



Minnesota Family Investment Program and Diversionary Work Program: Characteristics of Cases and People

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Abbreviations

CCAP	Child Care Assistance Program
DWP	Diversionary Work Program
DHS	Minnesota Department of Human Services
FSS	Family Stabilization Services
HAG	Housing Assistance Grant
MFIP	Minnesota Family Investment Program
PRWORA	Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Executive Summary

The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) is Minnesota’s family cash assistance program, providing financial payments and other services to help stabilize families with low income. It includes both a cash portion and a food portion which is funded by the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The Diversionary Work Program (DWP) is a short-term program meant to assist families in crisis to quickly regain employment. DWP grants are cash-only, though participants can apply for SNAP independent of their DWP benefits. Both programs are available only to families with minor children or pregnant people.

Cases and people

In 2022 the number of children and adults served included:

- MFIP: 41,569 children and 17,758 adults in 21,841 cases
- DWP: 2,625 children and 1,538 adults in 1,304 cases.

Participant demographics

Families participating in MFIP or DWP usually include children and working-age adults:

- The median age of adults was 32 for MFIP-enrolled adults and 32 for DWP cases.
- MFIP and DWP cases average two children per case, with a median age of 6.

Most enrolled adults in both programs are female, including:

- MFIP: 83%
- DWP: 78%

Most enrolled adults participating in MFIP or DWP have at least a high school diploma or a General Educational Development (GED) certificate, including:

- MFIP: 73%
- DWP: 78%

Most enrolled adults in both programs are U.S. citizens, including:

- MFIP: 92%
- DWP: 91%

Introduction

In 1996, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) [PL 104-93] set federal program requirements for state cash assistance programs using federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds. Among other things, PRWORA required states to set a five-year limit on cash assistance, impose work requirements, and emphasize work first.

Within this broad framework, states have flexibility to designate specific policies for programs. The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), the state's TANF program, was established in 1998. It uses the TANF federal block grant and state funds to provide families in deep poverty with income support, food benefits, and services to support employment. State funds are used for grants to households with two parents, teen parents, certain non-citizens and families participating in the Family Stabilization Services (FSS) track.

The federal Deficit Reduction Act [PL 109-171] of 2005 retained PWORA's program requirements but narrowed the definition of work activities and increased work activity documentation requirements.

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) introduced the FSS track to MFIP in February 2008 for families with multiple barriers or disabilities who may benefit from a more flexible employment plan. This service track enables county agencies and Tribal Nations to develop employment plans with an emphasis on overcoming barriers to employment. It uses a case management model to help families achieve the greatest amount of economic stability possible. Because state funding provides the benefits to families in this service track, these households are not included in the federal Work Participation Rate. All active MFIP cases, including families in FSS, are included in the MFIP case and person totals in this report.

The Diversionary Work Program (DWP) is separate, with services that include job training and education, and employment support services, such as childcare and transportation assistance. DWP participants are required to engage in approved activities documented in their mandatory individual employment plan. DWP grants last a maximum of four consecutive months, generally paid directly to landlords and utility companies to cover portions of these costs.

COVID-19 peacetime emergency

The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a federal public health emergency which lasted from late January 2020 to May 2023 and a Minnesota state peacetime emergency from March 2020 to May 2023. Many temporary federal and state policy changes during this period affected normal program operations. Additionally, some permanent policy and guidance changes became active. Details of MFIP and other changes can be found in the [COVID-19 section of the MHPC Provider Manual](#) on the department's website.

Report Format

This report provides a snapshot of all active cases in MFIP and DWP in December 2022. This includes both households and persons receiving MFIP or DWP cash grants, MFIP food grants (i.e., paid cases) but not active cases temporarily not receiving a grant (i.e., suspended cases). Department staff have produced annual characteristics reports since MFIP began in 1998. Data are provided on the demographics of enrolled adults and children; family composition, residence, and barriers; economic status of cases; and MFIP policy impacts.

Some families receiving MFIP only have children, but no adults, who are eligible for MFIP cash assistance. This includes families with disabled parents receiving federal disability income support, and families in which a relative with custody of children is only requesting assistance for the children. These households are not subject to work requirements and time limits. To reflect program differences, the MFIP population is divided into three categories:

- **Child-only cases** that include children but not their caregivers
- Families with **one enrolled adult**
- Families with **two enrolled adults**.

