

Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organizations

CCWRO SUPPORT SERVICES - • LEGAL ASSISTANCE • LEGAL ANALYSIS OR INFORMATION
• LEGAL TRAINING • LEGAL REPRESENTATION & • LITIGATION SUPPORT CONCERNING:
• CalWORKS • WtW/GAIN • CalFRESH • REFUGEE AID • GA/GR • MEDI-CAL • CAPI

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Region 1

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 Marin
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 San Luis Obispo
 San Mateo
 Santa Barbara
 Santa Clara
 Santa Cruz
 Solano
 Sonoma
 Ventura

Region 2

All other counties

CalWORKs (Also known as AFDC/TANF)

Region 1 Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nonexempt Max. Aid Payment (MAP)	732	927	1171	1412	1654	1896	2139	2382	2623	2867
Exempt Max. Aid Payment (EMAP)	807	1036	1310	1574	1844	2117	2388	2661	2930	3205
Minimum Basic Standard of Care (MBSAC)	963	1581	1960	2325	2653	2983	3280	3569	3872	4202

Region 2 Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
MAP	693	881	1112	1342	1573	1803	2033	2264	2494	2723
EMAP	768	984	1244	1494	1753	2012	2267	2529	2783	3045
Minimum Basic Standard of Care (MBSAC)	914	1501	1859	2211	2529	2839	3110	3397	3671	3997

CalWORKs Income Reporting Threshold (IRT) - \$1,140 plus the last income last used to determine CalWORKs Benefits Level for any family size.

44% of the CalWORKs Total Caseload received for all eligible family members

55% of the CalWORKs total caseload receives aid for one or two excluded family members due to a variety of racist CalWORKs penalties and sanctions.

2026-2027 CalWORKs Average Grant \$992 a month = 43.5% FPL

NOTE: The average CalWORKs family size is 2.7. The Federal Poverty level for a family of 3 is \$2,277

CalWORKs Property Limits

\$17,452 liquid resources for households with member(s) over 60 and **\$11,634** for all other households.

\$33,626 for a car. The car is **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 of \$600 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.

CalWORKs Child Care

Who is Eligible to CalWORKs Child Care? Any CalWORKs eligible parent, who needs child care, with or without a WtW plan, is entitled to child care, full time for 24 months continuously.

2025-2026 Child Care Schedule of Income Ceiling- 85%

FAMILY SIZE	1-2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Family Yearly Income Ceiling (100% of SMI)	\$82,326	\$93,418	\$108,237	\$125,555	\$142,873	\$146,120	\$149,367
Family Yearly Monthly Ceiling (100% of SMI)	\$6,860	\$7,785	\$9,020	\$10,463	\$11,906	\$12,177	\$12,447

Food Stamps (Also known as SNAP and CalFresh)

STANDARD DEDUCTION	Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Add Person
1-3 - persons- \$209	Maximum Benefits Level	\$298	546	785	994	1183	1421	1571	1789	+218
4 - persons- \$223	Net Monthly Income Elig. Stan. 100% FPL	\$1305	17623	2221	2680	3138	3596	4055	4513	+459
5 - persons- \$261	Gross Monthly Income Elig. Stan. 130% FPL	\$1696	2292	2888	3483	4079	4675	5271	5867	+596
+ 6 - persons \$299	Gross Monthly Income Elig. Stan. 165% FPL	\$2152	2909	3665	4421	5177	5934	6690	7446	+757
	Gross Monthly Income Elig. Stan. 200% FPL	\$2610	3526	4442	5360	6276	7192	8110	9026	+918
	CalFresh Income Reporting Threshold (IRT)	\$1696	2292	2888	3483	4079	4675	5271	5867	

CHILD CARE COSTS DEDUCTION

100% from the Gross Income

STANDARD UTILITY DEDUCTION

\$ 663

SHELTER DEDUCTION

\$ 744

HOMELESS SHELTER DEDUCTION

\$ 198.99

SSI CalFresh - SNB & TNB Benefit Levels

Supplemental & Transitional Nutrition Benefits Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Supplemental Nutrition Benefits for previously excluded 1 SSI recipient	\$124	124	166	192	211	235	259	254
Supplemental Nutrition Benefits for previously excluded 2 SSI recipients		\$233	233	259	284	302	319	350
Supplemental Nutrition Benefits for previously excluded 3 SSI recipients			\$287	287	321	354	387	425
Transitional Nutrition Benefits for previously excluded 1 SSI recipient	\$192	192	221	250	320	390	431	431
Transitional Nutrition Benefits for previously excluded 2 SSI recipients		192	192	301	348	395	451	477
Transitional Nutrition Benefits for previously excluded 3 SSI recipients			192	192	352	400	480	522

SSI & CAPI		SSI-Single	CAPI-Single	SSI-Couple	CAPI Couple
	Aged & Disabled	\$1,233.94	\$1,233.94	\$2,098.83	\$2,098.83
	Blind	\$1,318.32	\$1,318.32	\$2,324.35	\$2,324.35

