

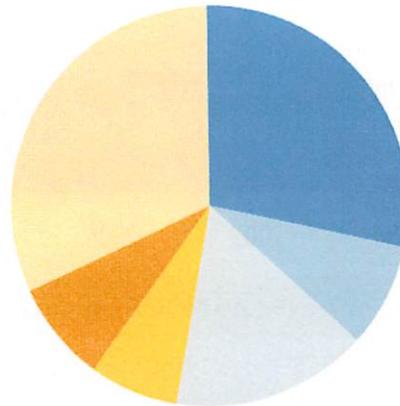
## TANF Spending Fact Sheet

United States

In 2012, the United States spent \$16 billion in federal TANF block grant funds, \$611 million in federal TANF Contingency Funds, and claimed \$14.8 billion in state maintenance of effort (MOE) spending, for a total of \$31.4 billion in TANF spending.

### How TANF and MOE Dollars Were Spent Nationally in 2012

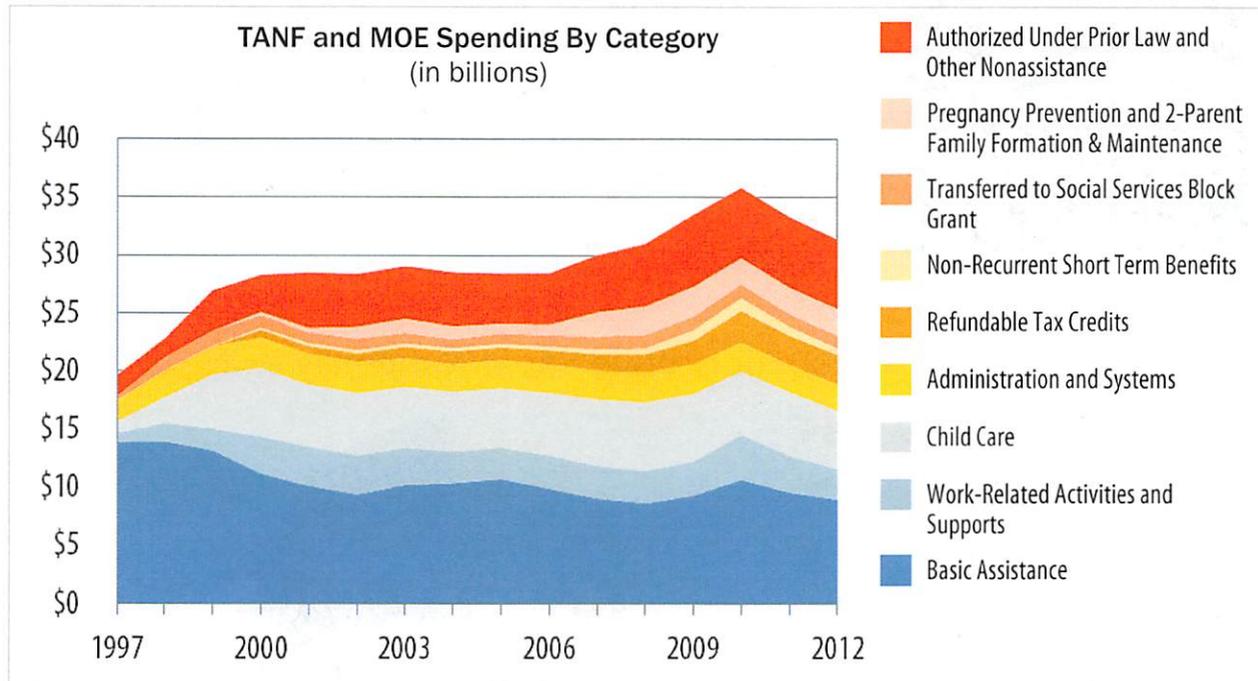
Basic Assistance	29%
Work-Related Activities	8%
Child Care	16%
Administration and Systems	7%
Refundable Tax Credits	8%
Other Services	32%



Spending by Category, 2012* (in millions of dollars and as a percentage of TANF and MOE spending)	National Spending 2012	
Basic Assistance	\$8,982	29%
Work-Related Activities	\$2,613	8%
Child Care	\$5,022	16%
Administration and Systems	\$2,254	7%
Refundable Tax Credits	\$2,556	8%
Non-Recurrent Short Term Benefits	\$538	2%
Transferred to Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)	\$1,133	4%
Pregnancy Prevention & 2-Parent Family Formation and Maintenance	\$2,296	7%
Authorized Under Prior Law (AUPL) and Other Nonassistance	\$5,963	19%

\*Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding.

## How TANF and MOE Dollars Were Spent Nationally Over Time



**Share of TANF and MOE Spending on Key Welfare Reform Activities**

	2001	2007	2012
Basic assistance	36%	30%	29%
Work-related activities	12%	9%	8%
Child care	19%	19%	16%

## TANF Allocations and MOE Requirements

- Each state receives a fixed federal TANF block grant annually and, in any given year, a state may spend more or less than its federal block grant allocation.
- Every year, each state must also spend a minimum of 75 percent of its historic state spending as a “maintenance of effort” (MOE) requirement, and a state may report state expenditures that exceed the required minimum.
- The fixed annual TANF block grant amount has declined by **30%** between 1997 and 2012 in real terms.

### National Annual TANF Allocations and MOE Obligations

TANF block grant amount	\$16.3 billion
80% MOE obligation	\$11 billion
75% MOE obligation	\$10.3 billion