People participating in DWP, which does not include child-only cases, are divided into cases with one or two enrolled adults.

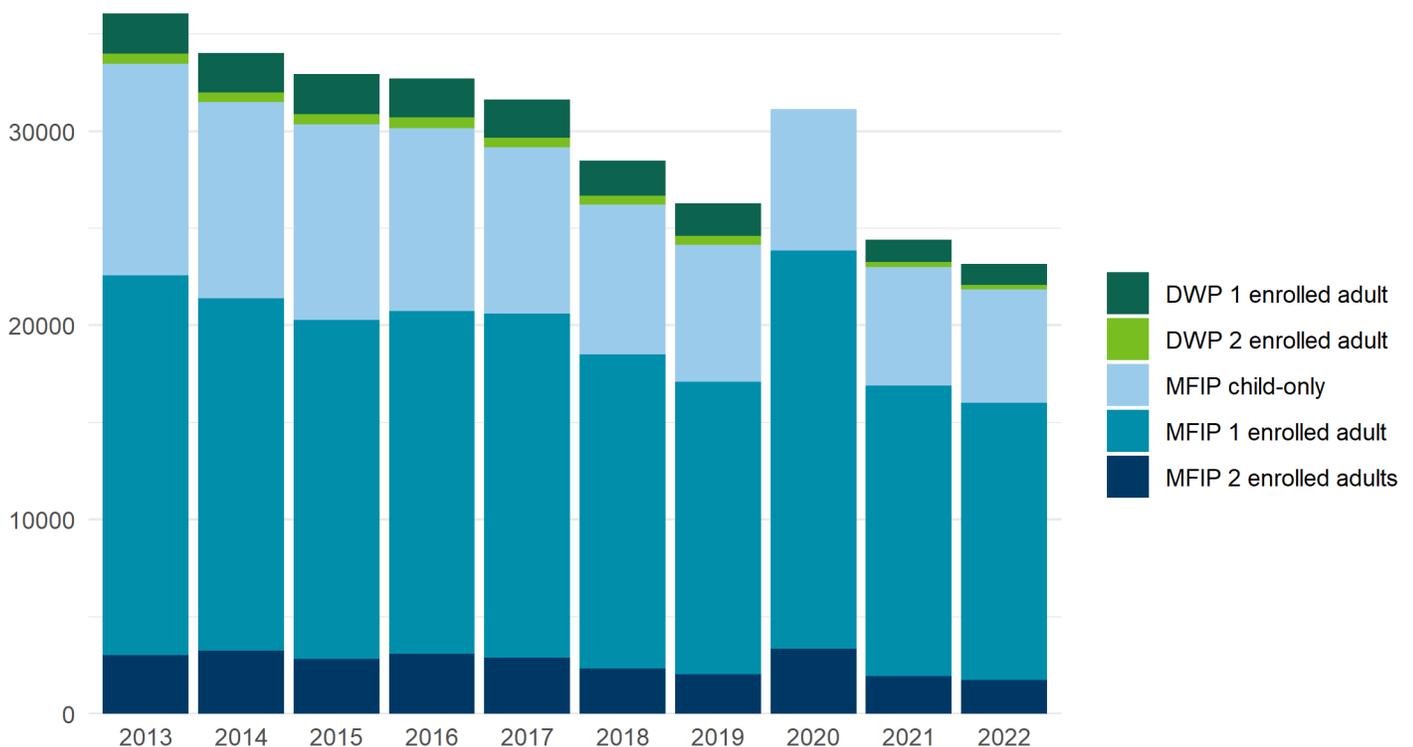
All percentages are rounded to the nearest whole percent. Therefore percentages less than 0.5% will be reported as zero, and totals may not equal 100% when summed across subgroups.

The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and Red Lake Nation both administer Tribal TANF programs. Tribal TANF programs are not under jurisdiction of the state. The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe administers TANF-eligible cases in its jurisdiction. This includes cases of adult members of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; first-generation descendants living in Aitkin, Benton, Chisago, Crow Wing, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison and Pine counties; and at least one active enrolled adult member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe living in Hennepin, Ramsey and Anoka Counties. Red Lake Nation administers Tribal TANF to TANF-eligible cases within its jurisdiction, including TANF-eligible families who identified their race as American Indian and to non-Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe enrolled Tribal members living in Beltrami County. These two Tribal TANF programs are not included in this report. The White Earth Nation administers state MFIP eligibility and employment services for its members; its program is included in this report.

