

WELFARE TO WORK (WTW) 30

DESCRIPTION:

The following statewide and county-by-county spreadsheets display monthly data on participation in federally allowable welfare-to-work activities, as reported by counties to CDSS and compiled by the state. It should be noted that these data represent a point in time. Case counts and work participation rates will vary over time.

The federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families law established work participation goals for states. If these goals are not attained, states may be subject to fiscal sanctions, depending on the results of any corrective action plans that they agree to with the federal government. Note that both the state's official federal work participation rate and WTW 30 rate are derived from annual statewide samples of cases. Although the monthly weighted statewide work participation rates identified on the WTW 30 spreadsheets do not match exactly with the annual rate reported to ACF, they do provide insight into state and county work participation efforts. While the WTW 30 and federal work participation rate sample universes were not identical during this reporting period, they are statistically valid for one-parent families.

UNIVERSE AND SOURCE:

WTW 30 data are based on federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program definitions and federal requirements for counting, documenting and reporting work participation. Counties are allowed to report data and calculate work participation rates on 100% of their caseload or a sample. Note that participation in state and federal-allowable activities is captured in a different format on the WTW 25 and WTW 25A reports.

FREQUENCY:

WTW 30 spreadsheets are updated monthly. Due to the time necessary for counties to receive samples and submit data on these cases, there is a 75-day reporting cycle. The report is published after 80 percent of the state caseload has reported. When a late-reporting county's data is received, the report is re-released with the added data.

Reporting via the WTW 30 has been discontinued effective October 1, 2006. Therefore, July, August and September 2006 will be the only months for which data will be published. Instead, counties will be reporting disaggregated data to CDSS. There may be a reporting lag due to implementation of the new E2Lite system.

CONTACT:

Questions regarding these charts are to be directed to the CDSS Data Systems and Survey Design Bureau at (916) 651-8269.