

WorkFirst Performance Chartbook

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Performance Concept: Eligible families receive the services they need to help them become self-sufficient

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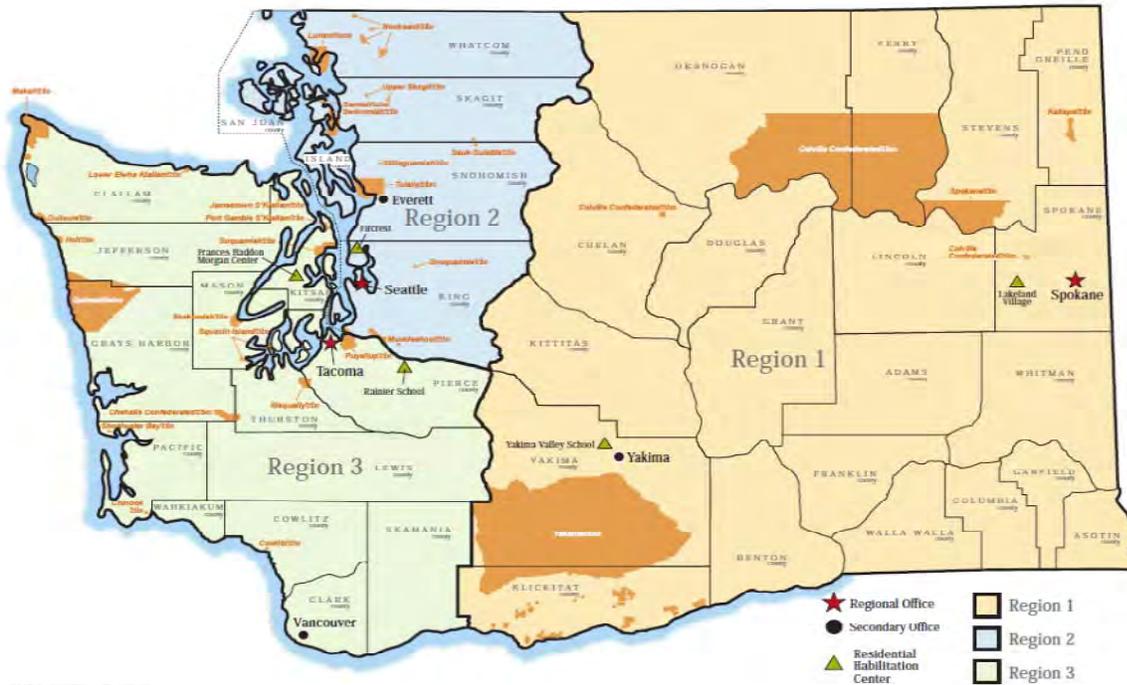
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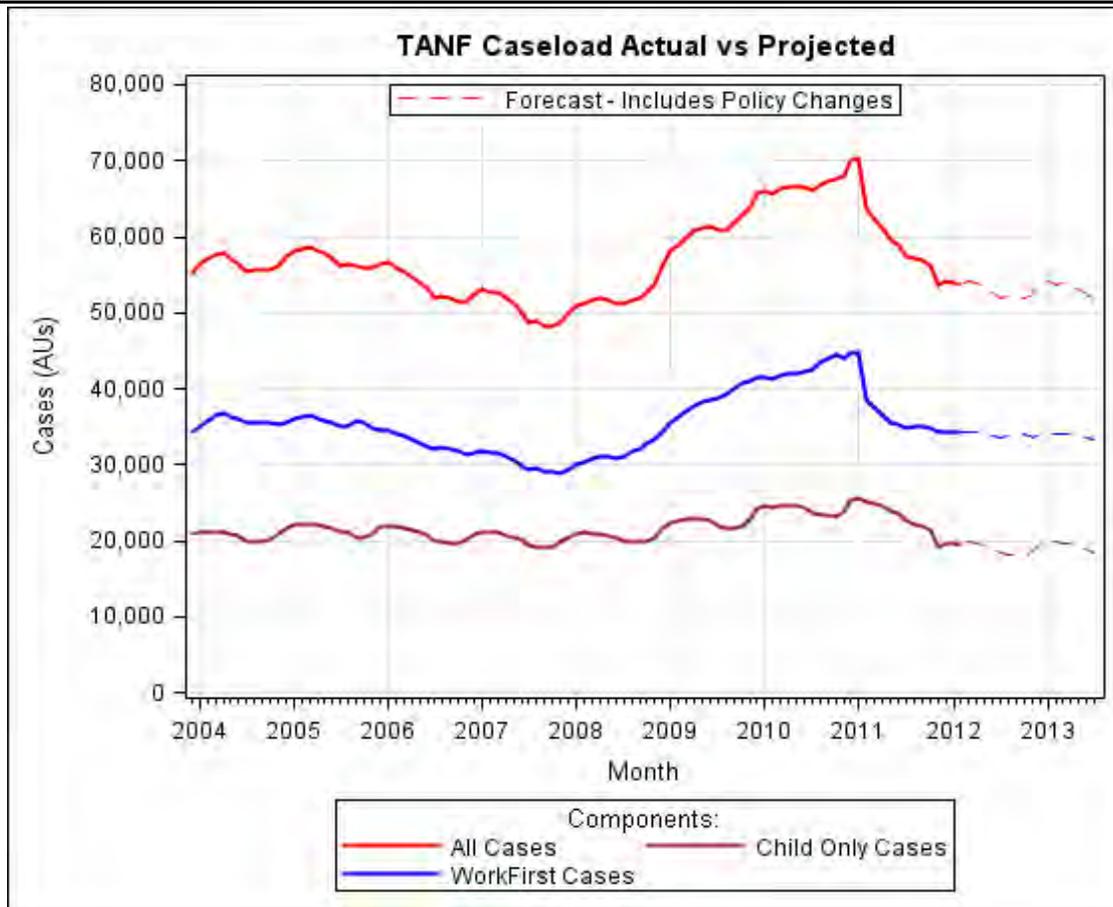
Effective May 1, 2011

DSHS Regions changed in March 2011. New region boundaries are shown above. In general, new Region 1 is made up of the counties in old Regions 1 and 2 as described below. New Region 2 is made up of old Regions 3 and 4. New Region 3 is made up of old Regions 5 and 6. An exception to this pattern is made for Klickitat County, which is assigned to new Region 1 instead of 3. Regional tables in this chartbook show results using six regional groupings to provide more detail, but also summarize some results to new regional definitions. The Department of Early Learning still sets rates using the old regions.

Counties in WCCC Subsidy Regions, Formerly DSHS Regions

New DSHS Region 1: (Add Klickitat)	Old Region 1: Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Ferry, Garfield, 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

WorkFirst Measure 1: Caseload Forecast



Goal

Provide temporary cash assistance to eligible families.

Target

No specific target is set. The most recent forecast was prepared in February 2012. The projection is based on a multivariate model that incorporates TANF entry and exit trends, economic conditions, and seasonal patterns. Forecasts for WorkFirst and Child Only caseloads are made separately and added together.

Experience to Date

Caseloads declined steadily between December 2005 and December 2007. This trend reversed in 2008. Caseloads grew steadily beginning in May 2008, reaching a peak in 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. Year-to-year caseload changes will be smaller after February 2012 because the prior year comparison caseloads were also reduced by the February 2011 program reductions.

Comments

Further information on the TANF caseload forecasts can be found at the website of the Caseload Forecast Council: <http://www.cfc.wa.gov/humanServices/TANFunofficial.htm>

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WorkFirst Measure 1: Caseload Forecast

Data Table

	Total Cases	% Change Year Ago	WorkFirst Cases	Child Only Cases	WorkFirst Cases	
					Entries	Exits
Jan-05	58,240	3.4%	36,110	22,130	4,309	3,811
Jul-05	56,073	1.0%	34,963	21,110	3,912	4,389
Jan-06	56,536	-2.9%	34,562	21,974	4,011	3,972
Jul-06	51,946	-7.4%	31,981	19,965	3,779	4,151
Jan-07	53,145	-6.0%	31,919	21,226	3,812	3,423
Jul-07	48,760	-6.1%	29,330	19,430	3,630	4,076
Jan-08	50,952	-4.1%	30,021	20,931	3,896	3,193
Jul-08	51,108	4.8%	31,142	19,966	4,066	3,628
Jan-09	58,112	14.1%	35,606	22,506	4,474	3,174
Jul-09	60,750	18.9%	38,794	21,956	4,255	3,978
Jan-10	66,001	13.6%	41,492	24,509	3,852	3,745
Jul-10	65,967	8.6%	42,430	23,537	4,567	4,301
Jan-11	70,330	6.6%	44,713	25,617	4,095	4,139
Jul-11	57,505	-12.8%	34,842	22,663	4,051	4,405
Jan-12	53,962	-23.3%	34,353	19,609	3,518	3,561
Feb-12	53,704	-15.6%	34,188	19,516	3,147	3,291

Projected (February 2012 Forecast)

Jun-12	52,786	-10.2%	33,695	19,091	3,680	3,964
Dec-12	53,551	-0.7%	33,942	19,609	3,866	3,600
Jun-13	52,531	-0.5%	33,496	19,035	3,678	3,940
Dec-13	53,276	-0.5%	33,840	19,436	3,869	3,589

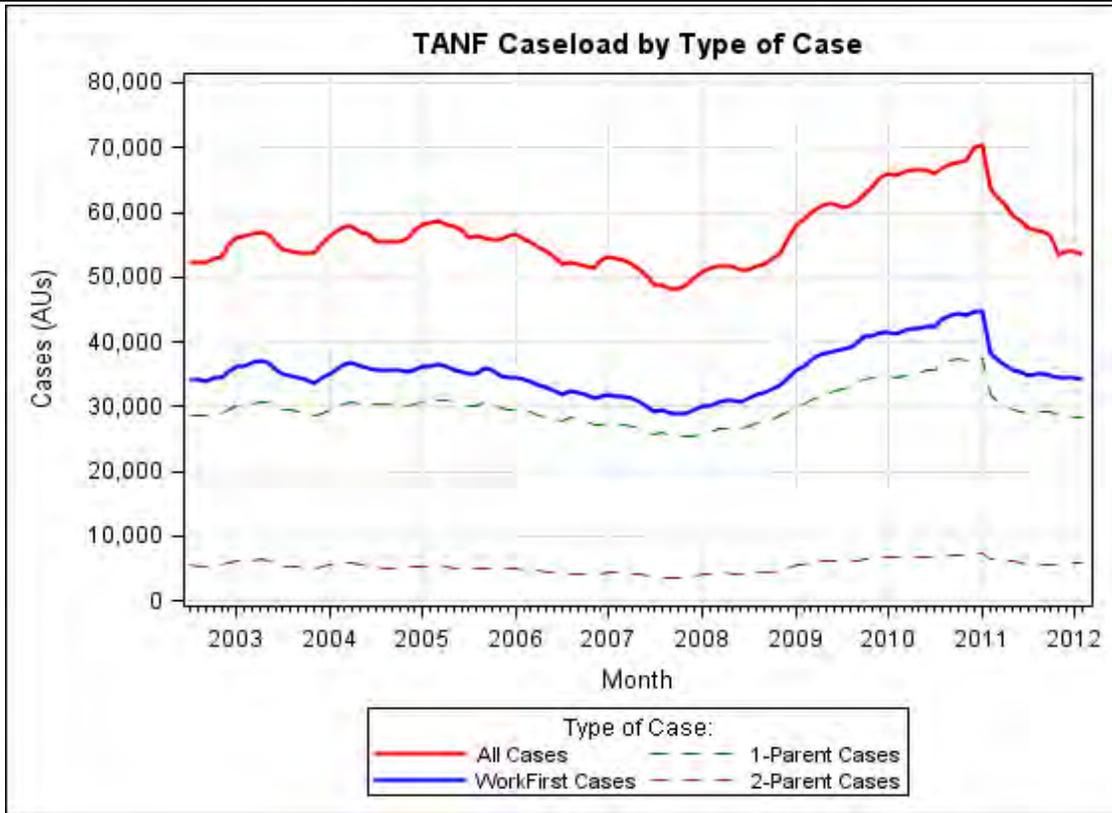
Variance from February 2012 Forecast

	Actual Cases	% Change Year Ago	Projected Cases	Variance		Entries %	Exits %
				Cases	%		
Dec-11	54,114	-22.8%	53,953	161	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%
Jan-12	53,962	-23.3%	54,489	-527	-1.0%	-10.4%	0.4%
Feb-12	53,704	-15.6%	54,158	-454	-0.8%	-1.8%	-1.8%
Mar-12			54,215				
Apr-12			53,941				
May-12			53,381				

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 reported in a month. The caseload counts that follow on pages 3 through 8 are reported without lag-adjustments, so case counts shown for the most recent month on those pages are lower. Counts on pages 3 through 6 are for cases that can be assigned to DSHS regions, which reduces those counts somewhat. Counts on pages 7 and 8 are from a different data source, which also produces small differences.

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

WorkFirst Indicator 1a: Caseload By Type



Goal

Provide temporary cash assistance to eligible families.

Target

No specific target is set at this time.

Experience to Date

2-Parent cases declined to about 12% of the WorkFirst caseload during the summer of 2007 and then increased to 16% of the WorkFirst caseload by March 2009. The percentage ranged between 16% and 17% in calendar 2011. In February 2012, 2-Parent cases made up 17.1% of the WorkFirst caseload. Child Only caseloads dropped in November 2011, due to implementation of time limits and eligibility changes.

Comments

The number of 2-Parent cases has grown more rapidly than the number of 1-Parent cases. The count of 2-Parent cases is up 65% since October 2007, compared with 11% for 1-Parent cases. Data include only those cases that can be assigned to regional offices.

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

WorkFirst cases made up 63.6% of the total caseload in SFY 2010. They will make up 62.8% of the total caseload in SFY 2012, as a result of time limit changes. If the percent of 2-Parent cases among WorkFirst cases remains at 17.1%, we would expect to see an average of 5,908 2-Parent cases in SFY 2012.

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WorkFirst Indicator 1a: Caseload By Type

Data Table

	Total Cases	WorkFirst Cases	1-Parent Cases	2-Parent Cases	Child Only Cases	2-Parent % of WorkFirst
Jul-05	56,074	34,964	30,009	4,955	21,110	14.2%
Jan-06	56,536	34,562	29,558	5,004	21,974	14.5%
Jul-06	51,946	31,981	27,796	4,185	19,965	13.1%
Jan-07	53,145	31,919	27,500	4,419	21,226	13.8%
Jul-07	48,760	29,330	25,688	3,642	19,430	12.4%
Jan-08	50,953	30,022	25,904	4,118	20,931	13.7%
Jul-08	51,109	31,143	26,895	4,248	19,966	13.6%
Jan-09	58,113	35,607	30,086	5,521	22,506	15.5%
Jul-09	60,750	38,794	32,684	6,110	21,956	15.7%
Jan-10	66,001	41,492	34,730	6,762	24,509	16.3%
Jul-10	65,969	42,432	35,726	6,706	23,537	15.8%
Jan-11	70,330	44,713	37,264	7,449	25,617	16.7%
Jul-11	57,506	34,843	29,086	5,757	22,663	16.5%
Jan-12	53,962	34,353	28,482	5,871	19,609	17.1%
Feb-12	53,530	34,077	28,237	5,840	19,453	17.1%

Percent of FFY2005 Cases

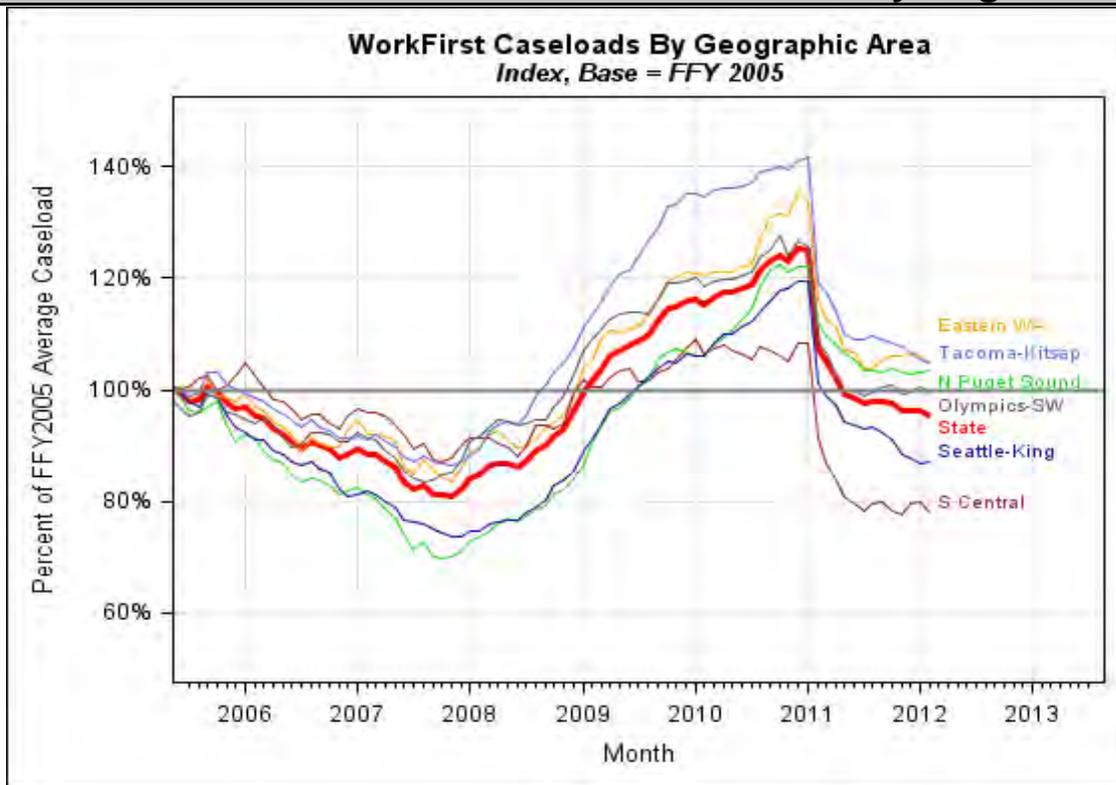
	Total Cases	WorkFirst Cases	1-Parent Cases	2-Parent Cases	Child Only Cases
FFY2005 Cases	57,187	35,727	30,517	5,210	21,460
Jul-05	98.1	97.9	98.3	95.1	98.4
Jan-06	98.9	96.7	96.9	96.0	102.4
Jul-06	90.8	89.5	91.1	80.3	93.0
Jan-07	92.9	89.3	90.1	84.8	98.9
Jul-07	85.3	82.1	84.2	69.9	90.5
Jan-08	89.1	84.0	84.9	79.0	97.5
Jul-08	89.4	87.2	88.1	81.5	93.0
Jan-09	101.6	99.7	98.6	106.0	104.9
Jul-09	106.2	108.6	107.1	117.3	102.3
Jan-10	115.4	116.1	113.8	129.8	114.2
Jul-10	115.4	118.8	117.1	128.7	109.7
Jan-11	123.0	125.2	122.1	143.0	119.4
Jul-11	100.6	97.5	95.3	110.5	105.6
Jan-12	94.4	96.2	93.3	112.7	91.4
Feb-12	93.6	95.4	92.5	112.1	90.6

Percentage Change in Cases since October 2007 (the most recent low point):

% Caseload Change:	10.9%	17.6%	11.0%	65.3%	0.9%
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Source: OFM Forecast, based on CASE_SNAPSHOT table from ACES data warehouse.

WorkFirst Indicator 1b: WorkFirst Caseload By Region



Goal

Provide temporary cash assistance to eligible families.

Target

No specific target is set at this time.

Experience to Date

DSHS Region 2 (North Puget Sound and Seattle-King County) contributed most to the caseload decline of 2006-07. In January 2012 statewide caseloads were 3.7% lower than in FFY 2005.

Comments

Caseloads have declined in all regions of the state -- in some cases to levels below FFY 2005 or the historical low point reached in October 2007. The figures shown here reflect the reassignment of two Klickitat County CSOs to the South Central portion of DSHS Region 1. Data include only those cases that can be assigned to regional offices.

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WorkFirst Indicator 1b: WorkFirst Caseload By Region

Data Table

	WorkFirst Cases	Region 1		Region 2		Region 3	
		Eastern Wash	South Central	North Puget Sound	Seattle King Co.	Tacoma Kitsap	Olympics Southwest
FFY2005	35,726	5,040	5,418	4,432	8,454	6,279	6,103
Jan-07	31,918	4,772	5,237	3,658	6,874	5,752	5,625
Jul-07	29,329	4,275	4,849	3,168	6,433	5,466	5,138
Jan-08	30,021	4,467	4,946	3,225	6,320	5,525	5,538
Jul-08	31,143	4,543	4,864	3,427	6,582	5,985	5,742
Jan-09	35,605	5,240	5,509	3,833	7,516	6,982	6,525
Jul-09	38,793	5,614	5,492	4,455	8,509	7,773	6,950
Jan-10	41,489	6,097	5,899	4,700	8,968	8,486	7,339
Jul-10	42,427	6,166	5,709	5,073	9,484	8,604	7,788
Jan-11	44,713	6,756	5,866	5,412	10,116	8,896	7,667
Jul-11	34,797	5,238	4,242	4,583	7,856	6,850	6,028
Jan-12	34,346	5,349	4,331	4,574	7,338	6,628	6,126
Feb-12	34,071	5,277	4,221	4,581	7,372	6,573	6,047

Percent of FFY2005 Cases

	WorkFirst Cases	Region 1		Region 2		Region 3	
		Eastern Wash	South Central	North Puget Sound	Seattle King Co.	Tacoma Kitsap	Olympics Southwest
FFY2005 <i>Index</i>	35,726	5,040	5,418	4,432	8,454	6,279	6,103
Jan-07	89.3	94.7	96.7	82.5	81.3	91.6	92.2
Jul-07	82.1	84.8	89.5	71.5	76.1	87.1	84.2
Jan-08	84.0	88.6	91.3	72.8	74.8	88.0	90.7
Jul-08	87.2	90.1	89.8	77.3	77.9	95.3	94.1
Jan-09	99.7	104.0	101.7	86.5	88.9	111.2	106.9
Jul-09	108.6	111.4	101.4	100.5	100.7	123.8	113.9
Jan-10	116.1	121.0	108.9	106.1	106.1	135.2	120.3
Jul-10	118.8	122.3	105.4	114.5	112.2	137.0	121.1
Jan-11	125.2	134.1	108.3	122.1	119.7	141.7	125.6
Jul-11	97.4	103.9	78.3	103.4	92.9	109.1	98.8
Jan-12	96.1	106.1	79.9	103.2	86.8	105.6	100.4
Feb-12	95.4	104.7	77.9	103.4	87.2	104.7	99.1

Percentage Change in Cases since October 2007 (the most recent low point):

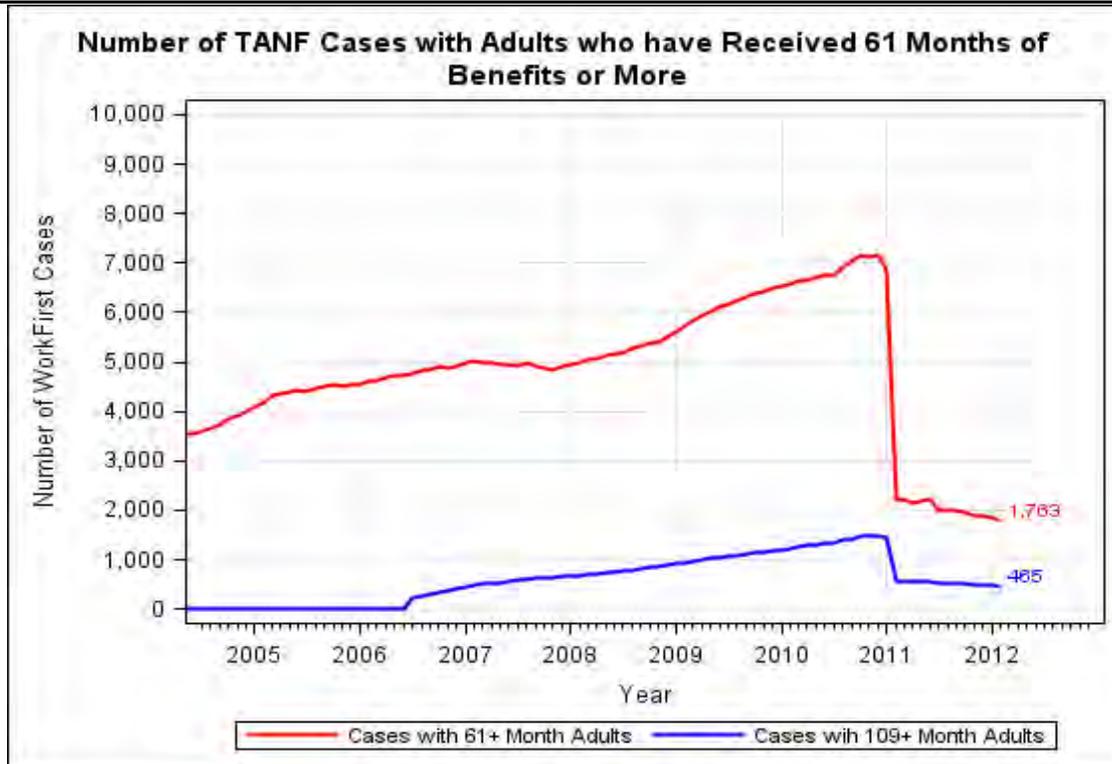
% Caseload Change 17.6% 24.2% -10.6% 48.1% 17.2% 20.6% 16.8%

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 new regional totals. See the growth rates shown in boxes above.

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

WorkFirst Indicator 1c: TANF 61 Month Cases



Goal

Prevent long-term intergenerational dependence on public assistance by reducing the number of adults receiving benefits for 60 months (5 years) or more.

Target

Washington sets no target for this measure. Federal law sets a 60 month time-limit for receipt of TANF benefits as an adult and allows to states to extend benefits beyond this limit to no more than 20% of the total caseload (including child only cases). The extension limit is currently set at 12,552 cases. Under past policy, 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 are allowed for eight categories of hardship, listed on page 8.

Experience to Date

Adults first began to exceed 60 months of TANF benefits in August 2002. The number of cases with such long-term adults stabilized at around 5,000 during 2007. The count of 60 month cases began to increase again in 2008, coincident with the caseload increase that began at that time. In February 2012, cases with adults who had received more than 60 months of benefits made up 3.3% of all cases, 5.2% of WorkFirst Cases, and 14.0% of the federal limit on extension to TANF time limits. The number of extensions granted has declined since February 2011. The biggest declines have been in the number of cases in extension while in administrative hearing, and in the number of extensions for employment.

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WorkFirst Indicator 1c: TANF 61 Month Cases

	Data Table		Percent of All Family Cases	Reason for Extension of Time Limit				Case in Admin. Hearing
	All Family Cases	Cases with 61+ Month Adult		Disabled Adult	Applied for SSI/SSDI	Family Violence	Other Extension	
Jan-10	41,542	6,536	15.7%	0	0	0	0	0
Feb-10	41,229	6,582	16.0%	0	0	0	0	0
Mar-10	41,740	6,643	15.9%	0	0	0	0	0
Apr-10	42,007	6,652	15.8%	0	0	0	0	0
May-10	42,018	6,702	16.0%	0	0	0	0	0
Jun-10	42,274	6,752	16.0%	0	0	0	0	0
Jul-10	42,478	6,737	15.9%	0	0	0	0	0
Aug-10	43,450	6,908	15.9%	0	0	0	0	0
Sep-10	44,019	7,039	16.0%	0	0	0	0	0
Oct-10	44,435	7,170	16.1%	0	0	0	0	0
Nov-10	44,004	7,124	16.2%	0	0	0	0	0
Dec-10	44,818	7,174	16.0%	0	0	0	0	0
Jan-11	44,738	6,846	15.3%	0	0	0	0	1
Feb-11	38,436	2,210	5.7%	695	455	214	376	248
Mar-11	37,536	2,218	5.9%	721	432	221	370	232
Apr-11	36,574	2,159	5.9%	749	405	224	374	169
May-11	35,538	2,192	6.2%	764	393	219	376	86
Jun-11	35,264	2,202	6.2%	755	378	240	383	83
Jul-11	34,877	2,002	5.7%	762	377	204	359	60
Aug-11	35,001	1,997	5.7%	762	380	218	354	50
Sep-11	35,030	1,989	5.7%	774	375	213	347	45
Oct-11	34,864	1,960	5.6%	802	380	206	316	34
Nov-11	34,426	1,900	5.5%	797	357	225	313	30
Dec-11	34,443	1,885	5.5%	759	395	207	291	29
Jan-12	34,373	1,848	5.4%	685	398	208	283	34
Feb-12	34,123	1,763	5.2%	651	383	194	271	33

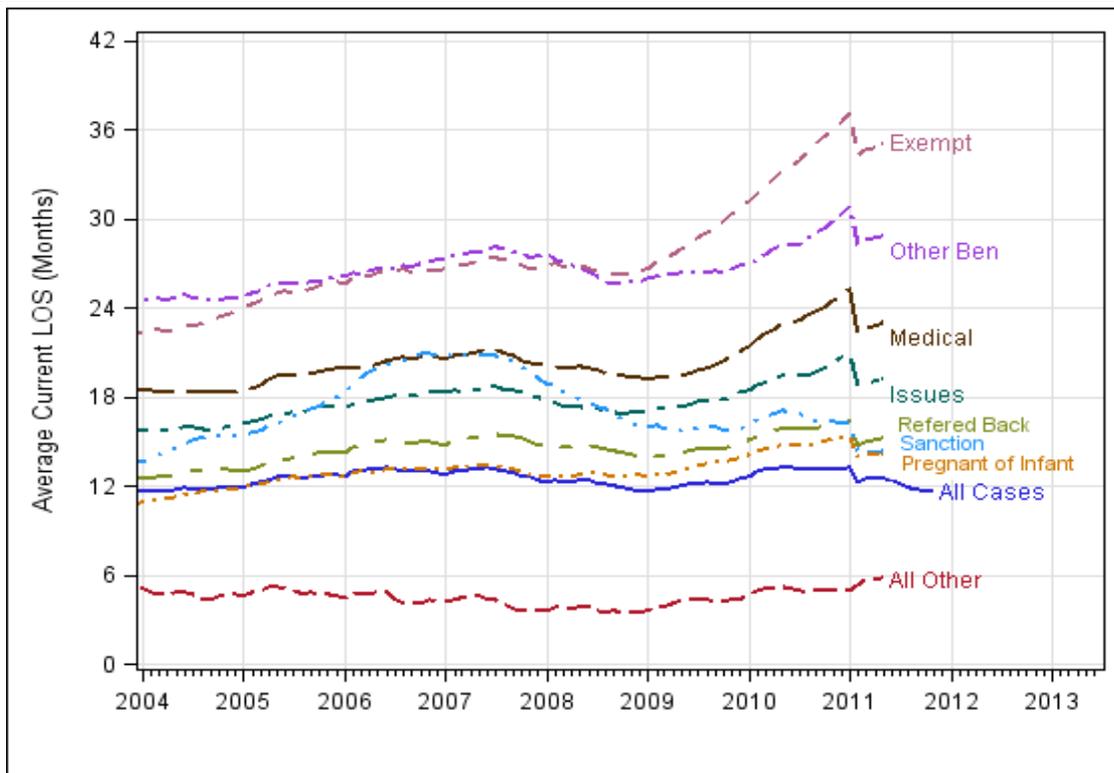
February 2012, compared to February 2011

% Change	-11%	-20%	-6%	-16%	-9%	-28%	-87%
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This measure counts months of TANF or State Financial Assistance received as an adult since August 1997. The extension reasons shown above have replaced the categories used before February 2011. The Other Extension category includes: Caring for a Disabled Child (168); Open CPS Case - First Dependency Order (60); Caring for a Disabled Adult (32); Employed 32 or more hours per week (8); and 55 Year Old Caretaker (3). The Administrative Hearing category includes cases where the number of months of TANF benefits or potential extension of time limits is being adjudicated. The remaining cases are not eligible for extension of time limits and will be terminated at the end of the month (184) or are in the process of having their status determined (47).

