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# Minnesota Family Investment Program and the Diversionary Work Program: Characteristics of December 2010 Cases and Eligible Adults

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# Abbreviations Used in this Report

ACS	American Community Survey
DHS	Department of Human Services
DRA	Deficit Reduction Act
DWP	Diversionary Work Program
ES	Employment Services
FSS	Family Stabilization Services
GED	General Educational Development Equivalency Certificate
MFIP	Minnesota Family Investment Program
PRWORA	Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act
RSDI	Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TANF	Temporary Aid to Needy Families

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# Introduction

### MFIP and DWP: Family Cash Assistance in Minnesota

The Minnesota family cash assistance programs, the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP and Diversionary Work Program (DWP), provide financial payments and other services to help stabilize low-income families in their effort to become self-sufficient. Cash assistance is available to a household only if it includes a minor child or a pregnant woman. Services include job training and education, and employment support services such as childcare and transportation assistance. To continue to receive benefits, recipients are required to participate in approved activities documented in individual employment plans.

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 (PL 104-193), set federal program requirements for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) such as a five-year limit on cash assistance, a work-first emphasis, work participation requirements, and other rules. Within this broad framework, states have the flexibility to design TANF programs to meet their own state's needs. MFIP is Minnesota's TANF program. Minnesota uses the TANF federal block grant and its own funds to meet the needs of low-income families. TANF funds MFIP cases except for those with two eligible caregivers, a participant in Family Stabilization Services (FSS), and cases with a teen caregiver, disqualified caregiver, and certain types of non-citizens that are state-funded.

In 2005, the Deficit Reduction Act (PL 109-171) extended funding for TANF. It retained the original program main requirements and narrowed the definition of work activities, broadened the definition of which participants are required to participate in work activities to include some MFIP-ineligible caregivers, and increased work activity documentation requirements.

DWP is a short-term program meant to assist families in crisis to quickly regain employment. Most families applying for assistance are enrolled in DWP, up to its four month maximum unless they have been on MFIP within the last 12 months or are considered unlikely to benefit from DWP's intensive work supports. DWP enrolled its first participants in July 2004.

FSS is a MFIP service track for families, particularly those with multiple barriers or disabilities that may benefit from a more flexible employment plan. FSS started in February 2008 and it gives counties the choice to develop flexible employment plans with an emphasis on overcoming barriers to employment and a case management model to help families achieve the greatest amount of self-sufficiency possible. Minnesota funds FSS-eligible cases which are therefore not included in the federal Work Participation Rate (WPR). FSS-eligible cases are included with the MFIP case and person data in this report.

### **Report Format**

This report provides a snapshot of all active paid cases and eligible<sup>1</sup> adult and teenage caregivers in MFIP and DWP in December of the report year. Data are provided on the demographics of eligible

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> MFIP and DWP have rules that determine who is a member of the family receiving assistance and also has rules about which members are counted toward determination of the cash grant. An eligible person is someone determined under

caregivers; family composition, residence, and challenges; economic status of cases; and MFIP policy impacts. To reflect program differences, the MFIP population was divided into three categories: child-only cases that include children but not their caregivers in the grant, cases with one eligible adult, and cases with two eligible adults. The DWP population, which cannot include child-only cases, is divided into cases with one or two eligible adults. The Mille Lacs American Indian Tribal Council administers MFIP-eligible cases in its jurisdiction, including cases for tribal members in Hennepin, Ramsey, and Anoka Counties. Their Tribal TANF program is a separate program from MFIP and is only included in Table 1 of this report.

This is the 14<sup>th</sup> annual report in this series.<sup>2</sup> It is formatted quite differently from previous years, toward the continuing goal of making data more accessible to policy makers and the public. The large data tables of previous years are still included, now at the back of the report in the Data Tables section. There were small changes to the county/region table and FSS eligibility reasons were added to Table 5.

Important detailed policy and data definitions follow the large tables and are integral to understand the report.

What is new are 11 Quick Facts sheets that highlight important information from the larger tables and provide selected trend data comparing this December's data with data from previous reports using small charts and bulleted text. Relevant policy information needed for interpreting data are included in blue text boxes. The source table is referenced in the footer. Quick Facts sheets were designed to be stand-alone, mini-reports so that readers can share topics relevant to their work by copying a single page.

Important detailed policy and data definitions follow and are important in understanding the tables at the end of the report.

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program rules to be both in the family and is counted toward the grant. For more detail, see the Notes and Policy Definition Section of this report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Reports in this series can be found at <u>www.dhs.state.mn.us</u> (Economic Supports on top menu and MFIP / Reports on the left menu) in the section titled **MFIP and DWP Caseload and Participant Characteristics Reports**.

## MFIP AND DWP CASELOAD AND TRENDS

Quick Facts for December 2001 to 2010

- The overall family cash assistance caseload, which is MFIP and DWP cases, increased by 2 percent between December 2009 and December 2010. It had increased by 8 percent between December 2008 and December 2009 after falling each year since 2003.
- Since December 2009, all MFIP eligible-adult cases increased by 7 percent from 24,297 cases to 25,881 cases. One-eligible-adult cases increased by 5 percent and two-eligible-adult cases increased by 16 percent.
- As a percentage of the total caseload and in absolute numbers, MFIP child-only cases increased each year since MFIP began until the current year. Child-only cases remained at about the same level with an increase of only 17 cases.
- DWP cases decreased by 16 percent between December 2009 and December 2010 from 4,209 cases to 3,551 cases.

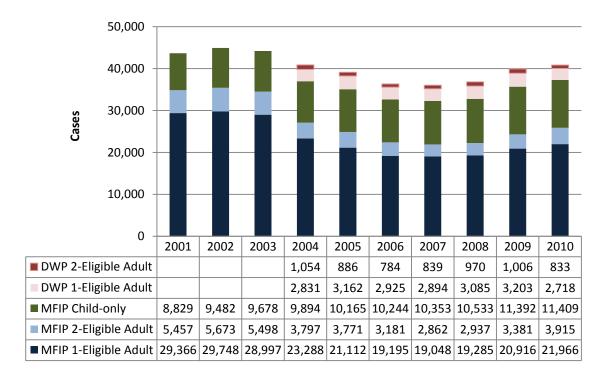


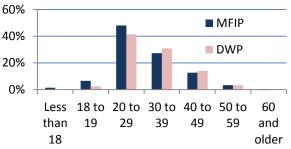
Figure 1. MFIP and DWP Caseloads, December 2001 to December 2010

## ELIGIBLE ADULTS ON MFIP AND DWP

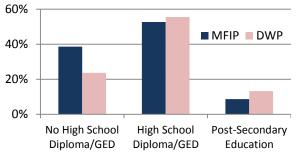
### Quick Facts for December 2010

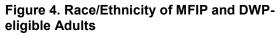
- The average age of MFIP-eligible caregivers was 30 years and of DWPeligible caregivers was 31 years with 48 percent MFIP-eligible caregivers and 42 percent of DWP-eligible caregivers in their 20s. (Figure 2)
- Eighty percent of MFIP-eligible adults and 73 percent of DWP-eligible adults were female.
- Sixty-one percent of MFIP-eligible adults and 74 percent of DWP-eligible adults had at least completed high school. (Figure 3)
- Most MFIP-eligible adults had never married (66 percent). Sixteen percent were married and living with a spouse. Half of DWP-eligible adults had never married and 24 percent were married and living with a spouse.
- Forty-one percent of MFIP-eligible adults and 53 percent of DWP-eligible adults were white, compared to 88 percent of all Minnesotan adults according to the 2010 US Census. Thirty-six percent of MFIPeligible and 21 percent of DWP-eligible adults were black compared to 4 percent of all Minnesotan adults (ACS). (Figure 4)

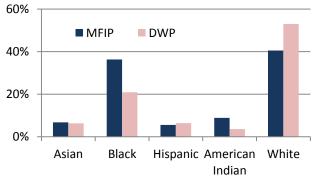
# Figure 2. Age of MFIP and DWP-eligible Adults









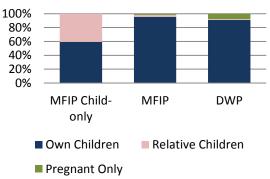


## FAMILIES ON MFIP AND DWP

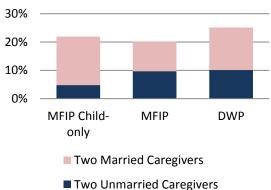
### Quick Facts for December 2010

- Most families with caregivers eligible for DWP or MFIP care for their own biological, adopted, or step children, although 3 percent of MFIP and 1 percent of DWP eligible-adult families care for a relative's children. Two percent of MFIP and 8 percent of DWP-eligible families are pregnant women with no other children. (Figure 5)
- About 60 percent of MFIP child-only families care for their own children and 40 percent care for a relative's children. (Figure 5)
- Twenty-two percent of MFIP child-only, 20 percent of MFIP eligible-adult, and 25 percent of DWP cases have two caregivers (parents of children on the case if unmarried), although both caregivers may not be eligible for the program. (Figure 6)
- In December 2010, 39 percent of caregivers in MFIP child-only cases were ineligible relative caregivers, 39 percent were parents eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for a disability, and 21 percent were undocumented noncitizens. (Figure 7)

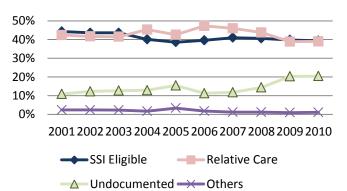
# Figure 5. Relationship of Children to Caregivers in MFIP and DWP Cases



# Figure 6. Two-Caregiver Families in MFIP and DWP Cases



#### Figure 7. Ineligibility Reasons of MFIP Childonly Caregivers, December 2001 to 2010

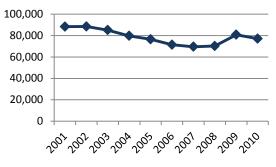


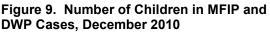
## CHILDREN ON MFIP AND DWP

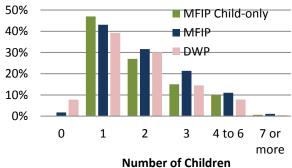
### Quick Facts for December Trends

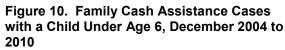
- In December 2010, there were 49,823 children eligible in MFIP eligible-adult cases, 20,946 children eligible in MFIP child-only cases, and 6,294 children eligible on DWP. (Figure 8)
- In December 2010, families receiving MFIP or DWP averaged 2 children. About half of families receiving MFIP child-only, 43 percent of MFIP, and 39 percent of DWP eligible families had only 1 child. (Figure 9)
- The average age of the youngest child in MFIP child-only eligible cases was 8 years, in MFIP eligible adult cases it was 4 years, and in DWP cases it was 6 years.
- The majority of MFIP and DWP eligible families had a child under age 6. In December 2010, 72 percent of MFIP eligible-adult cases and 55 percent of DWP cases had a child under age 6. Children in MFIP child-only cases tend to be older with 40 percent having a child under age 6 and 24 percent ages 6 to 10 years in that month. (Figure 10)
- Some children are ineligible for MFIP and DWP. Most ineligible children (more than 90 percent in MFIP eligible-adult and DWP cases) were ineligible due to their receipt of SSI. Two-thirds of ineligible children in MFIP child-only cases were ineligible due to SSI and one-third because they lacked US citizenship documents (they were siblings of eligible citizens).

