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Abbreviations

AFDC	Aid to Families with Dependent Children
CM	Combined Manual
DEED	Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development
DHS	Minnesota Department of Human Services (department)
DRA	Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
DVHHS	Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services
DWP	Diversionary Work Program
FSS	Family Stabilization Services
HHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
MAXIS	Minnesota Department of Human Services' eligibility system
MFIP	Minnesota Family Investment Program
MN Prairie	Minnesota Prairie County Alliance
MOE	TANF Maintenance of Effort
PRWORA	Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996
RSDI	Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance
S-SI	MFIP/DWP Self-Support Index
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SWHHS	Southwest Health and Human Services
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
WEI	TANF Work-eligible Individual
WF1	Workforce One – DEED workforce data entry system
WPR	TANF Work Participation Rate

Introduction

The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) “Management Indicators Report” was developed to report on eight measures: MFIP closings, MFIP/DWP placement wages, TANF work participation rate, MFIP counted months, MFIP employment services enrollments, closures and exit reasons, the MFIP/DWP Self-Support Index, MFIP exits and returns, and MFIP unaccounted for cases. The report is for human service directors, employment services providers and other interested parties quarterly in compliance with statutory requirements for a quarterly comparison report. [Minn. Stat. 256J.751, subd. 2] This report and other MFIP reports are posted to the Minnesota Department of Human Services (department) web page (<http://mn.gov/dhs>): Select Partners and Providers/Economic Supports/MFIP/Reports. **As part of an effort to improve the performance measurement system, department staff are reviewing the measures included in this report and invite input. Direct questions and suggestions regarding this report, the usefulness of existing measures and ideas for additional measures, to the contact on the inside cover.**

A large drop in the TANF work participation rate was observed in December 2014 upon suspension of the Work Benefit program. In 2015, the statewide WPR and the average caseload size were smaller than before this policy change.

In July 2015, the MFIP housing grant went into effect. Starting with the third quarter of 2015, the Self-Support Index was updated to include receipt of a housing grant in the definition of cash assistance. Participants who receive cash, including only the housing grant, will not be included in the numerator of the measure unless they are working the required number of hours for success on the Self-Support Index for MFIP participants with a cash grant. This change resulted in a slight decrease in the index.

The requirement that a case remain active in the second month after the reporting quarter has been dropped for Indicator 8, MFIP unaccounted for cases. This change aligns the measure with others in the report and results in a slight increase in MFIP unaccounted for cases. Note that Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development’s (DEED) person-level report on unaccounted for cases will continue to drop cases no longer active.

For more information on this report, see the Notes section at the end of the report.

Indicators

Indicator 1: MFIP Closings

What are MFIP closings? An MFIP case is considered closed for this quarterly measure when it was eligible (active) in any month during the quarter previous to the measurement quarter, and ineligible during the entire measurement quarter.

Background. This measure helps a service area to examine its point-in-time closings – cases moving off active MFIP assistance in a quarter. Information on the number of closed cases staying off or returning to active MFIP is in Indicator 7.

Formula. Number of MFIP case closings as defined above, **divided by** the count of active MFIP cases in the quarter previous to the measurement quarter.

Details. The number of active MFIP cases is unduplicated (counted only once per quarter). Case counts and closing counts include all types of active MFIP cases, both child-only cases (no eligible adults) and cases with eligible adults. Counts and rates are reported for each service area, each region and statewide, with a closing being credited to a case’s service area in the exit month. Each service area rate is compared to its region and the state to gauge performance of the service area relative to its neighbors and the state.

Learn more about the MFIP program on the [department’s website](#).

MFIP Closings—State

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
State	4,477	34,788	12.9%	0.0%	0.0%

MFIP Closings—Southeast

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Fillmore	11	59	18.6%	4.2%	5.7%
Freeborn	27	183	14.8%	0.4%	1.9%
Goodhue	23	153	15.0%	0.6%	2.1%
Houston	6	49	12.2%	-2.2%	-0.7%
MN Prairie	47	395	11.9%	-2.5%	-1.0%
Mower	48	290	16.6%	2.2%	3.7%
Olmsted	125	833	15.0%	0.6%	2.1%
Rice	46	289	15.9%	1.5%	3.0%
Wabasha	8	55	14.5%	0.1%	1.6%
Winona	18	188	9.6%	-4.8%	-3.3%
Southeast	359	2,494	14.4%	0.0%	1.5%

MFIP Closings—Northeast

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Aitkin	13	68	19.1%	7.1%	6.2%
Carlton	21	168	12.5%	0.5%	-0.4%
Cook	2	35	5.7%	-6.3%	-7.2%
Itasca	46	311	14.8%	2.8%	1.9%
Koochiching	9	75	12.0%	0.0%	-0.9%
Lake	3	24	12.5%	0.5%	-0.4%
St. Louis	177	1,575	11.2%	-0.8%	-1.7%
Northeast	271	2,256	12.0%	0.0%	-0.9%

MFIP Closings—Southwest

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Big Stone	3	11	27.3%	13.4%	14.4%
Chippewa	9	69	13.0%	-0.9%	0.1%
DVHHS	15	107	14.0%	0.1%	1.1%
Lac qui Parle	5	18	27.8%	13.9%	14.9%
Nobles	20	144	13.9%	0.0%	1.0%
SWHHS	44	329	13.4%	-0.5%	0.5%
Swift	6	48	12.5%	-1.4%	-0.4%
Yellow Medicine	5	43	11.6%	-2.3%	-1.3%
Southwest	107	769	13.9%	0.0%	1.0%

MFIP Closings—South Central

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Blue Earth	49	293	16.7%	1.6%	3.8%
Brown	17	75	22.7%	7.6%	9.8%
Faribault-Martin	21	145	14.5%	-0.6%	1.6%
Le Sueur	17	113	15.0%	-0.1%	2.1%
Nicollet	19	205	9.3%	-5.8%	-3.6%
Sibley	11	55	20.0%	4.9%	7.1%
Watonwan	9	59	15.3%	0.2%	2.4%
South Central	143	945	15.1%	0.0%	2.2%

MFIP Closings—Suburban Metro

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Anoka	224	1,718	13.0%	-2.1%	0.1%
Carver	28	145	19.3%	4.2%	6.4%
Dakota	244	1,542	15.8%	0.7%	2.9%
Scott	67	319	21.0%	5.9%	8.1%
Washington	84	557	15.1%	0.0%	2.2%
Suburban Metro	647	4,281	15.1%	0.0%	2.2%

MFIP Closings—Core Metro

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Hennepin	1,122	10,436	10.8%	-0.4%	-2.1%
Ramsey	812	6,766	12.0%	0.8%	-0.9%
Core Metro	1,934	17,202	11.2%	0.0%	-1.7%

MFIP Closings—Northwest

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Kittson	2	12	16.7%	2.4%	3.8%
Marshall	0	12	0.0%	-14.3%	-12.9%
Norman	7	35	20.0%	5.7%	7.1%
Pennington	4	66	6.1%	-8.2%	-6.8%
Polk	43	293	14.7%	0.4%	1.8%
Red Lake	3	14	21.4%	7.1%	8.5%
Roseau	9	43	20.9%	6.6%	8.0%
Northwest	68	475	14.3%	0.0%	1.4%

MFIP Closings—West Central

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Becker	19	154	12.3%	-2.0%	-0.6%
Beltrami	97	555	17.5%	3.2%	4.6%
Cass	55	466	11.8%	-2.5%	-1.1%
Clay	68	403	16.9%	2.6%	4.0%
Clearwater	8	49	16.3%	2.0%	3.4%
Crow Wing	43	242	17.8%	3.5%	4.9%
Douglas	22	124	17.7%	3.4%	4.8%
Grant	7	29	24.1%	9.8%	11.2%
Hubbard	20	151	13.2%	-1.1%	0.3%
Lake of the Woods	0	11	0.0%	-14.3%	-12.9%
Mahnomen	3	52	5.8%	-8.5%	-7.1%
Morrison	19	140	13.6%	-0.7%	0.7%
Otter Tail	28	226	12.4%	-1.9%	-0.5%
Pope	8	36	22.2%	7.9%	9.3%
Stevens	4	29	13.8%	-0.5%	0.9%
Todd	10	75	13.3%	-1.0%	0.4%
Traverse	5	35	14.3%	0.0%	1.4%
Wadena	11	95	11.6%	-2.7%	-1.3%
White Earth Nation	42	404	10.4%	-3.9%	-2.5%
Wilkin	5	34	14.7%	0.4%	1.8%
West Central	474	3,310	14.3%	0.0%	1.4%

MFIP Closings—Central

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Benton	35	258	13.6%	-1.9%	0.7%
Chisago	22	122	18.0%	2.5%	5.1%
Isanti	31	151	20.5%	5.0%	7.6%
Kanabec	10	83	12.0%	-3.5%	-0.9%
Kandiyohi	64	347	18.4%	2.9%	5.5%
McLeod	12	86	14.0%	-1.5%	1.1%
Meeker	10	77	13.0%	-2.5%	0.1%
Mille Lacs	21	171	12.3%	-3.2%	-0.6%
Pine	45	207	21.7%	6.2%	8.8%
Renville	16	66	24.2%	8.7%	11.3%
Sherburne	36	241	14.9%	-0.6%	2.0%
Stearns	130	991	13.1%	-2.4%	0.2%
Wright	42	256	16.4%	0.9%	3.5%
Central	474	3,056	15.5%	0.0%	2.6%

Indicator 2: MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage

What is the median placement wage? A median is the midpoint of a sorted list of values. A median is used as an average wage to avoid the bias of extreme wages skewing the mean (the arithmetic average). This measure gives the service area’s median wage for the first job MFIP participants started after enrolling in employment services, as recorded in Workforce One (WF1).

Background. Job placement and wage data are collected by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). The servicing county or county consortium categories are from MAXIS, the department’s eligibility system.

Formula. The median is the placement wage in the middle of the sorted list of wages (when there is an odd number of new workers with a recorded hourly placement wage), or the midpoint between the two middle values (if there is an even number of new workers).

Details. This indicator gives the number of MFIP and DWP Employment Services (ES) participants newly enrolled in the quarter who obtained employment in that quarter, and the median placement (starting) wage by service area at the start of the job. It includes all first jobs as coded in WF1 for either part- or full-time employment. Blanks indicate that no newly enrolled persons in that service area got a job.

