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Abbreviations

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

Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

Indicators

Indicator 1: MFIP Closings

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

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

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

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

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

MFIP Closings—State

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate
State	4,752	33,990	14.0%

MFIP Closings—Southeast

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Fillmore	9	67	13.4%	-1.1%	-0.6%
Freeborn	28	194	14.4%	-0.1%	0.4%
Goodhue	21	152	13.8%	-0.7%	-0.2%
Houston	5	54	9.3%	-5.2%	-4.7%
MN Prairie	66	441	15.0%	0.5%	1.0%
Mower	49	299	16.4%	1.9%	2.4%
Olmsted	124	876	14.2%	-0.3%	0.2%
Rice	53	318	16.7%	2.2%	2.7%
Wabasha	9	54	16.7%	2.2%	2.7%
Winona	22	203	10.8%	-3.7%	-3.2%
Southeast	386	2,658	14.5%		0.5%

MFIP Closings—Northeast

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Aitkin	10	75	13.3%	0.0%	-0.7%
Carlton	33	177	18.6%	5.3%	4.6%
Cook	3	27	11.1%	-2.2%	-2.9%
Itasca	41	316	13.0%	-0.3%	-1.0%
Koochiching	16	80	20.0%	6.7%	6.0%
Lake	5	25	20.0%	6.7%	6.0%
St. Louis	197	1,590	12.4%	-0.9%	-1.6%
Northeast	305	2,290	13.3%		-0.7%

MFIP Closings—Southwest

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Big Stone	1	18	5.6%	-10.6%	-8.4%
Chippewa	14	79	17.7%	1.5%	3.7%
DVHHS	12	95	12.6%	-3.6%	-1.4%
Lac qui Parle	1	24	4.2%	-12.0%	-9.8%
Nobles	26	151	17.2%	1.0%	3.2%
SWHHS	58	313	18.5%	2.3%	4.5%
Swift	9	57	15.8%	-0.4%	1.8%
Yellow Medicine	6	46	13.0%	-3.2%	-1.0%
Southwest	127	783	16.2%		2.2%

MFIP Closings—South Central

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Blue Earth	57	327	17.4%	0.6%	3.4%
Brown	15	83	18.1%	1.3%	4.1%
Faribault-Martin	27	149	18.1%	1.3%	4.1%
Le Sueur	23	123	18.7%	1.9%	4.7%
Nicollet	30	208	14.4%	-2.4%	0.4%
Sibley	8	61	13.1%	-3.7%	-0.9%
Watonwan	12	71	16.9%	0.1%	2.9%
South Central	172	1,022	16.8%		2.8%

MFIP Closings—Suburban Metro

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Anoka	273	1,728	15.8%	-0.1%	1.8%
Carver	29	153	19.0%	3.1%	5.0%
Dakota	229	1,514	15.1%	-0.8%	1.1%
Scott	58	275	21.1%	5.2%	7.1%
Washington	79	527	15.0%	-0.9%	1.0%
Suburban Metro	668	4,197	15.9%		1.9%

MFIP Closings—Core Metro

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Hennepin	1,248	10,246	12.2%	-0.1%	-1.8%
Ramsey	767	6,094	12.6%	0.3%	-1.4%
Core Metro	2,015	16,340	12.3%		-1.7%

MFIP Closings—Northwest

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Kittson	1	11	9.1%	-6.5%	-4.9%
Marshall	2	20	10.0%	-5.6%	-4.0%
Norman	6	32	18.8%	3.2%	4.8%
Pennington	12	71	16.9%	1.3%	2.9%
Polk	42	284	14.8%	-0.8%	0.8%
Red Lake	4	14	28.6%	13.0%	14.6%
Roseau	9	55	16.4%	0.8%	2.4%
Northwest	76	487	15.6%		1.6%

MFIP Closings—West Central

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Becker	24	138	17.4%	1.8%	3.4%
Beltrami	113	483	23.4%	7.8%	9.4%
Cass	62	457	13.6%	-2.0%	-0.4%
Clay	64	407	15.7%	0.1%	1.7%
Clearwater	10	51	19.6%	4.0%	5.6%
Crow Wing	42	275	15.3%	-0.3%	1.3%
Douglas	14	127	11.0%	-4.6%	-3.0%
Grant	2	24	8.3%	-7.3%	-5.7%
Hubbard	25	172	14.5%	-1.1%	0.5%
Lake of the Woods	0	12	0.0%	-15.6%	-14.0%
Mahnomen	3	42	7.1%	-8.5%	-6.9%
Morrison	25	143	17.5%	1.9%	3.5%
Otter Tail	38	197	19.3%	3.7%	5.3%
Pope	4	31	12.9%	-2.7%	-1.1%
Stevens	7	32	21.9%	6.3%	7.9%
Todd	5	65	7.7%	-7.9%	-6.3%
Traverse	4	28	14.3%	-1.3%	0.3%
Wadena	13	88	14.8%	-0.8%	0.8%
White Earth Nation	36	395	9.1%	-6.5%	-4.9%
Wilkin	8	42	19.0%	3.4%	5.0%
West Central	499	3,209	15.6%		1.6%

MFIP Closings—Central

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Benton	40	253	15.8%	-1.0%	1.8%
Chisago	21	104	20.2%	3.4%	6.2%
Isanti	13	125	10.4%	-6.4%	-3.6%
Kanabec	17	86	19.8%	3.0%	5.8%
Kandiyohi	60	347	17.3%	0.5%	3.3%
McLeod	25	78	32.1%	15.3%	18.1%
Meeker	10	76	13.2%	-3.6%	-0.8%
Mille Lacs	22	175	12.6%	-4.2%	-1.4%
Pine	25	181	13.8%	-3.0%	-0.2%
Renville	13	90	14.4%	-2.4%	0.4%
Sherburne	46	273	16.8%	0.0%	2.8%
Stearns	183	993	18.4%	1.6%	4.4%
Wright	29	223	13.0%	-3.8%	-1.0%
Central	504	3,004	16.8%		2.8%

Indicator 2: MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage

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

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

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

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

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MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—State

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
State	1,474	\$12.00	1,086	\$12.00