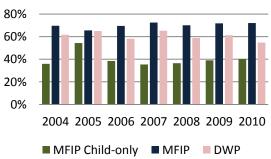
# Figure 8. Number of Children Eligible for MFIP or DWP, December 2001 to 2010











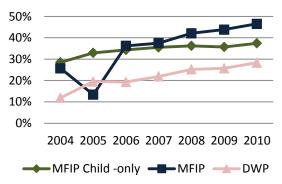
### MENTAL HEALTH, CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY, AND CHILD PROTECTION

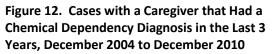
### Quick Facts for December Trends

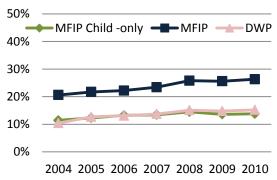
- Rates of serious mental health diagnoses have increased in all programs over the last 6 years, with 47 percent of MFIP cases with eligible caregivers, 37 percent of child-only cases, and 28 percent of DWP cases having at least one caregiver with such a diagnosis known in the three years up to December 2010. (Figure 11)
- Chemical dependency diagnoses have also increased, but not at the rate of mental health. Increases in diagnosis may be related to Family Stabilization Services (FSS) which began in February 2008 and provides alternative employment plans for certain MFIP participants, including those with a mental illness. (Figure 12)

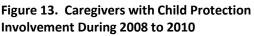
Data Note: Diagnoses data are only available for people when they were enrolled in Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare and claims were submitted. Diagnoses made for participants enrolled in a private health insurance program are not included.

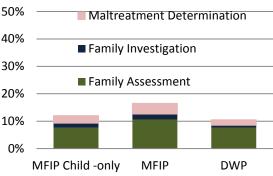
• Eleven percent of MFIP cases with eligible caregivers and 8 percent each of MFIP child-only and DWP cases were open in a Family Assessment case in Child Protection between 2008 and 2010. Four percent of MFIP eligible-adult, 3 percent of MFIP child-only, and 2 percent of DWP cases had a maltreatment determination made during the same period. (Figure 13) Figure 11. Cases with a Caregiver that Had a Serious Mental Health Diagnosis in the Last 3 Years, December 2004 to December 2010











# THE MFIP 60-MONTH TIME LIMIT

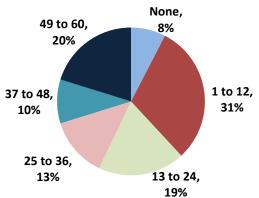
### Quick Facts for December Trends

- In December 2010, MFIP eligible-adult cases averaged 25 counted months (with nearly one-third at one year or less), DWP cases averaged 9 counted months from previous time on MFIP, and MFIP childonly cases averaged 14 counted months accumulated when the now ineligible caregiver was eligible. (Figure 14)
- The rates of cases with 12 or fewer and those with 55 to 60 counted months have remained fairly steady since December 2004, as new cases enter the program and other cases exit before reaching the time limit. (Figures 15 and 16)

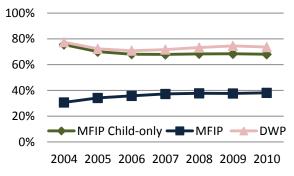
Policy Note: Except under specific hardship circumstances, MFIP participants may only use 60 months of cash assistance between the ages of 18 and 60. Minnesota started counting months as of July 1997, although some states started counting months as early as September 1996. TANF months in other states count toward the MFIP time limit. DWP months do not count.

• Forty-seven percent of DWP cases had at least one MFIP counted month from previous time on MFIP. Sixty-eight percent of DWP cases with counted months had 24 months or less (1,153 out of 1,661 DWP cases with counted months).

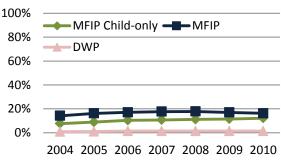
#### Figure 14. Counted Months of MFIP Eligible-Adult Cases in December 2010



#### Figure 15. MFIP and DWP Cases with 12 Counted Months or Less, December 2004 to December 2010



# Figure 16. MFIP and DWP Cases with 55 to 60 Counted Months, December 2004 to December 2010



# MFIP, DWP, AND FOOD SUPPORT GRANT AMOUNTS

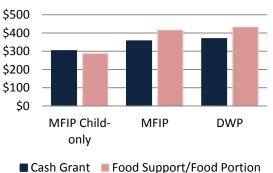
### Quick Facts for December 2010

- The average cash grant in December 2010 for MFIP child-only cases was \$303, for MFIP cases was \$357, and for DWP cases \$369. (Figure 17)
- Food Support and MFIP food portion average grants were higher than cash grants for MFIP eligible-adult and DWP cases. Food Support is adjusted for costof-living increases and cash grants have not been increased since 1986. The average food portion grant for MFIP eligible-adult cases was \$415 and average Food Support grant for DWP cases was \$431. (Figure 17)

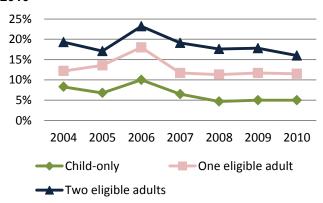
Policy Note: MFIP includes a food portion that can only be spent on food and a cash grant. DWP provides a cash grant (out of which housing and utilities are vendor paid) and families are categorically eligible for Food Support. Both programs have a grant maximum based on family size. From that amount the cash grant is decreased based upon amounts and types of income. The MFIP cash grant is decreased before the food portion and some families with earned income have a \$0 cash grant, but continue to receive the food portion.

• The percentage of MFIP cases with foodonly assistance peaked for all case types in 2006 at different levels, lowest for childonly cases, and was steady in 2008 and 2009, with a slight drop for two-eligibleadult cases in 2010. As grants most often decrease to \$0 due to earned income, this is an indicator of self-support. (Figure 18)

#### Figure 17. Average MFIP/DWP Cash and Food Support/MFIP Food Portion Grants



#### Figure 18. MFIP Cases with Food-only Assistance, December 2004 to December 2010



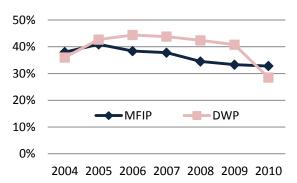
 Half of MFIP child-only cases have members that are ineligible for MFIP, but eligible for Food Support ("Uncle Harry cases"). The average Food Support grant for these cases was \$155, in addition to the MFIP food portion. Fourteen percent of MFIP cases with eligible adults also received Food Support for MFIPineligible members with an average amount of \$143.

### **EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS**

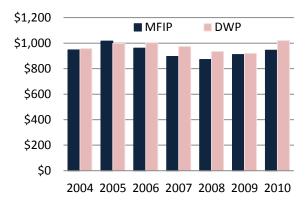
### Quick Facts for December Trends

- The percent of cases with reported work in December has fallen each year since peaks of 41 percent of MFIP eligible-adult cases in December 2005 and 44 percent of DWP cases in December 2006. (Figure 19)
- In December 2010, 30 percent of MFIP one-eligible-adult and 51 percent of MFIP two-eligible-adult cases had reported wages for December. One quarter of DWP one-eligible-adult cases and 40 percent of DWP two-eligible-adult cases reported wages.
- Average reported wages have fallen each December since 2005 for MFIP eligibleadult and 2006 for DWP cases until this year when average reported wages increased from \$911 to \$944 for MFIP cases and from \$920 to \$1,020 for DWP cases. Wages were not adjusted for inflation. (Figure 20)
- Although average wages have fallen and risen, the reported average work hours have changed very little from year to year. (Figure 21)
- For the second quarter 2010 (April to June), 36 percent of MFIP eligible-adult cases and 50 percent of DWP cases had wages reported to the Minnesota Unemployment Insurance wage system. The average quarterly wage was \$2,345 for MFIP-eligible families and \$4,388 for DWP-eligible families.

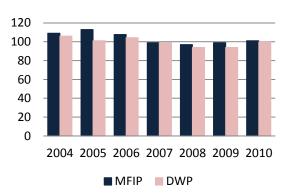
#### Figure 19. MFIP Eligible-Adult and DWP Cases with at Least One Caregiver with Reported Work



#### Figure 20. Average Reported Monthly Income of Employed MFIP Eligible-Adult and DWP Cases



#### Figure 21. Average Reported Monthly Work Hours of Employed MFIP Eligible-Adult and DWP Cases



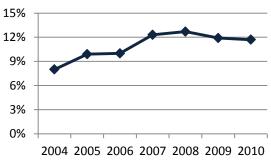
# **EXTENSIONS TO THE MFIP TIME LIMIT**

### Quick Facts for December 2010

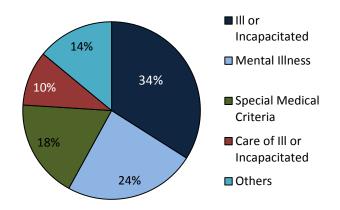
- The percentage of extended MFIP cases has slowly increased as new 60-month cases become extended and many ongoing extended cases remain eligible. The percentage decreased slightly in the last two years as more cases new to MFIP entered the program, causing the denominator (all MFIP cases) to grow faster than the numerator (extended cases). (Figure 22)
- Twelve percent of MFIP active cases were in extension in December 2010. Thirteen percent of one-eligible-adult cases and 5 percent of two-eligible-adult cases were extended. (Figure 22)
- The most common extension reasons were being ill or incapacitated for more than 30 days (34 percent), mental illness (24 percent), and having a family member that meets special medical criteria (18 percent). (Figure 23)
- About 40 percent of extended cases had been in extension for 3 years or more and about 25 percent had been extended for 1 year or less. (Figure 24)

Policy Note: MFIP cases can be extended beyond the time limit for certain documented hardships or when caregivers are employed but do not earn enough to exit MFIP. TANF rules require that no more than 20% of a state's caseload can be extended, but that only includes extended cases funded by TANF. Most of Minnesota's extended cases are state funded.

