

9.G TANF/AFDC and Emergency Assistance

Table 9.G1—Average monthly number of families and recipients, total amount of cash assistance, and average monthly payment, selected years 1936–2004

| Year | Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/<br>Aid to Families with Dependent Children <sup>a</sup> |            |          |                                    |                           |           | Emergency Assistance <sup>b</sup>                          |   |  |
|------|--|------------|----------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|--|---|--|
|      | Average monthly number (thousands)   |            |          | Amount of assistance <sup>c</sup>  |                           |           | Average<br>monthly<br>number<br>of families<br>(thousands) | Total<br>assistance<br>payments<br>during year<br>(thousands<br>of dollars) | Average<br>monthly<br>payment<br>per family<br>(dollars) |
|      | Families   | Recipients |          | Total<br>(thousands<br>of dollars) | Monthly average (dollars) |           |  |   |  |
|      |  | Total      | Children |                                    | Family                    | Recipient |  |   |  |
| 1936 | 147  | 534        | 361      | 49,678                             | 28.15                     | 7.75      | ...  | ...   | ...  |
| 1940 | 349  | 1,182      | 840      | 133,770                            | 31.98                     | 9.43      | ...  | ...   | ...  |
| 1945 | 259  | 907        | 656      | 149,667                            | 48.18                     | 13.75     | ...  | ...   | ...  |
| 1950 | 644  | 2,205      | 1,637    | 551,653                            | 71.33                     | 17.64     | ...  | ...   | ...  |
| 1955 | 612  | 2,214      | 1,673    | 617,841                            | 84.17                     | 23.26     | ...  | ...   | ...  |
| 1960 | 787  | 3,005      | 2,314    | 1,000,784                          | 105.75                    | 27.75     | ...  | ...   | ...  |
| 1961 | 869  | 3,354      | 2,587    | 1,156,769                          | 110.97                    | 28.74     | ...  | ...   | ...  |
| 1962 | 931  | 3,676      | 2,818    | 1,298,774                          | 116.30                    | 29.44     | ...  | ...   | ...  |
| 1963 | 947  | 3,876      | 2,909    | 1,365,851                          | 120.19                    | 29.36     | ...  | ...   | ...  |
| 1964 | 992  | 4,118      | 3,091    | 1,510,352                          | 126.88                    | 30.57     | ...  | ...   | ...  |
| 1965 | 1,039  | 4,329      | 3,256    | 1,660,186                          | 133.20                    | 31.96     | ...  | ...   | ...  |
| 1966 | 1,088  | 4,513      | 3,411    | 1,863,925                          | 142.83                    | 34.42     | ...  | ...   | ...  |
| 1967 | 1,217  | 5,014      | 3,771    | 2,266,400                          | 155.19                    | 37.67     | ...  | ...   | ...  |
| 1968 | 1,410  | 5,705      | 4,275    | 2,849,298                          | 168.41                    | 41.62     | ...  | ...   | ...  |
| 1969 | 1,698  | 6,706      | 4,985    | 3,563,427                          | 174.89                    | 44.28     | 7.5  | 6,699   | 117.23   |
| 1970 | 2,208  | 8,466      | 6,214    | 4,852,964                          | 183.13                    | 47.77     | 7.5  | 11,396  | 126.14   |
| 1971 | 2,762  | 10,241     | 7,434    | 6,203,528                          | 187.16                    | 50.48     | 11.1   | 19,843  | 148.54   |
| 1972 | 3,049  | 10,947     | 7,905    | 6,909,260                          | 188.87                    | 52.60     | 19.9   | 44,180  | 184.91   |
| 1973 | 3,148  | 10,949     | 7,902    | 7,212,035                          | 190.91                    | 54.89     | 18.8   | 39,265  | 174.05   |