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

WorkFirst Indicator 1d: WorkFirst Length of Stay



Goal

Reduce the length of time families stay on TANF.

Target

No specific target is set at this time.

Experience to Date

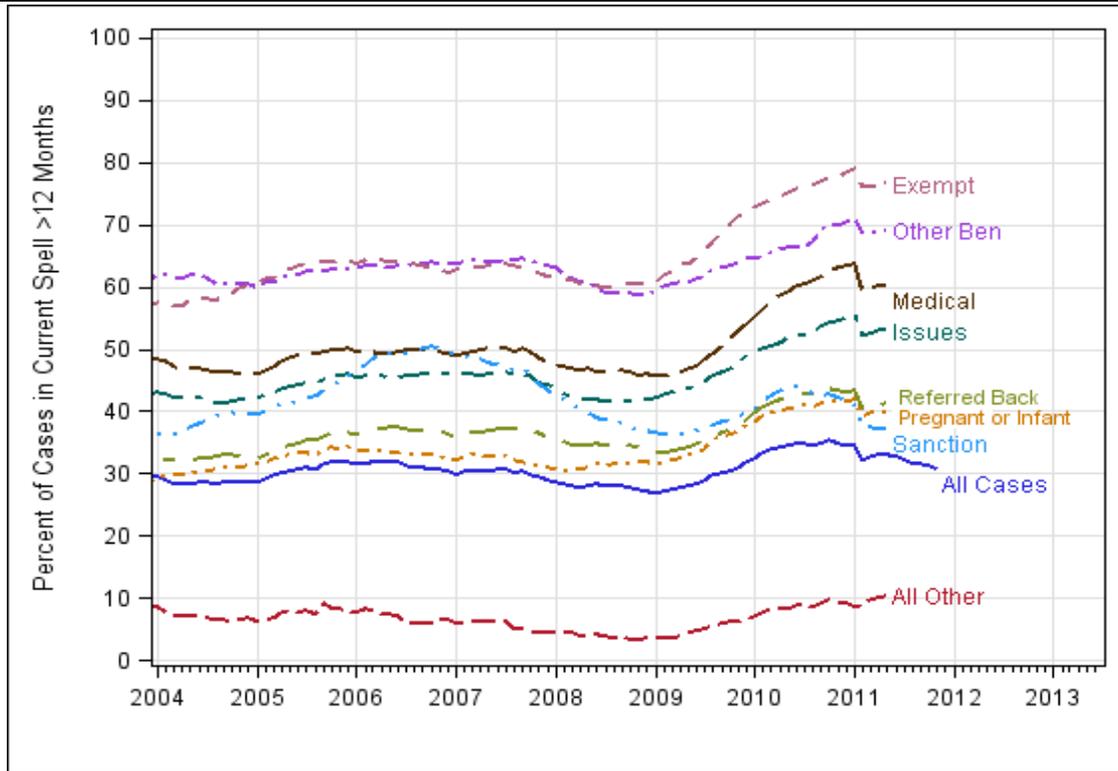
Average length of stay (LOS) since the most recent entry to TANF was 11.7 months in November 2011, down from 13.2 months a year earlier. Lifetime length of stay across all spells of TANF was down 4.7 months from a year ago, to 21.3 months. Implementation of 60 Month time limits, which began in February 2011, is responsible for the drop in LOS. LOS dropped between January and February 2011 for most subgroups, and was lower than in May 2010 for four of the eight subgroups.

Comments

The count of cases not included in any of the listed categories (All Other Cases) increased over the year through May 2011. Counts in all other categories declined due to the implementation of 60 month time limits. "All Other Cases" is the group most likely to be participating in WorkFirst activities. This group increased by 3% between May 2010 and May 2011. The overall WorkFirst population declined by 15% over the same time period. The percent of cases with issues to resolve or barriers to participation declined substantially with the implementation of WorkFirst time limits.

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WorkFirst Indicator 1d: WorkFirst Length of Stay



Length of Stay Values as of November 2011 for All Cases, as of May 2011 for Subgroups

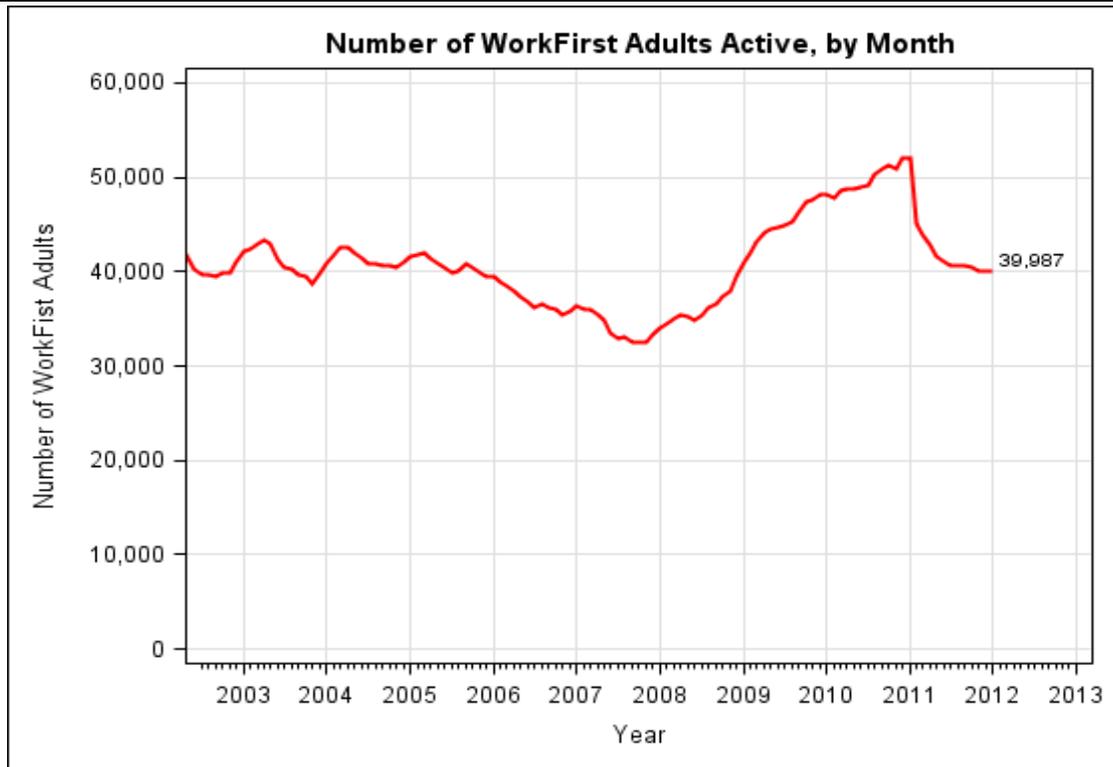
Type of Case	Number	Current Case LOS	Same 12 Mos Ago	Percent of Cases >12 mos	Percent 12 Mos Ago	Lifetime LOS in Mos	Same 12 Mos Ago
All Cases	34,412	11.7	13.2	30.8	34.9	21.3	26.0
Exempt	2,382	35.2	33.2	76.6	75.1	52.6	50.8
Resolving Issues	10,883	19.2	19.4	53.0	51.9	31.7	35.1
Medical Deferral	6,754	23.1	22.9	60.3	59.4	35.3	39.1
Other Benefits	3,073	28.9	28.2	69.1	66.4	46.4	46.8
Pregnant or Infant	16,547	14.1	14.7	39.7	40.4	20.6	23.6
Referred Back	20,492	15.2	15.9	41.3	42.4	25.1	29.8
Sanction	11,725	14.4	17.1	37.1	44.1	24.9	31.7
All Other Cases	4,008	5.8	5.2	10.5	8.4	14.2	16.0

Source: OFM Longitudinal Client Table, derived from EMAPS Client 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 November 2011. LOS for other groups is through May 2011. It takes about six months for a new case to be classified into one of 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.

WorkFirst Indicator 1e: Count of 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 measures shown in section 5.

Trends

The count of WorkFirst adults was more or less stable, at around 40,000, between 2002 and 2006, with seasonal variations. Adult counts began to decline in 2006 with the TANF caseload, bottoming out at 32,512 in November 2007. Then counts began to increase. In December 2010, the count of WorkFirst adults surpassed 52,000. The reductions associated with changes to sanctions, TANF time limits, and lower payment standards reduced the count of WorkFirst adults to 44,994 in February 2011. Counts continued to drop, reaching 39,987 by January 2012. Adult counts were 23% lower in January 2012 than in the same month of 2011. Counts dropped by 3% between June 2011, the last month before ESSB 5921 implementation, and January 2012. The February 2012 caseload forecast implies a monthly average of 40,252 adults enrolled in WorkFirst during SFY 2012 and 39,563 in SFY 2013.

Klickitat County CSOs have been reassigned to Region 1 in this report.

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WorkFirst Indicator 1e: Count of 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	
Jul-09	6,658	6,263	5,138	9,870	8,879	8,054	44,862
Aug-09	6,759	6,273	5,172	10,005	9,119	8,029	45,359
Sep-09	6,912	6,388	5,363	10,186	9,261	8,216	46,327
Oct-09	7,156	6,446	5,451	10,372	9,531	8,444	47,398
Nov-09	7,199	6,524	5,494	10,317	9,573	8,445	47,549
Dec-09	7,306	6,670	5,446	10,512	9,740	8,449	48,127
Jan-10	7,308	6,757	5,429	10,493	9,744	8,507	48,241
Feb-10	7,295	6,560	5,418	10,495	9,716	8,369	47,856
Mar-10	7,349	6,629	5,527	10,734	9,820	8,440	48,501
Apr-10	7,318	6,648	5,562	10,917	9,819	8,478	48,745
May-10	7,276	6,609	5,637	10,868	9,811	8,474	48,679
Jun-10	7,265	6,564	5,750	10,931	9,844	8,509	48,866
Jul-10	7,304	6,477	5,807	11,053	9,867	8,566	49,076
Aug-10	7,592	6,634	5,996	11,229	10,044	8,754	50,250
Sep-10	7,820	6,570	6,121	11,431	10,060	8,870	50,878
Oct-10	7,873	6,515	6,192	11,605	10,104	9,059	51,354
Nov-10	7,858	6,441	6,126	11,619	10,070	8,791	50,914
Dec-10	8,123	6,703	6,196	11,769	10,197	9,016	52,007
Jan-11	8,081	6,700	6,226	11,813	10,288	8,982	52,090
Feb-11	7,006	5,661	5,742	10,089	8,701	7,802	44,999
Mar-11	6,796	5,404	5,621	9,855	8,578	7,728	43,983
Apr-11	6,689	5,188	5,530	9,688	8,308	7,350	42,760
May-11	6,411	5,037	5,466	9,381	8,035	7,159	41,523
Jun-11	6,361	4,929	5,393	9,325	7,938	7,110	41,106
Jul-11	6,160	4,838	5,281	9,221	7,963	7,047	40,564
Aug-11	6,125	4,894	5,289	9,225	7,988	7,079	40,623
Sep-11	6,229	4,906	5,254	9,102	7,958	7,155	40,634
Oct-11	6,317	4,826	5,305	8,973	7,906	7,190	40,530
Nov-11	6,332	4,760	5,259	8,722	7,901	7,052	40,036
Dec-11	6,376	4,922	5,253	8,651	7,839	7,067	40,121
Jan-12	6,349	4,929	5,287	8,527	7,736	7,149	39,987

January 2012, compared to January 2011

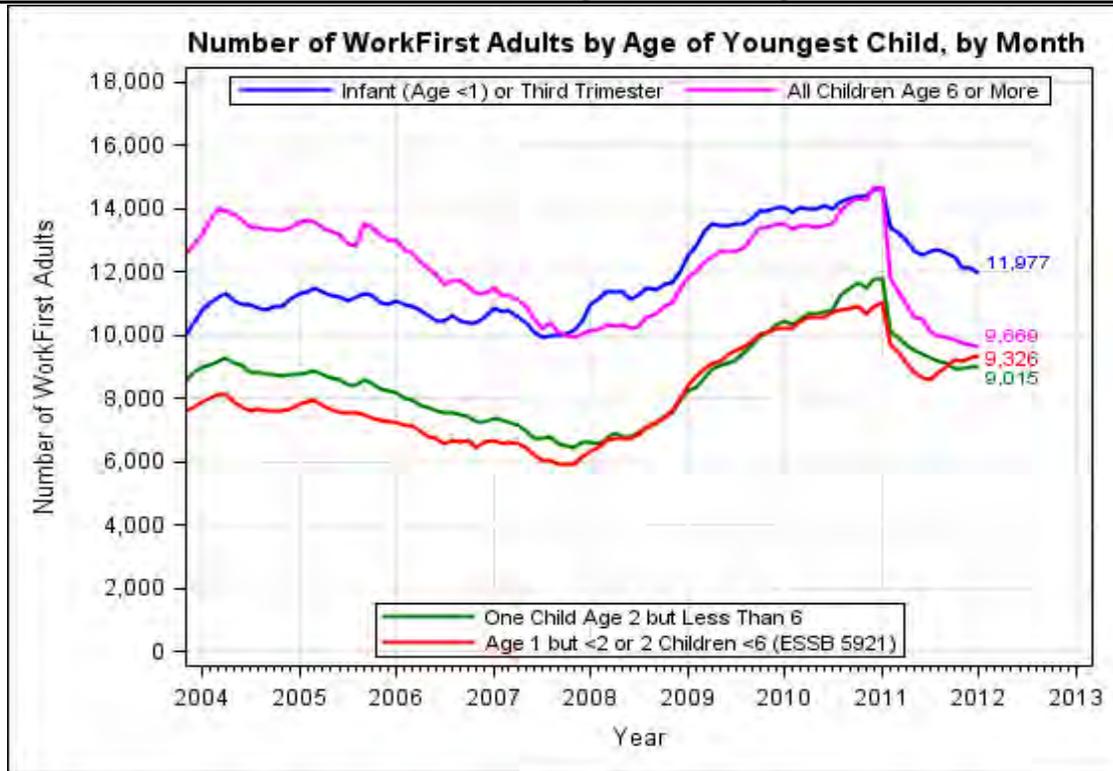
Statewide

% Change -21% -26% -15% -28% -25% -20% -23%

Region 1: -24% Region 2: -23% Region 3: -23% Statewide: -23%

Source: ACES data warehouse, JAS_ACTV table.

WorkFirst Indicator 1f: Participation Requirements



Indicator

WorkFirst adults have different work requirements depending on the age of their youngest child. This chart shows the total number of TANF adults in four groups defined by the age of their youngest child. One adult in each household with children under the age of 2 or two children under the age of six is eligible for a voluntary suspension of work requirements during FY 2012 under provisions of ESSB 5921. Single adults with children under the age of 6 have been able to meet work requirements by participating for 20 hours per week instead of 30 hours per week since March 2011.

Trends

The number of WorkFirst adults with older children declined faster than the number of WorkFirst adults with infants (or pregnancy) between 2005 and 2008. The number of WorkFirst adults increased in 2008 regardless of the age of youngest child. Implementation of 60 month time limits reduced the number of adults with older children by 24%, roughly twice as much as the drop in adults with infants (or pregnancy). The count of parents with children under the age of 2 or two children under the age of six (but no infants) had been falling between March and June 2011, but began to increase by August 2011. This growth has been offset by continued declines in other groups. Single parent caseloads have declined more quickly than two-parent caseloads.

Roughly 37% of adults have the option to suspend work requirements under ESSB 5921. The "Potential Suspension Parents" column classifies parents based on the ages of children (excluding pregnant women with no other children) and counts only one adult per household. Suspensions became available beginning in July 2011 and will be phased out in FY 2013.

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WorkFirst Indicator 1f: Participation Requirements

Data Table

	Work Participation Requirements									
	Adults With Young Children			20 Hours		35 Hours		30 Hours		Total Adults
	Infant or Pregnant	Child Age 1	Potential	One Child Age 2		No Children Younger		Total Adults		
		or 2 Under Age 6	Suspension Parents	but Under Age Six		Than Age Six				
			1 Adult	2 Adults	1 Adult	2 Adults				
Jan-10	14,051	10,221	16,783	7,920	2,516	10,699	2,835	48,241		
Feb-10	13,890	10,241	16,661	7,904	2,450	10,554	2,819	47,856		
Mar-10	14,052	10,462	16,881	7,992	2,536	10,610	2,850	48,501		
Apr-10	13,991	10,583	16,975	8,174	2,532	10,647	2,820	48,745		
May-10	13,993	10,580	17,004	8,228	2,466	10,638	2,774	48,679		
Jun-10	14,097	10,568	17,084	8,259	2,462	10,741	2,740	48,866		
Jul-10	14,009	10,719	17,081	8,321	2,500	10,770	2,762	49,076		
Aug-10	14,232	10,796	17,279	8,548	2,723	11,083	2,868	50,250		
Sep-10	14,338	10,857	17,331	8,713	2,772	11,310	2,889	50,878		
Oct-10	14,386	10,910	17,437	8,940	2,752	11,411	2,956	51,354		
Nov-10	14,406	10,697	17,302	8,737	2,786	11,333	2,956	50,914		
Dec-10	14,618	10,928	17,583	8,865	2,926	11,553	3,118	52,007		
Jan-11	14,647	11,018	17,550	8,859	2,920	11,483	3,164	52,090		
Feb-11	13,433	9,688	15,662	7,540	2,576	8,992	2,770	44,999		
Mar-11	13,230	9,457	15,368	7,360	2,558	8,720	2,660	43,983		
Apr-11	13,000	9,106	14,943	7,200	2,499	8,465	2,494	42,760		
May-11	12,637	8,799	14,475	7,030	2,474	8,179	2,406	41,523		
Jun-11	12,522	8,677	14,342	6,985	2,430	8,152	2,342	41,106		
Jul-11	12,640	8,567	14,336	6,924	2,344	7,863	2,230	40,564		
Aug-11	12,693	8,801	14,650	6,859	2,298	7,753	2,220	40,623		
Sep-11	12,572	8,981	14,762	6,869	2,262	7,742	2,208	40,634		
Oct-11	12,474	9,231	14,896	6,709	2,240	7,642	2,234	40,530		
Nov-11	12,159	9,201	14,747	6,653	2,296	7,495	2,234	40,036		
Dec-11	12,111	9,305	14,795	6,569	2,414	7,445	2,278	40,121		
Jan-12	11,977	9,326	14,728	6,539	2,476	7,343	2,326	39,987		

March 2011, Compared to June 2011 (Last three months before ESSB 5921)

% Change -5% -8% -7% -5% -5% -7% -12% -7%

January 2012, compared to June 2011 (First seven months after ESSB 5921) -- Trends Diverge

% Change -4% 7% 3% -6% 2% -10% -1% -3%

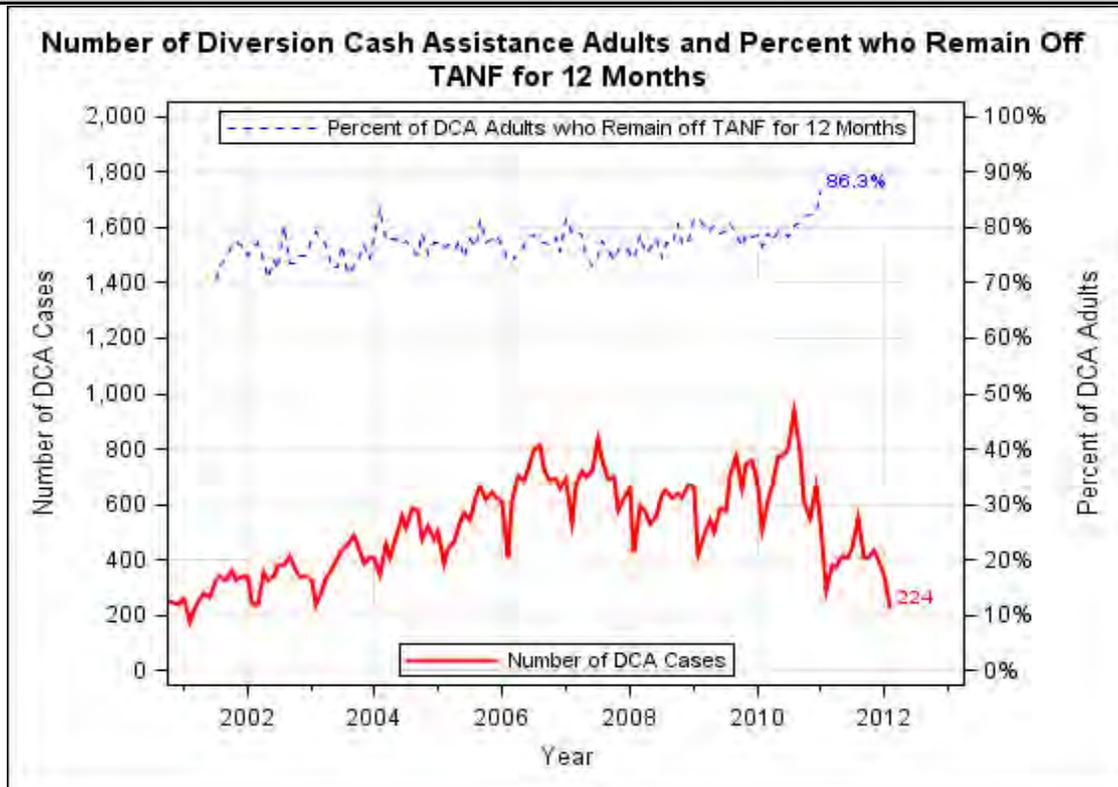
January 2012, compared to January 2011

% Change -18% -15% -16% -26% -15% -36% -26% -23%

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. Expenditures for employment and educational programs were also reduced during FY 2012 and FY 2013.

Source: ACES data warehouse, JAS_ACTV table.

WorkFirst Measure 2: DCA Success Rate



Goal

The goal of Diversion Cash Assistance (DCA) is to meet the temporary income needs of eligible adults so they do not have to enter TANF(WorkFirst). The secondary goal, covered by this measure, is to increase the number of adults who receive a DCA payment and do not enter TANF within 12 months.

Target

The WorkFirst target for percent of DCA recipients who do not enter TANF within 12 months is 80%. We have not set a target for the number of DCA recipients; however this program is a TANF caseload reduction strategy.

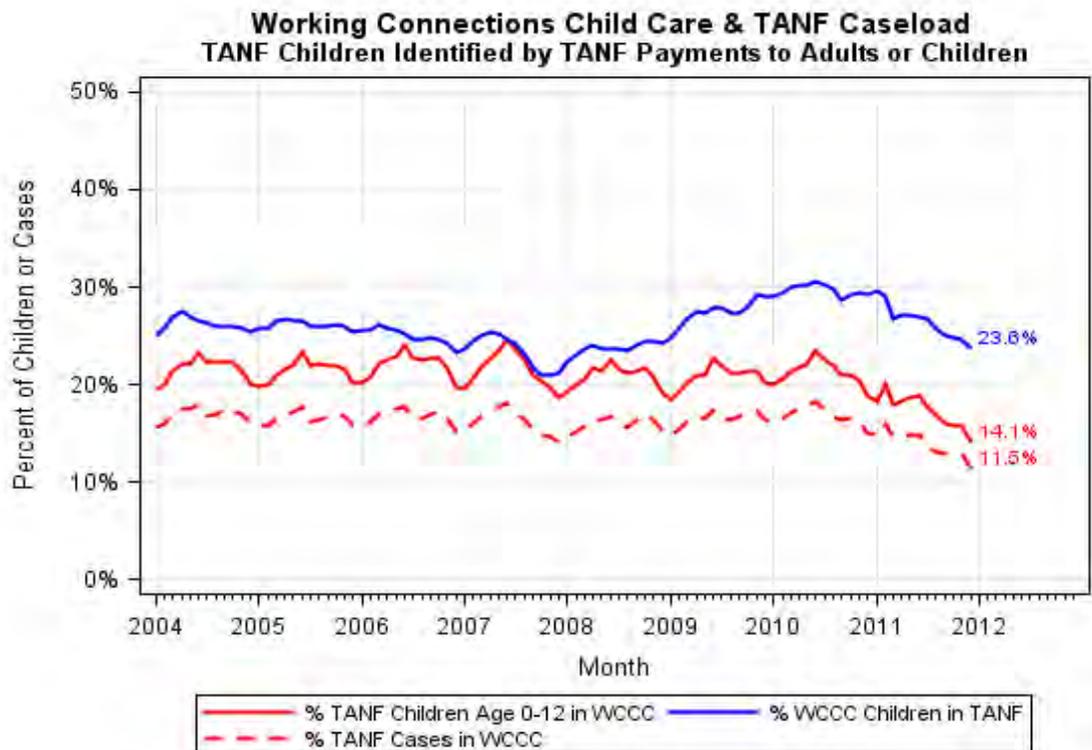
Experience to Date

In SFYs 2006 and 2007, 77% of DCA recipients did not enter WorkFirst within 12 months after receipt. Performance dropped to 75% in SFY 2008. Performance increased for DCA users who entered after January 2009. Use of DCA dropped after October 2010, when DCA payment amounts were reduced. Until October 2010, DCA households could receive payments of up to \$1,500, a portion of which had to be repaid if the adult entered TANF during the following 12 months. 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. Drops in DCA use were largest in the Spokane and Vancouver areas.

The percent of DCA users who do not use TANF over the following 12 months has increased since July 2010 -- about six months before the implementation of TANF time limits and grant reductions of February 2011.

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WorkFirst Measure 3: Working Connections Child Care



Goal

Provide subsidized child care to TANF and low-income adults so they are able to work and move toward self-sufficiency.

Experience to Date

In 2010, 29 to 30% of Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) children were members of TANF households. This dropped to 27% with in February 2011 the implementation of TANF time limits and to 25% and below with the implementation of ESSB 5921. The percent of TANF children age 0-12 served in WCCC dropped to 14% in December 2011.

Comments

The number of WCCC households declined by 31% between December 2010 and 2011. The decline was greater for TANF than for non-TANF households. November and December 2011 caseloads are not lag adjusted for late reporting and may rise by 0.4% and 1.5% respectively. Prior to October 2010, non-TANF households with incomes up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) were eligible to receive WCCC child care subsidies. The income limit was reduced to 175% of FPL between October 2010 and January 2011, at which point the lower limit took full effect. The drop in non-TANF WCCC cases is due in part to this change. A waiting list for non-TANF WCCC was established in March 2011. By September 2011, the waiting list was cleared and was no longer delaying entry to the program. The drop in TANF-related households may be due to changes in work participation requirements for two parent households begun in October 2010, the termination of a large number of WorkFirst households in February 2011 and the termination of a group of Child Only TANF households in November 2011.

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WorkFirst Measure 3: Working Connections Child Care

Data Table

Month	WCCC Cases	Non-TANF Cases	TANF Cases	WCCC Children	WCCC TANF Children	% of TANF Households Using WCCC	% of TANF Children 0-12 Using WCCC
Oct-09	37,829	27,088	10,741	64,576	18,066	17.1%	21.4%
Nov-09	37,279	26,245	11,034	63,328	18,529	17.3%	21.4%
Dec-09	36,430	25,769	10,661	62,304	18,047	16.3%	20.3%
Jan-10	36,531	25,823	10,708	62,011	17,971	16.2%	20.1%
Feb-10	36,797	25,883	10,914	62,399	18,360	16.6%	20.6%
Mar-10	37,650	26,288	11,362	63,630	19,072	17.1%	21.3%
Apr-10	38,226	26,528	11,698	64,563	19,508	17.6%	21.7%
May-10	38,585	26,784	11,801	65,299	19,742	17.8%	22.1%
Jun-10	39,697	27,537	12,160	69,018	21,091	18.3%	23.6%
Jul-10	37,717	26,315	11,402	66,213	20,043	17.3%	22.5%
Aug-10	37,522	26,305	11,217	66,310	19,813	16.8%	22.0%
Sep-10	38,373	27,297	11,076	65,844	18,923	16.5%	20.9%
Oct-10	38,330	27,107	11,223	65,351	19,073	16.6%	21.0%
Nov-10	37,379	26,315	11,064	63,649	18,732	16.3%	20.4%
Dec-10	35,915	25,391	10,524	61,495	17,984	15.0%	18.9%
Jan-11	34,686	24,291	10,395	59,107	17,506	14.8%	18.3%
Feb-11	34,180	24,058	10,122	58,254	16,957	15.9%	20.1%
Mar-11	32,475	23,378	9,097	55,413	14,864	14.6%	18.0%
Apr-11	31,661	22,683	8,978	54,246	14,741	14.7%	18.2%
May-11	31,166	22,348	8,818	53,730	14,587	14.8%	18.6%
Jun-11	30,920	22,213	8,707	54,135	14,591	14.8%	18.9%
Jul-11	28,139	20,326	7,813	49,930	13,307	13.6%	17.7%
Aug-11	27,513	20,014	7,499	48,987	12,661	13.1%	16.9%
Sep-11	27,561	20,229	7,332	47,973	12,008	12.9%	16.1%
Oct-11	27,412	20,170	7,242	47,252	11,713	12.9%	15.9%
Nov-11	26,477	19,560	6,917	45,413	11,155	12.9%	15.9%
Dec-11	24,838	18,638	6,200	42,552	10,053	11.5%	14.1%

December 2011, compared with December 2010 (without adjustments for late reporting)

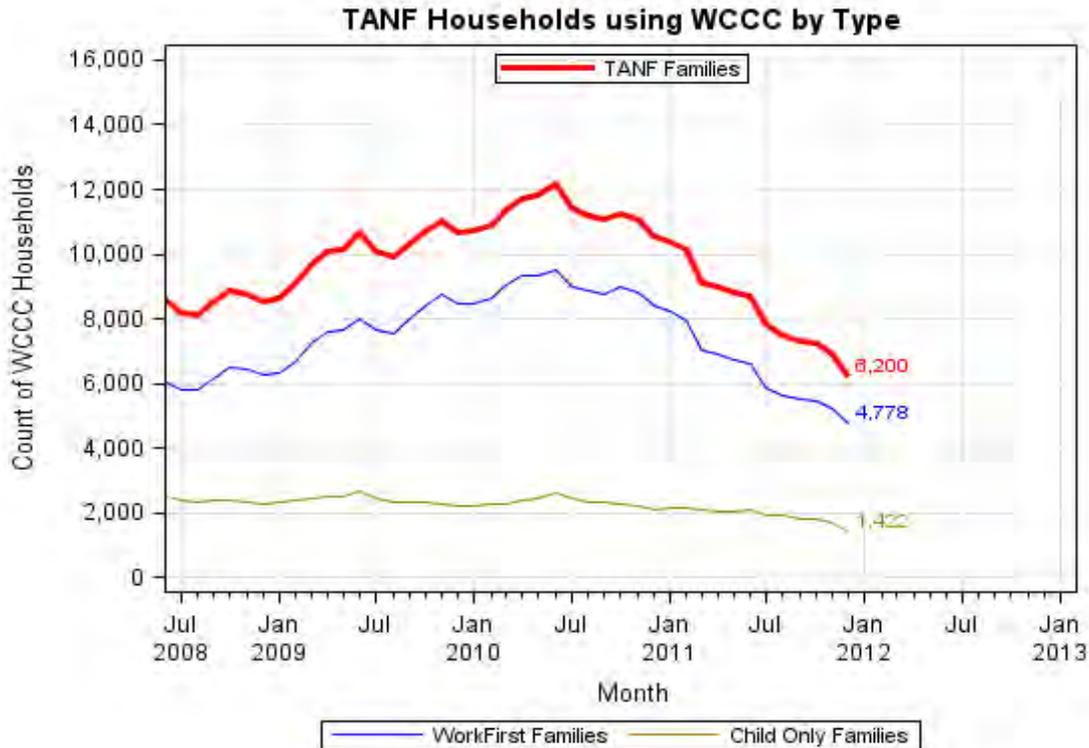
Change -31% -27% -41% -31% -44%

Definition of Measure

Results are tabulated from files supplied by the Department of Early Learning (DEL). The percent of TANF children served by WCCC is based on the number of children a living in households receiving TANF and WCCC (based on DEL data) divided by the number of TANF children aged 0 to 12 (based on ACES data) by month of service. 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. This method of counting TANF related cases gives a larger count of WCCC households than would be obtained by looking at the WCCC authorizations, which appear to undercount WCCC households receiving TANF. Under this definition, February TANF termines who continued to receive child care switched from TANF to Non-TANF child care in March 2011.