MFIP and DWP December caseload trends

- The number of MFIP and DWP cases continues the decreasing trend seen since 2010 (excepting 2020). Overall, caseloads decreased 5% from December 2021 to 2022, after falling 7% between December 2019 and 2021.
- MFIP cases are 5% lower in 2022 than in 2021. Cases with one enrolled adult, the most common case type, decreased by 5% over this time period, while two-adult MFIP cases fell by 9% and child-only cases decreased by 5%.
- The DWP caseload fell by 7% overall between December 2021 and 2022. One-adult cases decreased by 6%, while two-adult cases decreased by 11%

Figure 1. MFIP and DWP caseloads, December 2013 to December 2022



Tables

Table 1: MFIP and DWP case counts, December 2013 to December 2022¹

Year	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases
2013	19,566	3,009	10,902	2,047	517
2014	18,144	3,247	10,116	2,037	463
2015	17,440	2,820	10,089	2,047	528
2016	17,626	3,098	9,419	2,002	567
2017	17,691	2,903	8,560	1,949	507
2018	16,188	2,330	7,697	1,819	443
2019	15,047	2,030	7,077	1,691	436
2020	20,489	3,352	7,293	0	0
2021	14,970	1,923	6,114	1,141	264
2022	14,252	1,753	5,836	1,070	234

¹ Case counts include paid cases (those receiving MFIP cash or food grants, or DWP cash grants). Counts of MFIP and DWP cases are categorized by the number of adults enrolled on the case and eligible for the grant. For more information on the MFIP and DWP rules that determine who in the household is enrolled on the case; see Table 2 notes.

Table 2: MFIP and DWP case and person counts and percentages by type of case, December 2022 ²

	Total MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	Two-adult MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Child-only MFIP cases	Total DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	One-adult DWP cases
Case count	21,841	16,005	1,753	14,252	5,836	1,304	234	1,070
<i>Case percent</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>82%</i>
Enrolled adults count	17,758	17,758	3,506	14,252	0	1,538	468	1,070
<i>Enrolled adults percent</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>70%</i>
Enrolled children count	41,569	31,547	4,665	26,882	10,022	2,625	650	1,975
<i>Enrolled children percent</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>75%</i>

² Case counts include paid cases (those receiving MFIP cash or food grants or DWP cash grants). Counts of MFIP and DWP cases are categorized by the number of adults enrolled on the case and eligible for the grant. Adult refers to a caregiver (parent or other relative) or minor parent responsible for a child/ren. Cases with two adults where only one is enrolled in MFIP or DWP are included in the one-adult cases column. Cases with no MFIP-enrolled adult are child-only but have at least one caregiver. Person counts include only enrolled adults and children. MFIP and DWP rules determine who in a household is a member of an assistance unit and who in that unit is eligible to be enrolled on the grant. The assistance unit is based on the relationship to case applicants. This includes minor children and/or minor relative-care children of an applicant, spouse of applicant or second parent of applicant's child/ren, and other minor children of the spouse. Pregnant people with no children of their own living with them are also eligible. Eligibility of unit members, in turn, determines the size of cash grants for active cases. In some instances, otherwise eligible people will be ineligible, for example, if they receive Supplemental Security Income, have a certain immigration status, or have been convicted of welfare fraud.

Table 3: Age of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP, December 2022 ³

	MFIP cases with adult	Two-adult MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Total DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	One-adult DWP cases
Age mean	33	34	33	33	33	33
Age median	32	33	32	32	33	32
Age minimum	15	16	15	18	18	18
Age maximum	82	73	82	59	57	59
less than 18	87	6	81	-	-	-
<i>% less than 18</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>1%</i>	-	-	-
18 - 19	410	54	356	14	3	11
<i>% 18 - 19</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>
20 - 29	6,330	1,152	5,178	511	153	358
<i>% 20 - 29</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>33%</i>
30 - 39	7,035	1,390	5,645	715	217	498
<i>% 30 - 39</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>47%</i>
40 - 49	3,031	665	2,366	242	75	167
<i>% 40 - 49</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>16%</i>
50 - 59	766	201	565	56	20	36
<i>% 50 - 59</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>3%</i>
60 and over	99	38	61	-	-	-
<i>% 60 and over</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>0%</i>	-	-	-

³ Adult refers to a caregiver (parent or other relative) or minor parent responsible for a child/ren.

