

Missouri Department of Social Services
Family Support Division
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
Senate Bill 24 Annual Report
December 30, 2018

The 98th Missouri General Assembly passed Senate Bill 24 during the 2015 Regular Session. The following list details the changes that this legislation mandated:

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 applicant 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:
 - a. Division will schedule a face-to-face meeting with the recipient to explain participation requirements and the sanction policy.
 - b. The recipient has six (6) weeks from the date of the face-to-face meeting to comply with work requirements for one (1) week, regardless of whether they attend the meeting.
 - c. 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.

- d. 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.
 - e. The ten (10) week period provides the individual additional time to comply with work requirements. When the participant has completed four (4) consecutive weeks of the required hours per week, the sanction will end.
 - f. Failure to complete four (4) 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 (2) parent household that marry, if both are active cash recipients on the marriage date.
7. Reduced life time limit to receive TANF benefits from Sixty (60) months to forty-five (45) months unless approved for a hardship extension.
8. Create a database in conjunction with the Department of Economic Development for tacking and recording TANF recipient's work activities.

**The following data was collected for
Federal Fiscal Year 2018**

- Number of TA applications rejected prior to approval for non-compliance with new requirements- 523
- Number of Cash Diversion Cases- 8 totaling \$7,092 in payments
- Number of 50% Sanctions:
 - ❖ 3,893 households consisting of
 - 6,946 children;
 - 3,737 of those under age 5
 - ❖ 533 resolved 50% sanctions
- Number of Full Family Sanctions:
 - ❖ 2,661 households consisting of
 - 4,715 children;
 - 2,514 of those under age 5
 - ❖ 358 resolved Full Family Sanctions
- Number of New Spouse Disregard TANF cases- 3
- Number of TANF cases closed for the 45 month life time limit:
 - ❖ 562 households consisting of
 - 1,359 children;
 - 534 of those under age 5
- TANF participant logon hours with job.mo.gov
 - ❖ Total Participants: 1,118 Hours logged: 2,557
 - * *Previous years included duplicated participant logon hours*

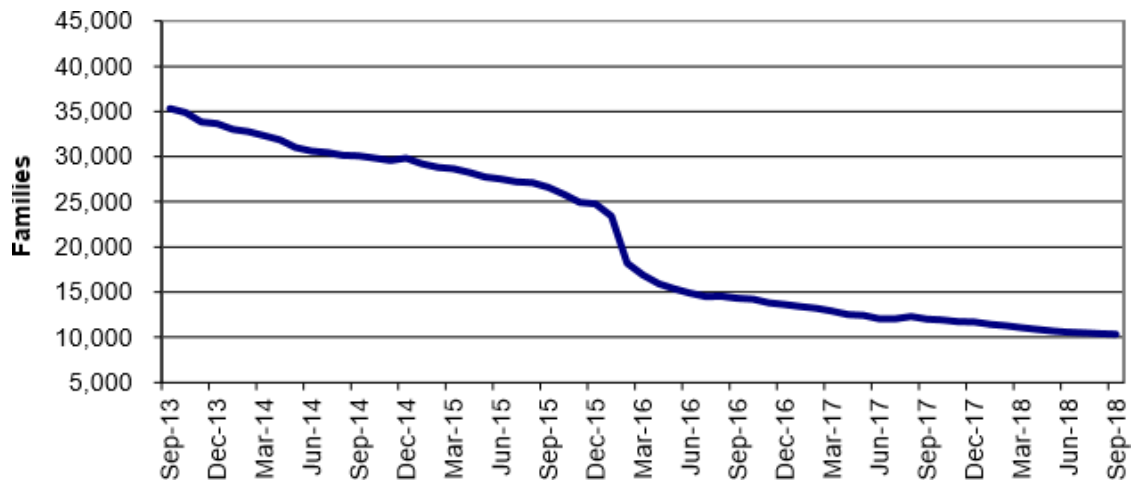
Senate Bill 24 Implementation Costs

There were no implementation costs for FFY 2018. All implementation costs were incurred in previous fiscal years.