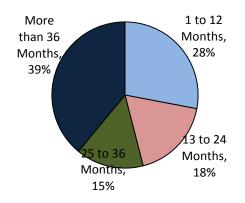




# Figure 23. Extension Reason of December 2010 Extended MFIP Cases



# Figure 24. Number of Extension Months of December 2010 Extended MFIP Cases



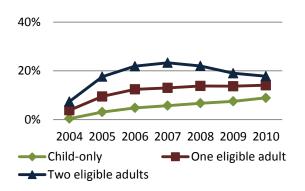
### **GRANT REDUCTIONS: SANCTIONS AND THE FAMILY CAP**

### Quick Facts for December Trends

Policy Note: If a caregiver does not comply with Employment Service (ES) requirements, the cash grant may be reduced by 10% in the first month and 30% thereafter. If the sanction is not resolved after 6 months, the case may be closed (100% sanctioned). DWP cases are closed for non-compliance. Caregivers eligible for FSS can only be sanctioned after a series of pre-sanction requirements have been met.

The family cap is a policy that children born after 10 consecutive months on MFIP do not result in an increased grant for the family. The family cap started to be applied in May 2004.

- ES Sanctions peaked at 8 percent of MFIP cases in 2005 and have been falling since. In December 2010, 5 percent of MFIP cases were in sanction. (Figure 25)
- The percentage of families with at least one child subject to the family cap increased as time passed which allowed the opportunity for more children to be born. It has fallen in eligible-adult cases lately, particularly for cases with two eligible adults, at least partly because new cases have increased the denominator. (Figure 26)
- Of the 15 percent of eligible-adult cases and 9 percent of child-only cases with a child impacted by the family cap, nearly 80 percent only have one child made ineligible. Less than 20 percent had two children and a few had three or more.





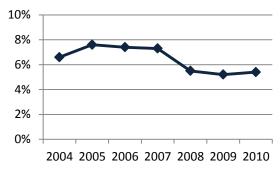
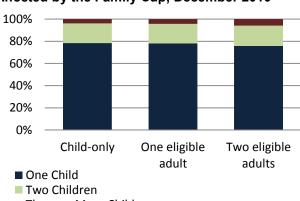
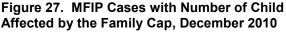
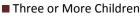


Figure 26. MFIP Cases by Case Type with at Least One Family Cap Child







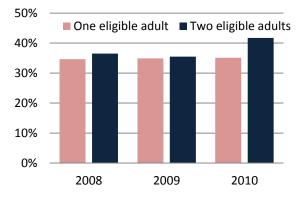
### **FAMILY STABILIZATION SERVICES**

### Quick Facts for December 2010

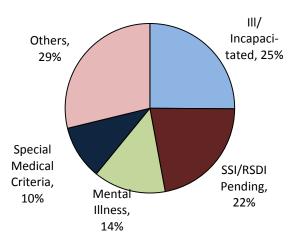
- Since 2008, the year FSS started, about 35 percent of MFIP one-eligible-adult cases have been eligible for FSS each month. A similar percentage of two-eligible-adult cases were eligible for FSS in 2008 and 2009, but in December 2010 the percentage increased to 42 percent. (Figure 28)
- The most common FSS eligibility reasons for one-eligible-adult cases are being ill or incapacitated for 30 days or more (26 percent), application pending Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (RSDI) (22 percent), and mental illness (15 percent).
- The most common FSS eligibility reasons for two-eligible-adult cases are being a new immigrant in the US for less than 12 months (27 percent), a pending SSI or RSDI application (24 percent), and being ill or incapacitated for more than 30 days (21 percent).

Policy Note: FSS is a MFIP service track for families with specific barriers to employment who might benefit from a more flexible employment plan. The eligibility categories are hierarchical so caregivers that meet more than one eligibility criterion will be assigned the highest category in the hierarchy. Two-eligibleadult cases are considered FSS-eligible if one caregiver meets any of the criteria.

# Figure 28. MFIP Cases with at Least One FSS-eligible Caregiver, December 2008 to December 2010



# Figure 29. FSS Eligibility Reasons, December 2010



# **Data Tables**

Table 1. December 2010 Counts and Percentages of MFIP, DWP, and Tribal TANF Paid Cases and Eligible People

	Tribal		N	<b>IFIP Cases</b>			D\	NP CASES	
Counts of Cases	TANF	Total	Total Child-		of Eligible A	Adults	Number	er of Eligible Adults	
	TANE	MFIP	Only	One	Two	Total	One	Two	Total
PAID CASES	213	37,290	11,409	21,966	3,915	25,881	2,718	833	3,551
	100.0%	100%	30.6%	58.9%	10.5%	69.4%	76.5%	23.5%	100%
ELIGIBLE ADULTS	260	29,796	0	21,966	7,830	29,796	2,718	1,666	4,384
	100.0%	100%	0.0%	73.7%	26.3%	100.0%	62.0%	38.0%	100.0%
ELIGIBLE CHILDREN	376	70,769	20,946	39,875	9,948	49,823	4,270	2,024	6,294
	100.0%	100%	29.6%	56.3%	14.1%	70.4%	67.8%	32.2%	100.0%

		MF	IP Cases	6	DV	VP Cases	3
		Number	of Eligible A	Adults	Number	of Eligible /	Adults
		One	Two	Total	One	Two	Total
ADULTS	Count	21,966	7,830	29,796	2,718	1,666	4,384
	Percent	73.7%	26.3%	100.0%	62.0%	38.0%	100.0%
AGE	Mean	29.6	31.1	30.0	30.2	31.4	30.7
	Median	28	29	28	29	30	29
	Minimum	13	15	13	17	16	16
	Maximum	81	72	81	58	64	64
	< 18	393	43	436	0	4	4
		1.8%	0.5%	1.5%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%
	18 - 19	1,565	398	1,963	64	48	112
		7.1%	5.1%	6.6%	2.4%	2.9%	2.6%
	20 - 29	10,803	3,517	14,319	1,232	739	1,971
		49.2%	44.9%	48.1%	45.3%	44.4%	45.0%
	30 - 39	5,788	2,368	8,156	904	565	1,469
		26.3%	30.2%	27.4%	33.3%	33.9%	33.5%
	40 - 49	2,651	1,139	3,790	429	241	670
		12.1%	14.5%	12.7%	15.8%	14.5%	15.3%
	50 - 59	689	310	999	89	69	158
		3.1%	4.0%	3.4%	3.3%	4.1%	3.6%
	60 and over	77	55	132	0	0	0
		0.4%	0.7%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
GENDER	Female	19,947	3,915	23,862	2,373	833	3,206
		90.8%	50.0%	80.1%	87.3%	50.0%	73.1%
	Male	2,019	3,915	5,934	345	833	1,178
		9.2%	50.0%	19.9%	12.7%	50.0%	26.9%
EDUCATION	None, < 1st, Unknown	1,016	942	1,958	94	111	205
		4.6%	12.0%	6.6%	3.5%	6.7%	4.7%
	Grade School	377	247	624	39	21	60
		1.7%	3.2%	2.1%	1.4%	1.3%	1.4%
	Some High School	6,736	2,186	8,921	500	359	859
		30.7%	27.9%	29.9%	18.4%	21.5%	19.6%
	High School Graduate	11,785	3,903	15,688	1,660	975	2,635
		53.7%	49.8%	52.7%	61.1%	58.5%	60.1%
	Some Post-Secondary	1,755	433	2,188	336	161	497
		8.0%	5.5%	7.3%	12.4%	9.7%	11.3%
	College Graduate	162	65	227	46	25	71
		0.7%	0.8%	0.8%	1.7%	1.5%	1.6%
	Graduate Degree	135	54	189	43	14	57
		0.6%	0.7%	0.6%	1.6%	0.8%	1.3%
	High School Grad or Higher	13,837	4,455	18,292	2,085	1,175	3,260
		63.0%	56.9%	61.4%	76.7%	70.5%	74.4%
MARITAL STATUS	Divorced	1,545	172	1,717	357	31	388
		7.0%	2.2%	5.8%	13.1%	1.9%	8.9%
	Legally Separated	74	6	80	15	1	16
		0.3%	0.1%	0.3%	0.6%	0.1%	0.4%
	Married, Living with Spouse	835	3,951	4,786	54	992	1,046
		3.8%	50.5%	16.1%	2.0%	59.5%	23.9%
	Never Married	16,234	3,492	19,726	1,717	622	2,339
		73.9%	44.6%	66.2%	63.2%	37.3%	53.4%
	Married, Living Apart	3,082	206	3,288	548	20	568
		14.0%	2.6%	11.0%	20.2%	1.2%	13.0%
	Widowed	195	3	198	27	0	27
		0.9%	0.0%	0.7%	1.0%	0.0%	0.6%

Table 2.Demographic Characteristics of Eligible Adults on December 2010 MFIP and DWP Paid	
Cases	

		M	FIP Cases	6	DV	VP Cases	6
		Number	of Eligible A	Adults	Number	of Eligible A	Adults
		One	Two	Total	One	Two	Total
ACE/ETHNICITY	Asian	924	1,113	2,037	103	197	300
		4.2%	14.2%	6.8%	3.8%	11.8%	6.8%
	Black	8,661	2,141	10,802	714	278	992
		39.4%	27.3%	36.3%	26.3%	16.7%	22.6%
	Hispanic	1,286	389	1,675	182	123	305
		5.9%	5.0%	5.6%	6.7%	7.4%	7.0%
	American Indian	1,970	690	2,660	107	65	172
		9.0%	8.8%	8.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%
	White	8,701	3,378	12,078	1,549	969	2,518
		39.6%	43.1%	40.5%	57.0%	58.2%	57.4%
	Multiple	380	90	470	33	22	55
		1.7%	1.1%	1.6%	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%
CITIZENSHIP	Non-U.S.	2,150	1,928	4,077	206	223	429
		9.8%	24.6%	13.7%	7.6%	13.4%	9.8%
	U.S.	19,816	5,902	25,718	2,512	1,443	3,955
		90.2%	75.4%	86.3%	92.4%	86.6%	90.2%
RACE/ETHNICITY	Asian	467	849	1,316	37	105	142
OF NONCITIZENS	Percent of All Asians	50.5%	76.3%	64.6%	35.9%	53.3%	47.3%
	Black	1,408	761	2,169	104	74	178
	Percent of All Blacks	16.3%	35.5%	20.1%	14.6%	26.6%	17.9%
	Hispanic	180	50	230	47	17	64
	Percent of All Hispanics	14.0%	12.9%	13.7%	25.8%	13.8%	21.0%
	American Indian	3	1	4	0	1	1
	Percent of All American Indians	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	1.5%	0.6%
	White	82	255	337	16	21	37
	Percent of All White	<b>s</b> 3.8%	13.2%	8.3%	1.0%	2.2%	1.5%