Table 4: Race, ethnicity, and immigrant status of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP, December 2022 ⁴

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
African American	5,316	791	6,107	337	122	459
<i>% African American</i>	37%	23%	34%	31%	26%	30%
Asian American	262	129	391	24	21	45
<i>% Asian American</i>	2%	4%	2%	2%	4%	3%
Hispanic	1,119	254	1,373	108	43	151
<i>% Hispanic</i>	8%	7%	8%	10%	9%	10%
Hmong immigrant	22	9	31	1	3	4
<i>% Hmong immigrant</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Multiple races	711	114	825	44	9	53
<i>% Multiple races</i>	5%	3%	5%	4%	2%	3%
Native American	1,026	242	1,268	46	18	64
<i>% Native American</i>	7%	7%	7%	4%	4%	4%
Other African immigrant	174	73	247	15	16	31
<i>% Other African immigrant</i>	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%
Other Asian immigrant	98	171	269	9	11	20
<i>% Other Asian immigrant</i>	1%	5%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Somali immigrant	212	131	343	28	23	51

⁴ The race and ethnicity information is categorized in the following hierarchy aligned with department standards. Participants asked their racial choice (yes or no) of each of five racial categories (American Indian, Asian, Black, Pacific Islander and white), and ethnicity (Hispanic or non-Hispanic). All persons endorsing Hispanic ethnicity are listed reported as Hispanic. All other racial categories are non-Hispanic. Pacific Islanders and Asian groups are combined due to very small numbers of Pacific Islanders. Only non-citizens can be assigned to immigrant groups, using their reported country of origin, race and primary language.

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
<i>% Somali immigrant</i>	1%	4%	2%	3%	5%	3%
Unknown	131	113	244	22	14	36
<i>% Unknown</i>	1%	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%
White	5,181	1,479	6,660	436	188	624
<i>% White</i>	36%	42%	38%	41%	40%	41%

Table 5: Citizenship status of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP cases, December 2022 ⁵

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Non-U.S.	757	722	1,479	77	64	141
<i>% Non-U.S.</i>	5%	21%	8%	7%	14%	9%
U.S.	13,495	2,784	16,279	993	404	1,397
<i>% U.S.</i>	95%	79%	92%	93%	86%	91%

Table 6: Sex of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP cases, December 2022

	MFIP cases with adult	Two-adult MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Total DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	One-adult DWP cases
Female	14,810	1,762	13,048	1,194	235	959
<i>% Female</i>	83%	50%	92%	78%	50%	90%
Male	2,948	1,744	1,204	344	233	111
<i>% Male</i>	17%	50%	8%	22%	50%	10%

⁵ Citizenship status is not routinely updated after initial application, therefore these categories may be under- or over-reported.

Table 7: Educational attainment of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP cases, December 2022 ⁶

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
None or pre-first grade	382	359	741	33	23	56
<i>% None or pre-first grade</i>	3%	10%	4%	3%	5%	4%
Grade School	173	104	277	15	7	22
<i>% Grade School</i>	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Some High School	3,069	726	3,795	176	83	259
<i>% Some High School</i>	22%	21%	21%	16%	18%	17%
High School Graduate	7,999	1,782	9,781	595	263	858
<i>% High School Graduate</i>	56%	51%	55%	56%	56%	56%
Some Post Secondary	2,257	399	2,656	220	73	293
<i>% Some Post Secondary</i>	16%	11%	15%	21%	16%	19%
College Graduate	240	95	335	24	12	36
<i>% College Graduate</i>	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Graduate Degree	132	41	173	7	7	14
<i>% Graduate Degree</i>	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

⁶ Education is not routinely updated after initial application, therefore these categories may be under- or over-reported.