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—Southeast

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Fillmore	2	\$10.25	6	\$12.18
Freeborn	17	\$11.30	10	\$11.95
Goodhue	12	\$13.00	9	\$11.20
Houston	6	\$12.59	5	\$12.64
MN Prairie	41	\$11.00	21	\$12.50
Mower	20	\$10.60	8	\$12.45
Olmsted	80	\$12.00	63	\$12.00
Rice	12	\$11.48	13	\$11.95
Wabasha	5	\$10.00	5	\$13.00
Winona	3	\$10.00	9	\$11.00
Southeast	198	\$11.28	149	\$12.00

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—Northeast

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Aitkin	4	\$12.00	4	\$12.00
Carlton	3	\$10.65	4	\$13.13
Cook	-	-	-	-
Itasca	2	\$14.75	4	\$10.00
Koochiching	5	\$10.00	4	\$10.45
Lake	2	\$14.31	-	-
St. Louis	40	\$11.00	18	\$11.80
Northeast	56	\$11.00	34	\$11.50

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—Southwest

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Big Stone	4	\$14.40	2	\$12.73
Chippewa	6	\$11.75	5	\$11.00
DVHHS	6	\$10.13	2	\$9.50
Lac qui Parle	6	\$11.00	3	\$10.00
Nobles	10	\$11.73	7	\$9.50
SWHHS	32	\$11.75	14	\$10.22
Swift	3	\$9.50	-	-
Yellow Medicine	3	\$10.75	1	\$9.00
Southwest	70	\$11.23	34	\$10.47

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—South Central

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Blue Earth	24	\$11.00	25	\$12.00
Brown	5	\$11.50	10	\$12.00
Faribault-Martin	4	\$12.25	2	\$16.33
Le Sueur	18	\$11.25	8	\$10.58
Nicollet	4	\$14.00	5	\$11.00
Sibley	8	\$12.00	2	\$13.83
Watonwan	5	\$13.15	3	\$12.05
South Central	68	\$11.50	55	\$12.00

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—Suburban Metro

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Anoka	117	\$12.00	78	\$13.25
Carver	8	\$11.13	8	\$12.00
Dakota	104	\$13.02	91	\$12.50
Scott	15	\$12.00	14	\$12.25
Washington	29	\$12.50	20	\$13.00
Suburban Metro	273	\$12.50	211	\$13.00

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—Core Metro

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Hennepin	293	\$12.00	262	\$13.00
Ramsey	127	\$12.00	133	\$12.80
Core Metro	420	\$12.00	395	\$13.00

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—Northwest

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Kittson	4	\$11.50	2	\$10.25
Marshall	2	\$27.78	-	-
Norman	-	-	-	-
Pennington	10	\$10.50	4	\$12.13
Polk	9	\$12.00	7	\$11.00
Red Lake	-	-	-	-
Roseau	4	\$8.88	2	\$13.22
Northwest	29	\$10.50	15	\$11.00

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—West Central

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Becker	12	\$12.25	9	\$12.00
Beltrami	16	\$10.78	-	-
Cass	21	\$10.50	8	\$10.25
Clay	14	\$11.73	24	\$11.13
Clearwater	4	\$11.75	1	\$8.00
Crow Wing	29	\$11.00	10	\$12.63
Douglas	9	\$11.50	4	\$11.50
Grant	4	\$11.48	1	\$16.40
Hubbard	8	\$12.05	3	\$10.75
Lake of the Woods	-	-	-	-
Mahnomen	1	\$11.50	2	\$12.22
Morrison	9	\$10.00	4	\$11.75
Otter Tail	25	\$10.50	6	\$11.50
Pope	1	\$11.52	1	\$11.55
Stevens	1	\$9.50	2	\$9.25
Todd	4	\$13.17	4	\$11.21
Traverse	3	\$12.00	1	\$10.00
Wadena	6	\$10.75	5	\$11.80
White Earth Nation	5	\$10.43	1	\$8.00
Wilkin	4	\$12.00	1	\$13.75
West Central	176	\$11.00	87	\$11.25

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—Central

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Benton	15	\$10.00	17	\$12.00
Chisago	4	\$10.38	8	\$10.00
Isanti	11	\$12.50	5	\$13.75
Kanabec	8	\$11.75	2	\$11.00
Kandiyohi	18	\$12.00	14	\$12.91
McLeod	9	\$12.25	5	\$13.00
Meeker	11	\$12.00	7	\$12.00
Mille Lacs	4	\$11.88	3	\$10.50
Pine	10	\$11.00	5	\$10.00
Renville	13	\$11.93	3	\$10.60
Sherburne	19	\$11.25	8	\$14.13
Stearns	58	\$11.85	23	\$11.00
Wright	4	\$11.88	6	\$13.00
Central	184	\$11.74	106	\$12.00

Indicator 3: TANF Work Participation Rate

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cases with the following activities meet the monthly hours requirement:

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

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

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

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

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

TANF Work Participation Rate—State

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2017	May-2017	June-2017	July-2017	Aug-2017	Sept-2017	Oct-2017	Nov-2017	Dec-2017	Jan-2018	Feb-2018	Mar-2018
State	7663	36.9%	37.3%	39.7%	37.2%	37.7%	42.3%	39.1%	39.6%	40.6%			

TANF Work Participation Rate—Southeast

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2017	May-2017	June-2017	July-2017	Aug-2017	Sept-2017	Oct-2017	Nov-2017	Dec-2017	Jan-2018	Feb-2018	Mar-2018
Fillmore	13	38.5%	33.3%	37.5%	43.8%	40.0%	20.0%	23.1%	30.8%	30.8%			
Freeborn	45	39.5%	34.9%	43.2%	42.9%	47.2%	38.3%	24.5%	28.0%	41.2%			
Goodhue	37	30.6%	52.6%	43.2%	25.0%	36.1%	52.5%	28.6%	27.0%	31.6%			
Houston	16	12.5%	36.4%	33.3%	30.8%	20.0%	15.0%	4.8%	11.1%	13.3%			
MN Prairie	104	50.0%	47.6%	50.5%	51.5%	45.1%	50.9%	51.4%	53.8%	49.5%			
Mower	51	40.0%	37.7%	51.0%	42.3%	44.2%	51.0%	48.0%	49.1%	41.7%			
Olmsted	215	46.1%	47.7%	47.8%	41.6%	42.6%	50.7%	53.1%	51.7%	50.9%			
Rice	68	26.2%	26.1%	36.1%	36.8%	41.3%	39.2%	41.9%	42.1%	37.9%			
Wabasha	15	42.9%	33.3%	47.1%	53.8%	50.0%	52.9%	50.0%	50.0%	47.1%			
Winona	34	47.4%	33.3%	30.8%	32.4%	40.0%	54.8%	46.2%	41.2%	33.3%			
Southeast	599	41.5%	41.8%	44.8%	41.4%	42.3%	47.2%	44.6%	45.0%	44.1%			

