

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

- Building skills for self-reliance ■ Connecting people to careers ■ Stabilizing families

TANF is a federally funded, cash assistance and employment program. Its purpose is to help families with children living in extreme poverty pay for basic needs such as shelter, utilities and daily necessities. TANF also provides services to help parents find jobs and stay employed. It offers support services such as help paying for child care and transportation while parents participate in job preparation programs or search for employment. TANF offers a variety of other services such as help to apply for Supplemental Security Income or grants to escape domestic violence in an effort to help families stabilize their lives so they can find and sustain employment, and end their need for public assistance. Once a family leaves TANF, temporary services are available to assist with this transition.

TANF services

- Cash assistance
- Domestic violence grants
- Family Support & Connections
- Job Opportunity & Basic Skills (JOBS)
- JOBS Plus
- Pre-TANF
- Teen parents
- Disability benefit application assistance

Eligibility

Eligibility and income requirements must be met to receive TANF services. Applicants must have incomes below 36% of the Federal Poverty Level to qualify when they initially apply.

\$506	Max. monthly TANF cash grant for a family of three
\$616	Monthly income limit for a family of three
<i>95% percent of families receiving TANF have no earned income.</i>	

TANF Fast Facts – October 2018 Snapshot

- ▶ 20,778 families* received TANF
- ▶ Caseload was 7 percent higher than in July 2008
- ▶ 77% of families are headed by a single female
- ▶ 45% of adults have at least one disability or limitation
- ▶ 82% do not have public housing or rent subsidies
- ▶ 53.9% of adults worked in the past two years
- ▶ 68% are children
- ▶ 46% of the children are between the ages of 0 and 6
- ▶ 8,525 jobs were filled by TANF participants during the 2016 calendar year

Time Limit

The 60-month time limit applies to adults and teen parent heads of households, but not children. Time an individual spent on TANF in another state counts towards Oregon's time limit. People who meet certain hardship criteria may be eligible for extensions.