

**TANF - Senate Bill 24 Annual Report
December 19, 2017**

Senate Bill 24 was passed and implemented by the 98th Missouri General Assembly on 08/28/2015 to be known as the "Strengthening Missouri Families Act", and modified provisions of law relating to the TANF program. The following list details of the changes:

- 1) Standardized orientation for TANF applicants that informs them of program rules, requirements, work activities and consequences if program requirements are not satisfied prior to application approval.
- 2) TANF applicants shall sign a participation agreement known as a "Personal Responsibility Plan" prior to application approval unless the individual is exempt from work activities.
- 3) TANF applications must login to or create an account at jobs.mo.gov prior to application approval unless the individual is exempt from work activities,
- 4) Cash Diversion Program that grants eligible TANF applicants otherwise eligible for the TANF program a lump-sum cash grant for short-term needs in lieu of ongoing monthly TANF payments,
- 5) Sanction policies for non-cooperation with work requirements:
 - Division will schedule a face-to-face meeting with the recipient to explain participation requirements and the sanction policy.
 - The recipient has six (6) weeks from the date of the face to face meeting to comply with work requirements for one week, regardless of whether they attend the meeting.
 - If the participant does not comply during this six (6) week period, the Division shall reduce the amount of assistance otherwise payable to the household by fifty percent (50%) of the full grant amount.
 - The household will receive the reduced grant for up to ten (10) weeks if they remain eligible for Temporary Assistance on all other factors during that time. When the Temporary Assistance benefit has been reduced by 50%, the participant is required to complete four (4) consecutive weeks of participation in work activities for a minimum average of thirty (30) hours per week or the required hours allowable under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) before the sanction can be ended.
 - The ten week period provides the individual additional time to comply with work requirements. When the participant has completed four consecutive weeks of the required hours per week, the sanction will end.

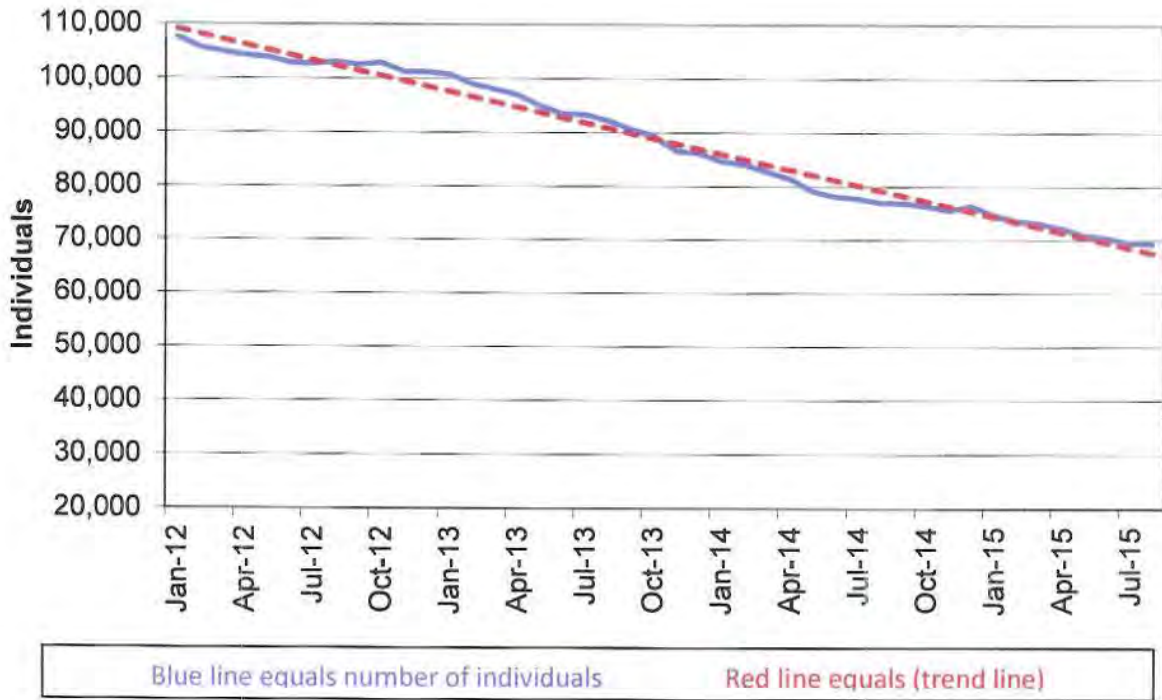
- Failure to complete four consecutive weeks of participation for the minimum average required hours per week by the end of the ten(10) week period will result in a full-family sanction and the Temporary Assistance case closing.
- 6) New Spouse Disregard - A temporary disregard of all income and resources of a new spouse when they marry an active Temporary Assistance recipient. This disregard is available for six (6) consecutive months the Temporary Assistance participant receives a cash benefit. It is allowed once-in-a-lifetime for the Temporary Assistance recipient that marries, and applied to both parents in a two parent household that marry, if both are active cash recipients on the marriage date.
 - 7) Reduced lifetime limit to receive TANF benefits from 60 months to 45 (forty-five) months unless approved for a hardship extension.
 - 8) Create a database in conjunction with the Department of Economic Development for tracking and recording TANF recipient's work activities.

