2,624	1,943	1,217	3,063	74.0%	59.3%
Jul-19	4,691	2,633	1,983	1,235	3,121	75.3%	60.0%
Aug-19	4,728	2,635	1,940	1,224	3,086	73.6%	58.5%
Sep-19	4,670	2,605	1,950	1,194	3,048	74.9%	57.8%
Oct-19	4,649	2,608	1,937	1,134	2,990	74.3%	55.6%

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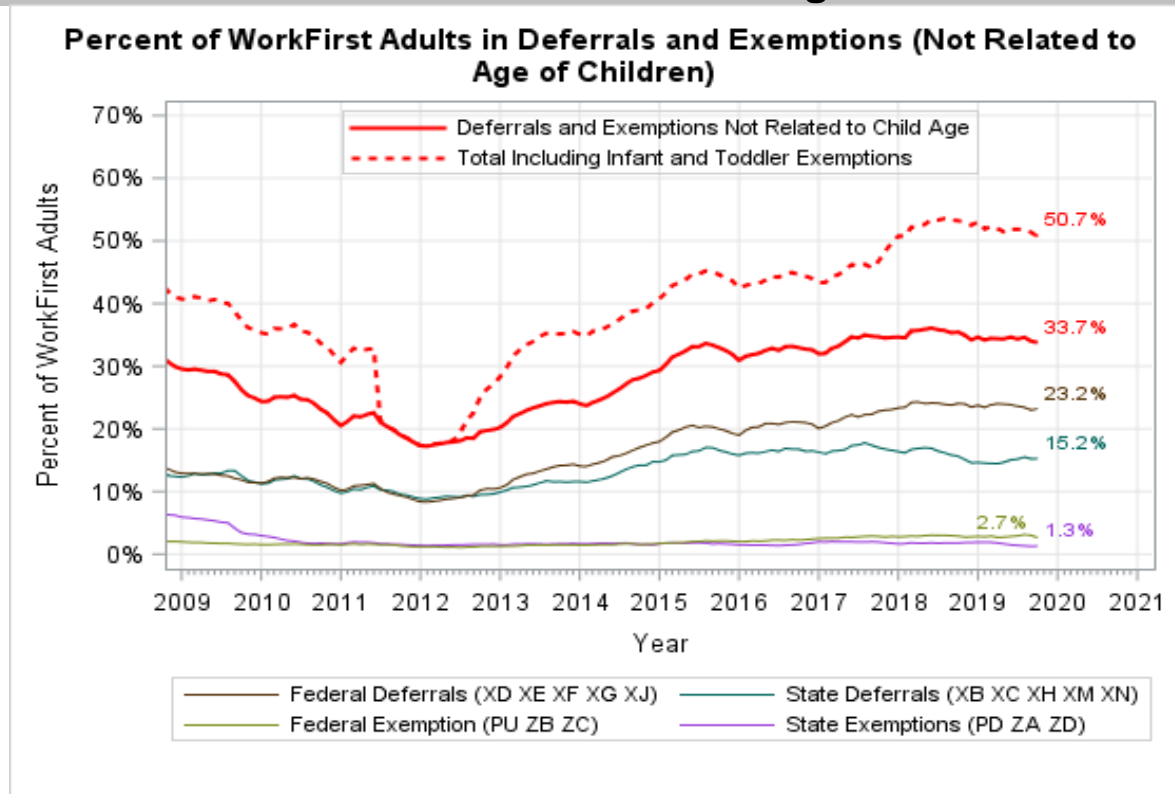
% Change	-5%	-7%	-10%	-3%	-8%
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Parents whose youngest child is under two years old are potentially eligible for the infant exemption or toddler exemption under ESSB 5898 to a lifetime limit of 24 months.

One parent households with children less than 12 months old are exempt from federal work participation requirements for up to 12 months. Most single parents using IE (for infants) qualify for this federal exemption. Two-parent households with infants do not qualify for exemption from federal work participation requirements. Beginning in February 2016, two-parent households using infant exemption have been removed from work participation rates unless they are meeting participation requirements. They are funded using state funds only. Households exercising a toddler exemption do not qualify for exemption from federal work participation requirements.

Source: ACES data warehouse, JAS_ACTV table, and DSHS 5921 Suspension Reports.

Count 5h: Use of Deferral and Exemption Components Not Related to Child Age



Components Shown

The solid red line in this chart shows the percent of WorkFirst adults exempted or deferred from full-time participation for reasons other than the age of their children (33.7% in October 2019). The dashed red line at the top adds the adults using infant or toddler exemptions to the total.

Activities labeled Federal Deferrals (e.g., Mental Health or Substance Abuse/Alcohol treatment) may be counted toward federal participation and count against federal Job Search time-limits. Activities labeled State Deferrals (e.g., Temporary Physical Incapacity/Medical Treatment or Resolution of Homelessness) do not count toward federal participation. Deferrals are meant to be short-term in length and paired with other activities when possible.

Exemptions identify longer-term waivers of participation for activities such as pursuit of SSI benefits or being a caretaker relative over the age of 55. Parents in federal exemptions are removed from participation rate calculations. State exemptions do not exclude adults from federal participation requirements.

Trends

The number of adults with deferrals or exemptions not related to the age of their children was 6% lower in October 2019 than in October 2018. The percent of adults with deferrals or exemptions declined between 2009 and early 2012. The percent of adults with deferrals and exemptions peaked at 36% in June 2018 and has declined from that level. Some of the growth appears to have been related to increased need for mental health and substance abuse treatment services (see pages 72-73). Use of non-age related exemptions did not change after October 2017 when infant exemptions were expanded to include toddler exemptions under ESSB 5898. Use of non-age related deferrals and exemptions had dropped during the ESSB 5921 suspensions. In October 2019 the count of adults with age-related and non-age related exemptions combined was almost 51% of all WorkFirst adults.

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Count 5h: Use of Deferral and Exemption Components Not Related to Child Age

Adult Counts in the Largest Categories							Percent of WorkFirst Adults
Month	Mental Hlth (XG)	Pursuing Other Benefits (XB)	Temporary Med (XM)	Alcohol Subst (XE)	Chronic Disab (ZD)	Total in Chart (No Dups)	
May-17	2,428	1,586	1,180	888	250	5,610	33.9%
Jun-17	2,459	1,587	1,213	885	253	5,697	34.7%
Jul-17	2,375	1,517	1,179	825	234	5,522	34.5%
Aug-17	2,367	1,523	1,179	849	234	5,606	35.0%
Sep-17	2,348	1,478	1,148	819	235	5,500	34.8%
Oct-17	2,377	1,492	1,121	830	237	5,440	34.7%
Nov-17	2,345	1,486	1,099	846	228	5,359	34.5%
Dec-17	2,355	1,460	1,113	846	223	5,362	34.6%
Jan-18	2,437	1,448	1,149	890	210	5,480	34.7%
Feb-18	2,425	1,443	1,130	895	216	5,431	34.5%
Mar-18	2,500	1,486	1,140	943	234	5,557	35.7%
Apr-18	2,467	1,458	1,132	958	215	5,482	35.7%
May-18	2,417	1,423	1,155	947	218	5,510	35.9%
Jun-18	2,340	1,383	1,141	903	222	5,471	36.1%
Jul-18	2,275	1,306	1,096	926	216	5,437	35.8%
Aug-18	2,249	1,278	1,102	927	220	5,491	35.7%
Sep-18	2,204	1,253	1,064	924	216	5,380	35.3%
Oct-18	2,227	1,253	1,066	963	216	5,377	35.5%
Nov-18	2,194	1,227	1,015	936	223	5,238	35.0%
Dec-18	2,170	1,206	978	908	223	5,156	34.2%
Jan-19	2,222	1,206	999	926	232	5,268	34.6%
Feb-19	2,216	1,202	1,007	939	225	5,196	34.2%
Mar-19	2,214	1,194	980	948	225	5,157	34.5%
Apr-19	2,240	1,179	1,021	959	205	5,163	34.4%
May-19	2,247	1,180	1,046	972	189	5,208	34.4%
Jun-19	2,212	1,196	1,038	934	169	5,155	34.7%
Jul-19	2,175	1,177	1,028	937	150	5,111	34.3%
Aug-19	2,208	1,158	1,032	928	143	5,214	34.6%
Sep-19	2,105	1,139	986	897	134	5,099	34.0%
Oct-19	2,125	1,140	984	905	136	5,051	33.7%

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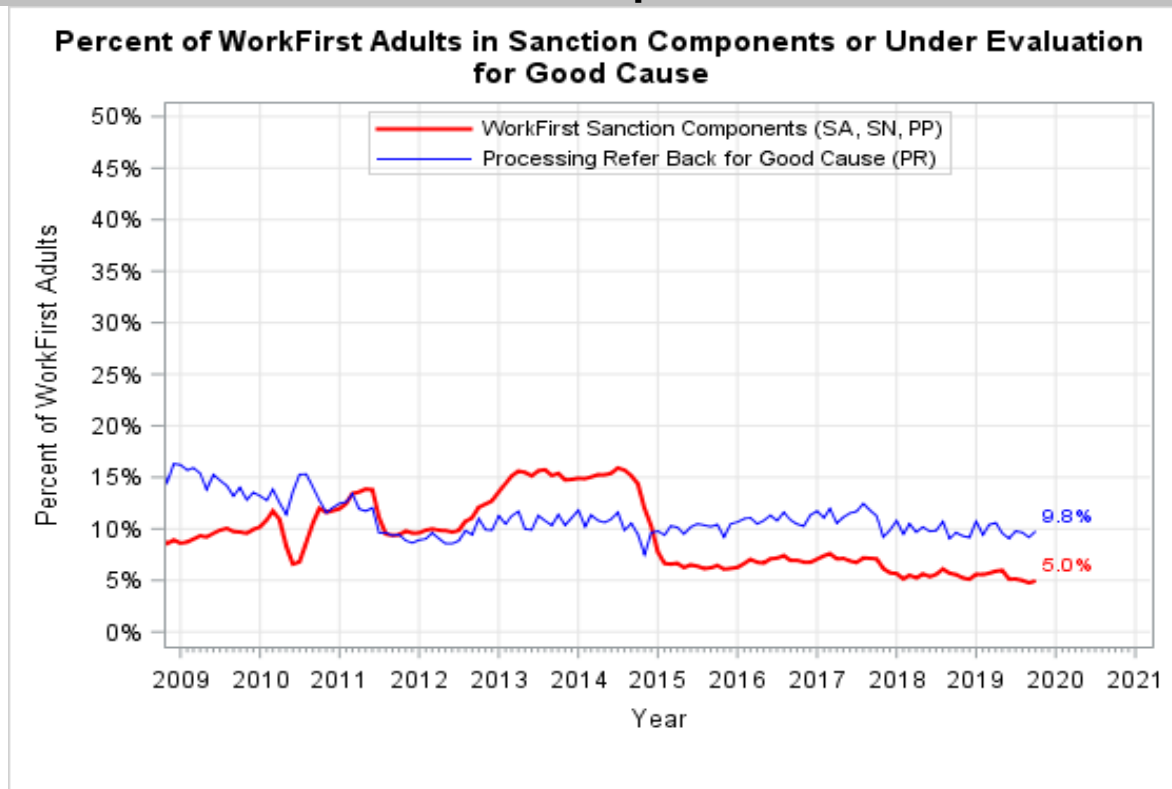
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% Change	-5%	-9%	-8%	-6%	-37%	-6%	-1%
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Use of the Chronic Disability (ZD), Pursuing Other Benefits (XB) and Temporary Medical (XM) components decreased by 37%, 9% and 8% between October 2018 and October 2019. Use of the Mental Health Treatment (XG) component decreased by 5% and use of the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment (XE) component decreased by 6% between October 2018 and October 2019. The unduplicated count of those deferred or exempted in October 2019 was 5,051 rising to 7,589 if infant exemptions (IE) and toddler exemptions (TE) are included. Twenty percent of adults used infant or toddler exemptions; 17.0% of adults used an infant or toddler exemption and did not use any of the other exemption or deferral codes.

Source: ACES data warehouse, EMAPS Client file, JAS_Actv table, and JAS_Actual table.

Count 5i: Use of Sanction and Processing Good Cause Components



Components Shown

This chart shows the percent of adults in sanction components. Adults who are required but refuse to participate in WorkFirst activities are subject to a reduction in grant. Adults may cure their sanction by resuming participation. Continued non-participation results in grant termination. DSHS produces separate reports on adults whose grants are reduced by sanction. Those counts are smaller, because grant reduction does not begin until the first full month after sanctions are applied.

Trends

Five percent of WorkFirst adults were flagged with the sanction component during October 2019. Sanction rates vary by age of youngest child and vary based on work requirements. Sanction rates for parents with infants dropped from 8% in June 2011 to 6% between August 2011 and June 2012 when ESSB 5921 offered suspension of work requirements. They rose to 10% in September 2014. They were 6% in June 2017, dropped to 4% by January 2018 after the extension of infant exemptions to 24 months, and were 4% in October 2019. Sanction rates for parents whose youngest children were one year-olds dropped from 18% in June 2011 to 3% between August 2011 and June 2012 under suspensions. Sanction rates for this group rebounded to 15% in September 2014, dropped to 3% after the expansion of toddler exemptions and were 3% in October 2019. The sanction rate for parents with preschoolers age 2 through 5 was 17% in June 2011, 18% in September 2014, and was never below 13% in between. That rate was 7% in October 2019. Households whose youngest children were school-aged had a sanction rate of 14% in September 2014 and 6% in October 2019.

Another factor affecting sanction counts was the introduction of WorkFirst orientations in July 2014. Orientations explain work participation requirements prior to grant approval.

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Count 5i: Use of Sanction and Processing Good Cause Components

WorkFirst Adults in e-JAS Sanction Components

Month	Sanction Components	Good Cause Eval (PR)	Percent in Sanction	Percent in Eval (PR)
May-17	1,181	1,840	7.1%	11.1%
Jun-17	1,129	1,895	6.9%	11.5%
Jul-17	1,078	1,872	6.7%	11.7%
Aug-17	1,150	1,994	7.2%	12.5%
Sep-17	1,130	1,865	7.1%	11.8%
Oct-17	1,112	1,765	7.1%	11.3%
Nov-17	957	1,431	6.2%	9.2%
Dec-17	888	1,529	5.7%	9.9%
Jan-18	894	1,706	5.7%	10.8%
Feb-18	809	1,493	5.1%	9.5%
Mar-18	857	1,634	5.5%	10.5%
Apr-18	802	1,487	5.2%	9.7%
May-18	865	1,563	5.6%	10.2%
Jun-18	813	1,481	5.4%	9.8%
Jul-18	846	1,492	5.6%	9.8%
Aug-18	939	1,647	6.1%	10.7%
Sep-18	866	1,381	5.7%	9.1%
Oct-18	844	1,462	5.6%	9.6%
Nov-18	784	1,393	5.2%	9.3%
Dec-18	771	1,379	5.1%	9.1%
Jan-19	852	1,633	5.6%	10.7%
Feb-19	847	1,432	5.6%	9.4%
Mar-19	852	1,555	5.7%	10.4%
Apr-19	886	1,589	5.9%	10.6%
May-19	906	1,452	6.0%	9.6%
Jun-19	762	1,348	5.1%	9.1%
Jul-19	765	1,457	5.1%	9.8%
Aug-19	753	1,454	5.0%	9.7%
Sep-19	715	1,376	4.8%	9.2%
Oct-19	743	1,463	5.0%	9.8%

October 2019 compared to October 2018 (without adjustments for late reporting)

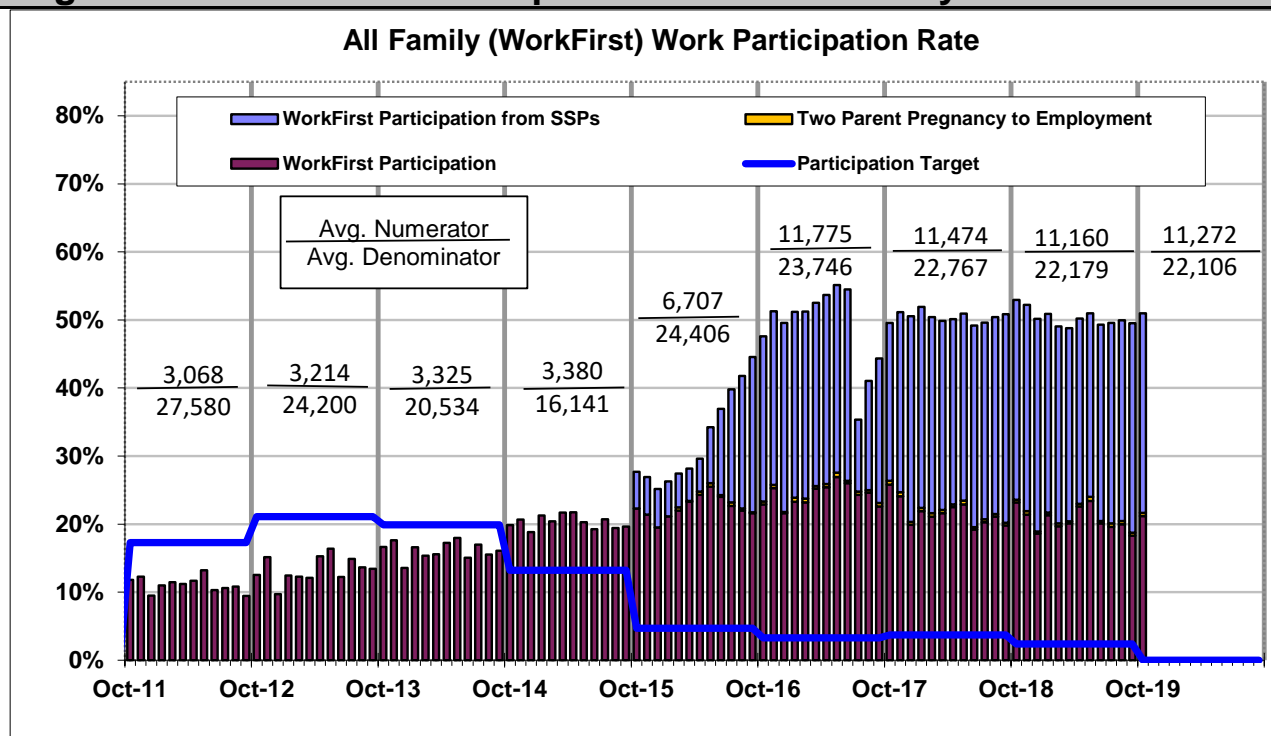
WorkFirst
Adults
-1%

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Sanction activity dropped in 2010 and again at the end of 2014 because of revisions to sanction policy. Under the 2010 policy, adults remained in sanction status for 4 months before termination for non-compliance with program rules. Prior to July 2010, adults could remain in sanction status for up to 6 months before termination. After November 2014, adults may remain in sanction status for only 2 months before termination. Under this policy, termination may occur after 10 days instead of 2 months if adults do not meet with DSHS staff to review non-compliance with program rules. The shorter length of sanction periods reduces the percent of the caseload with sanctions.

Source: ACES data warehouse, EMAPS Client file, JAS_Actv table, and JAS_Actual table.

Targeted Measure 1a: Participation Rate - All Family



Goal

Meet federal work participation requirements (WPR) in qualifying activities.

Targets

DSHS predicted that Federal Office of Family Assistance targets would be 3.6% for FY 2017 and 4.2% for FY 2018. OFA published final targets of 3.3% for FY 2017, and 3.7% for FY 2018. Forty-nine states met All Family WPR targets during FY 2018, the most recent year for which OFA has released results. Washington's All Family performance of 50.4% exceeded its federal target for FY 2018. Washington predicts that the All Family target will be 2.4% in FY 2019 and 0.0% in FY 2020.

Analysis

The All Family WPR rate for FY 2017 was 24.3%. Addition of two Supplemental State Programs increased FY 2017 results to 49.8%. All Family results for FY 2018 were 21.7%, increased to 50.4% by SSPs. Preliminary results for FY 2019 are 20.7%, increased to 50.3% by SSPs. All Family results for the first month of FY 2020 are 21.2% increased to 51.0% by SSPs. An SSP is a state-funded program to benefit low income families with children. SSPs increase both the numerator and denominator of the WPR rate. Fifteen states operated SSPs during FY 2018. In 5 states: California, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Oregon, SSPs made the difference between passing and failing All Family WPR requirements. Washington began tracking and reporting work participation in the State Food Assistance program as an SSP in October 2015. Washington began a second SSP, the Family Support Program, in May 2016. FSP enrollments were terminated at the end of June 2017 due to budget delays. However, the program was reauthorized and FSP enrollments recovered. Data beyond October 2019 are not complete and are not shown. Participation rates use the 12-week job search definition through June 2019 and 6-week definition beginning in July 2019. Results for July through October 2019 should increase before they become final. Average monthly numerators and denominators for each fiscal year are shown as fractions.

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Targeted Measure 1a: Participation Rate - All Family

Data Table Components of Federal Work Participation Rates

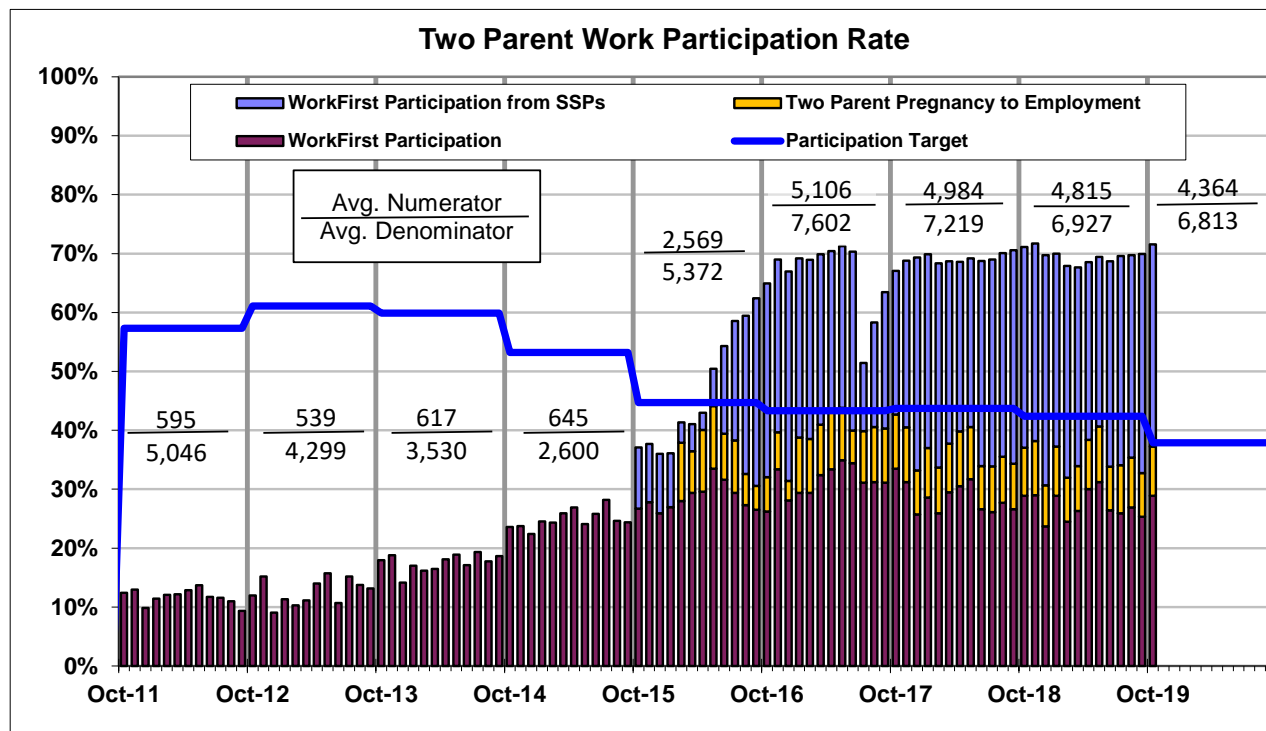
All Family (WorkFirst) Work Participation Rates								
Month	All Family WPR Denominator	All Family Cases	Work Participation Category			Work Participation Rate		
			Hrs Met Fed Rate	Supplemental State Pgms	Total	WorkFirst Only	Combined Total	All Family Target
Sep-17	20,135	13,613	2,591	6,334	8,925	22.6%	44.3%	3.3%
Oct-17	21,384	13,457	2,943	7,652	10,595	25.8%	49.5%	3.7%
Nov-17	22,250	13,315	2,696	8,688	11,384	24.1%	51.2%	3.7%
Dec-17	23,336	13,352	2,231	9,565	11,796	19.9%	50.5%	3.7%
Jan-18	24,129	13,551	2,500	10,033	12,533	21.9%	51.9%	3.7%
Feb-18	23,582	13,494	2,413	9,477	11,890	21.1%	50.4%	3.7%
Mar-18	23,065	13,401	2,461	9,038	11,499	21.6%	49.9%	3.7%
Apr-18	22,698	13,197	2,520	8,861	11,381	22.5%	50.1%	3.7%
May-18	22,606	13,160	2,573	8,946	11,519	22.9%	51.0%	3.7%
Jun-18	22,448	13,104	2,131	8,911	11,042	19.2%	49.2%	3.7%
Jul-18	22,331	13,138	2,264	8,813	11,077	20.3%	49.6%	3.7%
Aug-18	22,614	13,285	2,372	9,033	11,405	21.1%	50.4%	3.7%
Sep-18	22,757	13,207	2,215	9,357	11,572	19.8%	50.9%	3.7%
Oct-18	22,799	13,130	2,574	9,500	12,074	23.2%	53.0%	2.4%
Nov-18	22,583	12,920	2,358	9,434	11,792	21.4%	52.2%	2.4%
Dec-18	22,565	13,068	2,054	9,270	11,324	18.6%	50.2%	2.4%
Jan-19	22,441	13,131	2,371	9,053	11,424	21.3%	50.9%	2.4%
Feb-19	22,072	13,108	2,201	8,623	10,824	19.7%	49.0%	2.4%
Mar-19	21,649	12,912	2,192	8,374	10,566	20.1%	48.8%	2.4%
Apr-19	22,034	12,984	2,494	8,567	11,061	22.6%	50.2%	2.4%
May-19	22,084	13,045	2,618	8,640	11,258	23.4%	51.0%	2.4%
Jun-19	21,860	12,879	2,206	8,577	10,783	20.1%	49.3%	2.4%
Jul-19	21,852	12,892	2,158	8,670	10,828	19.6%	49.6%	2.4%
Aug-19	22,142	13,054	2,228	8,828	11,056	20.0%	49.9%	2.4%
Sep-19	22,062	12,977	2,033	8,895	10,928	18.3%	49.5%	2.4%
Oct-19	22,106	13,058	2,370	8,902	11,272	21.2%	51.0%	0.0%

Definition of Measure

Numerator: Number of TANF and Supplemental State Program families that include a work-eligible parent who is participating for the required number of hours per week in federally defined work activities; divided by the **Denominator:** the number of TANF and SSP families that include a work-eligible parent, minus the number of families that are disregarded for being in their first three months of sanction (limited to 3 out of the last 12 months) or being single custodial parents caring for a child under age 1 (limited to 12 months in that parent's lifetime). The parent with the best participation is used to measure results for 2-parent households. For single parents with children under age six, the work requirement is 20 hours per week. For other parents the requirement is 30 hours per week. Work participation is measured during federal fiscal years, which run from October through September. Two-parent households with an infant or pregnancy are now state funded unless they meet WPR requirements. This removes them from the numerator and denominator beginning in February 2016. The impact on the All Family rate is very small.

Source: DSHS Work participation reports through November 2019, including TARDIS reports.

Targeted Measure 1b: Participation Rate - Two Parent



Goal

Meet federal work participation requirements (WPR) in qualifying activities.

Target

Washington predicted that Federal Office of Family Assistance targets would be 43.6% for FY 2017, and 44.2% for FY 2018. OFA published final targets of 43.3% for FY 2017 and 43.7% for FY 2018. Twenty-one states (out of 28) met 2-parent targets during FY 2018, the most recent year for which OFA has released results. The remaining states had no TANF families subject to 2-parent work requirements. Washington's 2-parent performance of 69.0% exceeded its federal target for FY 2018. Washington predicts that its 2-parent target will be 42.4% in FY 2019 and 37.9% in FY 2020.

Analysis

Two-parent results for FY 2017 were 39.1%, increased to 66.2% by Supplemental State Programs. Two-parent results for FY 2018 were 36.9%, increased to 69.0% by SSPs. Preliminary 2-parent results for FY 2019 are 35.3%, increased to 69.5% by SSPs. Two-parent results for the first month of FY 2020 are 37.3%, increased to 71.5% by SSPs. SSPs increase both the numerator and denominator of the WPR rate. Washington was one of the 5 states that used SSPs to meet 2-parent WPR requirements in FY 2018. Washington began tracking and reporting work participation in the State Food Assistance program as an SSP in October 2015. Washington began a second SSP, the Family Support Program, in May 2016. FSP enrollments were terminated in June 2017 due to budget delays. However, the program was reauthorized and enrollments recovered. Washington has also begun to fund 2-parent households that include infants using state funds unless they are meeting work requirements. This increases the WPR rate by removing the households from the denominator of the measure. This impact is shown in yellow segments of the participation bars labeled 2-Parent Pregnancy to Employment. Data beyond October 2019 are not complete and are not shown. Participation rates use the 12-week job search definition through June 2019 and 6-week definition beginning in July 2019. Results for July through October 2019 should increase before they become final. Average numerators and denominators are shown as fractions, by fiscal year.