| 1974 | 3,230  | 10,864     | 7,822    | 7,916,563                          | 204.27                    | 60.72     | 31.3   | 64,031  | 170.38   |
| 1975 | 3,498  | 11,346     | 8,095    | 9,210,995                          | 219.44                    | 67.65     | 38.3   | 77,516  | 168.85   |
| 1976 | 3,579  | 11,304     | 8,001    | 10,140,543                         | 236.10                    | 74.75     | 27.5   | 55,673  | 168.43   |
| 1977 | 3,588  | 11,050     | 7,773    | 10,603,820                         | 246.27                    | 79.97     | 32.8   | 66,132  | 168.05   |
| 1978 | 3,522  | 10,570     | 7,402    | 10,730,415                         | 253.89                    | 84.60     | 34.5   | 80,919  | 195.24   |
| 1979 | 3,509  | 10,312     | 7,179    | 11,068,864                         | 262.86                    | 89.45     | 35.7   | 84,043  | 195.92   |
| 1980 | 3,712  | 10,774     | 7,419    | 12,475,245                         | 280.03                    | 96.49     | 48.6   | 113,238   | 194.29   |
| 1981 | 3,835  | 11,079     | 7,527    | 12,981,115                         | 282.04                    | 97.64     | 49.1   | 123,467   | 209.51   |
| 1982 | 3,542  | 10,258     | 6,903    | 12,877,906                         | 303.02                    | 103.60    | 27.5   | 102,344   | <sup>d</sup> 278.54                                      |
| 1983 | 3,686  | 10,761     | 7,098    | 13,837,228                         | 312.82                    | 107.16    | 30.0   | 125,246   | <sup>d</sup> 283.15                                      |
| 1984 | 3,714  | 10,831     | 7,144    | 14,503,710                         | 325.44                    | 111.60    | 32.1   | 141,137   | <sup>d</sup> 276.97                                      |
| 1985 | 3,701  | 10,855     | 7,198    | 15,195,835                         | 342.15                    | 116.65    | 32.6   | 157,304   | <sup>d</sup> 312.98                                      |
| 1986 | 3,763  | 11,038     | 7,334    | 16,033,074                         | 355.04                    | 121.05    | 34.8   | 178,284   | <sup>d</sup> 362.45                                      |
| 1987 | 3,776  | 11,027     | 7,366    | 16,372,535                         | 361.37                    | 123.73    | 42.4   | 213,903   | <sup>d</sup> 358.29                                      |
| 1988 | 3,749  | 10,915     | 7,329    | 16,826,794                         | 374.07                    | 128.47    | 48.8   | 278,906   | <sup>d</sup> 420.89                                      |
| 1989 | 3,799  | 10,993     | 7,420    | 17,465,943                         | 383.14                    | 132.40    | 48.7   | 296,841   | <sup>d</sup> 461.45                                      |
| 1990 | 4,057  | 11,695     | 7,917    | 19,066,541                         | 391.67                    | 135.86    | 56.0   | 348,986   | <sup>d</sup> 476.50                                      |
| 1991 | 4,467  | 12,930     | 8,715    | 20,930,600                         | 390.44                    | 134.89    | 59.7   | 302,894   | <sup>d</sup> 422.07                                      |
| 1992 | 4,829  | 13,773     | 9,303    | 21,655,881                         | 373.71                    | 131.03    | 52.7   | 272,853   | <sup>d</sup> 431.41                                      |
| 1993 | 5,012  | 14,205     | 9,574    | 22,688,016                         | 377.24                    | 133.10    | 56.8   | 387,113   | <sup>d</sup> 568.17                                      |
| 1994 | 5,035  | 14,154     | 9,570    | 22,827,399                         | 377.78                    | 134.30    | 60.5   | 802,258   | <sup>d</sup> 1,105.95                                    |