Temporary Assistance Families

60-Month Trend through September 2018

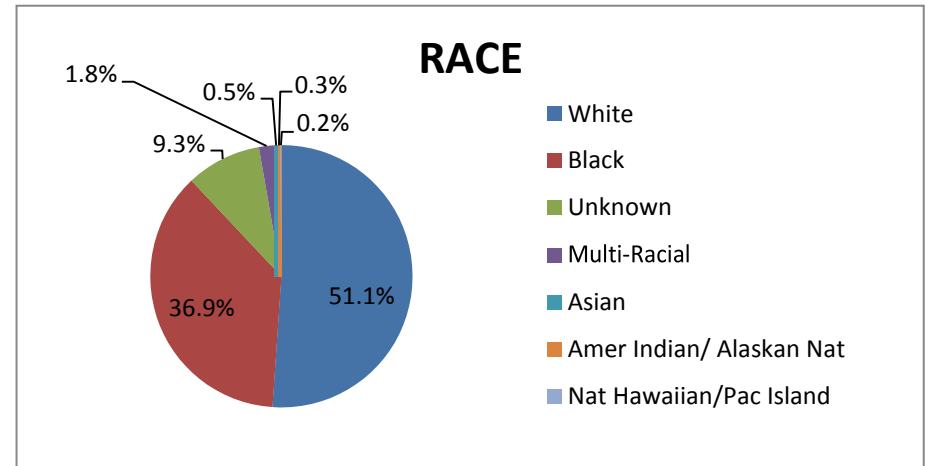
(The graph reflects total number of families receiving benefits prior to SB24 thru implementation and current FFY 18)*



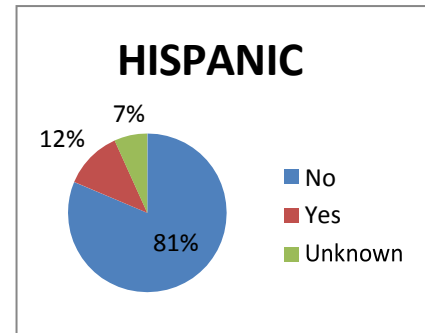
*Graph replaces previously provided graphs for SB24 reports from individual numbers to family cases.

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UNDUPLICATED COUNT OF ALL ACTIVE TANF INDIVIDUALS IN FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2018**

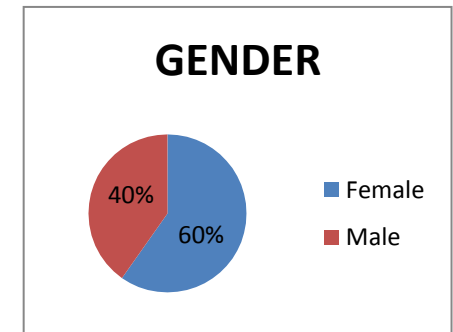
RACE	NUMBER	PERCENT
White	24,488	51.1%
Black	17,673	36.9%
Unknown	4,438	9.3%
Multi-Racial	885	1.8%
Asian	229	0.5%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	120	0.3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Island	89	0.2%
Total	47,922	100%



HISPANIC	NUMBER	PERCENT
No	38,983	81%
Yes	5,697	12%
Unknown	3,242	7%
Total	47,922	100%