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MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—State

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
State	1,449	\$11.00	1,245	\$12.00

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—Southeast

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Fillmore	7	\$10.10	3	\$11.15
Freeborn	12	\$10.73	8	\$10.98
Goodhue	6	\$9.50	12	\$10.00
Houston	3	\$11.00	7	\$10.00
MN Prairie	33	\$11.00	29	\$10.75
Mower	33	\$12.00	21	\$11.50
Olmsted	61	\$12.00	53	\$11.25
Rice	20	\$11.00	21	\$11.00
Wabasha	3	\$9.50	6	\$11.93
Winona	9	\$10.50	2	\$10.50
Southeast	187	\$11.00	162	\$11.00

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—Northeast

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Aitkin	8	\$10.38	4	\$10.25
Carlton	3	\$11.00	6	\$12.50
Cook	4	\$12.25	1	\$14.22
Itasca	8	\$11.57	7	\$12.00
Koochiching	7	\$10.75	1	\$9.50
Lake	--	--	--	--
St. Louis	43	\$11.00	38	\$10.60
Northeast	73	\$11.00	57	\$11.00

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—Southwest

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Big Stone	--	--	2	\$9.88
Chippewa	4	\$10.00	4	\$9.85
DVHHS	10	\$10.25	3	\$7.38
Lac qui Parle	3	\$9.00	--	--
Nobles	7	\$12.00	11	\$11.25
SWHHS	23	\$10.00	17	\$10.00
Swift	4	\$10.00	1	\$9.50
Yellow Medicine	--	--	2	\$10.50
Southwest	51	\$10.00	40	\$10.00

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—South Central

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Blue Earth	25	\$10.50	10	\$10.38
Brown	6	\$10.00	5	\$12.20
Faribault-Martin	6	\$10.75	1	\$13.00
Le Sueur	14	\$10.13	5	\$10.25
Nicollet	12	\$11.31	8	\$10.50
Sibley	3	\$9.50	6	\$11.15
Watonwan	1	\$13.00	2	\$10.25
South Central	67	\$10.50	37	\$10.50

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—Suburban Metro

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Anoka	98	\$11.00	102	\$12.00
Carver	10	\$11.00	14	\$12.00
Dakota	87	\$12.50	88	\$12.53
Scott	20	\$12.18	27	\$11.50
Washington	29	\$12.00	29	\$12.00
Suburban Metro	244	\$11.25	260	\$12.00

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—Core Metro

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Hennepin	348	\$12.00	289	\$12.00
Ramsey	147	\$11.76	165	\$12.15
Core Metro	495	\$12.00	454	\$12.00

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—Northwest

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Kittson	1	\$9.00	--	--
Marshall	1	\$9.00	--	--
Norman	2	\$10.25	--	--
Pennington	4	\$10.25	1	\$24.00
Polk	10	\$9.75	7	\$9.65
Red Lake	1	\$9.00	--	--
Roseau	4	\$10.45	3	\$9.50
Northwest	23	\$9.50	11	\$9.65

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—West Central

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Becker	11	\$12.00	10	\$9.75
Beltrami	10	\$10.25	7	\$11.55
Cass	18	\$10.25	6	\$9.50
Clay	29	\$11.50	24	\$11.24
Clearwater	4	\$13.18	--	--
Crow Wing	11	\$10.00	8	\$12.75
Douglas	5	\$11.20	4	\$10.00
Grant	2	\$12.88	1	\$12.00
Hubbard	7	\$12.00	5	\$9.50
Lake of the Woods	2	\$10.00	--	--
Mahnomen	--	--	--	--
Morrison	12	\$11.00	7	\$11.00
Otter Tail	6	\$11.03	8	\$10.25
Pope	1	\$9.50	--	--
Stevens	1	\$9.50	3	\$11.00
Todd	4	\$10.25	4	\$10.50
Traverse	2	\$10.25	--	--
Wadena	7	\$13.41	2	\$12.61
White Earth Nation	5	\$10.00	--	--
Wilkin	--	--	2	\$10.00
West Central	137	\$10.92	91	\$10.79

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—Central

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Benton	19	\$11.54	14	\$11.59
Chisago	5	\$12.00	3	\$16.87
Isanti	6	\$10.80	9	\$10.50
Kanabec	7	\$17.30	4	\$12.28
Kandiyohi	24	\$10.93	17	\$12.00
McLeod	5	\$13.00	5	\$9.75
Meeker	7	\$12.00	4	\$11.28
Mille Lacs	8	\$10.13	7	\$11.50
Pine	12	\$9.88	2	\$11.50
Renville	7	\$11.25	4	\$12.80
Sherburne	15	\$10.00	20	\$11.86
Stearns	51	\$11.00	34	\$11.75
Wright	6	\$11.75	10	\$11.00
Central	172	\$11.00	133	\$12.00

Indicator 3: TANF Work Participation Rate (WPR)

What is the work participation rate? The WPR is the percentage of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) cases whose adults are required to participate in work or specified work-directed activities who participate for the required number of hours in a month. The annual WPR is the average of the monthly WPRs in a 12-month period.

Background. The TANF work participation rate is the federal performance measure for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. The federal Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005, which reauthorized TANF, specifies the definition and reporting requirements of this measure. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) computes an annual statewide rate from person-level data that the state reports to HHS. The latest published TANF WPR report listing Minnesota’s WPR for federal fiscal year 2012 was 45.3 percent,

published in May 2015.ⁱ Approximately one-quarter of all MFIP cases are included in the WPR denominator (e.g., 22.6 percent in June 2014).

Department estimates of the statewide WPR come very close to the official rate reported much later. To give counties, consortia and tribes more timely information on their WPR performance, the department also computes monthly estimates at the local level, published in this quarterly report. The department's annual WPR estimates for counties, consortia and tribes are the average of the monthly values in a 12-month period. (The department uses the statewide federal methods to compute the local monthly and annual values, but uses an April to March period – rather than the federal fiscal year starting in October – so the latest possible data is available for writing Biennial Service Agreements.)

Formula. Number of participating cases – those required to participate with the prescribed number of documented hours in activities that count – **divided by** the number of cases required to participate.

Details. TANF cases are a subset of MFIP cases. TANF cases that have caregivers who are Work-eligible Individuals (WEIs) are required to participate. MFIP cash grants for most of these cases are federal TANF funds; most parents or relative caregivers on these cases are personally eligible for MFIP. Cases with teen or non-citizen caregivers that are state-funded with Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funds are also included. Cases with two MFIP-eligible parents, cases in Family Stabilization Services (a service track of MFIP), and most child-only cases (those with no MFIP-eligible caregiver), are **not** included.

Work is paid employment verified by employer documents. Work activities are divided into core (types of work and vocational training) and non-core (basic skills training and high school completion or its equivalent). While the department can only count up to 30 percent of WEIs in education or training in the numerator, this limit was suspended at the local level as of July 1, 2014, for service areas (counties, consortia and tribes).

Cases with the following activities meet the monthly hours requirement:

- Eighty-seven hours (in work or other specified core activities) for families with a child under age 6 and only one caregiver in the household
- One hundred and thirty hours, of which 87 must be core, for all other families.

Teen caregivers with at least three monthly hours in the high school completion or GED activity categories also meet their requirement.

TANF cases that are enrolled with a tribal employment services provider are included in their tribal provider's measure and not in their county's measure. A tribal provider WPR is computed following the same rules as for counties. Three tribal providers do not operate a separate tribal TANF program and are reported here.ⁱⁱ

A blank indicates that the service area had no work eligible individuals that month; annual averages exclude these months.

To learn more: The following are links to reports on [annualized WPR](#), [WPR background in Minnesota](#), the [WPR documentation review](#) and the [U.S. Health and Human Services TANF website](#).

TANF Work Participation Rate—State

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2016	May-2016	Jun-2016	Jul-2016	Aug-2016	Sep-2016	Oct-2016	Nov-2016	Dec-2016	Jan-2017	Feb-2017	Mar-2017
State	7,601	39.8%	37.4%	37.1%	38.9%	38.3%	41.1%	40.6%	40.8%	42.5%			

TANF Work Participation Rate—Southeast

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2016	May-2016	Jun-2016	Jul-2016	Aug-2016	Sep-2016	Oct-2016	Nov-2016	Dec-2016	Jan-2017	Feb-2017	Mar-2017
Fillmore	15	21.4%	25.0%	28.6%	18.8%	6.3%	7.1%	28.6%	33.3%	23.5%			
Freeborn	43	43.6%	27.9%	36.7%	35.3%	38.6%	39.5%	29.3%	44.7%	50.0%			
Goodhue	32	37.0%	32.3%	48.3%	24.1%	36.1%	36.8%	30.6%	40.5%	39.3%			
Houston	10	62.5%	42.9%	28.6%	53.8%	27.3%	55.6%	44.4%	55.6%	33.3%			
MN Prairie	88	46.2%	39.0%	32.5%	34.6%	41.6%	41.8%	43.6%	40.0%	36.4%			
Mower	60	35.6%	34.9%	41.4%	33.9%	22.8%	43.1%	43.1%	48.5%	47.4%			
Olmsted	216	42.6%	37.3%	47.8%	49.3%	44.4%	54.0%	47.7%	54.3%	49.6%			
Rice	67	36.4%	31.6%	27.3%	25.4%	27.4%	30.9%	35.7%	37.5%	40.3%			
Wabasha	9	44.4%	37.5%	33.3%	45.5%	50.0%	50.0%	37.5%	50.0%	50.0%			
Winona	31	48.3%	46.7%	50.0%	28.1%	40.0%	44.4%	45.7%	42.1%	38.7%			
Southeast	571	41.6%	35.9%	40.4%	38.0%	37.0%	44.4%	42.2%	46.7%	44.1%			

TANF Work Participation Rate—Northeast

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2016	May-2016	Jun-2016	Jul-2016	Aug-2016	Sep-2016	Oct-2016	Nov-2016	Dec-2016	Jan-2017	Feb-2017	Mar-2017
Aitkin	10	12.5%	36.4%	33.3%	54.5%	30.0%	25.0%	22.2%	22.2%	30.0%			
Carlton	20	37.5%	56.0%	47.6%	43.8%	31.3%	45.0%	42.1%	42.1%	40.9%			
Cook	4	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	20.0%	60.0%	0.0%	20.0%	33.3%	50.0%			
Itasca	36	57.6%	36.1%	52.4%	37.5%	57.6%	58.8%	60.0%	50.0%	45.2%			
Koochiching	19	27.8%	22.2%	33.3%	31.6%	38.9%	30.0%	27.3%	45.0%	31.6%			
Lake	6	33.3%	40.0%	14.3%	14.3%	14.3%	20.0%	28.6%	0.0%	40.0%			
St. Louis	297	38.2%	37.3%	32.1%	38.7%	36.0%	40.1%	37.0%	34.5%	37.3%			
Northeast	392	38.5%	37.3%	34.7%	38.3%	37.5%	40.4%	38.1%	36.2%	38.1%			