The following data was collected:

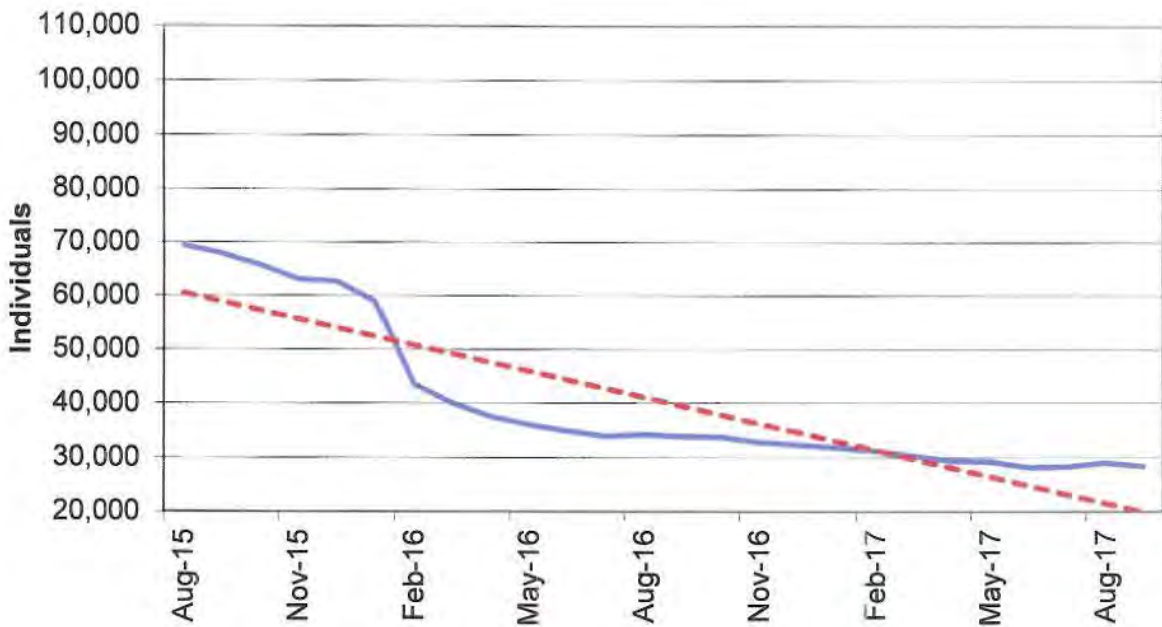
Federal Fiscal Year 2017

- Number of TA applications rejected prior to approval for non-compliance with new requirements - 546
- Number of Cash Diversion Cases - -11 totaling \$8,272 in payments
- Number of 50% Sanctions:
 - 4,768 households consisting of
 - 8,351 children;
 - 4,810 of those under age five
 - 680 resolved 50% sanctions
- Number of Full Family Sanctions:
 - 3,041 households consisting of
 - 5,358 children;
 - 2,974 of those under age five
 - 423 resolved Full Family Sanctions
- Number of New Spouse Disregard TANF cases -12
- Number of TANF cases closed for 45 month life time limit:
 - 748 households consisting of
 - 1,713 children;
 - 759 of those under age five
- TANF participant logon hours with jobs.mo.gov
 - Total Participants: 2,505 Hours logged: 5,164

