

Table A-2. Trends in AFDC/TANF Average Monthly Payments, 1962 – 1998

Fiscal Year	Monthly Benefit per Recipient		Average Number of Persons per Family	Monthly Benefit per Family (not reduced by Child Support)		Weighted Average ¹ Monthly Benefit (per 3-person Family)	
	Current Dollars	1998 Dollars		Current Dollars	1998 Dollars	Current Dollars	1998 Dollars
1962.....	\$31	\$155	3.9	\$121	\$603	NA	NA
1963.....	31	153	4.0	126	618	NA	NA
1964.....	32	154	4.1	131	637	NA	NA
1965.....	34	161	4.2	140	670	NA	NA
1966.....	35	164	4.2	146	681	NA	NA
1967.....	36	165	4.1	150	681	NA	NA
1968.....	40	173	4.1	162	710	NA	NA
1969.....	43	182	4.0	173	729	186 ²	787
1970.....	46	184	3.9	178	716	194 ²	781
1971.....	48	184	3.8	180	694	201 ²	774
1972.....	51	191	3.6	187	696	205 ²	763
1973.....	53	189	3.5	187	667	213 ²	759
1974.....	57	186	3.4	194	637	229 ²	752
1975.....	63	189	3.3	209	626	243	728
1976.....	71	199	3.2	226	633	257	720
1977.....	78	203	3.1	241	629	271	708
1978.....	83	203	3.0	249	613	284	696
1979.....	87	196	2.9	257	579	301	678
1980.....	94	190	2.9	274	554	320	648
1981.....	96	177	2.9	277	509	326	600
1982.....	103	177	2.9	300	516	331	569
1983.....	106	175	2.9	311	511	336	553
1984.....	110	174	2.9	321	507	352	555
1985.....	112	171	2.9	329	501	369	562
1986.....	116	172	2.9	339	503	383	569
1987.....	123	178	2.9	359	519	393	568
1988.....	127	177	2.9	370	514	404	561
1989.....	131	174	2.9	381	505	412	546
1990.....	135	170	2.9	389	491	421	531
1991.....	135	162	2.9	388	466	425	510
1992.....	136	159	2.9	389	453	419	488
1993.....	131	149	2.8	373	422	414	469
1994.....	134	147	2.8	376	415	420	458
1995.....	134	144	2.8	377	404	418	449
1996.....	135	140	2.8	374	390	422	440
1997 ³	134	136	2.8	373	379	420	427
1998.....	132	132	2.8	364	364	431	431

¹ The maximum benefit for a 3-person family in each state is weighted by that state's share of total AFDC families.

² Estimated based on the weighted average benefit for a 4-person family.

³ The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 repealed the AFDC program as of July 1, 1997 and replaced it with the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program.

Note: AFDC benefit amounts have not been reduced by child support collections. Constant dollar adjustments to 1998 level were made using a CPI-U-X1 fiscal year price index.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance, *Quarterly Public Assistance Statistics, 1992 & 1993* and earlier years along with unpublished data.