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**Table 9.G1—Average monthly number of families and recipients, total amount of cash assistance, and average monthly payment, selected years 1936–2004—Continued**

| Year              | Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/<br>Aid to Families with Dependent Children <sup>a</sup> |            |          |                                    |                           |           | Emergency Assistance <sup>b</sup>                          |   |  |
|-------------------|--|------------|----------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|--|---|--|
|                   | Average monthly number (thousands)   |            |          | Amount of assistance <sup>c</sup>  |                           |           | Average<br>monthly<br>number<br>of families<br>(thousands) | Total<br>assistance<br>payments<br>during year<br>(thousands<br>of dollars) | Average<br>monthly<br>payment<br>per family<br>(dollars) |
|                   | Families   | Recipients |          | Total<br>(thousands<br>of dollars) | Monthly average (dollars) |           |  |   |  |
|                   |  | Total      | Children |                                    | Family                    | Recipient |  |   |  |
| 1995              | 4,791  | 13,418     | 9,135    | 21,608,686                         | 375.31                    | 134.21    | 84.1   | 3,447,361   | <sup>d</sup> 3,415.93                                    |
| 1996              | 4,434  | 12,321     | 8,469    | 20,614,437                         | 386.68                    | 139.44    | 69.8   | 2,708,401   | <sup>d</sup> 3,235.10                                    |
| 1997              | 3,740  | 10,376     | 7,042    | 22,031,399                         | 490.01                    | 176.95    | 81.8   | 403,138   | <sup>d</sup> 410.74                                      |
| 1998 <sup>e</sup> | 3,050  | 8,347      | 6,034    | 12,925,846                         | 353.13                    | 129.04    | ...  | ...   | ...  |
| 1999              | 2,554  | 6,824      | 4,863    | 10,925,434                         | 356.48                    | 133.42    | ...  | ...   | ...  |
| 2000              | 2,213  | 5,768      | 4,260    | 10,472,620                         | 394.36                    | 151.30    | ...  | ...   | ...  |
| 2001              | 2,102  | 5,352      | 3,981    | 10,007,329                         | 396.74                    | 155.82    | ...  | ...   | ...  |
| 2002              | 2,045  | 5,058      | 3,790    | 9,716,966                          | 395.96                    | 160.09    | ...  | ...   | ...  |
| 2003              | 2,021  | 4,919      | 3,708    | 9,534,573                          | 393.18                    | 161.53    | ...  | ...   | ...  |
| 2004              | 1,978  | 4,738      | 3,595    | 9,431,003                          | 397.41                    | 165.89    | ...  | ...   | ...  |

SOURCE: Department of Health and Human Services.

NOTES: Includes nonmedical vendor payments. Includes Alaska and Hawaii, beginning in 1943; Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, beginning in October 1950; and Guam, beginning in July 1959.

... = not applicable.

- a. Thirty-four states had converted to TANF as of January 1, 1997; 8 phased in over the next 5 months; the remaining 12 waited until July 1, 1997.
- b. Reporting initiated July 1969. Number of states with program: 1969–1970, 23; 1971, 24; 1972, 27; 1973–1975, 29; 1976–1978, 26; 1979, 24; 1980–1984, 27; 1985–1986, 28; 1987, 29; 1988, 30; 1989, 31; 1990, 33; 1991, 34; 1992, 34; 1993, 35; 1994, 49; 1995, 50; 1996, 51; and 1997, 34. Program ended June 30, 1997.
- c. TANF expenditures include cash payments and services.
- d. Excludes family count and expenditures for states providing only partial data.
- e. 1998 was the first full year under the TANF data reporting system for all states.

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**Table 9.G2—Average monthly number of families and recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and total amount of assistance, by state or other area, 2004**