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			MFIP Cases				VP Cases	\$
			Number	of Eligible A	dults	Number	of Eligible A	dults
		Child-Only	One	Two	Total	One	Two	Total
CASES	Count	11,409	21,966	3,915	25,881	2,718	833	3,551
		30.6%	58.9%	10.5%	69.4%	76.5%	23.5%	100.0%
FAMILY TYPE	Natural/Adopted/Step Children	6,766	20,922	3,815	24,737	2,406	819	3,225
		59.3%	95.2%	97.4%	95.6%	88.5%	98.3%	90.8%
	Relative Care	4,448	231	8	239	23	1	24
		39.0%	1.1%	0.2%	0.9%	0.8%	0.1%	0.7%
	Natural/Adopted/Step and Relative Care	195	379	72	451	21	5	26
		1.7%	1.7%	1.8%	1.7%	0.8%	0.6%	0.7%
	Pregnant Only	0	434	19	453	268	8	276
		0.0%	2.0%	0.5%	1.8%	9.9%	1.0%	7.8%
TWO CAREGIVERS	Count of Cases	2,496	1,302	3,914	5,216	58	833	891
		21.9%	5.9%	100.0%	20.2%	2.1%	100.0%	25.1%
MARRIED	Count of Cases	1,948	751	1,965	2,716	39	495	534
		17.1%	3.4%	50.2%	10.5%	1.4%	59.4%	15.0%
INELIGIBLE	Relative Caregivers	5,476	12		12	0		0
CAREGIVERS:		39.4%	0.9%		0.0%	0.0%		0.0%
CAREGIVERS: PEOPLE COUNTS	SSI Parents	5,426	849		849	24		24
		39.0%	65.2%		3.3%	41.4%		0.7%
	Undocumented Non-citizen Parents	2,844	199		199	33		33
		20.5%	15.3%		0.8%	56.9%		0.9%
	MFIP Disqualified Parents	127	23		23	1		1
		0.9%	1.8%		0.1%	0.0%		0.0%
	Reached 60th Month And Opted Out	15	212		212	-		-
		0.1%	16.3%		0.8%			
	Other Ineligible Parents	18	7		7	0		0
		0.1%	0.5%		0.0%	0.0%		0.0%
	Count	13,906	1,302		1,302	58		58
INELIGIBLE CHILDREN:	SSI Children	918	2,093	280	2,373	105	33	138
PEOPLE COUNTS		67.1%	94.6%	98.6%	95.1%	92.9%	91.7%	92.6%
PEOPLE COUNTS	Undocumented Non-citizens	425	30	1	31	1	2	3
		31.0%	1.4%	0.4%	1.2%	0.9%	5.6%	2.0%
	Other Ineligible Children	25	89	4	93	7	1	8
		1.8%	4.0%	1.4%	3.7%	6.2%	2.8%	5.4%
	Count	1,369	2,212	284	2,496	113	36	149
	Percent of All Children	6.1%	5.3%	2.8%	4.8%	2.6%	1.7%	2.3%

 Table 3. Family Composition, Residence, and Challenges of December 2010 MFIP and DWP Paid Cases

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				MFIP C	ases		DV	VP Cases	\$
			Child-Only	Number	of Eligible A	Adults	Number	of Eligible A	Adults
			Child-Only	One	Two	Total	One	Two	Total
ELIGIBLE CHILDREN	Mean		1.8	1.8	2.5	1.9	1.6	2.4	1.8
	Median		1	1	2	2	1	2	2 0
	Minimum		1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Maximum		13	11	12	12	8	10	10
		0	0	876	47	923	300	11	311
			0.0%	4.0%	1.2%	3.6%	11.0%	1.3%	8.8%
		1	5,840	10,438	983	11,421	1,224	188	1,412
			51.2%	47.5%	25.1%	44.1%	45.0%	22.6%	39.8%
		2	3,125	5,839	1,238	7,077	745	298	1,043
			27.4%	26.6%	31.6%	27.3%	27.4%	35.8%	29.4%
		3	1,472	2,869	819	3,688	307	194	501
			12.9%	13.1%	20.9%	14.2%	11.3%	23.3%	14.1%
		4 - 6	924	1,803	731	2,534	135	131	266
			8.1%	8.2%	18.7%	9.8%	5.0%	15.7%	7.5%
		7 - 9	46	131	91	222	7	10	17
			0.4%	0.6%	2.3%	0.9%	0.3%	1.2%	0.5%
		10 or more	2	10	6	16	0	1	1
			0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
	Count		20,946	39,875	9,948	49,823	4,270	2,024	6,294
ALL CHILDREN	Mean		2.0	2.0	2.6	2.0	1.8	2.5	2.0
	Median		2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	Minimum		1	0	1	0	1	1	1
	Maximum		13	11	12	12	8	10	10
		0	0	434	19	453	268	8	276
			0.0%	2.0%	0.5%	1.8%	9.9%	1.0%	7.8%
		1	5,369	10,206	940	11,146	1,212	180	1,392
			47.1%	46.5%	24.0%	43.1%	44.6%	21.6%	39.2%
		2	3,131	6,011	1,237	7,248	768	300	1,068
			27.4%	27.4%	31.6%	28.0%	28.3%	36.0%	30.1%
		3	1,673	3,053	839	3,892	318	198	516
			14.7%	13.9%	21.4%	15.0%	11.7%	23.8%	14.5%
		4 - 6	1,169	2,086	773	2,859	145	135	280
			10.2%	9.5%	19.7%	11.0%	5.3%	16.2%	7.9%
		7 - 9	65	163	100	263	7	11	18
			0.6%	0.7%	2.6%	1.0%	0.3%	1.3%	0.5%
		10 or more	2	13	7	20	0	1	1
			0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
	Count of All Children		22,315	42,087	10,232	52,319	4,383	2,060	6,443

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			MFIP C	ases		DV	VP Cases	5
		Child-Only	Number	of Eligible /	Adults	Number of Eligible Adults		
		Child-Only	One	Two	Total	One	Two	Total
AGE OF YOUNGEST	Mean	8.0	4.3	2.9	4.1	6.3	3.6	5.6
CHILD	Median	7	3	1	2	5	2	4
	Minimum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Maximum	19	19	19	19	19	17	19
	< 1 year old	676	4,317	1,188	5,505	60	225	285
		5.9%	19.7%	30.3%	21.3%	2.2%	27.0%	8.0%
	1-5 years old	3,907	11,116	2,014	13,130	1,261	397	1,658
		34.2%	50.6%	51.4%	50.7%	46.4%	47.7%	46.7%
	6-10 years old	2,764	3,259	409	3,668	615	122	737
		24.2%	14.8%	10.4%	14.2%	22.6%	14.6%	20.8%
	11-12 years old	1,028	891	103	994	167	33	200
		9.0%	4.1%	2.6%	3.8%	6.1%	4.0%	5.6%
	13-15 years old	1,585	1,110	97	1,207	198	35	233
		13.9%	5.1%	2.5%	4.7%	7.3%	4.2%	6.6%
	>15 years old	1,449	839	85	924	149	13	162
		12.7%	3.8%	2.2%	3.6%	5.5%	1.6%	4.6%
REGION	Hennepin County	3,725	6,643	843	7,486	623	120	743
		32.6%	30.2%	21.5%	28.9%	22.9%	14.4%	20.9%
	Ramsey County	2,219	4,738	950	5,688	383	147	530
		19.4%	21.6%	24.3%	22.0%	14.1%	17.6%	14.9%
	Metro Suburban	1,619	3,237	523	3,760	574	163	737
		14.2%	14.7%	13.4%	14.5%	21.1%	19.6%	20.8%
	Greater Minnesota	3,846	7,348	1,599	8,947	1,138	403	1,541
		33.7%	33.5%	40.8%	34.6%	41.9%	48.4%	43.4%
FAMILY VIOLENCE	MFIP Exemption or Extension		1,843	88	1,931	38	3	41
	2000 - 2010		8.4%	2.2%	7.5%	1.4%	0.4%	1.2%
SERIOUS MENTAL	2008 - 2010	4,263	10,236	1,806	12,042	756	248	1,004
HEALTH DIAGNOSIS		37.4%	46.6%	46.1%	46.5%	27.8%	29.8%	28.3%
	2010	3,322	8,128	1,454	9,582	8,128	1,454	12,904
		29.1%	37.0%	37.1%	37.0%	299.0%	174.5%	363.4%
CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY	2008 - 2010	1,579	5,644	1,162	6,806	393	147	540
DIAGNOSIS		13.8%	25.7%	29.7%	26.3%	14.5%	17.6%	15.2%
	2010	920	3,523	742	4,265	246	79	325
		8.1%	16.0%	19.0%	16.5%	9.1%	9.5%	9.2%
CHILD PROTECTION	Family Assessment	867	2,322	418	2,740	207	66	273
2008 - 2010		7.6%	10.6%	10.7%	10.6%	7.6%	7.9%	7.7%
	Family Investigation	196	438	67	505	22	8	30
		1.7%	2.0%	1.7%	2.0%	0.8%	1.0%	0.8%
	Child Maltreatment Determination	304	901	107	1,008	54	16	70
		2.7%	4.1%	2.7%	3.9%	2.0%	1.9%	2.0%