Source: WCCC cases and children, DEL; Number of TANF children aged 0-12, ACES DW.

WorkFirst Indicator 3a: Type of TANF Cases Using WCCC



Goal

Provide subsidized child care to TANF and low-income adults so they are able to work and move toward self-sufficiency.

Target

This is descriptive information. No target is set for this indicator.

Experience to Date

Use of WCCC by WorkFirst (All Family) TANF households reached a high point during the summer of 2010 and then dropped with the various cutbacks to the WorkFirst program. Use of WCCC by Child Only cases remained more stable until the 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 are counted among the non-TANF WCCC households.)

Comments

Parents often need paid child care to maintain employment or to participate in WorkFirst activities, but many households do not use child care. Historically, there has been roughly one WorkFirst WCCC case for every two WorkFirst adults receiving partner services. (See pages 43-44 for comparison.) Children also can be cared for by relatives, friends, or neighbors. WCCC child care is available to kinship caregivers, guardians, and parents of children with Child Only TANF grants. Roughly 18% of kinship caregivers and 12% of legal guardians use WCCC care. WCCC is used by only about 3% of undocumented immigrants, disabled adults, and disqualified adults with Child Only TANF grants.

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WorkFirst Indicator 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
Jan-10	41,492	8,489	20.5%	24,509	2,219	9.1%	20.7%
Feb-10	41,198	8,634	21.0%	24,501	2,280	9.3%	20.9%
Mar-10	41,697	9,073	21.8%	24,651	2,289	9.3%	20.1%
Apr-10	41,969	9,333	22.2%	24,654	2,365	9.6%	20.2%
May-10	41,973	9,338	22.2%	24,507	2,463	10.1%	20.9%
Jun-10	42,240	9,513	22.5%	24,286	2,647	10.9%	21.8%
Jul-10	42,430	8,961	21.1%	23,537	2,441	10.4%	21.4%
Aug-10	43,420	8,872	20.4%	23,380	2,345	10.0%	20.9%
Sep-10	43,981	8,739	19.9%	23,330	2,337	10.0%	21.1%
Oct-10	44,387	8,977	20.2%	23,214	2,246	9.7%	20.0%
Nov-10	43,984	8,827	20.1%	24,003	2,237	9.3%	20.2%
Dec-10	44,790	8,401	18.8%	25,280	2,123	8.4%	20.2%
Jan-11	44,713	8,226	18.4%	25,617	2,169	8.5%	20.9%
Feb-11	38,412	7,939	20.7%	25,208	2,183	8.7%	21.6%
Mar-11	37,492	7,014	18.7%	24,932	2,083	8.4%	22.9%
Apr-11	36,548	6,919	18.9%	24,675	2,059	8.3%	22.9%
May-11	35,510	6,756	19.0%	24,003	2,062	8.6%	23.4%
Jun-11	35,242	6,630	18.8%	23,568	2,077	8.8%	23.9%
Jul-11	34,842	5,886	16.9%	22,663	1,927	8.5%	24.7%
Aug-11	34,985	5,602	16.0%	22,184	1,897	8.6%	25.3%
Sep-11	35,012	5,533	15.8%	21,944	1,799	8.2%	24.5%
Oct-11	34,851	5,450	15.6%	21,380	1,792	8.4%	24.7%
Nov-11	34,418	5,220	15.2%	19,148	1,697	8.9%	24.5%
Dec-11	34,431	4,778	13.9%	19,683	1,422	7.2%	22.9%

December 2011, compared with June 2011 (without adjustments for late reporting)

% Change	-2%	-28%	-16%	-32%
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December 2011, compared with December 2010 (without adjustments for late reporting)

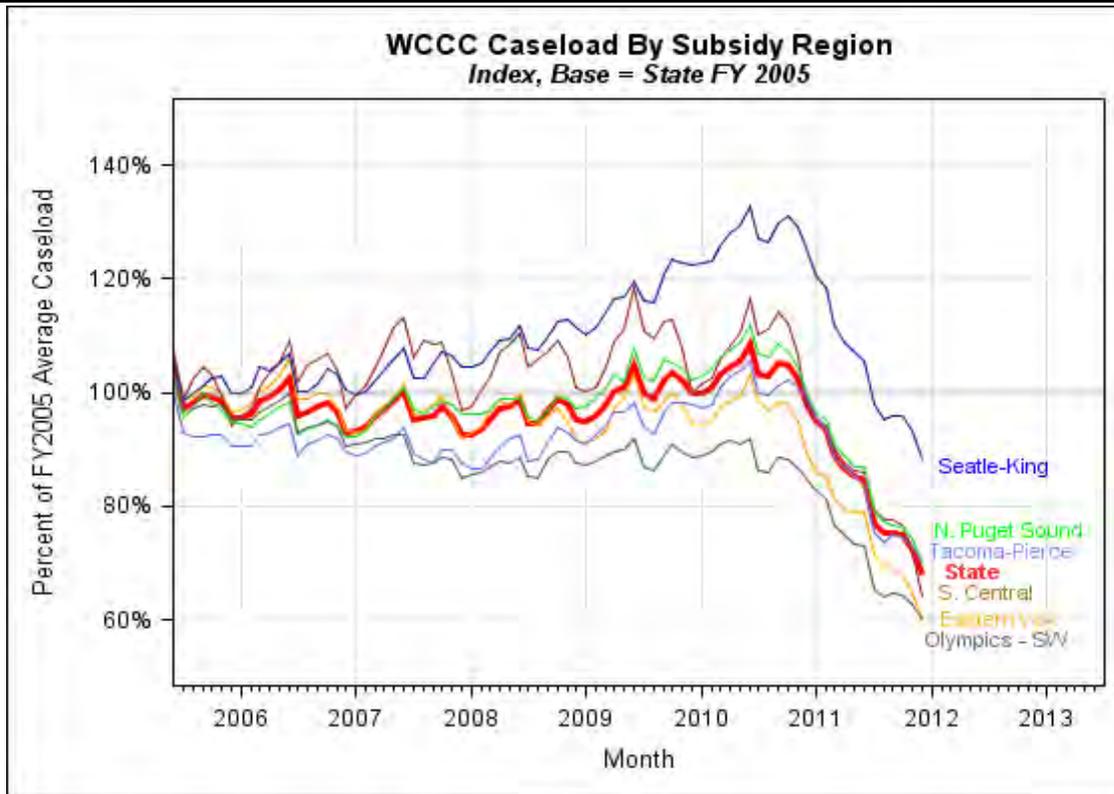
% Change	-23%	-43%	-22%	-33%
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Definition of Measures

Results are tabulated from files supplied by DEL, as 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 authorizations, which appear to undercount WCCC households receiving TANF. Under this definition, February TANF terminatees who continued to receive child care switched from TANF to Non-TANF child care in March 2011 and are no longer included in the TANF related counts.

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

WorkFirst Indicator 3b: WCCC Caseload by Subsidy Region



Goal

Provide subsidized child care to TANF and low-income adults so they are able to work and move toward self-sufficiency.

Target

No specific target is set at this time.

Experience to Date

WCCC caseloads began to grow in most areas by mid-2008 but began to decline by late-2010 in all parts of the state. Higher utilization in Region 4 is due, in part, to the use of WCCC by recipients of the Basic Food Employment and Training program, which accounts for about 30% of the difference between utilization in that region and in the state as a whole. Caseloads are now below SFY 2005 average levels all regions of the state.

These figures are not lag adjusted for late reporting.

The text below the map facing the table of contents describes the WCCC subsidy regions. Subsidy regions are based on the DSHS regional structure in effect prior to March 2011. Each region has different vendor rates. There are no current plans to change this rate structure. The regions have been renamed WCCC subsidy regions for this analysis.

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WorkFirst Indicator 3b: WCCC Caseload by Subsidy Region

Data Table

	WCCC Cases	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6
		Eastern Wash	South Central	North Puget Sound	Seattle King Co.	Tacoma Kitsap	Olympics Southwest
SFY2005	36,548	6,590	5,225	4,791	6,980	5,617	6,643
Jul-05	35,492	6,497	5,174	4,582	6,883	5,217	6,431
Jan-06	34,949	6,382	5,014	4,522	6,978	5,082	6,316
Jul-06	34,977	6,521	5,323	4,442	6,992	4,998	6,163
Jan-07	34,011	6,123	5,195	4,422	6,941	5,001	6,044
Jul-07	34,788	6,323	5,555	4,661	7,152	5,016	5,828
Jan-08	33,886	6,122	5,088	4,615	7,287	4,870	5,696
Jul-08	34,584	6,243	5,465	4,591	7,533	4,943	5,656
Jan-09	34,628	6,014	5,230	4,669	7,684	5,102	5,787
Jul-09	36,426	6,419	5,784	4,908	8,096	5,270	5,782
Jan-10	36,531	6,211	5,300	4,929	8,571	5,463	5,906
Jul-10	37,717	6,494	5,755	5,123	8,864	5,616	5,717
Jan-11	34,686	5,670	4,979	4,604	8,396	5,368	5,497
Jul-11	28,139	4,695	4,133	3,776	6,820	4,232	4,339
Dec-11	24,838	3,958	3,345	3,354	6,157	3,939	3,980

December 2011, compared with December 2010 (without adjustments for late reporting)

% Change	-30.8%	-33.0%	-34.1%	-30.1%	-29.7%	-29.4%	-29.5%
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Percent of SFY2005 Cases

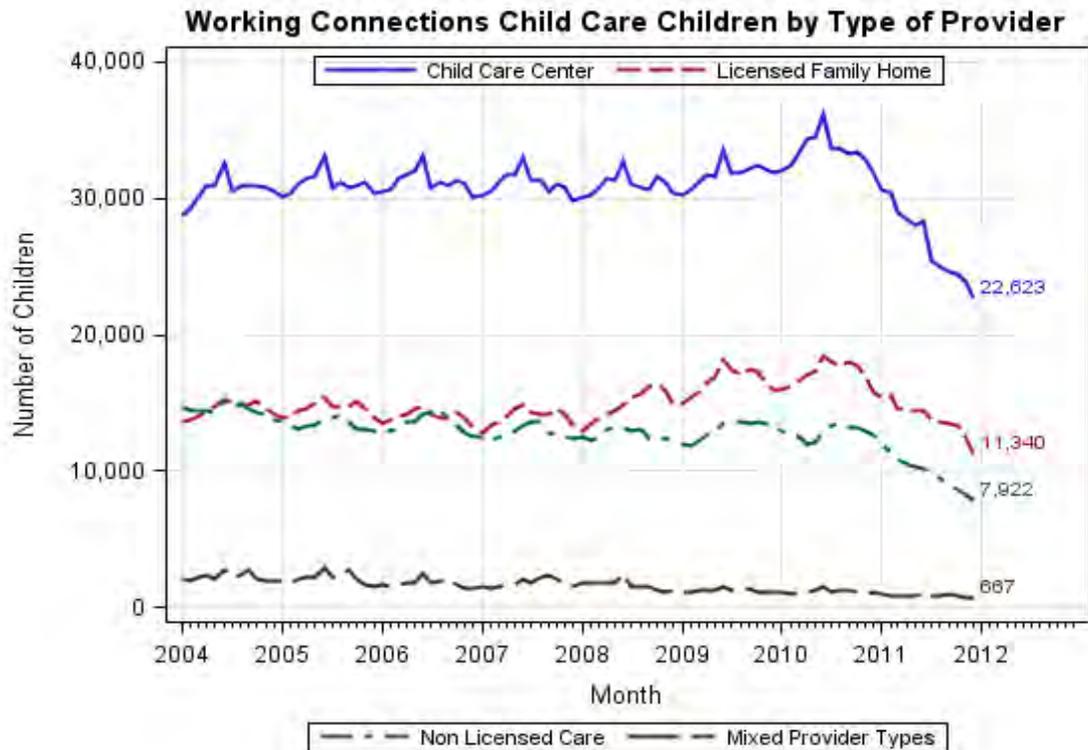
	WCCC Cases	Eastern Wash	South Central	North Puget Sound	Seattle King Co.	Tacoma Kitsap	Olympics Southwest
SFY2005	36,548	6,590	5,225	4,791	6,980	5,617	6,643
Jul-05	97.1	98.6	99.0	95.6	98.6	92.9	96.8
Jan-06	95.6	96.8	96.0	94.4	100.0	90.5	95.1
Jul-06	95.7	99.0	101.9	92.7	100.2	89.0	92.8
Jan-07	93.1	92.9	99.4	92.3	99.4	89.0	91.0
Jul-07	95.2	95.9	106.3	97.3	102.5	89.3	87.7
Jan-08	92.7	92.9	97.4	96.3	104.4	86.7	85.7
Jul-08	94.6	94.7	104.6	95.8	107.9	88.0	85.1
Jan-09	94.7	91.3	100.1	97.5	110.1	90.8	87.1
Jul-09	99.7	97.4	110.7	102.4	116.0	93.8	87.0
Jan-10	100.0	94.2	101.4	102.9	122.8	97.3	88.9
Jul-10	103.2	98.5	110.1	106.9	127.0	100.0	86.1
Jan-11	94.9	86.0	95.3	96.1	120.3	95.6	82.7
Jul-11	77.0	71.2	79.1	78.8	97.7	75.3	65.3
Dec-11	68.0	60.1	64.0	70.0	88.2	70.1	59.9

Definition of Measure

Counts of WCCC cases by region use the county of service provider to identify WCCC subsidy regions. The percent of SFY 2005 figures show the monthly caseload divided by the region's average caseload in SFY 2005. The index is useful for viewing changes between periods for the six regions. The two Klickitat County CSOs that changed DSHS regions remain in WCCC subsidy region 6 in this analysis.

Source: WCCC cases from DEL monthly extract.

WorkFirst Indicator 3c: WCCC Children by Age



Goal

Provide subsidized child care to TANF and low-income adults so they are able to work and move toward self-sufficiency.

Target

No target is set for this descriptive information.

Comments

Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) 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 and change when the child enters school. That means that some five-year olds included in the Preschool category above may have entered school and would be served at School Age rates.

The number of children per WCCC household has a seasonal pattern -- averaging around 1.76 during summer months, slightly above 1.7 during the 2010-11 school year, and slightly below 1.7 during prior school years. The average number of children served per household was 1.72 in FY 2011 and 1.73 in calendar 2011, up slightly from the 1.71 average for FY 2010. The number of children served is declining in all age groups. The decline is fastest among infants and among the small number of special needs children served in the 13-19 year age group. The decline in infant care could be due, in part, to a decline in birth rates during the recession. Infants and Toddlers are also the age groups most likely to be affected by ESSB 5921 reductions in TANF child care needs.

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WorkFirst Indicator 3c: WCCC Children by Age

Data Table

Month	WCCC						Total Children
	Infants Lt 1 Year	Toddlers 1 to 2.5 Yrs	Preschool 2.5 to 5 Yrs	School Age 6-12 Yrs	Over 12 13-19 Yrs	Unknown Age	
Jul-09	3,843	11,256	25,832	23,292	52	14	64,289
Aug-09	3,751	11,121	25,586	23,260	52	16	63,786
Sep-09	4,290	11,891	26,385	21,687	47	20	64,320
Oct-09	4,387	12,160	26,756	21,207	49	17	64,576
Nov-09	4,204	11,847	26,441	20,780	45	11	63,328
Dec-09	3,921	11,408	26,143	20,770	51	11	62,304
Jan-10	3,946	11,393	26,187	20,417	51	17	62,011
Feb-10	3,808	11,401	26,542	20,590	44	14	62,399
Mar-10	3,950	11,542	27,102	20,966	48	22	63,630
Apr-10	4,029	11,681	27,599	21,182	55	17	64,563
May-10	4,089	11,827	27,872	21,441	59	11	65,299
Jun-10	4,095	12,000	28,612	24,239	57	15	69,018
Jul-10	3,739	11,439	27,358	23,598	59	20	66,213
Aug-10	3,744	11,444	27,220	23,822	60	20	66,310
Sep-10	4,069	11,959	27,778	21,961	55	22	65,844
Oct-10	4,036	11,944	27,860	21,442	52	17	65,351
Nov-10	3,809	11,558	27,231	20,998	46	7	63,649
Dec-10	3,487	10,960	26,300	20,689	47	12	61,495
Jan-11	3,411	10,452	25,403	19,780	39	22	59,107
Feb-11	3,270	10,210	25,210	19,515	39	10	58,254
Mar-11	3,077	9,569	24,124	18,583	39	21	55,413
Apr-11	2,946	9,251	23,673	18,319	36	21	54,246
May-11	2,890	9,086	23,604	18,094	38	18	53,730
Jun-11	2,736	8,892	23,481	18,970	37	19	54,135
Jul-11	2,455	8,082	21,560	17,785	31	17	49,930
Aug-11	2,347	7,781	21,104	17,715	31	9	48,987
Sep-11	2,557	7,905	20,991	16,488	24	8	47,973
Oct-11	2,509	7,746	20,821	16,149	21	6	47,252
Nov-11	2,360	7,257	20,175	15,593	20	8	45,413
Dec-11	2,138	6,604	18,950	14,836	17	7	42,552

December 2011, compared with December 2010 (without adjustments for late reporting)

% Change	-39%	-40%	-28%	-28%	-64%	-42%	-31%
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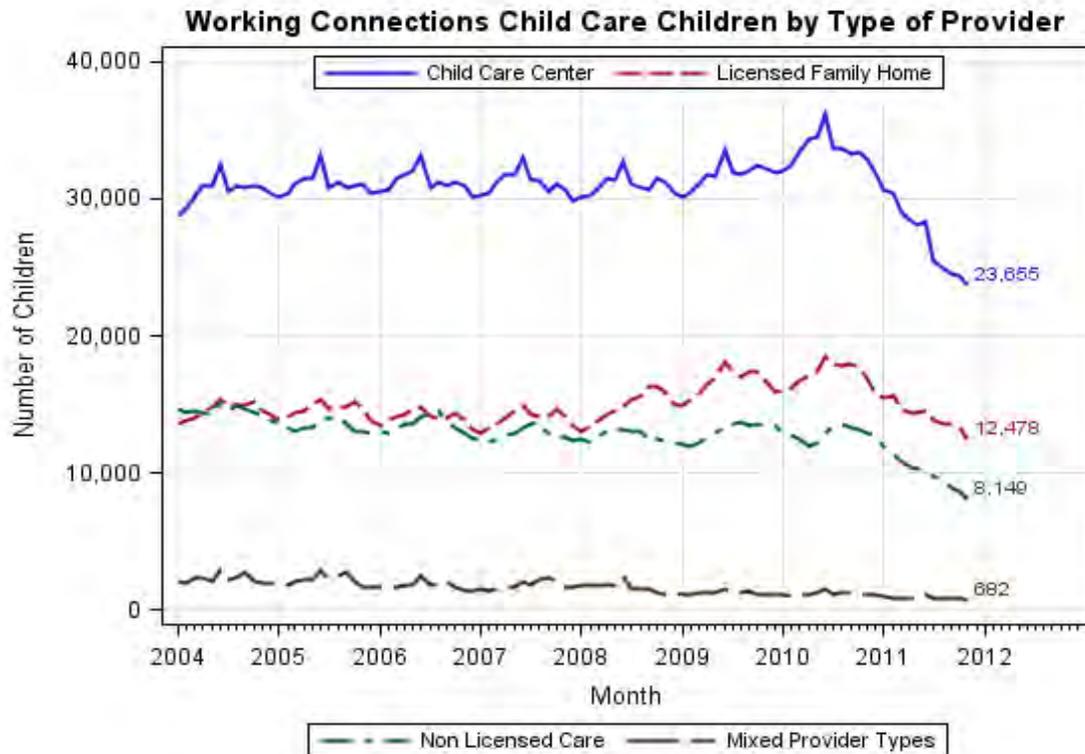
Definition of Measure

The number of WCCC cases by age is measured by comparing children's birthdates with month of service as reported to DEL. 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 only under exceptional circumstances.

These figures are not lag adjusted for late reporting.

Source: WCCC cases from DEL monthly extract.

WorkFirst Measure 3d: WCCC Children by Type of Provider



Goal

Provide subsidized child care to TANF and low-income parents so they are able to work and move toward self-sufficiency.

Target

No target is set for this descriptive information.

Comments

Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) uses a variety of different provider types. Child Care Centers are licensed agencies that regularly provide child care and early learning services. Family Homes are licensed family day care providers that regularly provide child care and early learning services for not more than 12 children. Exempt providers also operate out of a home, but are exempt from licensing. They are typically relatives, neighbors, or parents who exchange child care on a cooperative basis. The Mixed category counts children who are served by more than one type of provider during the same month. The count of children served in non-licensed care is falling more quickly than the number of children served in Child Care Centers or Licensed Family Homes.

These figures are not lag adjusted for late reporting.

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WorkFirst Measure 3d: WCCC Children by Type of Provider

Month	Child Care Center	Licensed Family Home	Not Licensed	Mixed Types	Total Children
Jul-09	31,952	17,469	13,630	1,238	64,289
Aug-09	31,832	17,056	13,675	1,223	63,786
Sep-09	32,099	17,436	13,420	1,365	64,320
Oct-09	32,489	17,360	13,555	1,171	64,576
Nov-09	32,186	16,530	13,469	1,143	63,328
Dec-09	31,896	15,919	13,387	1,102	62,304
Jan-10	31,998	15,995	12,957	1,061	62,011
Feb-10	32,442	16,226	12,722	1,009	62,399
Mar-10	33,433	16,663	12,463	1,071	63,630
Apr-10	34,398	17,070	11,943	1,118	64,563
May-10	34,539	17,349	12,167	1,198	65,299
Jun-10	36,099	18,447	12,868	1,587	69,018
Jul-10	33,710	17,972	13,376	1,147	66,213
Aug-10	33,631	17,805	13,547	1,313	66,310
Sep-10	33,310	17,963	13,252	1,319	65,844
Oct-10	33,421	17,682	13,167	1,081	65,351
Nov-10	32,840	16,857	12,898	1,054	63,649
Dec-10	31,892	15,802	12,723	1,078	61,495
Jan-11	30,656	15,476	11,989	986	59,107
Feb-11	30,395	15,602	11,417	840	58,254
Mar-11	28,992	14,634	10,871	916	55,413
Apr-11	28,480	14,387	10,478	901	54,246
May-11	28,082	14,411	10,346	891	53,730
Jun-11	28,302	14,507	10,231	1,095	54,135
Jul-11	25,475	13,814	9,759	882	49,930
Aug-11	24,988	13,577	9,535	887	48,987
Sep-11	24,559	13,519	8,966	929	47,973
Oct-11	24,453	13,326	8,672	801	47,252
Nov-11	23,881	12,558	8,265	709	45,413
Dec-11	22,623	11,340	7,922	667	42,552

December 2011, compared with December 2010 (without adjustments for late reporting)

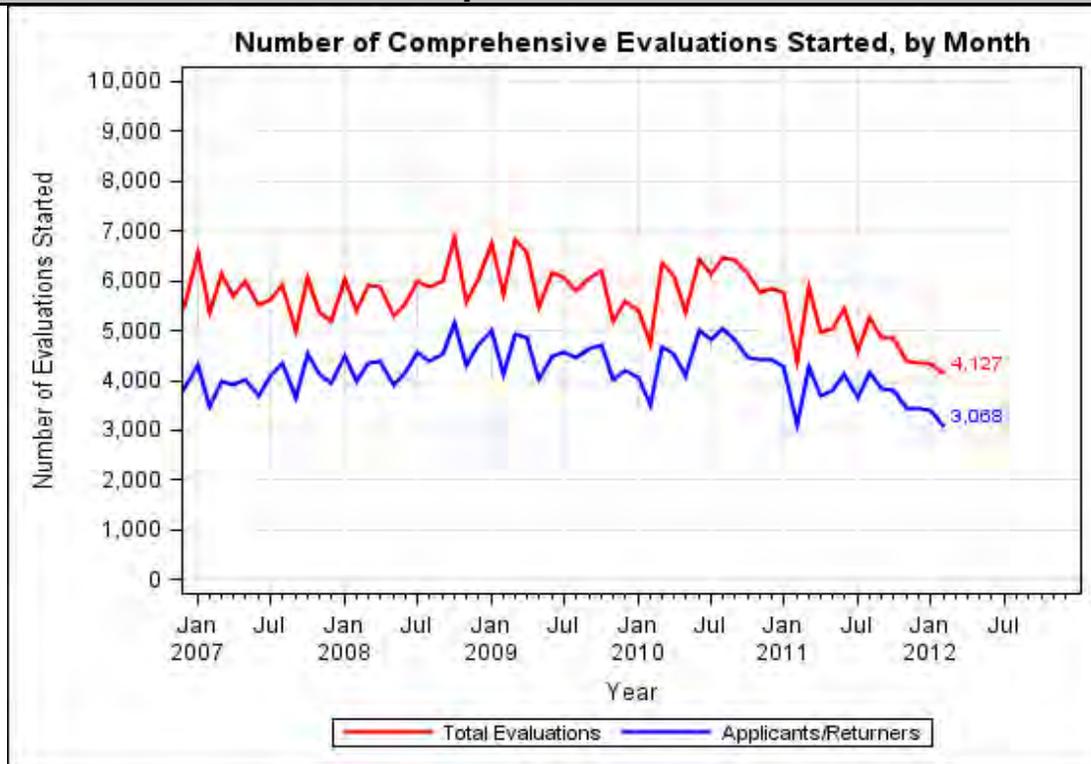
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Definition of Measure

The number of WCCC cases by type of provider is based on provider types as reported to DEL. Different children within the same household may be served by different provider types. The Mixed category includes children coded by DEL as having been served by more than one type of provider during the same month.

Source: WCCC cases from DEL monthly extract.

WorkFirst Measure 4: Comprehensive Evaluation



Goal

Assess WorkFirst adults promptly and direct them to services that will lead to employability and employment.

Target

Case managers complete Comprehensive Evaluations (CEs) using a set of screening questions to identify service pathways appropriate for WorkFirst adults. This process was streamlined in September 2009 and typically occurs within one day.

Experience to Date

CEs are provided for new WorkFirst applicants, WorkFirst returners (former recipients returning to WorkFirst within six months of exit) and ongoing recipients as needed. The first two columns on the table show CEs started and the number of CEs started for WorkFirst applicants and returners by month. Prior to September 2009, adults were referred to the Employment Security Department for the first portion of the CE, followed by a referral to and assessment by a local Community College. Test results were returned to Employment Security and a recommendation sent to the DSHS Case Manager for adoption. The standard for that process was to complete 100% of assessments within 30 days. In practice, only 73% were completed and only 47% were completed within 30 days. DSHS Case Managers now complete CEs without involving other staff. CEs are completed on the same day for over 98% of adults.

Definition of Measures

WorkFirst Entries is a count of households with one or more adult entering TANF. Evaluations are counted in the month that they begin. Completions are counted on the decision completion date. Evaluations coded with the decision "client could not complete evaluation" are excluded from completion counts. Evaluations started and completed on the same day have zero length.