| State or area        | TANF effective date <sup>a</sup> | Average monthly number |            |           | Amount of assistance <sup>b</sup> |                           |           |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
|                      |                                  | Families               | Recipients |           | Total (thousands of dollars)      | Monthly average (dollars) |           |
|                      |                                  |                        | Total      | Children  |                                   | Family                    | Recipient |
| All areas            | . . .                            | 1,977,589              | 4,737,504  | 3,594,853 | 9,431,003                         | 397.41                    | 165.89    |
| Alabama              | 11/15/96                         | 19,441                 | 46,124     | 35,984    | 46,548                            | 199.52                    | 84.10     |
| Alaska               | 7/1/97                           | 4,853                  | 13,514     | 9,195     | 38,759                            | 665.58                    | 239.00    |
| Arizona              | 10/1/96                          | 48,121                 | 111,046    | 81,719    | 160,818                           | 278.50                    | 120.68    |
| Arkansas             | 7/1/97                           | 9,653                  | 21,401     | 16,114    | 26,075                            | 225.10                    | 101.53    |
| California           | 11/26/96                         | 460,687                | 1,104,733  | 903,026   | 3,464,381                         | 626.67                    | 261.33    |
| Colorado             | 7/1/97                           | 14,707                 | 38,179     | 27,635    | 61,342                            | 347.57                    | 133.89    |
| Connecticut          | 10/1/96                          | 20,516                 | 42,264     | 30,144    | 104,693                           | 425.26                    | 206.43    |
| Delaware             | 3/10/97                          | 5,646                  | 12,684     | 9,635     | 16,666                            | 245.98                    | 109.50    |
| District of Columbia | 3/1/97                           | 17,260                 | 43,658     | 32,662    | 68,490                            | 330.69                    | 130.73    |
| Florida              | 10/1/96                          | 58,617                 | 116,006    | 94,531    | 176,420                           | 250.81                    | 126.73    |
| Georgia              | 1/1/97                           | 50,757                 | 116,707    | 91,555    | 134,346                           | 220.57                    | 95.93     |
| Hawaii               | 7/1/97                           | 8,695                  | 22,393     | 15,847    | 56,160                            | 538.22                    | 208.99    |
| Idaho                | 7/1/97                           | 1,866                  | 3,415      | 2,744     | 6,738                             | 300.88                    | 164.43    |
| Illinois             | 7/1/97                           | 36,589                 | 91,443     | 74,494    | 67,965                            | 154.80                    | 61.94     |
| Indiana              | 10/1/96                          | 50,084                 | 129,386    | 99,449    | 118,679                           | 197.47                    | 76.44     |
| Iowa                 | 1/1/97                           | 18,287                 | 44,648     | 30,989    | 71,031                            | 323.68                    | 132.58    |
| Kansas               | 10/1/96                          | 17,089                 | 44,576     | 30,560    | 63,139                            | 307.89                    | 118.04    |
| Kentucky             | 10/18/96                         | 35,652                 | 78,046     | 57,892    | 103,986                           | 243.06                    | 111.03    |
| Louisiana            | 1/1/97                           | 17,530                 | 41,706     | 34,534    | 57,033                            | 271.12                    | 113.96    |
| Maine                | 11/1/96                          | 9,765                  | 26,593     | 18,157    | 43,225                            | 368.86                    | 135.45    |
| Maryland             | 12/9/96                          | 25,000                 | 58,774     | 44,170    | 105,568                           | 351.89                    | 149.68    |
| Massachusetts        | 9/30/96                          | 49,527                 | 106,631    | 74,450    | 308,371                           | 518.86                    | 241.00    |
| Michigan             | 9/30/96                          | 79,921                 | 213,313    | 156,168   | 383,832                           | 400.22                    | 149.95    |
| Minnesota            | 7/1/97                           | 33,110                 | 84,782     | 61,137    | 140,435                           | 353.46                    | 138.04    |
| Mississippi          | 10/1/96                          | 18,178                 | 40,631     | 30,061    | 32,465                            | 148.83                    | 66.59     |
| Missouri             | 12/1/96                          | 40,872                 | 99,069     | 70,098    | 117,452                           | 239.47                    | 98.80     |
| Montana              | 12/16/96                         | 5,122                  | 13,824     | 9,307     | 20,107                            | 327.16                    | 121.20    |
| Nebraska             | 12/1/96                          | 10,679                 | 25,925     | 18,736    | 43,809                            | 341.85                    | 140.82    |
| Nevada               | 12/3/96                          | 8,366                  | 19,677     | 15,291    | 32,167                            | 320.43                    | 136.23    |
| New Hampshire        | 10/1/96                          | 6,061                  | 14,048     | 9,692     | 36,614                            | 503.41                    | 217.19    |
| New Jersey           | 2/1/97                           | 45,440                 | 109,374    | 81,327    | 208,968                           | 383.23                    | 159.22    |
| New Mexico           | 7/1/97                           | 17,709                 | 46,080     | 32,627    | 64,442                            | 303.24                    | 116.54    |
| New York             | 12/2/96                          | 146,455                | 334,924    | 240,434   | 1,050,331                         | 597.64                    | 261.34    |
| North Carolina       | 1/1/97                           | 37,052                 | 75,750     | 59,383    | 95,316                            | 214.37                    | 104.86    |
| North Dakota         | 7/1/97                           | 2,981                  | 7,648      | 5,360     | 12,815                            | 358.27                    | 139.64    |
| Ohio                 | 10/1/96                          | 84,660                 | 186,209    | 140,544   | 322,901                           | 317.84                    | 144.51    |
| Oklahoma             | 10/1/96                          | 13,890                 | 33,243     | 25,796    | 32,267                            | 193.59                    | 80.89     |
| Oregon               | 10/1/96                          | 18,863                 | 43,193     | 32,042    | 95,135                            | 420.30                    | 183.55    |
| Pennsylvania         | 3/3/97                           | 90,739                 | 238,581    | 170,123   | 353,579                           | 324.72                    | 123.50    |
| Rhode Island         | 5/1/97                           | 11,915                 | 30,712     | 21,441    | 60,320                            | 421.87                    | 163.67    |
| South Carolina       | 10/12/96                         | 16,253                 | 37,312     | 28,660    | 31,432                            | 161.16                    | 70.20     |
| South Dakota         | 12/1/96                          | 2,748                  | 6,003      | 5,025     | 11,078                            | 335.93                    | 153.78    |
| Tennessee            | 10/1/96                          | 72,049                 | 190,002    | 135,799   | 145,719                           | 168.54                    | 63.91     |
| Texas                | 11/5/96                          | 100,180                | 236,905    | 191,152   | 227,740                           | 189.44                    | 80.11     |
| Utah                 | 10/1/96                          | 9,085                  | 23,101     | 16,559    | 43,794                            | 401.70                    | 157.98    |

