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LEGAL ASSISTANCE, ANALYSIS OR INFORMATION, TRAINING & LITIGATION SUPPORT CONCERNING
AFDC/CalWORKS WtW/GAIN/WORKFARE CalFRESH/FOOD STAMPS REFUGEES GA/GR MEDI-CAL



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AFDC (Also known as CalWORKs/TANF)

Region 1
Alameda
Contra Costa
Los Angeles
Marin
Monterey
Napa
Orange
San Diego
San Francisco
San Luis Obispo
San Mateo
Santa Barbara
Santa Clara
Santa Cruz
Solano
Sonoma
Ventura
Region 2
All other counties

55% of FPL plus the income last used to determine benefit payment amount

Region 1 Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nonexempt Max. Aid Payment (MAP)	\$355	577	714	852	968	1087	1195	1301	1407	1511
Exempt Max. Aid Payment (EMAP)	\$392	645	799	949	1080	1214	1334	1454	1571	1689
Minimum Basic Standard of Care (MBSAC)	\$636	1042	1292	1533	1750	1968	2163	2354	2554	2772

Region 2 Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
MAP	\$336	549	680	810	922	1035	1136	1239	1340	1438
EMAP	\$374	607	762	904	1031	1157	1272	1385	1498	1610
Minimum Basic Standard of Care (MBSAC)	\$603	991	1227	1458	1666	1872	2052	2241	2421	2637

Region 1 CalWORKs Income Reporting Threshold (IRT) - Non-Exempt Assistance Units	\$936	1380	1654	1930	2162	2400	2616	2828	3040	3248
Region 2 CalWORKs Income Reporting Threshold (IRT) - Non-Exempt Assistance Units	\$898	1324	1586	1846	2070	2296	2498	2704	2906	3102

More than 10
Add \$25

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2016-2017 CalWORKs Average Grant Payments

48% of the CalWORKs total caseload

CalWORKs Average Monthly Benefits Compared to the 100% FPL & SPL for CalWORKs Families.

Assistance Unit (AU) Size	2016 Average Cal-WORKs Grant	2016 Federal Poverty Level	2016 Supplemental Poverty Level	% of Federal Poverty Level	Percentage of Supplemental Poverty Level
1	\$249	\$990	\$1235	25%	22%
2	\$403	\$1335	\$1725	30%	26%
3	\$497	\$1680	\$2455	30%	24%
4	\$591	\$2025	\$2860	29%	23%
5	\$676	\$2370	\$3225	29%	24%
6	\$755	\$2963	\$3622	25%	24%

52% of the CalWORKs total caseload

CalWORKs Average Monthly Benefits Compared to the 100% FPL & SPL for CalWORKs Families with one (1) Excluded Person Due to a Variety of CalWORKs Penalties and Sanctions.

Assistance Unit Size	2016 Average Cal-WORKs Grant	2016 Federal Poverty Level	2016 Supplemental Poverty Level	% of Federal Poverty Level	Percentage of Supplemental Poverty Level
Actual AU Size Aided					
1 0	\$00	\$990	\$1235	0%	0%
2 1	\$276	\$1335	\$1725	21%	16%
3 2	\$452	\$1680	\$2455	27%	19%
4 3	\$600	\$2025	\$2860	30%	21%
5 4	\$668	\$2370	\$3225	28%	21%
6 5	\$760	\$2963	\$3622	28%	21%

CalWORKs Property Limits

\$3,250 liquid resources for households with member(s) over 60 and **\$2,250** for all other households

\$9,500 for a motor vehicle TOTALLY EXEMPT if used for work, as a home, for fishing or was a gift.

How to Count CalWORKs Earned Income

1. Subtract the Standard Deduction **\$225** from the Gross Income;
2. Divide the remainder by one half;
3. Subtract that number from the MAP or EMAP of the family size;
4. The difference will be the CalWORKs benefit amount.

Who Is Eligible for CalWORKs CHILD CARE?

1. Persons who are getting CalWORKs money and working or participating in any WtW activity and need child care for children 12 years of age unless the child is disabled.
2. Persons who used to get CalWORKs money in the past 2 years if their gross income is below 70% of the State median income (SMI) and need child care.
3. Persons who used to get CalWORKs money longer than 2 years ago if their gross income is below the 70% of the SMI, and they need child care, and if child care money is available.