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Targeted Measure 1b: Participation Rate - Two Parent

Data Table Components of Federal Work Participation Rates

Two Parent Work Participation Rates

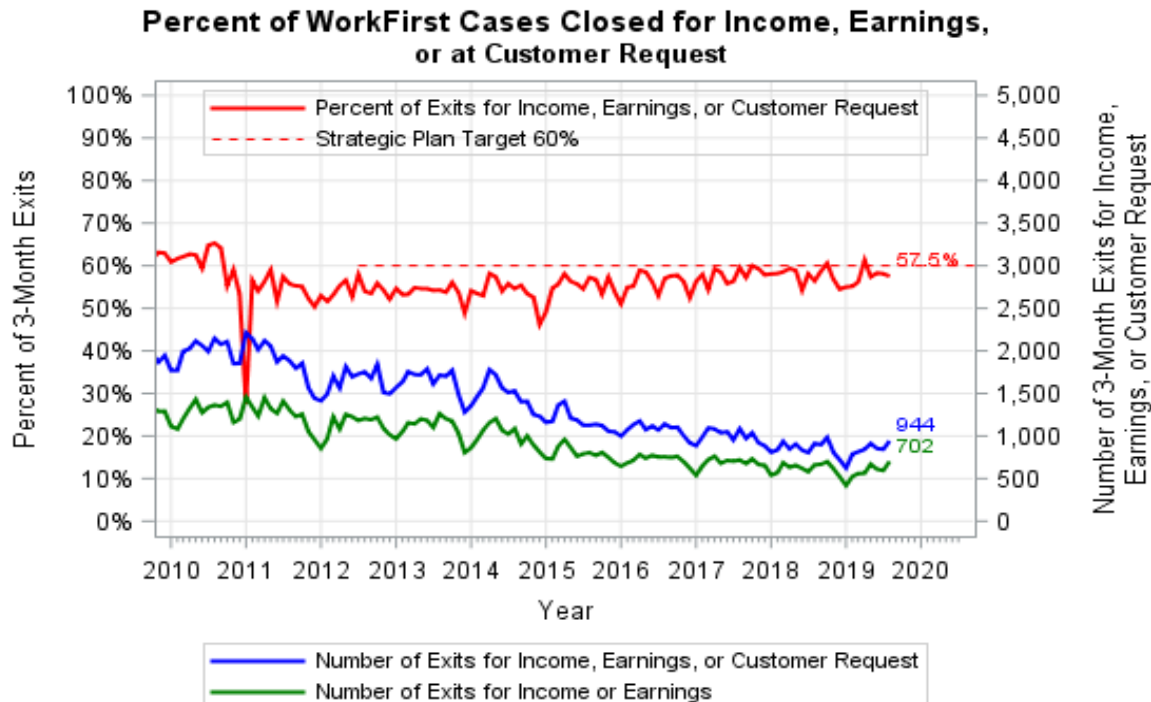
Month	Two Parent WPR Denominator	Two Parent Cases	Work Participation Category			Work Participation Rate		
			Hrs Met Fed Rate	Supplemental State Pgms	Total	Two Parent Only	Combined Total	Two Parent Target
Aug-17	5,217	1,835	551	2,492	3,043	40.5%	58.3%	43.3%
Sep-17	5,873	1,809	535	3,191	3,726	40.3%	63.4%	43.3%
Oct-17	6,515	1,776	577	3,791	4,368	42.7%	67.0%	43.7%
Nov-17	6,994	1,759	532	4,281	4,813	40.5%	68.8%	43.7%
Dec-17	7,493	1,745	433	4,763	5,196	33.2%	69.3%	43.7%
Jan-18	7,863	1,789	498	4,998	5,496	37.0%	69.9%	43.7%
Feb-18	7,630	1,777	447	4,767	5,214	33.7%	68.3%	43.7%
Mar-18	7,336	1,722	487	4,552	5,039	37.8%	68.7%	43.7%
Apr-18	7,236	1,700	499	4,466	4,965	39.8%	68.6%	43.7%
May-18	7,206	1,657	504	4,482	4,986	40.6%	69.2%	43.7%
Jun-18	7,118	1,597	406	4,486	4,892	33.9%	68.7%	43.7%
Jul-18	7,042	1,580	400	4,457	4,857	33.9%	69.0%	43.7%
Aug-18	7,094	1,577	420	4,550	4,970	35.5%	70.1%	43.7%
Sep-18	7,106	1,567	398	4,617	5,015	34.3%	70.6%	43.7%
Oct-18	7,155	1,556	430	4,658	5,088	37.1%	71.1%	42.4%
Nov-18	7,062	1,519	424	4,639	5,063	38.2%	71.7%	42.4%
Dec-18	7,056	1,570	354	4,567	4,921	30.6%	69.7%	42.4%
Jan-19	7,022	1,604	443	4,470	4,913	37.2%	70.0%	42.4%
Feb-19	6,853	1,619	380	4,273	4,653	31.9%	67.9%	42.4%
Mar-19	6,798	1,619	406	4,192	4,598	33.9%	67.6%	42.4%
Apr-19	6,948	1,626	469	4,294	4,763	38.4%	68.6%	42.4%
May-19	6,960	1,640	493	4,340	4,833	40.6%	69.4%	42.4%
Jun-19	6,835	1,579	393	4,301	4,694	33.8%	68.7%	42.4%
Jul-19	6,815	1,595	399	4,343	4,742	34.1%	69.6%	42.4%
Aug-19	6,821	1,625	423	4,332	4,755	35.4%	69.7%	42.4%
Sep-19	6,804	1,615	394	4,364	4,758	32.7%	69.9%	42.4%
Oct-19	6,813	1,595	447	4,427	4,874	37.3%	71.5%	37.9%

Definition of Measure

Numerator: Number of 2-parent families with two work-eligible parents who are participating an average of 35 hours per week (combined between the two parents) in federally defined work activities; divided by the **Denominator:** the number of TANF and SSP families that include two work-eligible parents, minus the number of families that are disregarded for being in their first 3 months of sanction (limited to 3 out of the last 12 months). The participation standard differs based on whether the family receives federal or state-funded child care. Washington uses state-funded child care for 2-parent families, decreasing the federal work participation requirement from 55 hours to 35 hours per week. Work participation is measured during federal fiscal years, which run from October through September. Two-parent households with an infant or pregnancy are now state-funded unless they meet WPR requirements. This removes them from both the numerator and denominator beginning in February 2016.

Source: DSHS Work participation reports through November 2019, including TARDIS reports.

Targeted Measure 2: Exits Due to Income, Earnings, or at Customer Request, for WorkFirst Cases



Goal and Target

Increase the percent of people who leave TANF due to increased income or at their request from 58% in March 2018 to 60% by June 2021. This is Economic Services Administration strategic plan metric E2.1.

Experience to Date

The percent of exits for income, earnings, or customer request among exits lasting three months or more dropped to 27.6% in January 2011 due to the large number of exits produced by changes to TANF time limits. Results recovered, but stabilized at lower levels after February 2011. Average results for June through August 2019 were 58.0%. Results improved when exits due to non-compliance sanctions and TANF time limits dropped in 2018. Together, these reasons were associated with 18% of exits in 2018, down from 22% of exits in 2015, but up from 14% of exits in 2012 and 5% in 2010. However, extension of infant exemptions for up to 24 months (from the prior 12 month limit) and to households with toddlers may reduce exits for earned income for households that leave TANF while exempt from work participation requirements. This policy resulted from ESSB 5898 and was adopted in October 2017. It is not clear how exits of long term cases enrolled under the time limit extensions provided by ESSB 1603 will affect results. New cases began to enter WorkFirst under this policy in July 2019 and may begin to exit six months later in January 2020.

This monthly indicator measures progress toward quarterly results. The most recent quarter reported by ESA is Q2 2019, with results of 58.9%. This measure is listed in Results Washington as an archived measure under Goal 4: Healthy and Safe communities/supported people. The measure no longer appears among current Results Washington outcomes. It has been revised based on recent legislation. HB 1603 called for greater detail in the reporting of WorkFirst outcomes, including the separate tracking of exits due to increased income, employment, participant request, and other reasons. See the breakout on page 52. [Return to Contents](#)

Targeted Measure 2: Exits Due to Income, Earnings, or at Customer Request, for WorkFirst Cases

Exits by Reason and Percent of Exits for Income, Earnings or Request

Month	Earned Income	Other Income	Customer Request	Combined Income & Customer Request		Exits for Other Reasons	Total Exits
				Number	Percent		
Apr-17	620	143	320	1,083	59.3%	744	1,827
May-17	574	106	358	1,038	58.5%	735	1,773
Jun-17	591	122	338	1,051	55.8%	832	1,883
Jul-17	598	106	251	955	56.3%	740	1,695
Aug-17	609	110	366	1,085	59.6%	736	1,821
Sep-17	584	91	297	972	57.2%	726	1,698
Oct-17	623	109	306	1,038	60.0%	691	1,729
Nov-17	559	106	253	918	59.3%	630	1,548
Dec-17	529	128	229	886	57.8%	646	1,532
Jan-18	434	105	269	808	58.1%	584	1,391
Feb-18	460	110	268	838	58.2%	602	1,440
Mar-18	544	143	250	937	58.6%	663	1,600
Apr-18	540	91	216	847	59.4%	580	1,427
May-18	556	101	248	905	58.9%	632	1,537
Jun-18	512	108	215	835	54.2%	705	1,540
Jul-18	482	98	225	805	58.1%	580	1,385
Aug-18	563	100	250	913	56.4%	705	1,618
Sep-18	556	111	231	898	58.7%	631	1,529
Oct-18	598	102	284	984	60.6%	640	1,624
Nov-18	506	110	192	808	56.7%	616	1,424
Dec-18	419	102	198	719	54.5%	601	1,320
Jan-19	331	88	206	625	55.0%	511	1,136
Feb-19	415	111	264	790	55.2%	642	1,432
Mar-19	446	114	255	815	56.2%	635	1,450
Apr-19	456	107	279	842	61.4%	530	1,372
May-19	550	120	242	912	57.4%	677	1,589
Jun-19	507	102	245	854	58.3%	611	1,465
Jul-19	491	104	248	843	58.1%	607	1,450
Aug-19	582	120	242	944	57.5%	698	1,641

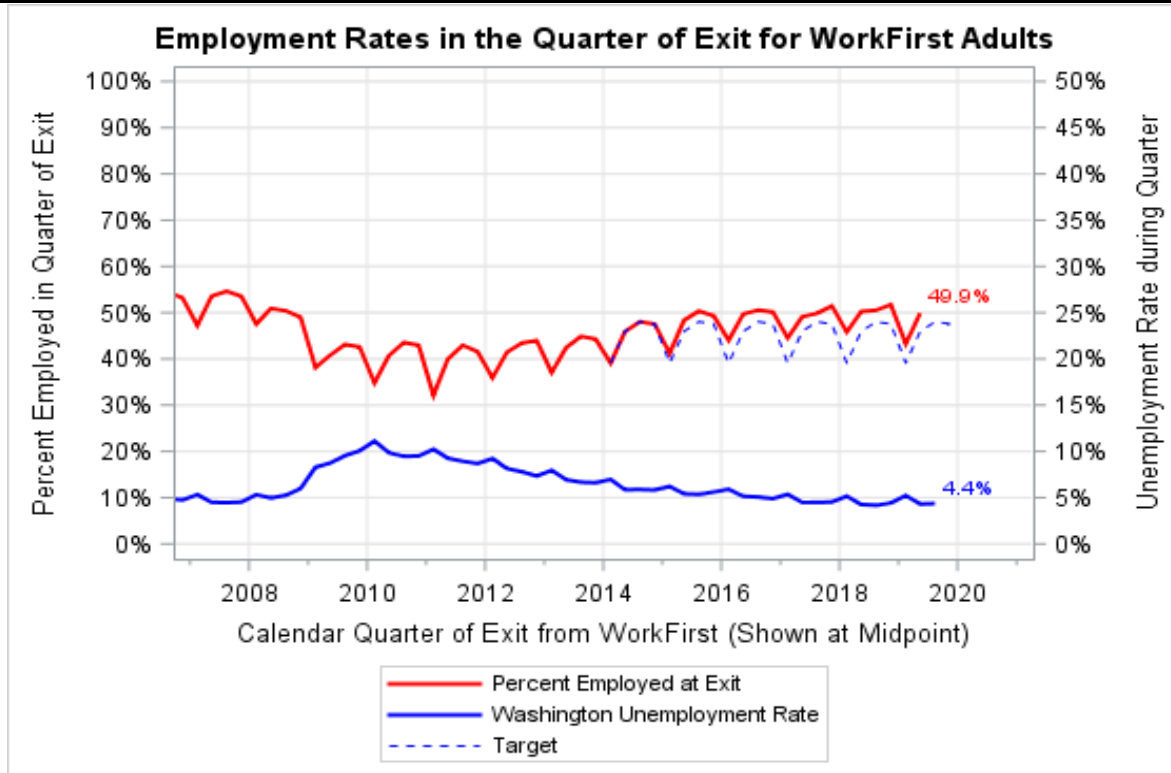
August 2019, compared to August 2018

% Change	3%	20%	-3%	3%	-1%	1%
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The numerator includes WorkFirst closures lasting 3 months or more for selected reasons. Closures for earned income are based on exceeded earned income limit (reason code 334). Other income includes: child support more than grant (324), excess net income (331), and change in child support payments (507). Customer request is based on assistance unit requests closure (557). The denominator includes all WorkFirst closures lasting three months or more. Common exits for other reasons categories, listed in order of frequency, include: non-compliance sanction process, no eligible household members, failed to provide verification, 6-month report not returned, head of household not eligible, review not complete, no dependent child, and exceeds adult TANF time limits. This measure is similar to a former WorkFirst GMAP Measure: Self-Sufficiency Exits.

Source: DSHS performance reports and EMAPs reports on TANF Terminations.

Targeted Measure 3: Exit to Employment



Goal

Increase the percentage of adults who leave WorkFirst with employment.

Target

The target is for employment results to meet or exceed results in the same quarter of CY 2014.

Analysis

Results depend on a number of factors. Some of them, like economic conditions, are outside of WorkFirst program control. Results for Q2 2019 prepared by DSHS region show the highest exit with employment rates in Region 1 (Eastern Washington) at 51.9%, followed by Region 2 (Seattle and North Puget Sound) at 51.1% and Region 3 (Pierce County, the Olympic Peninsula, and Southwest Washington) at 47.3%.

The exit with employment rate for Q2 2019 was 49.9%, down from 50.2% in Q2 2018. Employment in the most recent quarter can be low, due to delays in employer reports to the Employment Security Department. Washington's unemployment rate in Q2 2019 was 4.3%, almost one-tenth of a percent higher than the 4.3% in Q2 2018. Region 2 had the lowest unemployment rate in Q2 2019 (3.1%) followed by Region 3 (5.4%) and Region 1 (5.6%). The exit with employment rate in Q1 2019 changed from 43.7% in the data reported through August 2019 to 43.2% in data reported through November 2019. The 1.6% decline in the exit with employment rate seen between Q1 2018 and Q1 2019 in the last reporting cycle changed to a 2.6% decline. Some of that change came from an increase in employment reported during 2018, but part of that change also resulted from correction of a programming error that affected the August 2019 results. The 0.3% reduction in exit with employment rate seen between Q2 2018 and Q2 2019 could get smaller when the UI wage file due in February 2020 is processed, but there are no guarantees that this will happen.

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Targeted Measure 3: Exit to Employment

Data Table **Percent of WorkFirst Parents Employed at TANF Exit**

Calendar Quarter	Exits with Employment	Total Exits	Percent of Exits to Employment	Target	Unemployment Rate	
					Washington	United States
Q2 2013	6,068	14,308	42.4%	.	6.9%	7.4%
Q3 2013	6,253	13,935	44.9%	.	6.7%	7.3%
Q4 2013	5,970	13,486	44.3%	.	6.6%	6.7%
Q1 2014	4,541	11,618	39.1%	39.1%	7.0%	6.9%
Q2 2014	6,026	13,116	45.9%	46.0%	5.9%	6.1%
Q3 2014	5,833	12,141	48.0%	48.0%	5.9%	6.2%
Q4 2014	5,170	10,874	47.5%	47.5%	5.8%	5.5%
Q1 2015	4,152	10,080	41.2%	39.1%	6.2%	5.8%
Q2 2015	4,743	9,807	48.4%	46.0%	5.4%	5.3%
Q3 2015	4,479	8,895	50.4%	48.0%	5.4%	5.2%
Q4 2015	4,250	8,618	49.3%	47.5%	5.6%	4.8%
Q1 2016	3,639	8,267	44.0%	39.1%	5.9%	5.2%
Q2 2016	4,305	8,659	49.7%	46.0%	5.2%	4.8%
Q3 2016	4,474	8,851	50.5%	48.0%	5.1%	5.0%
Q4 2016	3,940	7,859	50.1%	47.5%	4.9%	4.5%
Q1 2017	3,306	7,421	44.5%	39.1%	5.4%	4.9%
Q2 2017	3,939	8,019	49.1%	46.0%	4.5%	4.2%
Q3 2017	3,873	7,767	49.9%	48.0%	4.5%	4.4%
Q4 2017	3,628	7,054	51.4%	47.5%	4.5%	3.9%
Q1 2018	2,937	6,410	45.8%	39.1%	5.2%	4.3%
Q2 2018	3,289	6,547	50.2%	46.0%	4.3%	3.8%
Q3 2018	3,276	6,485	50.5%	48.0%	4.2%	3.9%
Q4 2018	3,222	6,225	51.8%	47.5%	4.4%	3.6%
Q1 2019	2,510	5,807	43.2%	39.1%	5.2%	4.1%
Q2 2019	3,142	6,296	49.9%	46.0%	4.3%	3.5%
Q3 2019	.	.	.	48.0%	4.4%	3.7%

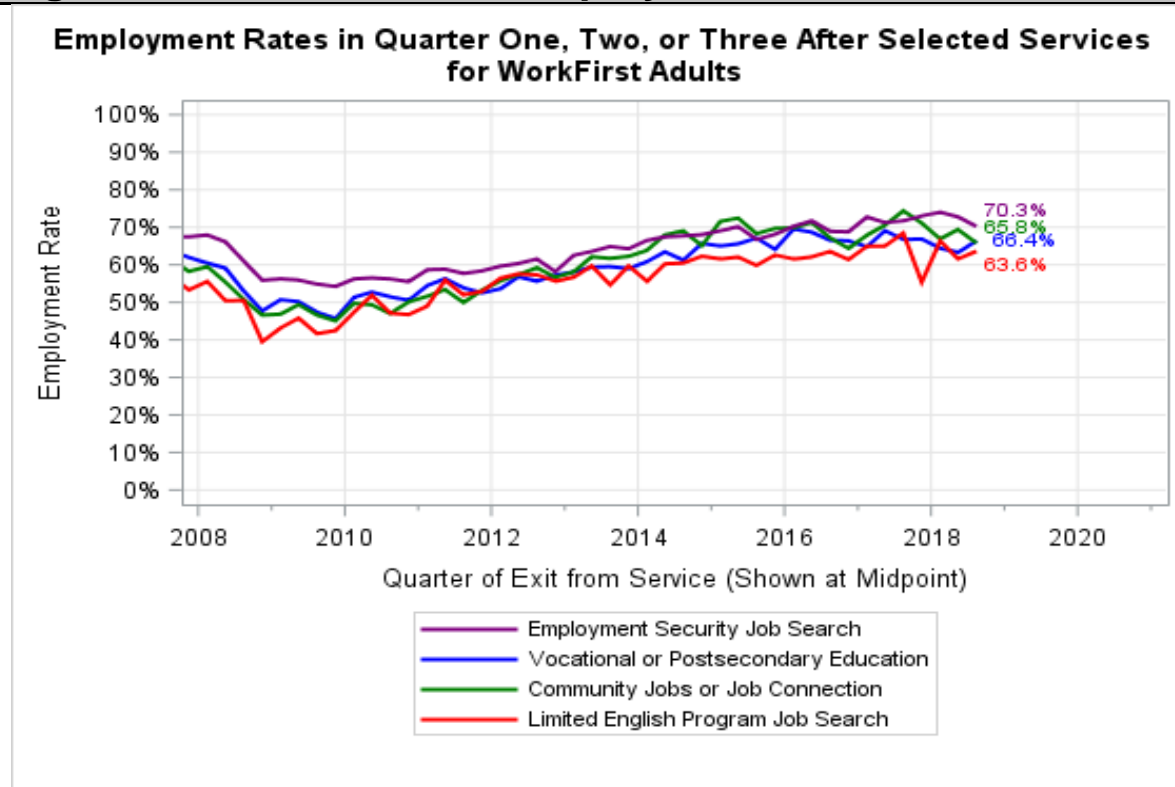
	Change in Exit with Employment Rate (Percentage Points)			Change in Unemployment Rate (Percentage Points)	
Q2 2019, compared with Q2 2018					
% Change	-4%	-4%	-0.3%	0.1%	-0.3%

Definition of Measure

The numerator includes all WorkFirst adults exiting TANF in a calendar quarter who had employment reported to the Unemployment Insurance system during that quarter. The denominator is the number of adults exiting TANF during the quarter. Exits in this measure occur during months when adults have no TANF payments following a month in which they did have TANF payments. Results for the most recent quarter are typically subject to upwards revision in the next measurement cycle. Quarterly unemployment rates are created by dividing the sum of monthly unemployment counts during a quarter by the sum of monthly labor force counts in the same quarter. Washington unemployment rates are compared with national unemployment rates for reference. Readers are likely to get information on national unemployment rates from the media. Washington trends may not always be similar.

Source: Afarrays file and UI wage file. Prepared by OFM Forecasting and Research staff. Unemployment rates are from Employment Security Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), not seasonally adjusted. Data were collected in November 2019.

Targeted Measures 4 to 7: Employment After Services



Goal

Increase the percent of WorkFirst parents who find employment after participating in job search (JS) at Employment Security or LEP programs, vocational or postsecondary education (VE, PE, HW, VU, DC) or JT if provided by Community of Technical College (CTC) contract, and the Community Jobs (CJ) or Job Connection (JC) programs run by the Department of Commerce.

Targets

These measures are calculated on a quarterly basis. Targets are for results to meet or exceed results in the same quarter of fiscal year 2014. Charts with targets and analysis are found on pages 57-60.

Analysis

Exits from services are dropping due to reduced caseloads and reduced service use. Q1 2018 is the second quarter (and first full quarter) affected by the expansion of infant exemptions under ESSB 5898. Q2 and Q3 2018 are the first quarters affected by the \$12.00 per hour statewide minimum wage.

Definition of Measures

Employment is measured in quarter 1, 2, or 3 after exit from four programs: ESD job search (see pages 31-32); vocational and postsecondary education - all schools (see pages 33-34); paid work preparation -- Community Jobs or Job Connection (see pages 35-36); and LEP job search (page 32). An exit occurs when an adult has left the program and not returned to it for four consecutive months. Employment is measured using Unemployment Insurance wage records. Employment rates are higher than shown for exit to employment (pages 53-54) partly because this measure combines results from three calendar quarters instead of using just one quarter. Adults may be served by more than one program. Someone served by a college, followed by job search, would be in both measures, leaving at different dates based on the date of exit from each service.

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Targeted Measures 4 to 7: Employment After Services

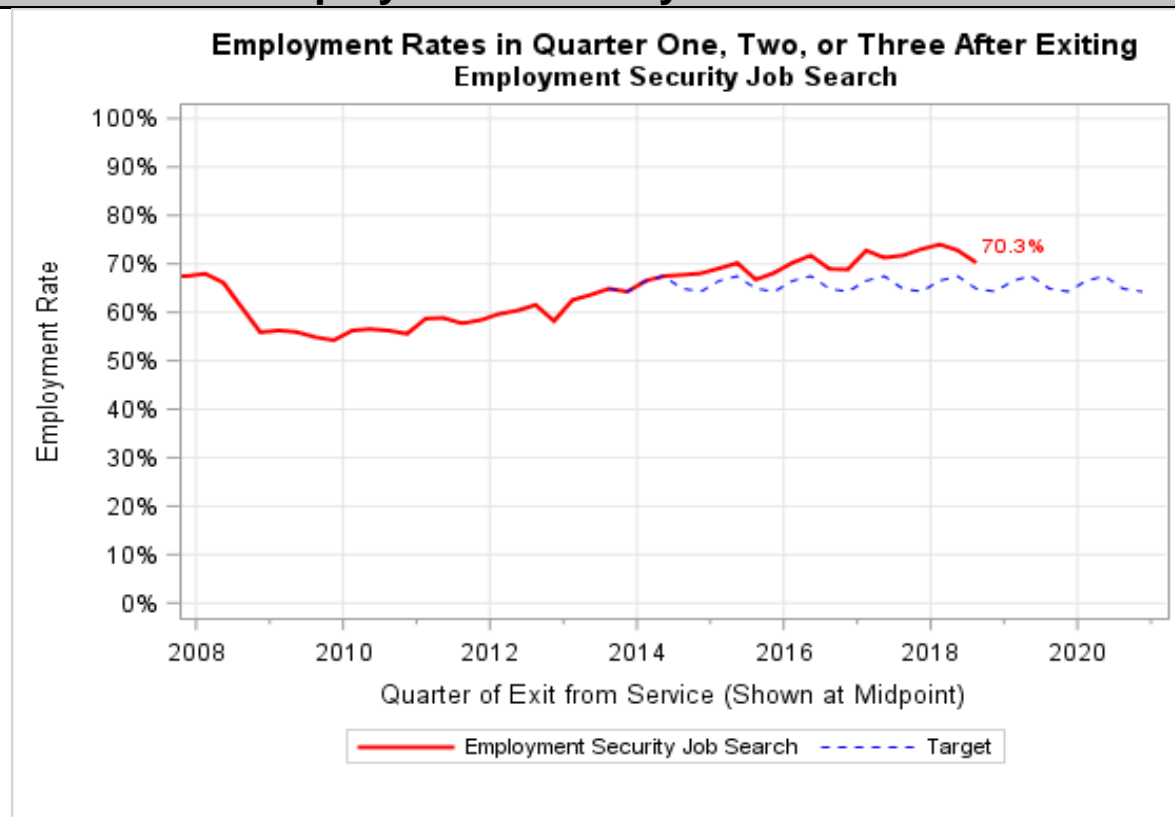
Employment in Quarters 1, 2, or 3 After Exit from Services

Calendar Quarter	Employment Security Job Search		FT or PT Voc and Postsecondary Ed		Community Jobs or Job Connection		Limited English Pgm Job Search	
	Exits	Rate	Exits	Rate	Exits	Rate	Exits	Rate
Q3 2012	3,818	61.6%	1,474	55.6%	1,188	59.3%	455	57.4%
Q4 2012	3,838	58.2%	1,538	57.3%	1,075	56.7%	381	55.6%
Q1 2013	3,875	62.6%	1,671	58.1%	1,240	58.1%	455	56.7%
Q2 2013	4,111	63.6%	2,125	59.4%	1,337	62.2%	576	59.7%
Q3 2013	3,918	64.9%	1,416	59.5%	1,194	61.7%	408	54.7%
Q4 2013	3,351	64.3%	1,417	59.0%	933	62.3%	390	59.7%
Q1 2014	3,892	66.5%	1,352	60.9%	928	63.9%	453	55.6%
Q2 2014	3,834	67.5%	1,684	63.5%	1,018	68.0%	546	60.3%
Q3 2014	3,413	67.7%	1,071	61.3%	872	69.0%	501	60.5%
Q4 2014	2,988	68.0%	1,029	65.7%	719	65.1%	366	62.3%
Q1 2015	3,185	69.1%	992	65.0%	714	71.6%	445	61.6%
Q2 2015	2,790	70.2%	1,314	65.6%	748	72.5%	467	62.1%
Q3 2015	2,791	66.8%	794	67.1%	590	68.3%	431	59.9%
Q4 2015	2,612	68.1%	942	64.1%	568	69.7%	380	62.6%
Q1 2016	2,721	70.3%	919	69.5%	657	69.9%	450	61.6%
Q2 2016	2,540	71.7%	1,128	68.7%	721	71.3%	462	62.1%
Q3 2016	2,364	69.0%	673	66.6%	555	67.2%	461	63.6%
Q4 2016	2,136	68.8%	783	66.4%	553	64.4%	399	61.4%
Q1 2017	2,227	72.7%	756	64.8%	577	67.9%	471	65.0%
Q2 2017	2,019	71.3%	909	69.1%	686	70.6%	511	65.0%
Q3 2017	2,097	71.7%	605	66.8%	625	74.4%	412	68.4%
Q4 2017	1,895	73.0%	622	66.9%	478	71.1%	381	55.4%
Q1 2018	1,744	74.0%	556	64.4%	571	66.9%	327	66.4%
Q2 2018	1,639	72.8%	731	63.3%	576	69.4%	349	61.6%
Q3 2018	1,621	70.3%	512	66.4%	494	65.8%	308	63.6%
Q3 2018, compared with Q3 2017								
	Change in Rate		Change in Rate		Change in Rate		Change in Rate	
% Change	-23%	-1.5%	-15%	-0.4%	-21%	-8.6%	-25%	-4.8%

Longer follow-up length makes these results roughly nine months older than employment at exit figures. Rates differ by program partly due to the characteristics of adults served. ESD job search is typically provided to adults with more work experience and fewer barriers to employment than adults served by other programs. Vocational and postsecondary education is generally provided to adults who have completed high school or its equivalent, though CTC colleges provide vocational education to some adults who are working on high school credentials through the I-Best program. Outcomes through 2012 were lowest for Community Jobs enrollees, who faced the greatest barriers, had lower education levels, and were more often working on adult basic education, high school equivalency, or basic skill development than adults in other programs. A Commerce program called Job Connection program began in July 2011 and increased Commerce program performance. Job Connection was a 3-month paid work assignment used to build references and demonstrate work skills for adults with few barriers. The two programs were merged into one Community Jobs program serving both populations in July 2016. Data were collected in November 2019.

Source: ACES data warehouse, Afarrays file and UI wage file. Prepared by OFM Forecasting staff.

Targeted Measure 4: Employment after Employment Security Job Search



Targets

Targets are Quarter 3: 64.9%; Quarter 4: 64.3%; Quarter 1: 66.5%; and Quarter 2: 67.5% based on results from calendar Q3 and Q4 2013 and calendar Q1 and Q2 2014 (Fiscal Year 2014).

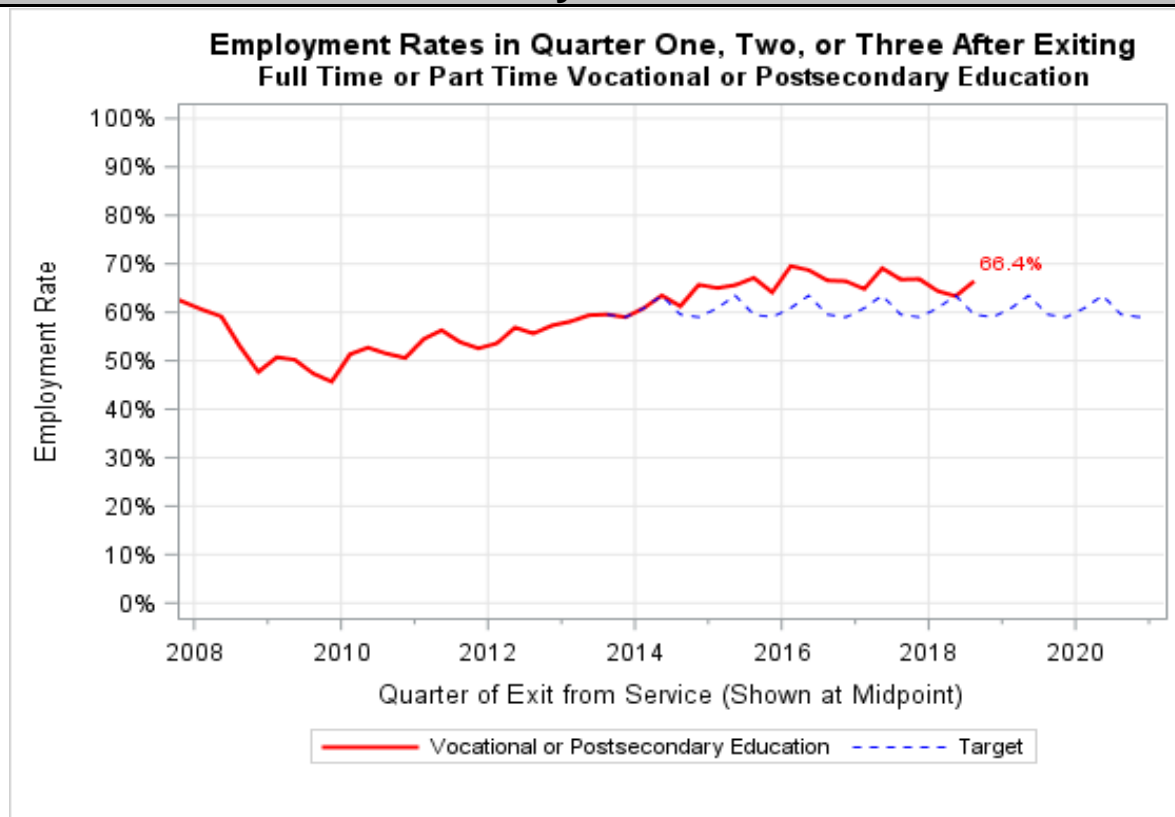
Analysis

Results depend on a number of factors, like economic conditions, the characteristics of the adults assigned to the program, and the combination of other services received by those who left the program. Results following ESD job search in Q3 2018 were highest in DSHS Region 2 (76.4%) followed by Region 3 (68.5%) and Region 1 (67.6%). Local Planning Areas with employment outcomes exceeding 70% after ESD job search were: Benton/Franklin (61), Chelan/Douglas (21), and Grant/Adams (31) in Region 1; King Central (101), King Eastside (37), King North (25), King South (117), Snohomish County (87), and Whatcom County (29) in Region 2; and Mason County (30) and Pierce County (385) in Region 3. The number of ESD job search exits is shown in parentheses for each LPA. Pierce County (385 exits), Spokane/Lincoln (217 exits), King South (117 exits) and King Central (101 exits) were the largest users of ESD job search.

Three LPAs had employment levels below 50% after ESD job search: Asotin/Garfield/Whitman (16) and Walla Walla/Columbia (4) in Region 1 and Clallam/Jefferson (16) in Region 3. Two of these LPAs border on neighboring states. UI wage record may not include the employment of adults finding jobs in neighboring states. Small sample sizes can also increase the variability of results.