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WorkFirst Measure 4: Comprehensive Evaluation

Data Table

Month	Comprehensive Evaluations				Percent Completed	Average Days in Evaluation
	WorkFirst Entries	Evaluations Started	Applicants & Returners	Evaluations Completed		
Oct-09	4,571	6,202	4,696	6,127	99.0%	2
Nov-09	4,112	5,189	4,012	5,131	99.0%	2
Dec-09	4,131	5,568	4,206	5,513	99.2%	1
Jan-10	3,852	5,397	4,053	5,345	99.2%	1
Feb-10	3,329	4,747	3,526	4,695	99.3%	1
Mar-10	4,029	6,361	4,661	6,302	99.3%	1
Apr-10	4,229	6,107	4,521	6,065	99.4%	1
May-10	4,000	5,373	4,108	5,318	99.2%	1
Jun-10	4,436	6,430	4,985	6,370	99.2%	1
Jul-10	4,567	6,138	4,834	6,088	99.2%	0
Aug-10	4,813	6,479	5,033	6,410	99.2%	0
Sep-10	4,635	6,412	4,803	6,360	99.4%	0
Oct-10	4,456	6,129	4,471	6,066	99.3%	1
Nov-10	4,233	5,768	4,405	5,708	99.2%	0
Dec-10	4,594	5,844	4,423	5,786	99.3%	0
Jan-11	4,095	5,780	4,277	5,714	99.2%	0
Feb-11	2,871	4,401	3,097	4,354	99.3%	1
Mar-11	3,694	5,884	4,281	5,813	99.1%	0
Apr-11	3,619	4,957	3,701	4,900	99.1%	0
May-11	3,596	5,041	3,794	4,964	98.9%	0
Jun-11	4,069	5,443	4,111	5,377	99.0%	0
Jul-11	4,051	4,606	3,643	4,546	99.0%	0
Aug-11	4,291	5,243	4,176	5,179	99.0%	0
Sep-11	4,135	4,872	3,852	4,822	99.2%	0
Oct-11	3,835	4,850	3,800	4,790	99.0%	0
Nov-11	3,694	4,367	3,443	4,314	99.1%	0
Dec-11	3,732	4,358	3,419	4,303	98.9%	0
Jan-12	3,518	4,362	3,394	4,313	99.0%	0
Feb-12	3,147	4,127	3,068	4,048	98.4%	0

February 2012, compared with February 2011

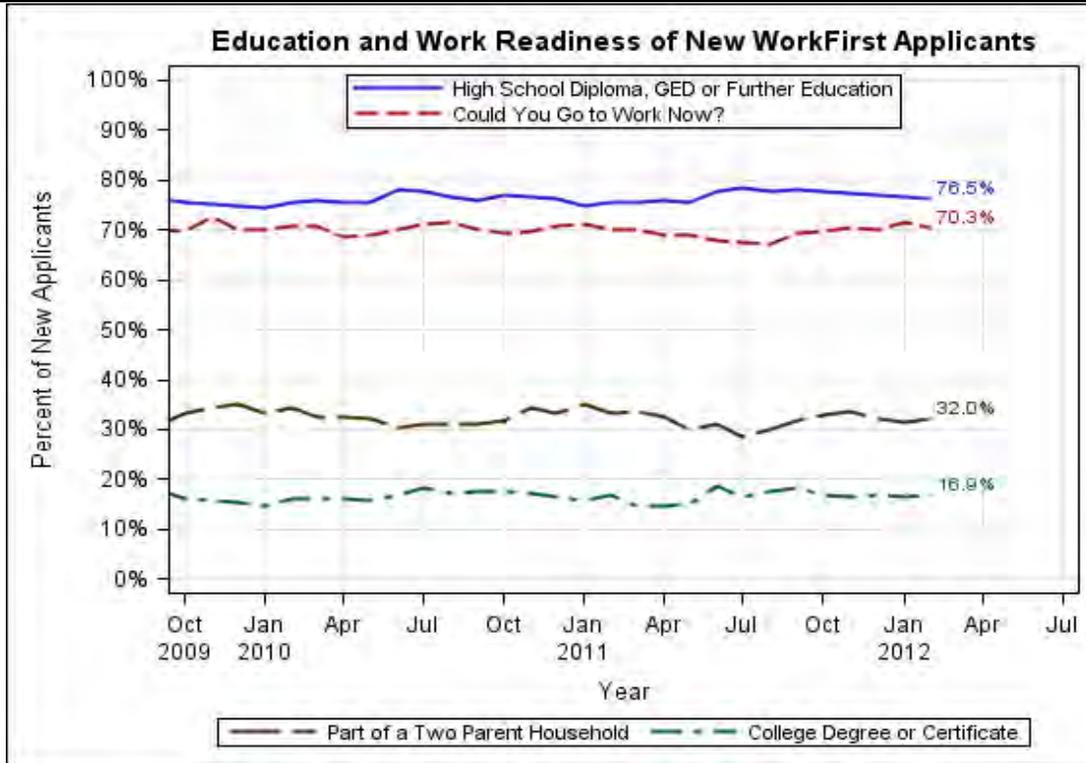
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Descriptive Data from Comprehensive Evaluations

This page shows CE start and completion counts compared with the count of TANF applicants, the percent of CEs completed, and average days to completion. The pages that follow show information on the education, work readiness, and barriers faced by new and returning TANF applicants followed by the service pathways recommended in the CEs. Service pathways include five employment-related pathways: ESD Job Search; SBCTC - Education & Training; Commerce - Work Programs; Limited English Programs; and Unsubsidized Employment. Five non-Work pathways are also displayed: Issue Resolution; Choosing the Infant Exemption or Third Trimester of Pregnancy Deferral; Choosing Exemption by One Parent in a Two Parent household; Choosing the ESSB 5921 Suspension; and Exempt. Choosing Exemption by One Parent in a Two Parent household was established in October 2010, but has only been tracked since January 2011.

Source: ACES Data Warehouse JAS_CE table.

WorkFirst Measure 4a: Comprehensive Evaluation: Education and Work Readiness of New Applicants



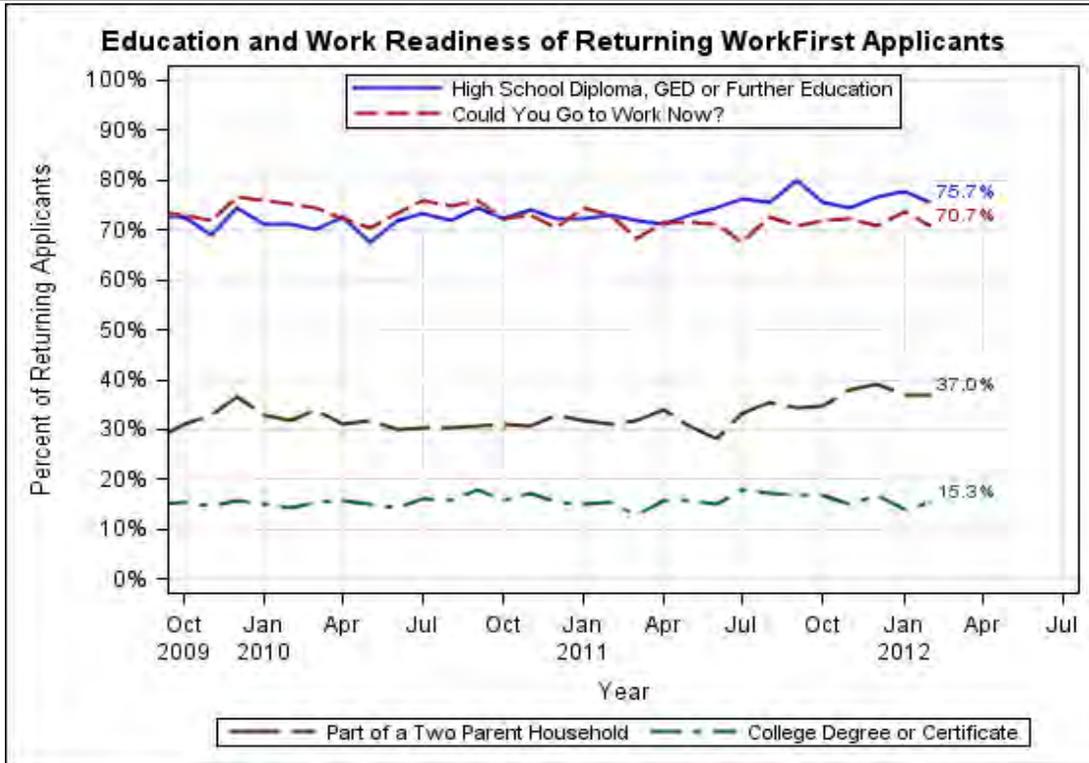
Education and Work Readiness of New TANF Applicants

Month	High School Diploma	GED	Postsecondary		Adult Basic Education	Working or Could go to Work	Two Parent Household	Total New Applicants
			Further Education	Degree or Certificate				
Jun-11	1,709	360	654	647	1,414	2,467	1,093	3,498
Jul-11	1,585	320	565	516	1,170	2,196	900	3,149
Aug-11	1,774	372	660	631	1,444	2,511	1,088	3,609
Sep-11	1,693	352	592	622	1,333	2,409	1,069	3,372
Oct-11	1,602	344	618	553	1,294	2,370	1,088	3,296
Nov-11	1,427	351	522	493	1,131	2,153	996	2,969
Dec-11	1,479	283	498	498	1,115	2,129	944	2,938
Jan-12	1,471	325	512	495	1,139	2,209	947	3,005
Feb-12	1,335	281	485	464	1,087	1,995	880	2,748

Note: These charts show work readiness of new WorkFirst Applicants and Returning Applicants (those who received TANF within 6 months of their current application). For comparison, 87.5% of youth and adults in Washington (89.9% of women) between the ages of 18 and 44 have a High School Diploma, equivalent, or postsecondary education (American Community Survey, 2010 Data Set, Table S1501 Educational Attainment).

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WorkFirst Measure 4b: Comprehensive Evaluation: Education and Work Readiness of Returning Applicants



Education and Work Readiness of TANF Returners (Within 6 Months)

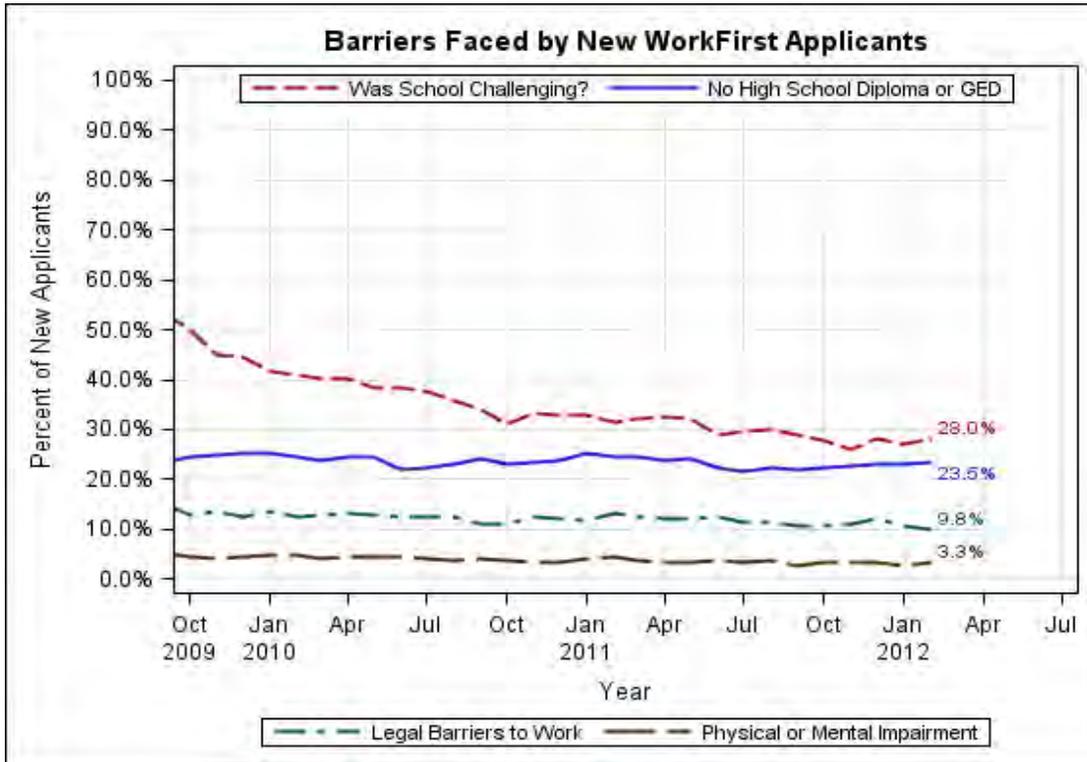
Month	High School		Postsecondary		Adult Basic Education	Working or Could go to Work	Two Parent Household	Total Returning Applicants
	Diploma	GED	Further Education	Degree or Certificate				
Jun-11	661	130	192	200	579	961	372	1,321
Jul-11	466	105	157	171	398	666	319	956
Aug-11	509	99	188	182	444	779	375	1,056
Sep-11	537	121	149	171	446	738	346	1,010
Oct-11	515	125	148	177	447	764	360	1,041
Nov-11	434	107	139	138	396	681	346	913
Dec-11	472	91	152	159	456	691	365	934
Jan-12	510	108	133	135	428	729	356	965
Feb-12	536	106	151	160	421	759	388	1,048

Education levels are somewhat lower for TANF Returners than for new TANF applicants.

Education level is based on Comprehensive Evaluation questions or CL_Profile information on highest grade attained and uses whichever grade level is highest. Comprehensive Evaluation questions ask about Degrees or Certificates and Adult Education, but do not distinguish between High School Diplomas, GEDs, or education levels beyond High School.

Source: ACES Data Warehouse JAS_CE table and CL_Profile table.

WorkFirst Measure 4c: Comprehensive Evaluation: Barriers Faced by New Applicants



Barriers Faced by New TANF Applicants

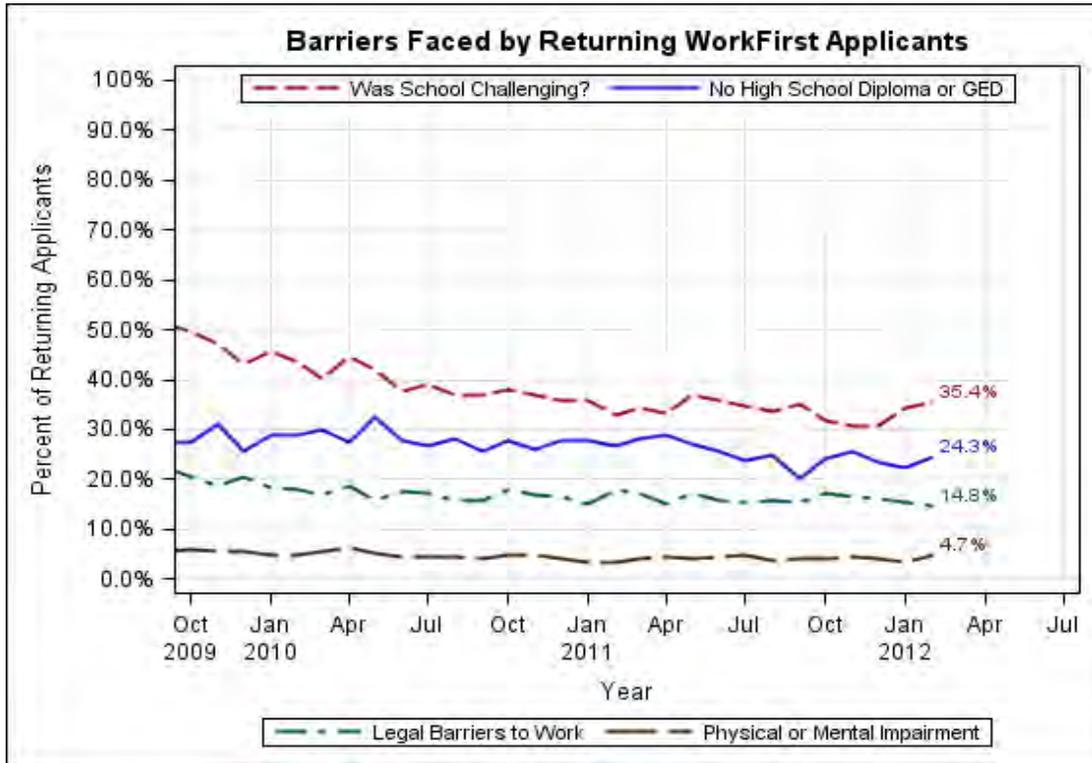
Month	Less than High School Diploma	Non-English Speaker	School was Challenging	Wouldn't Pass Background Check	Legal Obligations	Money Management	Physical or Mental Impairment	Total New Applicants
Jun-11	776	141	1,011	351	163	647	126	3,498
Jul-11	680	134	928	291	133	613	111	3,149
Aug-11	804	170	1,078	335	142	732	135	3,609
Sep-11	736	148	977	287	148	599	91	3,372
Oct-11	732	132	912	283	144	610	115	3,296
Nov-11	669	124	770	254	138	553	103	2,969
Dec-11	678	176	831	296	139	493	102	2,938
Jan-12	697	146	808	264	105	525	81	3,005
Feb-12	647	154	770	215	104	455	90	2,748

Note: These charts and data show barriers faced by new WorkFirst Applicants and Returning Applicants (those who received TANF within 6 months of their current application). All barriers except language and education level are measured using questions asked in the Comprehensive Evaluation.

For comparison, Washington State has roughly 311,600 youth and adults (123,400 of them women) between the ages of 18 and 44 who lack a high school diploma or equivalent (American Community Survey, 2010 Data Set, Table S1501. Education Attainment).

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WorkFirst Measure 4d: Comprehensive Evaluation: Barriers Faced by Returning Applicants



Barriers Faced by TANF Returners (Within 6 Months)

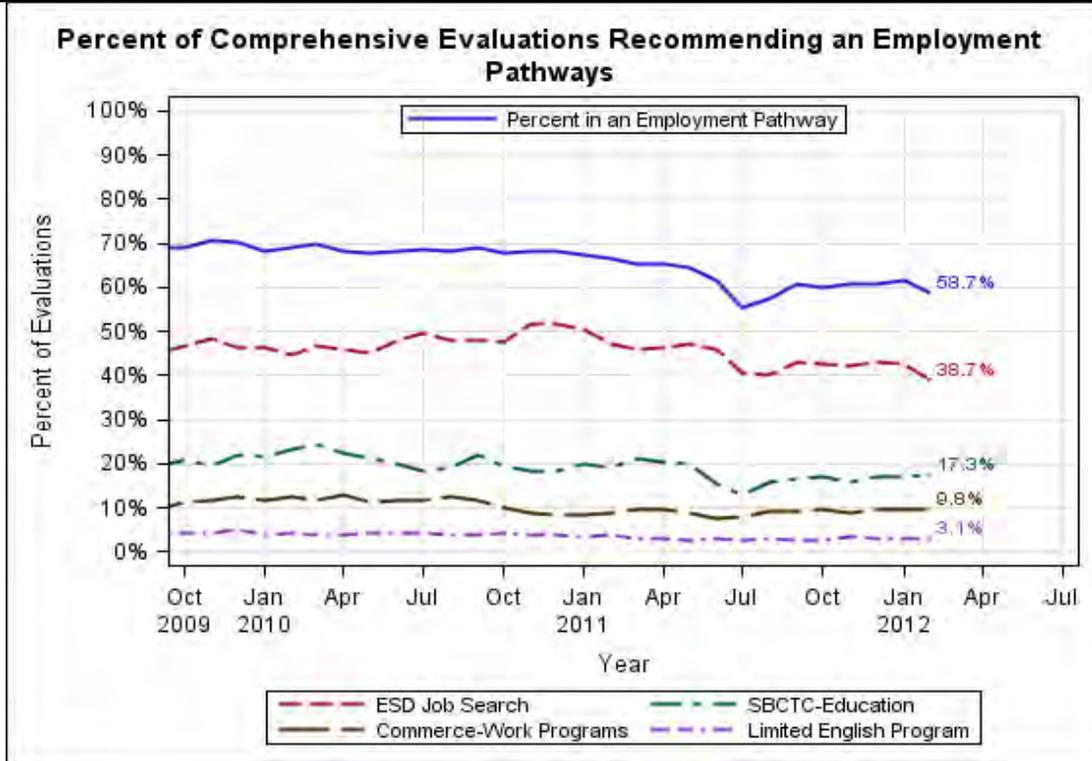
Month	Less than High School Diploma	Non-English Speaker	School was Challenging	Wouldn't Pass Background Check	Legal Obligations	Money Management	Physical or Mental Impairment	Total Returning Applicants
Jun-11	338	53	474	174	77	209	61	1,321
Jul-11	228	45	331	119	68	178	47	956
Aug-11	261	42	355	123	74	222	38	1,056
Sep-11	203	35	353	115	75	162	41	1,010
Oct-11	253	27	332	153	56	176	44	1,041
Nov-11	233	48	282	116	60	188	40	913
Dec-11	219	39	288	118	54	166	37	934
Jan-12	214	51	332	123	53	164	31	965
Feb-12	255	35	371	135	54	196	49	1,048

Education levels are somewhat lower and legal barriers to employment somewhat higher for TANF returners than for new TANF applicants.

Non-English language speaker is based on client primary language code from CL_Profile files. Education level is based on Comprehensive Evaluation questions or CL_Profile information on highest grade attained and uses whichever grade level is highest.

Source: ACES Data Warehouse JAS_CE table and CL_Profile table.

WorkFirst Measure 4e: Comprehensive Evaluation: Employment Pathway Assignments



Employment Pathways

Month	Employment Pathways					Employment	
	ESD Job Search	SBCTC Education	Commerce Work Program	Limited English	Unsubsidized Employment	Employment Pathway	Without Issues
Jun-11	2,490	832	418	159	144	3,358	3,143
Jul-11	1,861	600	372	119	137	2,553	2,417
Aug-11	2,105	838	478	165	179	3,003	2,838
Sep-11	2,101	809	440	134	163	2,956	2,808
Oct-11	2,059	822	464	132	156	2,912	2,758
Nov-11	1,851	689	391	145	133	2,648	2,490
Dec-11	1,878	741	414	133	156	2,646	2,489
Jan-12	1,861	735	427	128	145	2,681	2,549
Feb-12	1,597	712	404	129	116	2,423	2,295

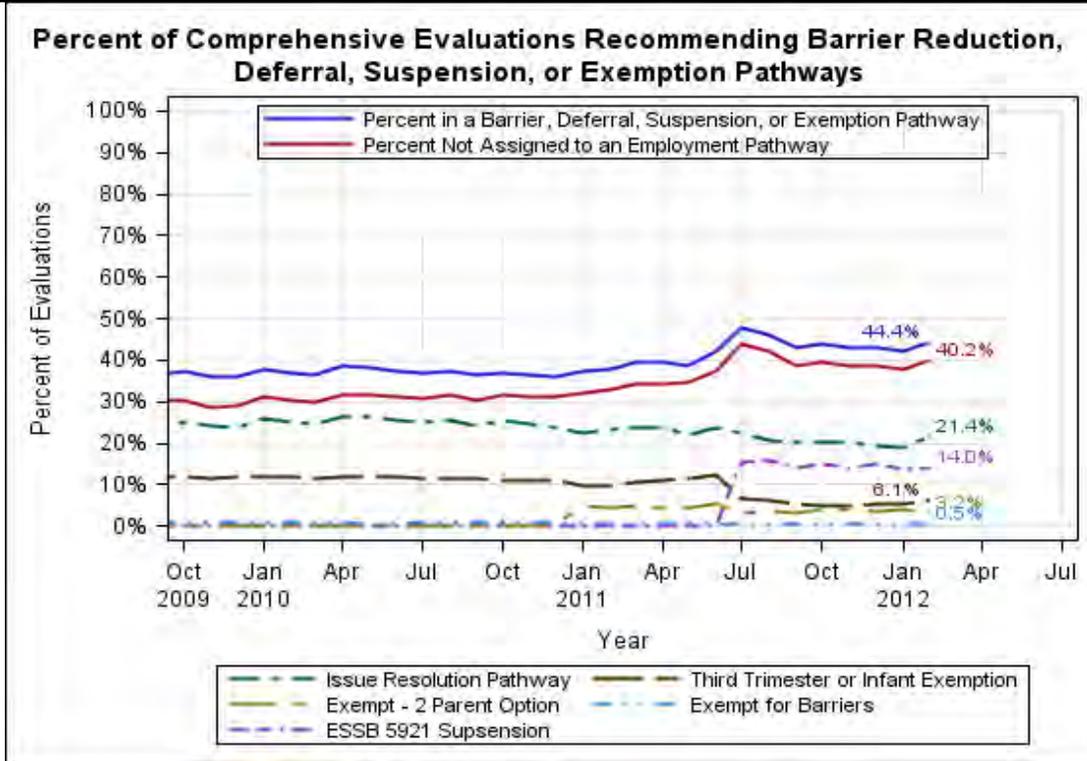
Note: The Employment Pathway column is unduplicated across the five employment related pathways. The column headed "Employment Without Issues" shows the number of adults in the Employment Pathway who were not also assigned to the Issue Resolution pathway.

These charts and data show combined results from all evaluations, including New Applicants, Returning Applicants, and existing Recipients who receive Comprehensive Evaluations.

Source: ACES Data Warehouse JAS_CE table.

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WorkFirst Measure 4f: Comprehensive Evaluation: Issue Resolution, Barrier, and Exempt Pathway Assignments



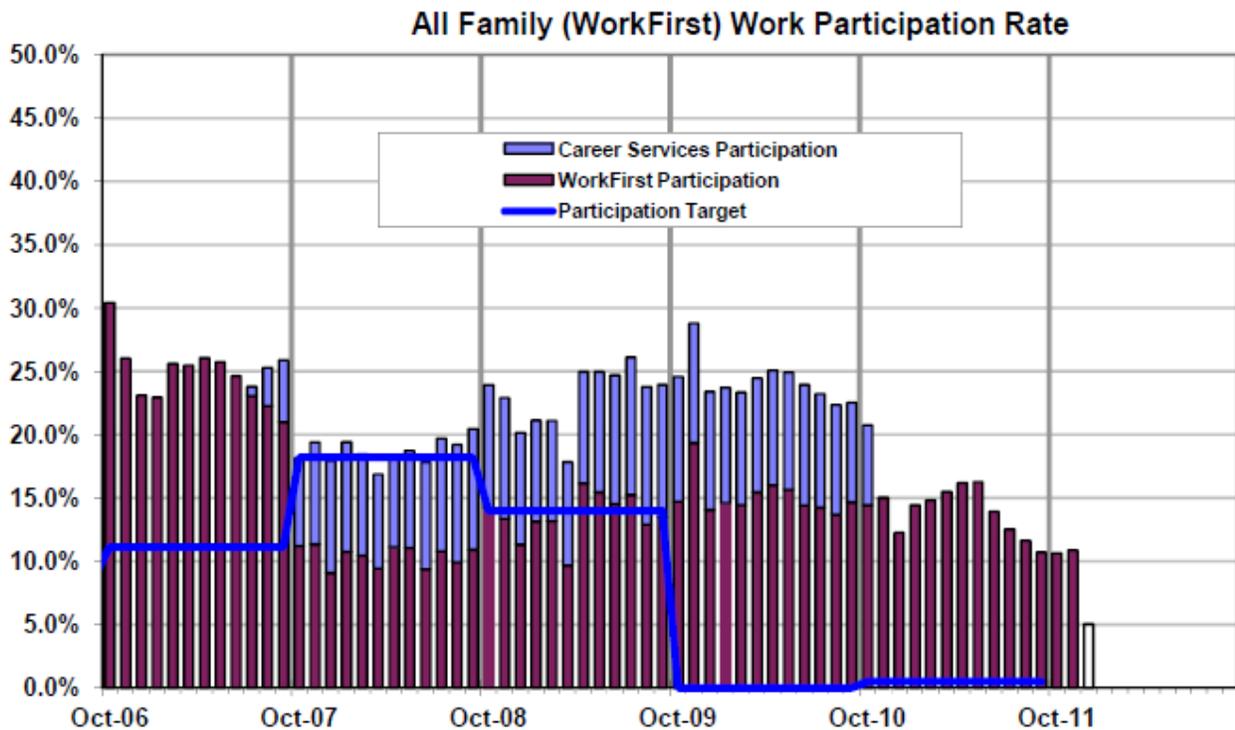
Barrier Reduction, Deferral, Suspension, or Exemption Pathways

Month	Issue Resolution	Infant Exemption		ESSB 5921 Suspension	Exempt	Exempt 2nd Parent	Issues, Suspension, or Exempt	Without Employment Pathway
		Issues with Employment	or Third Trimester					
Jun-11	1,300	217	668	0	42	295	2,288	2,043
Jul-11	1,037	136	309	712	28	156	2,211	2,023
Aug-11	1,095	165	317	825	35	193	2,417	2,199
Sep-11	979	149	260	697	25	161	2,089	1,885
Oct-11	973	156	240	736	27	189	2,124	1,908
Nov-11	876	158	209	622	31	176	1,887	1,692
Dec-11	837	157	241	661	18	157	1,879	1,684
Jan-12	828	132	231	594	24	186	1,837	1,657
Feb-12	884	132	250	576	19	132	1,833	1,657

Note: The "Issues, Suspension, or Exempt" total is unduplicated across six related pathways. The column headed "Issues with Employment" shows the number of adults assigned to the Issue Resolution Pathway who were also assigned to one of the Employment pathways. The column headed "Without Employment Pathway" shows the number of adults who were not assigned to any Employment pathway.

The exemption for the second adult in a two parent household and ESSB 5921 Suspensions are voluntary. The percent not assigned to an Employment pathway rose from near 30% in September 2010 to 44% in July 2011, dropping back to around 40% by February 2012.

WorkFirst Measure 5: Participation Rate - All Family



Goal

Increase the number of WorkFirst adults meeting federal work participation requirements in qualifying activities.

Target

The federal All Family work participation target for FFY 2007 was first set at 28.9%, but was reduced to 11.1% in 2009 when the federal Administration for Children & Families (ACF) opted to use a pre-2007 method to calculate state targets. Initial targets for FFY 2008 and FFY 2009 were 18.2% and 14.0%, but were reduced to 0.0% by ACF. Initial targets for FFY 2010 and FFY 2011 are 0.0%, and 0.5%. Washington's targets and revisions are based, in part, on excess Maintenance of Effort (MOE) expenditures. The FFY 2012 target has not yet been adjusted for MOE expenditures, and is not shown.

Experience to Date

As required by the Deficit Reduction Act, Washington began reporting actual hours of participation instead of scheduled hours beginning in October 2007. This produced a lower participation rate. Preliminary data for FFY 2010 showed an All Family participation rate of 24.2% (16.6% without Career Services). Career Services was suspended in FY 2011. Preliminary data for FY 2011 shows an All Family participation rate of 14.1%. Data for October, November, and December 2011 are not complete.

Comments

Use of actual hours to measure participation changed the participation rate after October 2007. On average, 44% of adults not federally exempt were scheduled for 30 or more hours a week in FFY 2008. 11% of adults met the federal participation rate during that period. In FFY 2010, 48% of adults not federally exempt were scheduled for 30 or more hours per week and over 16% met the federal rate.