Table 8: Marital status of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP cases, December 2022 ⁷

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Divorced	1,272	72	1,344	140	12	152
<i>% Divorced</i>	9%	2%	8%	13%	3%	10%
Legally separated	73	6	79	10	-	10
<i>% Legally separated</i>	1%	0%	0%	1%	-	1%
Married, living with spouse	332	1,875	2,207	19	262	281
<i>% Married, living with spouse</i>	2%	53%	12%	2%	56%	18%
Never married	10,674	1,469	12,143	735	191	926
<i>% Never married</i>	75%	42%	68%	69%	41%	60%
Married, living apart	1,810	81	1,891	158	3	161
<i>% Married, living apart</i>	13%	2%	11%	15%	1%	10%
Widowed	91	3	94	8	-	8
<i>% Widowed</i>	1%	0%	1%	1%	-	1%

⁷ Marital status is not routinely updated after initial application, therefore these categories may be under- or over-reported.

Table 9: Adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP who received assistance as a child in Minnesota, December 2022 ⁸

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Any program	8,516	1,692	10,208	546	182	728
<i>% Any program</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>47%</i>
Family assistance	7,573	1,489	9,062	469	154	623
<i>% Family assistance</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>41%</i>
Emergency Assistance only	128	23	151	13	2	15
<i>% Emergency Assistance only</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>1%</i>
Food Support	815	180	995	64	26	90
<i>% Food Support</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>6%</i>

⁸ Receiving assistance as a child is reported in a hierarchy of family assistance, food support, and emergency assistance. Family assistance includes all persons whose families received cash assistance including MFIP, DWP, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, and Family General Assistance. Food support counts persons whose families received assistance through Food Stamps, Food Support or SNAP but did not receive cash assistance. Emergency assistance includes adults whose families received only emergency assistance when they were children.

Table 10: Number of children per case receiving MFIP or DWP, December 2022

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Cases	5,836	14,252	1,753	16,005	1,070	234	1,304
Children	10,022	26,882	4,665	31,547	1,975	650	2,625
Children mean	1.7	1.9	2.7	2.0	1.8	2.8	2.0
Children median	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Minimum children	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Maximum children	10	11	13	13	8	8	8

Table 11: Age characteristics of children receiving MFIP or DWP, December 2022

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Age mean	10.3	6.9	6.6	6.9	7.6	5.8	7.2
Age median	11	6	6	6	7	5	6
<1 year old	260	2,393	498	2,891	43	94	137
<i>% <1 year old</i>	3%	9%	11%	9%	2%	14%	5%
1-3 years old	1,013	6,389	1,125	7,514	428	159	587
<i>% 1-3 years old</i>	10%	24%	24%	24%	22%	24%	22%
4-5 years old	850	3,612	641	4,253	306	92	398
<i>% 4-5 years old</i>	8%	13%	14%	13%	15%	14%	15%
6-10 years old	2,537	7,277	1,243	8,520	620	181	801
<i>% 6-10 years old</i>	25%	27%	27%	27%	31%	28%	31%
11-15 years old	3,584	5,336	865	6,201	466	96	562
<i>% 11-15 years old</i>	36%	20%	19%	20%	24%	15%	21%
>15 years old	1,778	1,875	293	2,168	112	28	140
<i>% >15 years old</i>	18%	7%	6%	7%	6%	4%	5%

Table 12: Ages of youngest child per MFIP or DWP case, December 2022

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Youngest mean	9.4	5.0	3.5	4.8	5.9	2.6	5.2
Youngest median	10	3	2	3	5	1	4

Table 13: Race, ethnicity, and immigrant status of children receiving MFIP or DWP, December 2022 ⁹

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
African American	2,564	10,424	1,251	11,675	686	220	906
<i>% African American</i>	26%	39%	27%	37%	35%	34%	35%
Asian American	426	616	262	878	65	39	104
<i>% Asian American</i>	4%	2%	6%	3%	3%	6%	4%
Hispanic	2,317	2,554	299	2,853	212	50	262
<i>% Hispanic</i>	23%	10%	6%	9%	11%	8%	10%
Hmong Immigrant	4	3	1	4	-	-	-
<i>% Hmong Immigrant</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-
Multiple Races	771	2,884	351	3,235	186	42	228
<i>% Multiple Races</i>	8%	11%	8%	10%	9%	6%	9%
Native American	975	1,492	233	1,725	58	15	73
<i>% Native American</i>	10%	6%	5%	5%	3%	2%	3%
Other African Immigrant	30	171	112	283	9	22	31
<i>% Other African Immigrant</i>	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	3%	1%
Other Asian Immigrant	48	94	212	306	9	7	16
<i>% Other Asian Immigrant</i>	0%	0%	5%	1%	0%	1%	1%
Somali Immigrant	84	365	181	546	19	9	28