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Targeted Measure 5: Employment after Vocational or Postsecondary Education



Target

Targets are Quarter 3: 59.5%; Quarter 4: 59.0%; Quarter 1: 60.9%; and Quarter 2: 63.5% based on results from calendar Q3 and Q4 2013 and calendar Q1 and Q2 2014 (Fiscal Year 2014).

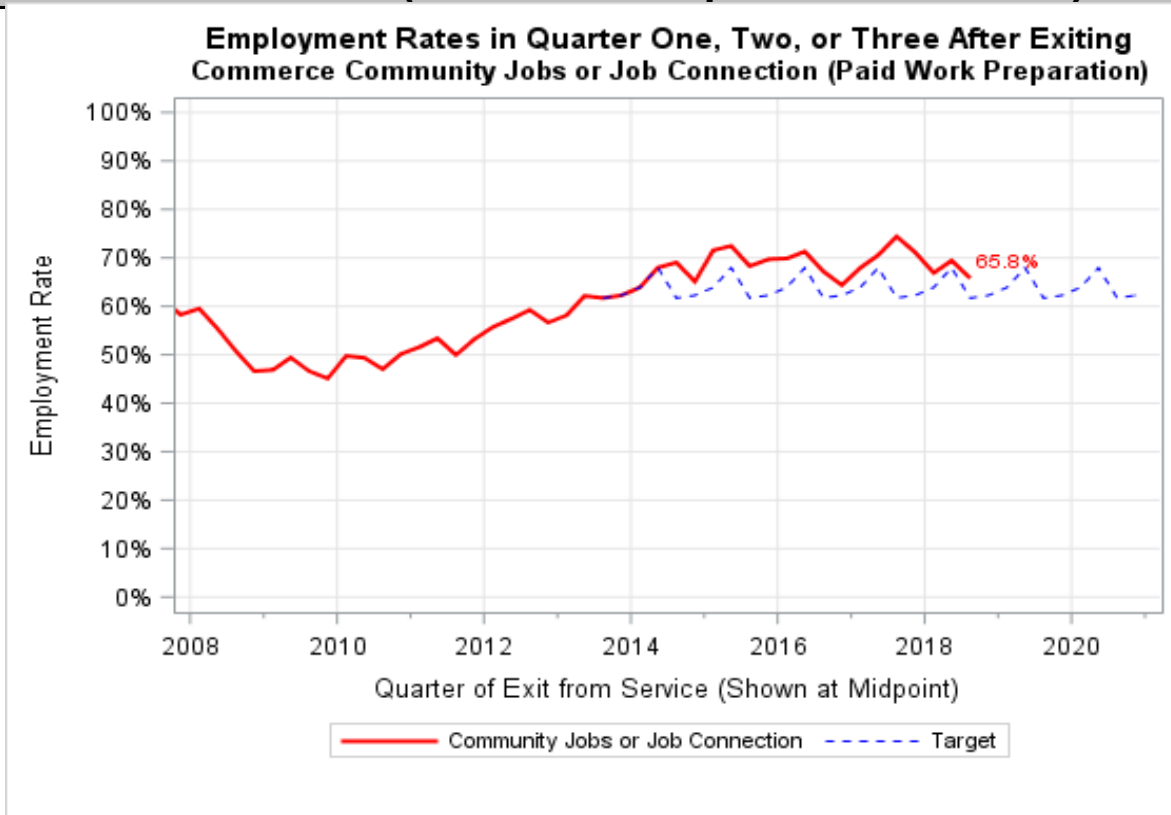
Analysis

Results depend on a number of factors, like economic conditions, the characteristics of the adults served by schools, and the combination of other services received by those who left the program. Results following vocational or postsecondary education in Q3 2018 were highest in DSHS Region 2 (69.2%) followed by Region 1 (64.6%) and Region 3 (64.4%). Local Planning Areas with outcomes exceeding 70% after vocational or postsecondary education were: Asotin/Garfield/Whitman (5), Benton/Franklin (13), Chelan/Douglas (6), Grant/Adams (5) and Tri-Counties (3) in Region 1; King Central (52), King Eastside (7), Skagit/San Juan/Island (10) and Whatcom (13) in Region 2; and Lewis County (11), Pierce County (84) and Thurston County (20) in Region 3. The number of vocational or postsecondary exits is shown in parentheses for each LPA. Small sample sizes can increase the variability of results. Pierce County (84 exits), King South (75 exits) and King Central (52 exits) were largest users of vocational or postsecondary education.

One LPA had employment levels below 50% after vocational or postsecondary education: Cowlitz/Wahkiakum (19) in Region 3. Cowlitz/Wahkiakum borders on Oregon. UI wage records may not include the employment of adults finding jobs in neighboring states. Okanogan County in Region 1 and Klickitat/Skamania, straddling Regions 1 and 3 recorded no exits from vocational or postsecondary education and had no outcomes to report.

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Targeted Measure 6: Employment after Community Jobs or Job Connection (Paid Work Preparation Activities)



Targets

Targets are Quarter 3: 61.7%; Quarter 4: 62.3%; Quarter 1: 63.9%; and Quarter 2: 68.0% based on results from calendar Q3 and Q4 2013 and calendar Q1 and Q2 2014 (Fiscal Year 2014).

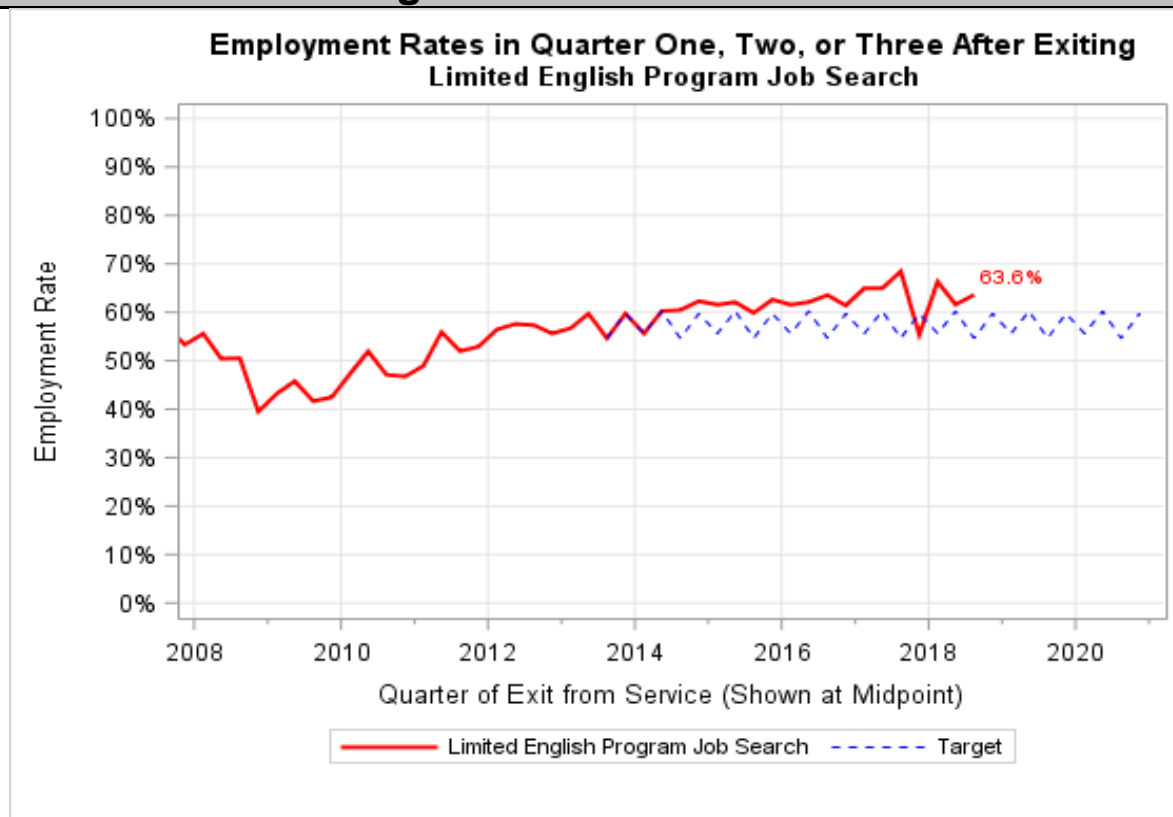
Analysis

Results depend on a number of factors, like economic conditions, the characteristics of the adults assigned to the programs, and the combination of other services received by those who left the program. A separate Job Connection program was merged into Community Jobs in July 2016. Results for the combined programs in Q3 2018 were highest in DSHS Region 2 (70.6%) followed by Region 1 (64.2%) and Region 3 (62.4%). Local Planning Areas with outcomes exceeding 70% after Community Jobs were: Grant/Adams (5) and Tri-Counties (10) in Region 1; King Eastside (5), King North (5), King South (62), Snohomish County (28) and Whatcom County (11) in Region 2; and Kitsap County (11) and Thurston County (29) in Region 3. The number of Community Jobs exits is shown in parentheses for each LPA. King Central (64 exits), King South (62 exits), and Pierce County (60 exits) were the largest users of Community Jobs.

Three LPAs had employment levels below 50% after Community Jobs: Chelan/Douglas (5) in Region 1; Skagit/San Juan/Island (5) in Region 2; and Clark County (14) in Region 3. Clark County borders on Oregon. UI wage records may not include the employment of adults finding jobs in neighboring states. Small sample sizes can also increase the variability of results. Asotin/Garfield/Whitman and Okanogan County in Region 1 recorded no exits from Community Jobs and had no outcomes to report.

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Targeted Measure 7: Employment after Limited English Program Job Search



Target

Targets are Quarter 3: 54.7%; Quarter 4: 59.7%; Quarter 1: 55.6%; and Quarter 2: 60.3% based on results from calendar Q3 and Q4 2013 and calendar Q1 and Q2 2014 (Fiscal Year 2014).

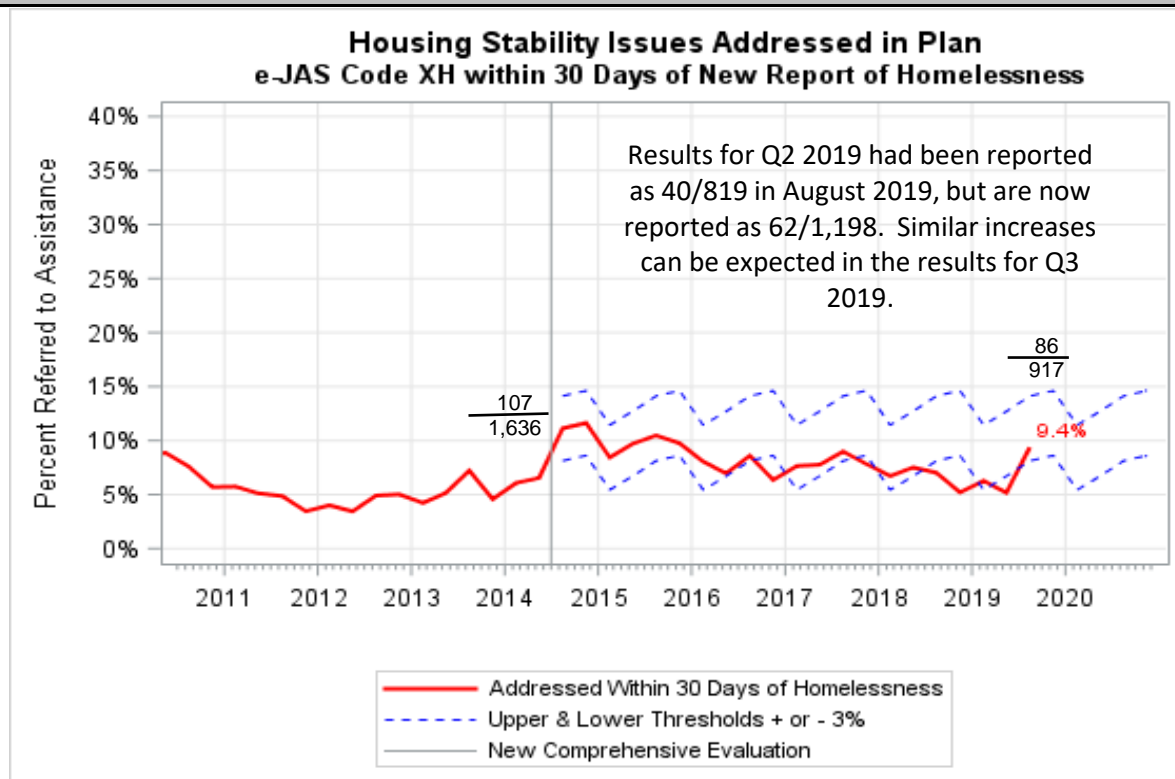
Analysis

Results depend on a number of factors, like economic conditions, the characteristics of the adults assigned to the program, and the combination of other services received by those who left the program. Results following Limited English Proficiency job search in Q3 2018 were highest in DSHS Region 1 (79.5%) followed by Region 2 (62.8%) and Region 3 (52.6%). Local Planning Areas with outcomes exceeding 70% after LEP job search were: Benton/Franklin (9) and Spokane/Lincoln (30) in Region 1; King North (11) and Whatcom County (2) in Region 2; and Mason County (1) and Thurston County (1) in Region 3. Small sample sizes can increase the variability of results. King South (119 exits), King Central (66 exits), and Spokane/Lincoln (30) exits were the largest users of LEP job search.

Three LPAs had employment levels below 50% after LEP job search: King Eastside (2) and Skagit/San Juan/Island (3) in Region 2; and Clark County (23) in Region 3. Clark County borders on Oregon. UI wage records may not include the employment of adults finding jobs in neighboring states. Thirteen LPAs had no LEP programs operating in their areas with exits during Q3 2018 and had no outcomes to report. There were 231 LEP job search exits in Region 2 during Q3 2018 but only 39 in Region 1 and 38 in Region 3. Results recovered from the dip seen in Q4 2017, which resulted from temporary factors that affected outcomes in Region 2.

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Driver Measure 11: Housing Stability Issues Addressed in Plan



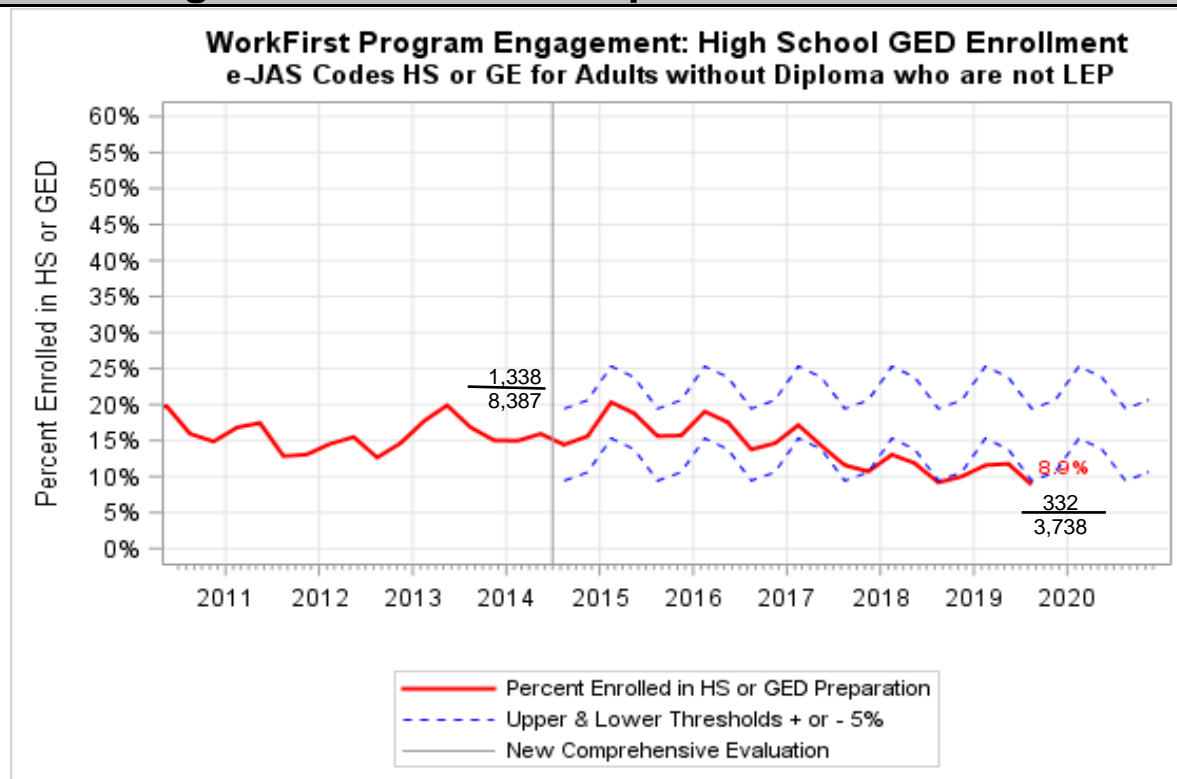
Definition of Measure

Percent of TANF parents where housing improvement actions were part of the TANF plan. The numerator of this measure is the number of TANF adults who had housing improvement actions as part of the TANF plan as indicated by the XH e-JAS component code within the month. The denominator is the number of TANF adults recorded as homeless in the month, but not homeless in the previous month according to ACES records. The data source is DSHS-ESA-EMAPS data from the ACES and e-JAS data systems. The data shown above are from the ACES data warehouse as of November 2019.

An average of 5,200 adults per quarter were identified as homeless during FY 2019. Of these, an average of 1,050 adults were coded as homeless without housing. In FY 2019, an average of 1,152 WorkFirst adults per quarter changed housing status to homeless (with or without housing). An average of 69 of these adults had an open XH component within 30 days of becoming homeless as recorded by ACES and e-JAS. This produced a homeless services referral rate of 5.9% during FY 2019. Results for FY 2018 were 7.8%. It can take a time for this measure to identify need. Only 68% of the need now identified in Q2 2019 had been recorded in ACES records by August 2019.

Thresholds for this measure are calculated from FY 2015, when new Comprehensive Evaluations (CE) began. Referrals increased between October 2013 and March 2016 as the result of a housing pathway pilot program conducted during that period. Referrals also increased after July 2019, when homelessness was added to the criteria extending WorkFirst benefits beyond the 60 month time limit. Plans to resolve homelessness are developed for those households. Numerators and denominators for Q2 2014 and Q3 2019 are shown as fractions. Figures for Q3 2019 could change once all transitions to homelessness and services are recorded. The referral rate for Q2 2019 was reported as 4.9% in the data supplied in August 2019, but is now reported as 5.2%. [Return to Contents](#)

Driver Measure 12: Program Engagement: Enrollment in High School or GED Preparation Activities



Definition of Measure

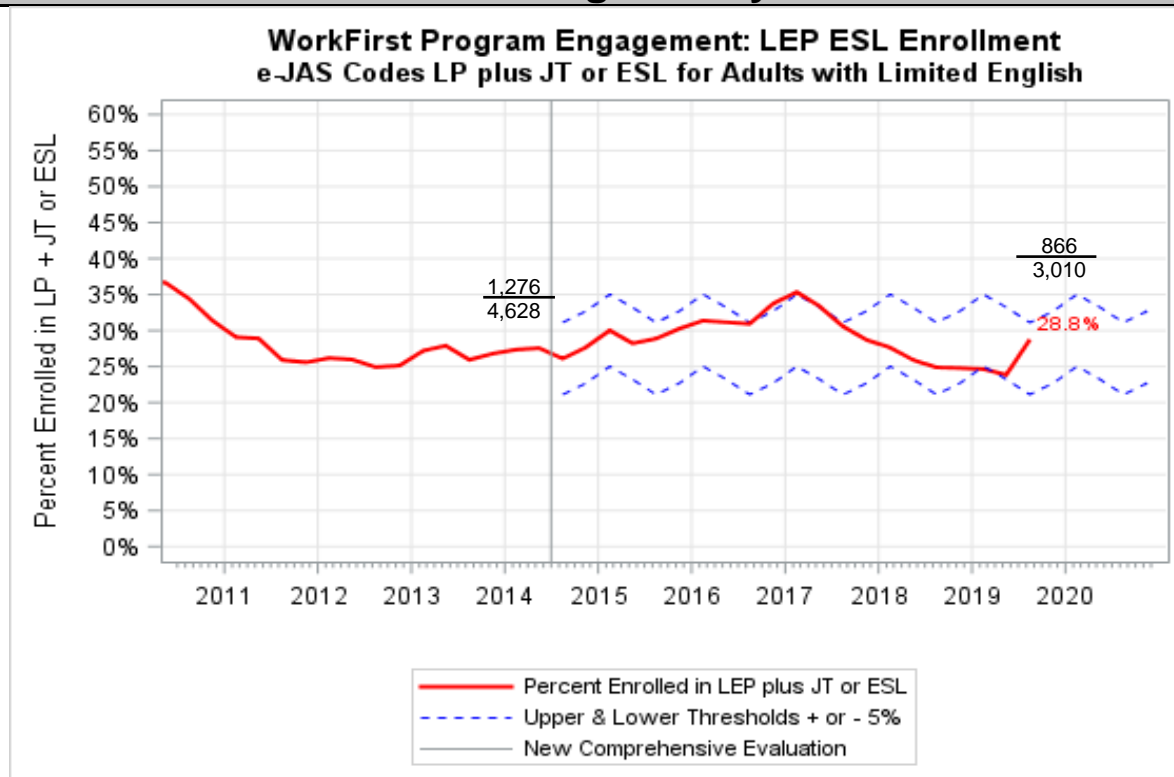
Percent of TANF adults without a high school diploma or equivalent who are engaged in high school or high school equivalency preparation activities. The numerator of this measure is the number of TANF adults, excluding those eligible to participate in Limited English Proficiency programs, who were engaged in high school or high school equivalency preparation as indicated by the HS or GE e-JAS component codes. The denominator is the number of TANF adults (with the same LEP exclusion) whose education level was less than high school diploma or GED during the month according to ACES records. The data source is DSHS-ESA-EMAPS data from the ACES and e-JAS data systems. The data shown above are from the ACES data warehouse as of November 2019.

An average of 3,795 adults (excluding LEP adults) were identified with an education level below high school diploma or equivalent per quarter during FY 2019. An average of 404 adults (excluding LEP) were enrolled in high school or high school equivalency preparation programs per quarter. This produced an average engagement rate of 10.7% during FY 2019. The average engagement rate had been 11.8% in FY 2018, 15.0% in FY 2017 and 17.0% in FY 2016. This measure does not include age restrictions, which produces a relatively low engagement rate. Use of basic education has been affected by the expansion of infant exemptions in October 2017. See counts on pages 37-38 and Barometer Measure 29, page 77. Numerators and denominators for Q2 2014 and Q3 2019 are shown as fractions.

Outcomes for basic education at SBCTC colleges are provided on pages 97-99. There were 18,828 TANF (WorkFirst) adults per quarter in FY 2019. Non-LEP adults without a high school diploma or equivalent made up 20% of TANF adults in FYs 2017, 2018 and 2019, down from 29% in FY 2011, 26% in FY 2013, 22% in FY 2015, and 21% in FY 2016.

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Driver Measure 13: Program Engagement: Enrollment in Basic Education and ESL Programs by LEP Adults



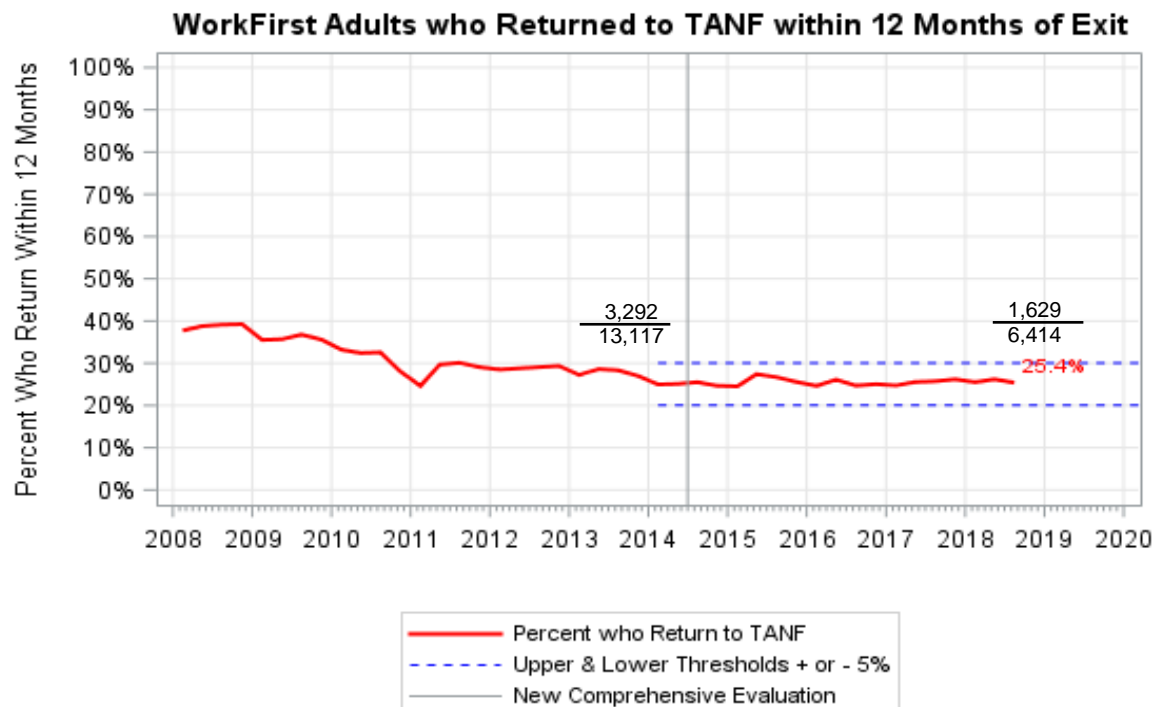
Definition of Measure

Percent of TANF Limited English Proficiency (LEP) adults who are engaged in English as a second language programs. The numerator for this measure is the number of TANF adults referred to Limited English Pathway providers as indicated by being enrolled in the LP (Limited English Pathway) e-JAS component code concurrently with the JT (Job Skills Enhancement Training) component or enrollment in English as a second language (ES) regardless of other component codes. The denominator of this measure is the count of TANF adults identified as non-English speakers or immigrants. The data source is DSHS-ESA-EMAPs data from the ACES and e-JAS data systems. The data shown above are from the ACES data warehouse as of November 2019.

An average of 2,836 adults were identified as non-English speakers or immigrants eligible for LEP programs per quarter during FY 2019. The criteria used to identify this denominator include a primary language code other than English; codes for needing an interpreter; or one of six Immigration and Naturalization Service verification or status variables. An average of 696 adults were enrolled in the combination of LP and JT or the ES component per quarter during FY 2019. The average engagement rate for LEP programs was 24.5% in FY 2019. The LEP population made up 17% of the WorkFirst population in FY 2017 and LEP engagement peaked at 33.4% in that year. The LEP population and percent of the LEP population engaged in LEP programs both declined through FY 2019. The LEP population reached a low point in Q1 2019 and LEP engagement a low point in Q2 2019. Both increased sharply in Q3 2019. Numerators and denominators for Q2 2014 and Q3 2019 are shown as fractions. For monthly counts of LEP adults, see pages 13-14. For counts of LEP enrollees in job search, see page 32. Employment counts for this pathway are provided on pages 55-56, 60, 88, 92, and 96.

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Barometer Measure 14: Return to TANF after Exit



Definition of Measure

Percent of WorkFirst adults who return to TANF within a year after exit. The numerator for this measure is the number of WorkFirst adults who left TANF during a quarter and returned to TANF cash assistance within the following 12 months. The denominator is the number of WorkFirst adults who exited during the quarter. The data source is a DSHS-EMAPS report on long-term exits recoded to identify return to TANF within 12 months, with monthly data converted to quarterly data.

An average of 6,794 WorkFirst adults exited TANF during each quarter of FY 2018. Of those, an average of 1,761 had returned to TANF within 12 months or had another family member who did so. The resulting rate of return to TANF was 25.9%. Rates for FYs 2015, 2016, and 2017 were 25.5%, 25.8%, and 25.0%. Thresholds for this measure are based on calendar year 2014. Rates in Q2 2014 and Q3 2018 are shown as fractions in the chart.

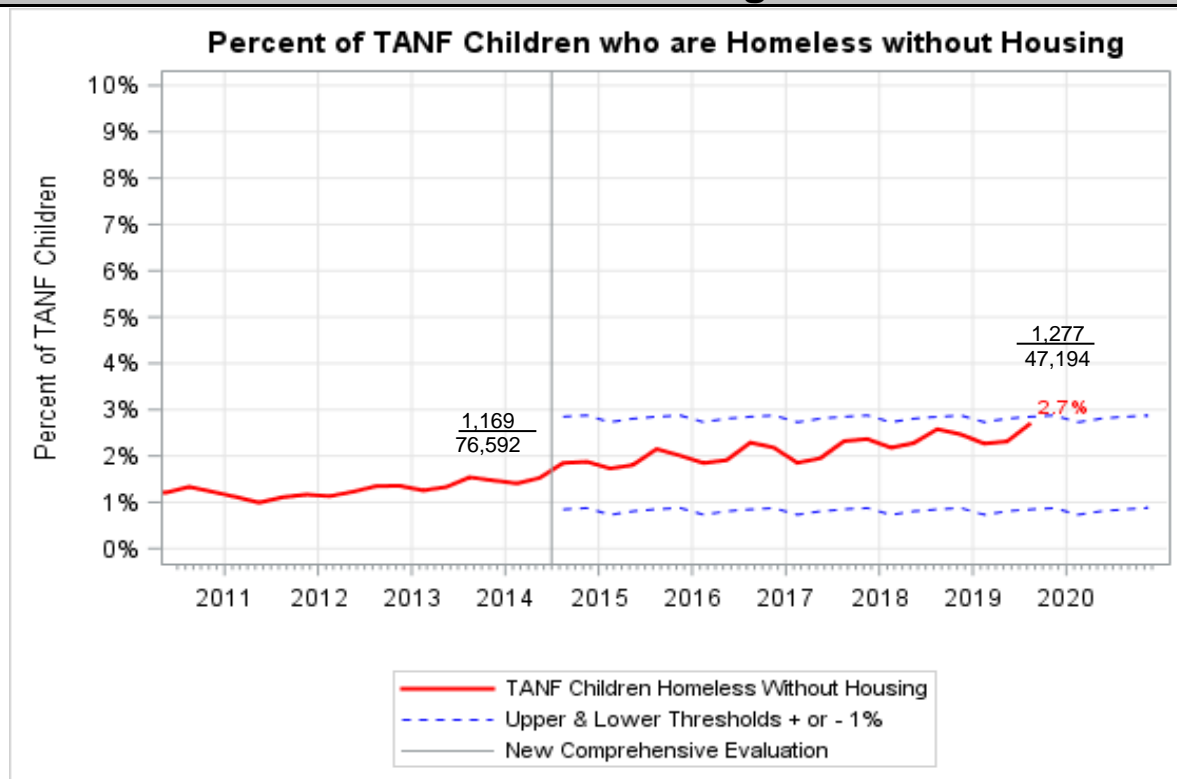
This measure differs from the one provided in quarterly WorkFirst wage progression reports to the legislature. This measure counts those who have ever returned to TANF over the course of 12 months. The wage progression report measure counts those who returned to TANF during the quarter 12 months after the quarter of WorkFirst exit. See: https://app.leg.wa.gov/ReportsToTheLegislature/Home/GetPDF?fileName=WF%20Wage%20Progression%20Report_e1018d98-07c1-45d6-991b-432d6c4c10ee.pdf

The percent who have returned to TANF within a specific calendar quarter is lower than the percent who returned to TANF at any time over a twelve month period. The 12 month follow-up period in this measure is longer than the three month view in wage progression reports.

HB 1603, effective in July 2019, should increase return to TANF by removing permanent disqualifications for adults who have received three sanctions and by adding an additional extension reason that would extend TANF 60 month time limits, allowing homeless parents who have exceeded that limit to return.