			MFIP Cases				VP Cases	3
		Child Only	Number	of Eligible A	dults	Number	of Eligible A	Adults
		Child-Only	One	Two	Total	One	Two	Total
CASES	Count	11,409	21,966	3,915	25,881	2,718	833	3,551
		30.6%	58.9%	10.5%	69.4%	76.5%	23.5%	100.0%
COUNTED MFIP MONTHS	Mean	13.9	26.0	20.7	25.3	9.0	7.8	8.7
Sept. 1996 to Dec. 2010	Median	0	21	15	20	0	0	0
Maximum for Eligible Adult in Case	No Counted Months	6,513	1,728	234	1,962	1,406	484	1,890
		57.1%	7.9%	6.0%	7.6%	51.7%	58.1%	53.2%
	1 - 12 Months	1,241	6,282	1,608	7,890	544	181	725
		10.9%	28.6%	41.1%	30.5%	20.0%	21.7%	20.4%
	13 - 24 Months	788	4,121	801	4,922	349	79	428
		6.9%	18.8%	20.5%	19.0%	12.8%	9.5%	12.1%
	25 - 36 Months	655	2,896	501	3,397	203	41	244
		5.7%	13.2%	12.8%	13.1%	7.5%	4.9%	6.9%
	37 - 42 Months	282	1,135	178	1,313	71	14	85
		2.5%	5.2%	4.5%	5.1%	2.6%	1.7%	2.4%
	43 - 48 Months	299	1,026	143	1,169	62	13	75
		2.6%	4.7%	3.7%	4.5%	2.3%	1.6%	2.1%
	49 - 54 Months	242	868	135	1,003	46	9	55
		2.1%	4.0%	3.4%	3.9%	1.7%	1.1%	1.5%
	55 - 60 Months	1,389	3,910	315	4,225	37	12	49
		12.2%	17.8%	8.0%	16.3%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%
DWP ELIGIBILITY MONTHS	1st Month					674	227	901
						24.8%	27.3%	25.4%
	2nd Month					774	236	1,010
						28.5%	28.3%	28.4%
	3rd Month					680	172	852
						25.0%	20.6%	24.0%
	4th Month					590	198	788
						21.7%	23.8%	22.2%
NEW CASES IN 2010	Minnesota Resident before 2010	1,220	3,394	615	4,009	897	316	1,213
	Percent of New Cases	88.0%	80.0%	55.7%	75.0%	69.3%	71.3%	69.8%
	Moved into State in 2010	166	849	490	1,339	398	127	525
	Percent of New Cases	12.0%	20.0%	44.3%	25.0%	30.7%	28.7%	30.2%
	Total of New Cases	1,386	4,243	1,105	5,348	1,295	443	1,738
	Percent of All Cases	12.1%	19.3%	28.2%	20.7%	47.6%	53.2%	48.9%

### Table 4. Economic Characteristics of December 2010 MFIP and DWP Paid Cases

			MFIP C	Cases		DV	VP Cases	5
			Number	<sup>·</sup> of Eligible A	dults	Number	of Eligible /	Adults
		Child-Only	One	Two	Total	One	Two	Total
CASH GRANT	Mean of All Cases in Column	\$303	\$348	\$410	\$357	\$336	\$473	\$369
MFIP FOOD PORTION	Mean of All Cases in Column	\$286	\$391	\$549	\$415			
FOOD SUPPORT - UNCLE HARRY	Mean of Cases Receiving	\$155	\$142	\$148	\$143			
	Percent of Cases in Column Receiving	49.7%	14.3%	9.6%	13.6%			
FOOD SUPPORT - OTHER CASES	Mean of Cases Receiving	\$296	\$399	\$587	\$430	\$389	\$568	\$431
	Percent of Cases in Column Receiving	2.0%	5.4%	6.2%	6.4%	93.7%	94.0%	93.7%
MFIP FOOD-ONLY ASSISTANCE	Mean	\$193	\$319	\$410	\$337			
	Count of Cases	566	2,518	626	3,144			
	Percent of All Cases	5.0%	11.5%	16.0%	12.1%			
INCOME FROM WORK	Count of Cases	1,089	6,515	1,986	8,501	682	331	1,013
	Percent of All Cases	9.5%	29.7%	50.7%	32.8%	25.1%	39.7%	28.5%
EARNED INCOME	Mean of Working Cases	\$863	\$873	\$1,179	\$944	\$907	\$1,253	\$1,020
	Median	\$642	\$753	\$1,032	\$803	\$713	\$1,059	\$825
BUDGETED EARNINGS	Mean of Working Cases		\$457	\$595	\$491	\$489	\$651	\$545
	Median		\$416	\$534	\$439	\$405	\$548	\$445
WORK HOURS	Mean of Working Cases	91.1	93.7	125.1	101.0	89.1	121.8	99.9
	Median	80	87	120	93	80	109	90
	1 - 79 Hours	493	2843	616	3,459	314	107	421
		4.3%	12.9%	15.7%	13.4%	11.6%	12.8%	11.9%
	80 - 119 Hours	232	1,562	348	1,910	143	67	210
		2.0%	7.1%	8.9%	7.4%	5.3%	8.0%	5.9%
	120 - 159 Hours	140	1,144	392	1,536	95	52	147
		1.2%	5.2%	10.0%	5.9%	3.5%	6.2%	4.1%
	160 Hours or More	190	893	609	1,502	111	101	212
		1.7%	4.1%	15.6%	5.8%	4.1%	12.1%	6.0%
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WAGES FOR	Mean of Cases with UI Wages	\$7,694	\$2,181	\$2,947	\$2,345	\$3,986	\$5,360	\$4,388
QUARTER 2, 2010	Median	\$6,501	\$1,759	\$2,435	\$1,872	\$3,648	\$4,907	\$3,927
	Count of Cases	2,785	7,347	1,997	9,344	1,247	516	1,763
	Percent of All Cases	24.4%	33.4%	51.0%	36.1%	45.9%	61.9%	49.6%

			MFIP C	Cases		DV	VP Case	S
			Number	of Eligible A	dults	Number	of Eligible	Adults
		Child-Only	One	Two	Total	One	Two	Total
CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	Youngest Child Less than Age 6	243	6,169	810	6,979	614	151	765
ELIGIBILITY		2.1%	28.1%	20.7%	27.0%	22.6%	18.1%	21.5%
	Youngest Child Age 6 to 12 Years	45	432	19	451	118	2	120
		0.4%	2.0%	0.5%	1.7%	4.3%	0.2%	3.4%
	Any Eligible Child	288	6,601	829	7,430	732	153	885
		2.5%	30.1%	21.2%	28.7%	26.9%	18.4%	24.9%
SSI RECEIPT	Any Adult or Child	5,096	2,535	244	2,779	116	30	146
		44.7%	11.5%	6.2%	10.7%	4.3%	3.6%	4.1%
CHILD SUPPORT DISBURSEMENTS	Current Mean for Cases Receiving	\$185	\$213	\$148	\$212	\$314	\$299	\$313
	Median	\$156	\$173	\$141	\$173	\$268	\$282	\$270
	Count	1,647	3,084	17	3,101	501	54	555
	Percent of Cases	14.4%	14.0%	0.4%	12.0%	18.4%	6.5%	15.6%
	Sum	\$304,826	\$656,049	\$2,509	\$657,888	\$157,331	\$16,155	\$173,486
	Arrears Mean for Cases Receiving	\$105	\$100	\$113	\$100	\$152	\$140	\$150
	Median	\$42	\$48	\$47	\$48	\$62	\$48	\$61
	Count	948	1,919	121	2,010	220	42	262
	Percent of Cases	8.3%	8.7%	3.1%	7.8%	8.1%	5.0%	7.4%
	Sum	\$99,137	\$191,080	\$13,709	\$204,789	\$33,496	\$5,864	\$39,359
	Total Mean for Cases Receiving	\$216	\$238	\$123	\$233	\$363	\$339	\$360
	Median	\$156	\$177	\$54	\$174	\$287	\$292	\$287
	Count	1,868	3,562	132	3,694	526	65	591
	Percent of Cases	16.4%	16.2%	3.4%	14.3%	19.4%	7.8%	16.6%
	Sum	\$403,267	\$846,045	\$16,218	\$862,263	\$190,827	\$22,019	\$212,846

			MFIP C	ases	
		Child Only	Number	of Eligible A	dults
		Child-Only	One	Two	Total
CASES	Count	11,409	21,966	3,915	25,881
	Percent of All Cases	30.6%	58.9%	10.5%	69.4%
TIME LIMIT EXEMPTIONS	Count of Cases	0	2,128	336	2,464
	Percent of All Cases	0.0%	9.7%	8.6%	9.5%
	18 - 19, Attending High School	0	771	153	924
	Percent of Exempted Cases		36.2%	45.5%	37.5%
	Caregiver on Indian Reservation	0	505	97	602
			23.7%	28.9%	24.4%
	Minor Caregiver	0	350	24	374
			16.4%	7.1%	15.2%
	Family Violence Waiver	0	443	16	459
	-		20.8%	4.8%	18.6%
	Caregiver 60 or Older	0	59	46	105
			2.8%	13.7%	4.3%
TIME LIMIT EXTENSIONS	Count		2,851	180	3,031
	Percent of MFIP Cases		13.0%	4.6%	11.7%
EXTENSION MONTHS	Mean		34.4	30.1	34.1
	Median		28	21	28
	Minimum		1	1	1
	Maximum		109	101	109
	1 - 12 Months		785	59	844
	Percent of Extended Cases		27.5%	32.8%	27.8%
	13 - 24 Months		502	35	537
			17.6%	19.4%	17.7%
	25 - 36 Months		430	24	454
			15.1%	13.3%	15.0%
	More than 36 Months		1,134	62	1,196
			39.8%	34.4%	39.5%
EXTENSION REASON	III or Incapacitated		964	62	1,026
	Percent of Extended Cases		33.8%	34.4%	33.9%
	Mentally III		690	50	741
	mentary m		24.2%	27.8%	24.4%
	Special Medical Criteria		525	21.070	553
	opecial medical offeria		18.4%	14.4%	18.2%
	IQ Between 70 and 80		112	5	118
			3.9%	2.8%	3.9%
	Care of III or Incapacitated		281	2.070	302
	Care of in of incapacitated		9.9%	11.7%	10.0%
	Employment Required Hours		122	12	134
			4.3%	6.7%	4.4%
	Unemployable		4.3%	0.7 /0	4.4 %
	Unemployable		0.7%	0.6%	0.7%
	Family Violence Waiver		90	0.078	91
	i anniy violence vvalver		90 3.2%	۱ 0.6%	3.0%
	Learning Disabled				
	Learning Disabled		23	1	24
	Developmental Dischilter		0.8%	0.6%	0.8%
	Developmental Disability		18	1	19
	Anneal		0.6%	0.6%	0.6%
	Appeal		7	0	1
			0.2%	0.0%	0.2%

