

Table 557. Child Support Enforcement Program—Caseload and Collections: 1990 to 2008

[For years ending Sept. 30 (12,796 represents 12,796,000). Includes Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. The child support enforcement program locates absent parents, establishes paternity of children born out of wedlock, and establishes and enforces support orders. By law, these services are available to all families that need them. The program is operated at the state and local government level, but 66 percent of administrative costs are paid by the federal government. Child support collected for families not receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) goes to the family to help it remain self-sufficient. Most of the child support collected on behalf of TANF families goes to federal and state governments to offset TANF payments. Some states pass-through a portion of the CS collections to help families become self-sufficient. Based on data reported by state agencies. Minus sign (-) indicates net outlay]

Item	Unit	1990	2000	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008, prel.
Total cases ¹	1,000	12,796	17,334	15,923	15,854	15,861	15,844	15,755	15,676
Paternities established, total ²	1,000	393	867	663	692	690	675	640	629
Support orders established, total ³	1,000	1,022	1,175	1,161	1,181	1,180	1,159	1,178	1,193
FINANCES									
Collections, total	Mil. dol.	6,010	17,854	21,176	21,861	23,006	23,933	24,855	26,561
TANF/FC collections ⁴	Mil. dol.	1,750	2,593	2,972	2,221	2,191	2,112	2,050	2,254
State share	Mil. dol.	620	1,080	947	927	911	875	852	948
Estimated incentive payments to states	Mil. dol.	264	353	356	361	365	402	431	NA
Federal share ⁵	Mil. dol.	533	968	1,167	1,147	1,129	1,086	1,054	1,170
Current Assistance Medical Support Collections	Mil. dol.	(NA)	27	20	12	11	12	11	12
Current Assistance Payments to Families or Foster Care	Mil. dol.	(NA)	165	837	136	140	139	133	124
Non-TANF collections	Mil. dol.	4,260	15,261	18,204	19,641	20,815	21,822	22,804	24,307
Administrative expenditures, total	Mil. dol.	1,606	4,526	5,216	5,322	5,353	5,561	5,594	5,878
State share	Mil. dol.	545	1,519	1,765	1,803	1,813	1,884	1,902	2,221
Federal share	Mil. dol.	1,061	3,006	3,450	3,519	3,540	3,677	3,692	3,657
Program savings, total	Mil. dol.	-190	-2,125	-3,098	-3,249	-3,312	-3,600	-3,687	-3,780
State share	Mil. dol.	338	-87	-461	-515	-537	-607	-619	-700
Federal share	Mil. dol.	-528	-2,038	-2,637	-2,734	-2,776	-2,993	-3,068	-3,080

NA Not Available. ¹ Passage of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) mandated new categories in 1999 and cases were no longer double counted resulting in a 2 million case reduction. ² Does not include in-hospital paternities. ³ Includes modifications to orders. ⁴ Collections for current assistance cases where the children are: (1) recipients of TANF under title IV-A of the Social Security Act or (2) entitled to Foster Care (FC) maintenance under title IV-E of the Social Security Act plus collections distributed as assistance reimbursements. Includes assistance reimbursements, which are collections that will be divided between the state and federal governments to reimburse their respective shares of either Title IV-A assistance payments or Title IV-E Foster Care maintenance payments. ⁵ Prior to fiscal year 2002, incentives were paid out of the federal share of collections and the net federal share was reported.