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CalWORKs Key Facts & Figures

FUNDING¹ (State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015-16)

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| Total Funding in CalWORKs Program: | \$5.6 Billion |
| TANF in CalWORKs | \$2.6 Billion |
| Maintenance of Effort (MOE) (includes county funds) | \$2.2 Billion |
| Other Funds (Non-MOE General Fund, Title XX) | \$0.8 Billion |

CASELOAD² (July 2015)

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| Total CalWORKs recipients: | 1,239,205 |
| Adults: | 258,279 |
| Children: | 980,926 |
| Total CalWORKs Families: | 512,352 |
| Two Parent: | 44,306 |
| All Other: | 193,793 |
| Zero Parent: | 156,050 |
| Safety Net/Fleeing Felon/Long Term Sanctioned: | 87,346 |
| TANF Timed Out: | 30,857 |

MEDIAN TIME ON AID IN LAST FIVE YEARS³ (Calendar Year 2015):

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| All Cases (including Aided Adults, Child-Only and Safety Net): | 36 Months |
| Aided Adult Cases (one and two-parents): | 24 Months |

AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT AMOUNT⁴ (SFY 14/15): \$491.59

MAXIMUM AID PAYMENT (MAP)⁵ Levels (SFY 15/16)

Assistance Unit (AU) of three, effective April 1, 2015:

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| Region One Non Exempt: | \$704 |
| Region Two Non Exempt: | \$670 |

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Applicant Income and Asset Limits⁶

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| Income limits Assistance Unit (AU) of three, Region One | \$1,346 (\$90 disregard) |
| Income limits Assistance Unit (AU) of three, Region two | \$1,283 (\$90 disregard) |

Vehicle⁷ \$9,500 max.

Property⁸

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| (For all other households) | \$2,250 max. |
| <i>(For households with at least one member 60 years of age or older or disabled)</i> | \$3,250 max. |

Time Clock

- ⁹60 month TANF (for other states)
- ¹⁰48 month CalWORKs (for California)
- ¹¹24 month Welfare-To-Work (enhanced services)

Data Source: ¹The amount of funding for the CalWORKs Program, based on the 2015 May Revision Budget; ² July 2015 CA 237CW (line item 8a1) (line item 8a2), (line item 8a); ³Based on family member with most time on aid using 2015 Qtr 3 Medi-Cal Eligibility Data Systems (MEDS); ⁴FY 2014-15 CDSS: CA 800 (Expenditures), CA 237 CW (CW cash grant caseload); ⁵ACL 14-05: Five percent increase to the Maximum Aid Payments (MAP) Levels, The MAP will increase by five percent for all AUs on April 1, 2015. California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs): Five Percent Increase To The Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) Level ACL 14-58; ⁶ACL 14-39 (MBSAC): Cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase to the minimum basic standard of adequate care (MBSAC) Levels , MPP 44-207.11; ⁷ACL 15-52: California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs): Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) Increase To The Minimum Basic Standard Of Adequate Care (MBSAC) Levels; WIC section 11155; ⁸MPP Regulations 63-1101.12, ACL 13-97: Changes to assets limits for families that include elderly or disabled household members; MPP section 42-207, ACL 14-107 California Work Opportunity And Responsibility To Kids (CalWORKs) Changes To Asset Limits For Families; ⁹ ACL 01-66: Recipients who reach the Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF) Program 60-Month Time Limit; ¹⁰ACL 11-33: New 48-Month Time Limit for CalWORKs Adults; ¹¹ACL 12-67: New CalWORKs Welfare-To-Work (WTW) 24-Month Time Clock.

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General Description

***Funding:** (SFY, begins July 1st to end June 30th). A fixed annual block grant amount for voluntarily participating in the TANF program. To receive the grant, California must spend a minimum amount of its own money, referred to as Maintenance of Effort (MOE).

***Caseload:** Total CalWORKs recipients refer to CalWORKs families who are eligible to receive aid. The data includes: CalWORKs caseload movement for Two Parent Families, Zero Parent Families, All Other Families, TANF Timed-Out Cases, and Safety Net Cases.

***Median Time on Aid in Last Five Years:** Time on Aid is the total number of months a person has received a cash grant through the CalWORKs program during the last 5 years (60 months prior to the data source referenced) and does not include months a person received cash assistance prior to this period. The Median Time on Aid for CalWORKs cases is computed by looking at the time on aid for the family member in an Assistance Unit that has been aided the most months and taking the median, or middle, value of these months. The median gives the most accurate picture of the time on aid for the majority of CalWORKs families; the look back of 5 years provides the best information on current, initial spells in CalWORKs rather than adding all the months of aid over one person's lifetime.

***Average Monthly Benefit Amount:** The Average Monthly Benefit Amount is calculated by taking the expenditures divided by the total CalWORKs cash grant caseload for the SFY.

***Maximum Aid Payment (MAP):** California established the (MAP), which is to determine the CalWORKs grant amount the assistance unit is potentially eligible to receive. Effective April 1, 2015, MAP levels increased by five percent.

***Applicant Income and Asset Limits:** Cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase to the Minimum Basic Standard of Adequate Care (MBSAC) levels. Levels are adjusted annually to reflect any increases or decreases in the cost of living. The \$90 disregard is applied to earned income for each employed member of the applicant family.

***Vehicle:** For any motor vehicle with equity value of \$9,500 or less shall not be attributed to the family's resource level; for any motor vehicle with an equity value of \$9,500 or more shall be attributed to the family's resource level.

***Property:** Any equity value will be counted as a resource attributable toward the Assistance Units. \$2,250 (for all other households), \$3,250 (for families with at least one member 60 years of age or older, or disabled) are maximum resource limits.

***Time Clocks:**

- **60-month Time Clock:** Federal TANF 60-month time limit counted from state to state.
- **48-month Time Clock:** CalWORKs program implemented a 48-month total time clock for families in California.
- **24-month Time Clock:** SB 1041 eliminated the WTW core and non-core hourly requirements and established a 24-month time period in which aided adult clients can receive a wide array of flexible CalWORKs WTW services and activities to address any barriers to employment.