### Table 5. MFIP Policies and December 2010 Paid Cases

			MFIP (	Cases	
		Child Only	Number	of Eligible A	dults
		Child-Only	One	Two	Total
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES SANCTIONS	10 % ES Sanction	1	271	75	347
	30 % ES Sanction	48	837	159	1,044
	All Cases with ES Sanctions	49	1,108	234	1,391
	Percent of All Cases	0.4%	5.0%	6.0%	5.4%
	Six Counted Sanction Months	5	152	24	181
	Percent of All Cases	0.0%	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%
HOUSING SUBSID Y	Mean Subsidy Amount > \$0	\$631	\$696	\$663	\$693
	Count	2,913	6,124	690	6,814
	Percent	25.5%	27.9%	17.6%	26.3%
GRANT DEDUCTION FOR HOUSING SUBSIDY	Mean Deduction > \$0	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
	Count	43	3,559	489	4,048
	Percent	0.4%	0.2%	1.3%	0.2%
FAMILY CAP	Count of Cases with One Child	799	2,399	529	2,928
	Two Children	176	560	125	685
	Three or More Children	37	137	42	216
	Percentage of Cases	8.9%	14.1%	17.8%	14.8%
FAMILY STABILIZATION SERVICES	Count	33	7,703	1,634	9,370
	Percent of All Cases	0.3%	35.1%	41.7%	36.2%
ELIGIBILITY REASON	III or Incapacitated	9	2,004	343	2,356
	Percent of FSS Cases	27.3%	26.0%	21.0%	25.1%
	SSI or RSDI Application	4	1,662	399	2,065
		12.1%	21.6%	24.4%	22.0%
	Mental Illness	2	1,169	118	1,289
		6.1%	15.2%	7.2%	13.8%
	Special Medical Criteria	5	882	77	964
		15.2%	11.5%	4.7%	10.3%
	Care of III or Incapacitated	2	660	112	774
		6.1%	8.6%	6.9%	8.3%
	New Immigrant	0	262	433	695
		0.0%	3.4%	26.5%	7.4%
	Family Violence Waiver	0	417	11	428
		0.0%	5.4%	0.7%	4.6%
	Unemployable	5	202	47	254
		15.2%	2.6%	2.9%	2.7%
	IQ Between 70 and 80	4	216	27	247
		12.1%	2.8%	1.7%	2.6%
	Other Disability	2	116	34	152
		6.1%	1.5%	2.1%	1.6%
	Age 60 or Older	0	43	24	67
		0.0%	0.6%	1.5%	0.7%
	Learning Disability	0	47	8	55
		0.0%	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%
	Developmental Disability	0	23	1	24
		0.0%	0.3%	0.1%	0.3%

		MFIP C	ases				DWP C	ases	
	Child Only	Number	of Eligible A	dults	Percent of	Number	r of Eligible A	Adults	Percent of
County/Region/ State	Child-Only	One	Two	Total	State	One	Two	Total	State
AITKIN	27	47	15	62		12	9	21	
	30.3%	52.8%	16.9%	69.7%	0.2%	57.1%	42.9%	100.0%	0.6%
ANOKA	522	1,162	223	1,385		181	65	246	
	27.4%	60.9%	11.7%	72.6%	5.1%	73.6%	26.4%	100.0%	6.9%
BECKER	106	162	44	206		18	8	26	
	34.0%	51.9%	14.1%	66.0%	0.8%	69.2%	30.8%	100.0%	0.7%
BELTRAMI	431	907	181	1,088		41	18	59	
	28.4%	59.7%	11.9%	71.6%	4.1%	69.5%	30.5%	100.0%	1.7%
BENTON	46	141	26	167		36	5	41	
	21.6%	66.2%	12.2%	78.4%	0.6%	87.8%	12.2%	100.0%	1.2%
BIG STONE	5	13	3	16		2	0	2	
	23.8%	61.9%	14.3%	76.2%	0.1%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.1%
BLUE EARTH	58	161	39	200		29	9	38	
	22.5%	62.4%	15.1%	77.5%	0.7%	76.3%	23.7%	100.0%	1.1%
BROWN	14	44	8	52		14	6	20	
	21.2%	66.7%	12.1%	78.8%	0.2%	70.0%	30.0%	100.0%	0.6%
CARLTON	71	89	19	108		22	9	31	
	39.7%	49.7%	10.6%	60.3%	0.5%	71.0%	29.0%	100.0%	0.9%
CARVER	46	82	12	94		21	5	26	
	32.9%	58.6%	8.6%	67.1%	0.4%	80.8%	19.2%	100.0%	0.7%
CASS	137	154	32	186		31	9	40	
	42.4%	47.7%	9.9%	57.6%	0.9%	77.5%	22.5%	100.0%	1.1%
CHIPPEWA	18	44	4	48		12	6	18	
	27.3%	66.7%	6.1%	72.7%	0.2%	66.7%	33.3%	100.0%	0.5%
CHISAGO	39	68	11	79		20	5	25	
	33.1%	57.6%	9.3%	66.9%	0.3%	80.0%	20.0%	100.0%	0.7%
CLAY	71	183	47	230		38	11	49	
	23.6%	60.8%	15.6%	76.4%	0.8%	77.6%	22.4%	100.0%	1.4%
CLEARWATER	26	47	10	57		8	2	10	
	31.3%	56.6%	12.0%	68.7%	0.2%	80.0%	20.0%	100.0%	0.3%
соок	3	9	1	10	- /-	3	1	4	
	23.1%	69.2%	7.7%	76.9%	0.0%	75.0%	25.0%	100.0%	0.1%

 Table 6. December 2010 MFIP and DWP Paid Cases by County and Region

		MFIP C	ases				DWP C	ases	
		Number	of Eligible A	dults	Percent of	Number	of Eligible A	dults	Percent of
County/Region/ State	Child-Only	One	Two	Total	State	One	Two	Total	State
COTTONWOOD	24	27	6	33		11	2	13	
	42.1%	47.4%	10.5%	57.9%	0.2%	84.6%	15.4%	100.0%	0.4%
CROW WING	92	193	36	229		34	17	51	
	28.7%	60.1%	11.2%	71.3%	0.9%	66.7%	33.3%	100.0%	1.4%
DAKOTA	516	905	111	1,016		144	35	179	
	33.7%	59.1%	7.2%	66.3%	4.1%	80.4%	19.6%	100.0%	5.0%
DODGE	24	42	13	55		11	8	19	
	30.4%	53.2%	16.5%	69.6%	0.2%	57.9%	42.1%	100.0%	0.5%
DOUGLAS	44	75	16	91		9	4	13	
	32.6%	55.6%	11.9%	67.4%	0.4%	69.2%	30.8%	100.0%	0.4%
FARIBAULT	24	32	15	47		11	4	15	
	33.8%	45.1%	21.1%	66.2%	0.2%	73.3%	26.7%	100.0%	0.4%
FILLMORE	11	27	10	37		6	2	8	
	22.9%	56.3%	20.8%	77.1%	0.1%	75.0%	25.0%	100.0%	0.2%
FREEBORN	63	103	21	124		22	4	26	
	33.7%	55.1%	11.2%	66.3%	0.5%	84.6%	15.4%	100.0%	0.7%
GOODHUE	34	112	24	136		22	9	31	
	20.0%	65.9%	14.1%	80.0%	0.5%	71.0%	29.0%	100.0%	0.9%
GRANT	8	16	6	22		4	3	7	
	26.7%	53.3%	20.0%	73.3%	0.1%	57.1%	42.9%	100.0%	0.2%
HENNEPIN	3,725	6,643	843	7,486		623	120	743	
	33.2%	59.3%	7.5%	66.8%		83.8%	16.2%	100.0%	20.9%
HOUSTON	20	41	19	60		8	2	10	
	25.0%	51.3%	23.8%	75.0%	0.2%	80.0%	20.0%	100.0%	0.3%
HUBBARD	50	72	19	91		16	0	16	
	35.5%	51.1%	13.5%	64.5%	0.4%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.5%
ISANTI	51	99	14	113		28	12	40	
	31.1%	60.4%	8.5%	68.9%	0.4%	70.0%	30.0%	100.0%	1.1%
ITASCA	110	172	57	229		17	13	30	
	32.4%	50.7%	16.8%	67.6%		56.7%	43.3%	100.0%	0.8%
JACKSON	17	16	3	19		1	1	2	
	47.2%	44.4%	8.3%	52.8%		50.0%	50.0%	100.0%	0.1%

		MFIP C	ases				DWP C	ases	
	Child Only	Number	of Eligible A	dults	Percent of	Number	of Eligible A	dults	Percent of
County/Region/ State	Child-Only	One	Two	Total	State	One	Two	Total	State
KANABEC	37	52	16	68		22	10	32	
	35.2%	49.5%	15.2%	64.8%	0.3%	68.8%	31.3%	100.0%	0.9%
KANDIYOHI	106	150	23	173		22	8	30	
	38.0%	53.8%	8.2%	62.0%	0.7%	73.3%	26.7%	100.0%	0.8%
KITTSON	3	8	0	8		0	1	1	
	27.3%	72.7%	0.0%	72.7%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%
KOOCHICHING	17	43	1	44		8	0	8	
	27.9%	70.5%	1.6%	72.1%	0.2%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.2%
LAC QUI PARLE	3	9	5	14		0	2	2	
	17.6%	52.9%	29.4%	82.4%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.1%
LAKE	8	15	5	20		3	0	3	
	28.6%	53.6%	17.9%	71.4%	0.1%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.1%
LAKE OF THE WOODS	2	7	3	10		3	0	3	
	16.7%	58.3%	25.0%	83.3%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
LE SEUER	25	44	9	53		14	7	21	
	32.1%	56.4%	11.5%	67.9%	0.2%	66.7%	33.3%	100.0%	0.6%
LINCOLN	4	3	1	4		1	0	1	
	50.0%	37.5%	12.5%	50.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
LYON	40	63	11	74		7	5	12	
	35.1%	55.3%	9.6%	64.9%	0.3%	58.3%	41.7%	100.0%	0.3%
MCLEOD	38	55	14	69		8	8	16	
	35.5%	51.4%	13.1%	64.5%	0.3%	50.0%	50.0%	100.0%	0.5%
MAHNOMEN	80	117	20	137		10	0	10	
	36.9%	53.9%	9.2%	63.1%	0.6%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.3%
MARSHALL	10	9	2	11		2	0	2	
	47.6%	42.9%	9.5%	52.4%	0.1%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.1%
MARTIN	26	50	9	59		12	1	13	
	30.6%	58.8%	10.6%	69.4%	0.2%	92.3%	7.7%	100.0%	0.4%
MEEKER	22	56	10	66		11	3	14	
	25.0%	63.6%	11.4%	75.0%	0.2%	78.6%	21.4%	100.0%	0.4%
MILLE LACS	57	66	15	81		8	8	16	
	41.3%	47.8%	10.9%	58.7%	0.4%	50.0%	50.0%	100.0%	0.5%