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WorkFirst Measure 5: Participation Rate - All Family

Data Table Components of Federal Work Participation Rates

All Family (WorkFirst) Work Participation Rates

Month	WPR Denominator	Cases Meeting Participation			Work Participation Rate		
		WorkFirst	Career Services	Total	WorkFirst Only	Combined Total	All Family Target
Oct-09	38,401	5,659	3,782	9,441	16.3%	24.6%	0.0%
Nov-09	38,463	7,444	3,631	11,075	21.4%	28.8%	0.0%
Dec-09	38,205	5,379	3,562	8,941	15.5%	23.4%	0.0%
Jan-10	38,382	5,612	3,493	9,105	16.1%	23.7%	0.0%
Feb-10	37,963	5,490	3,375	8,865	15.9%	23.4%	0.0%
Mar-10	38,571	5,961	3,474	9,435	17.0%	24.5%	0.0%
Apr-10	38,743	6,202	3,506	9,708	17.6%	25.1%	0.0%
May-10	38,872	6,091	3,598	9,689	17.3%	24.9%	0.0%
Jun-10	39,902	5,749	3,804	9,553	15.9%	23.9%	0.0%
Jul-10	40,517	5,771	3,642	9,413	15.7%	23.2%	0.0%
Aug-10	40,421	5,533	3,507	9,040	15.0%	22.4%	0.0%
Sep-10	39,744	5,832	3,123	8,955	15.9%	22.5%	0.0%
Oct-10	38,865	5,609	2,463	8,072	15.4%	20.8%	0.5%
Nov-10	35,566	5,332	1	5,333	15.0%	15.0%	0.5%
Dec-10	36,195	4,440	0	4,440	12.3%	12.3%	0.5%
Jan-11	37,169	5,366	0	5,366	14.4%	14.4%	0.5%
Feb-11	31,700	4,697	0	4,697	14.8%	14.8%	0.5%
Mar-11	30,724	4,765	0	4,765	15.5%	15.5%	0.5%
Apr-11	29,639	4,799	0	4,799	16.2%	16.2%	0.5%
May-11	28,776	4,688	0	4,688	16.3%	16.3%	0.5%
Jun-11	28,607	3,983	0	3,983	13.9%	13.9%	0.5%
Jul-11	28,749	3,600	0	3,600	12.5%	12.5%	0.5%
Aug-11	28,979	3,374	0	3,374	11.6%	11.6%	0.5%
Sep-11	28,982	3,105	0	3,105	10.7%	10.7%	0.5%
Oct-11	28,939	3,077	0	3,077	10.6%	10.6%	N.A.
Nov-11	28,511	3,104	0	3,104	10.9%	10.9%	N.A.
Dec-11	27,494	1,390	0	1,390	5.1%	5.1%	N.A.

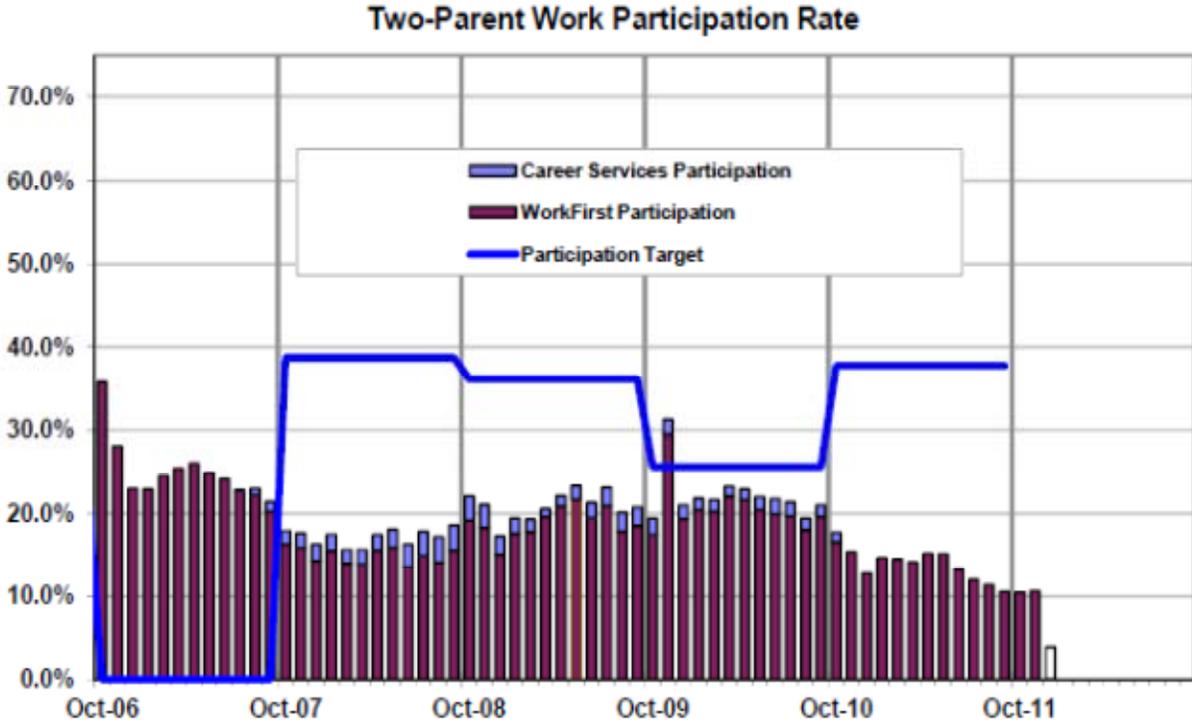
NOTE: Qualified Federal participation counts for the most recent three months are not complete. Results for the most recent month, December 2011 in this case, are often less than half their final rate.

Definition of Measure

The numerator for this measure is the number of WorkFirst adults who meet federal work participation requirements in countable activities plus the number of Career Services participants during a month. The denominator is the number of WorkFirst adults not federally exempt from participation plus the number of Career Services participants. The Career Services program was suspended in October 2010 and not a factor in work participation calculations for most of FFY 2011. The October 2010 participation results reflect the last month of Career Services program activity.

Source: DSHS Workparticipation report for December 2011.

WorkFirst Measure 5: Participation Rate - Two Parent



Goal

Increase the number of WorkFirst adults meeting federal work participation requirements in qualifying activities.

Target

The federal 2-Parent work participation target for FFY 2007 was first set at 65.2% but was reduced to 0.0% in 2009 when the federal Administration for Children & Families (ACF) opted to use a pre-2007 method to calculate state targets. Initial targets for FFY 2008 and FFY 2009 were 38.7% and 36.1%, but these were reduced to 0.0% by ACF. Initial targets for FFY 2010 and FFY 2011 are 25.6% and 37.7%. Washington's targets and revisions are based, in part, on excess Maintenance of Effort (MOE) expenditures. The FFY 2012 target has not yet been adjusted for MOE expenditures, and is not shown.

Experience to Date

In October 2007, Washington began using actual hours of participation instead of scheduled hours, resulting in a drop in the participation rate. Preliminary data showed the FFY 2010 2-Parent participation rate at 22.2%. Preliminary data for FFY 2011 shows a 2-Parent participation rate of 13.9%. Data for October, November, and December 2011 are not complete.

Comments

Before October 2010, the 2-Parent participation rate had been higher than the All Family rate because both adults contributed to meeting the 35-hour participation standard. Washington began to exempt one of the two adults from participation requirements in October 2010. 2-Parent participation outcomes have been similar to the All Family rate since that time. The policy change was intended to reduce child care expenses.

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WorkFirst Measure 5: Participation Rate - Two Parent

Data Table Components of Federal Work Participation Rates

2-Parent Work Participation Rates

Month	WPR Denominator	Cases Meeting Participation			Work Participation Rate		
		WorkFirst	Career Services	Total	WorkFirst Only	Combined Total	Target
Oct-09	5,935	1,035	120	1,155	17.8%	19.5%	25.6%
Nov-09	6,029	1,781	106	1,887	30.1%	31.3%	25.6%
Dec-09	6,127	1,188	100	1,288	19.7%	21.0%	25.6%
Jan-10	6,129	1,251	88	1,339	20.7%	21.8%	25.6%
Feb-10	6,064	1,230	83	1,313	20.6%	21.7%	25.6%
Mar-10	6,222	1,374	75	1,449	22.4%	23.3%	25.6%
Apr-10	6,165	1,336	78	1,414	21.9%	22.9%	25.6%
May-10	6,119	1,252	95	1,347	20.8%	22.0%	25.6%
Jun-10	6,259	1,249	113	1,362	20.3%	21.8%	25.6%
Jul-10	6,336	1,248	108	1,356	20.0%	21.4%	25.6%
Aug-10	6,568	1,184	94	1,278	18.3%	19.5%	25.6%
Sep-10	6,396	1,256	90	1,346	19.9%	21.0%	25.6%
Oct-10	6,295	1,044	73	1,117	16.8%	17.7%	37.7%
Nov-10	6,183	951	0	951	15.4%	15.4%	37.7%
Dec-10	6,469	831	0	831	12.8%	12.8%	37.7%
Jan-11	6,690	982	0	982	14.7%	14.7%	37.7%
Feb-11	6,001	873	0	873	14.5%	14.5%	37.7%
Mar-11	5,844	828	0	828	14.2%	14.2%	37.7%
Apr-11	5,549	844	0	844	15.2%	15.2%	37.7%
May-11	5,406	820	0	820	15.2%	15.2%	37.7%
Jun-11	5,256	698	0	698	13.3%	13.3%	37.7%
Jul-11	5,189	625	0	625	12.0%	12.0%	37.7%
Aug-11	5,202	593	0	593	11.4%	11.4%	37.7%
Sep-11	5,152	547	0	547	10.6%	10.6%	37.7%
Oct-11	5,194	544	0	544	10.5%	10.5%	N.A.
Nov-11	5,098	544	0	544	10.7%	10.7%	N.A.
Dec-11	5,094	202	0	202	4.0%	4.0%	N.A.

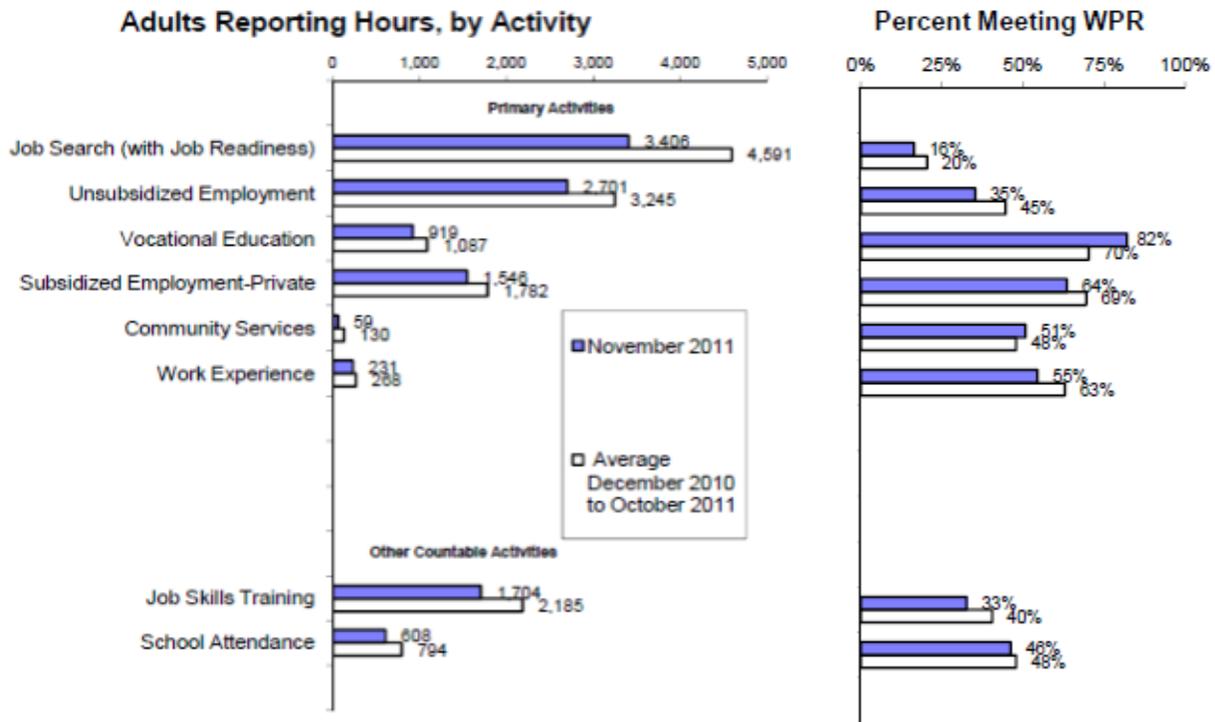
NOTE: Qualified Federal participation counts for the most recent three months are not complete.

Definition of Measure

The federal participation standard for 2-Parent families differs based on whether the household receives federal or state-funded child care. Washington State uses state-funded child care for 2-Parent families, decreasing the federal work participation requirement from 55 to 35 hours per week. The hours can be split between both adults. The numerator for this measure is the number of 2-Parent families who meet federal participation requirements. The denominator is the number of 2-Parent families not federally exempt from participation. The number of 2-Parent families meeting the federal participation rate due to Career Services is shown through October 2010. The Career Services program was suspended in October 2010 and is not a factor in work participation calculations in most of FFY 2011. The October 2010 participation results reflect the last month of Career Services program activity.

Source: DSHS Workparticipation report for December 2011.

WorkFirst Indicator 5a: Participation Summary by Activity (All Family Definition)



Goal

Increase the number of WorkFirst adults meeting federal work requirements in qualifying activities.

Target

The All Family work participation target for FFY 2010 was 0.0%. The initial FFY 2011 target is 0.5%.

Experience to Date

This chart shows the number of participants in federally countable activities who have one or more hours of participation reported and the percent of those in each activity who meet federal work participation requirements. **These figures do not reflect the actual number or percent of WorkFirst adults meeting federal participation rates.** Participation for November 2011 is compared with monthly averages for December 2010 through October 2011. November 2011 figures are preliminary.

Comments

In November 2011, 30% of adults with hours reported in federally countable activities met the federal standard for participation. In the same month, 36% of adults reported hours in countable activities. Activities with the highest percent of adults meeting federal standards include Vocational Education, Subsidized Employment, Work Experience, and Community Services. The number of adults reporting participation hours has dropped due to caseload reductions, budget limits that reduce opportunities for participation and suspension of work requirements for some adults under ESSB 5921.

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WorkFirst Indicator 5a: Participation Summary by Activity (All Family Definition)

Data Table *Adults Reporting Hours*
by Activity 11 Month Average

	Active Wi. Hours	Met WPR	Percent
Countable Activities - December 2010 - October 2011	12,285	4,251	35%
Job Search (with Job Readiness)	4,591	936	20%
Unsubsidized Employment	3,245	1,447	45%
Vocational Education	1,087	764	70%
Subsidized Employment-Private	1,782	1,238	69%
Community Services	130	62	48%
Work Experience	268	168	63%
Job Skills Training	2,185	884	40%
School Attendance	794	380	48%
Participation not Countable due to Activity Limits		1,065	
Number and Percent with Federal Participation Hours		12,285	40%
Cases Subject to Federal Participation Rate		30,732	

Countable Activities - November 2011	10,613	3,514	33%
Job Search (with Job Readiness)	3,406	559	16%
Unsubsidized Employment	2,701	953	35%
Vocational Education	919	755	82%
Subsidized Employment-Private	1,546	982	64%
Community Services	59	30	51%
Work Experience	231	126	55%
Job Skills Training	1,704	555	33%
School Attendance	608	281	46%
Participation not Countable due to Activity Limits		1,058	
Number and Percent with Federal Participation Hours		10,613	37%
Cases Subject to Federal Participation Rate		28,575	

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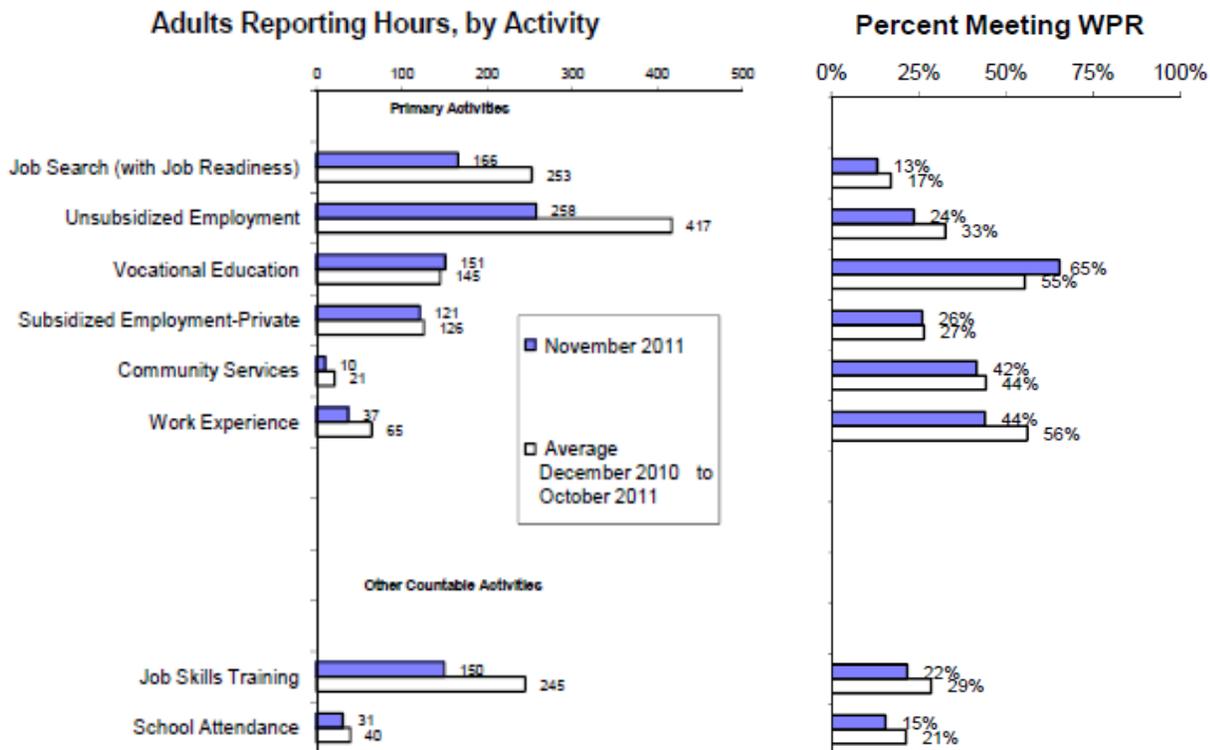
The reduced use of Job Search, Community Services, and Work Experience is likely related to policy changes and funding constraints. The drop in unsubsidized employment among adults began in February 2011, and is likely related to reductions in TANF payment standards. The reduced payment standards make it harder for employed adults to remain eligible for TANF. The Job Search category includes adults in barrier removal activities that count as "Job Readiness" under federal regulations. Participation in some activities, like Job Search/Job Readiness, may be counted for only 12 weeks in a 12-month period. Limits are based on when an adult begins the activity. Data for November 2011 count Job Search/Job Readiness participation for only 6 weeks in a 12 month period.

Definition of Measure

The numerator for this measure is the number of WorkFirst adults who met federal work participation requirements. The denominator is the number of WorkFirst adults not federally exempt from participation who had participation hours. These participation rates should not be compared with federal work participation targets, but can be used to compare the rate at which adults in different activities meet federal work participation requirements. Required work participation requirements are often 30 hours per week, but can be lower for single parents with children under the age of six.

Source: DSHS DRA Work Participation Rate Activities report for December 2011.

WorkFirst Indicator 5a: Participation Summary by Activity (Two Parent Definition)



Goal

Increase the number of WorkFirst adults meeting federal work participation requirements in qualifying activities.

Target

The 2-Parent work participation target for FFY 2010 was 25.6%. The initial FFY 2011 target is 37.7%.

Experience to Date

This chart shows the number of 2-Parent households with members participating in federally countable activities who have one or more hours of participation reported and the percent of such households meeting federal 2-Parent work participation requirements. **These figures do not reflect the actual number or percent of WorkFirst adults meeting federal participation rates.** Participation in November 2011 is compared with monthly averages for December 2010 to October 2011. November 2011 figures are preliminary.

Comments

2-Parent households made up 16.6% of the All Family caseload in November 2011. Each 2-Parent household is included in the All Family participation rate based on individual results for each of the adults. The separate 2-Parent participation rate is based on the combined participation of both adults. It is possible for a 2-Parent household to fail the 2-Parent rate even if one adult meets the All Family rate.

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WorkFirst Indicator 5a: Participation Summary by Activity (Two Parent Definition)

Data Table **Adults Reporting Hours**
by Activity 11 Month Average

	Active Wi. Hours	Met WPR	Percent
Countable Activities - December 2010 - October 2011	3,519	764	22%
Job Search (with Job Readiness)	1,484	253	17%
Unsubsidized Employment	1,276	417	33%
Vocational Education	262	145	55%
Subsidized Employment-Private	475	126	27%
Community Services	48	21	44%
Work Experience	116	65	56%
Job Skills Training	856	245	29%
School Attendance	186	40	21%
Participation not Countable due to Activity Limits		211	
Number and Percent with Federal Participation Hours		3,519	62%
Cases Subject to Federal Participation Rate		5,636	

Countable Activities - November 2011	3,274	662	20%
Job Search (with Job Readiness)	1,265	166	13%
Unsubsidized Employment	1,094	258	24%
Vocational Education	231	151	65%
Subsidized Employment-Private	466	121	26%
Community Services	24	10	42%
Work Experience	84	37	44%
Job Skills Training	691	150	22%
School Attendance	201	31	15%
Participation not Countable due to Activity Limits		261	
Number and Percent with Federal Participation Hours		3,274	64%
Cases Subject to Federal Participation Rate		5,114	

Comments Continued

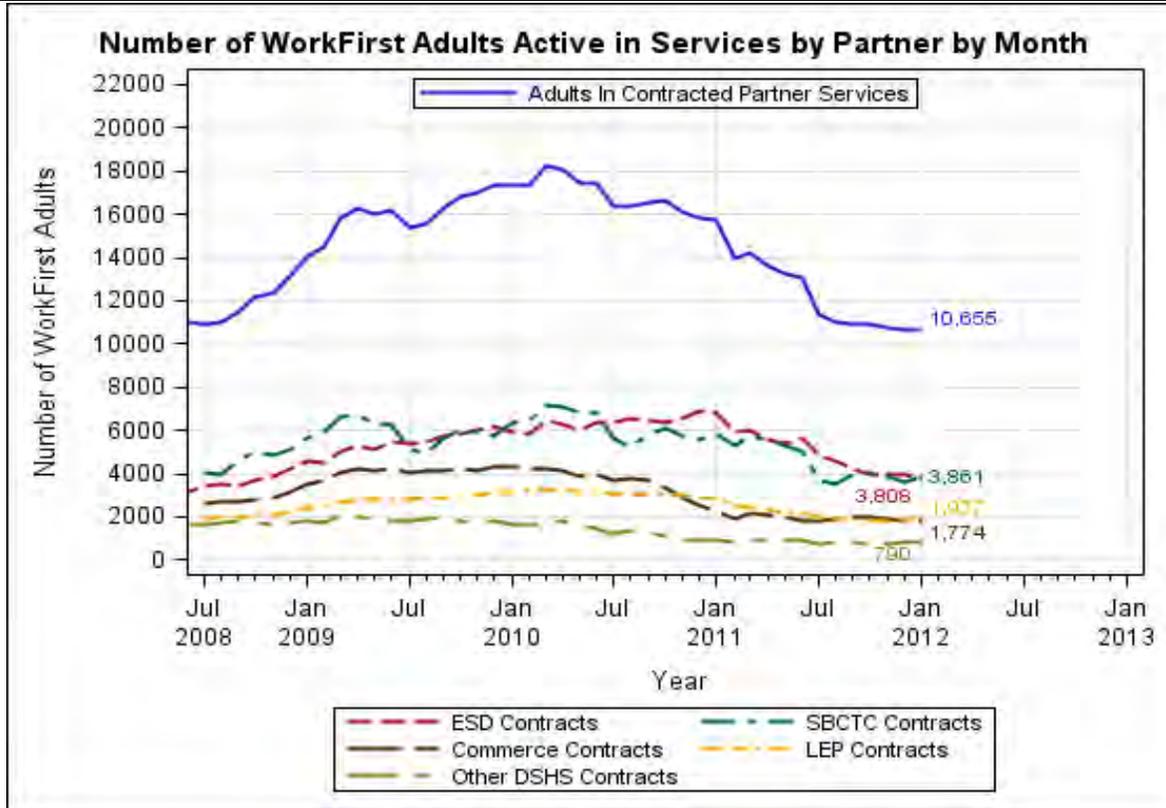
62% of 2-Parent households reported participation hours in countable activities in September 2011. This is 26% higher than the figure for All Family cases. However, the proportion of 2-Parent households reporting hours in November 2011 who met the federal participation standard was 17% -- lower than the 30% figure recorded for the All Family measure. The federal target for 2-Parent households in Washington is 35 hours per week because child care for these families is funded by state dollars. The reduced use of Job Search, Community Services, and Work Experience is likely related to policy changes and funding constraints. The drop in unsubsidized employment among adults began in February 2011, and is likely related to reductions in TANF payment standards. The reduced payment standards make it harder for employed adults to remain eligible for TANF.

Definition of Measure

The 2-Parent participation rate involves activity hours for both adults. These participation rates should not be compared with federal work participation targets, but can be used to compare the rate at which the adults in 2-Parent families enrolled in the various activities meet federal work participation requirements.

Source: DSHS DRA Work Participation Rate Activities report for December 2011.

WorkFirst Indicator: 5b 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 served in five types of partner services. Some adults are served by more than one partner agency in the same month, so the unduplicated count of adults served by any of the partners is lower than the sum of the partner counts.

Trends

The number and percent of adults receiving partner services reached a peak in March 2010 and then declined as budget cuts and reduced participation requirements began to take effect. Around 37% of adults were served during the spring of 2010 -- 32% were served between February and June 2011, and only 27% during the first seven months of ESSB 5921. The count of adults served by partners dropped by 18% between June 2011 and January 2012, compared with a decline of only 3% in the number of WorkFirst adults. Adults served by partners declined by 32% between January 2011 and January 2012, compared with a 23% decline in the number of WorkFirst adults. The number of adults served dropped from a peak of 18,287 in March 2010 to 10,655 in January 2012. Just over 2,400 fewer adults were served by WorkFirst partners during the seventh month of ESSB 5921 than in the last month before implementation.

Use of Department of Commerce programs decreased by 2% between June 2011 and January 2012. Use of Employment Security and SBCTC college programs dropped by 33% and 23% over that period.

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WorkFirst Indicator: 5b Enrollment by Partner Agency

Data Table	Employment	SBCTC	Commerce	Limited	Other	Total	Percent
Month	Security	Colleges	Department	English	DSHS	(No Dups)	of Adults
Jan-10	5,957	6,385	4,316	3,150	1,599	17,330	36%
Feb-10	5,858	6,480	4,189	3,209	1,597	17,392	36%
Mar-10	6,482	7,193	4,202	3,237	1,750	18,287	38%
Apr-10	6,279	7,078	4,108	3,211	1,782	18,060	37%
May-10	5,976	6,804	3,906	3,142	1,608	17,478	36%
Jun-10	6,363	6,851	3,948	3,137	1,449	17,469	36%
Jul-10	6,366	5,630	3,688	3,048	1,198	16,367	33%
Aug-10	6,538	5,210	3,766	3,044	1,329	16,350	33%
Sep-10	6,479	5,818	3,694	3,063	1,304	16,539	33%
Oct-10	6,401	6,125	3,348	3,048	1,130	16,650	32%
Nov-10	6,545	5,764	2,852	2,951	960	16,133	32%
Dec-10	6,862	5,521	2,511	2,863	948	15,833	30%
Jan-11	6,843	5,846	2,296	2,845	943	15,767	30%
Feb-11	5,935	5,307	1,939	2,485	846	13,918	31%
Mar-11	6,015	5,757	2,130	2,437	876	14,223	32%
Apr-11	5,576	5,560	2,081	2,316	887	13,626	32%
May-11	5,426	5,324	1,947	2,211	907	13,259	32%
Jun-11	5,669	5,036	1,803	2,133	907	13,064	32%
Jul-11	4,854	3,721	1,799	1,979	771	11,347	28%
Aug-11	4,564	3,524	1,874	1,882	797	10,975	27%
Sep-11	4,191	3,928	1,959	1,867	820	10,920	27%
Oct-11	3,974	4,051	2,028	1,827	784	10,924	27%
Nov-11	3,993	3,871	1,888	1,854	768	10,786	27%
Dec-11	3,983	3,622	1,782	1,939	821	10,659	27%
Jan-12	3,808	3,861	1,774	1,937	790	10,655	27%

January 2012, compared to June 2011

% Change	-33%	-23%	-2%	-9%	-13%	-18%	WorkFirst Adults -3%
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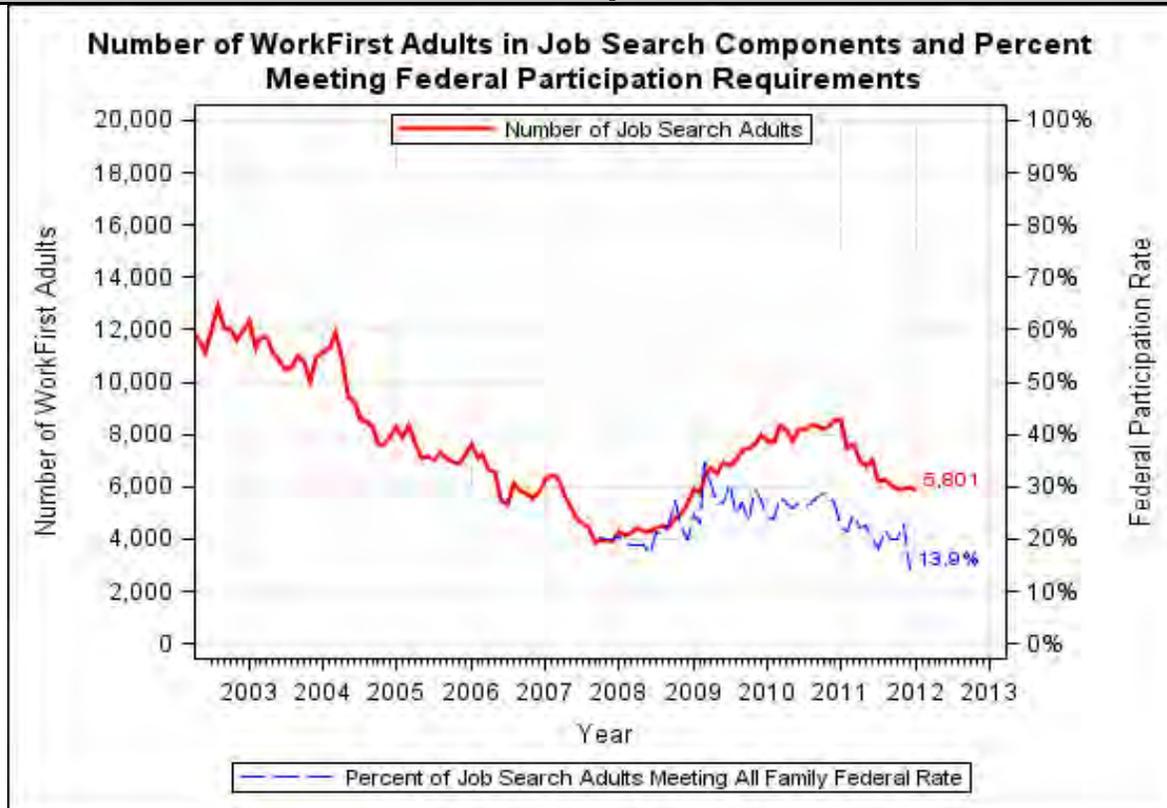
January 2012, compared to January 2011

% Change	-44%	-34%	-23%	-32%	-16%	-32%	WorkFirst Adults -23%
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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) or Limited English Pathway (LP) as long as that referral is associated with a specific partner contract. Some Employment Security services are provided without contractor codes. JS and OT services have been counted as Employment Security services when they occur without a contractor code. Other DSHS Contracts include contracts made directly between DSHS and vendors, including Colleges, Non-Profits, Private-for-Profit case management firms, and ESD for specialized services such as barrier removal. To be counted in this table, adults must have a Jas_Actv and Comp_Dtl record open during a month and must be receiving TANF.