TANF Work Participation Rate—Northeast

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2017	May-2017	June-2017	July-2017	Aug-2017	Sept-2017	Oct-2017	Nov-2017	Dec-2017	Jan-2018	Feb-2018	Mar-2018
Aitkin	10	8.3%	9.1%	20.0%	16.7%	58.3%	15.4%	30.0%	14.3%	0.0%			
Carlton	20	31.8%	52.0%	57.1%	55.6%	38.9%	42.1%	52.6%	50.0%	27.8%			
Cook	3	66.7%	50.0%	75.0%	50.0%	100.0%	60.0%	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%			
Itasca	41	42.3%	35.7%	36.1%	44.7%	43.6%	45.9%	50.0%	39.0%	40.9%			
Koochiching	20	36.4%	23.8%	31.6%	30.0%	50.0%	45.0%	38.1%	40.9%	28.6%			
Lake	4	50.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	20.0%	14.3%	0.0%	25.0%	14.3%			
St. Louis	283	33.9%	32.1%	36.8%	34.7%	31.5%	39.1%	38.1%	36.1%	35.1%			
Northeast	382	34.6%	32.6%	37.5%	35.7%	35.1%	39.3%	39.4%	36.8%	34.0%			

TANF Work Participation Rate—Southwest

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2017	May-2017	June-2017	July-2017	Aug-2017	Sept-2017	Oct-2017	Nov-2017	Dec-2017	Jan-2018	Feb-2018	Mar-2018
Big Stone	1	-	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	0.0%	100%	100%			
Chippewa	16	40.0%	36.4%	46.2%	29.4%	27.8%	41.2%	55.6%	63.6%	56.3%			
DVHHS	11	33.3%	45.5%	42.9%	0.0%	18.2%	21.4%	12.5%	54.5%	35.7%			
Lac qui Parle	4	0.0%	75.0%	75.0%	33.3%	33.3%	60.0%	60.0%	80.0%	71.4%			
Nobles	19	47.1%	35.0%	38.9%	38.1%	33.3%	52.4%	47.4%	35.3%	31.6%			
SWHHS	68	32.2%	34.3%	32.8%	38.2%	52.1%	53.9%	50.0%	54.9%	51.6%			
Swift	11	7.7%	30.8%	50.0%	9.1%	0.0%	41.7%	66.7%	50.0%	20.0%			
Yellow Medicine	6	40.0%	33.3%	42.9%	42.9%	25.0%	25.0%	57.1%	37.5%	66.7%			
Southwest	136	32.2%	36.2%	38.6%	32.8%	39.1%	47.7%	47.6%	54.1%	47.4%			

TANF Work Participation Rate—South Central

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2017	May-2017	June-2017	July-2017	Aug-2017	Sept-2017	Oct-2017	Nov-2017	Dec-2017	Jan-2018	Feb-2018	Mar-2018
Blue Earth	62	42.2%	50.8%	58.3%	31.6%	39.1%	47.0%	44.8%	53.3%	58.5%			
Brown	24	44.4%	44.0%	47.8%	54.5%	45.5%	51.7%	48.4%	45.8%	42.9%			
Faribault-Martin	21	45.0%	35.0%	39.1%	42.1%	45.5%	45.5%	47.6%	47.6%	52.4%			
Le Sueur	26	33.3%	25.9%	34.5%	40.0%	44.4%	59.3%	44.4%	54.5%	70.0%			
Nicollet	59	23.1%	32.8%	36.9%	30.0%	25.9%	36.1%	42.4%	39.6%	48.9%			
Sibley	15	50.0%	41.7%	58.3%	53.3%	31.6%	35.3%	46.7%	50.0%	44.4%			
Watonwan	16	62.5%	38.5%	41.2%	41.2%	15.8%	40.0%	56.3%	41.2%	38.9%			
South Central	222	37.8%	39.2%	45.0%	37.4%	35.2%	44.7%	45.8%	47.4%	52.0%			

TANF Work Participation Rate—Suburban Metro

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2017	May-2017	June-2017	July-2017	Aug-2017	Sept-2017	Oct-2017	Nov-2017	Dec-2017	Jan-2018	Feb-2018	Mar-2018
Anoka	372	41.0%	37.3%	42.7%	41.2%	43.1%	45.7%	38.6%	40.0%	43.9%			
Carver	26	37.5%	48.3%	40.7%	54.2%	52.2%	59.3%	58.6%	63.3%	63.6%			
Dakota	304	48.2%	47.6%	49.3%	57.4%	53.9%	58.2%	54.2%	52.4%	57.7%			
Scott	52	70.0%	46.3%	50.9%	54.0%	60.4%	61.1%	58.8%	66.7%	59.6%			
Washington	125	43.5%	43.1%	44.4%	45.0%	40.2%	46.8%	48.0%	46.5%	48.0%			
Suburban Metro	879	45.5%	42.6%	45.7%	48.3%	47.5%	51.4%	46.9%	47.7%	50.8%			

TANF Work Participation Rate—Core Metro

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2017	May-2017	June-2017	July-2017	Aug-2017	Sept-2017	Oct-2017	Nov-2017	Dec-2017	Jan-2018	Feb-2018	Mar-2018
Hennepin	2,568	35.7%	37.5%	39.5%	36.2%	37.4%	41.6%	37.5%	39.0%	40.8%			
Ramsey	1,578	32.9%	33.6%	34.0%	31.3%	32.3%	36.1%	33.3%	34.2%	35.3%			
Core Metro	4,146	34.6%	36.0%	37.5%	34.4%	35.5%	39.5%	35.9%	37.2%	38.7%			