		MFIP C	ases			DWP Cases					
	Child Only	Number	of Eligible A	dults	Percent of	Number	of Eligible A	dults	Percent of		
County/Region/ State	Child-Only	One	Two	Total	State	One	Two	Total	State		
MORRISON	33	74	19	93		13	9	22			
	26.2%	58.7%	15.1%	73.8%	0.3%	59.1%	40.9%	100.0%	0.6%		
MOWER	103	149	20	169		29	7	36			
	37.9%	54.8%	7.4%	62.1%	0.7%	80.6%	19.4%	100.0%	1.0%		
MURRAY	9	14	1	15		1	2	3			
	37.5%	58.3%	4.2%	62.5%	0.1%	33.3%	66.7%	100.0%	0.1%		
NICOLLET	37	130	25	155		22	11	33			
	19.3%	67.7%	13.0%	80.7%	0.5%	66.7%	33.3%	100.0%	0.9%		
NOBLES	99	62	20	82		20	6	26			
	54.7%	34.3%	11.0%	45.3%	0.5%	76.9%	23.1%	100.0%	0.7%		
NORMAN	8	25	11	36		3	2	5			
	18.2%	56.8%	25.0%	81.8%	0.1%	60.0%	40.0%	100.0%	0.1%		
OLMSTED	225	507	92	599		87	27	114			
	27.3%	61.5%	11.2%	72.7%	2.2%	76.3%	23.7%	100.0%	3.2%		
OTTER TAIL	55	105	33	138		19	3	22			
	28.5%	54.4%	17.1%	71.5%	0.5%	86.4%	13.6%	100.0%	0.6%		
PENNINGTON	22	45	2	47		6	1	7			
	31.9%	65.2%	2.9%	68.1%	0.2%	85.7%	14.3%	100.0%	0.2%		
PINE	49	118	38	156		32	15	47			
	23.9%	57.6%	18.5%	76.1%	0.5%	68.1%	31.9%	100.0%	1.3%		
PIPESTONE	13	26	5	31		4	4	8			
	29.5%	59.1%	11.4%	70.5%	0.1%	50.0%	50.0%	100.0%	0.2%		
POLK	40	141	38	179		23	9	32			
	18.3%	64.4%	17.4%	81.7%	0.6%	71.9%	28.1%	100.0%	0.9%		
POPE	10	22	4	26		2	1	3			
	27.8%	61.1%	11.1%	72.2%	0.1%	66.7%	33.3%	100.0%	0.1%		
RAMSEY	2,219	4,738	950	5,688		383	147	530			
	28.1%	59.9%	12.0%	71.9%	21.2%	72.3%	27.7%	100.0%	14.9%		
RED LAKE	2	12	3	15		1	1	2			
	11.8%	70.6%	17.6%	88.2%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	100.0%	0.1%		
REDWOOD	19	33	4	37		8	1	9			
	33.9%	58.9%	7.1%	66.1%	0.2%	88.9%	11.1%	100.0%	0.3%		

		MFIP C	ases				DWP C	ases	
	Child Only	Number	of Eligible A	dults	Percent of	Numbe	r of Eligible A	Adults	Percent of
County/Region/ State	Child-Only	One	Two	Total	State	One	Two	Total	State
RENVILLE	26	37	8	45		6	2	8	
	36.6%	52.1%	11.3%	63.4%	0.2%	75.0%	25.0%	100.0%	0.2%
RICE	125	184	44	228		26	6	32	
	35.4%	52.1%	12.5%	64.6%	0.9%	81.3%	18.8%	100.0%	0.9%
ROCK	9	18	11	29		10	2	12	
	23.7%	47.4%	28.9%	76.3%	0.1%	83.3%	16.7%	100.0%	0.3%
ROSEAU	10	30	4	34		4	2	6	
	22.7%	68.2%	9.1%	77.3%	0.1%	66.7%	33.3%	100.0%	0.2%
ST. LOUIS	449	913	166	1,079		102	29	131	
	29.4%	59.8%	10.9%	70.6%	4.1%	77.9%	22.1%	100.0%	3.7%
SCOTT	119	191	28	219		37	16	53	
	35.2%	56.5%	8.3%	64.8%	0.9%	69.8%	30.2%	100.0%	1.5%
SHERBURNE	73	155	29	184		36	9	45	
	28.4%	60.3%	11.3%	71.6%	0.7%	80.0%	20.0%	100.0%	1.3%
SIBLEY	22	19	1	20		12	1	13	
	52.4%	45.2%	2.4%	47.6%	0.1%	92.3%	7.7%	100.0%	0.4%
STEARNS	196	493	107	600		57	13	70	
	24.6%	61.9%	13.4%	75.4%	2.1%	81.4%	18.6%	100.0%	2.0%
STEELE	41	106	30	136		21	7	28	
	23.2%	59.9%	16.9%	76.8%	0.5%	75.0%	25.0%	100.0%	0.8%
STEVENS	5	20	5	25		0	1	1	
	16.7%	66.7%	16.7%	83.3%	0.1%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%
SWIFT	11	22	4	26		6	2	8	
	29.7%	59.5%	10.8%	70.3%	0.1%	75.0%	25.0%	100.0%	0.0%
TODD	28	48	11	59		8	5	13	
	32.2%	55.2%	12.6%	67.8%	0.2%	61.5%	38.5%	100.0%	0.4%
TRAVERSE	4	12	1	13		0	0	0	
	23.5%	70.6%	5.9%	76.5%	0.0%				0.0%
WABASHA	20	32	3	35		3	4	7	
	36.4%	58.2%	5.5%	63.6%	0.1%	42.9%	57.1%	100.0%	0.2%
WADENA	31	67	27	94	- /-	10	3	13	
	24.8%	53.6%	21.6%	75.2%	0.3%	76.9%	23.1%	100.0%	0.4%

		MFIP C	ases			DWP Cases				
		Number	of Eligible A	dults	Percent of	Number	of Eligible A	dults	Percent of	
County/Region/ State	Child-Only	One	Two	Total	State	One	Two	Total	State	
WASECA	31	48	8	56		5	5	10		
	35.6%	55.2%	9.2%	64.4%	0.2%	50.0%	50.0%	100.0%	0.3%	
WASHINGTON	170	405	70	475		61	6	67		
	26.4%	62.8%	10.9%	73.6%	1.7%	91.0%	9.0%	100.0%	1.9%	
WATONWAN	17	26	3	29		6	0	6		
	37.0%	56.5%	6.5%	63.0%	0.1%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.2%	
WILKIN	4	16	2	18		4	0	4		
	18.2%	72.7%	9.1%	81.8%	0.1%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.1%	
WINONA	62	104	26	130		18	6	24		
	32.3%	54.2%	13.5%	67.7%	0.5%	75.0%	25.0%	100.0%	0.7%	
WRIGHT	83	170	25	195		46	10	56		
	29.9%	61.2%	9.0%	70.1%	0.7%	82.1%	17.9%	100.0%	1.6%	
YELLOW MEDICINE	19	14	5	19		1	1	2		
	50.0%	36.8%	13.2%	50.0%	0.1%	50.0%	50.0%	100.0%	0.1%	
NORTHWEST	95	270	60	330		39	16	55		
	22.4%	63.5%	14.1%	77.6%	1.1%	70.9%	29.1%	100.0%	1.5%	
WEST CENTRAL	1,217	2,297	516	2,813		268	94	362		
	30.2%	57.0%	12.8%	69.8%	10.8%	74.0%	26.0%	100.0%	10.2%	
NORTHEAST	685	1,288	264	1,552		167	61	228		
	30.6%	57.6%	11.8%	69.4%	6.0%	73.2%	26.8%	100.0%	6.4%	
CENTRAL	628	1,267	271	1,538		230	84	314		
	29.0%	58.5%	12.5%	71.0%	5.8%	73.2%	26.8%	100.0%	8.8%	
SOUTHWEST	290	364	83	447		84	34	118		
	39.3%	49.4%	11.3%	60.7%	2.0%	71.2%	28.8%	100.0%	3.3%	
SOUTH CENTRAL	254	554	117	671		125	44	169		
	27.5%	59.9%	12.6%	72.5%	2.5%	74.0%	26.0%	100.0%	4.8%	
SOUTHEAST	728	1,407	302	1,709		253	82	335		
	29.9%	57.7%	12.4%	70.1%	6.5%	75.5%	24.5%	100.0%	9.4%	
METRO SUBURBAN	1,568	3,138	509	3,647		546	151	697		
	30.1%	60.2%	9.8%	69.9%	14.0%	78.3%	21.7%	100.0%	19.6%	
CORE METRO	5,944	11,381	1,793	13,174		1,006	267	1,273		
-	31.1%	59.5%	9.4%	68.9%	51.3%	79.0%	21.0%	100.0%	35.8%	
MINNESOTA	11,409	21,966	3,915	25,881		2,718	833	3,551		
	30.6%	58.9%	10.5%	69.4%	100.0%	76.5%	23.5%	100.0%	100.0%	

# **Data Definitions and Policy Information**

### Table 1

MFIP and DWP have rules that determine who is a member of the family receiving assistance and also has rules about which members are counted toward determination of the cash grant. An eligible person is someone determined under program rules to be both in the family and is counted toward the grant. Eligible adult refers to an adult caregiver or minor parent that personally receives an MFIP or DWP cash grant. For more detail, see the Notes and Policy Definition Section of this report. Cases with two caregivers in which one caregiver was ineligible for MFIP or DWP are included in the one-eligible-adult cases column. Cases receiving MFIP cash or food grants or DWP cash grants are known as "paid cases"; this excludes active cases suspended for the month because they have income great enough to cancel out the cash grant. This typically occurs in months with five weekly or three biweekly pay periods. Suspended cases are not included in this report.

Percentages summed across subgroups sometimes do not equal 100 percent due to rounding.

### Table 2

Characteristics with no bearing on program eligibility may not be routinely updated after the initial application, including education, marital status, and citizenship, and, therefore, may be underreported.

The coding method for race/ethnicity follows the 2000 U.S. Census methodology, with 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). Hispanics of all races were listed as Hispanic. Pacific Islanders and Asian groups were combined due to very small numbers of Pacific Islanders.

Race/ethnicity data were missing for 73 MFIP-eligible adults and 42 DWP-eligible adults.

### Table 3

Table 3 provides case-level statistics, except for person counts in the sections on ineligible caregivers and counts of children.