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Barometer Measure 15: Percent of TANF Children who are Homeless without Housing



Definition of Measure

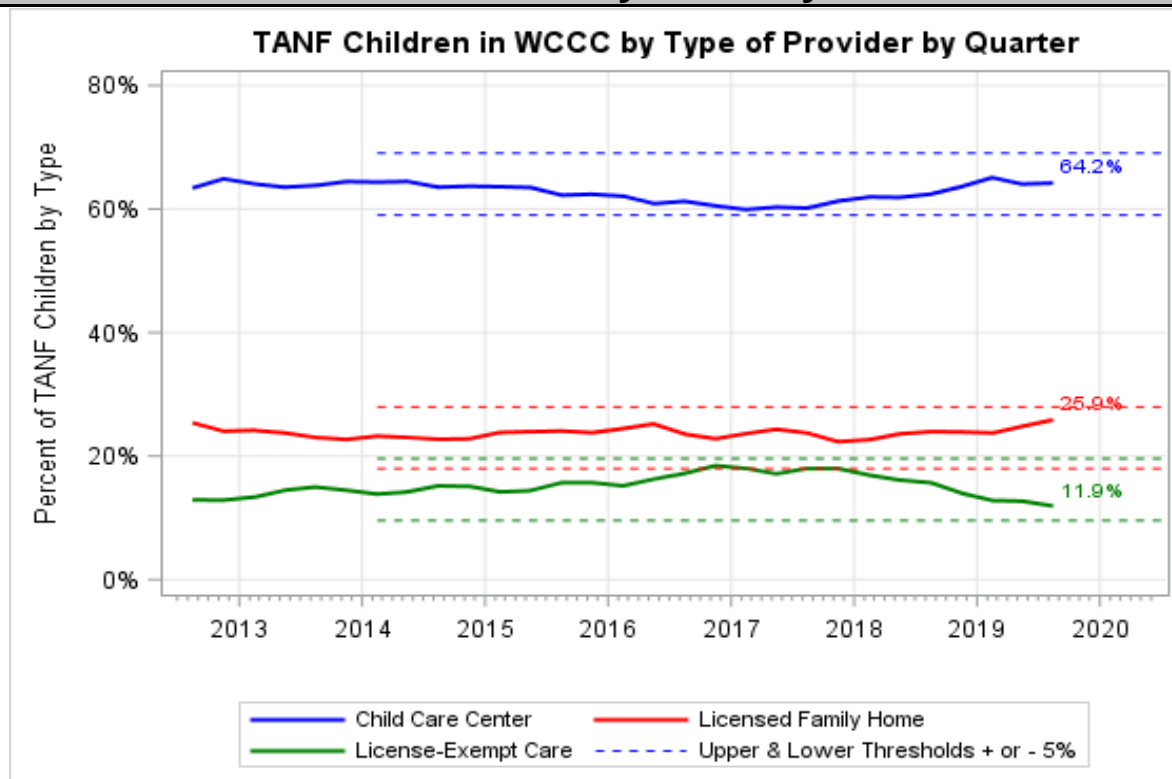
Percent of TANF children who are recorded as homeless without housing. The numerator of this measure is the number of TANF children reported as homeless without housing. The denominator is the number of TANF children during the same period according to ACES records. The data source is DSHS-ESA-EMAPS data using the ACES data system. The data shown above are from the ACES data warehouse as of November 2019.

An average of 48,118 children received TANF during each quarter of FY 2019. Of these, an average of 1,158 children were identified as homeless without housing. Homeless with housing generally includes people who are staying with family or friends, or using shelters. Homeless without housing generally indicates living in vehicles or out of doors, and indicates the greatest risk. Assistance recipients are asked to report housing status at each application for benefits and eligibility review. A housing status code is attached to each benefit eligibility period recorded in ACES. The average percent of the TANF child population that was homeless without housing in a quarter was 2.0% in FY 2016, 2.1% in FY 2017, 2.3% in FY 2018 and 2.4% in FY 2019. The thresholds for this measure are calculated from FY 2015. Numerators and denominators for Q2 2014 and Q3 2019 are shown as fractions.

The number of TANF children who were homeless without housing was 1,277 during Q3 2019, 2.8% more than in Q3 2018 compared with a 2.8% increase in the number of homeless TANF children. The number of TANF children dropped by 1.9% over the same time period. Homelessness was added to the criteria allowing extension of WorkFirst benefits beyond the 60 month time limit, effective in July 2019. This likely influenced the results for Q3 2019. See pages 7-8 on time limit extensions.

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Barometer Measure 16: TANF Children Using WCCC Child Care by Modality



Definition of Measure

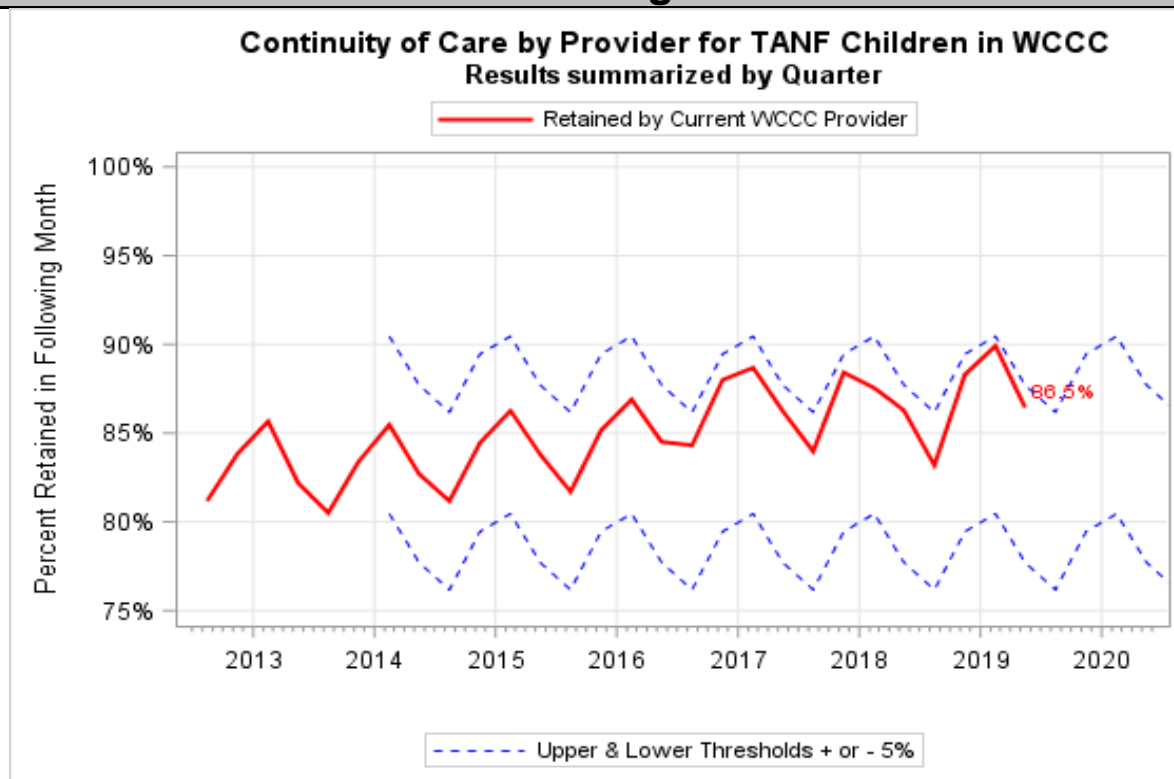
Percent of TANF children using WCCC who are using child care centers, licensed family homes, or license-exempt care. The numerator of these measures is the number of months of care in each sector during the quarter. The denominator is the total months of care for TANF children during the quarter. Type of provider is indicated by Social Service Payment System records. A small number of children were served in more than one type of care during the same month. They are counted in each sector that they used, so percentages sum to more than 100%. The data source is Department of Children, Youth, and Families records. DCYF records are matched to DSHS records to identify children who received TANF during the month of care or the last month prior to care. Data matching is conducted by OFM and the measure is calculated by OFM.

An average of 17,160 months of WCCC child care were provided for TANF children per quarter in FY 2019, down 7% from FY 2018 and down 64% from FY 2011. The share of care provided by centers increased from 61% in FYs 2017 and 2018 to 64% in FY 2019. The share of TANF-related child care provided by licensed family homes increased from 23% in FY 2018 to 24% in FY 2019. The share of TANF related care provided at license-exempt family, friends, and neighbors increased from 14% in FY 2014 to almost 18% in FY 2017, dropped to 17% in FY 2018 and then dropped below 14% during FY 2019. Trends for licensed family homes and FFNS are continuing in FY 2020.

For comparison, 124,895 months of care were provided per quarter to non-TANF related children in FY 2019, down by 9% from FY 2018 and down by 3% from FY 2011. The share of non-TANF related care provided at child care centers was 55% in FY 2018, rising to 57% during FY 2019. The share of non-TANF care provided by licensed family homes rose from 25% to 26% and the share at FFN providers dropped from 21% to below 19%.

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Barometer Measure 17: Stability of Care by Provider for TANF Children using WCCC Child Care



Definition of Measure

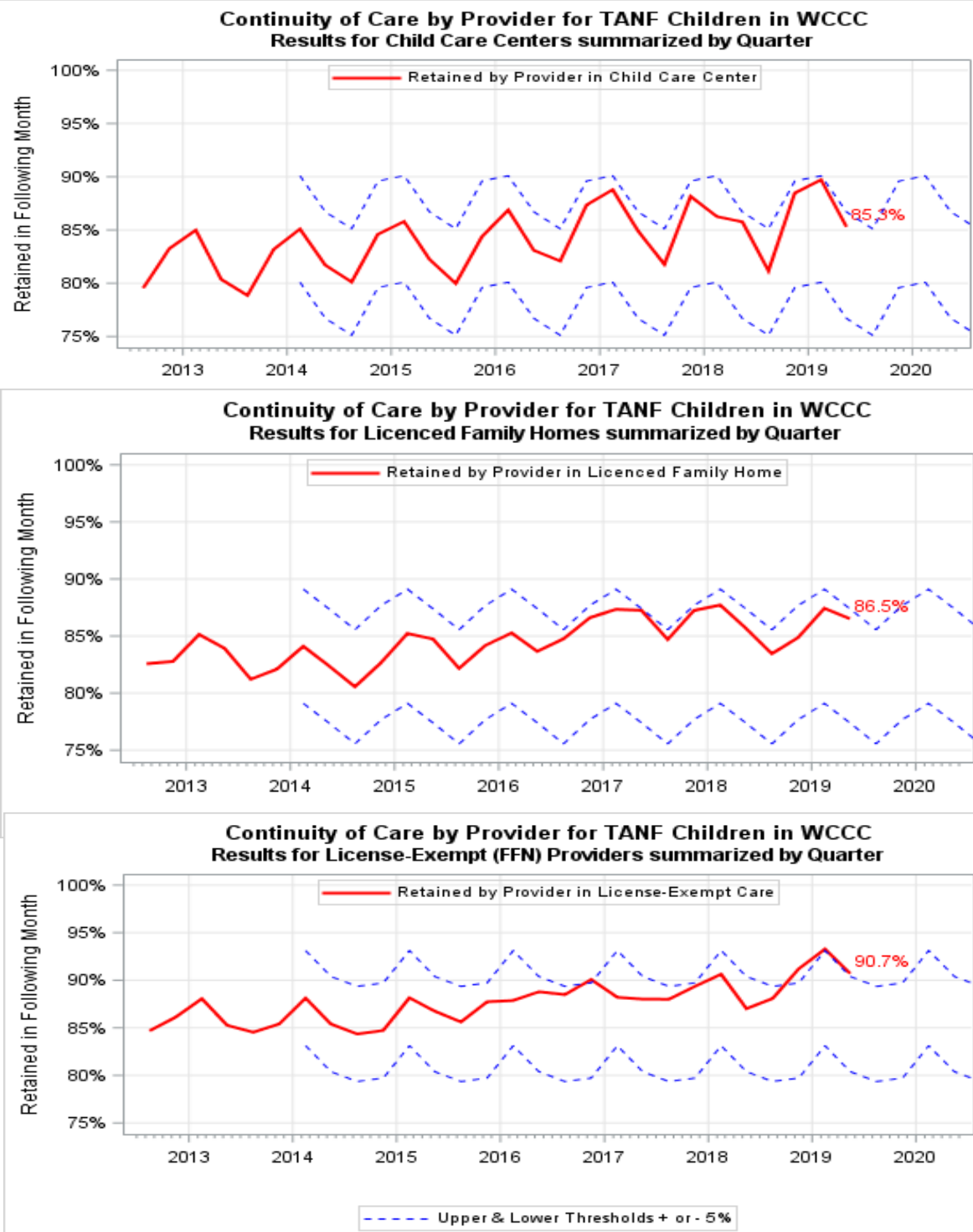
Stability of child care is defined as the number of children using WCCC care during the month who are still using WCCC care in the following month divided by the number of children using WCCC in the first month. It is the opposite of the exit rate from child care. If 15% of child care users leave care each month, the rate of child care continuity is 85%. Continuity by provider measures stability (continuity) with the same provider. The summary measure (above) shows continuity by provider for TANF-related care. The three charts for Barometer Measures 18 to 20 (page 68) show this measure separately for each provider type. The data source is Department of Children, Youth, and Families records. DCYF records are matched to DSHS records to identify children who received TANF during the month of care or month immediately prior to care.

Continuity with the same provider for TANF children was 86.5% in FY 2018 and 86.9% in FY 2019. Comparable rates were 82.6% in FY 2014, 84.5% in FY 2016, and 86.8% in FY 2017. The increase in continuity came from reducing the impacts of WorkFirst activity gaps that would have interrupted care prior to 12-month eligibility. It is seen only in the WorkFirst portion of TANF care. Continuity with the current provider leveled off after the expansion of infant exemptions under ESSB 5898 during FY 2018. Continuity with the same provider was 87.7% for non-TANF children in FY 2018 and 88.1% in FY 2019. It had been 87.8% in FY 2016, the last year before 12-month eligibility, and 88.4% in FY 2017. Continuity for Child Only TANF children is comparable to that for non-TANF children.

Continuity is highest for FFN providers. Average continuity is lowest at child care centers due to seasonal breaks. Continuity increased at FFN providers and child care centers over the past year, but but declined at licensed family homes.

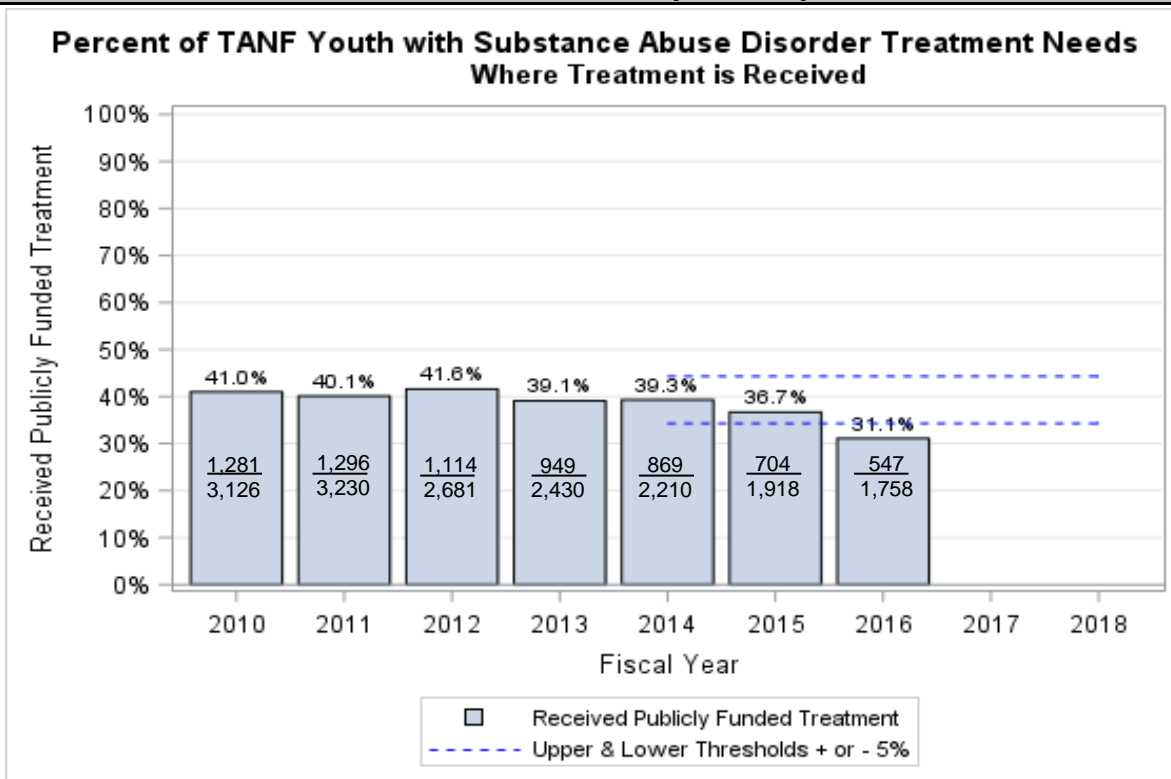
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Barometer Measures 18 to 20: Stability of Care by Provider for TANF Children using each WCCC Child Care Modality



Thresholds for Barometer Measures 16 through 20 are based on calendar year 2014. Results are based on SSPS data through November 27, 2019.

Barometer Measure 21: Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment Received (Youth)



Definition of Measure

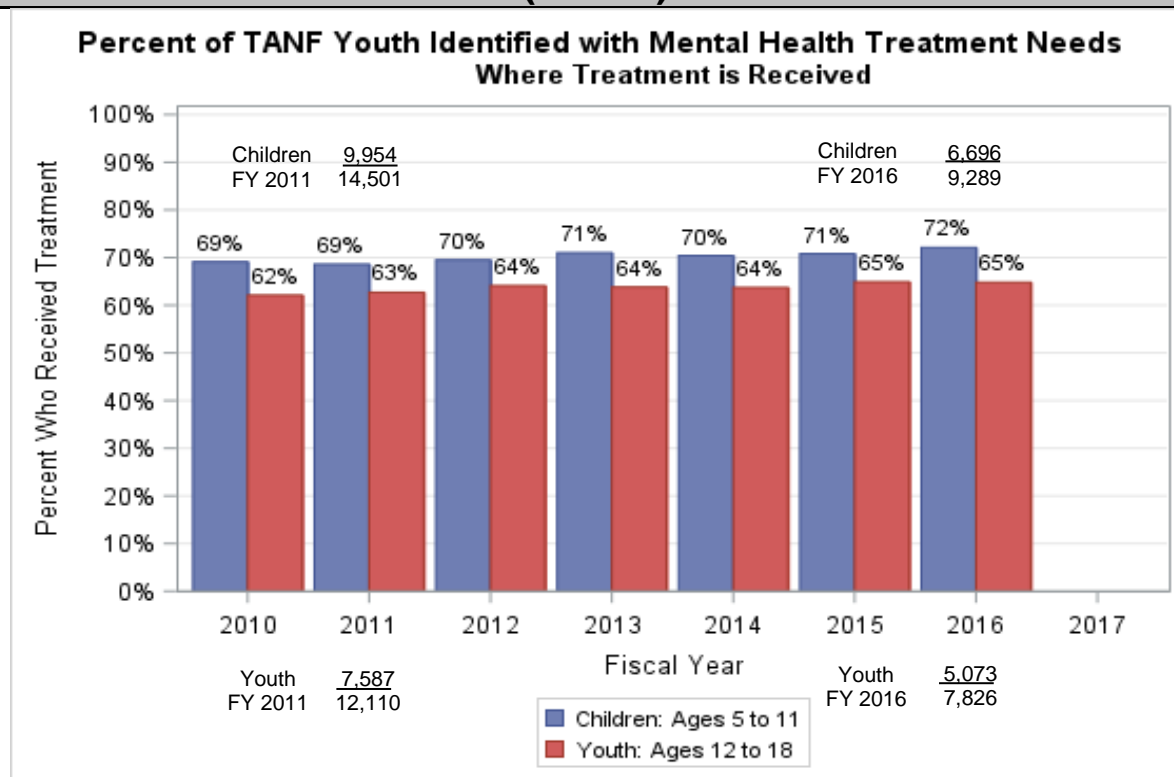
Percent of TANF youth with Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) treatment needs where treatment is provided. The numerator of this measure is the number of TANF youth, ages 12 to 17, who received publicly funded SUD treatment during a fiscal year. The denominator is the number of TANF youth ages 12 to 17 needing SUD treatment. SUD treatment need is indicated by administrative data that reflect services, medications, or arrests recorded for substance abuse related problems in the current or prior fiscal year. TANF youth are identified in ACES. SUD Treatment and SUD Treatment needs were identified from the DSHS Research and Data Analysis (RDA) Integrated Client Database. These data were supplied on June 18, 2018. Counts include Child Only TANF children.

A total of 19,288 TANF youth between the ages of 12 and 17 in FY 2016 were identified for this measure. Of these, 1,758 youth were identified in the Integrated Client Database as having an SUD treatment need. A total of 547 youth were identified as receiving publicly funded SUD treatment, yielding a treatment rate of 31.1%. The percent of TANF youth with treatment needs rose from 8.4% in FYs 2010 through 2012 to 8.9% in FYs 2014 and 2015 and 9.3% in FY 2015. It dropped slightly to 9.1% in FY 2016. The 31.1% treatment rate recorded in FY 2016 was down from 39.3% in the baseline period.

Data for each year are recalculated during each update. Changes can occur due to revised definitions and reporting improvements. The fractions in each bar show the numerator and denominator for the year. The decline in the number of children is associated with TANF caseload declines. See page 72 for similar information on TANF adults.

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Barometer Measure 22: Mental Health Treatment Received (Youth)



Definition of Measure

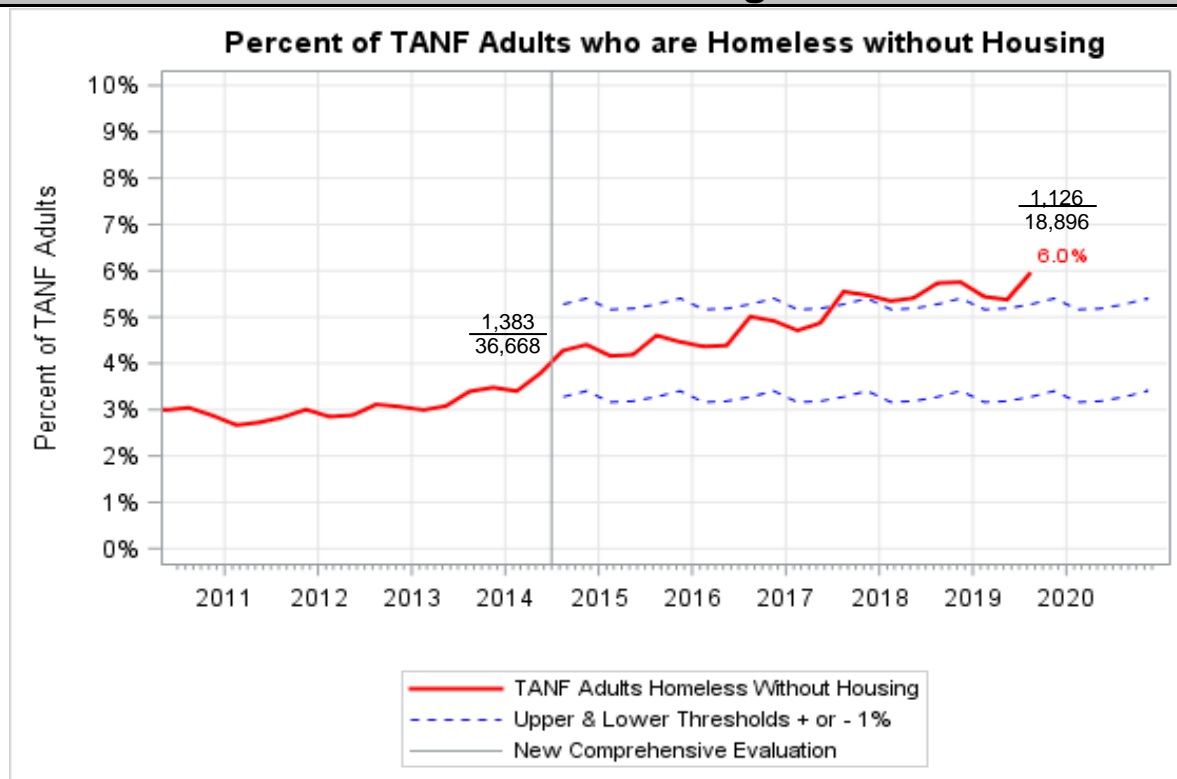
Percent of TANF youth identified as in need of mental health treatment where treatment is received. The numerator of this measure is the number of TANF youth who received publicly funded mental health treatment during a fiscal year. The denominator is the number of TANF youth needing mental health treatment. Receipt of mental health services through Washington State Behavioral Health Organizations or state hospitals, prescribed psychotropic medications, or mental health related medical diagnoses during the current or prior year are considered indication of mental health need. Receipt of treatment is identified through outpatient mental health services and mental health services provided through the client's Medicaid medical benefit, including management of mental health conditions in a primary care setting and Medicaid-paid tribal mental health encounters. Needs and treatment were identified from the DSHS Research and Data Analysis Integrated Client Database. These data were supplied on June 18, 2018. Child Only TANF children are included.

A total of 19,288 TANF youth between the ages of 12 and 17 were identified for this measure in FY 2016. Of these, 7,826 youth were identified with MH treatment needs and 5,073 received treatment. Treatment rates for younger children (ages 5 to 11) were higher, with 6,696 children receiving treatment and 9,286 needing it out of a total of 32,778 young children. Some 25% of younger children, as opposed to 35% of older children were identified as having treatment needs in FY 2014, increasing to 28% and 41% in FY 2016. Treatment needs were lower in prior years. Only 23% of younger children and 31% of older children needed mental health treatment in FY 2011, the year that TANF caseloads were highest.

Data for each year are recalculated during updates. The fractions show the numerators and denominators for selected years. The decline in the number of children is associated with TANF caseload declines. See page 73 for similar information on TANF adults.

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Barometer Measure 23: Percent of TANF Adults who are Homeless without Housing



Definition of Measure

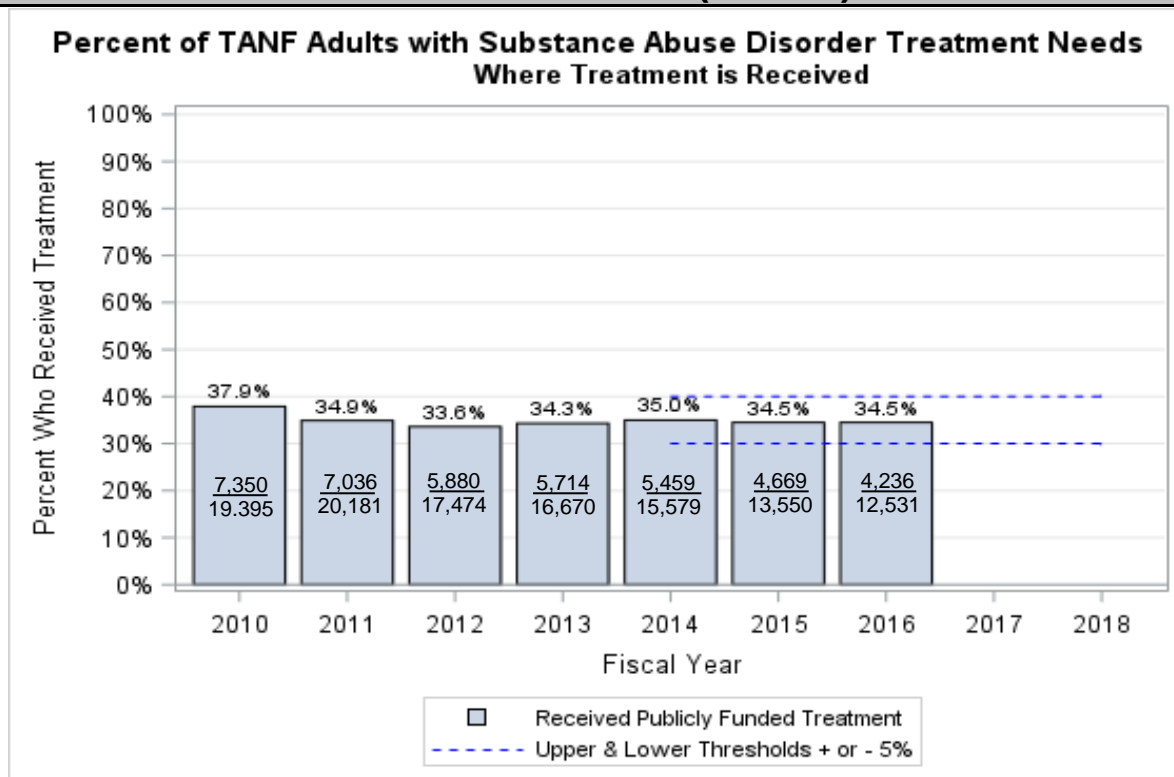
Percent of TANF adults recorded as homeless without housing. The numerator of this measure is the number of TANF adults who reported being homeless without housing. The denominator is the number of TANF adults during the same period according to ACES records. The data source is DSHS-ESA-EMAPS data using the ACES data system. The data shown above are from the ACES data warehouse as of November 2019.

An average of 18,828 adults received TANF during each quarter of FY 2019. Of these, an average of 1,050 adults were identified as homeless without housing. Homeless with housing generally includes people who are staying with family or friends, or using shelters. Homeless without housing generally indicates living in vehicles or out of doors, and indicates the greatest risk. Assistance recipients are asked to report housing status at each application for benefits and eligibility review. A housing status code is attached to each benefit eligibility period recorded in ACES. The average percent of the TANF adult population that was homeless without housing in a quarter was 4.5% in FY 2016, 4.9% in FY 2017, 5.4% in FY 2018 and 5.6% in FY 2019. The thresholds for this measure are calculated from FY 2015. Numerators and denominators for Q2 2014 and Q3 2019 are shown as fractions.

The number of TANF adults who were homeless without housing was 1,126 during Q3 2019, 2.4% more than in Q3 2018. The number of homeless adults on TANF increased by 2.9% and the number of TANF adults dropped by 1.6% over the same period. Homelessness was added to the criteria allowing extension of WorkFirst benefits beyond the 60 month time limit, effective in July 2019. This likely influenced results for Q3 2019. See pages 7-8 on time limit extensions.

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Barometer Measure 24: Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment Received (Adults)



Definition of Measure

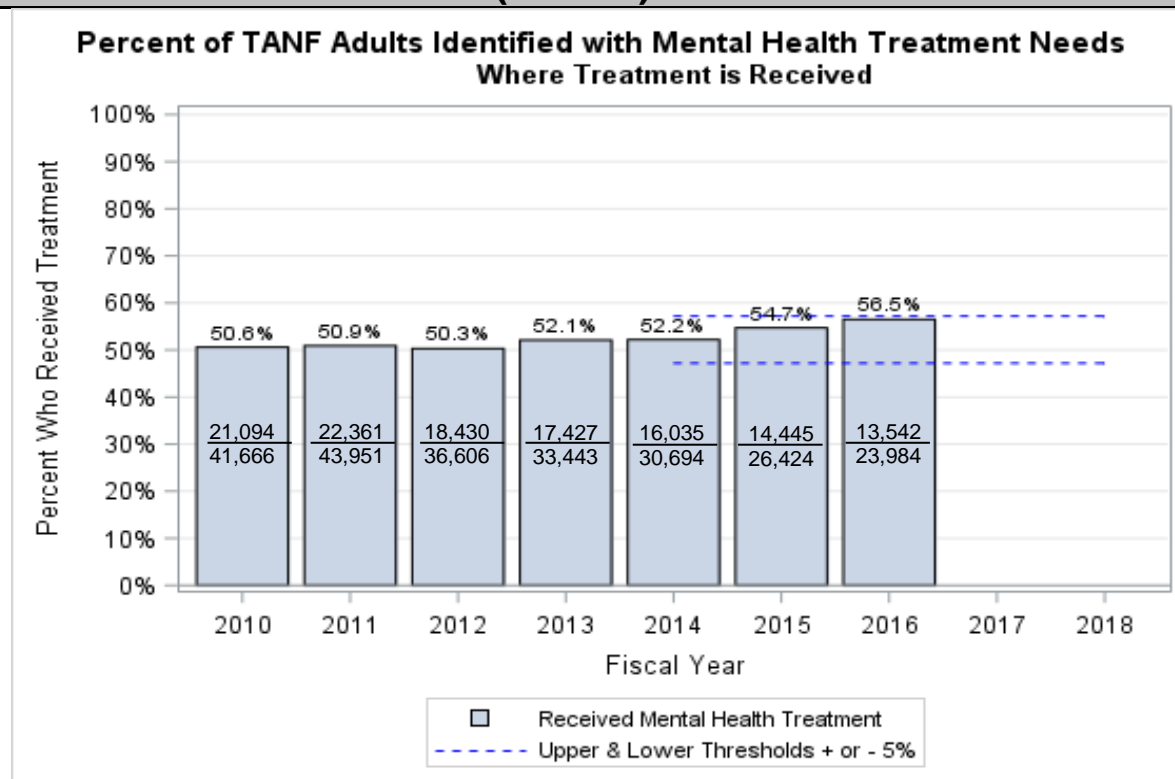
Percent of TANF adults with Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) treatment needs where treatment is provided. The numerator of this measure is the number of TANF adults who received publicly funded SUD treatment during a fiscal year. The denominator is the number of TANF adults identified as needing SUD treatment. SUD treatment need is indicated by medical and administrative data that reflect services, medications, or arrests recorded for substance abuse related problems during the current or prior fiscal year. TANF adults were identified in ACES. SUD Treatment and SUD treatment needs are identified from the DSHS Research and Data Analysis (RDA) Integrated Client Database. These data were supplied on June 18, 2018.