TANF Work Participation Rate—Southwest

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2016	May-2016	Jun-2016	Jul-2016	Aug-2016	Sep-2016	Oct-2016	Nov-2016	Dec-2016	Jan-2017	Feb-2017	Mar-2017
Big Stone	3	50.0%	50.0%	100.0%	60.0%	40.0%	50.0%	66.7%	66.7%	100.0%			
Chippewa	13	33.3%	53.3%	43.8%	50.0%	47.1%	20.0%	12.5%	37.5%	40.0%			
DVHHS	15	41.2%	46.7%	46.2%	30.0%	46.7%	38.1%	40.0%	38.5%	37.5%			
Lac qui Parle	2	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%			
Nobles	22	60.0%	27.8%	47.8%	40.0%	52.2%	57.1%	51.9%	59.1%	52.6%			
SWHHS	76	41.2%	38.7%	40.0%	40.0%	34.9%	41.5%	41.9%	35.9%	38.9%			
Swift	14	30.0%	33.3%	50.0%	55.6%	26.7%	14.3%	28.6%	35.7%	25.0%			
Yellow Medicine	7	12.5%	28.6%	33.3%	33.3%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%			
Southwest	153	40.0%	38.3%	44.6%	42.9%	39.2%	38.9%	40.6%	39.5%	39.4%			

TANF Work Participation Rate—South Central

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2016	May-2016	Jun-2016	Jul-2016	Aug-2016	Sep-2016	Oct-2016	Nov-2016	Dec-2016	Jan-2017	Feb-2017	Mar-2017
Blue Earth	62	53.7%	27.8%	33.9%	37.1%	45.2%	52.2%	49.3%	42.4%	58.7%			
Brown	18	23.5%	22.7%	33.3%	26.1%	42.1%	41.2%	35.7%	35.7%	50.0%			
Faribault-Martin	25	60.9%	48.0%	36.0%	50.0%	35.7%	60.0%	41.7%	48.0%	56.0%			
Le Sueur	21	47.6%	68.8%	50.0%	50.0%	47.6%	40.9%	43.5%	38.1%	43.5%			
Nicollet	63	24.1%	16.1%	17.1%	25.4%	28.6%	36.7%	32.3%	37.7%	48.3%			
Sibley	10	25.0%	16.7%	25.0%	20.0%	11.1%	38.5%	36.4%	53.8%	53.3%			
Watonwan	12	33.3%	54.5%	36.4%	33.3%	63.6%	38.9%	43.8%	46.2%	62.5%			
South Central	213	40.2%	30.6%	30.1%	34.2%	38.2%	45.1%	40.9%	41.8%	52.9%			

TANF Work Participation Rate—Suburban Metro

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2016	May-2016	Jun-2016	Jul-2016	Aug-2016	Sep-2016	Oct-2016	Nov-2016	Dec-2016	Jan-2017	Feb-2017	Mar-2017
Anoka	347	42.8%	40.9%	40.6%	46.7%	43.4%	43.6%	43.3%	44.7%	48.1%			
Carver	30	46.7%	58.6%	44.4%	37.0%	42.4%	32.3%	40.6%	46.9%	58.1%			
Dakota	345	51.0%	43.9%	46.2%	56.1%	51.6%	48.3%	50.6%	50.2%	55.0%			
Scott	59	48.1%	55.4%	62.3%	65.6%	65.6%	54.5%	62.1%	48.2%	67.3%			
Washington	128	53.5%	49.6%	49.2%	53.0%	41.5%	51.9%	54.9%	56.2%	55.3%			
Suburban Metro	910	47.9%	44.8%	45.5%	52.2%	47.8%	47.0%	48.8%	48.7%	53.3%			

TANF Work Participation Rate—Core Metro

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2016	May-2016	Jun-2016	Jul-2016	Aug-2016	Sep-2016	Oct-2016	Nov-2016	Dec-2016	Jan-2017	Feb-2017	Mar-2017
Hennepin	2,531	38.6%	37.9%	35.8%	37.3%	36.9%	39.2%	38.5%	39.0%	41.5%			
Ramsey	1,629	36.9%	33.7%	35.0%	35.3%	36.2%	37.8%	38.2%	37.5%	40.6%			
Core Metro	4,160	37.9%	36.2%	35.5%	36.6%	36.6%	38.6%	38.4%	38.5%	41.2%			

TANF Work Participation Rate—Northwest

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2016	May-2016	Jun-2016	Jul-2016	Aug-2016	Sep-2016	Oct-2016	Nov-2016	Dec-2016	Jan-2017	Feb-2017	Mar-2017
Kittson	5	40.0%	40.0%	33.3%	40.0%	33.3%	50.0%	0.0%	25.0%	25.0%			
Marshall	1	50.0%	0.0%		0.0%	--	--	--	0.0%	--			
Norman	7	42.9%	33.3%	33.3%	16.7%	12.5%	16.7%	37.5%	62.5%	66.7%			
Pennington	15	16.7%	33.3%	41.7%	41.7%	15.4%	29.4%	17.6%	20.0%	27.8%			
Polk	38	27.0%	25.6%	25.0%	26.8%	37.5%	42.1%	47.2%	38.7%	25.0%			
Red Lake	3	25.0%	50.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%			
Roseau	6	20.0%	62.5%	60.0%	66.7%	50.0%	50.0%	66.7%	83.3%	40.0%			
Northwest	75	27.8%	32.9%	30.7%	31.0%	30.3%	37.0%	36.0%	39.2%	31.3%			

TANF Work Participation Rate—West Central

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2016	May-2016	Jun-2016	Jul-2016	Aug-2016	Sep-2016	Oct-2016	Nov-2016	Dec-2016	Jan-2017	Feb-2017	Mar-2017
Becker	34	40.6%	38.7%	30.3%	40.0%	37.5%	65.7%	51.4%	47.1%	45.5%			
Beltrami	108	34.3%	30.9%	35.3%	32.7%	25.6%	29.8%	28.4%	21.3%	20.8%			
Cass	39	36.1%	32.4%	30.8%	28.9%	31.6%	31.8%	43.9%	42.5%	28.2%			
Clay	73	37.3%	26.2%	26.5%	22.9%	23.0%	36.4%	35.4%	31.6%	33.8%			
Clearwater	8	33.3%	50.0%	66.7%	16.7%	50.0%	55.6%	37.5%	63.6%	62.5%			
Crow Wing	50	51.1%	51.2%	44.4%	46.5%	49.1%	55.0%	59.2%	36.4%	37.3%			
Douglas	25	59.1%	54.2%	47.8%	50.0%	43.3%	70.4%	59.3%	60.9%	69.6%			
Grant	6	57.1%	50.0%	100.0%	66.7%	57.1%	33.3%	66.7%	85.7%	71.4%			
Hubbard	24	33.3%	38.9%	31.3%	18.2%	22.7%	27.6%	37.5%	30.0%	28.6%			
Lake of the Woods	3	100.0%	75.0%	100.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	33.3%			
Mahnomen	5	33.3%	25.0%	40.0%	40.0%	25.0%	80.0%	60.0%	50.0%	60.0%			
Morrison	39	25.0%	31.3%	25.7%	27.5%	33.3%	45.0%	40.5%	39.5%	31.7%			
Otter Tail	56	27.6%	27.6%	22.2%	25.9%	28.8%	37.0%	41.0%	33.3%	37.3%			
Pope	4	50.0%	66.7%	100.0%	75.0%	50.0%	33.3%	75.0%	40.0%	57.1%			
Stevens	4	50.0%	75.0%	0.0%	0.0%	40.0%	50.0%	40.0%	20.0%	16.7%			
Todd	13	46.7%	50.0%	26.7%	28.6%	33.3%	58.3%	44.4%	27.3%	36.4%			
Traverse	5	50.0%	33.3%	20.0%	50.0%	50.0%	40.0%	20.0%	80.0%	25.0%			
Wadena	14	33.3%	28.6%	50.0%	60.0%	53.8%	73.3%	46.7%	47.1%	50.0%			
Wilkin	5	33.3%	100.0%	50.0%	0.0%	40.0%	20.0%	60.0%	25.0%	44.4%			
West Central	514	37.8%	36.1%	34.1%	32.9%	32.8%	42.5%	41.2%	36.1%	35.2%			

TANF Work Participation Rate—Central

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2016	May-2016	Jun-2016	Jul-2016	Aug-2016	Sep-2016	Oct-2016	Nov-2016	Dec-2016	Jan-2017	Feb-2017	Mar-2017
Benton	66	40.9%	36.4%	39.1%	45.8%	41.8%	44.8%	44.9%	50.0%	44.3%			
Chisago	22	52.9%	56.5%	54.5%	34.8%	42.9%	38.5%	50.0%	59.1%	57.9%			
Isanti	38	61.8%	58.8%	57.9%	57.5%	55.6%	61.4%	64.7%	59.4%	37.8%			
Kanabec	17	69.2%	66.7%	66.7%	58.3%	72.2%	63.2%	60.0%	60.0%	50.0%			
Kandiyohi	58	52.3%	54.1%	34.5%	40.8%	41.8%	57.4%	49.0%	44.6%	47.9%			
McLeod	17	40.0%	33.3%	23.5%	55.6%	52.9%	42.9%	42.9%	35.7%	47.1%			
Meeker	11	50.0%	18.2%	35.7%	30.0%	54.5%	61.5%	66.7%	50.0%	62.5%			
Mille Lacs	27	61.9%	50.0%	40.0%	45.2%	48.3%	55.2%	44.8%	52.0%	37.5%			
Pine	42	20.5%	22.5%	24.3%	49.0%	35.6%	37.5%	34.1%	44.4%	34.1%			
Renville	13	33.3%	25.0%	40.0%	53.8%	33.3%	43.8%	38.5%	36.4%	57.1%			
Sherburne	34	43.8%	27.6%	41.4%	43.3%	40.0%	45.7%	50.0%	35.7%	30.4%			
Stearns	218	40.3%	35.7%	35.4%	36.5%	36.8%	38.6%	36.9%	44.5%	42.6%			
Wright	45	34.9%	40.5%	40.0%	47.7%	43.2%	48.0%	48.9%	47.1%	41.3%			
Central	606	43.5%	39.6%	38.5%	43.0%	42.1%	45.4%	44.1%	46.5%	42.8%			

Tribal TANF Work Participation Rate

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2016	May-2016	Jun-2016	Jul-2016	Aug-2016	Sep-2016	Oct-2016	Nov-2016	Dec-2016	Jan-2017	Feb-2017	Mar-2017
Leech Lake Band	71	24.3%	18.5%	18.4%	23.9%	15.5%	20.6%	19.7%	20.9%	11.7%			
MN Chippewa Tribe	29	25.0%	16.7%	22.6%	23.3%	19.4%	7.4%	15.4%	7.1%	14.3%			
White Earth Nation	57	14.6%	17.1%	20.0%	18.5%	17.6%	24.3%	19.7%	15.4%	15.3%			
Total Tribal	156	21.7%	17.7%	19.7%	21.7%	17.9%	20.7%	19.0%	16.3%	13.4%			

Indicator 4: MFIP Counted Months

What are counted months? MFIP counted months are those in which an MFIP caregiver is personally eligible for an MFIP cash grant and not exempt from the 60-month time limit. In Minnesota, these months began counting in July 1997. Total counted months include any months counted in other states or U.S. territories. People acquire counted months; cases do not. A two-caregiver case reaches the time limit when either adult reaches 60 months.