Food Stamps (Also known as SNAP and CalFresh)

STANDARD DEDUCTION	Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Each Add'l Person
	Maximum Benefits Level	\$194	357	511	649	771	925	1,022	1,169	\$146
	Net Monthly Income Elig. Stan. (100% FPL)	\$981	1,328	1,675	2,021	2,368	2,715	3,061	3,408	\$347
	Gross Monthly Income Elig. Stan. IRT (130%)	\$1,276	1,726	2,177	2,628	3,078	3,529	4,430	4,881	\$41
	Gross Monthly Income Elig. Stan. (165% FPL)	\$1,619	2,191	2,763	3,335	3,907	4,479	5,051	5,623	\$572
1-3 persons-\$155	Gross Monthly Income Elig. Stan. (200% FPL)	\$1,962	2,655	3,349	4,042	4,735	5,429	6,122	6,815	\$6950
4 persons-\$168										
5 persons-\$197										
6 persons-\$226										

CHILD CARE COSTS DEDUCTED	SHELTER DEDUCTION	Elderly (over 60) and Disabled get 100% of Shelter Deduction plus SUA & Medical Costs Deductions over \$35. There is no gross income test for elderly or disabled households.	STANDARD UTILITY DEDUCTION	HOMELESS HOUSING DEDUCTION	LIMITED UTILITY ALLOWANCE
100% from the Gross Income	\$504 (maximum)		\$385 (maximum)	\$143	\$118

SSI/ CAPI	SINGLES		COUPLES			
	SSI	CAPI	SSI	CAPI	SSI/CAPI	
	BLIND	\$952	\$942	\$1,661	\$1,641	\$1,651
	DISABLED	\$896	\$886	\$1,510	\$1,490	\$1,500
	DIS. MINOR	\$800	\$790			

Medi-Cal

Family Size	1	2	2 adults	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Each Add'l Person
Maintenance of Need - Since 1989	\$600	\$750	\$934	\$934	\$1,100	\$1,259	\$1,417	\$1,550	\$1,692	\$1,825	\$1,959	+\$14
1931(b) for families with children from 6-18 yrs/ A&D- 100%	981	1,328	1,328	1,675	2,022	2,369	2,716	3,063	3,410	3,755	4,101	+347
1931(b) for families with children from 1-5 yrs- 133%	981	1,328	1,328	1,675	2,021	2,368	2,715	3,061	3,408	3,755	4,101	+339
Medi-Cal MAGI- 138%	1,366	1,842	1,842	2,318	2,795	3,271	3,747	4,224	4,702	5,181	5,660	+479
Transitional Medi-Cal- 185%	1,815	2,456	2,456	3,098	3,739	4,380	5,022	5,663	6,304	6,946	7,587	+642
Pregnant Women & Infants Up to 1 yrs.- 213%	2,090	2,828	2,828	3,566	4,305	5,043	5,782	6,520	7,258	7,997	8,735	+739
Healthy Families & Working Disabled Program- 250%	2,453	3,319	3,319	4,186	5,053	5,919	6,786	7,653	8,519	9,386	10,253	+867

SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY = \$1,130

MEDI-CAL PROPERTY LIMITS FOR 1931(B)

Family Size	1	2	2 adults	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Property Limits	\$3,000	3,000	3,000	3,150	3,300	3,450	3,600	3,750	3,900	4,050	4,100

LONG TERM CARE	MEDICARE PREMIUMS	A&D INCOME LIMITS	A&D INCOME DISREGARDS	2015 FEDERAL BENEFIT RATE		2011 CSRA LIMIT
MN/QMB \$35	PART "A" \$407	Individual \$1,211	Individual \$230	Individual \$733	Couple \$1,100	2011 CSTA Limit \$119,220 Community Spouse Maintenance Need: \$2,981
SSI/SSP \$50	PART "B" \$104.90 for individual eligible for the hold harmless	Couple \$1,638	Couple \$310	SSI Standard Allocation \$361		
APPR. \$6,840				"Any Income" Deduction \$20		

Governor's Proposed CalWORKs Funding for FY 2017-2018

- **Federal TANF Block Grant Allocation - \$3.7 billion**
- **State Maintenance of Need - \$3 billion • Carry- Over \$4 billion**

Dollars Available for CalWORKs -

\$7.3 Billion

Dollars Proposed to be Used for the CalWORKs Program:

\$5.1 Billion

CalWORKs (AFDC) Grant Levels Effective July 1, 1988 - 26 years Ago

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	\$326	\$535	\$663	\$788	\$899	\$1,010	\$1,109	\$1,209	\$1,306	\$1,403

CalWORKs ANNUAL Involuntary Contributions to the California State General Fund

State Fiscal Year	CalWORKs Recipient Involuntary Contribution to the General Fund
FY 98-99	\$708,502,000
FY 99-00	\$745,249,000
FY 00-01	\$1,021,913,000
FY 01-02	\$1,126,647,000
FY 02-03	\$1,088,940,000
FY 03-04	\$1,163,238,000
FY 04-05	\$1,087,321,000
FY 05-06	\$1,299,448,000
FY 06-07	\$1,184,134,000
FY 07-08	\$1,745,291,000
FY 08-09	\$1,268,997,000
FY 09-10	\$1,262,291,000
FY 10-11	\$1,262,046,000
FY 11-12	\$1,234,159,000
FY 12-13	\$1,896,060,000
FY 13-14	\$1,586,755,000
FY 14-15	\$1,528,424,000
FY 15-16	\$1,489,480,000
FY 16-17	\$2,072,764,000
FY 17-18 Proposed Budget	\$2,209,428,000

The AFDC/CalWORKs COLA History

Year	MAP 3 person	MAP* COLA	MBSAC**	Governor	Year	MAP 3 person	MAP COLA	MBSAC	Governor
71-72	\$235	0.9%	\$255	Reagan	91-92	\$663	-5.8	\$703	Wilson
72-73	\$237	2.5%	\$255	Reagan	93-94	\$607	-2.7	\$715	Wilson
73-74	\$243	7.8%	\$262	Reagan	94-95	\$607	0.0%	\$723	Wilson
75	\$293	8.9%	\$282	Brown I	96-97	\$538	-8.9%	\$734	Wilson
76	\$319	6%	\$316	Brown I	97-98	\$538-565	0.0%	\$717-754	Wilson
76-77	\$338	6.3	\$343	Brown I	98-99	\$582-611	2.84%	\$737-775	Wilson
77-78	\$356	0.0%	\$343	Brown I	99-00	\$596-626	2.36%	\$754-793	Wilson
78-79	\$356	15.2%	\$361	Brown I	00-01	\$614-645	2.96%	\$776-816	Davis
79-80	\$410	15.4%	\$416	Brown I	01-02	\$647-679	5.31%	\$817-859	Davis
80-81	\$473	-2.1%	\$480	Brown I	02-03	\$671-704	3.74%	\$848-891	Davis
81-82	\$463	9.3%	\$470	Brown I	03-04	\$671-704	0.0%	\$871-916	Davis
82-83	\$506	0.0%	\$506	Brown I	04-05	\$689-723	2.75%	\$871-916	Davis
83-84	\$526	4%	\$526	Duke*	05-06	\$689-723	0.0%	\$906-953	A.S. **
84-85	\$555	5.5%	\$555	Duke	06-07	\$689-723	0.0%	\$940--989	A.S
85-86	\$587	5.8%	\$587	Duke	07-08	\$689-723	0.0%	\$975-1,026	A.S
86-87	\$617	5.1%	\$617	Duke	08-09	\$689-723	0.0%	\$1,026-1,080	A.S.
87-88	\$633	3.6	\$633	Duke	09-10	\$661-694	-4% & COLA Re-pealed	\$1,042-1,097	A.S.
88-89	\$663	4.7%	\$663	Duke	10-11	\$661-694	No COLA	\$1,058-1,114	Brown II
89-90	\$694	4.6%	\$694	Duke	11-12	\$608-638	- 8%	\$1,078-1,135	Brown II
90-91	\$694	0.0%	\$694	Duke	12-13	\$608-638	No COLA	\$1,110-1,169	Brown II
* Duke . George Deukmejian					13-14	\$608-638	No COLA	\$1,139-1,200	Brown II
** Arnold Schwarzenegger					14-15	\$670-750	No COLA + 5%	\$1,164-1,226	Brown II
					15-16	\$704-788	No COLA	\$1,194-1,257	Brown II
					16-17	\$714-799	No COLA + 1.43%	\$1,229-1,294	Brown II
					17-18	\$714-799	No COLA	\$1,276-1,344	Brown II
					18-17				Brown II
					No COLA		Grant Reduction		

* MAP- Maximum Aid Payment

** MBSAC - Minimum Basic Standard of Adequate Care

CalWORKs & CalFresh Facts

Welfare-to-Work Facts

Welfare-to-Work or Welfare-to-Sanction?