A total of 42,423 TANF adults from FY 2016 were identified for this measure. Of these, 12,531 were identified in the Integrated Client Database as having an SUD treatment need. A total of 4,236 adults were identified as receiving publicly funded AOD treatment, yielding a treatment rate of 34.5%. The percent of TANF adults with treatment needs rose from 21.7% in FYs 2010 and 2011 to 24.3% in FY 2014, 27.0% in FY 2015, and 29.5% in FY 2016. See page 44 for counts of adults active in SUD treatment through WorkFirst referrals.

Data for each year are recalculated during each update. Changes can occur due to revised definitions and reporting improvements. The fractions in each bar show the numerator and denominator for the year. The decline in the number of adults is associated with TANF caseload declines. See page 69 for similar information on TANF children ages 12 to 17.

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Barometer Measure 25: Mental Health Treatment Received (Adults)



Definition of Measure

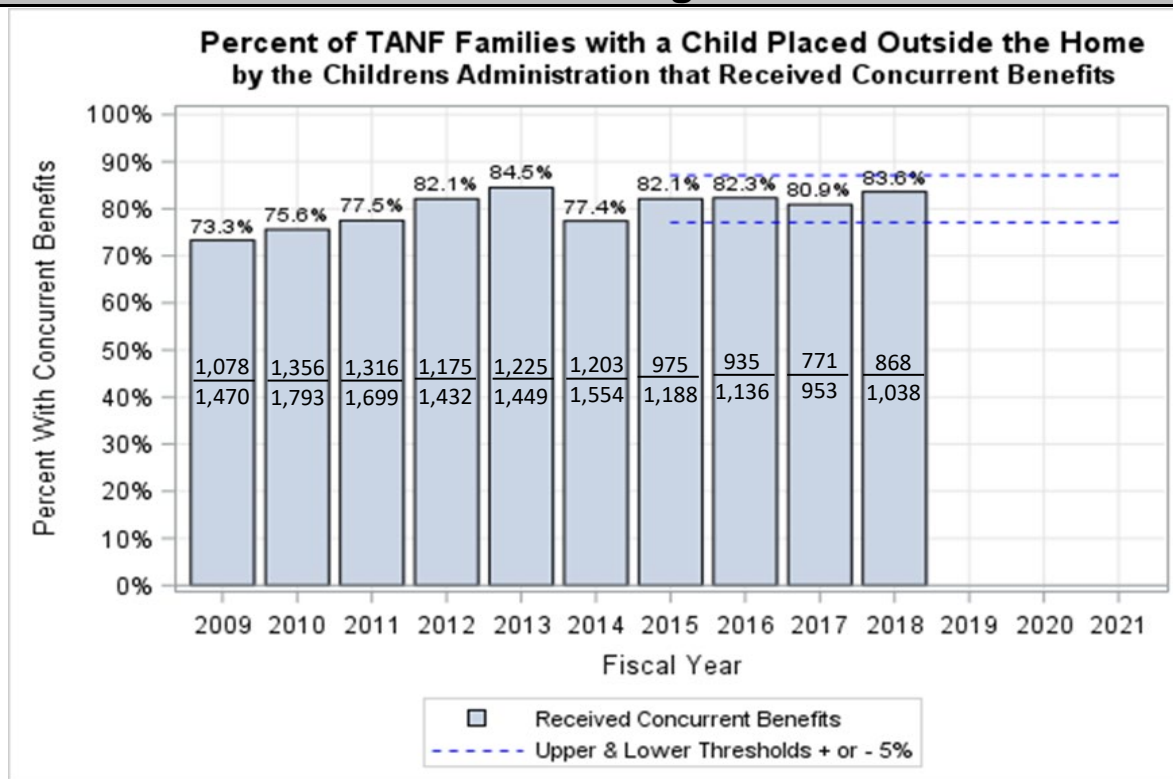
Percent of TANF adults identified as in need of mental health treatment where treatment is received. The numerator of this measure is the number of TANF adults who received publicly funded mental health treatment during a fiscal year. The denominator is the number of TANF adults needing mental health treatment. Receipt of mental health services through the Washington State Behavioral Health Organizations or state hospitals, prescribed psychotropic medications, or mental health-related medical diagnoses in the current or prior year is considered an indication of mental health need. Receipt of treatment is identified through outpatient mental health services and mental health services provided through the client's Medicaid medical benefit, including management of mental health conditions in a primary care setting and Medicaid-paid tribal mental health encounters. Needs and treatment were identified from the DSHS Research and Data Analysis Integrated Client Database. These data were supplied on June 18, 2018.

A total of 42,423 TANF adults were identified for this measure in FY 2016. Of these, 23,984 adults were identified as having a mental health need. A total of 13,542 of these adults received treatment, yielding a treatment rate of 56.5%. The percent of TANF adults with mental health treatment needs rose from 46.6% in FY 2010 to 47.2% in FY 2011, dropped to 45.3% in FY 2012 and 44.7% in FY 2013, but then rose to 47.8% in FY 2014, 52.7% in FY 2015, and 56.5% in FY 2016. See page 44 for counts of adults active in mental health treatment through WorkFirst referrals.

Data for each year are recalculated during each update. Changes can occur due to revised definitions and reporting improvements. The fractions in each bar show the numerator and denominator for the year. The decline in the number of adults is associated with TANF caseload declines. See page 70 for similar information on TANF children.

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Barometer Measure 26: Percent of TANF Families With a Child Outside the Home Receiving Concurrent Benefits



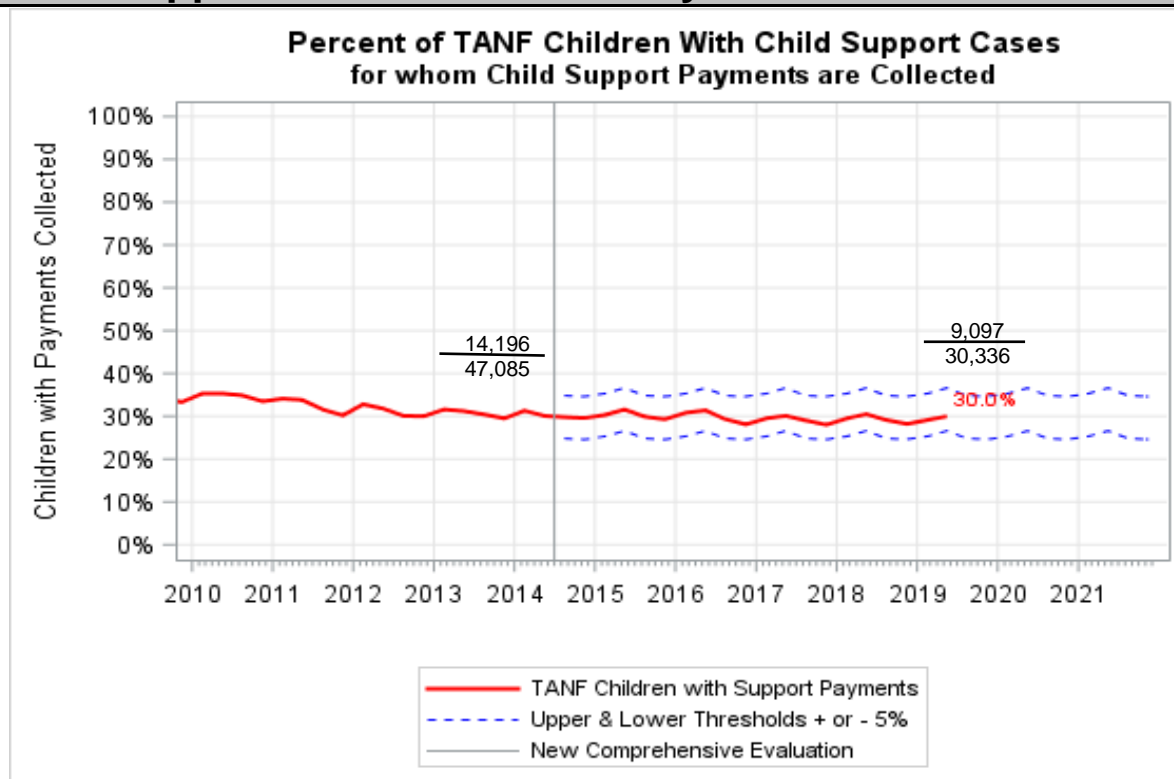
Definition of Measure

Percent of TANF families with a child placed outside the home by the Children's Administration (CA) that received concurrent benefits (when eligible). The numerator of this measure is the number of TANF households receiving a TANF payment through participation in the concurrent benefit program during the fiscal year. The denominator is the number of TANF households in which a child was placed outside the home by CA during the fiscal year. CA was transferred from DSHS to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families in July 2018. Data were obtained from DSHS Research and Data Analysis. Data as of August 2019 on placements and TANF issuances through June 2019.

A total of 1,038 TANF households with children removed by CA in FY 2018 were identified for this measure. Of these, 868 or 83.6% were receiving concurrent benefits. The concurrent benefit program allows for the continuation of a TANF cash grant to a family from whom a child has been removed by CA and placed with a licensed or unlicensed caregiver, either of whom could be a relative. CA must expect the absence to be temporary (180 days or less) and that the child will be reunified with the family from which it was removed. For more information see: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/ffa/rda/research-reports/effect-tanf-concurrent-benefits-reunification-children-following-placement-out-home-care>

Results are recalculated every year and revisions can occur. For example, results for FY 2017 were reported as 69.3% in August 2018 and are now reported as 80.9% in August 2019. The number of households receiving concurrent benefits in prior years increased in this year's report. The number of households with children removed and number with concurrent benefits has declined with the size of the TANF caseload. Numerators and denominators are supplied in the chart to give an indication of the change in program size over time. [Return to Contents](#)

Barometer Measure 27: Percent of TANF Children With Child Support Cases for whom Payments are Collected



Definition of Measure

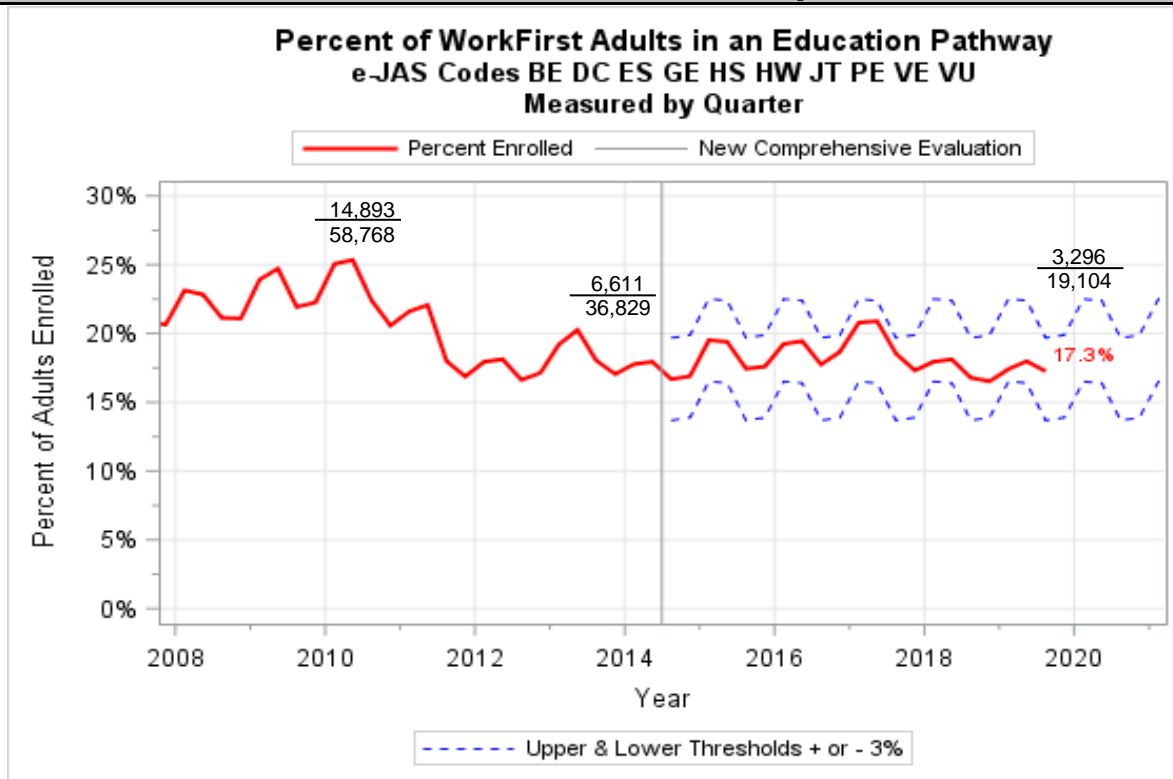
Percent of TANF children with child support cases for whom payments were collected during the quarter. The numerator of this measure is the number of TANF children with a child support payment collected from the non-custodial parent (NCP) during the quarter. The denominator is the total number of TANF/SFA children with an open child support case during the quarter. Data source is DSHS-ESA EMAPS and the Support Enforcement Management System (SEMS). The data shown were produced on July 17, 2019.

An average of 48,111 children received TANF during each quarter of Fiscal Year 2019. Of these, an average of 32,955 TANF children (68.5%) had open child support cases. Payments were received on behalf of an average of 8,940 children, or 27.1% of those with open child support cases. Results in FY 2017 were 29.2% with support payments out of 62.2% of children with open support cases. Results in FY 2018 were also 29.2% with support payments out of 63.4% of children with open support cases. Numerators and denominators for Q2 2014 and Q2 2019 are shown as fractions.

The Economic Services Administration strategic plan has a child support measure: E1.3 Percent of current child support collected. E1.3 measures the percent of child support dollars owed that are paid, with a target of 70.0% by September 2021. In FY 2019, 67.4% of the \$715 million dollars owed state-wide were paid (\$482 million). The average child support caseload was 326,923 per month in FY 2018 and current (not former) TANF/foster care recipients made up 9% of that overall system. Barometer 27 is measured as the percent of open support cases that receive payments, not percent of payments owed that are received. Some open child support cases never result in a payment obligation.

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Barometer Measure 28: Adults in Education Pathway All Education Codes, Unduplicated



Definition of Measure

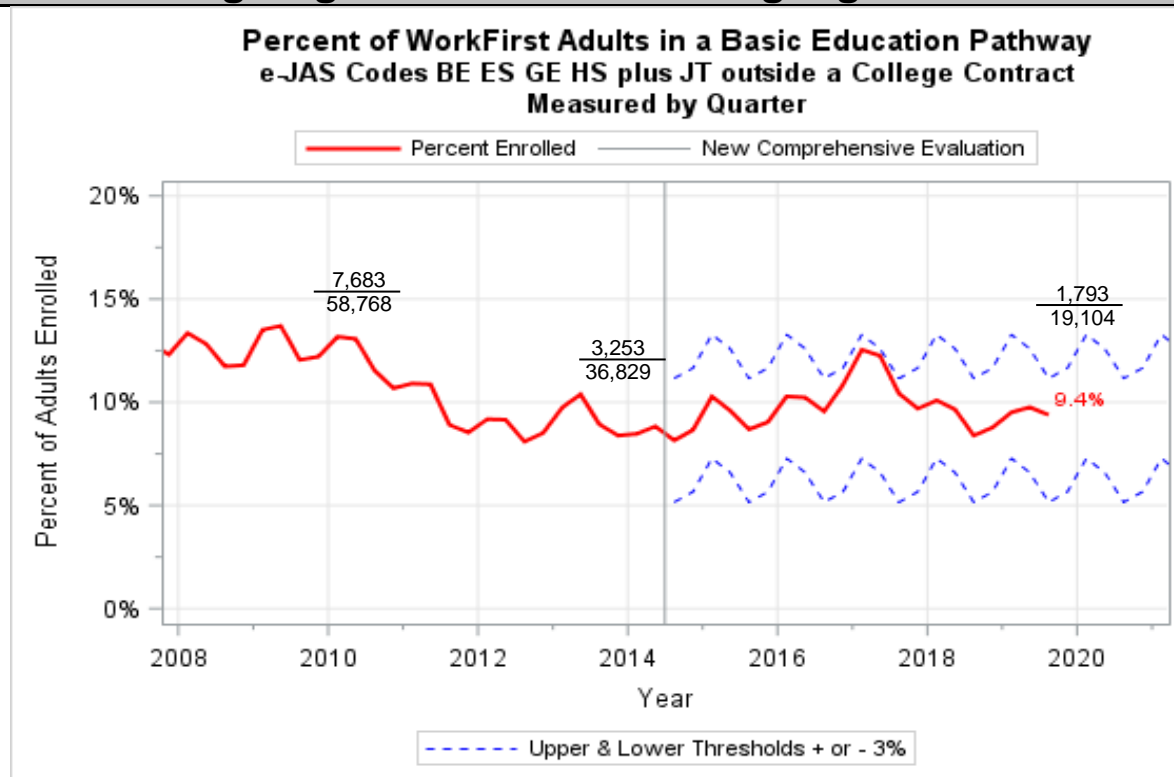
Percent of TANF adults who are engaged in education. The numerator for this measure is the number of TANF adults assigned to one or more of the following e-JAS components during the quarter: BE (basic education), DC (degree completion), ES (English as a second language), GE (GED preparation); HS (attending high school); HW (high wage-high demand Training); JT (job skills enhancement training); PE (customized job skills training); VE (vocational education) and VU (vocational education - unapproved). VU is the component used for adults enrolled in full-time vocational education that does not qualify to be counted toward federal work participation requirements. LS (life skills training) is not included in this measure due to stakeholder input. The denominator for this measure is the total number of WorkFirst adults during the quarter. This measure is calculated by OFM using ACES and e-JAS data. Data are from the ACES data warehouse as of November 2019.

An average of 18,985 adults were enrolled in WorkFirst during each quarter of FY 2019. An average of 3,260 adults were enrolled in one of the education pathway components during each of those quarters. Use of education components dropped after July 2011 with the voluntary suspensions of work requirements under ESSB 5921 and dropped again after October 2017 under the expanded infant exemptions in ESSB 5898. Thresholds are based on FY 2015. The average percent of WorkFirst adults enrolled in the education pathway was 19.5% in FY 2017, 18.0% in FY 2018, and 17.2% in FY 2019.

For monthly enrollment counts in many of these components, see pages 33-34 and 37-38. Numerators and denominators for Q2 2010, Q2 2014, and Q3 2019 are shown as fractions. Counts on pages 76-81 include adults without grants who were paid through Community Jobs.

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Barometer Measure 29: Basic Education Pathway including English as a Second Language



Definition of Measure

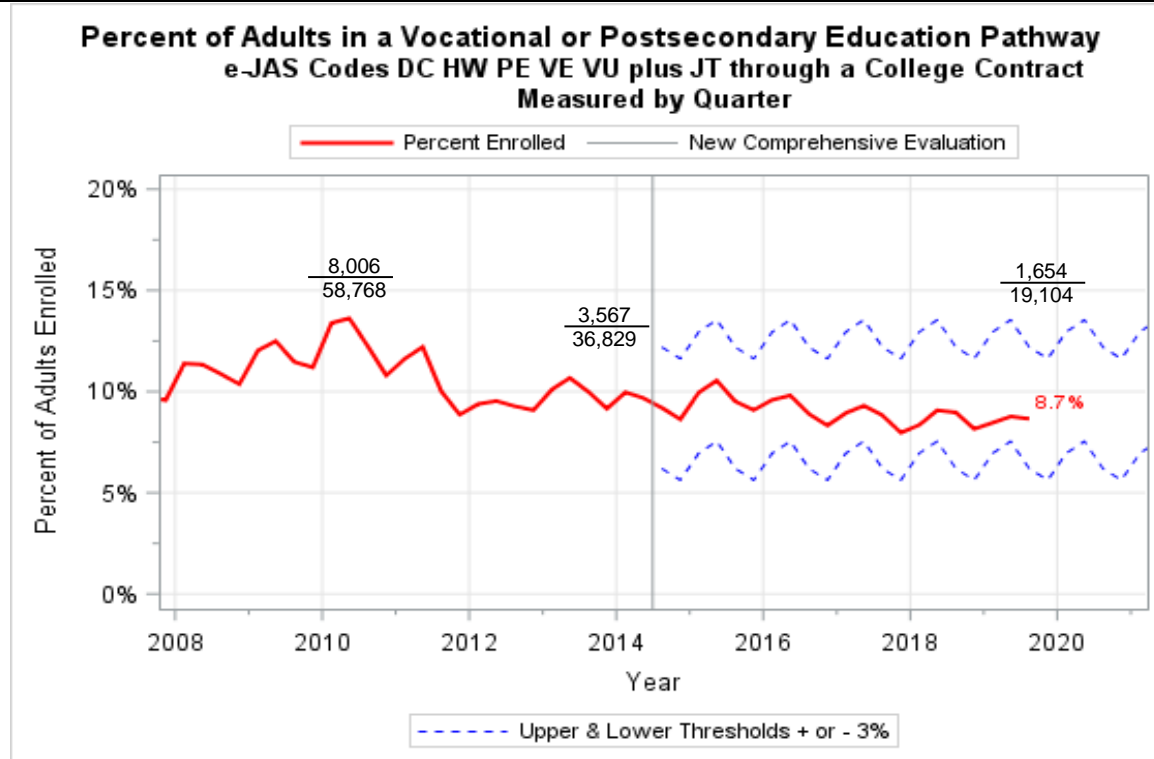
Percent of TANF adults who are engaged in basic education. The numerator for this measure is the number of TANF adults assigned to one or more of the following e-JAS components during the quarter: BE (basic education), ES (English as a second language), GE (high school equivalency preparation), HS (attending high school), and JT if provided outside a CTC college contract. JT outside the CTC college contract setting is short-term training related to employment that is not related to a specific occupation -- often it is part-time English as a second language training. JT within a CTC college contract is usually vocational education and is included as part of Barometer 30. The denominator of this measure is the total number of WorkFirst adults during the quarter. This measure is calculated by OFM using ACES and e-JAS data. Data are from the ACES data warehouse as of November 2019.

An average of 18,985 adults were enrolled in WorkFirst during each quarter of FY 2019. An average of 1,728 adults were enrolled in one of the basic education pathway components during each of those quarters. Use of the basic education pathway components dropped after July 2011 with the voluntary suspension of work requirements under ESSB 5921 and dropped again after October 2017 under the expanded infant exemptions in ESSB 5898. Thresholds are based on FY 2015. The average percent of WorkFirst adults enrolled in the basic education pathway was 11.3% in FY 2017, 10.0% in FY 2018, and 9.1% in FY 2019.

For monthly enrollment counts in these components, see pages 37-38. Outcomes for basic education at SBCTC colleges are provided on pages 98-99. Numerators and denominators for Q2 2010, Q2 2014, and Q3 2019 are shown as fractions.

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Barometer Measure 30: Vocational Education Pathway



Definition of Measure

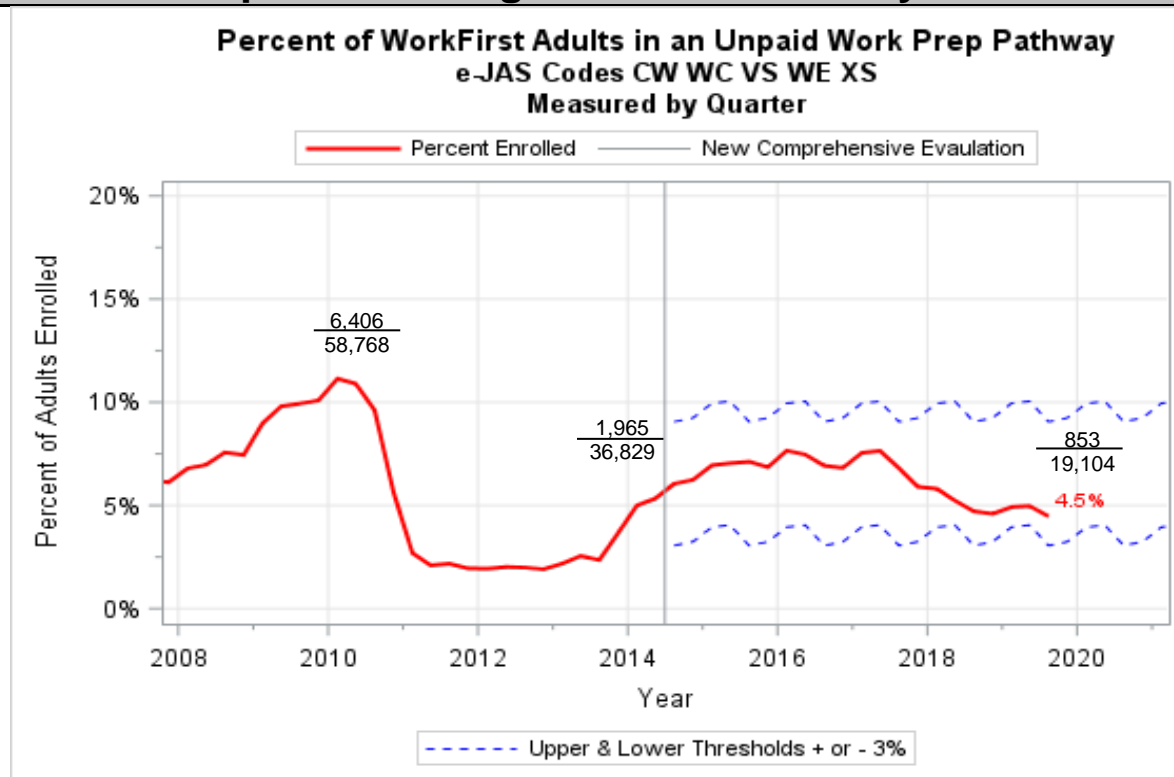
Percent of TANF adults who are engaged vocational or postsecondary education. The numerator for this measure is the number of TANF adults assigned to one or more of the following e-JAS components during the quarter: DC (degree completion), HW (high wage high demand training), PE (customized job skills training), VE (vocational education), and VU (vocational education - unapproved). DC is used for adults who are enrolled in a 4-year college or university. JT (job skills training) is used in CTC college contract settings to indicate vocational education. JT in other settings indicates basic education. VE can include enrollment in I-BEST, a CTC program that combines vocational education with basic skill training. VU is the component used when an adult is enrolled in full-time vocational or postsecondary education that does not count toward federal work participation requirements. The denominator for this measure is the number of WorkFirst adults during the quarter. The measure is calculated by OFM using ACES and e-JAS data. Data are from the ACES data warehouse as of November 2019.

An average of 18,985 adults were enrolled in WorkFirst during each quarter of FY 2019. An average of 1,631 adults were enrolled in one of the postsecondary education pathway components during each of those quarters. Thresholds are based on FY 2015. The average percent of WorkFirst adults enrolled in the postsecondary education pathway was 8.9% in FY 2017 and 8.6% in FYs 2018 and 2019. For monthly enrollment counts in these components, see pages 33-34. Employment related outcomes for vocational and postsecondary education are provided on pages 55-56, 58, 86, 90, and 94. Educational outcomes for vocational and postsecondary education are provided on pages 100-101.

Numerators and denominators for Q2 2010, Q2 2014, and Q3 2019 are shown as fractions.

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Barometer Measure 31: Unpaid Work Preparation Work Experience Programs and Voluntary Services



Definition of Measure

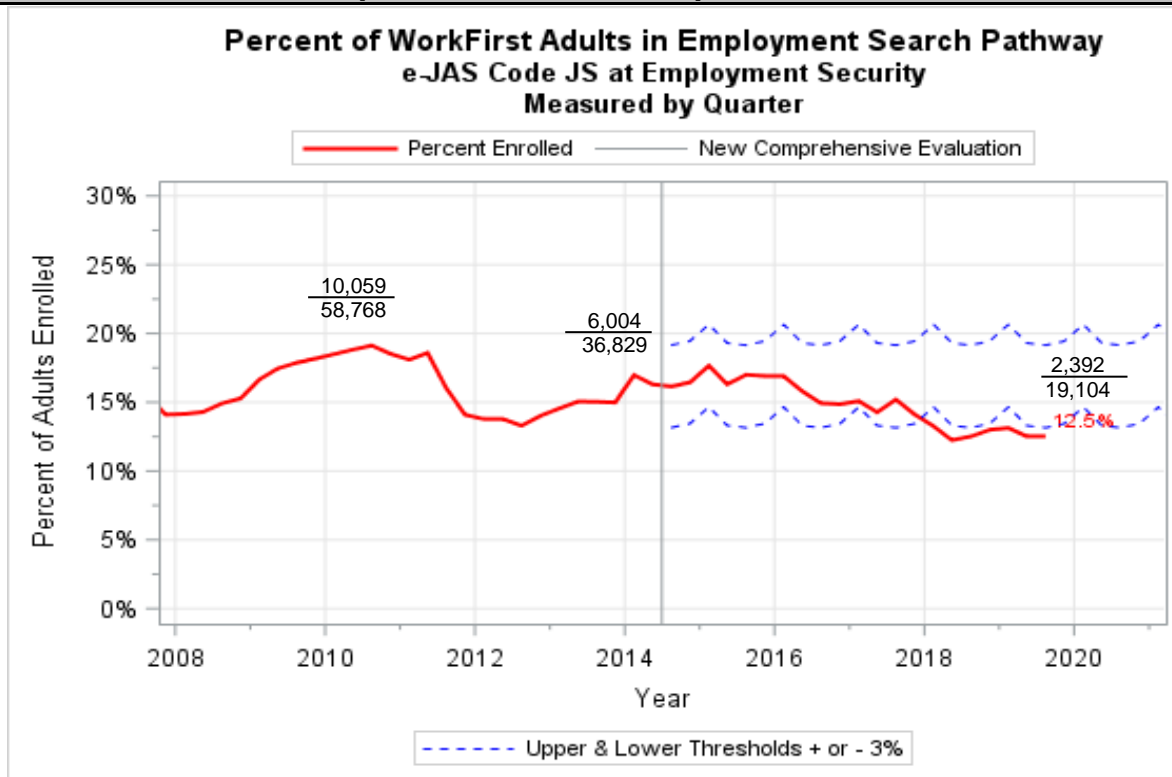
Percent of TANF adults who are engaged in an unpaid work experience or volunteer activity. The numerator for this measure is the number of TANF adults assigned to one or more of the following e-JAS components during the quarter: CW and WC (Community Works); VS (Voluntary Community Service); WE (Work Experience); and XS (Structured Community Service). CW was unpaid community service arranged by Department of Commerce contractors. It was phased out in late 2010 for budget reasons. A revised version coded as WC was re-introduced in the fall of 2013. VS is used by parents who volunteer at their children's preschool or daycare programs. WE is currently used by Limited English Program contractors, Commerce contractors, and community colleges. The denominator for this measure is the number of WorkFirst adults during the quarter. The measure is calculated by OFM, using ACES and e-JAS data. Data are from the ACES data warehouse as of November 2019.