TANF Work Participation Rate—Northwest

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2017	May-2017	June-2017	July-2017	Aug-2017	Sept-2017	Oct-2017	Nov-2017	Dec-2017	Jan-2018	Feb-2018	Mar-2018
Kittson	3	66.7%	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%			
Marshall	2	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	66.7%	50.0%	0.0%			
Norman	7	11.1%	11.1%	11.1%	28.6%	60.0%	50.0%	33.3%	55.6%	16.7%			
Pennington	21	50.0%	40.0%	45.0%	36.8%	33.3%	52.2%	30.0%	30.0%	28.0%			
Polk	32	33.3%	32.1%	34.6%	25.0%	26.5%	33.3%	36.4%	34.5%	30.0%			
Red Lake	2	-	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	33.3%	33.3%			
Roseau	11	20.0%	16.7%	55.6%	57.1%	54.5%	50.0%	31.3%	42.9%	27.3%			
Northwest	78	33.8%	30.4%	36.2%	30.6%	33.3%	41.7%	34.1%	37.5%	26.4%			

TANF Work Participation Rate—West Central

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2017	May-2017	June-2017	July-2017	Aug-2017	Sept-2017	Oct-2017	Nov-2017	Dec-2017	Jan-2018	Feb-2018	Mar-2018
Becker	39	38.1%	44.4%	50.0%	50.0%	44.7%	48.6%	37.8%	40.0%	38.9%			
Beltrami	108	22.5%	25.6%	29.8%	29.7%	26.0%	26.5%	29.4%	28.3%	25.5%			
Cass	51	28.9%	22.0%	24.1%	18.9%	28.8%	30.4%	29.2%	28.8%	26.9%			
Clay	74	28.6%	37.3%	41.7%	31.3%	31.3%	41.3%	31.3%	28.0%	30.6%			
Clearwater	12	33.3%	55.6%	60.0%	46.2%	57.1%	76.9%	76.9%	60.0%	42.9%			
Crow Wing	73	38.1%	45.8%	48.5%	36.1%	44.4%	52.7%	51.8%	46.1%	45.6%			
Douglas	31	37.9%	30.3%	36.7%	38.2%	51.4%	48.6%	45.5%	44.0%	47.6%			
Grant	6	44.4%	42.9%	40.0%	50.0%	25.0%	25.0%	40.0%	40.0%	66.7%			
Hubbard	28	32.1%	26.1%	25.0%	30.3%	25.9%	35.7%	23.3%	21.4%	33.3%			
Lake of the Woods	2	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
Mahnomen	7	20.0%	22.2%	14.3%	20.0%	25.0%	20.0%	44.4%	42.9%	42.9%			
Morrison	36	44.9%	32.4%	41.5%	35.3%	24.1%	23.5%	21.9%	30.3%	27.3%			
Otter Tail	51	30.8%	27.8%	32.7%	34.0%	24.4%	30.6%	29.4%	19.6%	27.8%			
Pope	3	75.0%	33.3%	33.3%	100.0%	100.0%	40.0%	60.0%	75.0%	66.7%			
Stevens	8	40.0%	71.4%	75.0%	60.0%	37.5%	40.0%	25.0%	50.0%	0.0%			
Todd	12	36.4%	28.6%	66.7%	50.0%	33.3%	43.8%	43.8%	54.5%	36.4%			
Traverse	2	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	100.0%	66.7%			
Wadena	15	42.9%	46.2%	66.7%	40.0%	53.8%	64.3%	26.3%	43.8%	75.0%			
Wilkin	8	28.6%	55.6%	41.7%	33.3%	28.6%	50.0%	62.5%	55.6%	37.5%			
West Central	564	32.6%	33.7%	38.2%	34.2%	33.9%	38.4%	35.8%	34.0%	34.4%			

TANF Work Participation Rate—Central

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2017	May-2017	June-2017	July-2017	Aug-2017	Sept-2017	Oct-2017	Nov-2017	Dec-2017	Jan-2018	Feb-2018	Mar-2018
Benton	68	35.0%	38.2%	50.0%	40.0%	37.3%	40.6%	41.8%	38.2%	42.6%			
Chisago	17	83.3%	73.3%	64.7%	66.7%	70.0%	70.0%	80.0%	83.3%	70.0%			
Isanti	31	46.9%	46.9%	52.5%	65.5%	56.3%	66.7%	63.3%	46.4%	60.7%			
Kanabec	17	28.6%	52.4%	37.5%	38.9%	61.1%	53.3%	50.0%	31.3%	42.9%			
Kandiyohi	55	40.7%	31.5%	50.9%	45.3%	47.5%	53.3%	55.0%	46.9%	47.9%			
McLeod	17	50.0%	42.1%	38.9%	47.1%	38.9%	68.8%	53.8%	71.4%	42.9%			
Meeker	11	40.0%	71.4%	38.5%	40.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	66.7%	58.8%			
Mille Lacs	23	34.5%	36.0%	39.3%	37.5%	30.4%	34.8%	39.1%	37.5%	47.4%			
Pine	47	44.2%	37.3%	43.8%	40.9%	35.4%	40.4%	23.8%	33.3%	29.2%			
Renville	16	53.8%	42.1%	25.0%	31.3%	26.7%	40.0%	50.0%	21.4%	25.0%			
Sherburne	58	39.5%	37.3%	39.3%	20.7%	30.0%	33.3%	30.2%	27.4%	27.4%			
Stearns	243	44.1%	40.3%	39.8%	42.4%	40.9%	44.4%	37.4%	37.8%	41.1%			
Wright	44	40.5%	28.6%	44.4%	40.4%	32.0%	47.8%	48.9%	40.0%	47.2%			
Central	647	42.6%	39.9%	43.1%	41.5%	40.6%	45.9%	42.0%	39.5%	42.0%			

Tribal TANF Work Participation Rate

Service area	Average TANF caseload	Apr-2017	May-2017	June-2017	July-2017	Aug-2017	Sept-2017	Oct-2017	Nov-2017	Dec-2017	Jan-2018	Feb-2018	Mar-2018
Leech Lake Band	62	15.9%	18.8%	22.1%	27.9%	23.7%	18.0%	20.3%	27.9%	17.0%			
MN Chippewa Tribe	37	17.2%	30.0%	23.5%	21.1%	25.0%	23.1%	23.3%	18.2%	15.9%			
White Earth Nation	67	14.3%	11.9%	19.1%	16.2%	10.7%	13.7%	13.4%	20.0%	22.6%			
Total Tribal	166	15.5%	18.3%	21.2%	21.6%	18.2%	17.3%	18.4%	22.4%	18.9%			

Indicator 4: MFIP Counted Months

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MFIP Counted Months—State

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
State	21,010	2.5%	26.4%	20.0%	14.2%	10.4%	9.5%	17.0%