Annual WtW Program Costs = \$2.3 billion -
Cost Per Job Obtained by a Participant = \$47,000

January	Unduplicated Participants (UP)	UP Sanctioned	% of UP Sanctioned	UP Aid Stopped Due to a Job	% of UP Aid Stopped Due to a Job	UP Needing & NOT Getting Transportation	% of UP Needing & NOT Getting Transportation
2000	190,502	33,571	15%	7,077	4%	144,747	76%
2001	181,473	28,410	14%	7,296	4%	110,137	61%
2002	184,134	35,891	16%	5,891	3%	109,605	60%
2003	149,723	44,847	23%	6,388	4%	75,033	50%
2004	121,807	46,030	27%	4,983	4%	69,238	57%
2005	110,504	42,046	28%	3,613	3%	58,381	53%
2006	104,170	38,504	27%	2,884	3%	54,600	52%
2007	111,022	35,107	24%	3,022	3%	55,918	50%
2008	120,685	32,461	21%	2,758	2%	56,353	47%
2009	138,240	34,315	20%	2,928	2%	64,966	47%
2010	141,806	35,273	20%	3,345	2%	77,900	55%
2011	138,960	33,834	20%	3,413	2%	69,598	50%
2012	119,810	33,148	22%	3,145	3%	59,013	49%
2013	116,010	36,124	24%	3,280	3%	55,421	48%
2014	117,845	41,225	26%	2,492	2%	53,088	45%
2015	119,396	43,609	27%	3,722	3%	53,349	45%
2016	111,930	40,537	27%	4,221	4%	56,555	49%
2017							

Coming Soon

Source: State Department of Social Services WtW 25 reports & State Budget

Number of Jobs Welfare Recipients Create Annually and Monthly in California 2016-2017

	Actual Dollars Redistributed	1.79% Economic Multiplier
Food Stamps, SNAP/CalFresh Annual Benefits	\$8.1 billion	\$14 billion

Dollar Cost for Creating Per Job	\$100,000.00	
2016-2017 Jobs Created by CalFresh (CF) Recipients	140,289 Jobs	
CalWORKs/TANF	\$3.1 billion	\$5.7 billion
2016-2017 Jobs Created by CalWORKs (CW) Recipients	56,589 Jobs	
TOTAL CW & CF dollars Issued	\$11.13 billion	\$19.7 billion
2016-2017 Jobs Created by CW & FS Recipients	196,877 Jobs	
Monthly Jobs Created by CW & CF Recipients	16,406 Jobs	

SOURCE OF COST PER JOB - The \$100,000 per job is based upon an estimate received from Chad Stone, Chief Economist working for Center on Budget Policy and Priorities in Washington D.C. There are other estimates that assert that a cost of an entry level job is about \$60,000 per job. See: <http://economistsview.typepad.com/economistsview/2008/11/how-much-does-i.html>. Also see USDA, Economic Research Service, Economic Research Report Number 103, October 2010, The Food Assistance National Input-Output Multiplier (FANIOM) Model and Stimulus Effects of SNAP - Kenneth Hanson & CDSS Budget Documents of 2014-2015.

CalWORKs Caseload Characteristics 2016-2017

Source: CDSS

Characteristic	FACT
Family Size	2.6
Children in the Family	2.0
Average Child Age	5.7
Average Age of Parent	34.1
Parents Completed Highschool or GED	39%
Children under age of 1	12.8%
Families with Children under age of 6	58%
Average Stay on CalWORKs Families with Single parents	29 months
Average stay on CalWORKs Families with Two-Parents	25 months
Families with a Car	25%
Hispanic-All Cases	58%
African-American	16%
Asian	3%
White	20%

2015-2016 County Welfare Department Single Allocation and Millions Not Spent

(in millions)

Allocation	\$ Allocation	\$ Not Spent By Counties
WtW-Employment Services	\$1,097	\$243
CalWORKs Child Care	\$409	\$121
CalFresh Administration Costs	\$632	\$38
Substance Abuse	\$50	\$14
Mental Health Care	\$76	\$7

Source: CDSS and County Welfare Department Reports