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**Table 9.G2—Average monthly number of families and recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and total amount of assistance, by state or other area, 2004—Continued**

| State or area  | TANF effective date <sup>a</sup> | Average monthly number |            |          | Amount of assistance <sup>b</sup> |                           |           |
|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
|                |                                  | Families               | Recipients |          | Total<br>(thousands of dollars)   | Monthly average (dollars) |           |
|                |                                  |                        | Total      | Children |                                   | Family                    | Recipient |
| Vermont        | 9/20/96                          | 4,802                  | 12,148     | 7,781    | 30,947                            | 537.11                    | 212.30    |
| Virginia       | 2/1/97                           | 9,788                  | 27,915     | 17,907   | 35,923                            | 305.86                    | 107.24    |
| Washington     | 1/10/97                          | 56,319                 | 137,543    | 96,500   | 287,449                           | 425.33                    | 174.16    |
| West Virginia  | 1/11/97                          | 13,918                 | 32,778     | 23,532   | 54,270                            | 324.93                    | 137.98    |
| Wisconsin      | 9/30/96                          | 22,437                 | 53,943     | 42,412   | 122,583                           | 455.29                    | 189.37    |
| Wyoming        | 1/1/97                           | 336                    | 604        | 531      | 807                               | 200.12                    | 111.23    |
| Outlying areas |                                  |                        |            |          |                                   |                           |           |
| Guam           | 7/1/97                           | --                     | --         | --       | --                                | --                        | --        |
| Puerto Rico    | 7/1/97                           | 16,790                 | 46,753     | 32,758   | 34,217                            | 169.83                    | 60.99     |
| Virgin Islands | 7/1/97                           | 534                    | 1,593      | 1,188    | 1,655                             | 258.53                    | 86.59     |

SOURCE: Department of Health and Human Services; aggregate data reported by states in Section 3 of the Final TANF Data Report.

NOTE: . . . = not applicable; -- = not available.

- a. Transition from Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) reporting systems occurred July 1, 1997, or 6 months after TANF effective date, whichever was later.
- b. TANF expenditures include cash payments and services.

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