⁹ The race and ethnicity information is categorized in the following hierarchy aligned with department standards. Participants asked their racial choice (yes or no) of each of five racial categories (American Indian, Asian, Black, Pacific Islander and white), and ethnicity (Hispanic or non-Hispanic). All persons endorsing Hispanic ethnicity are reported as Hispanic. All other racial categories are non-Hispanic. Pacific Islanders and Asian groups are combined due to very small numbers of Pacific Islanders. Only non-citizens can be assigned to immigrant groups, using their reported country of origin, race and primary language.

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
<i>% Somali Immigrant</i>	1%	1%	4%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Unknown	293	1,714	309	2,023	159	57	216
<i>% Unknown</i>	3%	6%	7%	6%	8%	9%	8%
White	2,510	6,565	1,454	8,019	572	189	761
<i>% White</i>	25%	24%	31%	25%	29%	29%	29%

Table 14: Mean assistance amount of MFIP or DWP cases, December 2022 ¹⁰

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Cash	\$431	\$469	\$479	\$470	\$389	\$537	\$415
MFIP food	\$454	\$627	\$907	\$658	\$0	\$0	\$0
SNAP	\$185	\$106	\$148	\$111	\$712	\$1,050	\$773

¹⁰ MFIP typically include a cash portion and a food portion that can only be spent on food. These amounts are reported separately here. DWP provides only a cash grant, but these families are categorically eligible and receive stand-alone SNAP. Some households received a SNAP grant early in the reporting month and later in the month become eligible for MFIP. These households receive all or most of their food portion through SNAP and the cash grant through MFIP. For this reason, some MFIP cases are indicated here as receiving a SNAP grant. As families work their way toward leaving assistance, their cash portion is decreased first, so some families participating in MFIP only receive a food portion. Many MFIP enrolled households receive a \$110 housing assistance grant (HAG). The full amount of the HAG is issued to a household if they are eligible for MFIP and meet certain criteria; it does not decrease as income from other sources increases. In addition, a family can opt out of the cash portion and the HAG, receiving only the food portion; those months do not count toward their lifetime limit. The MFIP cash amounts reported here include this HAG when applicable. The mean assistance amounts reported here are calculated using all MFIP cases, including those MFIP cases receiving zero cash and/or food portions.

Table 15: Work hours and income of MFIP or DWP cases, December 2022 ¹¹

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Cases	4,299	923	5,222	469	158	627
% Cases	30%	53%	33%	44%	68%	48%
Mean work hours	164.3	267.6	182.6	94.4	133.9	104.3
Median work hours	77	123	82	86	121	97
Mean earnings	\$2,689	\$4,376	\$2,987	\$1,639	\$2,386	\$1,827
Median earnings	\$1,197	\$1,938	\$1,300	\$1,400	\$2,109	\$1,544

¹¹ Total income is either the actual or projected income of eligible adults used in the budget for a case for the report month. The income used in a month will be different depending on whether past actual or projected income methods were used to determine eligibility for a case. Amounts used were verified. Total income is gross income except for those who are self-employed, where it is gross less expenses, with a minimum of zero. Mean and median total income excludes cases with no verified or expected income from eligible adults. Work hours reported for enrolled adults with earned income are defined in the same manner as earned income. The hours are totals for a case. The percentages of all cases with hours reported are slightly smaller than the percentages reported working because of hours not entered into the administrative database. Mean and median hours excludes cases with no income from work.