Background. The federal government passed the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 creating Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. The legislation allowed states to create their own TANF programs within certain guidelines, within which Minnesota implemented the Minnesota Family Investment Program in early 1998. Among other requirements, PRWORA mandated a lifetime limit of 60 months for receipt of cash assistance, with limited extensions for hardship. States could start counting months anytime between September 1996 and July 1997; those months also count if a person moves to another state. Family assistance months counted before the start of TANF were under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program.

States are also allowed to provide TANF-funded extensions for up to 20 percent of caseloads for documented hardships. Most extended cases in Minnesota are state-funded, meaning these cases are not counted toward the 20 percent limit. Minnesota provides extensions for:

- People experiencing barriers to work, such as:
 - Illness lasting more than 30 days
 - Caring for an ill or incapacitated relative for more than 30 days
 - IQ lower than 80
 - Certain mental illnesses.

- Working families not earning enough to exit MFIP, although working the required number of hours.

Formula. Active MFIP cases with one or two eligible caregivers in the last month of the measurement quarter are divided into categories based on the number of months the caregiver with the higher count of months has accumulated toward the 60-month limit; percentages of all cases are reported in service area, region or state.

Details. Those with zero months have been exempt from the time limit for all their active months. Extended cases have been allowed to remain active due to documented hardships, as listed below.

Time limit exception reasons – for an MFIP month not to count – include:

- Living on a reservation with a “not employed” rate of at least 50 percent
- Having a family violence waiver while complying with an employment plan
- Age 60 or older
- Minor caregiver complying with an education plan
- Age 18 or 19
- Emancipated caregiver complying with education requirements in an employment plan.

There are two other situations in which months are not counted toward the time limit:

- Child-only cases where no caregiver is eligible and a cash grant is issued for MFIP-eligible children
- Food-only cases where the cash part of the grant is down to zero (due to other income sources or opting out of cash) and only food assistance is issued.

MFIP combines family cash assistance with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), as permitted by federal waiver.

The most common reasons for caregiver ineligibility are receipt of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for a disability and relative care. Cases cannot become child-only solely because a caregiver reached 60 counted months; caregivers must meet other criteria to be eligible for a child-only case.

To learn more: The [Combined Manual](#) (CM) gives the rules for determining eligibility for the cash and food assistance programs.

MFIP Counted Months—State

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
State	21,693	2.7%	27.9%	19.5%	14.1%	10.7%	9.2%	16.1%

MFIP Counted Months—Southeast

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Fillmore	40	0.0%	35.0%	27.5%	25.0%	5.0%	5.0%	2.5%
Freeborn	115	7.0%	27.0%	19.1%	16.5%	17.4%	8.7%	4.4%
Goodhue	102	2.9%	29.4%	17.7%	13.7%	16.7%	3.9%	15.7%
Houston	39	2.6%	35.9%	12.8%	15.4%	10.3%	5.1%	18.0%
MN Prairie	270	2.2%	34.4%	22.6%	18.5%	10.0%	4.4%	7.8%
Mower	175	7.4%	34.9%	25.1%	12.0%	9.1%	5.1%	6.3%
Olmsted	583	2.9%	36.5%	18.2%	13.7%	11.3%	7.9%	9.4%
Rice	169	2.4%	34.9%	23.7%	12.4%	13.0%	5.9%	7.7%
Wabasha	26	3.9%	26.9%	19.2%	23.1%	0.0%	15.4%	11.5%
Winona	127	7.1%	28.4%	19.7%	11.8%	15.8%	9.5%	8.7%
Southeast	1,646	3.8%	33.9%	20.5%	14.7%	11.8%	6.7%	8.7%

MFIP Counted Months—Northeast

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Aitkin	33	3.0%	27.3%	24.2%	27.3%	6.1%	6.1%	6.1%
Carlton	78	3.9%	26.9%	19.2%	20.5%	12.8%	7.7%	9.0%
Cook	20	5.0%	25.0%	20.0%	15.0%	15.0%	5.0%	15.0%
Itasca	175	2.9%	22.9%	20.0%	16.0%	14.3%	6.9%	17.1%
Koochiching	70	2.9%	28.6%	25.7%	20.0%	8.6%	8.6%	5.7%
Lake	16	6.3%	50.0%	25.0%	6.3%	6.3%	0.0%	6.3%
St. Louis	950	2.4%	23.2%	20.3%	12.5%	11.7%	10.5%	19.4%
Northeast	1,342	2.7%	24.1%	20.6%	14.2%	11.8%	9.5%	17.2%

MFIP Counted Months—Southwest

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Big Stone	5	0.0%	40.0%	40.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Chippewa	37	2.7%	24.3%	16.2%	16.2%	16.2%	13.5%	10.8%
DVHHS	59	3.4%	32.2%	22.0%	15.3%	10.2%	8.5%	8.5%
Lac qui Parle	14	0.0%	42.9%	21.4%	21.4%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%
Nobles	55	0.0%	41.8%	25.5%	16.4%	7.3%	5.5%	3.6%
SWHHS	210	2.9%	41.4%	20.5%	13.3%	11.0%	5.2%	5.7%
Swift	29	0.0%	27.6%	24.1%	13.8%	27.6%	3.5%	3.5%
Yellow Medicine	18	0.0%	22.2%	38.9%	5.6%	0.0%	22.2%	11.1%
Southwest	427	2.1%	37.0%	22.3%	14.1%	11.2%	6.8%	6.6%

MFIP Counted Months—South Central

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Blue Earth	207	1.9%	30.9%	16.4%	16.4%	13.0%	10.1%	11.6%
Brown	49	6.1%	34.7%	22.5%	20.4%	6.1%	0.0%	10.2%
Faribault-Martin	81	3.7%	43.2%	14.8%	16.1%	6.2%	8.6%	7.4%
Le Sueur	71	4.2%	40.9%	19.7%	15.5%	9.9%	4.2%	7.0%
Nicollet	143	2.1%	32.2%	30.1%	11.2%	11.9%	7.0%	6.3%
Sibley	33	6.1%	30.3%	30.3%	15.2%	12.1%	3.0%	3.0%
Watonwan	25	20.0%	28.0%	24.0%	4.0%	12.0%	4.0%	8.0%
South Central	609	3.8%	34.2%	21.4%	14.8%	10.8%	7.1%	8.5%

MFIP Counted Months—Suburban Metro

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Anoka	1,109	2.3%	26.7%	17.8%	15.9%	9.7%	9.4%	18.2%
Carver	79	0.0%	38.0%	19.0%	10.1%	12.7%	12.7%	7.6%
Dakota	881	1.3%	30.2%	21.8%	13.5%	9.1%	8.9%	15.4%
Scott	160	2.5%	40.0%	17.5%	15.6%	5.6%	9.4%	9.4%
Washington	340	2.7%	32.1%	17.4%	13.8%	11.8%	5.6%	16.8%
Suburban Metro	2,569	2.0%	29.8%	19.1%	14.6%	9.6%	8.8%	16.2%

MFIP Counted Months—Core Metro

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Hennepin	6,704	2.5%	25.6%	18.6%	13.5%	10.2%	10.1%	19.6%
Ramsey	4,278	1.8%	23.8%	18.1%	13.2%	11.6%	10.1%	21.6%
Core Metro	10,982	2.2%	24.9%	18.4%	13.4%	10.8%	10.1%	20.4%

MFIP Counted Months—Northwest

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Kittson	6	16.7%	16.7%	33.3%	0.0%	16.7%	16.7%	0.0%
Marshall	10	20.0%	40.0%	10.0%	10.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%
Norman	24	0.0%	33.3%	37.5%	12.5%	12.5%	4.2%	0.0%
Pennington	53	3.8%	43.4%	24.5%	9.4%	9.4%	7.6%	1.9%
Polk	197	3.6%	38.1%	17.8%	12.2%	11.2%	7.6%	9.6%
Red Lake	7	14.3%	28.6%	42.9%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Roseau	28	0.0%	46.4%	25.0%	10.7%	10.7%	3.6%	3.6%
Northwest	325	4.0%	38.8%	21.5%	11.4%	10.5%	7.4%	6.5%

