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

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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)	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)	686	1125	1395	1655	1889	2125	2335	2541	2757	2992

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	616	762	904	1031	1157	1272	1385	1498	1610
Minimum Basic Standard of Care (MBSAC)	651	1070	1324	1574	1799	2021	2215	2419	2614	2846

CalWORKs Income Reporting Threshold (IRT) - 55% of the FPL plus the last income last used to determine CalWORKs Benefits Level.

Region 1 IRT-nonexempt	\$936	1380	1654	1930	2162	2400	2616	2828	3040	3248
Region 2 IRT-nonexempt	\$898	1324	1586	1846	2070	2296	2498	2704	2906	3102

2018-2019 CalWORKs Average Grant Payments & Various Poverty Levels

40% of the CalWORKs Total Caseload

CalWORKs Average Monthly Benefits Compared to the 100% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) & Supplemental Poverty Level (SPL) for CalWORKs Families.

60% 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 (AU) Size	2018 Average Cal-WORKs Grant	2018 Federal Poverty Level	2018 Supplemental Poverty Level	% of Federal Poverty Level	Percentage of Supplemental Poverty Level	Assistance Unit Size	2018 Average Cal-WORKs Grant	2018 Federal Poverty Level	2018 Supplemental Poverty Level	% of Federal Poverty Level	Percentage of Supplemental Poverty Level	
												Actual AU Size
1	\$279	\$1012	\$1418	28%	20%	1	0	\$00	\$1012	\$1418	0%	0%
2	\$451	\$1372	\$1923	33%	23%	2	1	\$279	\$1372	\$1923	20%	15%
3	\$557	\$1732	\$2428	32%	23%	3	2	\$451	\$1732	\$2428	26%	19%
4	\$662	\$2092	\$3437	32%	19%	4	3	\$557	\$2092	\$3437	27%	16%
5	\$757	\$2452	\$3942	31%	19%	5	4	\$662	\$2452	\$3942	27%	17%
6	\$846	\$3172	\$4447	27%	19%	6	5	\$757	\$3172	\$4447	24%	17%

CalWORKs Property Limits

\$3,500 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 75% 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 75% of the SMI, and they need child care, and if child care money is available.

Food Stamps (Also known as SNAP and CalFresh)

Income Reporting Threshold for CalFresh Semi-Annual Reporting

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Add. Person
Maximum Benefits Level	\$192	353	505	642	762	914	1,011	1,155	\$144
Net Monthly Income Elig. Stan. (100% FPL)	\$1,012	1,372	1,732	2,092	2,452	2,812	3,172	3,532	\$360
Gross Monthly Income Elig. Stan. IRT (130%)	\$1,316	1,784	2,252	2,720	3,188	3,656	4,124	4,592	\$468
Gross Monthly Income Elig. Stan. (165% FPL)	\$1,670	2,264	2,858	3,452	4,046	4,640	5,234	5,828	\$594
Gross Monthly Income Elig. Stan. (200% FPL)	\$2,024	2,744	3,464	4,184	4,904	5,624	6,344	7,064	\$720

STANDARD DEDUCTION
1-2 persons- \$164
3 persons- \$164
4 persons- \$174
5 persons- \$204
6 persons+- \$234

CHILD CARE COSTS DEDUCTED

100% from the Gross Income

Elderly (over 60) and Disabled get 100% of Shelter Deduction plus SUA & Medical Costs Deductions over \$35. There is no gross income test for an elderly or disabled household.