An average of 18,985 adults were enrolled in WorkFirst during each quarter of FY 2019. An average of 911 adults were enrolled one of the unpaid work preparation components during each of those quarters. Use of unpaid work components dropped to 2.0% in FY 2012 due to the phase out of the CW and XS components. Use of unpaid work experience increased in the fall of 2013, when the Community Works program was re-introduced. Thresholds for this measure are based on FY 2015. The average percent of WorkFirst adults enrolled in unpaid work activities was 7.2% in FY 2017, 6.0% in FY 2018, and 4.8% in FY 2019.

For monthly enrollment counts in these components, see pages 35-36. Numerators and denominators for Q2 2010, Q2 2014, and Q3 2019 are shown as fractions.

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Barometer Measure 32: Employment Search Pathway (ESD Job Search)



Definition of Measure

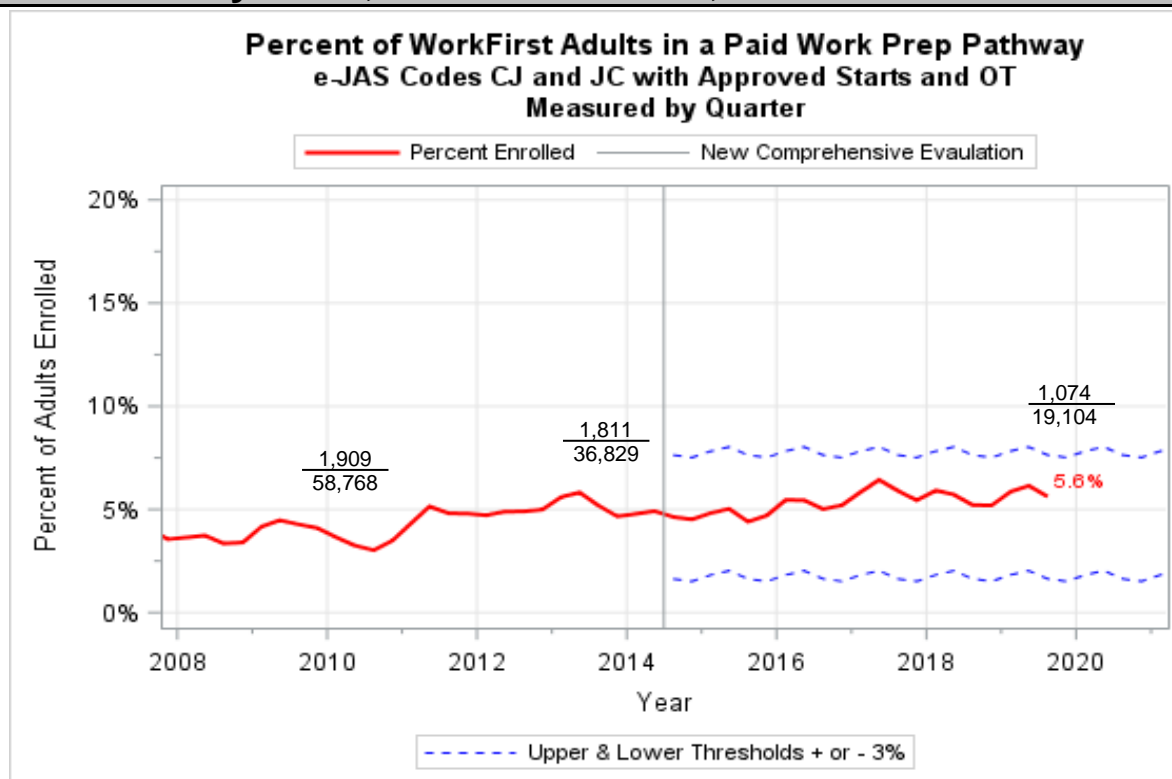
Percent of TANF adults in Employment Security (ESD) job search. The numerator for this measure is the number of TANF adults assigned to ESD job search in the quarter. This is counted using the e-JAS component code JS when no contractor code is supplied to identify a non-ESD provider. ESD redesigned its job search services in 2011 and has offered them under the name of Career Scope since July 2012. The denominator for this measure is the number of TANF adults during the quarter. This measure is calculated by OFM using ACES and e-JAS data. Data are from the ACES data warehouse as of November 2019.

An average of 18,985 adults were enrolled in WorkFirst during each quarter of FY 2019. An average of 2,428 adults were enrolled in ESD job search/Career Scope during each of those quarters. Use of the pathway dropped after July 2011 with the voluntary suspension of work requirements under ESSB 5921 and dropped again after October 2017 under the expanded infant exemptions in ESSB 5898. A Lean project to improve communication between DSHS and ESD was implemented in January 2014. The percent of WorkFirst adults served in ESD job search was 14.9% in calendar year 2013, before the Lean project. Percents rose to 16.5% during calendar year 2014 and 16.6% during FY 2015. Average use dropped to 14.8% in FY 2017, 13.7% in FY 2018, and 12.8% in FY 2019. Thresholds for this measure are based on FY 2015.

For monthly enrollment counts in this pathway, see pages 31-32. Employment related outcomes for this pathway are provided on pages 55-56, 58, 85, 89, and 93. Numerators and denominators for Q2 2010, Q2 2014, and Q3 2019 are shown as fractions.

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Barometer Measure 33: Paid Work Preparation Pathway Community Jobs, Job Connection, and OJT



Definition of Measure

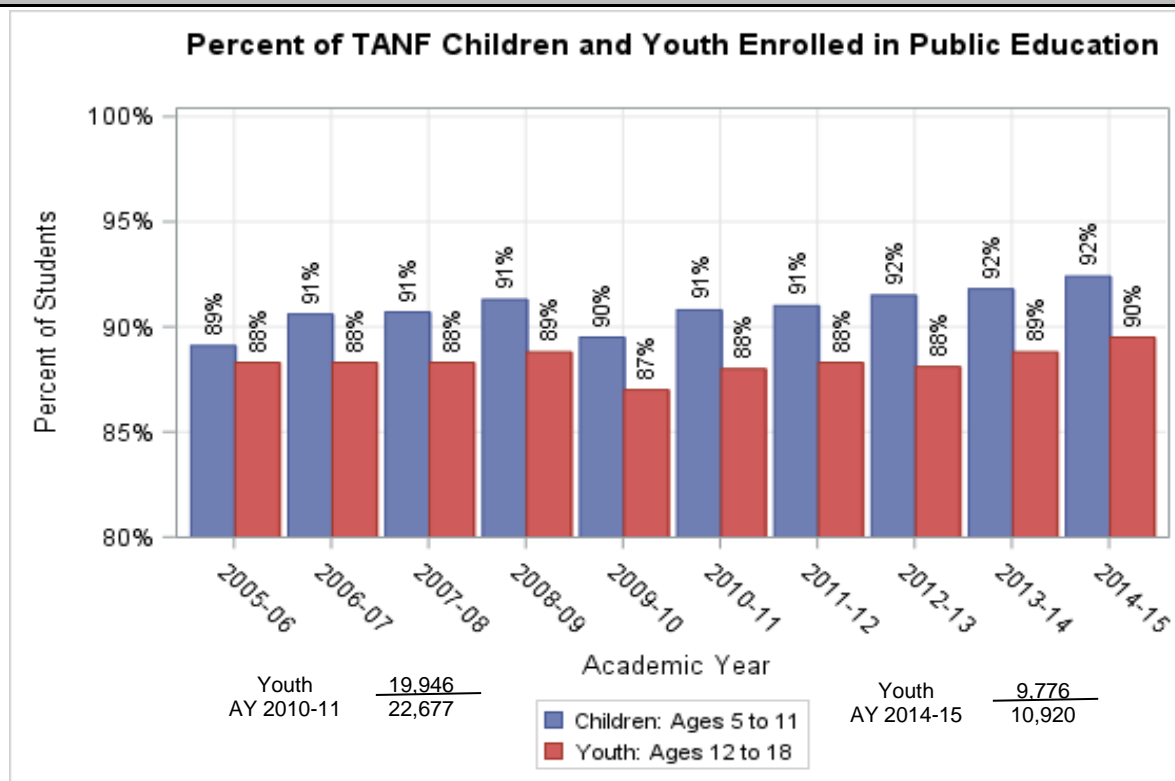
Percent of TANF adults who are engaged in a paid work preparation activity. The numerator of this measure is the number of TANF adults assigned to one or more of the following e-JAS components during the quarter: CJ (Community Jobs); JC (Job Connection); and OT (On the Job Training). Community Jobs and Job Connections are operated by the Department of Commerce. Community Jobs may last for up to 6 months and are developed for WorkFirst adults with barriers to employment. Job Connection placements were shorter and provided a work record for adults without recent work history but without other barriers to employment. The two Commerce programs were combined in July 2016. OT is provided to a handful of WorkFirst adults through the Employment Security Department. The measure does not include work study programs for college students. The denominator for this measure is the number of WorkFirst adults during the quarter. This measure is calculated by OFM using e-JAS data. Data are from the ACES data warehouse as of November 2019.

An average of 18,985 adults were enrolled in WorkFirst during each quarter of FY 2019. An average of 1,063 adults were enrolled one of the paid work preparation pathway components during each quarter. Thresholds are based on FY 2015. The average percent of WorkFirst adults enrolled in paid work preparation activities was 5.6% in FY 2017, 5.7% in FY 2018 and 5.6% in FY 2019 -- up from 4.7% in FY 2015.

For monthly enrollment counts in these components, see pages 35-36. Employment related outcomes for this group of components are provided on pages 55-56, 59, 87, 91, and 95. Numerators and denominators for Q2 2010, Q2 2014, and Q3 2019 are shown as fractions.

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Barometer Measure 34: Percent of TANF Children and Youth Enrolled in K-12 Public Education



Definition of Measure

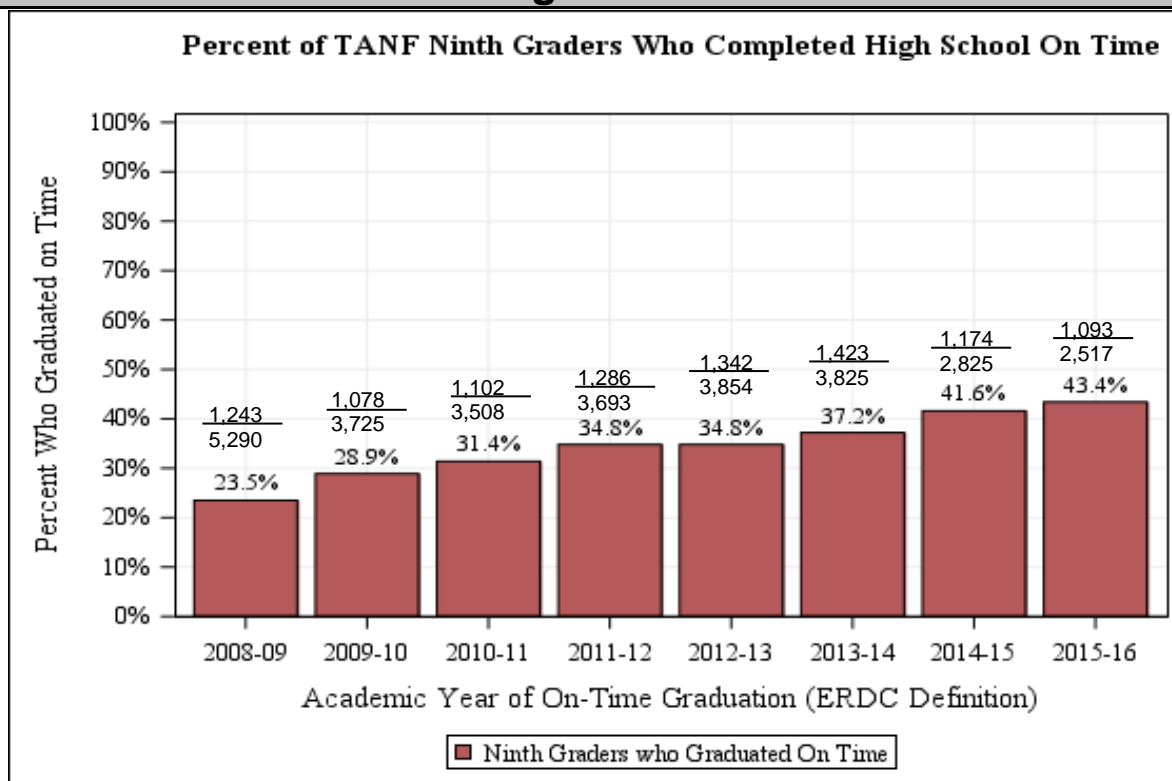
Percent of TANF children who were enrolled in public education during the school year. The numerator of this measure is the number of children in WorkFirst households who were enrolled in public schools in Washington State for one or more months during the academic year (AY). (Children from Child Only cases were not included.) Academic years run from September through August. Results were calculated by OFM's Education Research Data Center (ERDC).

A total of 67,379 children between the ages of 5 and 18 (excluding Child Only cases) received TANF during AY 2010-11; 36,224 during AY 2014-15. After clean-up of identifiers needed for matching, ERDC staff found school enrollment records for 60,818 children in AY 2010-11 and 31,856 in AY 2014-15. Separate enrollment measures were calculated for younger children (age 5 to 11) and older children, (ages 12 to 18). School enrollment of WorkFirst children reached a low point during AY 2009-10, which corresponds to the worst year of the great recession and the high point of WorkFirst caseloads. The highest WorkFirst caseloads were reached during AY 2010-11 -- the highest month in December 2011.

School enrollment of WorkFirst children has improved since AY 2010-11, and has reached levels higher than in pre-recession periods by AY 2013-14 and AY 2014-15. Numerators and denominators for youth ages 12 to 18 in AYs 2010-11 and 2014-15 are shown as fractions.

These results differ from those published previously by the Research and Data Analysis unit (RDA) of DSHS. Those results had school enrollment rates averaging 92% for younger children and 80% for older children during AYs 2009-10 through 2011-12. Differences in analytic strategy and educational records likely explain the differences in results. [Return to Contents](#)

Barometer Measure 35: Percent of TANF Youth who Graduated from High School On Time



Definition of Measure

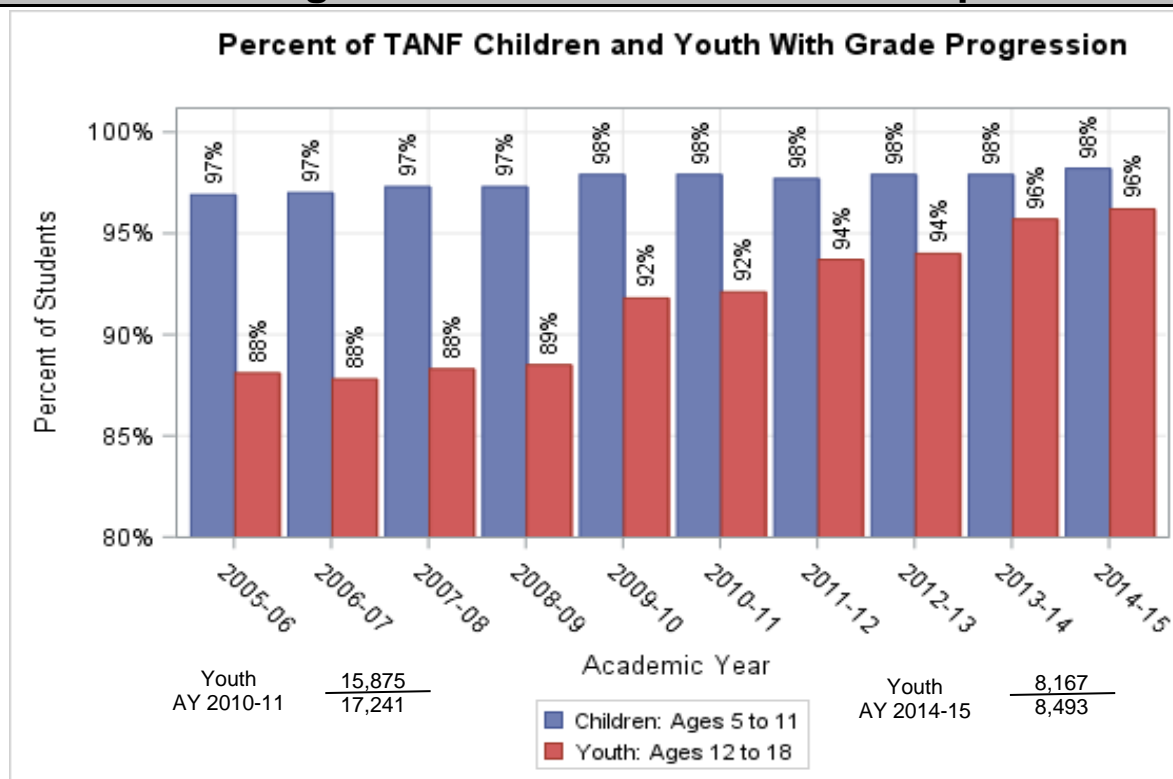
Percent of TANF youth who graduate on time. The numerator of this measure is the number of ninth graders in WorkFirst households who graduated within four academic years. (Youth in Child Only cases were not included.) Results for 2008-09 are for youth who were TANF recipients and first-time ninth-graders during the 2005-06 school year. Results for 2010-11 are for first-time ninth graders from the 2007-08 school year, and so on. Data for 2015-16 came from graduation records in that school year for first-time TANF ninth graders from the 2012-13 academic year. Results were calculated by OFM's Education Research and Data Center (ERDC).

Numerators and denominators are shown as fractions in the chart for each academic year. The number of first time ninth-graders during any academic year is smaller than one might expect, due to the relatively small number of older children in WorkFirst households. These children are tracked on to graduation using academic records, regardless of whether their families continue to use the WorkFirst program. WorkFirst caseload declines do not affect results until the 2014-15 academic year -- three years after the caseload peak in 2010-11.

These results differ from those published previously by the Research and Data Analysis unit (RDA) of DSHS. Those results had on-time graduation rates ranging from 36% to 41% in AYs 2009-10 through 2011-12. The RDA and ERDC graduation rates were defined the same way, but differences in analytic strategy and educational records likely explain the differences in results. RDA's 41% graduation rate for AY 2011-12 was based on 1,251 on-time graduates out of 3,033 TANF first-time ninth graders in the 2008-09 Academic year. The ERDC analysis identified 660 more first-time ninth graders but found only 35 more on-time graduates.

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Barometer Measure 36: Percent of TANF Children and Youth who Progressed to the Next Grade as Expected



Definition of Measure

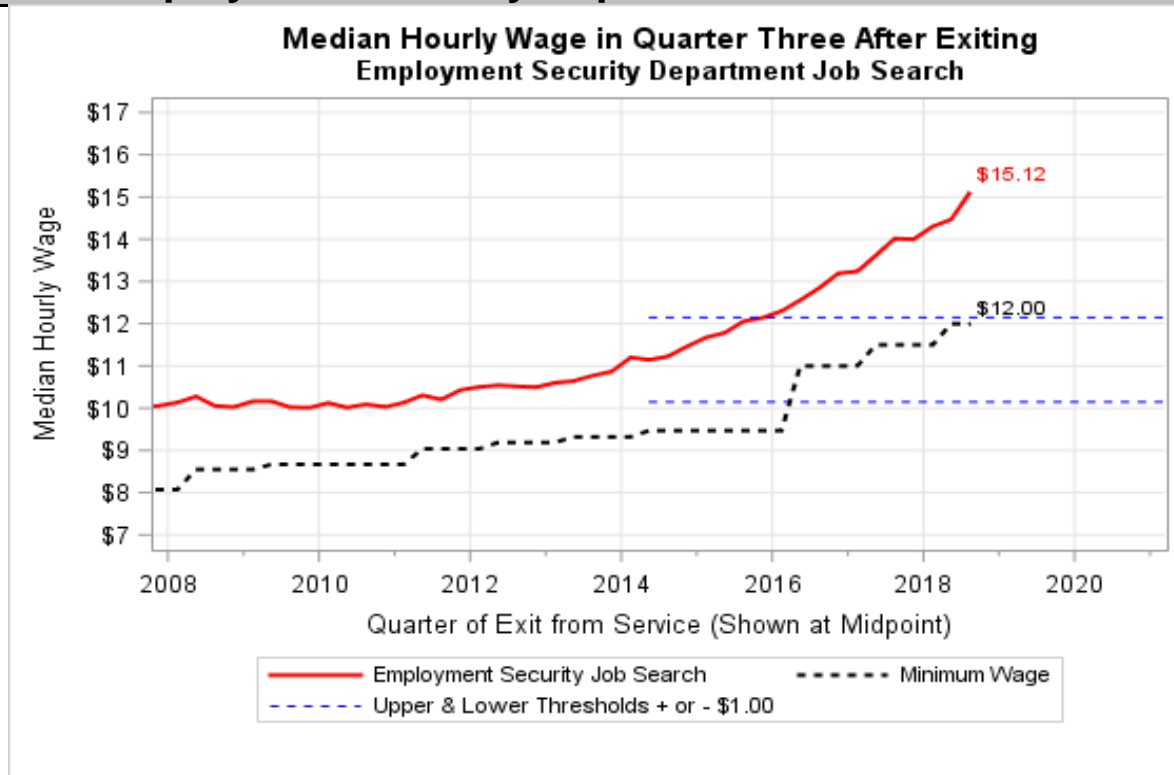
Percent of TANF school-age children in a given year who progressed to the next grade level as expected. This measure uses children in WorkFirst households during the academic year (AY) who had valid grade information for the prior AY in public schools in Washington State. (Children in Child Only cases were not included.) Academic years run from September through August. Results were calculated by OFM's Education Research Data Center (ERDC).

A total of 50,759 TANF children ages of 5 and 18 (excluding Child Only cases) were enrolled in school during AY 2010-11 and usable for analysis; 26,931 during AY 2014-15. Almost 96% of the TANF students identified in AY 2010-11 and almost 98% of the TANF students from AY 2014-15 had progressed by one grade level by the beginning of next academic year. Separate progression measures were calculated for younger children (age 5 to 11) and older children, (ages 12 to 18). Progression is relatively high among younger children. Progression began to increase during AY 2009-10 for older children, in a pattern that is consistent with the gains seen both in school enrollment and on-time-graduation. School records are used to measure grade progression for these children, regardless of whether their families continue to use the WorkFirst program. Numerators and denominators for youth ages 12 to 18 in AYs 2010-11 and 2014-15 are shown as fractions.

These results differ from those published previously by the Research and Data Analysis unit (RDA) of DSHS. Those results had grade progression rates averaging 96% for younger children and 91% for older children during AYs 2009-10 through 2011-12. Differences in analytic strategy and educational records likely explain the differences in results.

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Barometer Measure 37: Hourly Wage Rate after Exiting Employment Security Department Job Search



Definition of Measure

Median hourly wage rate in the third quarter after exit from Employment Security job search. The median wage is the wage rate at the center of the distribution from the lowest wage to the highest wage obtained. Wage rates are based on UI wage records of earnings and work hours. Records have been cleaned to throw out records without earnings or where work hours are missing for the quarter. Earnings and hours were combined across multiple jobs if more than one job was held during the quarter. Extremely high or low wage rates were also dropped.

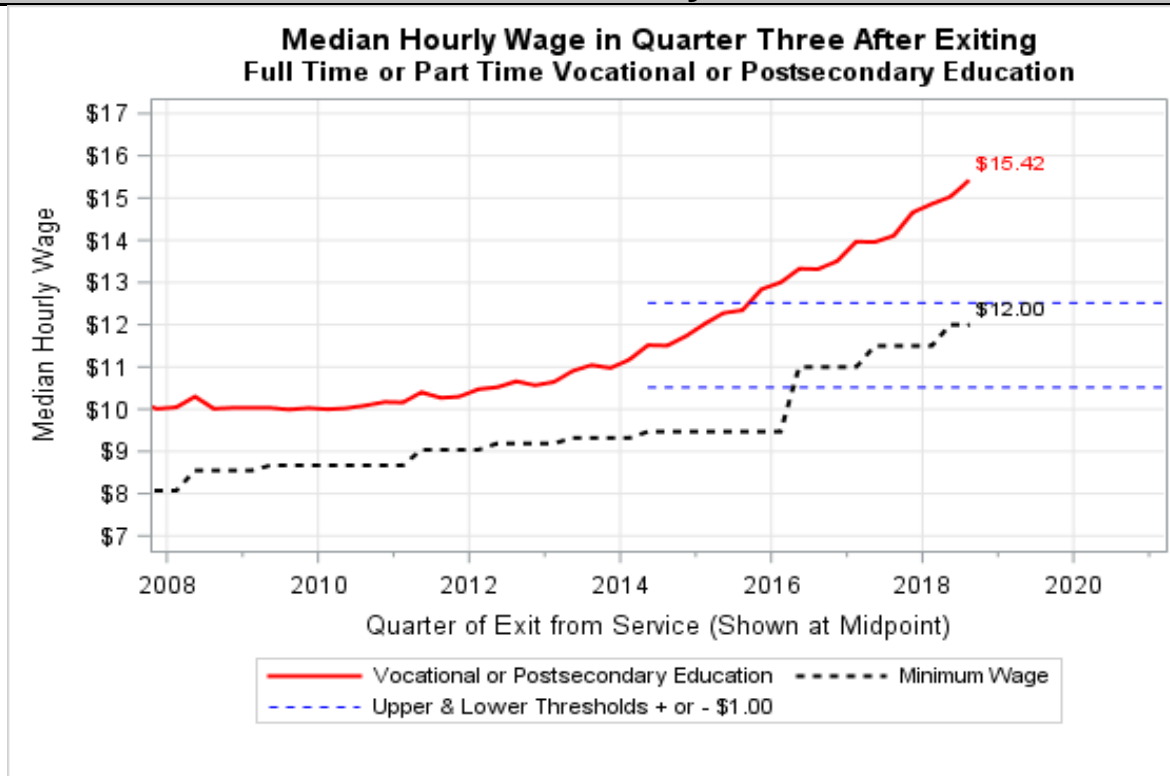
An average of 1,066 adults had earning records during the third quarter following exit from Employment Security job search from each quarter of fiscal year 2018. An average of 1,041 per quarter (97.7%) had clean earnings and work hour information necessary to calculate wage rates. The average of the four quarterly medians was \$10.27 per hour during 2011, \$11.00 in FY 2014, \$11.54 in FY 2015, \$12.27 in FY 2016, \$13.23 in FY 2017 and \$14.20 in FY 2018.

The thresholds for this measure are based on results from 2015 when the minimum wage was \$9.47 per hour. Results shown above run through Q3 2018, which was the second quarter exposed to the \$12.00 minimum wage. Approximately 20% of ESD job finders live in Seattle or Tacoma which have minimum wages higher than \$12.00 per hour.

This measure is calculated by OFM, using data from ACES and e-JAS from the ACES data warehouse and Unemployment Insurance wage records from the Department of Employment Security. Data were obtained from the Department of Employment Security in November 2019.

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Barometer Measure 38: Hourly Wage Rate after Exiting Vocational and Postsecondary Education



Definition of Measure

Median hourly wage rate in the third quarter after exit from vocational or postsecondary education. The median wage is the wage rate at the center of the distribution from the lowest wage to the highest wage obtained. Wage rates are based on UI wage records of earnings and work hours. Records have been cleaned to throw out records without earnings or where work hours are missing for the quarter. Earnings and hours were combined across multiple jobs if more than one job was held during the quarter. Extremely high or low wage rates were also dropped.

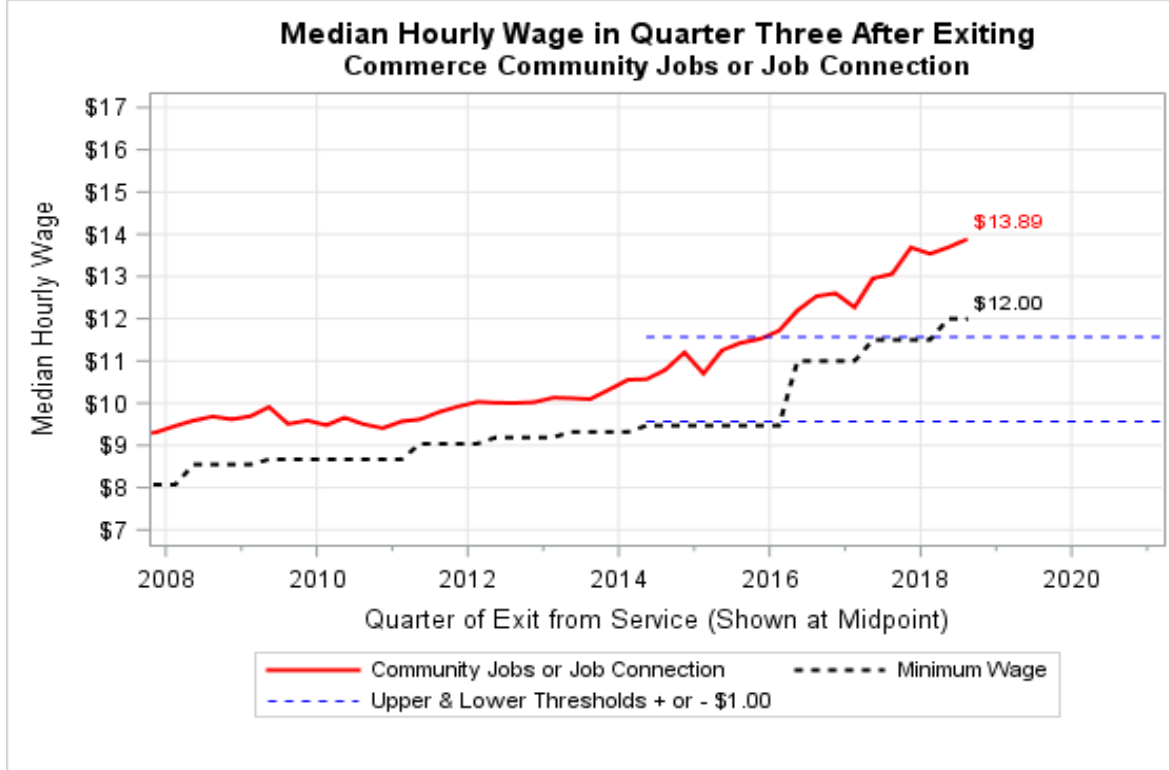
An average of 330 adults had earning records during the third quarter following exit from vocational or postsecondary education from each quarter of fiscal year 2018. An average of 324 per quarter (98.1%) had clean earnings and work hour information necessary to calculate wage rates. The average of the four quarterly medians was \$10.28 per hour during 2011, \$11.18 in FY 2014, \$11.89 in FY 2015, \$12.88 in FY 2016, \$13.69 in FY 2017 and \$14.67 in FY 2018.

The thresholds for this measure are based on results from 2015 when the minimum wage was \$9.47 per hour. Results shown above run through Q3 2018 which was the second quarter exposed to the \$12.00 minimum wage. Approximately 18% of vocational or postsecondary job finders live in Seattle or Tacoma which have minimum wages higher than \$12.00 per hour.

This measure is calculated by OFM, using data from ACES and e-JAS from the ACES data warehouse and Unemployment Insurance wage records from the Department of Employment Security. Data were obtained from the Department of Employment Security in November 2019.