Source: ACES data warehouse, JAS_ACTV table and COMP_DTL table.

WorkFirst Indicator: 5c Participation in Job Search



Components Shown

Job Search is one of the primary WorkFirst activities contributing to federal participation. Most job search (79% in FY 2011 and 70% so far in FY 2012) is provided by the Employment Security Department (ESD). The rest is provided by other partners, most of them programs for Limited English speakers. The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) limited the amount of time that Job Search can count toward federal participation rates. For 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.

Trends

Until the end of 2007, enrollment in Job Search declined steadily from a peak during the summer of 2002. Enrollments began to grow in 2008 and accelerated in 2009 reflecting increased caseloads and changes to the Comprehensive Evaluation (CE) process. Enrollment in January 2012 was 32% lower than January 2011, reflecting the drop in the number of WorkFirst adults after February 2011 and the impacts of ESSB 5921. The percent of WorkFirst adults in job search dropped from 16.5% in January 2011 to 14.5% in January 2012, likely as a result of suspensions of work requirements for some adults under ESSB 5921. Job Search by ESD dropped faster between June 2011 and January 2012 than the use of Job Search overall. Department of Commerce contractors began using the Job Search component in July 2011, and are making up some of the difference.

Refer Backs

The number and percent of adults in the Refer Back component is shown in the last columns of the table. The count of adults referred back in January 2012 was 54% lower than in January 2011. Roughly one adult is referred back from Job Search for every 5 referrals.

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WorkFirst Indicator: 5c Participation in Job Search

Data Table Month	Number of Adults			Percent of Adults		Number	Percent
	Job Search Search (JS)	ESD Job Search	LEP Job Search	In Job Search	JS Meeting AF WPR	In Refer Back (RB)	In Refer Back (RB)
Jan-10	7,747	5,955	1,781	16.1%	24.3%	2,137	4.4%
Feb-10	7,668	5,853	1,806	16.0%	23.7%	2,029	4.2%
Mar-10	8,361	6,478	1,873	17.2%	28.0%	2,275	4.7%
Apr-10	8,167	6,276	1,882	16.8%	26.9%	2,463	5.1%
May-10	7,770	5,969	1,790	16.0%	25.8%	2,056	4.2%
Jun-10	8,193	6,360	1,821	16.8%	27.1%	2,276	4.7%
Jul-10	8,173	6,363	1,798	16.7%	26.1%	2,412	4.9%
Aug-10	8,347	6,536	1,802	16.6%	26.8%	2,495	5.0%
Sep-10	8,341	6,477	1,857	16.4%	28.0%	2,455	4.8%
Oct-10	8,225	6,397	1,824	16.0%	28.7%	2,314	4.5%
Nov-10	8,312	6,541	1,768	16.3%	27.6%	2,316	4.5%
Dec-10	8,561	6,856	1,703	16.5%	26.9%	2,900	5.6%
Jan-11	8,585	6,840	1,740	16.5%	22.2%	2,587	5.0%
Feb-11	7,457	5,932	1,522	16.6%	21.4%	2,140	4.8%
Mar-11	7,577	6,013	1,554	17.2%	24.6%	2,213	5.0%
Apr-11	7,039	5,576	1,458	16.5%	22.0%	1,986	4.6%
May-11	6,817	5,425	1,388	16.4%	22.4%	1,778	4.3%
Jun-11	7,003	5,668	1,329	17.0%	19.9%	1,962	4.8%
Jul-11	6,238	4,850	1,149	15.4%	18.1%	1,646	4.1%
Aug-11	6,252	4,559	1,110	15.4%	21.7%	1,489	3.7%
Sep-11	6,069	4,189	1,114	14.9%	19.9%	1,397	3.4%
Oct-11	5,888	3,973	1,094	14.5%	20.0%	1,179	2.9%
Nov-11	5,932	3,993	1,134	14.8%	22.9%	1,130	2.8%
Dec-11	5,972	3,983	1,255	14.9%	13.9%	1,456	3.6%
Jan-12	5,801	3,807	1,264	14.5%	.	1,200	3.0%

January 2012, compared to June 2011

% Change -17% -33% -5%

WF Adult Count

% Change -3%

January 2012, compared to January 2011

% Change -32% -44% -27%

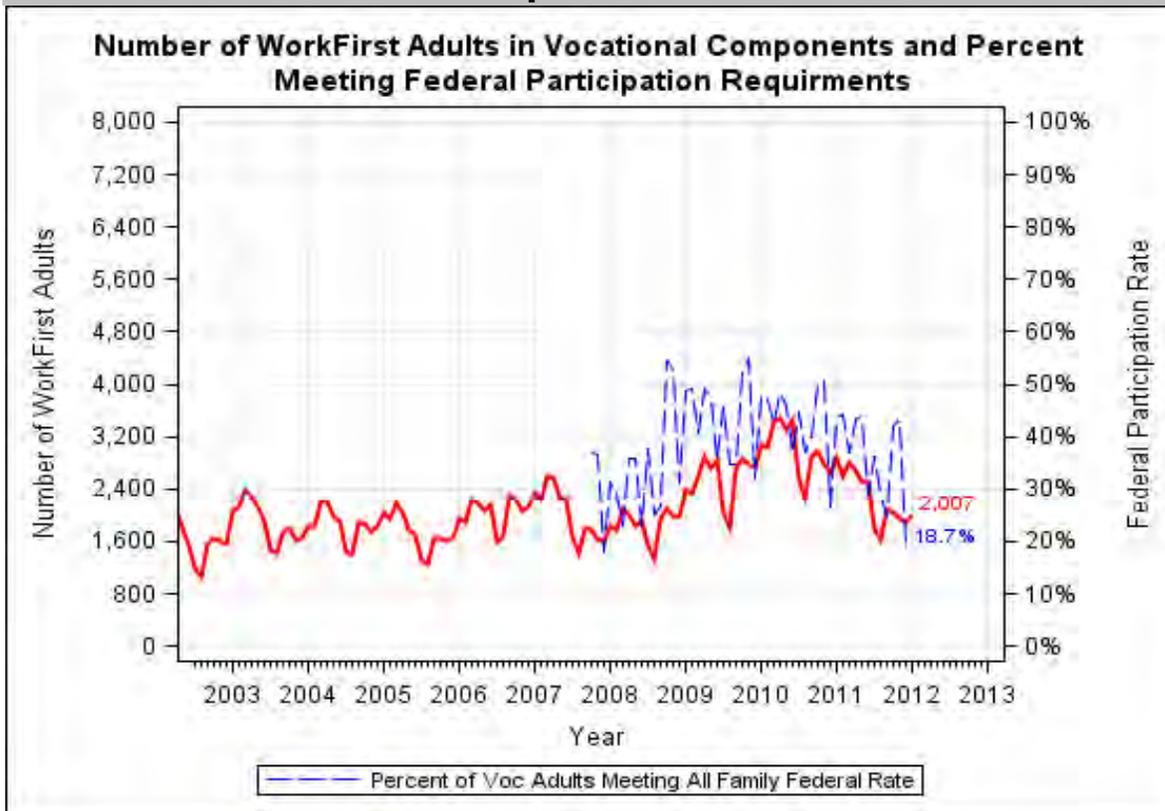
WF Adult Count

% Change -23%

The percent of Job Search participants meeting federal participation requirements rose from less than 18% during the summer of 2008 to a high of almost 31% in April and July of 2009. Participation in Job Search counts toward federal participation rates for only 12 weeks in every 12-month period. The participation rates shown for December 2011 is preliminary and does not include the full 12 week participation definition. The final participation rates for December 2011 will be closer to the 18% to 23% shown for July through November 2011 than the 14% shown above.

Source: ACES data warehouse, JAS_ACTV table. Federal All Family Participation Rate from monthly DSHS Work Participation Rate files.

WorkFirst Indicator 5d: Participation in Vocational Components



Components Shown

Vocational Education, Customized Job Skills Training, and High Wage High Demand Training are provided by Washington's Community and Technical College (CTC) system and by private career schools. CTC colleges provided 63% of these activities in FY 2011. Vocational education activities count toward federal participation for up to 12 months in an adult's lifetime. The chart shows the number of adults enrolled in these activities on the left scale and the percent who met federal participation requirements on the right. Enrollment counts by program and the percent of all WorkFirst adults participating in one of 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 vocational education activities.

Trends

Enrollment in vocational education activities averaged around 4% of WorkFirst adults through SFY 2006, rose to 6.1% in SFY 2007, dropped to 5.2% and 5.5% in SFYs 2008 and 2009, returned to 6.1% in SFY 2010, and dropped back to 5.6% in SFY 2011.

The number of WorkFirst adults enrolled in vocational components in January 2012 was 30% lower than in January 2011. Some of the reduction is due to the 23% decline in the number of WorkFirst adults, but the percent of adults served has also declined. Some 5.0% of WorkFirst adults were enrolled in vocational components in January 2012, down from 5.5% enrolled in January 2011. This is likely due to impacts of ESSB 5921.

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WorkFirst Indicator 5d: Participation in Vocational Components

Month	Number of Adults			Total SBCTC (No Dups)	Total All Schools (No Dups)	Percent of WorkFirst Adults	Percent Meeting AF WPR
	Vocational Ed (VE)	Customized CJST (PE)	High Wage (HW)				
Jan-10	2,451	329	315	2,087	3,069	6.4%	48.1%
Feb-10	2,386	376	301	2,071	3,047	6.4%	47.1%
Mar-10	2,632	475	356	2,307	3,433	7.1%	42.5%
Apr-10	2,660	523	319	2,365	3,482	7.1%	48.5%
May-10	2,550	465	299	2,212	3,302	6.8%	45.9%
Jun-10	2,691	460	325	2,336	3,457	7.1%	36.9%
Jul-10	1,979	313	244	1,508	2,533	5.2%	44.6%
Aug-10	1,778	286	214	1,204	2,268	4.5%	37.0%
Sep-10	2,269	387	270	1,787	2,902	5.7%	39.7%
Oct-10	2,325	387	275	1,875	2,975	5.8%	50.3%
Nov-10	2,209	324	249	1,722	2,776	5.5%	50.5%
Dec-10	2,126	289	244	1,627	2,652	5.1%	26.7%
Jan-11	2,314	310	265	1,836	2,870	5.5%	43.6%
Feb-11	2,058	305	236	1,656	2,589	5.8%	44.1%
Mar-11	2,249	320	250	1,828	2,806	6.4%	37.0%
Apr-11	2,175	276	254	1,783	2,681	6.3%	43.4%
May-11	2,035	247	250	1,651	2,522	6.1%	44.0%
Jun-11	2,034	227	264	1,622	2,515	6.1%	28.8%
Jul-11	1,436	140	196	1,024	1,767	4.4%	36.1%
Aug-11	1,318	131	176	902	1,620	4.0%	28.7%
Sep-11	1,706	179	231	1,341	2,099	5.2%	24.9%
Oct-11	1,657	176	209	1,313	2,035	5.0%	41.9%
Nov-11	1,600	161	202	1,256	1,957	4.9%	43.3%
Dec-11	1,560	143	182	1,196	1,880	4.7%	18.7%
Jan-12	1,683	145	190	1,337	2,007	5.0%	.

January 2012, compared to June 2011

WF Adult Count

% Change	-17%	-36%	-28%	-18%	-20%	% Change	-3%
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January 2012, compared to January 2011

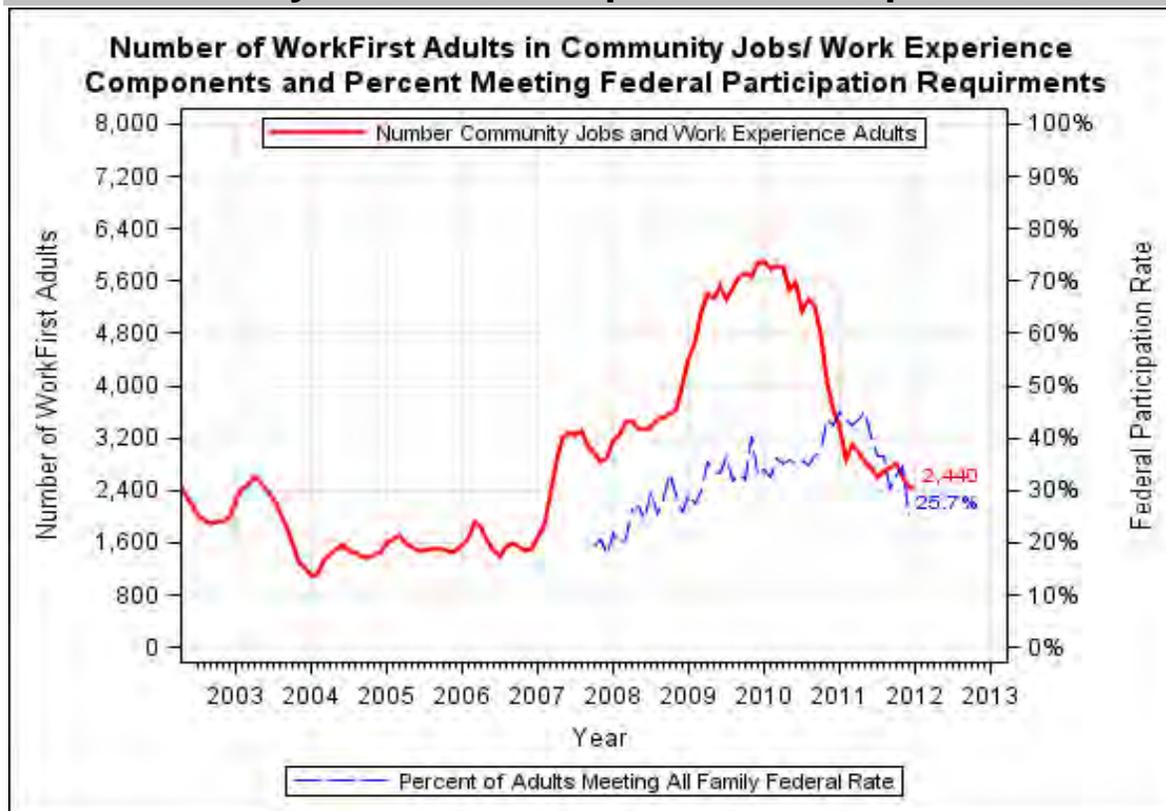
WF Adult Count

% Change	-27%	-53%	-28%	-27%	-30%	% Change	-23%
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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. Participation rates increased in 2009. Federal participation for the most recent two months (November-December 2011) was 31%, down from 39% in November-December 2010. The participation rates shown for December 2011 is preliminary.

Source: ACES data warehouse, JAS_ACTV table. Federal All Family Participation Rate from monthly DSHS Work Participation Rate files.

WorkFirst Indicator 5e: Participation in Community Jobs\Work Experience Components



Components Shown

Community Jobs, Structured Community Services, Community Work Experience, and Job Connection are activities provided by the Department of Commerce contractors. Unlike Job Search and Vocational Education, these activities are not time-limited under federal participation rules. The chart shows enrollments in these activities by month on the left scale and the percent of participants who met federal participation requirements on the right. The first three columns of the table on the next page show activities managed by the Department of Commerce. The All Providers column shows the combined activities of all partners. Counts include all adults referred to be enrolled in the services shown. Some adults shown here have not started working in their Community Jobs or Job Connection work assignments. Counts of approved Community Jobs, Job Connection cases, or other work programs would be lower.

Trends

Enrollment in these components rose from around 4% of WorkFirst adults between 2004 and 2006 to over 12% between April 2009 and March 2010. Enrollments then dropped back to 6% by February 2011 -- and have remained at 6 to 7% since that time. Community Jobs enrollments were 38% lower in January 2012 than in January 2011. Community Jobs made up 67% of combined enrollments in January 2011 and 58% of combined enrollments by January 2012.

The percent of adults meeting federal participation requirements increased from 19% in November 2007 to a high of 45% in May 2011. The participation rate shown for December 2011 is preliminary.

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WorkFirst Indicator 5e: Participation in Community Jobs\Work Experience Components

Data Table

Month	Number of Adults				All Partners (No Dups)	Percent of WorkFirst Adults	Percent Meeting AF WPR
	Community Jobs (CJ)	Commerce Programs (JC) Job Connection	Other (CW XS, WE)	Voluntary Community Service (VS)			
Jan-10	1,954	.	2,599	.	5,910	12.3%	33.8%
Feb-10	1,768	.	2,621	.	5,772	12.1%	32.7%
Mar-10	1,742	.	2,697	.	5,848	12.1%	36.3%
Apr-10	1,722	.	2,668	.	5,815	11.9%	35.0%
May-10	1,677	.	2,501	.	5,468	11.2%	35.7%
Jun-10	1,667	.	2,514	.	5,583	11.4%	34.9%
Jul-10	1,643	.	2,261	.	5,144	10.5%	35.7%
Aug-10	1,712	.	2,312	.	5,303	10.6%	34.8%
Sep-10	1,749	.	2,184	.	5,233	10.3%	36.6%
Oct-10	1,958	.	1,688	.	4,786	9.3%	37.3%
Nov-10	2,060	.	1,070	.	4,034	7.9%	43.4%
Dec-10	2,136	.	680	.	3,619	7.0%	42.4%
Jan-11	2,266	.	311	.	3,365	6.5%	44.9%
Feb-11	2,018	.	136	.	2,875	6.4%	43.4%
Mar-11	2,296	.	116	.	3,112	7.1%	42.3%
Apr-11	2,275	.	76	.	2,986	7.0%	43.5%
May-11	2,137	.	48	.	2,829	6.8%	45.1%
Jun-11	2,027	.	31	.	2,734	6.7%	40.2%
Jul-11	1,811	211	67	6	2,609	6.4%	36.4%
Aug-11	1,703	418	103	12	2,680	6.6%	36.4%
Sep-11	1,606	557	158	15	2,751	6.8%	30.5%
Oct-11	1,596	637	173	22	2,810	6.9%	33.0%
Nov-11	1,450	605	161	18	2,588	6.5%	34.8%
Dec-11	1,408	535	148	16	2,459	6.1%	25.7%
Jan-12	1,416	517	165	22	2,440	6.1%	.

January 2012, compared to June 2011

WF Adult Count

% Change	-30%	N.A.	432%	N.A.	-11%	% Change	-3%
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January 2012, compared to January 2011

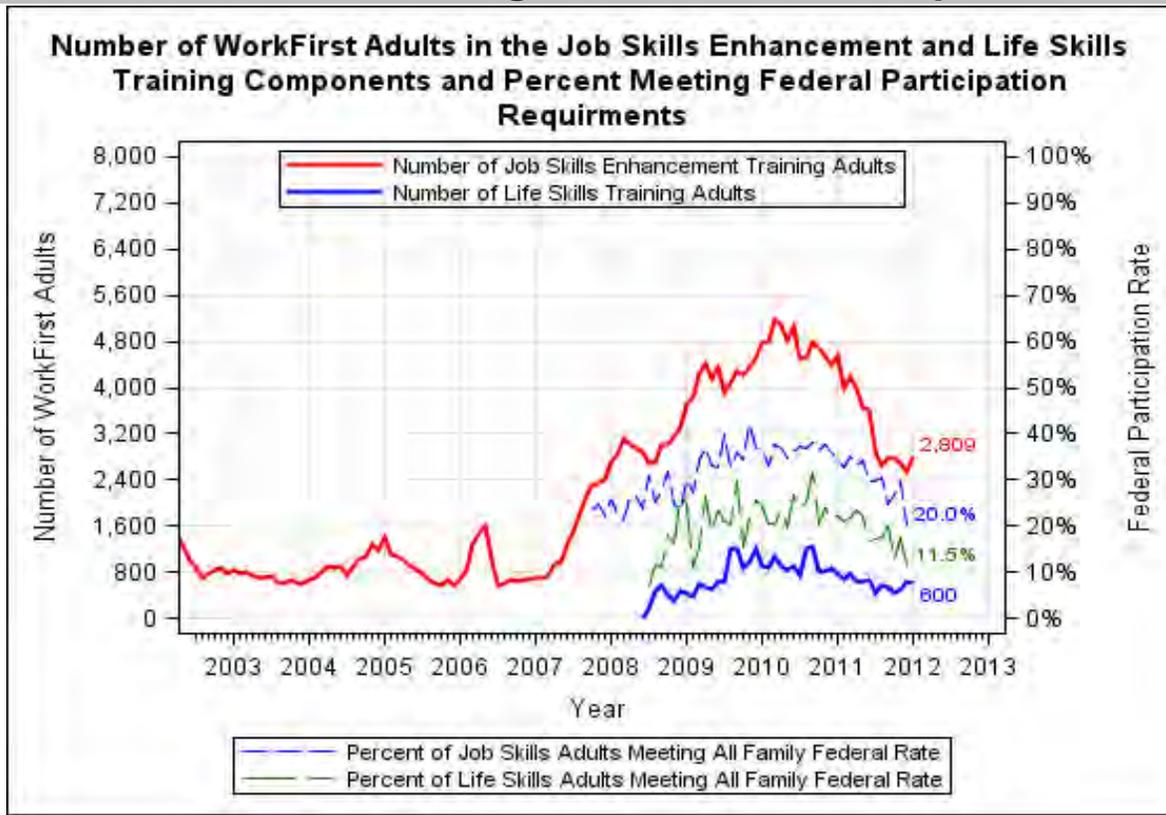
WF Adult Count

% Change	-38%	N.A.	-47%	N.A.	-27%	% Change	-23%
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Job Connection is a new type of short-term paid work experience. The Department of Commerce also began the Career Development Program -- unpaid work experience supporting an educational program, in July 2011. It is counted in the Other (CW,XS,WE) column. Most work experience activity not provided by Department of Commerce contractors is provided by Limited English Program (LEP) contractors. Voluntary Community Service is used by adults assisting with their children's early childhood education.

Source: ACES data warehouse, JAS_ACTV table. Federal All Family Participation Rate from monthly DSHS Work Participation Rate files.

WorkFirst Indicator 5f: Participation in Job Skills Enhancement Training and Life Skills Components



Component Shown

Job Skills Enhancement Training (JT) and Life Skills Training (LS) are provided by Community and Technical Colleges, Department of Commerce contractors, and Limited English Program contractors. JT is short-term training directly related to employment, but not to a specific occupation. LS is short-term independent life skills training which is not part of job search or other job preparation activities. Both are "non-core" activities and must be combined with 20 or more hours of other work activities to meet federal participation requirements. SBCTC College contracts provide about 50% of JT services and 43% of LS services.

Trends

Enrollment in JT has varied over time, from less than 2% of WorkFirst adults in December 2006 to 10% in April 2009. Enrollment stabilized at 9% of WorkFirst adults through the end of 2009, reached 10% in the spring of 2010, returned to 8 to 9% levels. An average of 7% has been using JT since July 2011, following the advent of ESSB 5921 waivers. 38% fewer adults were engaged in JT activities in January 2012 than in January 2011 --- 22% fewer adults were engaged in LS activities.

Stacking JT and LS activity with 20 or more hours of a core activity is one of the strategies Washington has used to increase federal work participation rates since 2007. The percent of JT enrollees meeting federal participation requirements has ranged from 21% to 43%, averaging 35% in FY 2011. Participation rates dropped to 25% in November-December 2011 from an average of 37% a year earlier. Participation among LS enrollees is typically lower. The participation rates shown in the chart for December 2011 are preliminary.

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WorkFirst Indicator 5f: Participation in Job Skills Enhancement Training and Life Skills Components

Data Table

Month	Number of Adults in Job Skills Enhancement		Number of Adults in Life Skills Training		Percent of Adults (JT or LS)	Number in GED (GE)	Percent of WorkFirst Adults
	SBCTC	Total	SBCTC	Total			
Jan-10	2,257	4,776	577	926	10.8%	1,648	3.4%
Feb-10	2,313	4,789	558	869	10.9%	1,644	3.4%
Mar-10	2,609	5,197	655	1,086	11.9%	1,719	3.5%
Apr-10	2,492	5,098	529	895	11.4%	1,863	3.8%
May-10	2,352	4,819	502	835	10.9%	1,787	3.7%
Jun-10	2,597	5,059	556	914	11.4%	1,790	3.7%
Jul-10	2,237	4,489	440	743	9.9%	1,473	3.0%
Aug-10	2,153	4,516	807	1,219	10.3%	1,308	2.6%
Sep-10	2,382	4,797	833	1,242	10.8%	1,364	2.7%
Oct-10	2,314	4,682	487	809	9.9%	1,533	3.0%
Nov-10	2,201	4,563	498	799	9.7%	1,403	2.8%
Dec-10	2,057	4,388	538	880	9.3%	1,233	2.4%
Jan-11	2,267	4,542	452	768	9.5%	1,493	2.9%
Feb-11	1,987	3,977	447	690	9.6%	1,316	2.9%
Mar-11	2,168	4,190	535	780	10.4%	1,312	3.0%
Apr-11	2,122	3,985	430	651	10.1%	1,292	3.0%
May-11	1,994	3,644	409	638	9.7%	1,199	2.9%
Jun-11	2,016	3,621	443	677	9.7%	1,109	2.7%
Jul-11	1,412	2,871	336	458	7.6%	893	2.2%
Aug-11	1,258	2,647	428	591	7.3%	751	1.8%
Sep-11	1,467	2,789	362	552	7.6%	832	2.0%
Oct-11	1,481	2,788	191	435	7.5%	952	2.3%
Nov-11	1,346	2,694	217	503	7.6%	927	2.3%
Dec-11	1,179	2,534	253	630	7.4%	741	1.8%
Jan-12	1,392	2,809	258	600	8.0%	872	2.2%

January 2012, compared to June 2011

% Change	-31%	-22%	-42%	-11%	-21%	% Change	-3%
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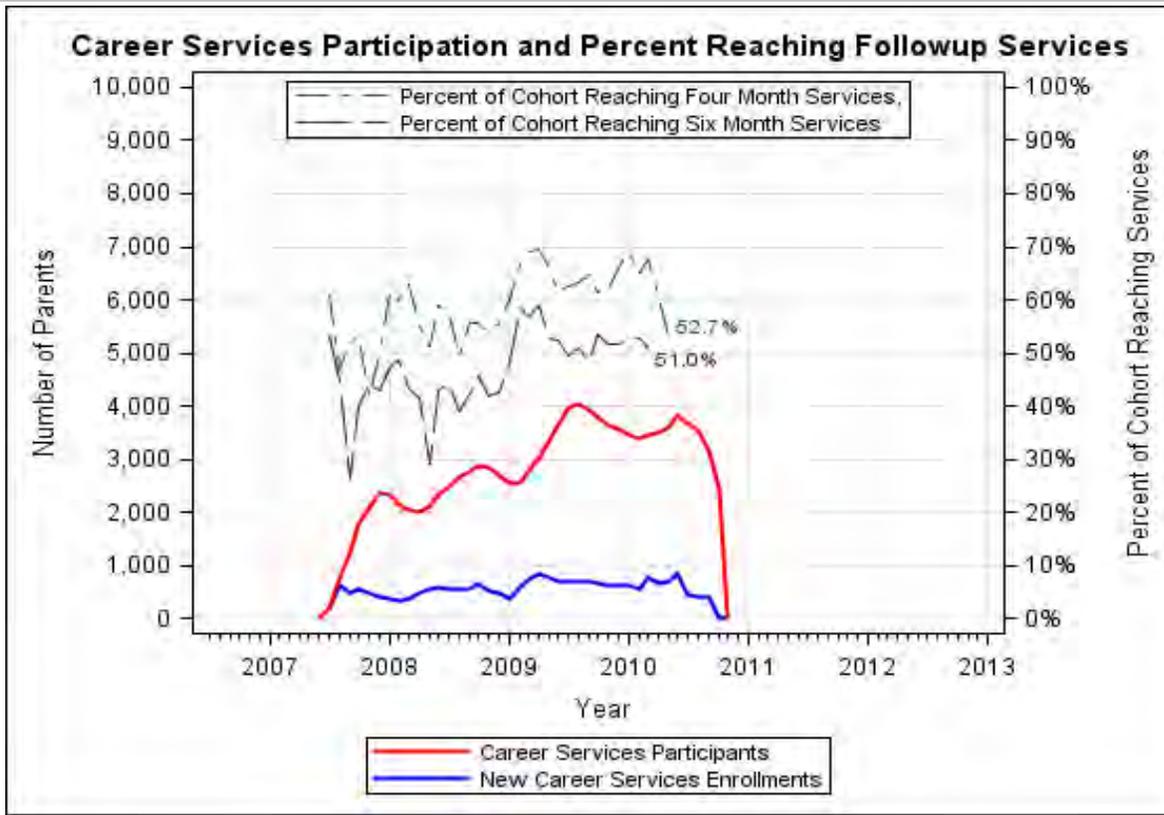
January 2012, compared to January 2011

% Change	-39%	-38%	-43%	-22%	-42%	% Change	-23%
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The General Education Diploma (GE) component is another basic education component, primarily for teen parents who have not completed high school. Enrollment in the GE component is shown above for comparison purposes. The number of WorkFirst adults working on GEDs in January 2012 was 21% lower than in June 2011 and 42% lower than in January 2011.

Source: ACES data warehouse, JAS_ACTV table. Federal All Family Participation Rate from monthly DSHS Work Participation Rate files.

WorkFirst Indicator 5g: Participation in Career Services Activities



Component Shown

Career Services provided support to working families as they transitioned off public assistance. Adults who left WorkFirst and were working at least 30 hours per week were eligible for up to six months of employment retention and advancement services, as well as a monthly cash stipend. Adults enrolled in Career Services were counted in Washington's federal work participation rates. In October 2008, Diversion Cash Assistance recipients became eligible for Career Services. Between February 2009 and June 2010 the program expanded to include eligible Food Stamp families. Adults could receive up to \$650 over a six-month period. The program was suspended in October 2010 as a result of FY 2011 budget reductions.

Trends

Between October 2007 and September 2008, Career Services enrolled an average of 480 new participants per month. In October 2008, post-TANF participation peaked at 13.9% of TANF exits. TANF exits with employment and the percent of post-TANF participation declined during the winter of 2008-09 and remained at lower levels through the end of the program. DCA participation declined as well. The drop in participation from post-TANF and DCA clients was related to worsening economic conditions. This was offset by new participants from the Food Stamp program.