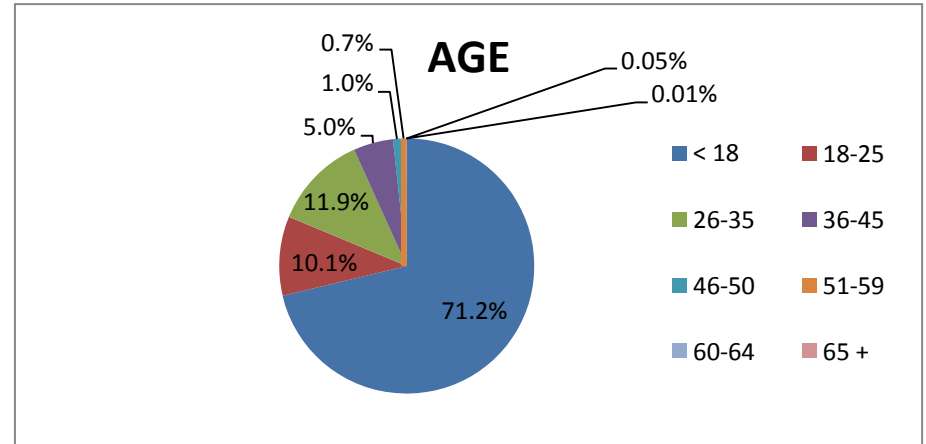


GENDER	NUMBER	PERCENT
Female	28,634	60%
Male	19,288	40%
Total	47,922	100%

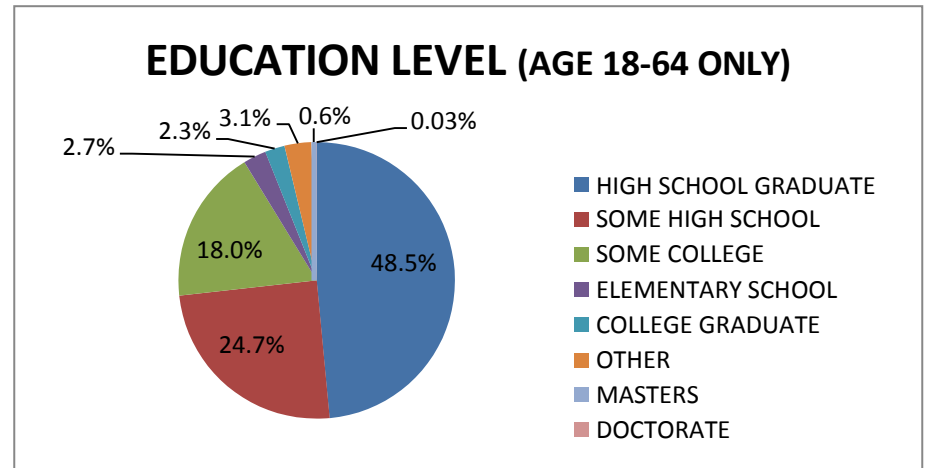


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AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
< 18	34,141	71.2%
18-25	4,822	10.1%
26-35	5,717	11.9%
36-45	2,412	5.0%
46-50	482	1.0%
51-59	320	0.7%
60-64	23	0.05%
65 +	5	0.01%
Total	47,922	100%



EDUCATION LEVEL (AGE 18-64 ONLY)	NUMBER	PERCENT
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE	6,683	48.5%
SOME HIGH SCHOOL	3,405	24.7%
SOME COLLEGE	2,484	18.0%
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	370	2.7%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	318	2.3%
OTHER	432	3.1%
MASTERS	80	0.6%
DOCTORATE	4	0.03%
Total	13,776	100%



SB 24/TANF Reinvestment Report

19 HB Section	Appropriation	Description	FY17 TAFP	FY18 TAFP	FY19 TAFP
Family Support Division					
11.110	Temporary Assistance	Missouri Work Assistance (MWA) Contracts	\$7,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
11.110	Temporary Assistance	Employment Training Resource	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
11.110	Temporary Assistance	Microsoft Certification	\$500,000	\$0	\$0
11.110	Temporary Assistance	ABC Program Today	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
11.115	Alternatives to Abortion	Alternatives to Abortion-transferred to FSD in FY18		\$4,300,000	\$4,300,000
11.115	Healthy Marriage/Fatherhood Initiatives	Healthy Marriage/Fatherhood Initiatives	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
			<u>\$10,500,000</u>	<u>\$12,300,000</u>	<u>\$12,300,000</u>
Children's Division					
11.225	Children's Treatment Services	In-Home Intensive Services	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
11.230	Home Visiting	GR/Federal Fund Switch	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
11.245	Foster Care Youth Educational Assistance	Educational Training Voucher	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
11.295	Purchase of Child Care Child Care	Childcare Facility Inspections	\$2,027,307	\$2,027,307	\$2,027,307
11.295	Purchase of Child Care Child Care	Registered provider training/tracking/TA (Educare)	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
11.295	Purchase of Child Care Child Care	Disproportionate Share Rate Enhancements	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
11.295	Purchase of Child Care Child Care	Child Care Access Rate Increase	\$4,608,645	\$0	\$0
11.295	Purchase of Child Care Child Care	ECDEC Fund Switch	\$2,676,737	\$2,676,737	\$2,676,737
11.295	Purchase of Child Care Child Care	GR/TANF Fund Switch	\$1,383,385	\$1,383,385	\$1,383,385
			<u>\$16,746,074</u>	<u>\$12,137,429</u>	<u>\$12,137,429</u>
Office of Administration					
5.160	Alternatives to Abortion	Alternatives to Abortion-transferred to FSD in FY18	\$4,300,000		
		Total Reinvestment	\$31,546,074	\$24,437,429	\$24,437,429