MFIP Counted Months—West Central

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Becker	92	8.7%	28.3%	21.7%	17.4%	7.6%	6.5%	9.8%
Beltrami	289	9.0%	20.1%	21.1%	15.2%	12.5%	12.1%	10.0%
Cass	234	5.1%	21.8%	17.1%	12.8%	13.3%	14.5%	15.4%
Clay	269	1.5%	36.4%	20.1%	15.2%	9.3%	7.1%	10.4%
Clearwater	24	8.3%	37.5%	8.3%	16.7%	8.3%	16.7%	4.2%
Crow Wing	153	5.9%	34.0%	17.0%	15.7%	10.5%	9.2%	7.8%
Douglas	66	6.1%	33.3%	27.3%	7.6%	9.1%	9.1%	7.6%
Grant	19	0.0%	31.6%	31.6%	31.6%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Hubbard	77	6.5%	29.9%	20.8%	15.6%	14.3%	2.6%	10.4%
Lake of the Woods	7	14.3%	42.9%	14.3%	0.0%	14.3%	0.0%	14.3%
Mahnomen	20	5.0%	20.0%	20.0%	5.0%	15.0%	25.0%	10.0%
Morrison	91	2.2%	30.8%	20.9%	20.9%	13.2%	6.6%	5.5%
Otter Tail	136	3.7%	25.7%	24.3%	14.7%	15.4%	5.2%	11.0%
Pope	21	4.8%	38.1%	19.1%	14.3%	9.5%	9.5%	4.8%
Stevens	21	0.0%	33.3%	23.8%	14.3%	9.5%	14.3%	4.8%
Todd	50	6.0%	32.0%	18.0%	10.0%	12.0%	10.0%	12.0%
Traverse	20	5.0%	20.0%	15.0%	20.0%	25.0%	15.0%	0.0%
Wadena	65	1.5%	15.4%	23.1%	15.4%	15.4%	10.8%	18.5%
White Earth Nation	218	4.6%	20.6%	16.5%	16.1%	15.1%	7.8%	19.3%
Wilkin	25	4.0%	56.0%	16.0%	12.0%	8.0%	4.0%	0.0%
West Central	1,897	5.1%	27.4%	19.8%	15.0%	12.2%	9.3%	11.2%

MFIP Counted Months—Central

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Benton	176	0.6%	36.4%	19.3%	15.9%	6.8%	11.9%	9.1%
Chisago	60	3.3%	46.7%	23.3%	8.3%	10.0%	3.3%	5.0%
Isanti	67	4.5%	31.3%	26.9%	19.4%	7.5%	9.0%	1.5%
Kanabec	58	3.5%	24.1%	34.5%	20.7%	12.1%	5.2%	0.0%
Kandiyohi	227	4.4%	37.0%	25.1%	13.2%	5.7%	4.4%	10.6%
McLeod	47	4.3%	34.0%	25.5%	10.6%	10.6%	10.6%	4.3%
Meeker	39	2.6%	28.2%	15.4%	23.1%	12.8%	10.3%	7.7%
Mille Lacs	86	2.3%	32.6%	16.3%	14.0%	19.8%	3.5%	11.6%
Pine	111	4.5%	32.4%	27.9%	13.5%	7.2%	7.2%	7.2%
Renville	41	7.3%	43.9%	9.8%	14.6%	12.2%	0.0%	12.2%
Sherburne	147	3.4%	30.6%	19.1%	20.4%	7.5%	6.8%	12.2%
Stearns	694	2.7%	33.4%	24.1%	16.0%	7.8%	8.7%	7.5%
Wright	143	2.1%	35.0%	22.4%	16.1%	8.4%	8.4%	7.7%
Central	1,896	3.1%	34.1%	23.1%	15.8%	8.4%	7.6%	8.1%

Indicator 5: MFIP Employment Services Enrollments, Closures and Exit Reasons

What are MFIP employment services? Services are introduced to participants in an overview and include assessment of ability to obtain and maintain employment, assistance in developing an employment plan, intensive job search and coordination, and provision of services needed to fulfill an employment plan. Service areas are responsible for either providing these services directly or contracting with another agency. All caregivers receiving MFIP, including those in the Family Stabilization Services (FSS) track, and those with a fraud disqualification, must be engaged in MFIP employment services, except limited exemptions allowed for those caring for a child less than 12 months old.

Background. Closures are divided into three categories. Those with the exit reason “Entered Unsubsidized Employment” are in the first group. Attaining unsubsidized employment, a goal of the program, is an important step toward self-sufficiency. This exit reason is defined in the Employment Services Manual as “Participant is working and the case is closed due to earnings, or a combination of unearned income (such as child support) and earnings.” Agencies instruct staff how to interpret this definition.

Formula. Unduplicated counts of all persons enrolled in employment services any time during the quarter, as well as the number closed during the quarter, are listed. Percentage closed for each reason is the number closed for that reason divided by the number closed.

Details. The reasons for closure are split into three groups: Unsubsidized employment, moved from the area (to MFIP in another county or out of Minnesota) and other. The “other” category is comprised of administrative separation, voluntary separation, closed due to sanction or 60 months limit, and an “other” category that includes reasons such as no eligible child on the case, person no longer in the case’s household, failure to file paperwork and receipt of SSI/RSDI. There is wide variability in how exit reasons are used across service areas. Employment services records are entered into the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Workforce One system, from which the employment and wage data for this indicator are drawn. The service area is the one as of the most recent MFIP exit.

To learn more: See the [MFIP and DWP Employment Services Manual](#).

MFIP Employment Services Enrollments, Closures and Exit Reasons—State

Service area	Total persons enrolled	Total persons closed	Percent closed	Percent closed by unsubsidized employment	Percent closed by moving from the area	Percent closed for some other reason
State	28,394	5,303	18.7%	33.0%	19.5%	47.4%

MFIP Employment Services Enrollments, Closures and Exit Reasons—Southeast

Service area	Total persons enrolled	Total persons closed	Percent closed	Percent closed by unsubsidized employment	Percent closed by moving from the area	Percent closed for some other reason
Fillmore	54	15	27.8%	53.3%	6.7%	40.0%
Freeborn	138	23	16.7%	39.1%	17.4%	43.5%
Goodhue	93	26	28.0%	46.2%	19.2%	34.6%
Houston	43	13	30.2%	69.2%	15.4%	15.4%
MN Prairie	338	71	21.0%	52.1%	19.7%	28.2%
Mower	208	41	19.7%	61.0%	12.2%	26.8%
Olmsted	707	124	17.5%	65.3%	12.1%	22.6%
Rice	217	71	32.7%	50.7%	7.0%	42.3%
Wabasha	33	9	27.3%	55.6%	22.2%	22.2%
Winona	153	20	13.1%	25.0%	15.0%	60.0%
Southeast	1,984	413	20.8%	55.0%	13.6%	31.5%

MFIP Employment Services Enrollments, Closures and Exit Reasons—Northeast

Service area	Total persons enrolled	Total persons closed	Percent closed	Percent closed by unsubsidized employment	Percent closed by moving from the area	Percent closed for some other reason
Aitkin	41	6	14.6%	50.0%	16.7%	33.3%
Carlton	94	15	16.0%	26.7%	20.0%	53.3%
Cook	33	5	15.2%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Itasca	221	34	15.4%	32.4%	8.8%	58.8%
Koochiching	77	10	13.0%	10.0%	20.0%	70.0%
Lake	19	3	15.8%	33.3%	0.0%	66.7%
St. Louis	1,114	177	15.9%	21.5%	14.7%	63.8%
Northeast	1,599	250	15.6%	23.2%	14.0%	62.8%

MFIP Employment Services Enrollments, Closures and Exit Reasons—Southwest

Service area	Total persons enrolled	Total persons closed	Percent closed	Percent closed by unsubsidized employment	Percent closed by moving from the area	Percent closed for some other reason
Big Stone	7	2	28.6%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Chippewa	51	16	31.4%	6.3%	0.0%	93.8%
DVHHS	74	24	32.4%	12.5%	8.3%	79.2%
Lac qui Parle	19	6	31.6%	0.0%	16.7%	83.3%
Nobles	71	19	26.8%	15.8%	21.1%	63.2%
SWHHS	248	40	16.1%	17.5%	12.5%	70.0%
Swift	33	9	27.3%	44.4%	44.4%	11.1%
Yellow Medicine	23	6	26.1%	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%
Southwest	526	122	23.2%	16.4%	15.6%	68.0%

MFIP Employment Services Enrollments, Closures and Exit Reasons—South Central

Service area	Total persons enrolled	Total persons closed	Percent closed	Percent closed by unsubsidized employment	Percent closed by moving from the area	Percent closed for some other reason
Blue Earth	289	58	20.1%	39.7%	15.5%	44.8%
Brown	59	10	16.9%	60.0%	0.0%	40.0%
Faribault-Martin	113	27	23.9%	37.0%	7.4%	55.6%
Le Sueur	94	15	16.0%	20.0%	33.3%	46.7%
Nicollet	200	31	15.5%	61.3%	12.9%	25.8%
Sibley	45	10	22.2%	50.0%	20.0%	30.0%
Watonwan	39	11	28.2%	45.5%	9.1%	45.5%
South Central	839	162	19.3%	43.8%	14.2%	42.0%

MFIP Employment Services Enrollments, Closures and Exit Reasons—Suburban Metro

Service area	Total persons enrolled	Total persons closed	Percent closed	Percent closed by unsubsidized employment	Percent closed by moving from the area	Percent closed for some other reason
Anoka	1,473	295	20.0%	39.3%	18.3%	42.4%
Carver	88	22	25.0%	36.4%	0.0%	63.6%
Dakota	1,200	349	29.1%	45.8%	12.3%	41.8%
Scott	201	51	25.4%	41.2%	17.6%	41.2%
Washington	449	100	22.3%	25.0%	20.0%	55.0%
Suburban Metro	3,411	817	24.0%	40.4%	15.4%	44.2%

MFIP Employment Services Enrollments, Closures and Exit Reasons—Core Metro

Service area	Total persons enrolled	Total persons closed	Percent closed	Percent closed by unsubsidized employment	Percent closed by moving from the area	Percent closed for some other reason
Hennepin	9,208	1,330	14.4%	31.3%	19.7%	49.0%
Ramsey	5,741	1,014	17.7%	29.5%	14.9%	55.6%
Core Metro	14,949	2,344	15.7%	30.5%	17.6%	51.9%

MFIP Employment Services Enrollments, Closures and Exit Reasons—Northwest

Service area	Total persons enrolled	Total persons closed	Percent closed	Percent closed by unsubsidized employment	Percent closed by moving from the area	Percent closed for some other reason
Kittson	7	1	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Marshall	10	4	40.0%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Norman	25	3	12.0%	0.0%	66.7%	33.3%
Pennington	56	8	14.3%	25.0%	25.0%	50.0%
Polk	237	52	21.9%	23.1%	21.2%	55.8%
Red Lake	13	3	23.1%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Roseau	28	6	21.4%	16.7%	16.7%	66.7%
Northwest	376	77	20.5%	19.5%	23.4%	57.1%