New Food Stamp enrollments ended in June 2010. Analysts expected that some adults who signed up as Food Stamp families would enroll as post-TANF recipients once Food Stamp enrollments ended. Adults who were eligible to participate either way often enrolled as Food Stamp families to obtain benefits for a full six months. Post-TANF recipients received only five months of benefits unless they enrolled promptly.

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WorkFirst Indicator 5g: Participation in Career Services Activities

Data Table

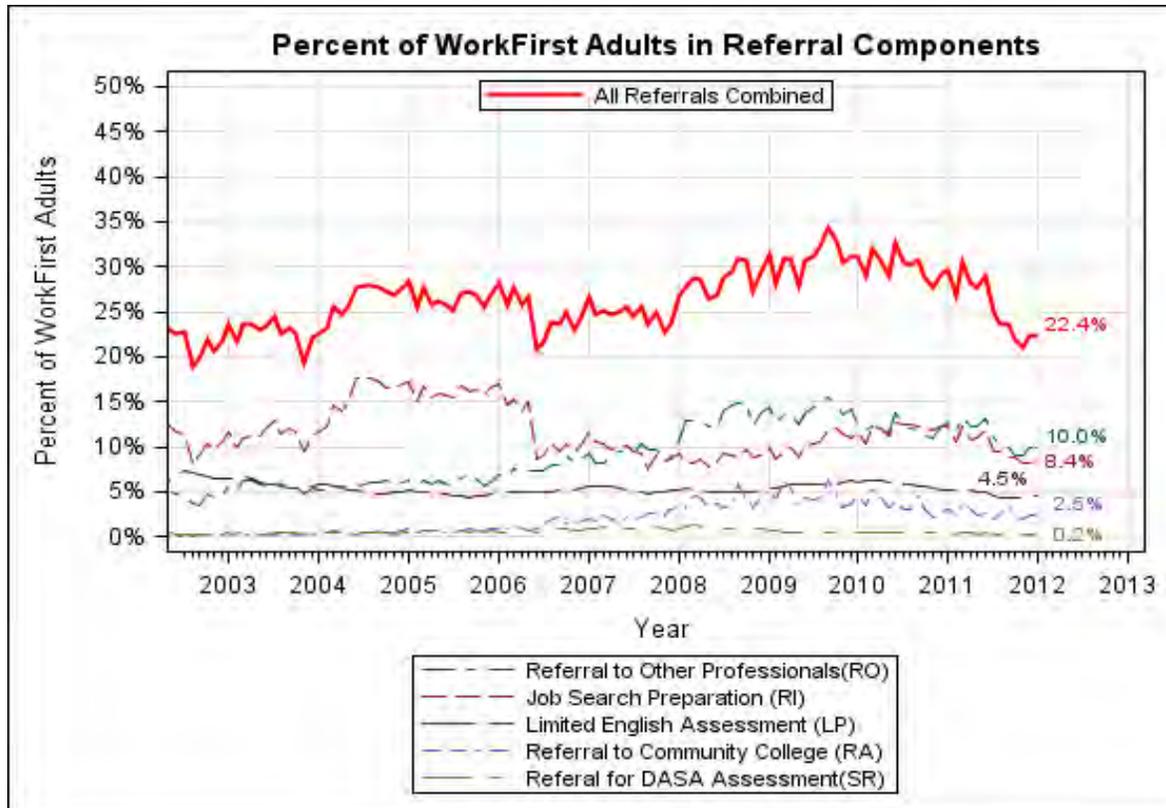
Month	Total Participants by Month	New TANF Enrollments by Month	New DCA Enrollments by Month	New Food Stamp Enrollments by Month	Take-Up Rate Based On		
					TANF Exits	DCA Enrollments	Food Stamp Households
Jul-08	2,479	550	.	.	13.3%	.	
Aug-08	2,658	566	.	.	13.7%	.	
Sep-08	2,772	558	.	.	12.3%	.	
Oct-08	2,878	624	46	.	13.9%	5.9%	
Nov-08	2,833	460	59	.	10.7%	6.9%	
Dec-08	2,714	413	71	.	10.0%	9.4%	
Jan-09	2,536	314	48	.	8.2%	5.0%	
Feb-09	2,557	221	30	322	6.0%	3.1%	0.8%
Mar-09	2,753	220	19	497	5.4%	3.1%	1.2%
Apr-09	3,039	263	10	566	6.3%	1.5%	1.3%
May-09	3,353	304	17	463	7.4%	2.3%	1.1%
Jun-09	3,626	341	24	351	7.3%	3.6%	0.8%
Jul-09	3,985	352	23	328	7.4%	3.1%	0.7%
Aug-09	4,039	333	24	329	7.4%	3.0%	0.7%
Sep-09	3,946	288	19	382	6.5%	2.3%	0.8%
Oct-09	3,782	309	35	339	7.0%	3.4%	0.7%
Nov-09	3,627	294	23	320	6.5%	2.5%	0.6%
Dec-09	3,569	304	21	314	7.3%	2.2%	0.6%
Jan-10	3,472	221	15	385	5.1%	1.4%	0.7%
Feb-10	3,386	189	14	338	4.5%	1.5%	0.6%
Mar-10	3,463	232	9	527	5.5%	1.3%	1.0%
Apr-10	3,502	284	22	368	6.4%	2.5%	0.7%
May-10	3,595	327	26	360	7.6%	2.8%	0.7%
Jun-10	3,828	331	34	475	6.9%	3.3%	0.9%
Jul-10	3,679	406	31	23	8.5%	2.9%	
Aug-10	3,515	393	29	3	8.2%	2.7%	
Sep-10	3,159	370	34	0	7.4%	2.7%	
Oct-10	2,459	5	0	0			
Nov-10	0	0	0	0			

Adults who were eligible for Career Services had two months from the month of TANF exit or DCA enrollment to join the program. Participation rates are reported with a lag to account for this. Take-up rates shown in the table are based on the month of TANF exit or DCA enrollment. Working Food Stamp participants did not face a deadline to join the program. Food Stamp participation seldom exceeded 1% of the eligible Food Stamp caseload. Participation rates shown above come from Employment Security reports and are based on lists of TANF exiters, DCA participants, and Food Stamp participants referred to Employment Security.

During the last six months of the program, 64% of Career Services participants engaged in wage progression and job retention activities during their fourth month of enrollment and 52% did so in their sixth month of enrollment.

Source: DSHS Career Services Payment and Eligibility Files and Work Participation Report.

WorkFirst Indicator 5h: Use of Referral Components



Components Shown

The components shown in this chart track referrals for evaluations or services necessary to remove barriers or to prepare for full-time participation. The line showing "All Referrals Combined" is unduplicated.

Trends

Referral counts increased steadily between mid-2006 and October 2010. The percent of WorkFirst adults in referral status for Job Search Preparation dropped from 15% to under 10% during that time, while referrals to Other Professionals and to Community Colleges more than doubled in frequency. Other Professionals can include Department of Commerce contractors and other contractors used by DSHS Case Managers.

The number of WorkFirst adults in referral status in January 2012 was 42% lower than in January 2011. This reflects the reduction in number of WorkFirst adults resulting from grant and time limit changes implemented in February 2011. Referrals dropped in all categories. Referrals for Substance Abuse Evaluation saw the biggest drop, followed by referrals to Job Search, Community Colleges, and Limited English Programs. A total of 8,955 adults were receiving one or more referral service in January 2012, more than twice the number of Comprehensive Evaluations completed in that month (4,313).

The need for referrals appears to have dropped after June 2011 with the implementation of ESSB 5921 suspensions of work requirements. In October and November 2011 the percent of adults in referral status dropped below 22% for the first time since mid-2006.

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WorkFirst Indicator 5h: Use of Referral Components

Data Table

Month	Job Search Prep (RI)	Referral to Other (RO)	Limited English Eval (LP)	Referral to CTC (RA)	Substance Abuse Eval (SR)	Referral to Tribal Svcs (RT)	Total (No Dups)
Jan-10	5,642	6,075	2,977	2,173	211	22	15,043
Feb-10	4,980	5,661	3,057	1,672	250	19	13,865
Mar-10	5,946	5,996	3,091	2,478	282	18	15,521
Apr-10	5,873	5,761	3,052	2,146	242	14	15,010
May-10	5,463	5,711	2,989	1,559	229	18	14,150
Jun-10	6,261	6,758	2,981	1,932	234	17	15,954
Jul-10	6,119	6,180	2,906	1,540	209	16	14,998
Aug-10	6,324	6,095	2,889	1,544	231	19	15,235
Sep-10	6,262	6,084	2,902	2,285	231	21	15,647
Oct-10	6,172	5,725	2,899	1,535	238	22	14,754
Nov-10	6,061	5,573	2,815	1,169	211	25	14,117
Dec-10	6,352	6,428	2,732	1,420	192	26	15,203
Jan-11	6,372	6,585	2,692	1,638	174	29	15,412
Feb-11	4,739	5,229	2,354	1,094	172	22	12,050
Mar-11	5,364	5,855	2,304	1,663	189	21	13,381
Apr-11	4,636	5,286	2,200	1,346	185	24	12,044
May-11	4,591	5,085	2,117	1,047	159	31	11,536
Jun-11	4,838	5,382	2,035	1,123	175	25	11,959
Jul-11	3,878	4,479	1,877	842	124	22	10,086
Aug-11	3,818	4,127	1,798	981	112	21	9,624
Sep-11	3,619	4,019	1,781	1,414	95	21	9,604
Oct-11	3,569	3,705	1,743	896	107	21	8,857
Nov-11	3,262	3,672	1,749	786	97	16	8,457
Dec-11	3,272	4,019	1,823	954	76	17	8,928
Jan-12	3,343	3,998	1,803	991	84	20	8,955

January 2012, compared to June 2011

% Change	-31%	-26%	-11%	-12%	-52%	-20%	-25%
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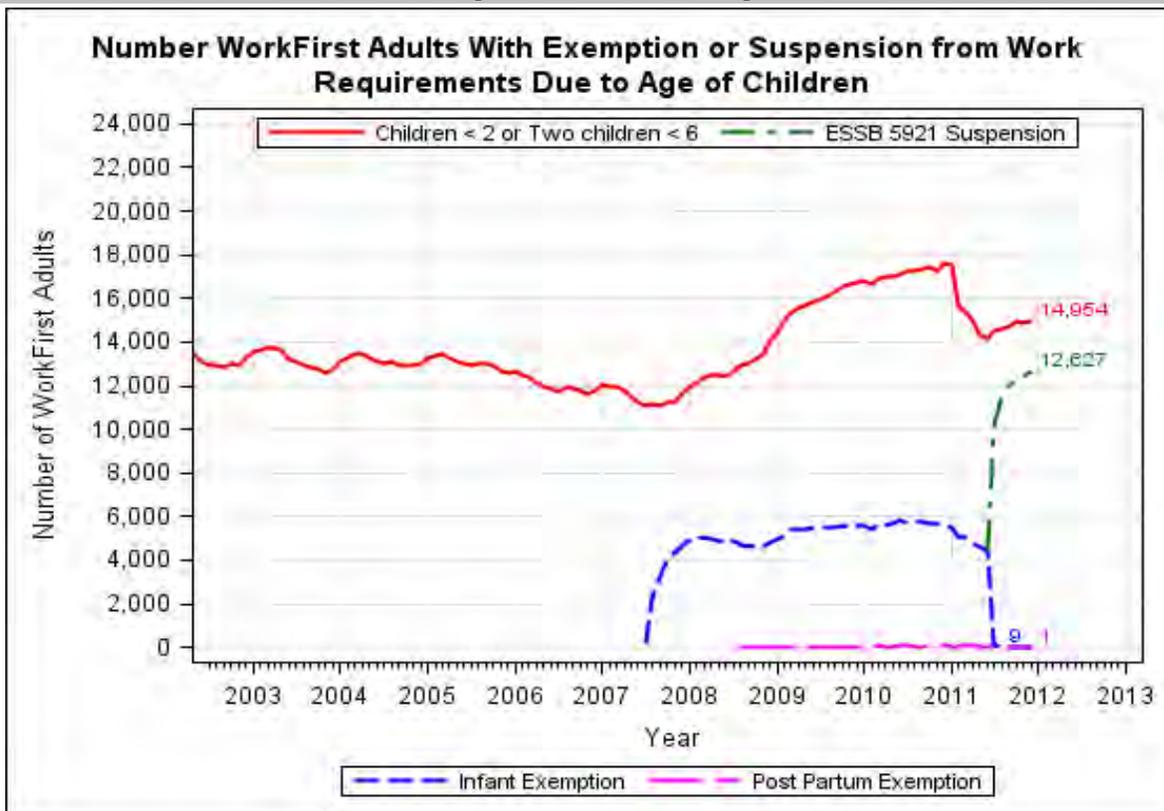
January 2012, compared to January 2011

% Change	-48%	-39%	-33%	-39%	-52%	-31%	-42%
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WorkFirst adults in referral status are typically not enrolled in activities that count toward federal work participation rates. The percentage of adults in referral status and the length of time spent in referrals can reduce Washington's ability to meet federal work participation requirements.

Source: ACES data warehouse, JAS_ACTV table.

WorkFirst Indicator 5i: Use of Infant Exemption and ESSB 5921 Suspension Components



Components Shown

Some WorkFirst adults with young children can seek exemptions to or suspension of work participation requirements. Since July 2007, adults with children under the age of 1 have been able to 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). Exemptions are also available during the last trimester of pregnancy. Beginning in July 2011, parents with children under 2 or with two children under the age of six also have the option to seek a suspension of work requirements under ESSB 5921. Suspensions are available during SFY 2012 and will be phased out in SFY 2013. Suspensions save money, partly by reducing the need for child care and partly by reducing the need for partner services associated with participation. Use of infant exemptions and post-partum exemptions have dropped to near zero during the ESSB 5921 suspension period. Suspensions allow parents to avoid using their one-time infant exemption, saving this for later use, if needed.

Only one adult in a household may use an infant exemption or ESSB 5921 suspension at a time. DSHS EMAPS staff count cases with suspensions as a way to avoid over-counting suspension users, should two adults use the ESSB 5921 suspension at different times during the same month. The data shown for July 2010 and May 2011 to date in the chart and accompanying table are EMAPS counts produced by DSHS. Other historical data have been prepared from the ACES data warehouse by OFM. The two methods produce results that are very similar, but not identical. Use of the EMAPS reports means that the official DSHS version of suspension data is shown for periods covered by DSHS reports.

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Data Table

Month	Cases/Adults		Pct With SU Flag	Of Cases Potentially Eligible for Suspension			
	Potentially Eligible	With SU Flag		Cases Not Participating	Percent Not Participating	Cases Participating	Percent Participating
Jan-10	16,706			N.A.		N.A.	
Feb-10	16,602			N.A.		N.A.	
Mar-10	16,817			N.A.		N.A.	
Apr-10	16,907			N.A.		N.A.	
May-10	16,922			N.A.		N.A.	
Jun-10	17,002			N.A.		N.A.	
Jul-10	17,292			5,849	33.8%	11,443	66.2%
Aug-10	17,197			N.A.		N.A.	
Sep-10	17,262			N.A.		N.A.	
Oct-10	17,355			N.A.		N.A.	
Nov-10	17,249			N.A.		N.A.	
Dec-10	17,499			N.A.		N.A.	
Jan-11	17,483			N.A.		N.A.	
Feb-11	15,614			N.A.		N.A.	
Mar-11	15,301			N.A.		N.A.	
Apr-11	14,885			N.A.		N.A.	
May-11	14,319			4,821	33.7%	9,498	66.3%
Jun-11	14,141			4,738	33.5%	9,403	66.5%
Jul-11	14,499	10,172	70.2%	8,160	56.3%	6,339	43.7%
Aug-11	14,653	11,483	78.4%	9,714	66.3%	4,939	33.7%
Sep-11	14,740	11,984	81.3%	10,077	68.4%	4,663	31.6%
Oct-11	15,006	12,426	82.8%	10,440	69.6%	4,566	30.4%
Nov-11	14,857	12,402	83.5%	10,577	71.2%	4,280	28.8%
Dec-11	14,954	12,627	84.4%	10,803	72.2%	4,151	27.8%

December 2011, compared to June 2011

% Change	6%	N.A.	128%	-56%
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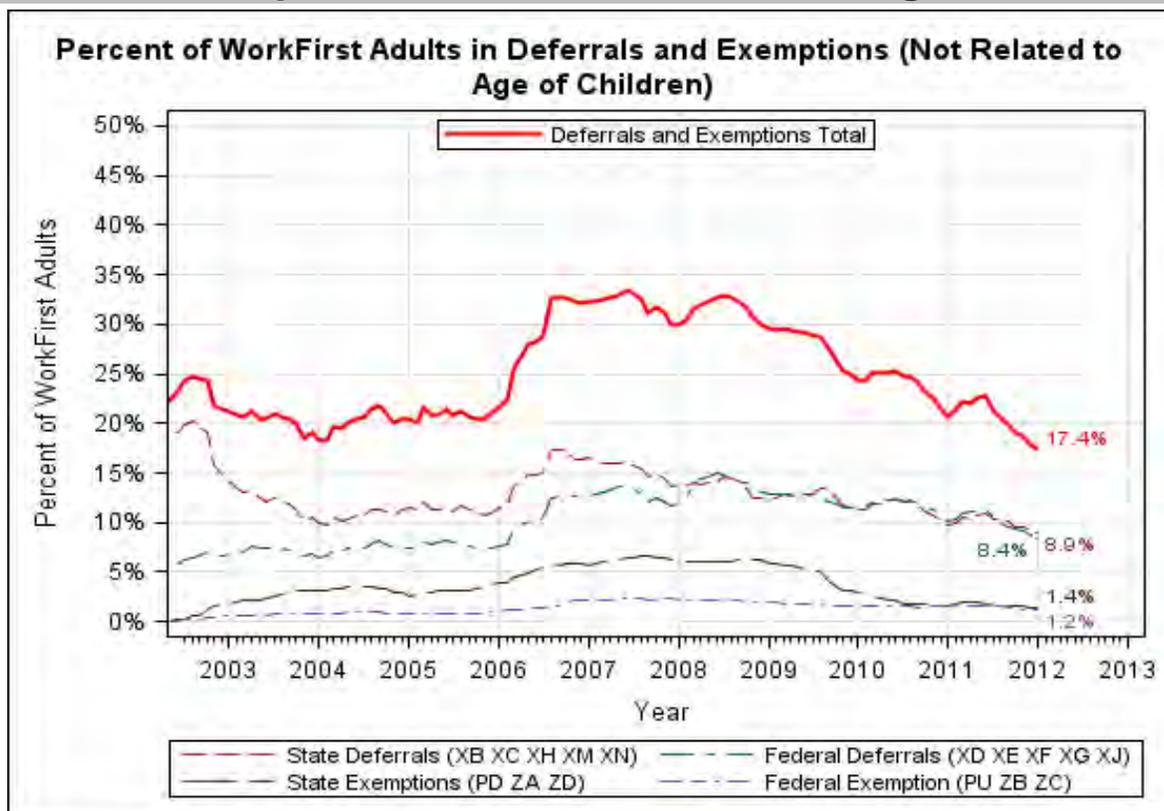
December 2011, compared to December 2010

% Change	-15%	N.A.
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Adults (households) eligible to use ESSB 5921 suspensions are identified as using a suspension with an SU Flag in eJas. SU Flags are set after contact with a case manager indicating a desire to use the suspension. The percent of households eligible for suspension with an SU Flag has steadily increased, reaching 84% in December 2011. Some adults (households) eligible to use suspensions remain active in one or more WorkFirst component. However, this group has dropped from 44% of suspension-eligible households in July 2011 to 28% in December 2011. Roughly two-thirds of "suspension-eligible" households had been participating in WorkFirst activities during May and June 2011, just prior to the implementation of ESSB 5921.

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

WorkFirst Indicator 5j: Use of Deferral and Exemption Components Not Related to Child Age



Components Shown

This chart shows the percent of WorkFirst adults exempted or deferred from full-time participation by type. *Note: Suspensions and Deferrals for age of child are not included here.*

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 or Resolution of Homelessness) do not count toward federal participation. Deferrals are meant to be short-term in length and paired with other work activities whenever possible.

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

Trends

The number of adults with deferrals or exemptions dropped by 35% between January 2011 and January 2012 and is 47% below its peak in June 2009 (13,053). The percent of adults with deferrals or exemptions has been declining since 2008. The drop began after the implementation of the streamlined Comprehensive Evaluation process, but eligibility changes in February 2011 and ESSB Suspensions also contributed.

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WorkFirst Indicator 5j: Use of Deferral and Exemption Components Not Related to Child Age

Data Table

Month	Adult Count in Largest Categories					Pursuing Oth Benefits (XB)	Total in Chart (No Dups)	Percent of WorkFirst Adults
	Temporary Med (XM)	Mental Hlth (XG)	Chronic Disab (ZD)	Alcohol Subst (XE)				
Jan-10	1,774	3,462	2,616	1,630		1,243	11,764	24.4%
Feb-10	1,726	3,520	2,626	1,665		1,175	11,689	24.4%
Mar-10	1,844	3,754	2,748	1,790		1,107	12,180	25.1%
Apr-10	1,877	3,802	2,781	1,800		995	12,253	25.1%
May-10	1,876	3,776	2,799	1,840		856	12,199	25.1%
Jun-10	1,852	3,782	2,835	1,917		828	12,406	25.4%
Jul-10	1,814	3,729	2,708	1,845		721	12,124	24.7%
Aug-10	1,860	3,861	2,710	1,863		682	12,393	24.7%
Sep-10	1,860	3,855	2,681	1,841		676	12,233	24.0%
Oct-10	1,844	3,809	2,667	1,837		692	11,884	23.1%
Nov-10	1,752	3,680	2,616	1,811		663	11,474	22.5%
Dec-10	1,654	3,546	2,457	1,835		641	11,148	21.4%
Jan-11	1,546	3,337	2,304	1,873		644	10,708	20.6%
Feb-11	1,393	2,901	1,964	1,820		648	9,603	21.3%
Mar-11	1,426	2,997	1,992	1,844		669	9,779	22.2%
Apr-11	1,435	2,876	1,946	1,823		638	9,436	22.1%
May-11	1,401	2,849	1,908	1,863		634	9,346	22.5%
Jun-11	1,419	2,858	1,941	1,877		590	9,374	22.8%
Jul-11	1,247	2,597	1,785	1,786		568	8,617	21.2%
Aug-11	1,161	2,417	1,797	1,787		572	8,345	20.5%
Sep-11	1,098	2,354	1,734	1,790		546	8,096	19.9%
Oct-11	1,089	2,284	1,687	1,776		543	7,755	19.1%
Nov-11	1,047	2,200	1,677	1,722		516	7,472	18.7%
Dec-11	1,015	2,095	1,620	1,695		505	7,206	18.0%
Jan-12	928	2,025	1,574	1,645		493	6,970	17.4%

January 2012, compared to June 2011

WF Adult Count

% Change	-35%	-29%	-19%	-12%	-16%	% Change	-3%
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January 2012, compared to January 2011

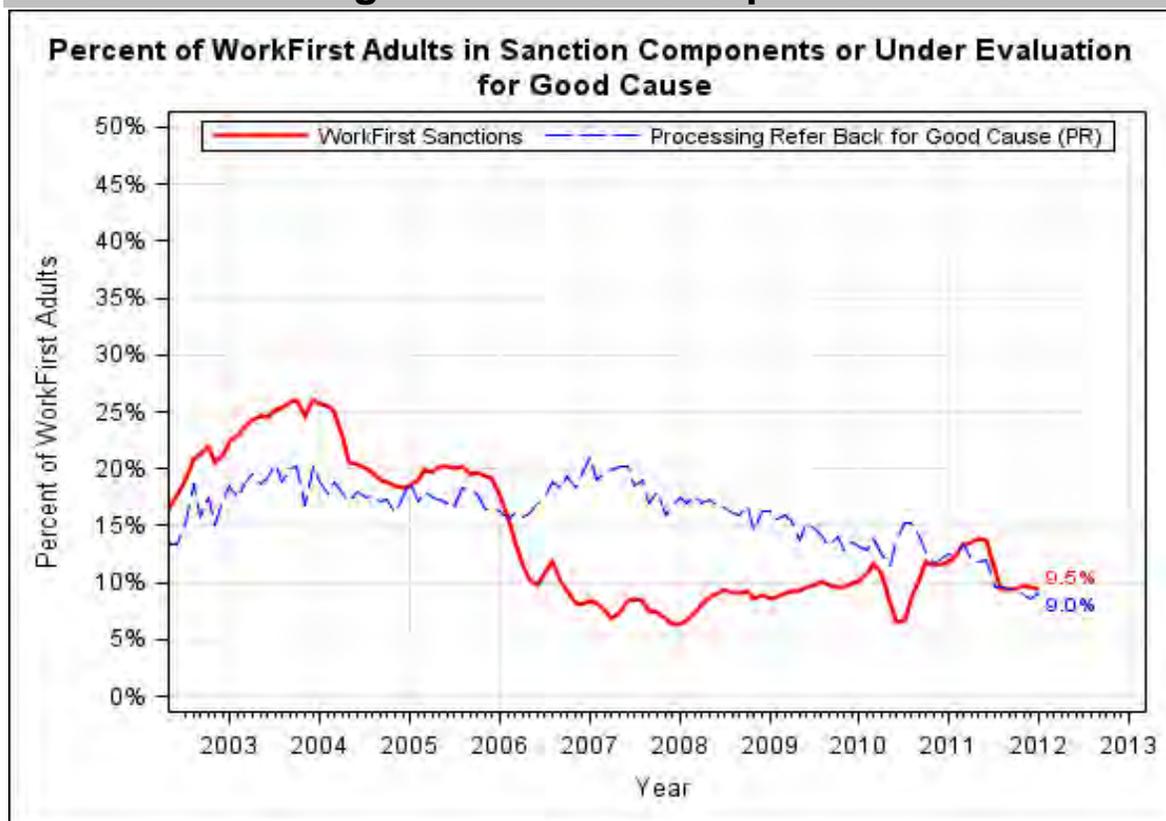
WF Adult Count

% Change	-40%	-39%	-32%	-12%	-23%	% Change	-23%
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Use of Temporary Medical (XM), Mental Health (XG) and Chronic Disability (ZD) components declined by 40%, 39% and 32% between January 2011 and January 2012. The use of the Pursuing Other Benefits (XB) component declined by 23%. Use of the Alcohol and Substance Abuse component (XE) declined the least-- by only 12%. The Chronic Disability and Pursuing Other Benefits components provide extensions to the 60 month time limit, so the decline in use of these components stems from other factors. The percent of WorkFirst adults using any of these components is the lowest since 1999.

Source: ACES data warehouse, JAS_ACTV table.

WorkFirst Indicator 5kj: Use of Sanction and Processing Good Cause Components



Components Shown

This chart shows the percent of adults in sanction status. 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.

The percent of adults being evaluated to determine whether they have good cause for not participating is shown by the Processing Referral Back (PR) component. This evaluation is a prelude to possible sanction.

Trends

Almost 12% of adults were in sanction status in March 2010. This figure dropped below 7% for two months during the summer of 2010 due to a change in policy implemented in July 2010. By October 2010 the percent in sanction status had returned to nearly 12% of WorkFirst adults and remained near that level through January 2011. Long-term cases are sanctioned less often than short-term cases, so the percent of adults in sanction status increased after the implementation of time limits in February 2011, reaching almost 14% in May-June 2011. The percent in sanction status dropped after the advent of ESSB 5921 suspension of work participation requirements for some parents, reaching 9.5% in January 2012. Sanction rates for parents without infants but with one child under two or two children under six dropped from 17% in June 2011 to less than 4% between August and January 2012. Rates of sanction for parents with children in other age ranges declined only slightly. It appears that use of sanctions remains relatively unchanged except for those whose work requirements are suspended under ESSB 5921.

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WorkFirst Indicator 5kj: Use of Sanction and Processing Good Cause Components

Data Table **WorkFirst Adults in Sanction According to Ejas**

Month	Sanctions	Good Cause Eval (PR)	Percent in Sanction	Percent in Eval (PR)
Jan-10	4,909	6,364	10.2%	13.2%
Feb-10	5,188	6,121	10.8%	12.8%
Mar-10	5,653	6,727	11.7%	13.9%
Apr-10	5,273	6,103	10.8%	12.5%
May-10	4,015	5,562	8.2%	11.4%
Jun-10	3,172	6,677	6.5%	13.7%
Jul-10	3,277	7,507	6.7%	15.3%
Aug-10	4,297	7,704	8.6%	15.3%
Sep-10	5,276	7,157	10.4%	14.1%
Oct-10	6,089	6,557	11.9%	12.8%
Nov-10	5,857	5,906	11.5%	11.6%
Dec-10	6,068	6,291	11.7%	12.1%
Jan-11	6,177	6,512	11.9%	12.5%
Feb-11	5,594	5,702	12.4%	12.7%
Mar-11	5,893	5,907	13.4%	13.4%
Apr-11	5,803	5,118	13.6%	12.0%
May-11	5,748	4,890	13.8%	11.8%
Jun-11	5,669	4,966	13.8%	12.1%
Jul-11	4,497	3,924	11.1%	9.7%
Aug-11	3,859	3,928	9.5%	9.7%
Sep-11	3,805	3,811	9.4%	9.4%
Oct-11	3,795	3,833	9.4%	9.5%
Nov-11	3,894	3,560	9.7%	8.9%
Dec-11	3,824	3,475	9.5%	8.7%
Jan-12	3,798	3,609	9.5%	9.0%

January 2012, compared to June 2011

WF Adult Count

% Change -33% -27%

% Change -3%

January 2012, compared to January 2011

WF Adult Count

% Change -39% -45%

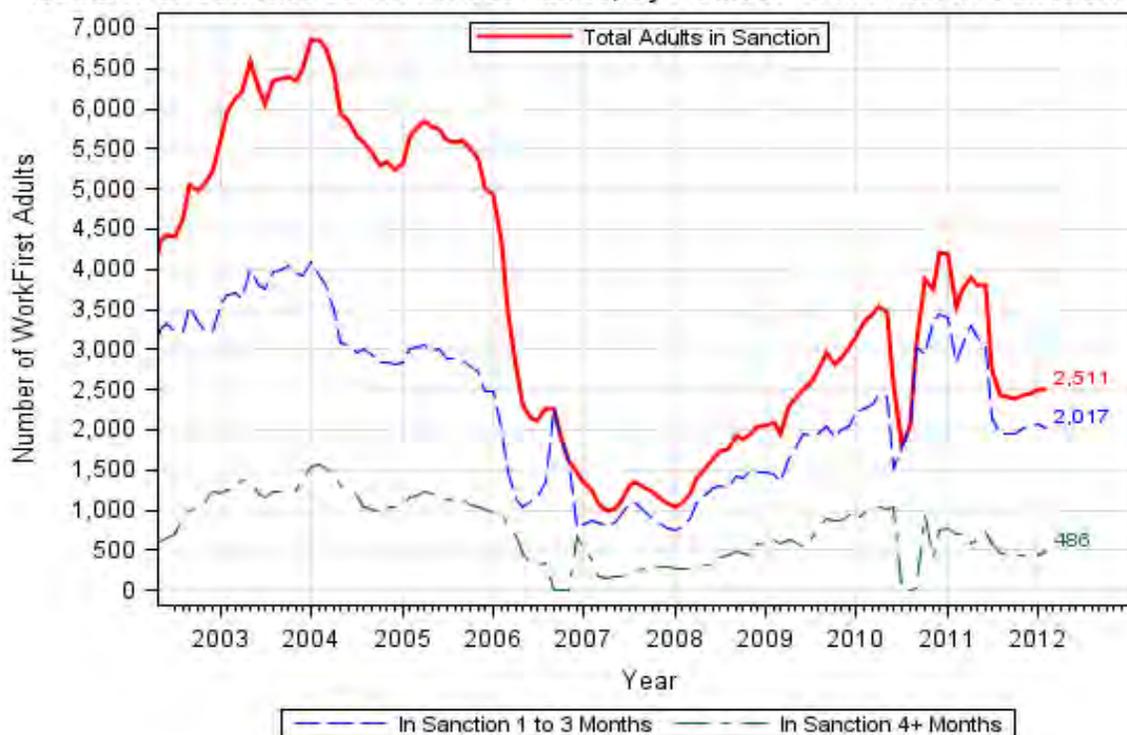
% Change -23%

Sanction activity dropped in May, June, and July 2010 because of revisions to sanction policy. Under the revised policy, adults remain in sanction status for only 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. Some sanctions that would have been started in May and June under the old "clock" were not started until after the new policy became effective in July 2010.