MFIP Counted Months—Southeast

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Fillmore	43	4.7%	27.9%	14.0%	23.3%	20.9%	7.0%	2.3%
Freeborn	133	6.0%	33.1%	22.6%	11.3%	11.3%	7.5%	8.3%
Goodhue	108	0.0%	32.4%	21.3%	11.1%	9.3%	13.9%	12.0%
Houston	37	2.7%	40.5%	27.0%	5.4%	10.8%	5.4%	8.1%
MN Prairie	263	3.4%	28.9%	22.8%	16.7%	12.2%	8.8%	7.2%
Mower	159	5.7%	28.9%	26.4%	15.1%	7.6%	8.2%	8.2%
Olmsted	565	4.1%	29.9%	24.8%	13.3%	7.4%	11.0%	9.7%
Rice	160	0.0%	31.9%	24.4%	15.6%	9.4%	10.0%	8.8%
Wabasha	38	2.6%	44.7%	13.2%	13.2%	5.3%	2.6%	18.4%
Winona	151	4.0%	27.8%	19.2%	18.5%	9.9%	11.3%	9.3%
Southeast	1,657	3.6%	30.6%	23.2%	14.5%	9.4%	9.8%	9.1%

MFIP Counted Months—Northeast

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Aitkin	30	3.3%	16.7%	23.3%	20.0%	23.3%	6.7%	6.7%
Carlton	73	0.0%	27.4%	26.0%	12.3%	9.6%	15.1%	9.6%
Cook	20	0.0%	45.0%	15.0%	10.0%	0.0%	25.0%	5.0%
Itasca	174	3.5%	22.4%	21.3%	12.6%	11.5%	10.3%	18.4%
Koochiching	55	7.3%	23.6%	23.6%	10.9%	16.4%	10.9%	7.3%
Lake	16	0.0%	56.3%	37.5%	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%	0.0%
St. Louis	1,029	2.1%	22.8%	18.6%	16.0%	10.1%	10.2%	20.3%
Northeast	1,397	2.4%	23.6%	19.8%	15.0%	10.5%	10.6%	18.3%

MFIP Counted Months—Southwest

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Big Stone	17	5.9%	58.8%	23.5%	5.9%	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%
Chippewa	46	2.2%	15.2%	34.8%	6.5%	4.4%	21.7%	15.2%
DVHHS	49	2.0%	36.7%	14.3%	16.3%	12.2%	6.1%	12.2%
Lac qui Parle	26	0.0%	50.0%	11.5%	15.4%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%
Nobles	58	0.0%	44.8%	24.1%	10.3%	6.9%	5.2%	8.6%
SWHHS	173	2.3%	36.4%	24.3%	12.1%	14.5%	5.2%	5.2%
Swift	34	2.9%	20.6%	29.4%	20.6%	5.9%	11.8%	8.8%
Yellow Medicine	19	10.5%	15.8%	15.8%	31.6%	5.3%	5.3%	15.8%
Southwest	422	2.4%	34.8%	23.5%	13.3%	10.0%	7.6%	8.5%

MFIP Counted Months—South Central

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Blue Earth	219	1.4%	29.7%	23.7%	13.2%	9.6%	10.1%	12.3%
Brown	49	4.1%	42.9%	14.3%	18.4%	6.1%	6.1%	8.2%
Faribault-Martin	91	4.4%	33.0%	23.1%	9.9%	11.0%	7.7%	11.0%
Le Sueur	68	4.4%	32.4%	22.1%	13.2%	8.8%	10.3%	8.8%
Nicollet	131	1.5%	25.2%	29.0%	16.0%	9.9%	11.5%	7.6%
Sibley	37	0.0%	32.4%	21.6%	16.2%	13.5%	8.1%	8.1%
Watonwan	40	0.0%	45.0%	25.0%	10.0%	5.0%	5.0%	10.0%
South Central	635	2.2%	31.7%	23.8%	13.7%	9.5%	9.3%	10.1%

MFIP Counted Months—Suburban Metro

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Anoka	1,059	1.6%	27.2%	18.1%	14.6%	10.1%	8.1%	20.3%
Carver	83	0.0%	34.9%	22.9%	12.1%	6.0%	7.2%	16.9%
Dakota	912	1.1%	30.7%	18.5%	15.4%	10.0%	7.8%	16.7%
Scott	130	4.6%	36.9%	24.6%	12.3%	6.2%	4.6%	10.8%
Washington	325	1.5%	27.7%	19.1%	14.5%	11.1%	10.2%	16.0%
Suburban Metro	2,509	1.5%	29.3%	18.9%	14.7%	9.8%	8.1%	17.8%

MFIP Counted Months—Core Metro

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Hennepin	6,611	2.7%	24.1%	19.2%	13.8%	10.1%	9.8%	20.3%
Ramsey	3,869	1.9%	21.0%	18.3%	13.9%	10.9%	11.5%	22.7%
Core Metro	10,480	2.4%	23.0%	18.9%	13.8%	10.4%	10.4%	21.2%

MFIP Counted Months—Northwest

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Kittson	6	0.0%	33.3%	50.0%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Marshall	14	7.1%	50.0%	0.0%	14.3%	0.0%	14.3%	14.3%
Norman	22	4.6%	27.3%	31.8%	22.7%	4.6%	9.1%	0.0%
Pennington	54	0.0%	46.3%	27.8%	9.3%	7.4%	5.6%	3.7%
Polk	185	3.2%	35.1%	17.8%	12.4%	8.7%	8.7%	14.1%
Red Lake	9	11.1%	55.6%	22.2%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Roseau	27	0.0%	37.0%	22.2%	7.4%	14.8%	14.8%	3.7%
Northwest	317	2.8%	37.9%	20.8%	12.3%	7.9%	8.5%	9.8%