M e d i - C a l

Family Size	1	2	2 adults	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Each Addl 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
ACA Parents and Relative Caretakers - 109%	1,450	1,967	1,967	2,482	2,998	3,515	4,030	4,546	5,062	5,578	6,094	+517
Medi-Cal MAGI - ACA New Adults ages 19-64 - 138%	1,836	2,490	2,490	3,143	3,795	4,450	5,102	5,755	6,409	7,026	7,715	+655
All children get free Medi-Cal - 160%	2,128	2,887	2,887	3,644	4,400	5,159	5,916	6,672	7,431	8,188	8,944	+759
Pregnant Women & Infants Up to 1 yrs. - 213%	2,833	3,843	3,843	4,851	5,858	6,868	7,875	8,883	9,892	10,900	11,907	+1011
Working Disabled Program - 250%	3,325	4,510	4,510	5,693	6,875	8,060	9,243	10,425	11,610	12,793	13,975	+1,185
All kids 0-18 premium of \$13 per child - max \$39 amonth - 266%	3,538	4,799	4,799	6,057	7,315	8,576	9,835	11,093	12,354	13,612	14,870	+1,261

NOTE: Children 0-18 get Medi-Cal regardless of their immigration status

• **SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY = \$1,620 & \$2,700 for the blind** • **Trial Work \$1,160**

LONG TERM CARE	MEDICARE PREMIUMS	A&D INCOME LIMITS	Non-Magi Medi-Cal Asset test	2025 FEDERAL BENEFIT RATE	2025 Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance MMMNA
MN/QMB \$35	PART "A" Ranges from \$285 to \$518	Individual \$1,732	Just Like SSI	Individual \$943	\$3,948
SSI/SSP \$50	PART "B" \$185.00 for individual eligible for the hold harmless	Couple \$2,352		Couple \$1,415	
APPR. \$6,840				SSI Standard Allocation \$392	
				"Any Unearned Income" Deduction \$20	
				"Any Earned Income" Deduction \$65 and then 50% of remaining -countable income	

CalWORKs Money Not Used for CalWORKs Families with Children Living in Deep Poverty

CalWORKs Family 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	\$1,661,424,000
FY 15-16	\$1,661,764,000
FY 16-17	\$2,076,557,000
FY 17-18	\$2,312,158,000
FY 18-19	\$2,444,758,000
FY 19-20	\$2,662,827,000
FY 20-21	\$1,887,895,000
FY 21-22	\$2,104,292,000
FY 22-23	\$2,104,292,000
FY 23-24	\$2,070,681,000
FY 24-25	\$2,389,605,000
FY 25-26	\$3,431,436,000

The CalWORKs/AFDC COLA History

Year	MAP 3 person	MAP* COLA	MB-SAC**	Governor	Year	MAP 3 person	MAP* COLA	MBSAC**	Governor
71-72	\$235	0.9%	\$255	Reagan	97-98	\$538-565	0.0%	\$717-754	Wilson
72-73	\$237	2.5%	\$255	Reagan	98-99	\$582-611	2.84%	\$737-775	Wilson
73-74	\$243	7.8%	\$262	Reagan	99-00	\$596-626	2.36%	\$754-793	Wilson
75	\$293	8.9%	\$282	Brown I	00-01	\$614-645	2.96%	\$776-816	Davis
76	\$319	6%	\$316	Brown I	01-02	\$647-679	5.31%	\$817-859	Davis
76-77	\$338	6.3	\$343	Brown I	02-03	\$671-704	3.74%	\$848-891	Davis
77-78	\$356	0.0%	\$343	Brown I	03-04	\$671-704	0.0%	\$871-916	Davis
78-79	\$356	15.2%	\$361	Brown I	04-05	\$689-723	2.75%	\$871-916	Davis
79-80	\$410	15.4%	\$416	Brown I	05-06	\$689-723	0.0%	\$906-953	A.S. **
80-81	\$473	-2.1%	\$480	Brown I	06-07	\$689-723	0.0%	\$940-989	A.S.
81-82	\$463	9.3%	\$470	Brown I	07-08	\$689-723	0.0%	\$975-1,026	A.S.
82-83	\$506	0.0%	\$506	Brown I	08-09	\$689-723	0.0%	\$1,026-1,080	A.S.
83-84	\$526	4%	\$526	Duke*	09-10	\$661-694	-4% & COLA Repealed	\$1,042-1,097	A.S.
84-85	\$555	5.5%	\$555	Duke	10-11	\$661-694	No COLA	\$1,058-1,114	Brown II
85-86	\$587	5.8%	\$587	Duke	11-12	\$608-638	- 8%	\$1,078-1,135	Brown II
86-87	\$617	5.1%	\$617	Duke	12-13	\$608-638	No COLA	\$1,110-1,169	Brown II
87-88	\$633	3.6	\$633	Duke	13-14	\$608-638	No COLA	\$1,139-1,200	Brown II
88-89	\$663	4.7%	\$663	Duke	14-15	\$670-704	No COLA -5% increase	\$1,164-1,226	Brown II
89-90	\$694	4.6%	\$694	Duke	15-16	\$680-714	No COLA-1.43% increase	\$1,194-1,257	Brown II
90-91	\$694	0.0%	\$694	Duke	16-17	\$680-714	No COLA	\$1,292-1,227	Brown II
91-92	\$663	-5.8	\$703	Wilson	17-18	\$680-714	No COLA	\$1,342-1,274	Brown II
93-94	\$607	-2.7	\$715	Wilson	18-19	\$680-714	No COLA	\$1,395-1,324	Brown II
94-95	\$607	0.0%	\$723	Wilson	4-1-19	\$748-785	No COLA	\$1,342-1,274	Newsom
95-96	\$538	0.0%	\$723	Wilson	10-1-19	\$834-878	No COLA-10% increase	\$1,342-1,274	Newsom
					19-20	\$834-878	No COLA	\$1,453-1,379	Newsom
					20-21	\$834-878	No COLA	\$1,507-1,430	Newsom
					21-22	\$878-925	No COLA 5.3% grant increase	\$1,589-1,460	Newsom
					22-23	\$1073-1130	No COLA 11% grant increase	\$1,641-1,557	Newsom
					23-24	\$1112-1171	No COLA	\$1,1664-1,171	Newsom
					24-25	\$1112-1171	No COLA		Newsom
					25-26	\$1112-1171	No COLA		Newsom
					26-27	\$1112-1171	1.8%		Newsom

