

5 Facts about the Temporary Assistance For Needy Families Program

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TANF is cash assistance for poor families with children

TANF provides monthly cash benefits to families with children and with very low incomes. Parents must meet work and other requirements to qualify for the program.

TANF is funded by a \$330 million federal block grant and \$173 million of state Maintenance of Effort (MOE)

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Parents must have very low income to be TANF Eligible

FAMILY SIZE	MAX INCOME
1	\$435/mo
2	\$659/mo
3	\$784/mo

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The max Monthly benefit for a family of 3:

\$280

TANF benefits in Georgia have lost 45% of their purchasing power since 1996.*

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Most children live with relatives

4,303 of the total 4,521 TANF cases are children who live with relatives. In these cases, the TANF benefit only covers the child/children, not other family members.** Many of these families help keep children out of foster care but receive little financial support.

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The number of Families receiving TANF Benefits

4,521

as of October 2023**



Single mothers and adults caring for a relative's children often need cash assistance to keep their families stable. However, TANF needs to be updated. Georgia legislators should support HB 565 which would make significant improvements to the TANF program.

*Thompson, G. A., Azevedo-McCaffrey, D. & Carr, D. (February 3, 2023). Increases in TANF cash benefit levels are critical to help families meet rising costs. Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

**Data from the Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services.