Table 16: Counted MFIP months by MFIP or DWP case type, December 2022 ¹²

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Mean	32.6	24.9	31.8	12.5	8.0	11.7
Median	31	21	30	5	0	4
0 counted months	305	8	313	457	127	584
<i>% 0 counted months</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>45%</i>
1 - 12 months	3,085	604	3,689	230	53	283
<i>% 1 - 12 months</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>22%</i>
13 - 36 months	4,644	661	5,305	260	41	301
<i>% 13 - 36 months</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>23%</i>
37 - 48 months	1,751	194	1,945	71	7	78
<i>% 37 - 48 months</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>6%</i>
49 - 54 months	729	82	811	28	3	31
<i>% 49 - 54 months</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>2%</i>
55 - 60 months	3,738	204	3,942	24	3	27
<i>% 55 - 60 months</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>2%</i>

¹² Beginning in September 1996 nationally and July 1997 in Minnesota, months in which adults receive the MFIP cash portion or the HAG are counted towards the five-year limit, also known as the 60-month time limit. This includes both state-funded and federally-funded MFIP as well as federally paid TANF months in other states but excludes months with an exemption or exception from the time limit. DWP months do not count but DWP cases may have previous MFIP counted months.

Table 17: MFIP and DWP Cases Receiving Child Care Assistance, December 2022 ¹³

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Cases with children less than age 6	1,614	8,515	1,600	10,115	558	194	752
< age 6 cases with CCAP	70	1,800	360	2,160	132	20	152
% < age 6 cases with CCAP	4%	21%	22%	21%	24%	10%	20%
Cases with children less than age 13	3,826	11,763	1,970	13,733	890	229	1,119
Age 0-12 cases with CCAP	89	1,923	400	2,323	149	20	169
% Age 0-12 cases with CCAP	2%	16%	20%	17%	17%	9%	15%
Cases with children age 13-15	1,990	2,575	502	3,077	231	40	271
Age 13-15 cases with CCAP	12	163	117	280	20	4	24
% Age 13-15 cases with CCAP	1%	6%	23%	9%	9%	10%	9%

¹³ MFIP and DWP cases are reported as receiving child care assistance when a child care assistance program (CCAP) payment was made for at least one child enrolled on the MFIP or DWP case for the report month based on data available in the Minnesota Electronic Child Care (MEC2) system. MFIP and DWP cases are categorized by the age of the youngest child on the case; counts of cases with children under 6 and those under 12 are not mutually exclusive. Children enrolled in MFIP or DWP and up to age 12 or aged 13-15 with identified special needs are eligible to receive a CCAP subsidy through the MFIP Child Care Assistance Program or through the Basic Sliding Fee child care assistance program in the case of MFIP child only cases.

Table 18: MFIP cases with time limit exemption counts by exemption reason, December 2022

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	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult
Cases	871	33	904
% of MFIP cases	6%	2%	6%
Age 18-19, attending high school	190	14	204
<i>% Age 18-19, attending high school</i>	22%	42%	23%
Caregiver on Indian reservation	5	1	6
<i>% Caregiver on Indian reservation</i>	1%	3%	1%
Caregiver over 60	50	10	60
<i>% Caregiver over 60</i>	6%	30%	7%
Family violence waiver	552	6	558
<i>% Family violence waiver</i>	63%	18%	62%
Minor caregiver	74	2	76
<i>% Minor caregiver</i>	8%	6%	8%

¹⁴ Cases are exempt from the time limit (neither counted nor banked) in months with the following conditions: living on a reservation with a not-employed rate of at least 50%, family violence cases cooperating with an alternative employment plan, caregivers age 60 or older, a minor parent, or an 18- or 19-year-old parent complying with an education plan.

Table 19: MFIP cases time limit extensions counts by extension reason, December 2022 ¹⁵

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult
Cases	3,113	148	3,174
Extension months mean	52	40	52
Extension months median	39	30	39
Extension months maximum	245	211	245
Appeal only	1	0	1
<i>% Appeal only</i>	0%	0%	0%
Care of ill or incapacitated	334	22	356
<i>% Care of ill or incapacitated</i>	11%	15%	11%
Care of special medical criteria	285	19	304
<i>% Care of special medical criteria</i>	9%	13%	10%
Developmental disability	2	0	2
<i>% Developmental disability</i>	0%	0%	0%
Employment required hours	187	9	196
<i>% Employment required hours</i>	6%	6%	6%
Family violence waiver	274	5	279
<i>% Family violence waiver</i>	9%	3%	9%
IQ between 70 and 80	17	2	19
<i>% IQ between 70 and 80</i>	1%	1%	1%
Ill or incapacitated	888	39	927

¹⁵ MFIP cases can be extended beyond the 60-month lifetime limit for certain documented criteria that affect an adult's ability to obtain or retain employment, or if an adult is working but does not earn enough to leave assistance. Extensions may be granted for cases that have an ill or incapacitated adult, family member or caregiver who meets special medical criteria, caregiver with a developmental disability or an IQ score between 70 and 80, caregiver who is needed in the home to care for an ill or incapacitated family member, a single parent working an average of at least 30 hours, or two parents working a total of 55 hours a month, and other less common reasons. Cases sanctioned for non-compliance with Employment Services or child support requirements in month 60 can never be extended.