 No COLA Grant Reduction

* Duke : George Deukmejian
** Arnold Schwarzenegger

* MAP- Maximum Aid Payment
** MBSAC - Minimum Basic Standard of Adequate Care

Source: Department of Social Services

CalWORKs & CalFresh Facts

2025-2026 WtW Program

Total Costs -
\$2,739,900.000

Total Annual Cost Per Unduplicated Participant

\$34,211 -

Monthly Cost - \$2,851

(Estimated 80,000 cases per month) -

Average Monthly

CalWORKs Grant -
\$992

Year-July	Undpl. Part	Sanction	%	Jobs	%	Transp.	%
2002	170,720	56,339	25%	7,144	4%	75,074	44%
2003	130,880	56,793	30%	5,533	0%	61,479	47%
2004	118,889	56,236	32%	4,626	4%	51,682	43%
2005	106,674	53,035	33%	3,774	3%	51,429	48%
2006	106,926	40,775	28%	3,152	3%	53,418	50%
2007	121,240	40,559	25%	3,459	3%	62,641	52%
2008	127,732	38,845	23%	3,653	3%	71,302	56%
2009	147,518	46,487	24%	3,220	2%	78,464	53%
2010	133,672	46,029	26%	4,149	3%	66,973	50%
2011	127,383	46,447	27%	5,770	4%	64,828	51%
2012	116,000	49,108	30%	4,116	3%	60,943	53%
2013	112,827	51,876	31%	3,901	3%	61,716	55%
2014	126,453	62,459	33%	3,321	3%	72,949	58%
2015	118,971	59,122	33%	4,219	3%	65,882	55%
2016	93,634	56,100	37%	4,967	5%	54,441	60%
2017	87,175	56,970	40%	4,459	5%	54,343	62%
2018	80,762	56,820	41%	3,841	5%	51,566	64%
2019	67,305	50,339	43%	3,754	6%	42,917	64%
2020	52,216	37,965	42%	1,787	3%	16,856	32%
2021	45,331	14,908	25%	1,500	2%	16,135	36%
2022	69,520	17,456	25%	1,826	3%	24,670	35%
2023	70,848	22,123	31%	2,142	.3%	32,486	46%
2024	52,216	37,965	42%	1,787	3%	16,856	32%
2025							
2026							
2027							

Monthly Estimated Cost Per Job Obtained by a Monthly Average Costs Per Participant

\$106,000.00 per job

CalWORKs Caseload Characteristics 2025-2026

Characteristic	FACT
Family Size	2.7
Children in the Family	2.0
Average Youngest Child Age	6.9
Average Age of Parent	37.1
Parents Completed Highschool or GED	44.1
Children under age of 1	7.8%
Families with Children under age of 6	47.1%
Average Grant for CalWORKs Child	\$373
Average Grant for Foster Care Child	\$3,464
Families with a Car	25%
Hispanic-All Cases	58%
African-American	18.9%
Asian	3.2%
White	17.6%

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

Source: California Department of Social Services

Number of Jobs Welfare Recipients will Create in California during 2025 - **486,000 jobs**

	Dollar Payments	Economic Multiplier- 1.79%	Jobs Created
CalWORKs	\$ 4.4 Billion	\$12.3 billion	123 ,000 jobs
CalFresh	\$13 Billion	\$36.3 billion	363,000 jobs
TOTAL	\$17.9 Billion	\$48.6 billion	486,000 jobs

SOURCE OF COST PER JOB - The \$100,000 per job is based upon on 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.