**Ineligible Caregivers.** Ineligible caregivers may be parents that receive SSI for a disability, have relative caregiver status, lack documentation of their non-U.S. citizenship status, are disqualified due to fraud, or have reached their 60<sup>th</sup> month of MFIP eligibility and opted out of the case. A caregiver may not opt out once they reach 60 months for the purpose of continued eligibility for their children, but when caregivers in a two-caregiver household have different numbers of counted months the caregiver with 60 months may opt out and the other caregiver and children continue to receive a grant. Children in MFIP or DWP cases may also be ineligible. Children may be ineligible due to receipt of SSI, lack of documentation of their non-U.S. citizenship status, lack of documentation of a Social Security number, or coming in or out of foster care.

**Region.** The counties where households lived were grouped into the following regions: Hennepin County, Ramsey County, Twin Cities metropolitan suburbs (Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Isanti, Scott, Sherburne, Washington, and Wright Counties), and Greater Minnesota (the remaining 76 counties).

**Family Challenges.** Family violence was indicated by whether a case had a time limit exemption or extension for a family violence waiver at any time between 2000 and 2010. These numbers greatly underestimate the occurrence of family violence because they only include cases where the caregiver reported the abuse and had an alternative employment plan while receiving MFIP.

A serious mental health diagnosis identifies caregivers who were known to have been diagnosed with psychosis, depression, personality disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, or anxiety-state during 2010 or during the three-year period 2008 to 2010. Chemical dependency diagnosis identifies caregivers who received that diagnosis (not including tobacco) during 2010 or during the three-year period 2008 to 2010. Both of these measures may underestimate the actual number of adults with these diagnoses because they only include cases that receive publicly paid health care recorded in medical claims in administrative records. On the other hand, these diagnoses may be a secondary diagnosis and do not indicate whether treatment services were received.

Child Protection data are from the DHS Social Services Information System (SSIS). Family Assessment (FA) (previously called Alternative Response) is an alternative to traditional child protection investigation and services for families where the child is not in imminent danger and allegations do not include egregious harm, sexual abuse, or maltreatment/abuse in a day care or foster home. In a FA no determination of maltreatment is made. County workers meet with the family to assess and discuss child safety concerns and provide services to help the family meet their child's safety needs. In a Family Investigation (FI) county workers interview persons involved with the report and investigate the allegation. If there is a preponderance of evidence that a child has been a victim of maltreatment and the harm was caused by an act, or failure to act, by a person responsible for the child's care, the county or tribal child protection worker makes a determination that maltreatment has occurred. All caregivers, regardless of MFIP eligibility, were included in this analysis. For caregivers with multiple allegations within the three-year period, only the most serious incident was counted. All categories are mutually exclusive and are consistent with reporting by the DHS Child Safety and Permanency Division.

### Table 4

**Months of Welfare Use.** Counted MFIP months were defined as the maximum number of months of eligibility for TANF and/or MFIP counted toward the 60-month time limit between September 1996 and December 2010 of any eligible adult on the case. This includes Minnesota paid and federally paid months in Minnesota and federally paid months in other states, but excludes months exempt or excepted from the time limit.

DWP is a short-term, work-focused program lasting four months. Months on DWP do not count toward the MFIP lifetime limit. A case is eligible for DWP if the applicant has not received MFIP in the previous 12 months and is deemed likely to benefit from intensive employment services. An applicant is ineligible for DWP if he or she has 60 MFIP counted months.

**New Cases.** New welfare cases in 2010 were December 2010 cases active in either MFIP or DWP in Minnesota for one or more months in 2010 but active zero months in 1992 to 2009 (the period covered by the state administrative database). Cases new to the state had a 2010 state entry date. Minnesota residents were either lifelong residents or had moved to the state before 2010.

**Cash and Food Grant Amounts.** MFIP includes a cash grant and a food portion that can only be spent on food. As families work their way toward leaving assistance, their cash grant is decreased first so that some families only receive a food portion. A family can opt out of the cash portion, receiving only the food portion, and those months do not count toward their lifetime limit. If a household member is not eligible for MFIP, that person may be eligible to receive Food Support, Minnesota's name for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (previously known as Food Stamps). These cases are referred to as "Uncle Harry" cases in Minnesota. DWP provides only a cash grant, but families are categorically eligible to receive Food Support as well. MFIP cases that received Food Support that were not Uncle Harry cases were most often "expedited" cases, which meant that the household met the criteria for immediate Food Support assistance but their MFIP case was not opened until later in the month.

The means for MFIP and DWP cash grants and MFIP food portions were calculated using the grant amounts for all cases, including zero cash portion for some MFIP cases. The means for all other Food Support amounts include only cases with benefit amounts greater than zero.

**Income, Earnings, and Work Hours.** Total income was either actual or projected December 2010 income of eligible adults and other adults whose earnings were deemed for the case. The amount used was either verified earnings for December 2010 or zero for cases still active in February 2011 with no income reported for December 2010 (required to be reported by February 2011) or prospective December 2010 income for new cases with retrospective data missing and for all migrant cases. Total income was gross income except for the self-employed where it was gross less expenses, with a minimum of zero. Mean total income excluded cases with no verified or expected income from eligible or deeming adults in December 2010.

The work hours reported for eligible and other deeming adults with earned income are defined in the same manner as earned income. The hours are totals for the case. The percentages of all cases with hours reported are slightly smaller than the percentages reported working because of hours that were not entered into the administrative database. Mean hours only included cases with any reported hours.

Budgeted earnings are total earnings with certain kinds and percentages of earnings subtracted to yield an amount that is then deducted from the MFIP grant level for work status and family size to determine the size of the MFIP grant paid. The budgeted earnings used to calculate the December 2010 grants were based on verified income earned in October 2010 or, for new cases and migrants, prospective earnings for December 2010. Mean budgeted earnings in the table were computed for cases which had budgeted earnings greater than zero.

Employers covered by the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system must report wages to the state. Some employers are exempt from this requirement and include federal government, other state government, religious, seasonal, sheltered work in a facility, work relief or training financed by a federal agency, National Guard, as an elected official, some domestic employment, inmates, some student workers at their school or college, commissioned insurance salespeople, commissioned real estate agents, newspaper delivery, or temporary workers. (MN Statute §268.035) The table provides second quarter 2010 wages reported for participants' jobs covered by UI in Minnesota as a measure of recent work history and earnings. The second quarter predates DWP application (the earliest any of these DWP cases started was September), so for many or most DWP cases the second quarter was before the occurrence of whatever caused them to apply, often the loss of a job. They had either never been on MFIP or had been off for at least one year before starting DWP. Some December 2010 MFIP participants were on DWP in the second quarter; many were on MFIP. Therefore, it is not surprising that there were differences between average incomes of participants when making program comparisons.

**Child Care Assistance Program.** Reported CCAP eligibility means that an eligibility determination has been made; the child may not have a service authorization (payment) made for the month. Data exclude children ages 13 and older with special needs that continue to receive CCAP. Data are reported by age of youngest child. Cases may have CCAP-eligible children in both age groups. MFIP-ineligible and DWP-ineligible children (for example, SSI-eligible children) are excluded. Children must be both CCAP eligible and MFIP or DWP eligible. Children's eligibility for MFIP CCAP is determined based on parent's eligibility for MFIP or DWP. Data reported for MFIP child-only cases are eligible for Basic Sliding Fee child care. Data are reported from the Minnesota Electronic Child Care Information System (MEC<sup>2</sup>).

**Child Support.** Child support disbursements were paid to families receiving MFIP or DWP in December 2010 from support payments on behalf of children on the cases. This included both current payments and payments made for arrears on past months. All current support was passed through to custodial families and counted dollar-for-dollar against the grants.

#### Table 5

**Extensions beyond the Time Limit.** An MFIP case can be extended beyond the 60-month lifetime limit for certain documented criteria that affect the caregiver's ability to obtain or retain employment or if the caregiver is working but does not earn enough to leave assistance. Extensions may be granted for cases that have an ill or incapacitated caregiver, a family member or caregiver that meets special medical criteria, a caregiver with an IQ score below 80, a caregiver that is needed in the home to care for an ill or incapacitated family member, a single parent working at least 30 hours or two parents working a total of 55 hours, and other reasons. A case sanctioned for non-compliance with Employment Services (ES) or child support requirements in month 60 can never be extended.

**Exemptions and Exceptions from the Time Limit.** Cases can receive an exception from the time limit for special medical criteria. Counted months before the time limit of 60 months was reached in which special medical criteria were present can be "banked" and used to extend eligibility beyond 60 months after the time limit has been reached. The following cases are exempt from the time limit (neither counted nor banked): living on a reservation with a not-employed rate of at least 50 percent, family violence cases cooperating with an alternative employment plan, caregivers aged 60 or older, a minor parent, or an 18 or 19-year old parent complying with an education plan.

**Sanctions.** MFIP cases not complying with Employment Services (ES) requirements can be sanctioned with a reduction of the grant amount. The first sanction is 10 percent and, if not resolved, the sanction is increased the next month to 30 percent. In July 2003, the Minnesota

Legislature instituted a policy that after the sixth occurrence of non-compliance a case may face closure, or 100 percent sanction. Table 5 reports the number of cases with 10 percent and 30 percent sanctions in December 2010 and the number of cases with six unresolved sanction months in December 2010.

Pre-sanction procedures for FSS-eligible caregivers are different than for non-FSS-eligible caregivers. See the Employment Services Manual, Appendix H for details on what steps must be taken prior to sanction.

**Deductions.** In July 2003, the Minnesota Legislature mandated a \$50 maximum deduction from the MFIP grant for families also eligible for housing subsidies.

**Family Cap.** In July 2003, the Minnesota Legislature instituted the family cap, which does not allow a cash grant increase for cases with children conceived when the family was receiving MFIP. Any births after 10 consecutive months of eligibility do not result in a grant increase for an additional child.

**Family Stabilization Services.** FSS is a MFIP service track that enrolled its first participants in February 2008. The purpose is to provide counties more flexibility in development of employment plans by removing FSS cases from the participation rate calculation. FSS is designed to help struggling families achieve the greatest degree of self-sufficiency possible. FSS eligibility is limited to caregivers who have an illness or injury lasting more than 30 days that prevents them from obtaining employment, are required to remain in the home to care for a household member with an illness or injury lasting more than 30 days, are a legal non-citizen in the United States for fewer than 12 months, have a developmental disability or mental illness that prevents them from obtaining employment, are unemployable, have a learning disability that prevents them from obtaining employment, have an IQ less than 80, have a family violence waiver, or have made an application for SSI or RSDI. Two caregiver cases are FSS-eligible if one caregiver meets the FSS criteria. Extended cases, except those extended as working, are also eligible for FSS.