STANDARD UTILITY DEDUCTION

\$397 (max)

SHELTER DEDUCTION

\$552 (max)

HOMELESS HOUSING DEDUCTION

\$143

LIMITED UTILITY ALLOWANCE

\$126

SSI & CAPI	Singles		Couples		
	SSI	CAPI	SSI	CAPI	SSI/CAPI
BLIND	\$967	\$957	\$1,683	\$1,663	\$1,673
DISABLED	\$910.72	\$900.72	\$1,532	\$1,512	\$1,522
DIS. MINOR	\$815	\$800			

M e d i - C a l

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
ACA Parents and Relative Caretakers- 109%	1,103	1,496	1,496	1,888	2,280	2,673	3,065	3,458	3,850	4,242	4,635	+393
Medi-Cal MAGI - ACA New Adults ages 19-64- 138%	1,397	1,893	1,893	2,390	2,887	3,384	3,881	4,377	4,874	5,371	5,868	+497
All children get free Medi-Cal - 160%	1,619	2,195	2,195	2,771	3,347	3,923	4,499	5,075	5,651	6,227	6,803	+576
Pregnant Women & Infants Up to 1 yrs.- 213%	2,155	2,922	2,922	3,689	4,456	5,223	5,989	6,756	7,523	8,290	9,057	+767
Working Disabled Program- 250%	2,530	3,430	3,430	4,330	5,230	6,130	7,030	7,930	8,830	9,730	10,630	+900
All kids 0-18 premium of \$13 per child - max \$39 amonth- 266%	2,692	3,649	3,649	4,607	5,564	6,522	7,480	8,437	9,395	10,352	11,310	+958s

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

SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY = \$1,070

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

CalWORKs Funding for FY 2018-2019

Federal TANF Block Grant Allocation -
\$3.9 billion
Total Federal TANF Block Grant Used for the
CalWORKs Program: \$1.9 Billion
What about the \$2 Billion?

CalWORKs (AFDC) Grant Levels Effective July 1, 1988 - 30 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 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	\$2,404,295,000

The CalWORKs/AFDC COLA History

Year	MAP 3 person	MAP* COLA	MBSAC**	Governor
71-72	\$235	0.9%	\$255	Reagan
72-73	\$237	2.5%	\$255	Reagan
73-74	\$243	7.8%	\$262	Reagan
75	\$293	8.9%	\$282	Brown I
76	\$319	6%	\$316	Brown I
76-77	\$338	6.3	\$343	Brown I
77-78	\$356	0.0%	\$343	Brown I
78-79	\$356	15.2%	\$361	Brown I
79-80	\$410	15.4%	\$416	Brown I
80-81	\$473	-2.1%	\$480	Brown I
81-82	\$463	9.3%	\$470	Brown I
82-83	\$506	0.0%	\$506	Brown I
83-84	\$526	4%	\$526	Duke*
84-85	\$555	5.5%	\$555	Duke
85-86	\$587	5.8%	\$587	Duke
86-87	\$617	5.1%	\$617	Duke
87-88	\$633	3.6	\$633	Duke
88-89	\$663	4.7%	\$663	Duke
89-90	\$694	4.6%	\$694	Duke
90-91	\$694	0.0%	\$694	Duke
91-92	\$663	-5.8	\$703	Wilson
93-94	\$607	-2.7	\$715	Wilson
94-95	\$607	0.0%	\$723	Wilson
95-96	\$538	0.0%	\$723	Wilson
96-97	\$538	-8.9%	\$734	Wilson

Year	MAP 3 person	MAP COLA	MBSAC	Governor
97-98	\$538-565	0.0%	\$717-754	Wilson
98-99	\$582-611	2.84%	\$737-775	Wilson
99-00	\$596-626	2.36%	\$754-793	Wilson
00-01	\$614-645	2.96%	\$776-816	Davis
01-02	\$647-679	5.31%	\$817-859	Davis
02-03	\$671-704	3.74%	\$848-891	Davis
03-04	\$671-704	0.0%	\$871-916	Davis
04-05	\$689-723	2.75%	\$871-916	Davis
05-06	\$689-723	0.0%	\$906-953	A.S. **
06-07	\$689-723	0.0%	\$940-989	A.S
07-08	\$689-723	0.0%	\$975-1,026	A.S
08-09	\$689-723	0.0%	\$1,026-1,080	A.S.
09-10	\$661-694	-4% & COLA Repealed	\$1,042-1,097	A.S.
10-11	\$661-694	No COLA	\$1,058-1,114	Brown II
11-12	\$608-638	- 8%	\$1,078-1,135	Brown II
12-13	\$608-638	No COLA	\$1,110-1,169	Brown II
13-14	\$608-638	No COLA	\$1,139-1,200	Brown II
14-15	\$670-704	No COLA +5%	\$1,164-1,226	Brown II
15-16	\$680-714	No COLA- +1.43%	\$1,194-1,257	Brown II
16-17	\$680-714	No COLA	\$1,292-1,227	Brown II
17-18	\$680-714	No COLA	\$1,342-1,274	Brown II
18-19	\$680-714	No COLA	\$1,342-1,274	Brown II