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Barometer Measure 39: Hourly Wage Rate after Exiting Paid Work Prep (Community Jobs or Job Connection)



Definition of Measure

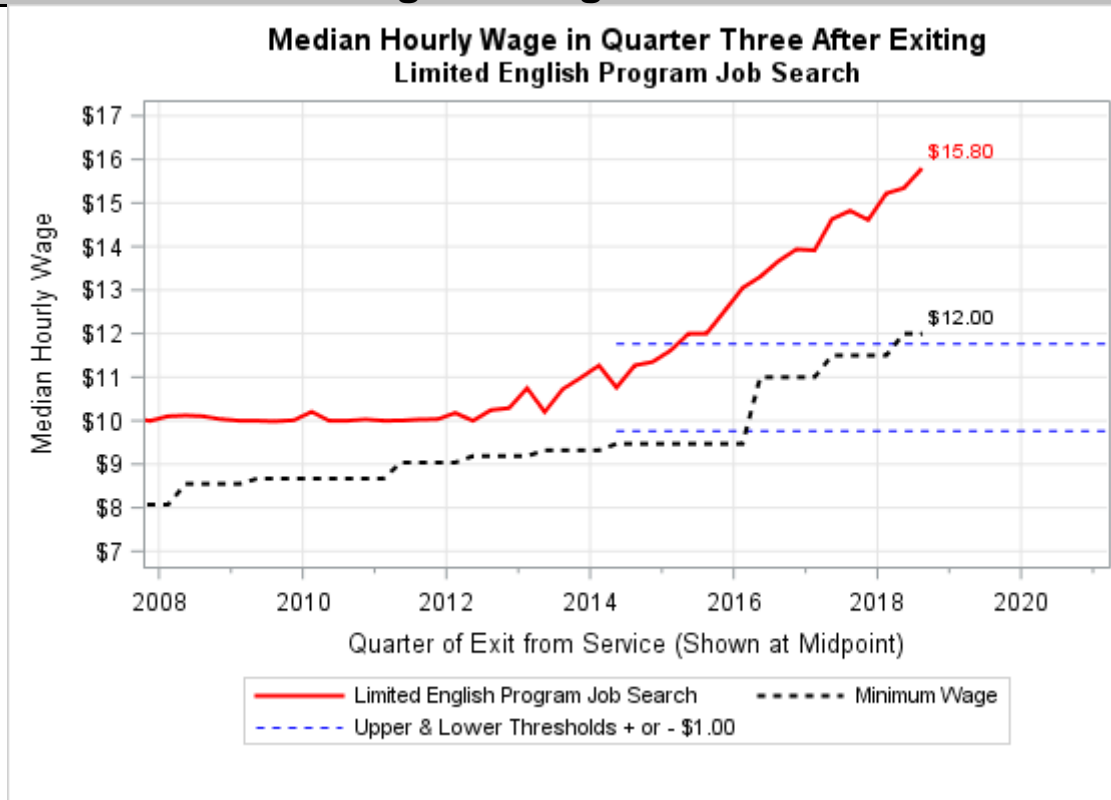
Median hourly wage rate in the third quarter after exit from Community Jobs or Job Connection, the paid work preparation programs offered by WorkFirst through the Department of Commerce. The median wage is the wage rate at the center of the distribution from the lowest wage to the highest wage obtained. Wage rates are based on UI wage records of earnings and work hours. Records have been cleaned to throw out records without earnings or where work hours are missing for the quarter. Earnings and hours were combined across multiple jobs if more than one job was held during the quarter. Extremely high or low wage rates were also dropped.

An average of 321 adults had earning records during the third quarter following exit from Community Jobs or Job Connection from each quarter of fiscal year 2018. An average of 316 per quarter (98.3%) had clean earnings and work hour information necessary to calculate wage rates. The average of the four quarterly medians was \$9.73 per hour during 2011, \$10.39 in FY 2014, \$10.99 in FY 2015, \$11.72 in FY 2016, \$12.59 in FY 2017 and \$13.49 in FY 2018.

The thresholds for this measure are based on results from 2015 when the minimum wage was \$9.47 per hour. Results shown above run through Q3 2018 which was the second quarter exposed to the \$12.00 minimum wage. Approximately 15% of Community Jobs or Job Connection job finders live in Seattle or Tacoma which have minimum wages higher than \$12.00 per hour.

This measure is calculated by OFM, using data from ACES and e-JAS from the ACES data warehouse and Unemployment Insurance wage records from the Department of Employment Security. Data were obtained from the Department of Employment Security in November 2019. [Return to Contents](#)

Barometer Measure 40: Hourly Wage Rate after Exiting Limited English Program Job Search



Definition of Measure

Median hourly wage rate in the third quarter after exit from Limited English Program job search. The median wage is the wage rate at the center of the distribution from the lowest wage to the highest wage obtained. Wage rates are based on UI wage records of earnings and work hours. Records have been cleaned to throw out records without earnings or where work hours are missing for the quarter. Earnings and hours were combined across multiple jobs if more than one job was held during the quarter. Extremely high or low wage rates were also dropped.

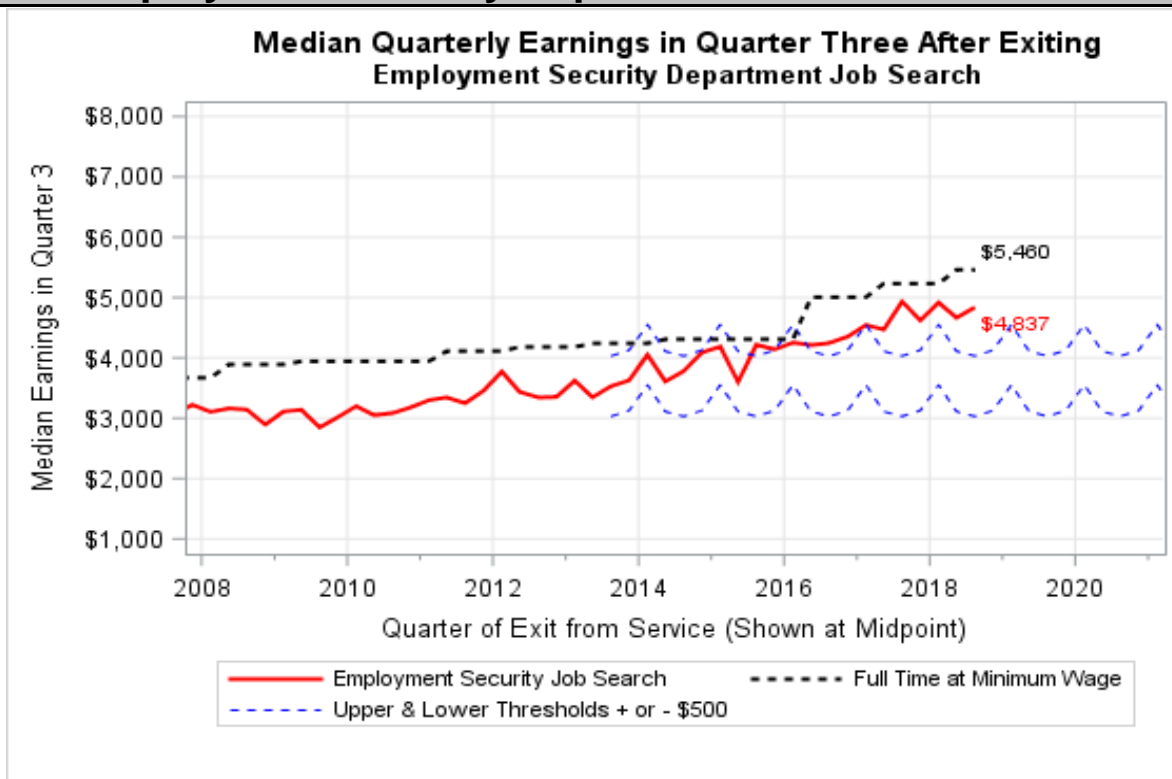
An average of 200 adults had earning records during the third quarter following exit from Limited English Program job search from each quarter of fiscal year 2018. An average of 194 per quarter (97.2%) had clean earnings and work hour information necessary to calculate wage rates. The average of the four quarterly medians was \$10.02 per hour during 2011, \$10.94 in FY 2014, \$11.56 in FY 2015, \$12.72 in FY 2016, \$14.04 in FY 2017 and \$15.00 in FY 2018.

The thresholds for this measure are based on results from 2015 when the minimum wage was \$9.47 per hour. Results shown above run through Q3 2018 which was the second quarter exposed to the \$12.00 minimum wage. Approximately 22% of LEP job finders live in Seattle or Tacoma which have minimum wages higher than \$12.00 per hour.

This measure is calculated by OFM, using data from ACES and e-JAS from the ACES data warehouse and Unemployment Insurance wage records from the Department of Employment Security. Data were obtained from the Department of Employment Security in November 2019.

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Barometer Measure 41: Quarterly Earnings after Exiting Employment Security Department Job Search



Definition of Measure

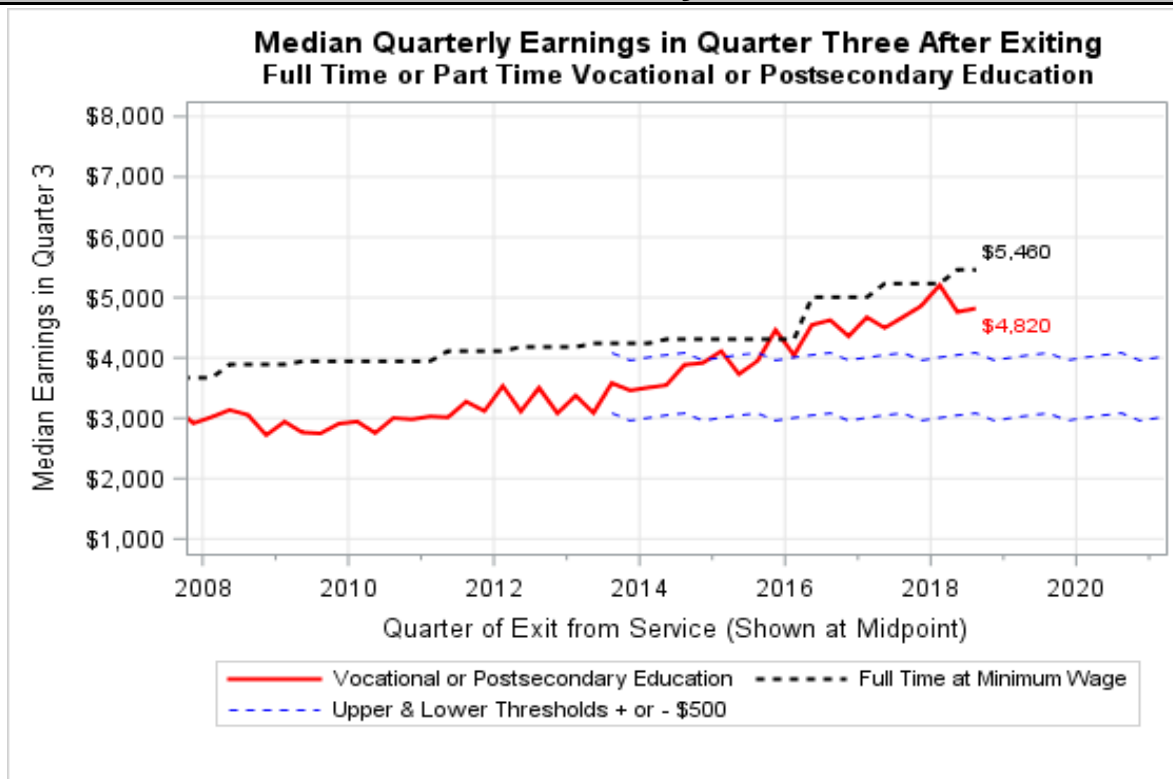
Median quarterly earnings during the third quarter after exit from Employment Security job search. Median earnings are the earnings at the center of the distribution from lowest earnings to highest earnings obtained. Earnings are based on UI wage records and earnings from multiple jobs are combined. However, records with more than 800 combined work hours reported in the quarter were dropped due to the possibility that more than one person might be included in the totals.

An average of 1,066 adults were employed during the third quarter following exit from Employment Security job search from each quarter of fiscal year 2018. An average of 1,059 per quarter (99.3%) had clean earnings records used to calculate median earnings. Thresholds for this measure were calculated from the four quarters of fiscal year 2014. The average of the four quarterly medians was \$3,338 during 2011, \$3,706 in FY 2014, \$3,916 in FY 2015, \$4,206 in FY 2016, \$4,403 in FY 2017 and \$4,784 in FY 2018. The state minimum wage in effect during the third quarter after exit was multiplied by 455 hours (equivalent to 35 hours per week) to provide a reference line indicating full-time earnings at the state minimum wage. Results shown above run through Q3 2018.

This measure is calculated by OFM, using data from ACES and e-JAS from the ACES data warehouse and Unemployment Insurance wage records from the Department of Employment Security. Data were obtained from the Department of Employment Security in November 2019.

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Barometer Measure 42: Quarterly Earnings after Exiting Vocational and Postsecondary Education



Definition of Measure

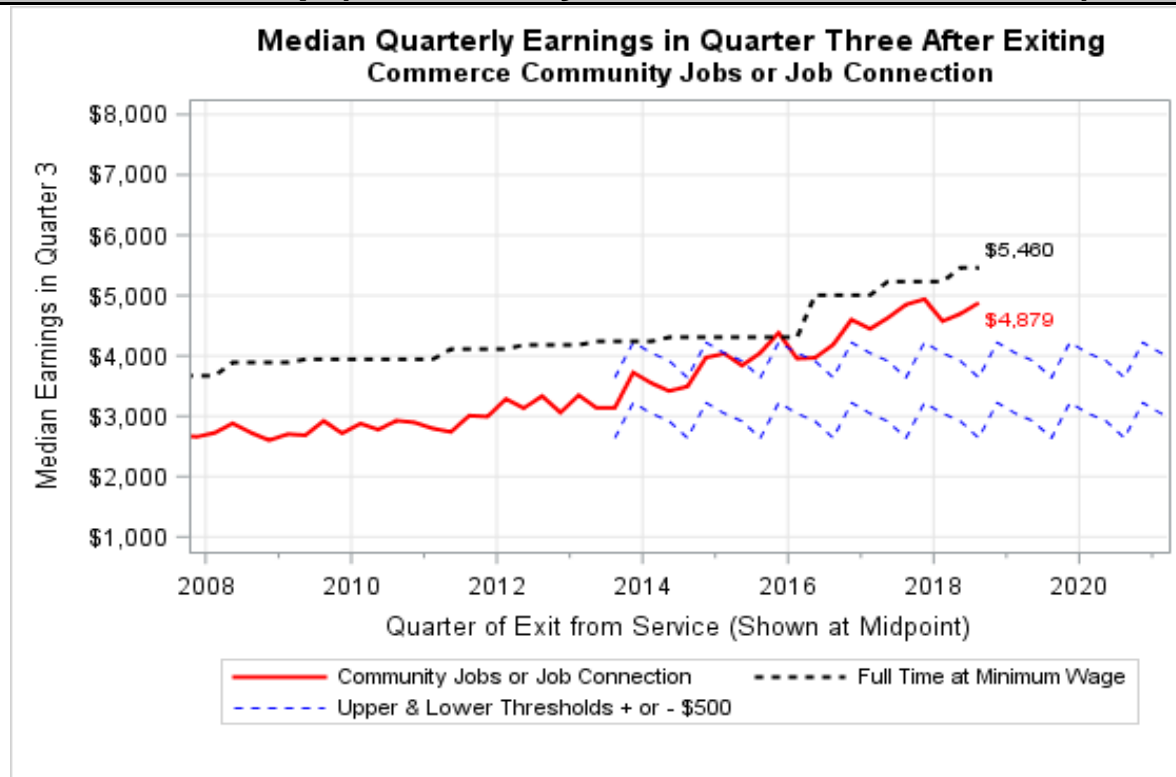
Median quarterly earnings during the third quarter after exit from vocational or postsecondary education. Median earnings are the earnings at the center of the distribution from lowest earnings to highest earnings obtained. Earnings are based on UI wage records and earnings from multiple jobs are combined. However, records with more than 800 combined work hours reported in the quarter were dropped due to the possibility that more than one person might be included in the totals.

An average of 330 adults were employed during the third quarter following exit from vocational or postsecondary education from each quarter of fiscal year 2018. An average of 328 per quarter (99.5%) had clean earnings records used to calculate median earnings. Thresholds for this measure were calculated from the four quarters of fiscal year 2014. The average of the four quarterly medians was \$3,110 during 2011, \$3,525 in FY 2014, \$3,912 in FY 2015, \$4,250 in FY 2016, \$4,539 in FY 2017, and \$4,551 in FY 2018. The state minimum wage in effect during the third quarter after exit was multiplied by 455 hours (equivalent to 35 hours per week) to provide a reference line indicating full-time earnings at the state minimum wage. Results shown above run through Q3 2018.

Vocational or postsecondary education includes education provided by SBCTC colleges but also includes education provided by public and private four year colleges and by private career schools. In FY 2018, 84% of vocational or postsecondary education was provided by SBCTC colleges.

This measure is calculated by OFM, using data from ACES and e-JAS from the ACES data warehouse and Unemployment Insurance wage records from the Department of Employment Security. Data were obtained from the Department of Employment Security in November 2019. [Return to Contents](#)

Barometer Measure 43: Quarterly Earnings after Exiting Paid Work Prep (Community Jobs or Job Connection)



Definition of Measure

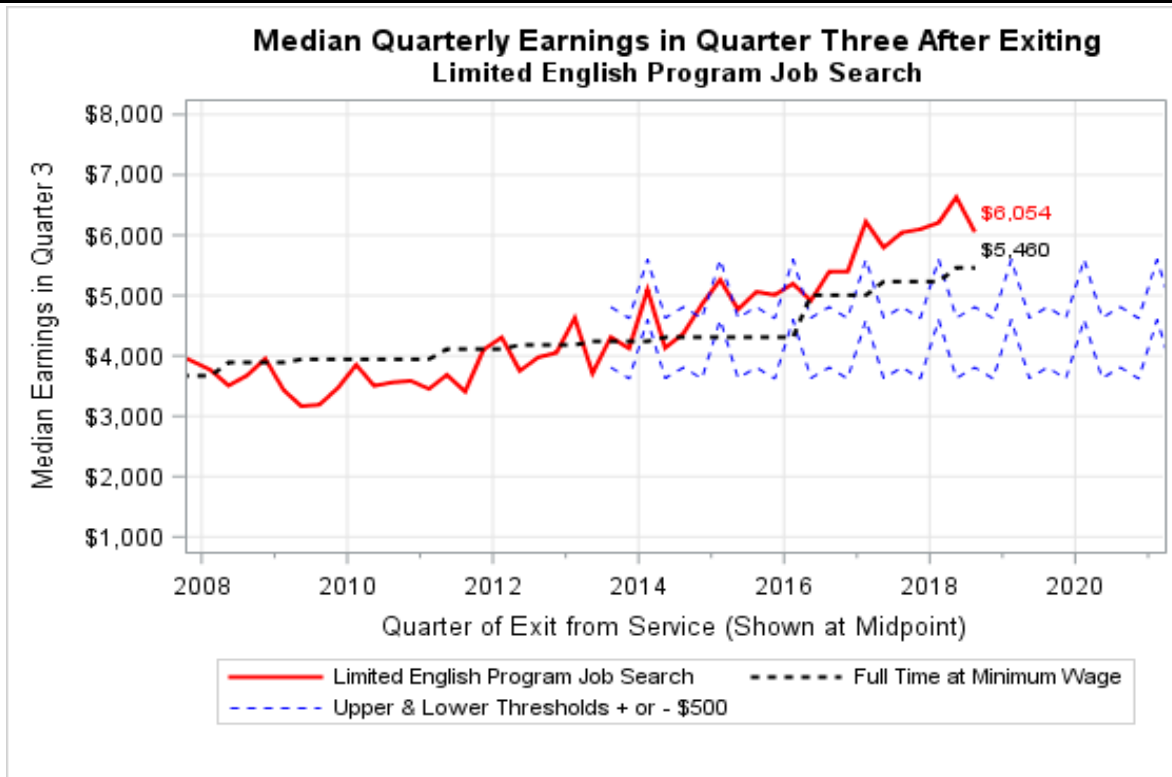
Median quarterly earnings during the third quarter after exit from Community Jobs or Job Connection, the paid work preparation programs offered by WorkFirst through the Department of Commerce. Median earnings are the earnings at the center of the distribution from lowest earnings to highest earnings obtained. Earnings are based on UI wage records and earnings from multiple jobs are combined. However, records with more than 800 combined work hours reported in the quarter were dropped due to the possibility that more than one person might be included in the totals.

An average of 321 adults were employed during the third quarter following exit from Community Jobs or Job Connection from each quarter of fiscal year 2018. An average of 320 per quarter (99.6%) had clean earnings records used to calculate median earnings. Thresholds for this measure were calculated from the four quarters of fiscal year 2014. The average of the four quarterly medians was \$2,884 during 2011, \$3,457 in FY 2014, \$3,836 in FY 2015, \$4,089 in FY 2016, \$4,466 in FY 2017 and \$4,767 in FY 2018. The state minimum wage in effect during the third quarter after exit was multiplied by 455 hours (equivalent to 35 hours per week) to provide a reference line indicating full-time earnings at the state minimum wage. Results shown above run through Q3 2018.

This measure is calculated by OFM, using data from ACES and e-JAS from the ACES data warehouse and Unemployment Insurance wage records from the Department of Employment Security. Data were obtained from the Department of Employment Security in November 2019.

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Barometer Measure 44: Quarterly Earnings after Exiting Limited English Program Job Search



Definition of Measure

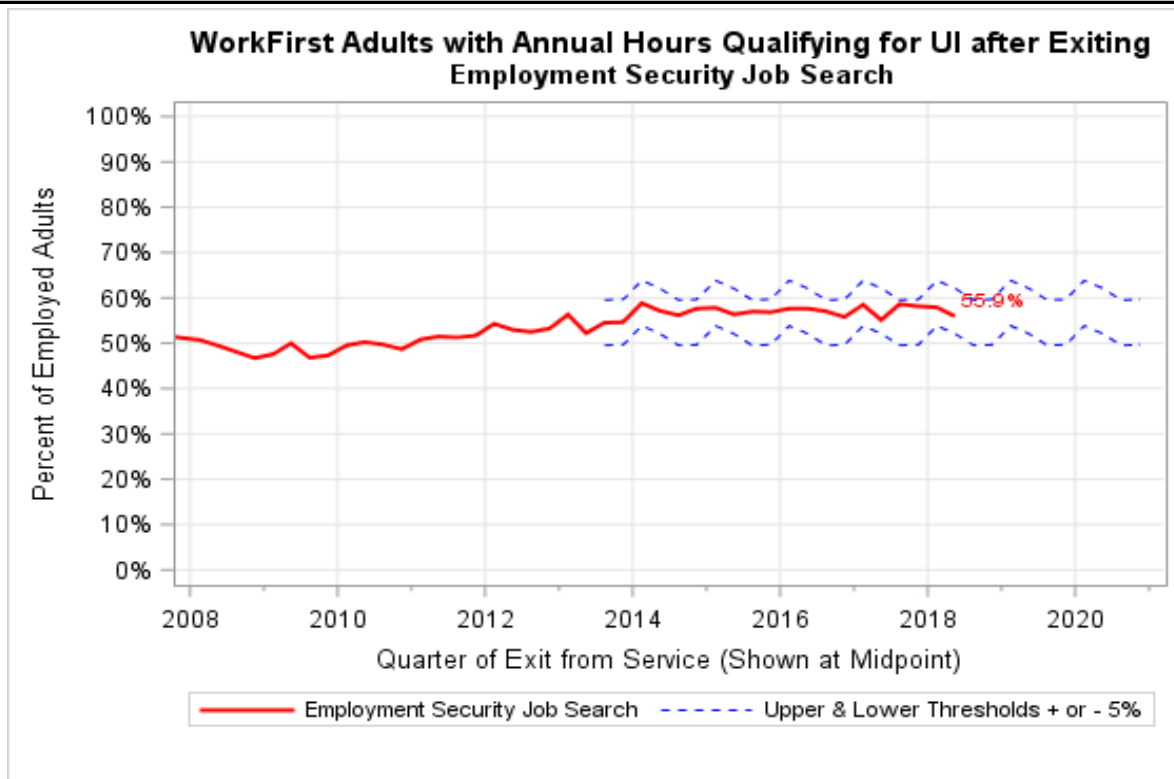
Median quarterly earnings during the third quarter after exit from Limited English Program job search. Median earnings are the earnings at the center of the distribution from lowest earnings to highest earnings obtained. Earnings are based on UI wage records and earnings from multiple jobs are combined. However, records with more than 800 combined work hours reported in the quarter were dropped due to the possibility that more than one person might be included in the totals.

An average of 200 adults were employed during the third quarter following exit from Limited English Program job search from each quarter of fiscal year 2018. An average of 196 per quarter (98.1%) had clean earnings records used to calculate median earnings. Data cleaning protocols increase the likelihood that the high earnings shown here are real and do not result from data integrity problems. Thresholds for this measure were calculated from the four quarters of fiscal year 2014. The average of the four quarterly medians was \$3,662 during 2011, \$4,415 in FY 2014, \$4,815 in FY 2015, \$5,047 in FY 2016, \$5,703 in FY 2017 and \$6,246 in FY 2018. The state minimum wage in effect during the third quarter after exit was multiplied by 455 hours (equivalent to 35 hours per week) to provide a reference line indicating full-time earnings at the state minimum wage. Results shown above run through Q3 2018. The fact that earnings are higher for LEP job search than for other programs could be related to the concentration of LEP job search customers in Seattle and Tacoma, cities with higher minimum wages.

This measure is calculated by OFM, using data from ACES and e-JAS from the ACES data warehouse and Unemployment Insurance wage records from the Department of Employment Security. Data were obtained from the Department of Employment Security in November 2019.

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Barometer Measure 45: Hours Worked in the Year After Employment Security Job Search



Definition of Measure

The numerator of this measure is the number of workers with employment records in UI wage records with 680 or more hours reported across the first, second, third, and fourth quarters after leaving Employment Security job search. The denominator is the total number of Employment Security job search exiters employed during any of those quarters. Workers with more than 800 hours reported in any quarter are excluded from this measure. That might indicate that employment by two or more workers could have been reported on one Social Security Number.

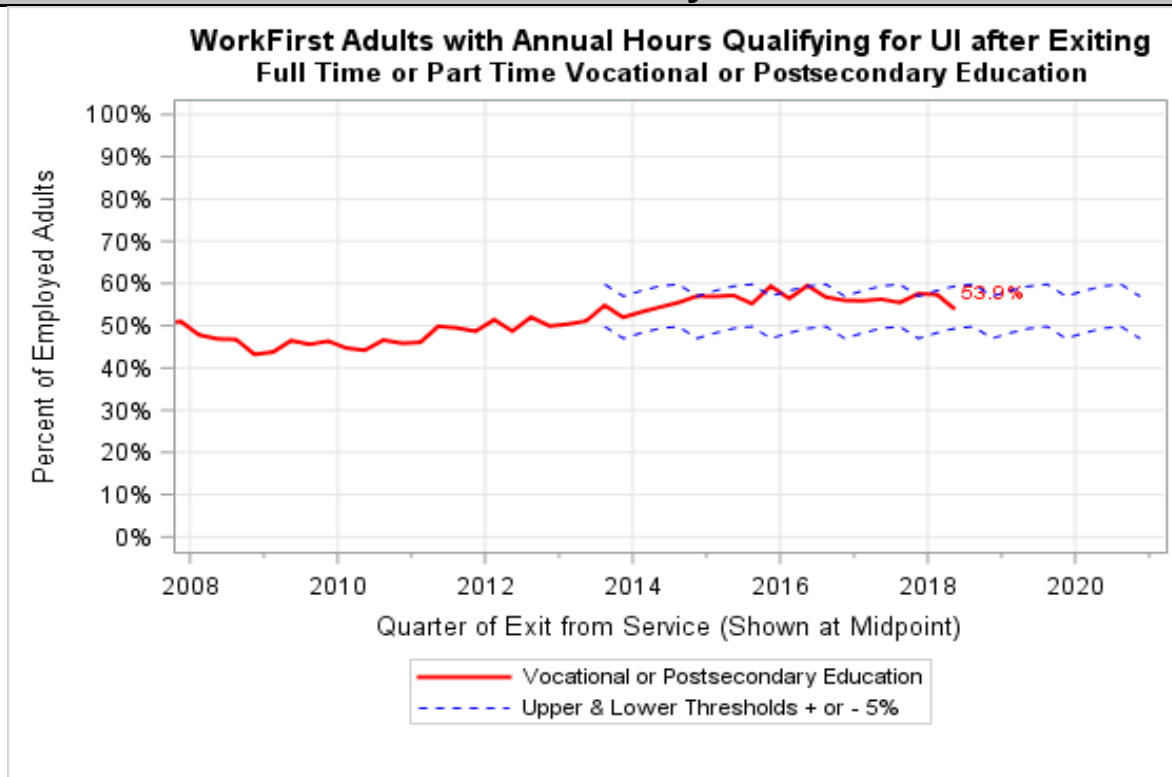
The figure of 680 hours in a year was chosen because workers with 680 hours in the past year are eligible to receive Unemployment Insurance if they meet the other requirements of that program.

An average of 1,401 WorkFirst adults had clean earning records during one or more of the four quarters following Employment Security job search from each quarter of fiscal year 2018. An average of 797 of those WorkFirst adults worked for 680 hours or more during those quarters. Thresholds for this measure were calculated from the four quarters of fiscal year 2014. The average of the four quarterly 680 hour work rates was 51.3% in calendar 2011, 56.3% in FY 2014, 57.0% in FY 2015, 57.3% in FY 2016, 56.6% in FY 2017, and 57.7% in FY 2018. Results shown above run through Q2 2018.

This measure is calculated by OFM, using data from ACES and e-JAS from the ACES data warehouse and Unemployment Insurance wage records from the Department of Employment Security. Data were obtained from the Department of Employment Security in November 2019.

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Barometer Measure 46: Hours Worked in the Year After Vocational and Postsecondary Education



Definition of Measure

The numerator of this measure is the number of workers with employment records in UI wage records with 680 or more hours reported across the first, second, third, and fourth quarters after leaving vocational or postsecondary education. The denominator is the total number of vocational or postsecondary education exiters employed during any of those quarters. Workers with more than 800 hours reported in any quarter are excluded from this measure. That might indicate that employment by two or more workers could have been reported on one Social Security Number.

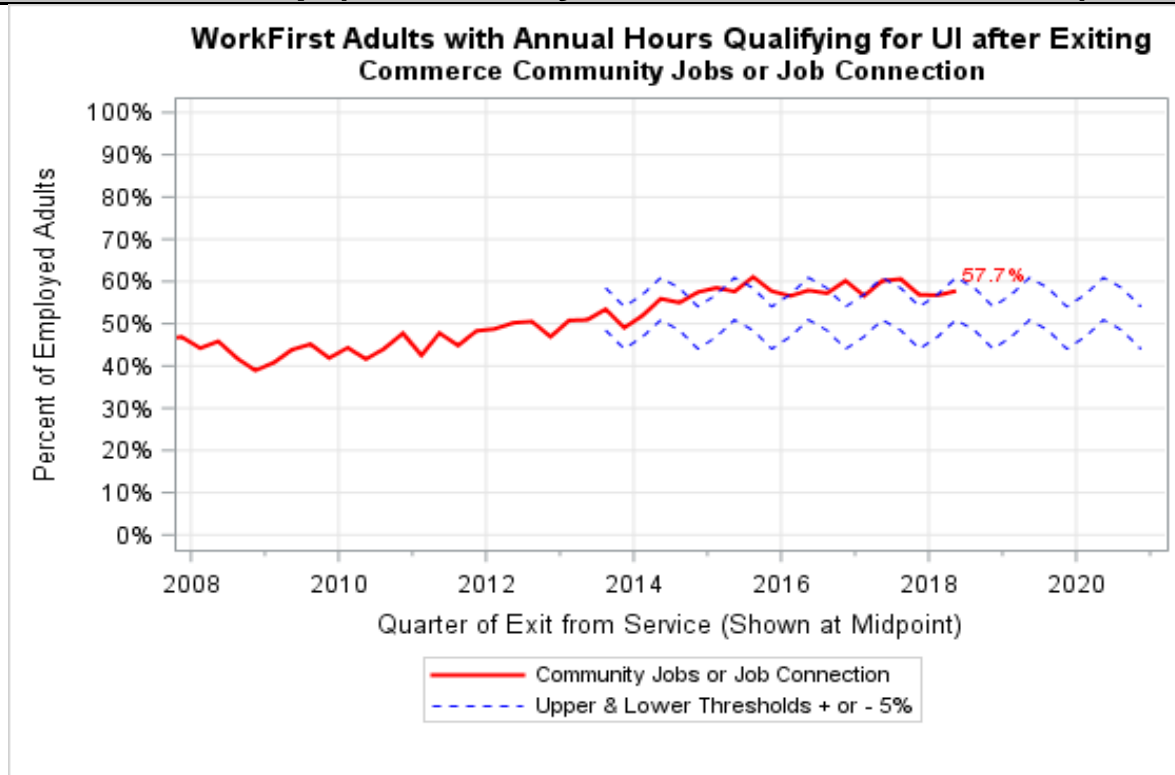
The figure of 680 hours in a year was chosen because workers with 680 hours in the past year are eligible to receive Unemployment Insurance if they meet the other requirements of that program.