MFIP Counted Months—West Central

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Becker	82	2.4%	30.5%	17.1%	14.6%	14.6%	8.5%	12.2%
Beltrami	274	3.7%	25.6%	20.4%	16.4%	13.5%	9.1%	11.3%
Cass	241	5.0%	23.2%	17.0%	15.4%	11.6%	12.9%	14.9%
Clay	262	4.2%	39.7%	19.9%	13.4%	9.2%	5.0%	8.8%
Clearwater	34	2.9%	35.3%	32.4%	2.9%	17.7%	5.9%	2.9%
Crow Wing	172	1.7%	31.4%	22.7%	15.1%	12.2%	9.3%	8.1%
Douglas	72	2.8%	27.8%	19.4%	22.2%	8.3%	5.6%	13.9%
Grant	17	5.9%	35.3%	11.8%	29.4%	11.8%	0.0%	5.9%
Hubbard	84	4.8%	22.6%	9.5%	21.4%	14.3%	13.1%	14.3%
Lake of the Woods	5	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%	40.0%
Mahnomen	23	0.0%	39.1%	8.7%	17.4%	13.0%	13.0%	8.7%
Morrison	82	0.0%	34.2%	19.5%	13.4%	12.2%	7.3%	13.4%
Otter Tail	135	3.7%	38.5%	15.6%	14.8%	11.1%	10.4%	6.7%
Pope	19	5.3%	36.8%	21.1%	10.5%	15.8%	5.3%	5.3%
Stevens	15	0.0%	20.0%	26.7%	20.0%	13.3%	6.7%	13.3%
Todd	40	7.5%	27.5%	12.5%	12.5%	22.5%	7.5%	10.0%
Traverse	17	0.0%	47.1%	29.4%	5.9%	11.8%	5.9%	0.0%
Wadena	51	0.0%	25.5%	21.6%	11.8%	15.7%	11.8%	13.7%
White Earth Nation	200	4.5%	15.0%	20.5%	14.5%	15.0%	9.5%	21.0%
Wilkin	28	0.0%	39.3%	42.9%	3.6%	7.1%	3.6%	3.6%
West Central	1,853	3.5%	29.0%	19.4%	15.0%	12.6%	8.9%	11.8%

MFIP Counted Months—Central

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Benton	157	0.6%	31.2%	26.8%	12.1%	12.1%	10.2%	7.0%
Chisago	43	2.3%	60.5%	23.3%	9.3%	0.0%	4.7%	0.0%
Isanti	74	1.4%	43.2%	25.7%	14.9%	9.5%	2.7%	2.7%
Kanabec	51	0.0%	37.3%	25.5%	13.7%	19.6%	2.0%	2.0%
Kandiyohi	186	4.8%	34.4%	21.0%	14.5%	8.6%	2.7%	14.0%
McLeod	38	0.0%	50.0%	15.8%	18.4%	5.3%	5.3%	5.3%
Meeker	52	1.9%	40.4%	15.4%	11.5%	17.3%	5.8%	7.7%
Mille Lacs	69	1.5%	26.1%	23.2%	13.0%	10.1%	14.5%	11.6%
Pine	116	1.7%	27.6%	19.8%	21.6%	14.7%	6.0%	8.6%
Renville	56	3.6%	39.3%	17.9%	14.3%	12.5%	3.6%	8.9%
Sherburne	170	4.1%	34.1%	22.9%	10.0%	10.0%	4.1%	14.7%
Stearns	600	2.0%	27.2%	28.5%	16.0%	11.5%	7.0%	7.8%
Wright	128	1.6%	28.1%	19.5%	18.8%	10.9%	10.2%	10.9%
Central	1,740	2.2%	32.1%	24.2%	14.9%	11.2%	6.4%	8.9%

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

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

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

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

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

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

MFIP Employment Services Enrollments, Closures and Exit Reasons—State

Service area	Total persons enrolled	Total persons closed	Percent closed	Percent closed by unsubsidized employment	Percent closed by moving from the area	Percent closed for some other reason
State	27,748	5,308	19.1%	35.0%	15.0%	50.0%

MFIP Employment Services Enrollments, Closures and Exit Reasons—Southeast

Service area	Total persons enrolled	Total persons closed	Percent closed	Percent closed by unsubsidized employment	Percent closed by moving from the area	Percent closed for some other reason
Fillmore	47	8	17.0%	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%
Freeborn	163	37	22.7%	35.1%	27.0%	37.8%
Goodhue	112	19	17.0%	52.6%	5.3%	42.1%
Houston	51	12	23.5%	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%
MN Prairie	347	78	22.5%	56.4%	10.3%	33.3%
Mower	187	42	22.5%	52.4%	11.9%	35.7%
Olmsted	720	145	20.1%	56.6%	14.5%	29.0%
Rice	207	74	35.7%	40.5%	6.8%	52.7%
Wabasha	36	10	27.8%	50.0%	40.0%	10.0%
Winona	172	27	15.7%	14.8%	7.4%	77.8%
Southeast	2,042	452	22.1%	48.2%	13.3%	38.5%

MFIP Employment Services Enrollments, Closures and Exit Reasons—Northeast

Service area	Total persons enrolled	Total persons closed	Percent closed	Percent closed by unsubsidized employment	Percent closed by moving from the area	Percent closed for some other reason
Aitkin	45	16	35.6%	31.3%	12.5%	56.3%
Carlton	96	22	22.9%	40.9%	9.1%	50.0%
Cook	25	4	16.0%	25.0%	0.0%	75.0%
Itasca	229	42	18.3%	23.8%	7.1%	69.0%
Koochiching	64	10	15.6%	40.0%	0.0%	60.0%
Lake	18	2	11.1%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%
St. Louis	1,231	207	16.8%	25.1%	10.1%	64.7%
Northeast	1,708	303	17.7%	26.7%	9.6%	63.7%

MFIP Employment Services Enrollments, Closures and Exit Reasons—Southwest

Service area	Total persons enrolled	Total persons closed	Percent closed	Percent closed by unsubsidized employment	Percent closed by moving from the area	Percent closed for some other reason
Big Stone	20	2	10.0%	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%
Chippewa	59	14	23.7%	42.9%	7.1%	50.0%
DVHHS	62	15	24.2%	6.7%	20.0%	73.3%
Lac qui Parle	36	4	11.1%	25.0%	25.0%	50.0%
Nobles	81	18	22.2%	27.8%	16.7%	55.6%
SWHHS	246	68	27.6%	13.2%	25.0%	61.8%
Swift	34	3	8.8%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Yellow Medicine	27	6	22.2%	16.7%	16.7%	66.7%
Southwest	565	130	23.0%	18.5%	20.0%	61.5%

