

Social Services Estimating Conference
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Assistance Payments
February 4, 2025
Executive Summary

The Social Services Estimating Conference convened on February 4, 2025, to revise the forecast through FY 2029-30. Relative to the prior forecast, the Conference adopted a combined caseload for the four component programs that is lower in all years. The accompanying expenditure forecast for the grouped programs is also lower in all years.

The revised caseload estimates for both the Relative Caregiver and the Child Only programs continue to decline. Previously colored by legislation passed during the 2022 Session (CS/SB 7034: Child Welfare), it appears that those caseload effects have largely stabilized. At this point, the Conference believes that the continued drop in these categories and other linked programs is more related to persistently falling child poverty rates. Based on data through December 2024, the Conference lowered the projected caseloads for the two programs in FY 2024-25 and allowed these adjustments to percolate across the entire forecast horizon. This causes enrollment to flatten in the later years.

Elevated caseloads for the Families with Adult and Unemployed Parent programs persisted throughout much of FY 2023-24, but not to the degree originally expected by the Conference. Largely, this was result of fluctuating increases in non-citizen applicant activity. This historically high activity is unwinding faster than expected in the Unemployed Parent program but not as strongly in the Families with Adult program. The Conference believes the elevated level will continue in the Families with Adult program through FY 2025-26, before a more aggressive decline takes hold. For the Unemployed Parent program, the near-term decline has been deepened. Relative to the prior forecast, the revised assumptions result in upward revisions to the Families with Adult program and downward revisions to the Unemployed Parent program.

Overall expenditures for FY 2023-24 were \$105.1 million. They are expected to drop to \$88.7 million in FY 2024-25, an 8.6% decline from the prior forecast of \$97.0 million and \$24.3 million below the appropriated level. Similarly, total expenditures are lower than the prior forecast for FY 2025-26 by \$9.1 million, producing an annual projection of \$85.5 million, before steadily falling to \$70.7 million at the end of the forecast horizon.

The first table below provides the new caseload and expenditure projections for the combined total of the four component programs. The second table provides these projections for each program individually.

TANF CASELOAD AND EXPENDITURE FORECAST

Fiscal Year	Caseload			Expenditures (\$ mill.)		
	July	December	Diff.	July	December	Diff.
Total Program						
FY 2024-25	29,124	26,965	-2,159	97.0	88.7	-8.3
FY 2025-26	27,945	26,135	-1,810	94.6	85.5	-9.1
FY 2026-27	25,806	24,406	-1,400	87.5	79.4	-8.2
FY 2027-28	23,458	22,609	-849	80.1	73.2	-6.9
FY 2028-29	22,283	21,914	-369	76.8	70.9	-6.0
FY 2029-30	22,211	21,862	-349	76.8	70.7	-6.2

TANF CASELOAD AND EXPENDITURE FORECAST DETAIL

Fiscal Year	Caseload			Expenditures (\$ mill.)		
	July	December	Diff.	July	December	Diff.
Relative Caregiver						
FY 2024-25	6,847	6,521	-326	27.8	25.0	-2.9
FY 2025-26	6,847	6,484	-363	27.8	25.0	-2.9
FY 2026-27	6,847	6,484	-363	27.8	25.0	-2.9
FY 2027-28	6,847	6,484	-363	27.8	25.0	-2.9
FY 2028-29	6,847	6,484	-363	27.8	25.0	-2.9
FY 2029-30	6,847	6,484	-363	27.8	25.0	-2.9

Child Only Cases						
FY 2024-25	7,431	6,785	-646	19.1	17.0	-2.0
FY 2025-26	7,331	6,785	-546	19.1	17.0	-2.0
FY 2026-27	7,331	6,785	-546	19.1	17.0	-2.0
FY 2027-28	7,331	6,785	-546	19.1	17.0	-2.0
FY 2028-29	7,331	6,785	-546	19.1	17.0	-2.0
FY 2029-30	7,331	6,785	-546	19.1	17.0	-2.0
Families with Adult						
FY 2024-25	9,570	9,835	265	32.1	32.4	0.3
FY 2025-26	9,570	9,824	254	32.1	32.1	0.1
FY 2026-27	8,920	9,174	254	29.9	30.0	0.1
FY 2027-28	7,395	7,974	579	24.8	26.1	1.3
FY 2028-29	6,420	7,424	1,004	21.5	24.3	2.8
FY 2029-30	6,420	7,424	1,004	21.5	24.3	2.8
Unemployed Parent						
FY 2024-25	5,276	3,824	-1,452	18.1	14.3	-3.8
FY 2025-26	4,197	3,042	-1,155	15.7	11.4	-4.3
FY 2026-27	2,708	1,963	-745	10.8	7.3	-3.4
FY 2027-28	1,885	1,366	-519	8.4	5.1	-3.3
FY 2028-29	1,685	1,221	-464	8.4	4.6	-3.8
FY 2029-30	1,613	1,169	-444	8.4	4.4	-4.0

NOTE: Numbers may not add due to rounding.