An average of 436 WorkFirst adults had clean earning records during one or more of the four quarters following vocational or postsecondary education from each quarter of fiscal year 2018. An average of 241 of those WorkFirst adults worked for 680 hours or more during those quarters. Thresholds for this measure were calculated from the four quarters of fiscal year 2014. The average of the four quarterly 680 hour work rates was 48.5% in calendar 2011, 53.6% in FY 2014, 56.7% in FY 2015, 57.7% in FY 2016, 56.3% in FY 2017, and 56.1% in FY 2018. Results shown above run through Q2 2018.

This measure is calculated by OFM, using data from ACES and e-JAS from the ACES data warehouse and Unemployment Insurance wage records from the Department of Employment Security. Data were obtained from the Department of Employment Security in November 2019.

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Barometer Measure 47: Hours Worked in the Year After Paid Work Prep (Community Jobs or Job Connection)



Definition of Measure

The numerator of this measure is the number of workers with employment records in UI wage records with 680 or more hours reported across the first, second, third, and fourth quarters after leaving Community Jobs or Job Connection. The denominator is the total number of Community Jobs or Job Connection exiters employed during any of those quarters. Workers with more than 800 hours reported in any quarter are excluded from this measure. That might indicate that employment by two or more workers could have been reported on one Social Security Number.

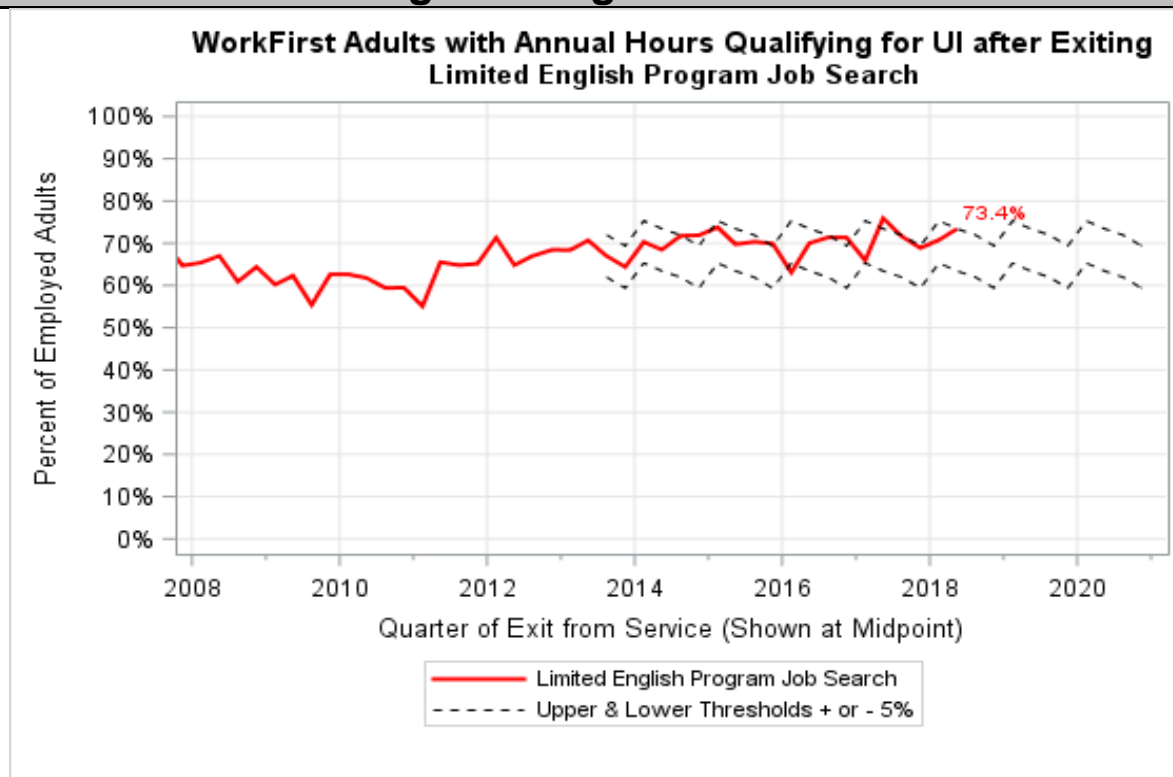
The figure of 680 hours in a year was chosen because workers with 680 hours in the past year are eligible to receive Unemployment Insurance if they meet the other requirements of that program.

An average of 419 WorkFirst adults had clean earning records during one or more of the four quarters following Community Jobs or Job Connection from each quarter of fiscal year 2018. An average of 241 of those WorkFirst adults worked for 680 hours or more during those quarters. Thresholds for this measure were calculated from the four quarters of fiscal year 2014. The average of the four quarterly 680 hour work rates was 45.9% in calendar 2011, 52.6% in FY 2014, 57.2% in FY 2015, 58.3% in FY 2016, 58.6% in FY 2017, and 58.0% in FY 2018. Results shown above run through Q2 2018.

This measure is calculated by OFM, using data from ACES and e-JAS from the ACES data warehouse and Unemployment Insurance wage records from the Department of Employment Security. Data were obtained from the Department of Employment Security in November 2019.

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Barometer Measure 48: Hours Worked in the Year After Limited English Program Job Search



Definition of Measure

The numerator of this measure is the number of workers with employment records in UI wage records with 680 or more hours reported across the first, second, third, and fourth quarters after leaving Limited English Program job search. The denominator is the total number of Limited English Program job search exiters employed during any of those quarters. Workers with more than 800 hours reported in any quarter are excluded from this measure. That might indicate that employment by two or more workers could have been reported on one Social Security Number.

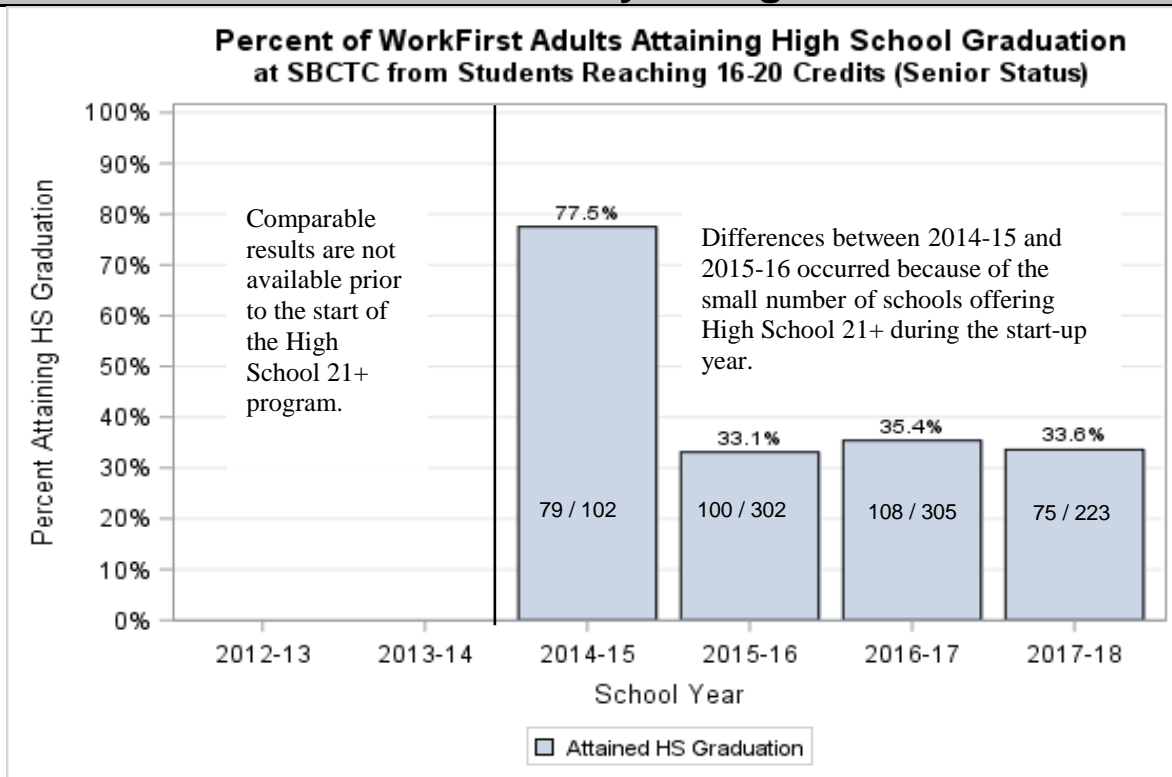
The figure of 680 hours in a year was chosen because workers with 680 hours in the past year are eligible to receive Unemployment Insurance if they meet the other requirements of that program.

An average of 242 WorkFirst adults had clean earning records during one or more of the four quarters following Limited English Program job search from each quarter of fiscal year 2018. An average of 166 of those WorkFirst adults worked for 680 hours or more during those quarters. Thresholds for this measure were calculated from the four quarters of fiscal year 2014. The average of the four quarterly 680 hour work rates was 62.7% in calendar 2011, 67.5% in FY 2014, 71.8% in FY 2015, 68.3% in FY 2016, 71.2% in FY 2017, and 71.2% in FY 2018. Results shown above run through Q2 2018.

This measure is calculated by OFM, using data from ACES and e-JAS from the ACES data warehouse and Unemployment Insurance wage records from the Department of Employment Security. Data were obtained from the Department of Employment Security in November 2019.

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Barometer Measure 49: Adults Attaining High School Graduation at Community Colleges



Definition of Measure

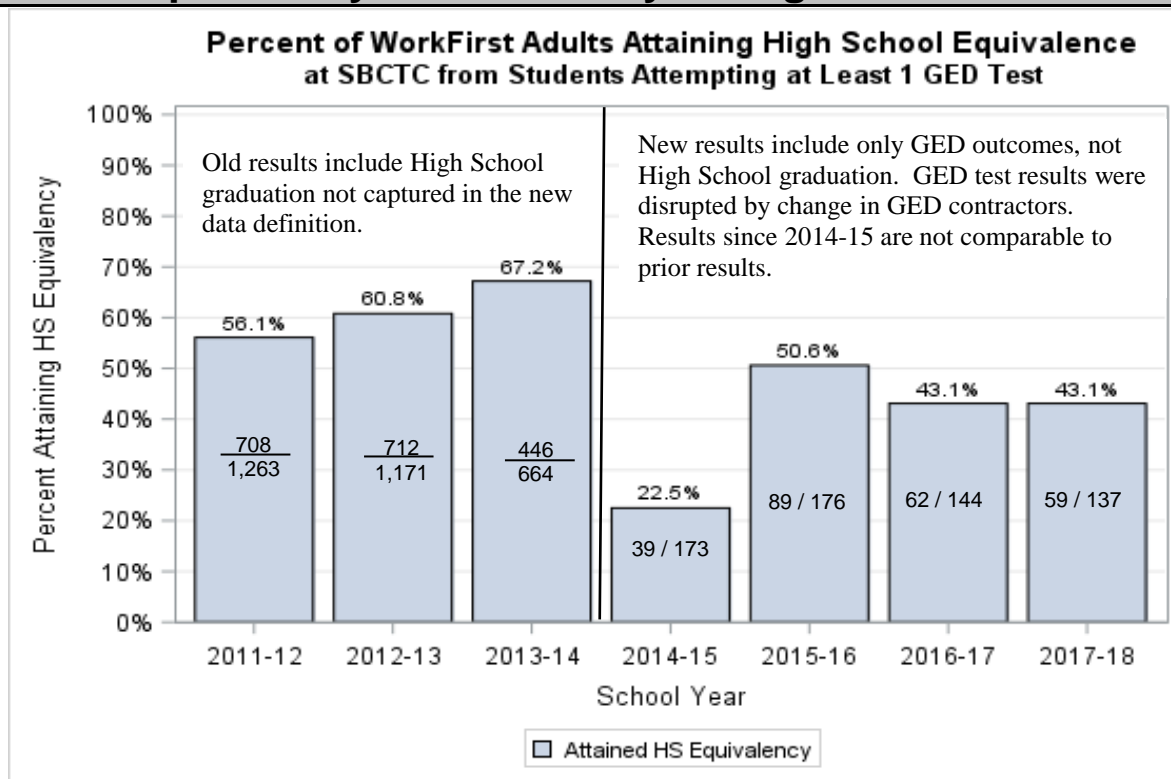
Percent of TANF adults attaining a high school diploma through SBCTC programs. The denominator of this measure is the number of WorkFirst students who were in senior status and working toward high school completion during the school year. The numerator of this measure is the number of WorkFirst students who earned a high school diploma through High School Completion or High School 21+ programs. Data were prepared by the Policy Research Unit of SBCTC.

The SBCTC accountability system identified 223 WorkFirst students who had reached senior status in High School Completion or High School 21+ programs during the 2017-18 school year, 75 of whom earned a high school diploma during the year. The High School 21+ program began operations during the 2014-15 school year. Results during that year are based on smaller numbers of WorkFirst students: 79 graduates out of 102 students in senior status at 13 colleges.

Two of the 34 SBCTC colleges are not offering WorkFirst high school completion programs. Another three did not have any WorkFirst students who reached senior status during the 2017-18 school year. SBCTC has calculated the performance for each of the 29 colleges offering high school completion programs to WorkFirst students who had attained senior status. Results are available on request.

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Barometer Measure 50: Adults Attaining High School Equivalency at Community Colleges



Definition of Measure

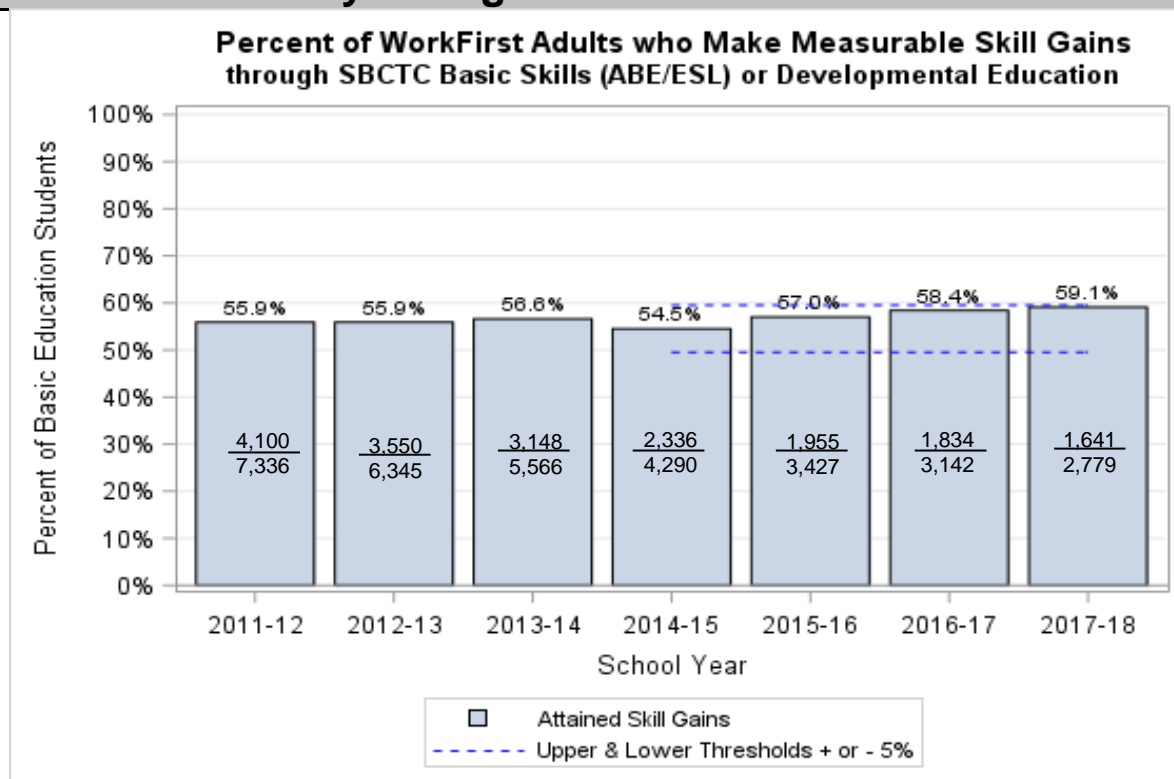
Percent of TANF adults attaining the equivalent of a high school diploma through SBCTC programs. The denominator of this measure is the number of WorkFirst Students in ABE-3, ABE-4, GED-1 and GED-2 level programs who attempted at least one of five GED tests during the school year. The numerator is the number of WorkFirst students in those programs who passed all 5 tests and attained high school equivalency. Data were prepared by the Policy Research Unit of SBCTC.

The SBCTC accountability system identified 137 WorkFirst students taking one or more of the tests necessary to receive equivalency during the 2017-18 academic year. Fifty-nine of these students passed all required tests, yielding a completion rate of 43.1%. Equivalency tests were provided by a new contract beginning in 2014-15 and test takers who had not completed by that time needed to start over on a new set of tests. SBCTC also adopted a new school completion program (High School 21+) in May 2014. The completion rate during the 2014-15 school year stems from this transition. Only 173 WorkFirst students attempted one or more tests during 2014-15 and only 39 passed all required tests. Figures for the 2013-14 school year had 446 completers out of 664 test takers. The declining number of students included in this measure stems from the reduced size of the WorkFirst program, but changes in the GED program and in SBCTC data systems also play a part. SBCTC will set outcome expectations moving forward now that results have stabilized over the last three years.

Two of the 34 SBCTC colleges are not offering WorkFirst high school equivalency programs. Another 8 SBCTC colleges did not have any WorkFirst students taking equivalency tests during the 2017-18 school year. Results for the 24 colleges with outcomes are available on request.

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Barometer Measure 51: Adults in ESL or Basic Education at Community Colleges with Measurable Skill Gains



Definition of Measure

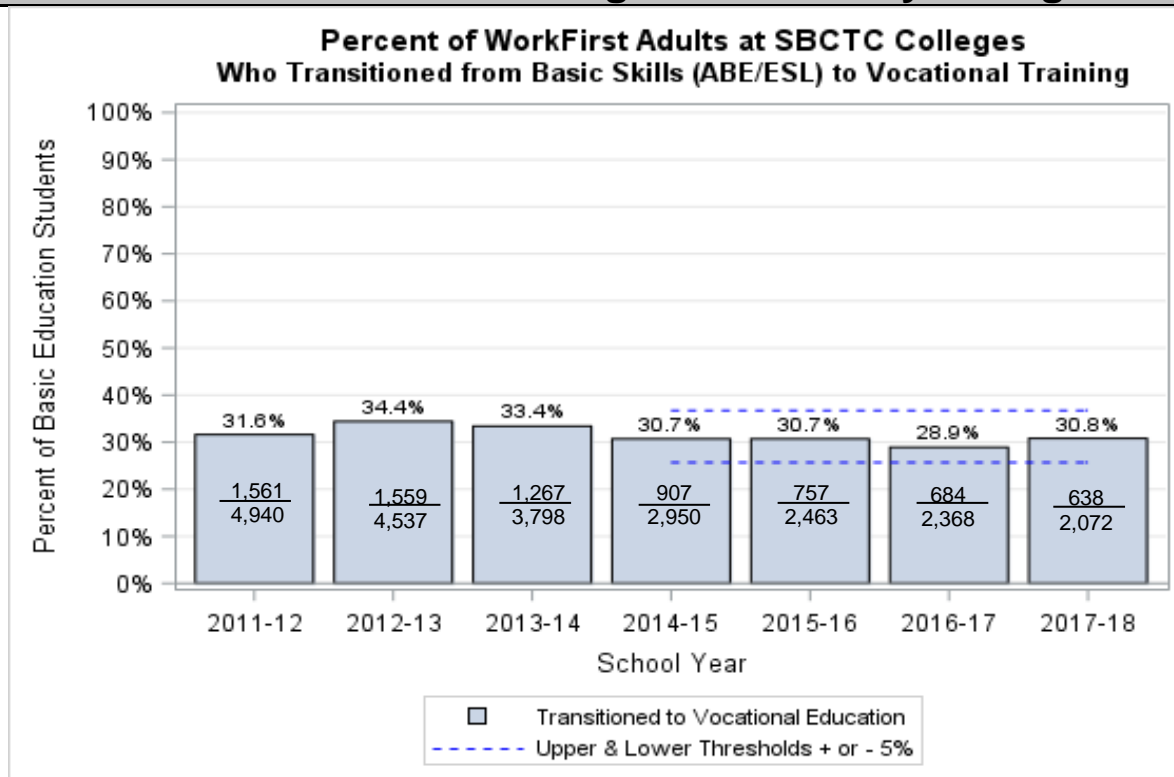
Percent of TANF adults attempting developmental education or basic skills education in SBCTC programs who had measurable skill gains. The numerator of this measure is the number of students coded as WorkFirst during the year and enrolled in developmental or adult basic education programs who had skill gains during the year (achievement points > 0). Points are awarded for improvements in scores on CASAS assessment tests, for earning a high school diploma or equivalent, and for achievement points related to academic courses, if any. The denominator of this measure is the number of WorkFirst students who attempted developmental education or basic skill programs during the current or previous academic year. Data were prepared by the Policy Research Unit of SBCTC.

Some 2,779 WorkFirst students were enrolled in basic skills or developmental education programs during the 2016-17 or 2017-18 academic years. 1,641 of these students attained skill gains or other momentum points during 2017-18, yielding an achievement rate of 59.1%. Results have increased since 2011-12, but the program is less than 40% of the size that it was during the 2011-12 school year. Student enrollments have been dropping since 2011 as WorkFirst caseloads decline. The number of WorkFirst students in this measure is 62% lower than during the 2011-12 academic year.

One of the 34 SBCTC colleges is not participating in the WorkFirst program. SBCTC has calculated performance for each of the 33 colleges serving WorkFirst adult basic education students. These results are available on request.

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Barometer Measure 52: Adults in ESL or Basic Education who Transition to Training at Community Colleges



Definition of Measure

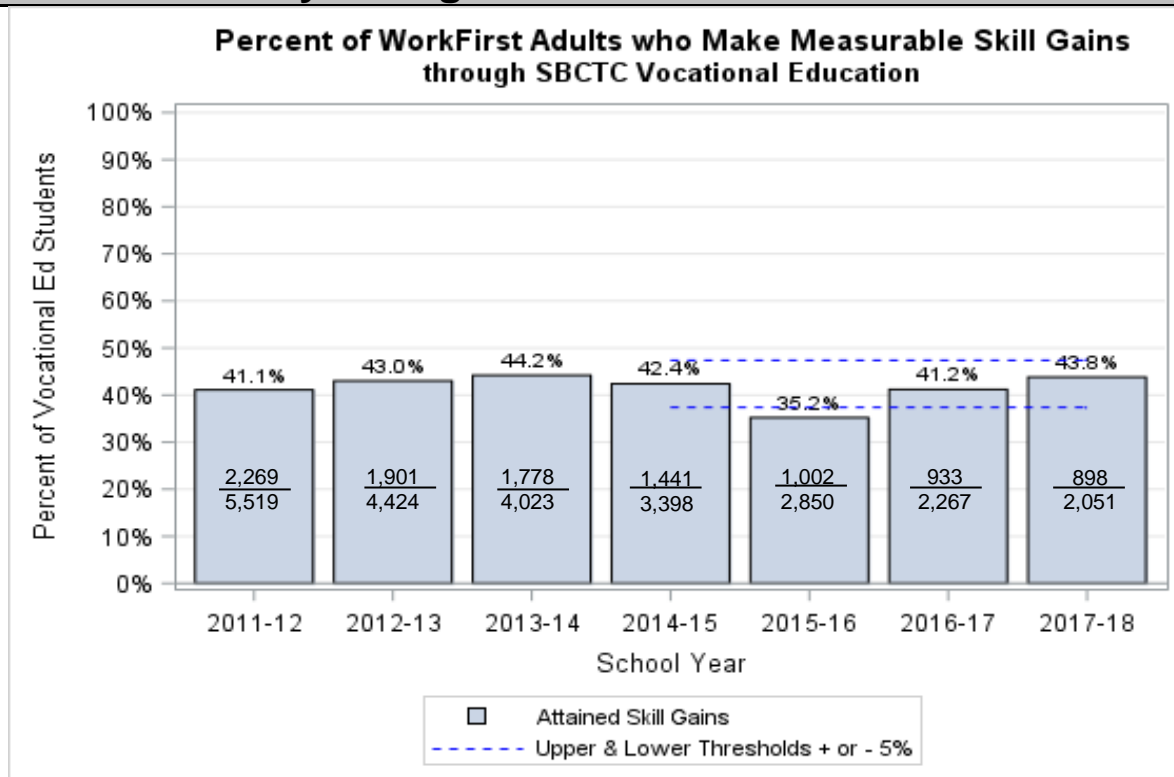
Percent of TANF adults attempting basic skills education in SBCTC programs who later enrolled in vocational programs. The numerator of this measure is the number of students in the denominator of the measure who enrolled in vocational courses during the academic year. The denominator of this measure is the number of WorkFirst students who attempted basic skills programs during the current or previous academic year. Data were prepared by the Policy Research Unit of SBCTC.

Some 2,072 WorkFirst students were enrolled in basic skills programs during the 2016-17 or 2017-18 academic years. Some 638 of these WorkFirst students enrolled in vocational courses at SBCTC colleges during the 2017-18 school year, yielding a transition rate of 30.8%. Student enrollments have been dropping since 2011 as WorkFirst caseloads decline. The number of WorkFirst students in this measure is 58% lower than during the 2011-12 academic year.

One of the 34 SBCTC colleges is not participating in the WorkFirst program. SBCTC has calculated performance for each of the 33 colleges serving WorkFirst adult basic education students. These results are available on request.

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Barometer Measure 53: Adults in Vocational Training at Community Colleges with Measurable Skill Gains



Definition of Measure

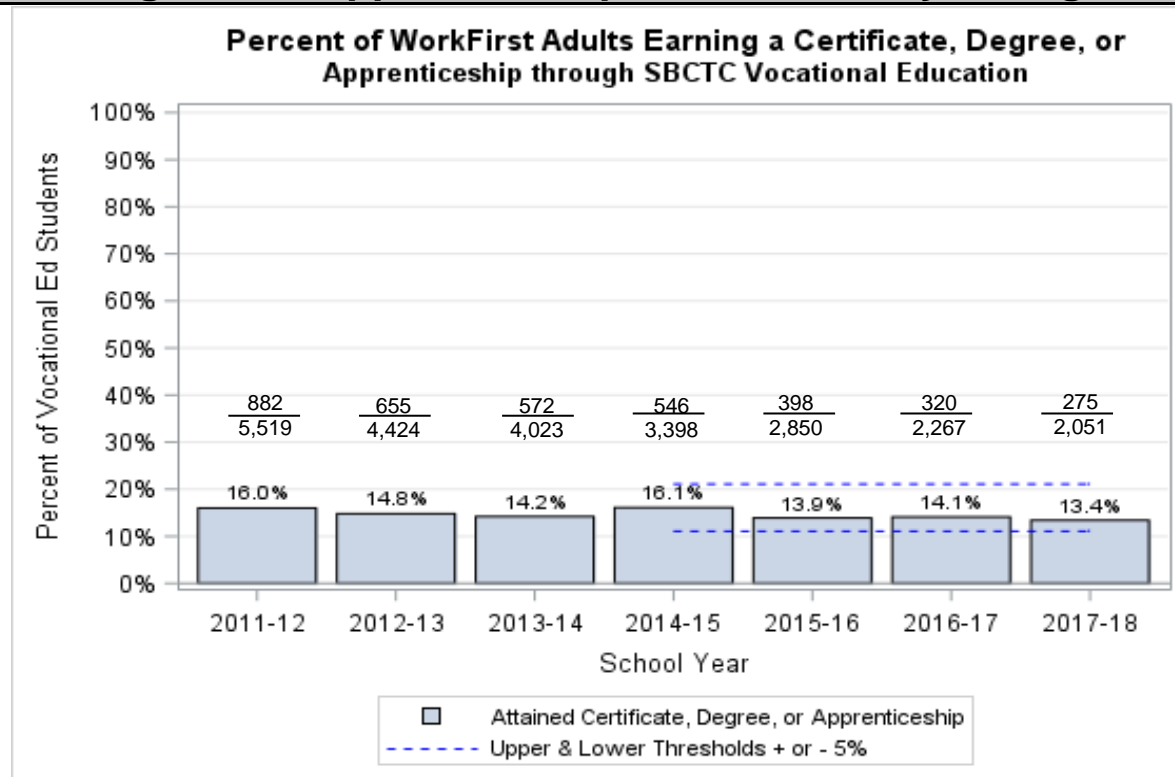
Percent of TANF adults attempting vocational education in SBCTC programs who earned college credit. The numerator of this measure is all award seeking students coded as WorkFirst during the year, except those in basic skills or English as a Second Language (ESL), who achieved the 15, 30, or 45 college level credit momentum point as measured in the SBCTC accountability system. The denominator of this measure is all award seeking WorkFirst students except those in basic skills or ESL programs during the year. Data were prepared by the Policy Research Unit of SBCTC.

A total of 2,051 WorkFirst award seeking students (excluding basic skills and ESL students) were enrolled at SBCTC colleges during the 2017-18 academic year. 898 of these students were awarded momentum points for attaining 15, 30, or 45 college credits during the year, yielding a rate of 43.8%. Student enrollments have been dropping as WorkFirst caseloads decline. The number of WorkFirst students in this measure is 63% lower than during the 2011-12 academic year.

One of the 34 SBCTC colleges is not participating in the WorkFirst program. SBCTC has calculated performance for each of the 33 colleges serving WorkFirst vocational education students. These results are available on request.

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Barometer Measure 54: Adults Earning Certificates, Degrees or Apprenticeships at Community Colleges



Definition of Measure

Percent of TANF adults attempting vocational education in SBCTC programs who attain vocational certificates, degrees, or apprenticeship completions. The numerator of this measure is all award seeking students coded as WorkFirst during the year, except those in basic skills or English as a Second Language (ESL), who achieved the momentum point for certificates, degrees, or apprenticeship completion as measured in the SBCTC accountability system. The numerator does not include short 1 to 19 credit certificates. The denominator of this measure is all award seeking WorkFirst students except those in Basic Skills and ESL. Data were prepared by the Policy Research Unit of SBCTC.

A total of 2,051 WorkFirst award seeking students (excluding basic skills and ESL students) were enrolled at SBCTC colleges during the 2017-18 academic year. 275 of these students were awarded momentum points for attaining a qualifying certificate, degree, or apprenticeship completion during the year, yielding a rate of 13.4%. Student enrollments have been dropping as WorkFirst caseloads decline. The number of WorkFirst student in this measure is 63% lower than during the 2011-12 academic year.

Completion rates are low, in part, because only 20.6% of adults sent to SBCTC spent 12 or more months in vocational education while in WorkFirst since July 2011; 59.0% spent six months or less; 37.2% spent three months or less. Length has increased since July 2017 under 2SSB 5347, which makes it easier to seek more than one year of education in WorkFirst. In December 2016, only 9.4% of WorkFirst adults sent to SBCTC had spent 12 or more months in vocational education (measured from 2006). More students are achieving skill gains (see measure 53) but fewer are attaining awards within one year.

One of the 34 SBCTC colleges is not participating in the WorkFirst program. SBCTC has calculated performance for each of the 33 colleges serving WorkFirst vocational education students. These results are available on request. [Return to Contents](#)