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

Service area	Total persons enrolled	Total persons closed	Percent closed	Percent closed by unsubsidized employment	Percent closed by moving from the area	Percent closed for some other reason
Blue Earth	301	65	21.6%	33.8%	15.4%	50.8%
Brown	68	23	33.8%	39.1%	34.8%	26.1%
Faribault-Martin	117	26	22.2%	38.5%	19.2%	42.3%
Le Sueur	95	11	11.6%	36.4%	27.3%	36.4%
Nicollet	193	32	16.6%	46.9%	37.5%	15.6%
Sibley	56	19	33.9%	21.1%	31.6%	47.4%
Watonwan	52	9	17.3%	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%
South Central	882	185	21.0%	36.2%	25.4%	38.4%

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

Service area	Total persons enrolled	Total persons closed	Percent closed	Percent closed by unsubsidized employment	Percent closed by moving from the area	Percent closed for some other reason
Anoka	1,455	356	24.5%	39.6%	16.6%	43.8%
Carver	98	23	23.5%	34.8%	13.0%	52.2%
Dakota	1,225	321	26.2%	47.7%	12.2%	40.2%
Scott	178	46	25.8%	50.0%	8.7%	41.3%
Washington	444	91	20.5%	25.3%	9.9%	64.8%
Suburban Metro	3,400	837	24.6%	41.6%	13.6%	44.8%

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

Service area	Total persons enrolled	Total persons closed	Percent closed	Percent closed by unsubsidized employment	Percent closed by moving from the area	Percent closed for some other reason
Hennepin	9,007	1,498	16.6%	32.6%	17.4%	50.0%
Ramsey	5,122	880	17.2%	29.0%	13.1%	58.0%
Core Metro	14,129	2,378	16.8%	31.3%	15.8%	52.9%

MFIP Employment Services Enrollments, Closures and Exit Reasons—Northwest

Service area	Total persons enrolled	Total persons closed	Percent closed	Percent closed by unsubsidized employment	Percent closed by moving from the area	Percent closed for some other reason
Kittson	5	1	20.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Marshall	14	2	14.3%	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%
Norman	31	19	61.3%	21.1%	5.3%	73.7%
Pennington	57	8	14.0%	25.0%	12.5%	62.5%
Polk	270	69	25.6%	31.9%	17.4%	50.7%
Red Lake	10	2	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Roseau	43	10	23.3%	20.0%	10.0%	70.0%
Northwest	430	111	25.8%	27.9%	14.4%	57.7%

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

Service area	Total persons enrolled	Total persons closed	Percent closed	Percent closed by unsubsidized employment	Percent closed by moving from the area	Percent closed for some other reason
Becker	92	12	13.0%	66.7%	8.3%	25.0%
Beltrami	424	87	20.5%	3.4%	18.4%	78.2%
Cass	267	63	23.6%	11.1%	25.4%	63.5%
Clay	307	54	17.6%	46.3%	9.3%	44.4%
Clearwater	45	8	17.8%	62.5%	12.5%	25.0%
Crow Wing	202	32	15.8%	50.0%	15.6%	34.4%
Douglas	88	24	27.3%	50.0%	33.3%	16.7%
Grant	22	5	22.7%	20.0%	20.0%	60.0%
Hubbard	108	24	22.2%	50.0%	8.3%	41.7%
Lake of the Woods	7	1	14.3%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Mahnomen	31	5	16.1%	40.0%	20.0%	40.0%
Morrison	96	12	12.5%	50.0%	16.7%	33.3%
Otter Tail	172	30	17.4%	56.7%	3.3%	40.0%
Pope	21	3	14.3%	66.7%	0.0%	33.3%
Stevens	17	6	35.3%	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%
Todd	46	10	21.7%	50.0%	10.0%	40.0%
Traverse	19	3	15.8%	66.7%	0.0%	33.3%
Wadena	63	10	15.9%	50.0%	20.0%	30.0%
White Earth Nation	258	48	18.6%	4.2%	8.3%	87.5%
Wilkin	40	9	22.5%	66.7%	0.0%	33.3%
West Central	2,325	446	19.2%	31.4%	14.8%	53.8%

MFIP Employment Services Enrollments, Closures and Exit Reasons—Central

Service area	Total persons enrolled	Total persons closed	Percent closed	Percent closed by unsubsidized employment	Percent closed by moving from the area	Percent closed for some other reason
Benton	212	39	18.4%	51.3%	17.9%	30.8%
Chisago	52	12	23.1%	25.0%	25.0%	50.0%
Isanti	104	24	23.1%	33.3%	16.7%	50.0%
Kanabec	53	9	17.0%	22.2%	33.3%	44.4%
Kandiyohi	228	53	23.2%	35.8%	9.4%	54.7%
McLeod	44	15	34.1%	66.7%	20.0%	13.3%
Meeker	65	14	21.5%	42.9%	14.3%	42.9%
Mille Lacs	87	22	25.3%	18.2%	22.7%	59.1%
Pine	163	32	19.6%	18.8%	25.0%	56.3%
Renville	76	14	18.4%	42.9%	28.6%	28.6%
Sherburne	181	32	17.7%	37.5%	18.8%	43.8%
Stearns	868	175	20.2%	58.3%	4.6%	37.1%
Wright	134	25	18.7%	32.0%	16.0%	52.0%
Central	2,267	466	20.6%	44.2%	13.3%	42.5%

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Service area	Eligible adults (one-year)	S-SI (one-year)	Eligible adults (two-year)	S-SI (two-year)	Eligible adults (three-year)	S-SI (three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
State	34,098	51.4%	32,129	59.2%	32,688	64.5%	-	-	-	-

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

Service area	Eligible adults (one-year)	S-SI (one-year)	Eligible adults (two-year)	S-SI (two-year)	Eligible adults (three-year)	S-SI (three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
Fillmore	71	50.7%	52	61.5%	70	72.9%	72.8%	80.3%		Within
Freeborn	193	56.0%	209	67.5%	196	69.4%	72.8%	78.6%	-3.4%	Below
Goodhue	163	49.1%	126	57.9%	158	68.4%	61.6%	69.4%		Within
Houston	62	50.0%	60	61.7%	68	70.6%	72.3%	79.7%	-1.7%	Below
MN Prairie	450	57.8%	403	68.7%	338	73.4%	62.8%	70.5%	2.9%	Above
Mower	314	67.5%	281	71.9%	303	75.2%	75.3%	80.7%	-0.1%	Below
Olmsted	944	56.6%	819	65.3%	783	69.9%	72.0%	76.0%	-2.1%	Below
Rice	283	62.2%	246	72.4%	273	75.1%	72.4%	77.7%		Within
Wabasha	55	45.5%	60	61.7%	69	71.0%	68.3%	77.6%		Within
Winona	176	36.4%	181	54.7%	188	66.5%	64.5%	71.5%		Within
Southeast	2,711	56.3%	2,437	66.1%	2,446	71.3%	-	-	-	-

