

10 Critical Things to Know about TANF and SB233

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is a short-term assistance program providing both cash assistance and non-cash services to help families become self-sufficient.

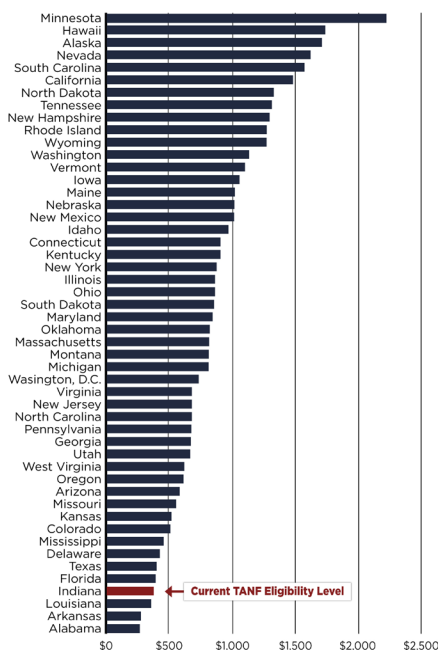


1 TANF Eligibility Guidelines and Benefit Levels Set dollar amounts in statute **Last updated in 1988**

2 Indiana's Eligibility Level

- 4th lowest in the country
- Only Louisiana's, Arkansas' and Alabama's are lower.

Indiana's Maximum-Eligibility Entry Level is One of the Lowest in the Nation



Maximum Income for Initial TANF Eligibility for a Family of Three, July 2018

Note: TANF = Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. In Wisconsin, applicants with any earnings will not receive a cash benefit, except for earnings from unsubsidized employment who work less than 30 hours per week, and face limitations to increasing work hours.

Source: The Urban Institute's Welfare Rules Database, funded by the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families.

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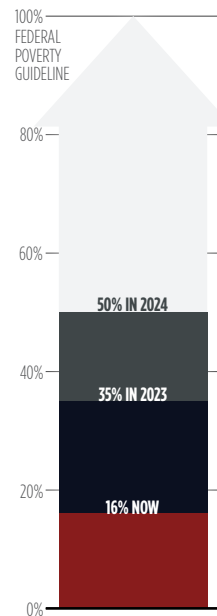
3 Indiana's TANF Participation

Just over 8,600 families STATEWIDE were participating in TANF as of December 2020.

4 Senate Bill 233 Includes Modest, Gradual Increases to TANF Income Requirements

- Income eligibility will phase up from 16% of federal poverty guidelines (FPG) to 35% of FPG in 2023...
- ...then to 50% of FPG in 2024.

TANF Income Eligibility as Percentage of FPG



5 Benefits will Increase

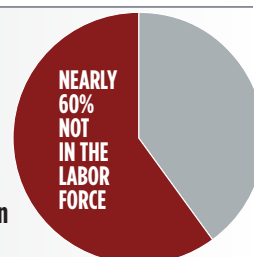
- Adjusted for inflation from 1996
- Then indexed to the Social Security Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA)

6 Parts of TANF will NOT Change in SB233

- Applicants must still meet the Asset Test – owning assets worth less than \$1,000 total.
- 20 days of job searching required before program approval
- 24-month lifetime limit for adult participants (60 months for kids)
- 30 hours of work participation

7 TANF Could Help Those in Deep Poverty Get Back into the Labor Force

Nearly 60% of adults in deep poverty were **not in the labor force** in 2019.



8 People in Deep Poverty Need Training

63% of adults in deep poverty have no post-secondary skills training, as of 2018.



9 TANF Benefits

- Childcare assistance
- Workforce training
- Job-readiness
- Case management
- Work supports, (e.g., uniforms, transportation)

10 Families in Deep Poverty Aren't Going Away

They just are not getting support to rebound.

TANF Caseload vs. Deep Poverty Rate: **Decline, 2010-2019**