MFIP Employment Services Enrollments, Closures and Exit Reasons—West Central

Service area	Total persons enrolled	Total persons closed	Percent closed	Percent closed by unsubsidized employment	Percent closed by moving from the area	Percent closed for some other reason
Becker	113	24	21.2%	29.2%	33.3%	37.5%
Beltrami	428	236	55.1%	6.4%	72.9%	20.8%
Cass	295	60	20.3%	6.7%	28.3%	65.0%
Clay	292	46	15.8%	43.5%	19.6%	37.0%
Clearwater	34	10	29.4%	30.0%	40.0%	30.0%
Crow Wing	138	18	13.0%	27.8%	33.3%	38.9%
Douglas	69	12	17.4%	41.7%	25.0%	33.3%
Grant	20	1	5.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Hubbard	83	12	14.5%	16.7%	50.0%	33.3%
Lake of the Woods	7	2	28.6%	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%
Mahnomen	28	5	17.9%	20.0%	40.0%	40.0%
Morrison	103	20	19.4%	55.0%	15.0%	30.0%
Otter Tail	185	45	24.3%	42.2%	20.0%	37.8%
Pope	17	2	11.8%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Stevens	20	1	5.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Todd	62	12	19.4%	58.3%	16.7%	25.0%
Traverse	26	7	26.9%	0.0%	14.3%	85.7%
Wadena	71	11	15.5%	36.4%	54.5%	9.1%
White Earth Nation	263	59	22.4%	6.8%	6.8%	86.4%
Wilkin	30	11	36.7%	54.5%	27.3%	18.2%
West Central	2,284	594	26.0%	19.5%	43.1%	37.4%

MFIP Employment Services Enrollments, Closures and Exit Reasons—Central

Service area	Total persons enrolled	Total persons closed	Percent closed	Percent closed by unsubsidized employment	Percent closed by moving from the area	Percent closed for some other reason
Benton	229	56	24.5%	46.4%	16.1%	37.5%
Chisago	76	23	30.3%	43.5%	13.0%	43.5%
Isanti	84	30	35.7%	50.0%	16.7%	33.3%
Kanabec	64	9	14.1%	33.3%	0.0%	66.7%
Kandiyohi	271	63	23.2%	28.6%	9.5%	61.9%
McLeod	53	12	22.6%	41.7%	16.7%	41.7%
Meeker	50	6	12.0%	83.3%	16.7%	0.0%
Mille Lacs	110	18	16.4%	27.8%	33.3%	38.9%
Pine	157	31	19.7%	35.5%	22.6%	41.9%
Renville	54	10	18.5%	40.0%	10.0%	50.0%
Sherburne	151	30	19.9%	16.7%	46.7%	36.7%
Stearns	973	212	21.8%	38.7%	14.2%	47.2%
Wright	154	24	15.6%	45.8%	25.0%	29.2%
Central	2,426	524	21.6%	38.2%	17.2%	44.7%

Indicator 6: MFIP/DWP Self-Support Index (S-SI) and Range of Expected Performance

What is the S-SI? The Self-Support Index is an outcome measure that quantifies goals of the Minnesota Family Investment Program to help participants find and maintain employment, increase earnings and decrease use of cash assistance.

Background. In 2002, at the direction of the Minnesota Legislature, Minnesota Department of Human Services staff met with local partners, staff from service areas and employment services providers, and representatives from the Minnesota Department of Employment Security (that later became part of the Department of

Employment and Economic Development), to develop a performance measure of the goals for MFIP. The result of this collaboration was the Self-Support Index and range of expected performance, an outcome measure with customized targets for local partners.

Statewide Self-Support Index values have ranged between a low of 64.8 percent in fourth quarter 2010, to a high of 73.1 percent in second quarter 2006.

Formula. The number of participants off cash assistance or working at least 30 hours per week during a measurement quarter who were eligible for MFIP or the Diversionary Work Program (DWP) in the baseline quarter **divided by** the total number of active participants in the baseline quarter. There are three measures for cohorts of active participants in baseline quarters one, two, or three years previous. **Note that the three baseline cohorts are different – although overlapping – groups of people.** The table also gives the range of expected performance for the three-year S-SI and how a service area’s S-SI compares with its range.

Details. The Self-Support Index is the percentage of caregivers (usually parents, sometimes other relatives) personally eligible for MFIP or DWP in a baseline quarter who are either no longer receiving MFIP or DWP cash assistance, or are working an average of 30 or more hours per week during each month of the measurement quarter three years later. For example, the three-year Self-Support Index for the second quarter of 2014 reported outcomes during that quarter for the cohort eligible during the second quarter of 2011.

Those who left MFIP after reaching 60 counted MFIP months (the time limit in Minnesota), and those who left due to 100 percent sanction, are only counted as a success if they worked an average of 30 hours per week in their last month of program eligibility, or began receiving Supplemental Security Income after MFIP or DWP cash ended.

Participants are included with the service area or tribal provider that last provided services as of the end of the reporting quarter.

The three-year Self-Support Index has a related standard called the **range of expected performance** that is used to make more fair comparisons across service areas and tribal providers. Performance is assessed as above, within or below the range of expected performance, an interval based on caseload characteristics and economic conditions in each service area. More challenging situations lower the expected range. **Providers cannot influence the size or location of the range of expected performance** because this interval is calculated from regressions predicting success on the S-SI based on demographic and economic characteristics beyond the control of service areas and providers. No measures of the service or provider characteristics are predictors in the regression. **Providers can, however, influence the Self-Support Index through services that help MFIP and DWP participants increase their employment and earnings.**

To help county agencies, consortia and tribal providers understand progress toward the three-year measure, the Self-Support Index is also calculated for one- and two-year cohorts. For reporting the second quarter of 2014, for example, the one- and two-year indices reported outcomes for the cohorts personally eligible for MFIP or DWP during the second quarters of 2013 and 2012, respectively. A range of expected performance is not calculated for the one- and two-year measures.

Red Lake Nation remains included in this measure because the Self-Support Index difficulty factor, used to adjust MFIP funding levels, continues to be relevant during the transition to a Tribal TANF program.

To learn more: See the [Self-Support Index](#) and [Range of Expected Performance](#) links.

MFIP/DWP Self-Support Index and Range of Expected Performance—State

Service area	Eligible adults (One-year)	S-SI (One-year)	Eligible adults (Two-year)	S-SI (Two-year)	Eligible adults (Three-year)	S-SI (Three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
State	32,127	48.6%	32,685	59.7%	35,026	65.7%				

MFIP/DWP Self-Support Index and Range of Expected Performance—Southeast

Service area	Eligible adults (One-year)	S-SI (One-year)	Eligible adults (Two-year)	S-SI (Two-year)	Eligible adults (Three-year)	S-SI (Three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
Fillmore	52	57.7%	69	78.3%	67	80.6%	78.3%	84.9%		Within
Freeborn	201	54.2%	193	62.2%	204	73.0%	70.7%	77.0%		Within
Goodhue	132	47.7%	164	64.0%	171	70.2%	64.8%	72.8%		Within
Houston	63	60.3%	69	72.5%	76	69.7%	71.4%	80.0%	-1.7%	Below
MN Prairie	406	55.7%	335	62.7%	430	71.2%	65.1%	72.4%		Within
Mower	288	59.0%	308	68.2%	328	78.4%	78.1%	83.1%		Within
Olmsted	823	53.7%	778	66.7%	849	73.0%	73.9%	77.6%	-0.9%	Below
Rice	253	57.7%	276	69.9%	266	74.1%	74.2%	79.7%	-0.1%	Below
Wabasha	61	59.0%	69	66.7%	65	70.8%	70.1%	79.1%		Within
Winona	173	52.0%	188	68.1%	189	76.7%	68.4%	75.5%	1.2%	Above
Southeast	2452	55.1%	2449	66.8%	2645	73.6%				

MFIP/DWP Self-Support Index and Range of Expected Performance—Northeast

Service area	Eligible adults (One-year)	S-SI (One-year)	Eligible adults (Two-year)	S-SI (Two-year)	Eligible adults (Three-year)	S-SI (Three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
Aitkin	42	33.3%	56	67.9%	68	79.4%	70.8%	81.2%		Within
Carlton	114	50.9%	120	65.8%	138	81.2%	74.5%	86.0%		Within
Cook	17	47.1%	23	60.9%	22	81.8%	64.8%	80.0%	1.8%	Above
Itasca	226	47.3%	259	62.9%	280	70.7%	69.6%	75.8%		Within
Koochiching	61	31.1%	80	60.0%	87	74.7%	68.1%	77.4%		Within
Lake	22	59.1%	26	80.8%	19	73.7%	63.7%	85.2%		Within
St. Louis	1,262	43.3%	1,246	56.3%	1,353	63.9%	64.4%	68.8%	-0.4%	Below
Northeast	1744	43.9%	1810	58.8%	1967	67.4%				

MFIP/DWP Self-Support Index and Range of Expected Performance—Southwest

Service area	Eligible adults (One-year)	S-SI (One-year)	Eligible adults (Two-year)	S-SI (Two-year)	Eligible adults (Three-year)	S-SI (Three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
Big Stone	12	75.0%	14	78.6%	19	84.2%	66.4%	81.9%	2.3%	Above
Chippewa	65	46.2%	68	63.2%	62	66.1%	60.8%	73.1%		Within
DVHHS	115	58.3%	118	71.2%	113	75.2%	71.1%	79.5%		Within
Lac qui Parle	27	74.1%	22	72.7%	21	76.2%	58.2%	75.6%	0.5%	Above
Nobles	99	65.7%	109	75.2%	131	80.9%	81.9%	87.1%	-1.0%	Below
SWHHS	313	56.5%	302	70.9%	289	77.5%	73.0%	78.3%		Within
Swift	50	60.0%	61	63.9%	50	74.0%	61.0%	73.9%	0.1%	Above
Yellow Medicine	35	54.3%	24	75.0%	35	82.9%	62.1%	79.7%	3.2%	Above
Southwest	716	58.2%	718	70.6%	720	76.9%				

MFIP/DWP Self-Support Index and Range of Expected Performance—South Central

Service area	Eligible adults (One-year)	S-SI (One-year)	Eligible adults (Two-year)	S-SI (Two-year)	Eligible adults (Three-year)	S-SI (Three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
Blue Earth	275	55.3%	300	66.7%	356	74.2%	69.7%	75.0%		Within
Brown	92	65.2%	81	76.5%	77	80.5%	74.0%	82.1%		Within
Faribault-Martin	128	53.1%	122	68.9%	166	72.9%	72.5%	78.4%		Within
Le Sueur	112	51.8%	105	67.6%	107	76.6%	75.0%	81.6%		Within
Nicollet	219	53.4%	215	68.4%	186	71.5%	68.8%	75.7%		Within
Sibley	36	66.7%	33	78.8%	46	80.4%	74.7%	88.4%		Within
Watonwan	46	65.2%	45	75.6%	40	82.5%	71.0%	82.3%	0.2%	Above
South Central	908	56.1%	901	69.3%	978	74.8%				

