

Table 553. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)—Families and Recipients: 1980 to 2007

[In thousands (3,712 represents 3,712,000). Average monthly families and recipients for calendar year. Prior to TANF, the cash assistance program to families was called Aid to Families with Dependent Children (1980-1996). Under the new welfare law (Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996), the program became TANF. See text, this section. Includes Puerto Rico, Guam, and Virgin Islands]

Year	Families	Recipients	Year	Families	Recipients	Year	Families	Recipients
1980	3,712	10,774	1992	4,829	13,773	2000	2,215	5,778
1985	3,701	10,855	1993	5,012	14,205	2001	2,104	5,359
1986	3,763	11,038	1994	5,033	14,161	2002	2,048	5,069
1987	3,776	11,027	1995	4,791	13,418	2003	2,024	4,929
1988	3,749	10,915	1996	4,434	12,321	2004	1,979	4,748
1989	3,799	10,993	1997	3,740	10,376	2005	1,894	4,469
1990	4,057	11,695	1998	3,050	8,347	2006	1,767	4,125
1991	4,497	12,930	1999	2,554	6,824	2007	1,673	3,896

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, unpublished data.