 No COLA
 Grant Reduction

* Duke . George Deukmejian
 ** Arnold Schwarzenegger

* MAP- Maximum Aid Payment

** MBSAC - Minimum Basic Standard of of Adequate Care

CalWORKs & CalFresh Facts

Welfare-to-Work Facts

**Welfare-to-Work or Welfare-to-Sanction?
Annual WtW Program Costs = \$2.4 billion -
Cost Per Job Obtained by a Participant = \$59,000**

July

Year	Un.Part	Sanctions	Jobs	Second. Ed	Transporation				
2002	170720	56339	25%	7144	4%	10321	6%	75074	44%
2003	130880	56793	30%	5533	0%	9001	7%	61479	47%
2004	118889	56236	32%	4626	4%	8542	7%	51682	43%
2005	106674	53035	33%	3774	3%	8016	8%	51429	48%
2006	106926	40775	28%	3152	3%	9581	9%	53418	50%
2007	121240	40559	25%	3459	3%	10045	8%	62641	52%
2008	127732	38845	23%	3653	3%	10476	8%	71302	56%
2009	147518	46487	24%	3220	2%	13428	9%	78464	53%
2010	133672	46029	26%	4149	3%	11577	9%	66973	50%
2011	127383	46447	27%	5770	4%	10962	9%	64828	51%
2012	116000	49108	30%	4116	3%	9712	8%	60943	53%
2013	112827	51876	31%	3901	3%	8327	7%	61716	55%
2014	126453	62459	33%	3321	3%	7589	6%	72949	58%
2015	118971	59122	33%	4219	3%	6001	5%	65882	55%
2016	93634	56100	37%	4967	5%	4170	4%	27502	59%
2017	87175	56970	40%	4459	5%	3706	4%	54343	62%
2018	80762	56820	41%	3841	5%	3444	4%	51566	64%

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

Number of Jobs Welfare Recipients Create Annually and Monthly in California 2018-2019

	Actual Dollars Redistributed	1.79% Economic Multiplier
Food Stamps, SNAP/CalFresh Annual Benefits	\$6.7 billion	\$12 billion
Dollar Cost for Creating Per Job		\$100,000.00
2017-2018 Jobs Created by CalFresh (CF) Recipients		120,000 Jobs
CalWORKs/TANF	\$2.1 billion	\$3.7 billion
2017-2018 Jobs Created by CalWORKs (CW) Recipients		37,000 Jobs
TOTAL CW & CF dollars Issued	\$8.8 billion	\$15.8 billion
2017-2018 Jobs Created by CW & FS Recipients		157,000 Jobs
Monthly Jobs Created by CW & CF Recipients		13,083 Jobs

CalWORKs Caseload Characteristics 2018-2019

Source: CDSS

Characteristic	FACT
Family Size	2.5
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 Childern 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	3.0%
White	20%

County Welfare Department Single Allocation and Millions Not Spent (in millions)

Allocation for	2015-2016		2016-2017	
	Allocated Dollars	Unspent Dollars	Allocated Dollars	Unspent Dollars
WtW Empl. Services	\$1,097	\$234	\$972	\$154
CalWORKs Child Care	\$409	\$121	\$412	\$93
CalFresh Admin. Costs	\$632	\$38	\$632	\$47
WtW Substance Abuse	\$50	\$14	\$50	\$16
WtW Mental Health Care	\$76	\$7	\$76	\$10

Source: CDSS and County Welfare Department Reports

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.