MFIP/DWP Self-Support Index and Range of Expected Performance—Suburban Metro

Service area	Eligible adults (One-year)	S-SI (One-year)	Eligible adults (Two-year)	S-SI (Two-year)	Eligible adults (Three-year)	S-SI (Three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
Anoka	1,703	50.0%	1,706	59.1%	1,920	67.3%	65.3%	69.2%		Within
Carver	136	63.2%	122	72.1%	126	74.6%	69.4%	77.4%		Within
Dakota	1,405	53.2%	1,493	65.5%	1,587	68.9%	67.0%	70.9%		Within
Scott	278	65.8%	279	70.6%	350	74.3%	69.1%	73.9%	0.3%	Above
Washington	573	54.1%	636	66.7%	648	70.2%	68.8%	72.6%		Within
Suburban Metro	4,095	53.2%	4,236	63.6%	4,631	69.0%				

MFIP/DWP Self-Support Index and Range of Expected Performance—Core Metro

Service area	Eligible adults (One-year)	S-SI (One-year)	Eligible adults (Two-year)	S-SI (Two-year)	Eligible adults (Three-year)	S-SI (Three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
Hennepin	9,206	44.8%	9,354	54.7%	9,719	58.7%	58.0%	59.9%		Within
Ramsey	6,297	45.8%	6,453	56.4%	7,096	62.3%	60.9%	63.2%		Within
Core Metro	15,503	45.2%	15,807	55.4%	16,815	60.2%				

MFIP/DWP Self-Support Index and Range of Expected Performance—Northwest Central

Service area	Eligible adults (One-year)	S-SI (One-year)	Eligible adults (Two-year)	S-SI (Two-year)	Eligible adults (Three-year)	S-SI (Three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
Kittson	14	64.3%	8	50.0%	5	60.0%	72.0%	93.4%	-12.0%	Below
Marshall	12	58.3%	16	56.3%	19	84.2%	63.3%	81.5%	2.8%	Above
Norman	39	53.8%	39	64.1%	36	63.9%	68.7%	81.4%	-4.8%	Below
Pennington	62	43.5%	44	70.5%	37	70.3%	52.8%	71.1%		Within
Polk	264	47.7%	212	64.6%	245	75.9%	72.6%	77.6%		Within
Red Lake	20	65.0%	18	83.3%	15	73.3%	53.8%	75.8%		Within
Roseau	31	51.6%	50	66.0%	53	71.7%	72.5%	81.8%	-0.8%	Below
Northwest	442	49.5%	387	65.6%	410	73.9%				

MFIP/DWP Self-Support Index and Range of Expected Performance—West Central

Service area	Eligible adults (One-year)	S-SI (One-year)	Eligible adults (Two-year)	S-SI (Two-year)	Eligible adults (Three-year)	S-SI (Three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
Becker	122	55.7%	137	67.2%	143	69.9%	68.1%	75.2%		Within
Beltrami	382	49.5%	413	58.8%	430	67.9%	62.6%	67.8%	0.1%	Above
Cass	190	51.1%	186	59.1%	194	72.2%	62.6%	71.6%	0.6%	Above
Clay	461	55.3%	412	66.5%	428	72.9%	73.1%	77.5%	-0.2%	Below
Clearwater	46	58.7%	55	69.1%	46	71.7%	58.0%	72.8%		Within
Crow Wing	185	53.5%	204	75.0%	273	80.2%	70.3%	76.6%	3.6%	Above
Douglas	96	57.3%	113	72.6%	123	74.8%	72.5%	79.9%		Within
Grant	22	50.0%	33	75.8%	28	85.7%	64.5%	81.4%	4.3%	Above
Hubbard	100	49.0%	85	69.4%	77	77.9%	65.1%	76.0%	2.0%	Above
Lake of the Woods	14	85.7%	12	58.3%	21	76.2%	66.1%	81.2%		Within
Mahnomen	33	60.6%	32	56.3%	62	79.0%	70.2%	80.9%		Within
Morrison	128	48.4%	140	66.4%	141	75.2%	66.1%	73.5%	1.7%	Above
Otter Tail	196	44.4%	218	57.3%	197	67.5%	68.4%	75.1%	-0.9%	Below
Pope	42	66.7%	29	65.5%	34	73.5%	63.4%	79.8%		Within
Stevens	31	64.5%	33	69.7%	34	76.5%	59.3%	74.4%	2.0%	Above
Todd	65	47.7%	78	61.5%	87	77.0%	72.8%	80.9%		Within
Traverse	28	50.0%	30	76.7%	21	71.4%	62.4%	81.0%		Within
Wadena	82	41.5%	121	62.8%	112	63.4%	63.8%	72.6%	-0.4%	Below
Wilkin	37	70.3%	32	75.0%	28	78.6%	70.4%	86.6%		Within
West Central	2260	52.4%	2363	64.8%	2479	72.7%				

MFIP/DWP Self-Support Index and Range of Expected Performance—Central

Service area	Eligible adults (One-year)	S-SI (One-year)	Eligible adults (Two-year)	S-SI (Two-year)	Eligible adults (Three-year)	S-SI (Three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
Benton	277	59.6%	273	65.9%	300	71.7%	67.4%	73.1%		Within
Chisago	102	62.7%	106	76.4%	138	84.8%	73.7%	79.8%	4.9%	Above
Isanti	139	60.4%	139	71.9%	198	81.8%	74.2%	80.5%	1.4%	Above
Kanabec	85	49.4%	80	65.0%	93	64.5%	70.8%	78.5%	-6.3%	Below
Kandiyohi	358	64.0%	334	72.2%	298	73.8%	75.0%	80.3%	-1.2%	Below
McLeod	81	65.4%	85	71.8%	141	78.7%	73.6%	80.0%		Within
Meeker	67	52.2%	74	70.3%	70	80.0%	75.8%	83.3%		Within
Mille Lacs	115	46.1%	120	67.5%	157	73.2%	69.3%	77.5%		Within
Pine	188	59.0%	171	65.5%	242	79.8%	76.4%	81.5%		Within
Renville	49	55.1%	66	69.7%	50	70.0%	65.1%	78.0%		Within
Sherburne	206	51.5%	232	67.2%	241	70.1%	70.3%	76.1%	-0.2%	Below
Stearns	976	51.8%	1010	64.7%	972	72.1%	67.8%	72.3%		Within
Wright	218	56.4%	239	72.4%	299	80.6%	71.1%	75.6%	5.0%	Above
Central	2861	55.9%	2929	67.9%	3199	74.9%				

MFIP/DWP Self-Support Index and Range of Expected Performance—Tribal

Service area	Eligible adults (One-year)	S-SI (One-year)	Eligible adults (Two-year)	S-SI (Two-year)	Eligible adults (Three-year)	S-SI (Three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
Leech Lake Band	226	29.2%	210	38.1%	224	52.2%	59.0%	66.1%	-6.7%	Below
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe	164	39.6%	172	47.1%	186	54.3%	55.0%	61.6%	-0.7%	Below
Red Lake Nation	493	33.7%	449	41.6%	510	51.0%	49.1%	55.2%		Within
White Earth Nation	263	37.6%	254	50.0%	262	53.8%	49.8%	57.9%		Within
Total Tribal	1146	34.6%	1085	43.8%	1182	52.4%				

Indicator 7: MFIP Exits and Returns

What is an MFIP exit? What does returning to MFIP mean? An MFIP case is considered to have exited once it has been ineligible for two consecutive months following an active eligible month. The last eligible month is the exit month. A case returns to MFIP by becoming eligible again by re-applying, being determined eligible for the program, and receiving a grant.

Background. MFIP is a temporary assistance program designed to support parents or relative caregivers as they seek economic stability through work. The goal is for families to exit MFIP because they become self-sufficient and no longer need a grant. Three-quarters of MFIP cases that exit the program stay off MFIP for at least one year.

Formula. This measure gives the unduplicated count of MFIP cases with an eligible adult that exited from a service area during the quarter one year previous to the measurement quarter. The number of exiting cases staying off at least 12 months after an exit, and the number that returned to MFIP within that 12-month period, are each **divided by** the above number of exiting cases. These two percentages total 100 percent. The last column gives the subset of returning cases that were on at least six of the 12 subsequent months as a percent of exiting cases.

Details. Only cases with an eligible adult in the last month of assistance are included in this indicator.

Learn more about the MFIP program on the [department's website](#).

MFIP Exits and Returns—State

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
State	5,397	67.3%	32.7%	14.7%

MFIP Exits and Returns—Southeast

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
Fillmore	9	88.9%	11.1%	11.1%
Freeborn	35	74.3%	25.7%	14.3%
Goodhue	21	76.2%	23.8%	9.5%
Houston	8	87.5%	12.5%	0.0%
MN Prairie	80	78.8%	21.3%	6.3%
Mower	70	61.4%	38.6%	12.9%
Olmsted	141	73.1%	27.0%	9.2%
Rice	56	67.9%	32.1%	10.7%
Wabasha	6	83.3%	16.7%	0.0%
Winona	24	70.8%	29.2%	4.2%
Southeast	450	72.4%	27.6%	9.3%

MFIP Exits and Returns—Northeast

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
Aitkin	8	87.5%	12.5%	12.5%
Carlton	24	79.2%	20.8%	8.3%
Cook	3	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Itasca	37	64.9%	35.1%	16.2%
Koochiching	11	72.7%	27.3%	9.1%
Lake	4	50.0%	50.0%	25.0%
St. Louis	186	67.2%	32.8%	11.3%
Northeast	273	68.9%	31.1%	11.7%

MFIP Exits and Returns—Southwest

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
Big Stone	5	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%
Chippewa	14	50.0%	50.0%	7.1%
DVHHS	19	73.7%	26.3%	15.8%
Lac qui Parle	6	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Nobles	29	86.2%	13.8%	6.9%
SWHHS	70	75.7%	24.3%	10.0%
Swift	8	87.5%	12.5%	0.0%
Yellow Medicine	5	60.0%	40.0%	0.0%
Southwest	156	76.3%	23.7%	8.3%