Source: ACES data warehouse, JAS_ACTV table.

WorkFirst Indicator 5I: Adults in Sanction by Length of Sanction: ACES Count

Number of Sanctioned WorkFirst Adults, by Number of Months in Sanction



Component Shown

This chart shows the count of sanctioned WorkFirst adults by the number of months in sanction status. The data on the next page shows this information in greater detail and includes a monthly count of adults who left TANF after four or more months of sanction.

Trends

The WorkFirst Non-Compliance Sanction (NCS) policy went into effect in 2006, imposing full-family sanctions on adults who refused to participate for six consecutive months. The first NCS grant terminations began in March 2007. Sanction activity reached a low in April 2007 and then increased, consistent with WorkFirst caseload increases. Non-Compliance Sanction policy was revised again in July 2010. Since that date, NCS grant terminations occur after adults refuse to participate for four consecutive months without good cause. All sanctions were re-started with a one-month clock under the new policy in July 2010.

Comparison of Sanction Component and Length of Sanction Charts

While the Sanction Component and Length of Sanction charts show a similar pattern over time, the Sanction Component report shows more adults in sanction than counted in this chart and table. The difference is due to the timing of the sanction start date. This report counts adults with grants reduced due to sanction. Grants are not reduced until the first full month after a sanction begins. When an adult cures his or her sanction and the grant is restored, the sanction disappears from the counts in the Length of Sanction records shown above. The sanction component is still counted in the Sanction Component reports on the previous pages.

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WorkFirst Indicator 5I: Adults in Sanction by Length of Sanction: ACES Count

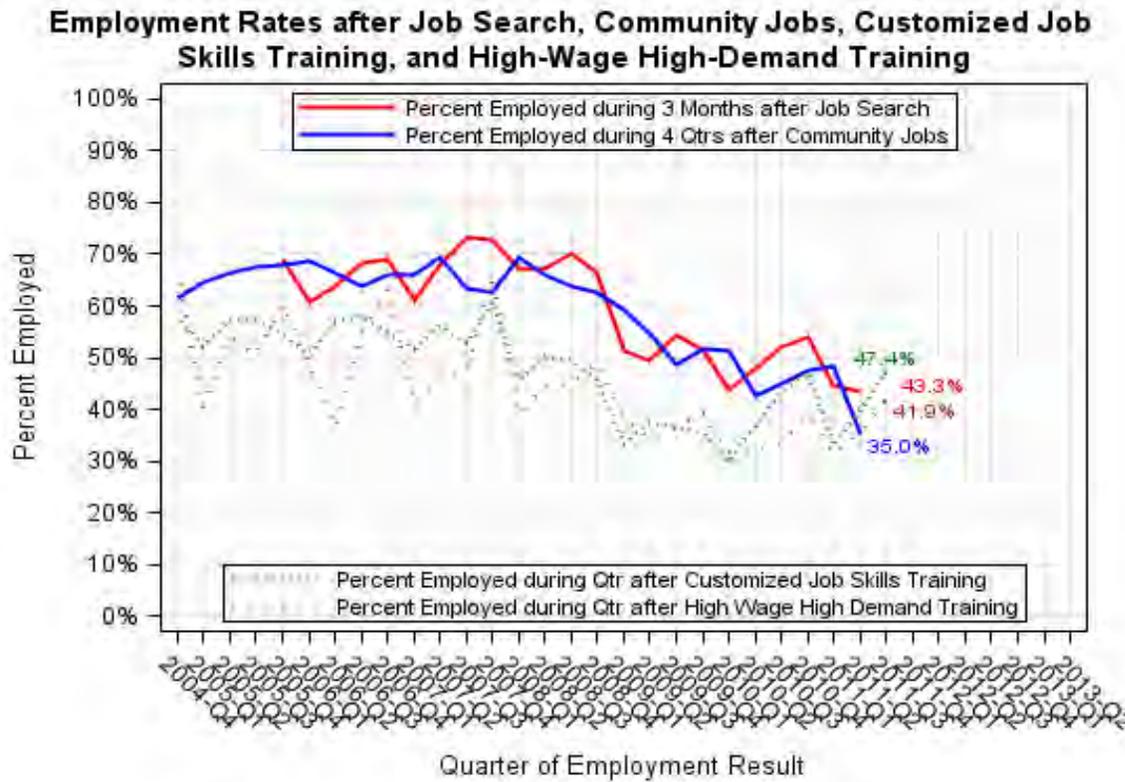
<i>Data Table</i>		Adults in Sanction According to ACES					Left TANF After Four+ Months of Sanction	
Month	Number of Months in Sanction				Gt 4 Months	Total Adults		
	1 Month	2 Months	3 Months	4 Months				
Oct-09	638	736	529	371	509	2,806	281	
Nov-09	878	528	586	385	480	2,893	272	
Dec-09	893	726	434	442	494	3,023	261	
Jan-10	897	726	593	333	547	3,152	231	
Feb-10	900	774	601	458	513	3,336	291	
Mar-10	935	743	637	482	523	3,447	369	
Apr-10	1,059	770	603	467	582	3,529	358	
May-10	947	847	614	427	592	3,470	335	
Jun-10	90	746	680	469	558	2,584	346	
Jul-10	1,755	6	13	9	14	1,799	153	
Aug-10	648	1,373	9	2	10	2,046	159	
Sep-10	1,387	553	1,099	29	5	3,077	112	
Oct-10	1,337	1,120	482	883	47	3,873	761	
Nov-10	1,371	1,099	868	369	42	3,750	296	
Dec-10	1,395	1,159	897	692	64	4,212	622	
Jan-11	1,221	1,184	984	726	59	4,182	643	
Feb-11	1,185	849	816	643	47	3,549	522	
Mar-11	1,404	977	671	616	82	3,759	552	
Apr-11	1,423	1,099	780	514	64	3,888	437	
May-11	1,208	1,100	846	586	47	3,799	502	
Jun-11	1,238	951	873	680	56	3,807	527	
Jul-11	867	713	573	526	49	2,736	445	
Aug-11	757	677	519	433	40	2,432	373	
Sep-11	799	618	546	406	36	2,409	344	
Oct-11	814	638	493	405	42	2,395	350	
Nov-11	856	666	490	395	31	2,439	322	
Dec-11	845	694	509	363	36	2,451	312	
Jan-12	846	670	559	405	30	2,515	350	
Feb-12	776	697	544	427	59	2,511		
February 2012, compared with February 2011								Jan-12 to Jan-11
% Change	-35%	-18%	-33%	-34%	26%	-29%	-46%	

Beginning in July 2011, ESSB 5921 allowed some adults to suspended participation requirements, removing them from sanction status and restoring their full grants. Sanction volumes for August 2011 through February 2012 appear to reflect the new normal level of sanction activity under ESSB

The last column of this table counts adults with four or more months in sanction who left TANF during the next month rather than resuming participation to cure the sanction. This is a count of adults, not cases, and therefore differs from DSHS NCS reports on EMAPS.

Source: EMAP-PAU website for Adult Clients and OFM Transition Off Sanction Reports.

WorkFirst Measure 6: Percent With Employment



Goal

Increase the percentage of WorkFirst parents who find employment after participating in Job Search (JS), Community Jobs (CJ), or selected education and training activities.

Targets

Targets vary by program: Commerce's target is 68%; ESD's is 67%; SBCTC's is 61%. Targets were set prior to the recession of 2009 and have not been revised.

Experience to Date

Employment outcomes were relatively stable through 2007. Seasonal cycles in outcomes during that period differ by program due to the different definitions of start date for follow-up and follow-up periods used. Employment outcomes in all programs dropped in 2009 when the current recession began to affect employment. Outcomes are based on results for 2011-Q2 for ESD Job Search and Community Jobs and for 2011-Q3 for SBCTC programs. Services dropped due to WorkFirst time limits and service changes resulting from budget reductions will affect results beginning in 2011-Q2 and 2011-Q3.

Definition of Measures

The ESD measure uses four data sources, including Unemployment Insurance (UI) wage records, to determine if a participant was employed during the three months following the start of JS. Job Search results are measured for Employment Security services only. The Community Jobs measure uses UI wage records to determine whether a participant had unsubsidized employment during the four quarters after the start of CJ participation.

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WorkFirst Measure 6: Percent With Employment

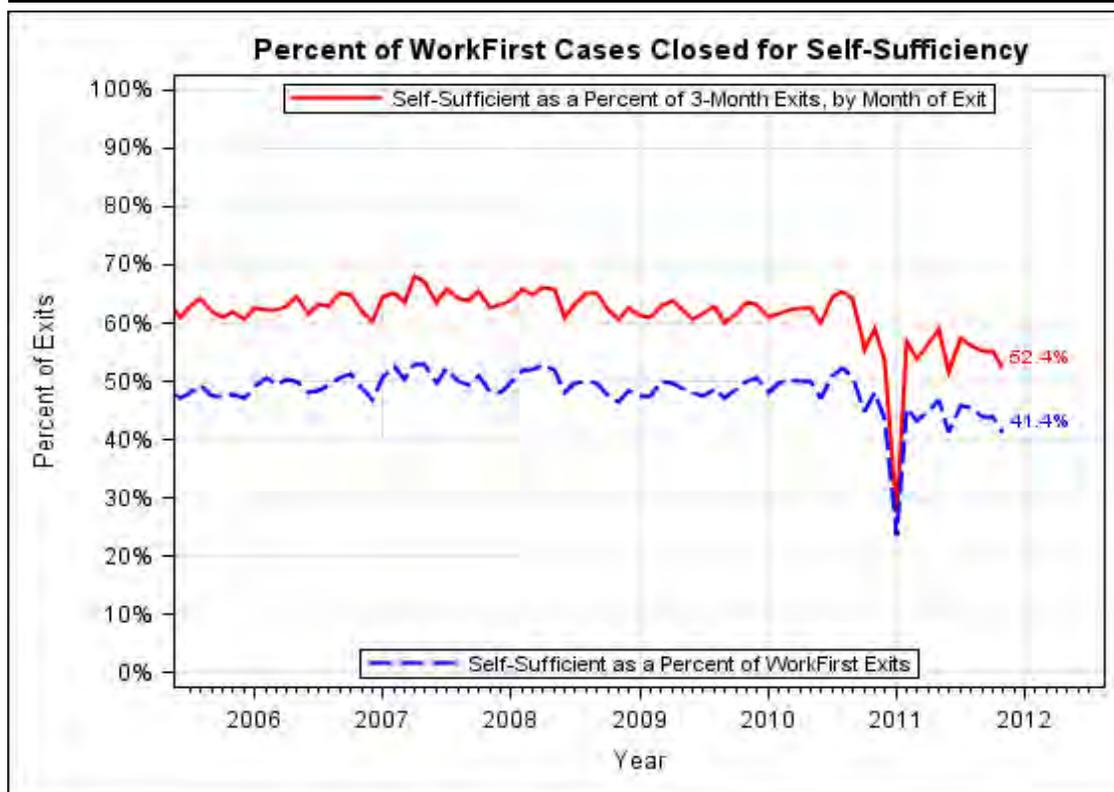
Number of Parents With Employment Outcomes

ESD Job Search Month	Employed in Next 3 Months	Community Jobs Outcome Quarter	Employed in Last 4 Qtrs	SBCTC Academic Quarter of Exit	Employed Next Quarter: Customized Job Skills Training	High-Wage High-Demand Training
Jul-08	997 / 1455	2005-Q3	321 / 475	Summer-0304	294 / 501	15 / 28
Aug-08	921 / 1369	2005-Q4	343 / 506	Fall-0304	409 / 956	30 / 55
Sep-08	839 / 1336	2006-Q1	447 / 650	Winter-0304	463 / 835	33 / 59
Oct-08	889 / 1584	2006-Q2	366 / 552	Spring-0304	467 / 882	41 / 80
Nov-08	724 / 1513	2006-Q3	336 / 527	Summer-0405	230 / 395	28 / 42
Dec-08	723 / 1452	2006-Q4	322 / 487	Fall-0405	357 / 683	19 / 47
Jan-09	847 / 1683	2007-Q1	422 / 639	Winter-0405	438 / 763	28 / 52
Feb-09	687 / 1437	2007-Q2	308 / 443	Spring-0405	451 / 784	34 / 67
Mar-09	869 / 1754	2007-Q3	262 / 413	Summer-0506	211 / 388	26 / 43
Apr-09	1012 / 1854	2007-Q4	324 / 518	Fall-0506	226 / 447	48 / 99
May-09	867 / 1587	2008-Q1	551 / 794	Winter-0506	337 / 591	41 / 112
Jun-09	996 / 1848	2008-Q2	590 / 892	Spring-0506	413 / 709	75 / 137
Jul-09	1001 / 2087	2008-Q3	397 / 624	Summer-0607	153 / 280	54 / 85
Aug-09	955 / 1771	2008-Q4	388 / 618	Fall-0607	342 / 661	76 / 185
Sep-09	1005 / 1911	2009-Q1	493 / 832	Winter-0607	317 / 564	88 / 190
Oct-09	940 / 2058	2009-Q2	403 / 738	Spring-0607	330 / 623	132 / 277
Nov-09	850 / 1984	2009-Q3	331 / 681	Summer-0708	223 / 366	101 / 155
Dec-09	803 / 1870	2009-Q4	423 / 817	Fall-0708	200 / 437	83 / 211
Jan-10	869 / 1885	2010-Q1	556 / 1082	Winter-0708	217 / 432	84 / 189
Feb-10	797 / 1658	2010-Q2	451 / 1057	Spring-0708	348 / 702	202 / 449
Mar-10	1052 / 2116	2010-Q3	454 / 1014	Summer-0809	151 / 331	87 / 177
Apr-10	1035 / 1926	2010-Q4	494 / 1042	Fall-0809	172 / 519	98 / 254
May-10	931 / 1817	2011-Q1	360 / 743	Winter-0809	178 / 478	89 / 260
Jun-10	1130 / 2180	2011-Q2	421 / 1203	Spring-0809	327 / 890	232 / 631
Jul-10	1083 / 2001			Summer-0910	182 / 515	100 / 255
Aug-10	1183 / 2106			Fall-0910	142 / 474	129 / 407
Sep-10	1048 / 2034			Winter-0910	186 / 505	140 / 429
Oct-10	948 / 1985			Spring-0910	346 / 794	313 / 935
Nov-10	922 / 2072			Summer-1011	196 / 416	157 / 403
Dec-10	863 / 2060			Fall-1011	209 / 636	170 / 542
Jan-11	797 / 2143			Winter-1011	200 / 500	210 / 593
Feb-11	654 / 1430			Spring-1011	270 / 570	507 / 1211
Mar-11	882 / 1812					

The SBCTC measure uses UI wage records to determine whether a training participant was employed during the first calendar quarter after exiting training. Employment counts are shown for each measure in the table above. Data in the chart summarizes employment rates by quarter (lining up results on the four measures using the dates of the employment outcomes measured). Other activities provided by the college system include Job Skills Enhancement Training (JT), full-time Vocational Education (including I-Best), Work Study, English as a Second Language (ESL), GED/High School completion, and Degree Completion. These activities are not included in the SBCTC employment measure.

Source: Agency performance reports to OFM (SBCTC, Department of Commerce, ESD).

WorkFirst Measure 7: Self-Sufficiency Exits



Goal

Increase the percentage of adults who leave WorkFirst due to self-sufficiency.

Target

The historical WorkFirst target for this measure is 60%.

Experience to Date

The percent of self-sufficiency exits among exits lasting three months averaged 55.9% for WorkFirst closures between October and December 2010, down from 62.7% between October and December 2009. This figure dropped to 27.4% in January 2011, due to the large number of exits associated with the revised TANF time limits. Results recovered after February 2011. Average results for September-November 2011 were 54.2%. This is lower than 59.4% average for September-November 2010. Exits due to TANF time limits have averaged 262 per month since March 2011, reducing the percent of exits for excess income and other self-sufficiency reasons.

Comments

This measure shows the percent of WorkFirst closures where the family: a) remained off assistance for three months or more; and b) exited for "self-sufficiency" reasons shown in the definition on the next page. This measure includes only TANF All Family (i.e., WorkFirst) cases. Previous versions included TANF Child Only cases as well, and were about four percentage points lower.

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WorkFirst Measure 7: Self-Sufficiency Exits

Data Table

Long Term Exits and Comparative Exit Counts

Month	Three-Month Exits		WorkFirst Exits	Self-Sufficiency Exit Rates Among:	
	Self-Suff	Total		3 Mos Exits	All Exits
Jul-09	1,840	2,991	3,875	61.5%	47.5%
Aug-09	1,795	2,860	3,688	62.8%	48.7%
Sep-09	1,757	2,928	3,721	60.0%	47.2%
Oct-09	1,927	3,125	3,961	61.7%	48.6%
Nov-09	1,828	2,882	3,654	63.4%	50.0%
Dec-09	1,896	3,006	3,745	63.1%	50.6%
Jan-10	1,728	2,832	3,588	61.0%	48.2%
Feb-10	1,725	2,798	3,476	61.7%	49.6%
Mar-10	1,960	3,153	3,891	62.2%	50.4%
Apr-10	1,971	3,144	3,942	62.7%	50.0%
May-10	2,064	3,302	4,121	62.5%	50.1%
Jun-10	2,022	3,378	4,301	59.9%	47.0%
Jul-10	1,934	2,991	3,803	64.7%	50.9%
Aug-10	2,106	3,216	4,020	65.5%	52.4%
Sep-10	2,035	3,168	4,022	64.2%	50.6%
Oct-10	2,061	3,720	4,610	55.4%	44.7%
Nov-10	1,808	3,055	3,753	59.2%	48.2%
Dec-10	1,808	3,379	4,139	53.5%	43.7%
Jan-11	2,164	7,903	9,123	27.4%	23.7%
Feb-11	2,099	3,701	4,601	56.7%	45.6%
Mar-11	1,958	3,636	4,513	53.9%	43.4%
Apr-11	2,070	3,664	4,605	56.5%	45.0%
May-11	2,012	3,411	4,300	59.0%	46.8%
Jun-11	1,825	3,525	4,405	51.8%	41.4%
Jul-11	1,898	3,298	4,146	57.6%	45.8%
Aug-11	1,849	3,287	4,058	56.3%	45.6%
Sep-11	1,746	3,169	3,993	55.1%	43.7%
Oct-11	1,806	3,278	4,113	55.1%	43.9%
Nov-11	1,524	2,910	3,684	52.4%	41.4%

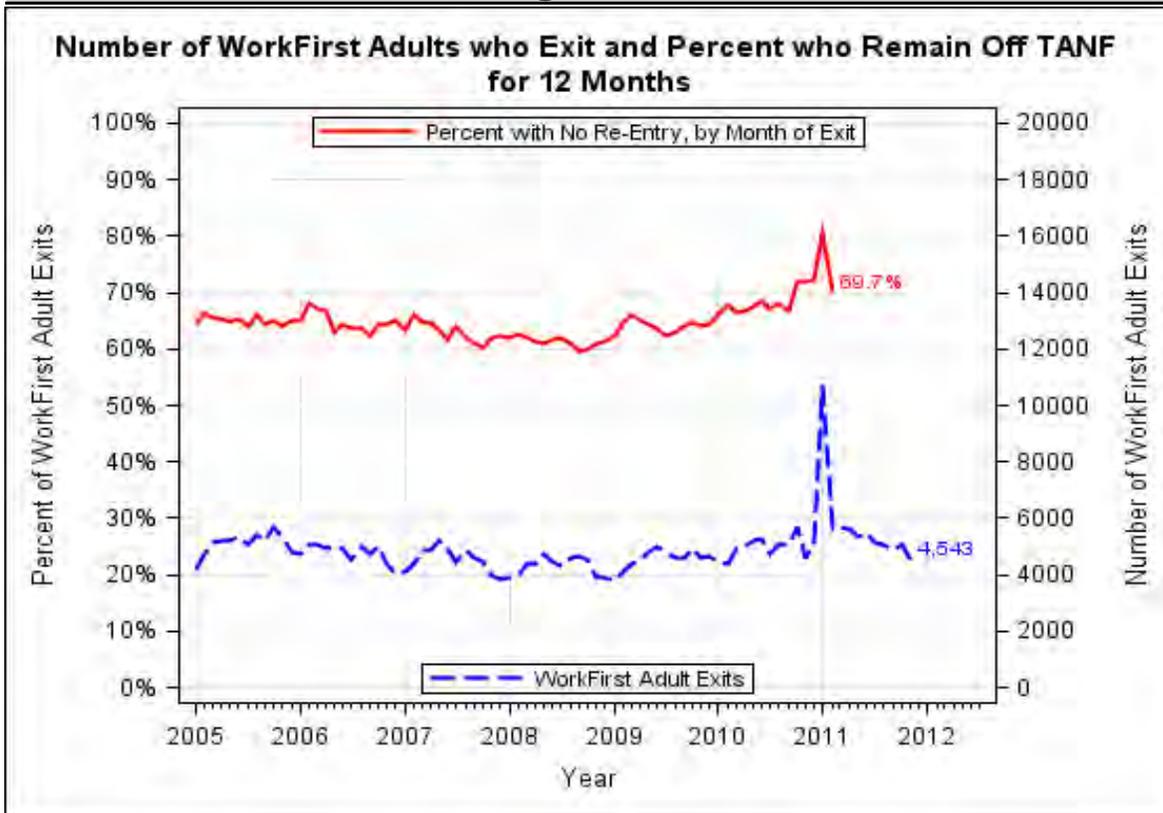
November 2011, compared with November 2010

% Change	-16%	-5%	-2%
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The numerator includes all WorkFirst closures for: child support more than grant; excess net income; exceeds earned income limit; change in child support payment; and Assistance Unit requests closure -- provided that no one in the case received TANF cash assistance during the next three months. The denominators include all WorkFirst closures of any type. The official denominator includes all WorkFirst closures lasting three months or more. An alternative denominator includes all WorkFirst closures. WorkFirst exits in this chart are counted in the month of last TANF receipt, following DSHS definitions, instead of the first month of non-receipt, as shown by OFM on Page 2.

Source: DSHS performance reports.

WorkFirst Measure 8: Long-Term Exits



Goal

Increase the percentage of families who remain self-sufficient after leaving WorkFirst.

Target

No specific target is set at this time.

Experience to Date

In SFY 2006, roughly 65% of the families who exited WorkFirst remained off the caseload for 12 months or more. The number of long-term exits had been declining until late 2009. Exit counts began to increase in 2010 because larger caseloads produced more exits. TANF time limits and payment reductions implemented in February 2011 also increased the number of exits. The percent who remained off TANF cash assistance for 12 months fell below 60% among adults who exited in September and October 2008, but rose to 72% for adults who exited in November-December 2010. The 80.5% figure for January 2011 reflects the large number of exits for time limits at the end of that month. Time limits are likely preventing the re-entry of some adults who exited in the months leading up to January 2011. The percent with long term exits returned to 69.7% for those who left TANF at the end of February 2011.

Comments

This measure is calculated for all adults exiting WorkFirst. The number of adults who exit is higher than the number of WorkFirst case exits because some cases have two adults. WorkFirst exits in this chart are counted in the month of last TANF receipt, following DSHS definitions, instead of the first month of non-receipt, used by OFM on Page 2.

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WorkFirst Measure 8: Long-Term Exits

Data Table

Long Term Exits and Comparative Exit Counts

Month	Adults off 12 Mos	Adults with Exits	Percent	OFM WorkFirst Exit Counts
Jul-09	3,011	4,819	62.5%	3,875
Aug-09	2,906	4,606	63.1%	3,688
Sep-09	2,934	4,576	64.1%	3,721
Oct-09	3,208	4,951	64.8%	3,961
Nov-09	2,939	4,585	64.1%	3,654
Dec-09	2,991	4,656	64.2%	3,745
Jan-10	2,962	4,489	66.0%	3,588
Feb-10	2,962	4,362	67.9%	3,477
Mar-10	3,299	4,956	66.6%	3,891
Apr-10	3,337	5,000	66.7%	3,942
May-10	3,501	5,189	67.5%	4,121
Jun-10	3,631	5,306	68.4%	4,301
Jul-10	3,167	4,708	67.3%	3,803
Aug-10	3,464	5,079	68.2%	4,020
Sep-10	3,371	5,045	66.8%	4,022
Oct-10	4,085	5,691	71.8%	4,611
Nov-10	3,307	4,600	71.9%	3,753
Dec-10	3,662	5,067	72.3%	4,139
Jan-11	8,572	10,655	80.5%	9,124
Feb-11	3,918	5,620	69.7%	4,601
Mar-11	.	5,697	.	4,513
Apr-11	.	5,627	.	4,605
May-11	.	5,368	.	4,300
Jun-11	.	5,480	.	4,405
Jul-11	.	5,147	.	4,146
Aug-11	.	5,056	.	4,058
Sep-11	.	4,888	.	3,995
Oct-11	.	5,066	.	4,113
Nov-11	.	4,543	.	3,690

February 2011, compared with February 2010

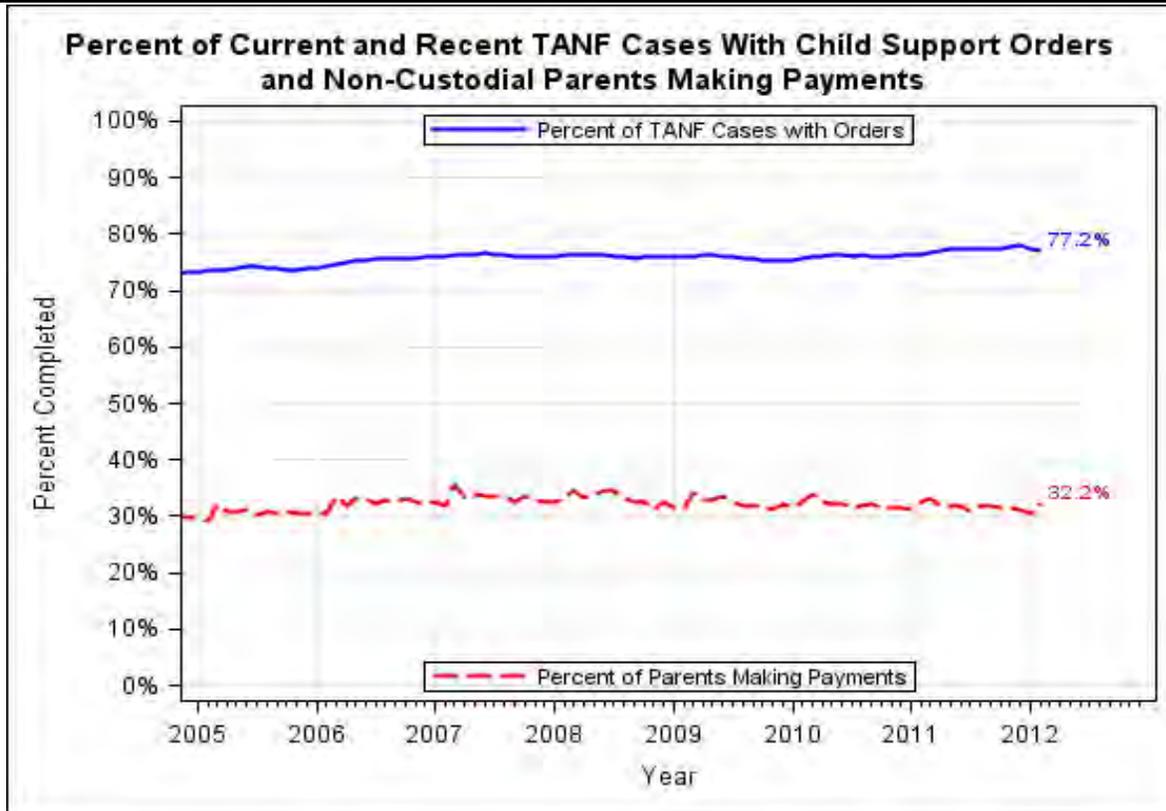
% Change	32%	29%	32%
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The numerator for this measure is the number of WorkFirst parents who exited and whose family members did not receive TANF cash assistance during the following 12 months. The denominator is the number of WorkFirst parents who exited.

The exits shown for January 2011 are the exits associated with implementation of time limits and grant reductions that began in February 2011.

Source: DSHS performance reports.

WorkFirst Measure 9: Child Support



Goal

Increase the income of TANF and post-TANF families with child support from non-custodial parents.

Target

DSHS targets for these measures are 77% for TANF cases with orders and 35% for non-custodial parents making payments. The last WorkFirst target for the percentage of non-custodial parents making payments was 32%.

Experience to Date

Performance was 77% of TANF cases with orders and almost 32% of non-custodial parents making payments over the most recent 12-month period. The percent of TANF cases with child support orders exceeded 77% for the first time in May 2011 and has remained above 77% since that time. It reached 78% in December 2011 for the first time. The percent of non-custodial parents making payments has a seasonal bump in March, but has not increased since 2006.

Definition of Measures

TANF Cases with Child Support Orders: TANF Child Support cases with Child Support Orders divided by the number of TANF Child Support cases. Includes current TANF cases and cases closed within the past 12 months.

Percentage of Non-Custodial Parents with Payments: Number of parents making child support payments in a given month divided by the unduplicated count of non-custodial parents with at least one TANF Child Support case open during the month or closed during the past 12 months.

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