Temporary Assistance Individuals January 2012 - August 2015

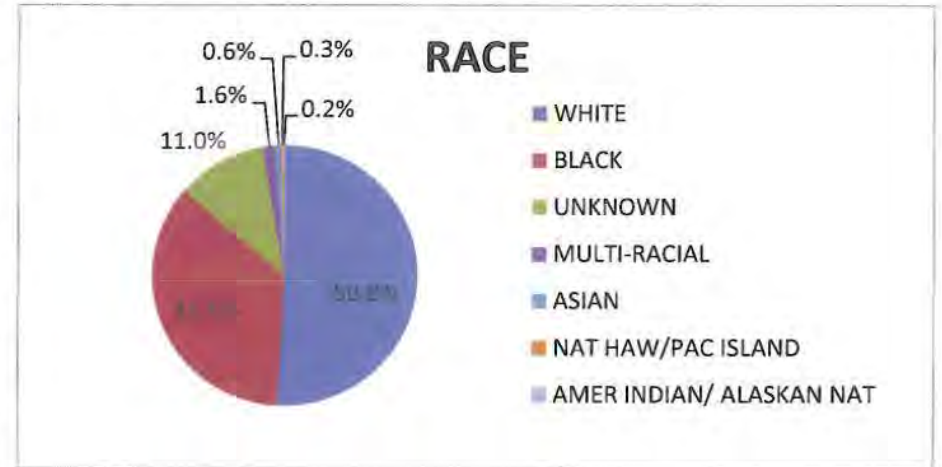


Temporary Assistance Individuals August 2015 - September 2017

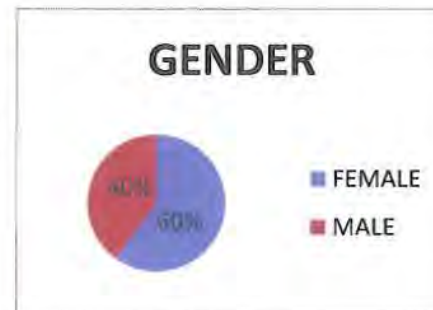


**MISOURI DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
UNDUPLICATED COUNT OF ACTIVE TA INDIVIDUALS IN FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2017**

RACE	NUMBER	PERCENT
WHITE	29,169	50.8%
BLACK	20,405	35.5%
UNKNOWN	6,322	11.0%
MULTI-RACIAL	915	1.6%
ASIAN	349	0.6%
NAT HAW/PAC ISLAND	147	0.3%
AMER INDIAN/ ALASKAN NAT	133	0.2%
Total	57,440	100%

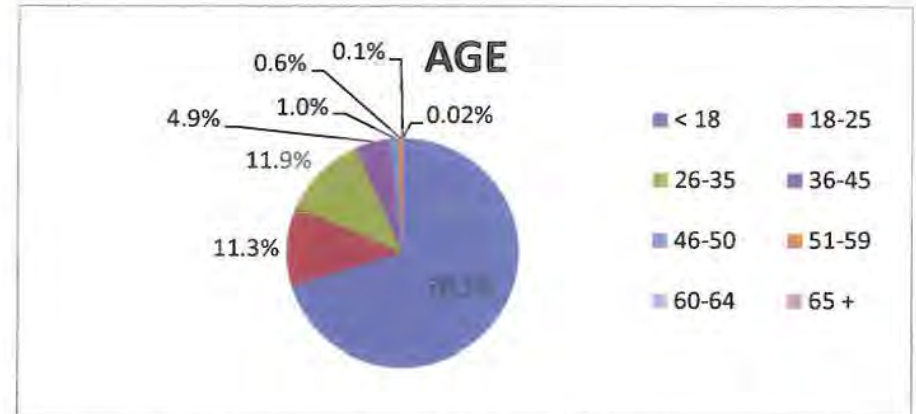


GENDER	NUMBER	PERCENT
FEMALE	34,488	60%
MALE	22,952	40%
Total	57,440	100%

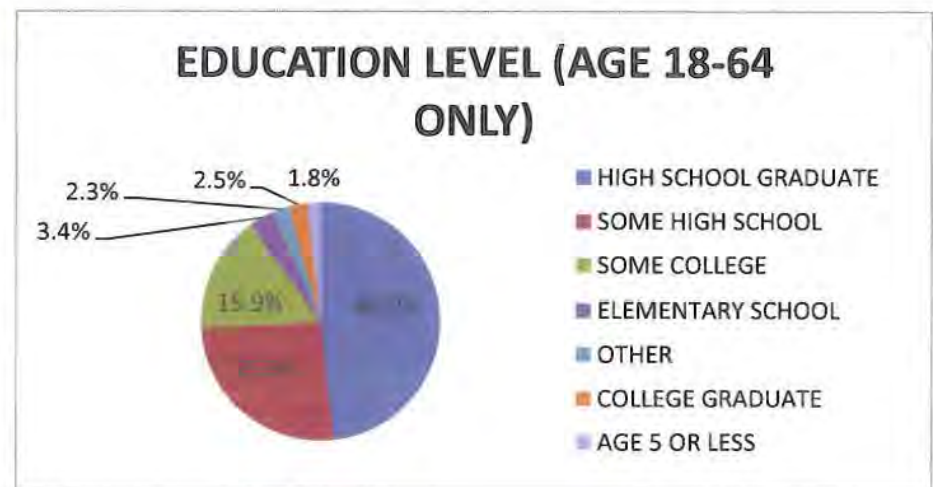


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AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
< 18	40,354	70.3%
18-25	6,469	11.3%
26-35	6,814	11.9%
36-45	2,820	4.9%
46-50	575	1.0%
51-59	367	0.6%
60-64	29	0.1%
65 +	12	0.02%
Total	57,440	100%



EDUCATION LEVEL (AGE 18-64 ONLY)	NUMBER	PERCENT
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE	8,230	48.2%
SOME HIGH SCHOOL	4,427	25.9%
SOME COLLEGE	2,720	15.9%
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	573	3.4%
OTHER	393	2.3%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	425	2.5%
AGE 5 OR LESS	306	1.8%
Total	17,074	100%



NOTE: TA data excludes individuals active on TEB.

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