MFIP Exits and Returns—South Central

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
Blue Earth	62	67.7%	32.3%	6.5%
Brown	19	73.7%	26.3%	10.5%
Faribault-Martin	33	66.7%	33.3%	12.1%
Le Sueur	20	85.0%	15.0%	5.0%
Nicollet	36	72.2%	27.8%	11.1%
Sibley	8	62.5%	37.5%	25.0%
Watonwan	10	90.0%	10.0%	0.0%
South Central	188	71.8%	28.2%	9.0%

MFIP Exits and Returns—Suburban Metro

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
Anoka	265	66.8%	33.2%	9.8%
Carver	34	82.4%	17.7%	11.8%
Dakota	279	72.4%	27.6%	10.0%
Scott	77	74.0%	26.0%	11.7%
Washington	90	80.0%	20.0%	7.8%
Suburban Metro	745	72.0%	28.1%	9.9%

MFIP Exits and Returns—Core Metro

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
Hennepin	1,415	65.5%	34.5%	15.6%
Ramsey	869	67.2%	32.8%	14.5%
Core Metro	2,284	66.2%	33.8%	15.2%

MFIP Exits and Returns—Northwest

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
Kittson	2	0.0%	100.0%	50.0%
Marshall	1	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Norman	10	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Pennington	21	66.7%	33.3%	9.5%
Polk	48	70.8%	29.2%	10.4%
Red Lake	7	85.7%	14.3%	14.3%
Roseau	12	58.3%	41.7%	8.3%
Northwest	101	66.3%	33.7%	9.9%

MFIP Exits and Returns—West Central

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
Becker	22	68.2%	31.8%	13.6%
Beltrami	270	23.7%	76.3%	57.4%
Cass	36	66.7%	33.3%	22.2%
Clay	62	75.8%	24.2%	12.9%
Clearwater	6	83.3%	16.7%	16.7%
Crow Wing	35	85.7%	14.3%	8.6%
Douglas	11	81.8%	18.2%	0.0%
Grant	7	42.9%	57.1%	28.6%
Hubbard	25	72.0%	28.0%	12.0%
Lake of the Woods	4	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Mahnomen	11	63.6%	36.4%	0.0%
Morrison	23	78.3%	21.7%	8.7%
Otter Tail	37	70.3%	29.7%	16.2%
Pope	7	71.4%	28.6%	14.3%
Stevens	5	40.0%	60.0%	20.0%
Todd	16	75.0%	25.0%	6.3%
Traverse	4	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Wadena	14	78.6%	21.4%	14.3%
White Earth Nation	42	57.1%	42.9%	9.5%
Wilkin	3	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
West Central	640	51.7%	48.3%	31.3%

MFIP Exits and Returns—Central

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
Benton	49	75.5%	24.5%	12.2%
Chisago	35	65.7%	34.3%	11.4%
Isanti	26	80.8%	19.2%	3.9%
Kanabec	13	69.2%	30.8%	15.4%
Kandiyohi	68	76.5%	23.5%	5.9%
McLeod	24	70.8%	29.2%	16.7%
Meeker	12	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%
Mille Lacs	24	91.7%	8.3%	4.2%
Pine	42	73.8%	26.2%	23.8%
Renville	15	86.7%	13.3%	6.7%
Sherburne	40	80.0%	20.0%	10.0%
Stearns	168	72.0%	28.0%	10.7%
Wright	44	72.7%	27.3%	6.8%
Central	560	74.6%	25.4%	10.4%

Indicator 8: MFIP Unaccounted For Cases

How is unaccounted for defined? A case is unaccounted for if it meets all the following conditions in each of the three months of the reporting quarter:

- Includes an eligible caregiver required to participate in employment services (i.e., not exempt)
- Reports no earnings or activity hours
- Not attached to Family Stabilization Services
- Not in sanction.

Background. This indicator is intended to be used as a management tool to determine how well the service areas and the employment services providers are doing in engaging families and helping them move toward self-sufficiency. The immediate goal is to minimize unaccounted for cases by reconnecting them to the program.

Formula. The number of MFIP cases unaccounted for as defined above **divided by** the unduplicated MFIP caseload in the reporting quarter.

Details. A case is attributed to the service area in the last month of the reporting quarter. MFIP caseloads in the service area include all cases with an eligible caregiver in any month of the quarter, with every case counted only once.

Learn more about the MFIP program on the [department's website](#). The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) provides lists of unaccounted for cases that authorized program staff can access at the [DEED website](#).

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—State

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
State	24,791	844	3.4%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—Southeast

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Fillmore	42	0	0.0%
Freeborn	132	0	0.0%
Goodhue	120	1	0.8%
Houston	44	2	4.5%
MN Prairie	317	2	0.6%
Mower	209	1	0.5%
Olmsted	667	18	2.7%
Rice	204	2	1.0%
Wabasha	33	0	0.0%
Winona	146	4	2.7%
Southeast	1,914	30	1.6%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—Northeast

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Aitkin	37	1	2.7%
Carlton	87	1	1.1%
Cook	27	0	0.0%
Itasca	198	5	2.5%
Koochiching	74	3	4.1%
Lake	20	0	0.0%
St. Louis	1,073	39	3.6%
Northeast	1,516	49	3.2%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—Southwest

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Big Stone	6	0	0.0%
Chippewa	43	1	2.3%
DVHHS	76	0	0.0%
Lac qui Parle	15	0	0.0%
Nobles	69	0	0.0%
SWHHS	245	1	0.4%
Swift	35	4	11.4%
Yellow Medicine	24	3	12.5%
Southwest	513	9	1.8%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—South Central

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Blue Earth	242	1	0.4%
Brown	55	2	3.6%
Faribault-Martin	101	0	0.0%
Le Sueur	85	0	0.0%
Nicollet	171	6	3.5%
Sibley	37	0	0.0%
Watonwan	34	0	0.0%
South Central	725	9	1.2%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—Suburban Metro

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Anoka	1,258	37	2.9%
Carver	97	1	1.0%
Dakota	1,050	9	0.9%
Scott	193	1	0.5%
Washington	408	7	1.7%
Suburban Metro	3,006	55	1.8%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—Core Metro

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Hennepin	7,526	337	4.5%
Ramsey	4,817	131	2.7%
Core Metro	12,343	468	3.8%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—Northwest

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Kittson	7	1	14.3%
Marshall	13	0	0.0%
Norman	27	3	11.1%
Pennington	58	2	3.4%
Polk	229	5	2.2%
Red Lake	11	0	0.0%
Roseau	32	0	0.0%
Northwest	377	11	2.9%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—West Central

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Becker	111	2	1.8%
Beltrami	344	58	16.9%
Cass	268	31	11.6%
Clay	310	9	2.9%
Clearwater	27	1	3.7%
Crow Wing	167	5	3.0%
Douglas	78	2	2.6%
Grant	20	1	5.0%
Hubbard	85	6	7.1%
Lake of the Woods	9	1	11.1%
Mahnomen	22	1	4.5%
Morrison	106	2	1.9%
Otter Tail	171	13	7.6%
Pope	23	0	0.0%
Stevens	22	0	0.0%
Todd	56	1	1.8%
Traverse	24	0	0.0%
Wadena	70	1	1.4%
White Earth Nation	256	31	12.1%
Wilkin	33	1	3.0%
West Central	2,202	166	7.5%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—Central

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Benton	202	6	3.0%
Chisago	78	1	1.3%
Isanti	87	0	0.0%
Kanabec	62	1	1.6%
Kandiyohi	259	7	2.7%
McLeod	60	0	0.0%
Meeker	44	0	0.0%
Mille Lacs	99	0	0.0%
Pine	130	1	0.8%
Renville	47	0	0.0%
Sherburne	171	3	1.8%
Stearns	796	27	3.4%
Wright	160	1	0.6%
Central	2,195	47	2.1%

Notes

County consortia. A county consortium is the legal merger of county human services agencies of multiple counties that consolidate administrative activities for human services programs. Such a county consortium is viewed as one entity by the department. Therefore, measures in this report are reported for the county consortium and not for its individual counties. County consortia’s member counties include the following:

1. Faribault/Martin: Faribault and Martin
2. Southwest Health and Human Services: Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Pipestone, Redwood and Rock
3. Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services: Cottonwood and Jackson
4. Minnesota Prairie County Alliance (MNPrairie): Dodge, Steele and Waseca (Waseca, formerly in the South Central region, is now included with MNPrairie in the Southeast region).

Minnesota Statute. The statute on county performance management referenced in the introduction requires a quarterly report to all counties on each county's performance on seven measures. Five of the measures named were operationalized as Indicators 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 in this quarterly report. The other two measures named (rates of paid employment and receiving the MFIP food portion but not the cash grant) are currently reported in the "MFIP Monthly Report" (statewide data), "MFIP County Specific Report" (county breakdown), and "MFIP Trends Report" (25 months of statewide data). Additional measures are included in each of the reports. Data for counties that form consortia are aggregated.

Tribal nations. White Earth Nation assumed administrative responsibility for human services programs for tribal members residing in Becker, Clearwater and Mahnommen counties, with cases transferred starting in 2014; for performance reporting purposes, White Earth Nation caseloads are reported with the counties and county consortia for six measures. For the two high-stakes performance measures, the MFIP/DWP Self-Support Index and the Work Participation Rate, people served by a tribal employment services provider are taken out of the county numbers and reported by provider, including the Leech Lake Band, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Red Lake Nation and White Earth Nation employment services providers.

Note that the Mille Lacs Band operates a tribal TANF program that is independent of the state TANF/MFIP program so is not included in state-level MFIP reporting. Red Lake Nation transitioned to a tribal TANF program from September 2015 to January 2016, but continues to be included in the report during the transition time.

Service areas. Counties, county consortia and tribes are referred to as service areas in this report.

Data source. Except as otherwise noted, all data are recorded in the department's MAXIS eligibility system; all data are extracted from the department's Data Warehouse.

ⁱ From October 2009 through November 2014, Minnesota had a Work Benefit program that provided a monthly cash benefit for families that had exited MFIP or the Diversionary Work Program and were working a required number of hours with income below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guideline. These cases were included in the WPR numerator and denominator during that time. Without the Work Benefit program, the 2012 TANF rate would have been lower.

ⁱⁱ The tribal providers are Leech Lake, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, and White Earth Nation (White Earth Nation's totals also include tribal cases for which White Earth Nation administers MFIP in a three-county area). Mille Lacs Band and Red Lake Nation operate tribal TANF programs and are not included here.