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult
<i>% Ill or incapacitated</i>	29%	26%	29%
Learning disability	8	0	8
<i>% Learning disability</i>	0%	0%	0%
Mental illness	916	35	951
<i>% Mental illness</i>	29%	24%	30%
Unemployable	85	2	87
<i>% Unemployable</i>	3%	1%	3%

Table 20: MFIP Family Stabilization Services counts and reasons, December 2022 ¹⁶

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult
Cases	5,868	761	6,629
<i>% of MFIP cases</i>	41%	43%	41%
Age 60 or older	34	20	54
<i>% Age 60 or older</i>	1%	3%	1%
Care of ill or incapacitated	488	57	545
<i>% Care of ill or incapacitated</i>	8%	7%	8%
Developmental disability	2	0	2
<i>% Developmental disability</i>	0%	0%	0%
Family violence waiver	702	12	714
<i>% Family violence waiver</i>	12%	2%	11%
IQ < 80	18	1	19
<i>% IQ < 80</i>	0%	0%	0%
Ill or incapacitated	1,461	205	1,666
<i>% Ill or incapacitated</i>	25%	27%	25%
Learning disability	10	2	12
<i>% Learning disability</i>	0%	0%	0%
Mental illness	1,130	75	1,205
<i>% Mental illness</i>	19%	10%	18%

¹⁶ FSS is a state funded MFIP service track that enrolled its first participants in February 2008. The purpose is to provide county and Tribal Nation agency staff more flexibility in development of employment plans by removing FSS cases from the federal Work Participation Rate calculation. FSS eligibility is limited to caregivers who meet one of the following criteria: illness or injury lasting more than 30 days that prevents them from obtaining employment, requirement to remain in the home to care for a household member with an illness or injury lasting more than 30 days, legal non-citizen in the U.S. for fewer than 12 months, developmental disability or mental illness that prevents person from obtaining employment, unemployable, learning disability that prevents person from obtaining employment, IQ less than 80 that prevents person from obtaining employment, family violence waiver, or pending application for SSI or RSDI. Two-caregiver cases are FSS eligible if one caregiver meets FSS criteria.

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult
New immigrant	107	171	278
<i>% New immigrant</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>4%</i>
Not exempt	7	0	7
<i>% Not exempt</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>
SSI or RSDI application	763	105	868
<i>% SSI or RSDI application</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>13%</i>
Special medical criteria	497	49	546
<i>% Special medical criteria</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>8%</i>
Unemployable	649	64	713
<i>% Unemployable</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>11%</i>

Table 21: MFIP cases with countable sanctions, December 2022¹⁷

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult
30% countable sanctions	22	250	28	278
10% countable sanctions	-	73	12	85
All countable sanctions	22	323	40	363
<i>% of MFIP cases with sanctions</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>2%</i>
Six counted sanction months	4	51	7	58
<i>% MFIP cases with six counted sanction months</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>

Table 22: MFIP recipients of subsidized housing, December 2022

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult
Cases	4,038	323	4,361
<i>% Cases</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>27%</i>

¹⁷ Reported here are the number of cases with 10% and 30% sanctions, and the number of cases with six or more unresolved sanction months. MFIP cases not complying with Employment Services requirements can be sanctioned with reduction of grant amounts. The first sanction is 10%, and if not resolved, the sanction is increased the next month to 30%. Some sanctions can be addressed (cured) and removed. In July 2003, the Minnesota Legislature instituted a policy that after the sixth occurrence of non-compliance, a case may face closure, or 100% sanction. Presanction procedures for FSS-enrolled adults are different from those for other MFIP adults. Note that MFIP sanctions were inactive much of the year due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, and resumed September 1, 2021