

TANF CASELOAD CHART (Federal Participation)

DESCRIPTION:

- This chart depicts the overall CalWORKs caseload separated by the total cases that are required to participate in welfare-to-work federal activities and the cases that are exempt from these requirements. It should be noted that these data represent a point in time.
- The chart also displays a break-down of the federal work participation status of the CalWORKs caseload that is required to participate. For example, cases meeting the federal work participation, exempt, good cause, and in non-compliance are identified.
- A number of cases have either no measured participation or were participating only in state-allowed activities that could not be counted toward the federal participation rate. These cases are in the “Other” category because this data reflects only federal requirements.

UNIVERSE AND SOURCE:

- The caseload totals for All Family, Two Parent, All Families Required to Participate, Cases with Single Custodial Parent w/Child Under One Year of Age, Total CalWORKs Caseload, as well as the cases that Meet Federal Participation Rate and Participating in Federal Activities, But Not Meeting the Federal Participation Rate categories are taken from Q5 data. Q5 is disaggregated data reported by state and county staff from a statewide sample of CalWORKs cases. This data is transmitted to the federal government which uses this information to calculate the state’s work participation rate as well as other characteristic reports.
- The other categories of cases (i.e., Safety Net, Child Only, Sanction, Exempt, Good Cause, Non-Compliant, and On Aid Less Than 60 Days) are derived at by utilizing data from WTW 25, WTW 25A and CA 237 CW data reports for the same time period as the Q5 data to determine the ratios for each group. The ratios were then applied to the Q5 data to determine the caseload for each group.

FREQUENCY:

Q5 data is released annually and is based on federal fiscal years. The WTW 25, WTW 25A and CA 237 CW reports are submitted by counties to the state on a monthly basis, and compiled by CDSS.

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