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

Service area	Eligible adults (one-year)	S-SI (one-year)	Eligible adults (two-year)	S-SI (two-year)	Eligible adults (three-year)	S-SI (three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
Aitkin	65	56.9%	54	50.0%	60	73.3%	59.7%	72.7%	0.7%	Above
Carlton	120	55.0%	112	68.8%	121	72.7%	69.4%	82.6%		Within
Cook	34	64.7%	17	64.7%	22	86.4%	64.3%	79.8%	6.6%	Above
Itasca	256	49.2%	232	53.9%	262	62.6%	66.1%	71.9%	-3.5%	Below
Koochiching	89	47.2%	58	48.3%	80	60.0%	66.0%	74.2%	-6.0%	Below
Lake	25	72.0%	20	85.0%	24	87.5%	66.6%	81.9%	5.6%	Above
St. Louis	1,347	42.6%	1,281	52.5%	1,266	59.2%	62.6%	66.1%	-3.5%	Below
Northeast	1,936	45.7%	1,774	54.0%	1,835	61.7%	-	-	-	-

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

Service area	Eligible adults (one-year)	S-SI (one-year)	Eligible adults (two-year)	S-SI (two-year)	Eligible adults (three-year)	S-SI (three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
Big Stone	14	64.3%	14	71.4%	14	78.6%	62.4%	84.4%		Within
Chippewa	76	39.5%	73	53.4%	78	70.5%	64.1%	74.1%		Within
DVHHS	115	66.1%	118	72.9%	119	82.4%	71.7%	78.5%	3.9%	Above
Lac qui Parle	17	41.2%	23	56.5%	22	54.5%	63.4%	79.7%	-8.8%	Below
Nobles	117	65.8%	103	70.9%	113	77.0%	80.6%	86.6%	-3.7%	Below
SWHHS	335	55.5%	300	71.7%	295	77.6%	72.7%	77.4%	0.2%	Above
Swift	53	56.6%	56	73.2%	60	73.3%	57.0%	68.8%	4.6%	Above
Yellow Medicine	38	63.2%	39	61.5%	27	70.4%	61.2%	77.6%		Within
Southwest	765	57.4%	726	69.0%	728	76.2%	-	-	-	-

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

Service area	Eligible adults (one-year)	S-SI (one-year)	Eligible adults (two-year)	S-SI (two-year)	Eligible adults (three-year)	S-SI (three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
Blue Earth	360	58.6%	289	64.0%	310	68.7%	68.5%	73.8%		Within
Brown	83	63.9%	99	73.7%	88	81.8%	72.0%	79.2%	2.7%	Above
Faribault-Martin	162	64.8%	136	72.1%	128	67.2%	70.8%	76.9%	-3.7%	Below
Le Sueur	118	56.8%	112	68.8%	105	73.3%	68.0%	75.5%		Within
Nicollet	269	56.9%	214	65.4%	213	72.3%	74.3%	79.6%	-2.0%	Below
Sibley	69	56.5%	38	76.3%	34	85.3%	63.4%	79.0%	6.3%	Above
Watonwan	41	58.5%	40	77.5%	41	85.4%	73.8%	81.9%	3.5%	Above
South Central	1,102	59.2%	928	68.2%	919	72.5%	-	-	-	-

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

Service area	Eligible adults (one-year)	S-SI (one-year)	Eligible adults (two-year)	S-SI (two-year)	Eligible adults (three-year)	S-SI (three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
Anoka	1,824	53.0%	1,692	60.4%	1,703	65.8%	61.8%	66.0%		Within
Carver	159	66.0%	148	74.3%	136	72.8%	66.3%	73.8%		Within
Dakota	1,489	53.3%	1,457	61.4%	1,509	66.7%	65.2%	69.1%		Within
Scott	303	68.3%	287	72.1%	280	79.6%	70.4%	75.5%	4.2%	Above
Washington	570	55.8%	578	63.0%	652	69.3%	63.3%	68.5%	0.9%	Above
Suburban Metro	4,345	55.0%	4,162	62.4%	4,280	67.8%	-	-	-	-

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

Service area	Eligible adults (one-year)	S-SI (one-year)	Eligible adults (two-year)	S-SI (two-year)	Eligible adults (three-year)	S-SI (three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
Hennepin	9,610	49.2%	9,098	54.4%	9,280	59.4%	58.5%	60.5%		Within
Ramsey	6,193	47.7%	6,273	56.3%	6,427	61.0%	60.0%	62.4%		Within
Core Metro	15,803	48.6%	15,371	55.2%	15,707	60.0%	-	-	-	-

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

Service area	Eligible adults (one-year)	S-SI (one-year)	Eligible adults (two-year)	S-SI (two-year)	Eligible adults (three-year)	S-SI (three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
Kittson	8	62.5%	13	100 %	7	100 %	69.8%	92.3%	7.7%	Above
Marshall	15	46.7%	14	57.1%	19	68.4%	50.4%	70.3%		Within
Norman	40	57.5%	37	70.3%	41	73.2%	68.2%	80.3%		Within
Pennington	76	53.9%	60	73.3%	41	70.7%	59.4%	71.8%		Within
Polk	325	57.5%	265	62.3%	214	70.1%	69.2%	74.6%		Within
Red Lake	18	77.8%	19	89.5%	17	88.2%	56.6%	71.9%	16.3%	Above
Roseau	53	52.8%	33	54.5%	53	73.6%	70.4%	79.9%		Within
Northwest	535	57.0%	441	66.0%	392	72.2%	-	-	-	-

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

Service area	Eligible adults (one-year)	S-SI (one-year)	Eligible adults (two-year)	S-SI (two-year)	Eligible adults (three-year)	S-SI (three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
Becker	147	63.9%	117	65.0%	129	73.6%	67.7%	74.6%		Within
Beltrami	369	48.2%	375	58.1%	400	65.0%	59.5%	65.1%		Within
Cass	195	50.8%	198	64.6%	186	66.7%	60.2%	68.7%		Within
Clay	495	56.0%	460	70.2%	409	78.5%	72.9%	77.2%	1.3%	Above
Clearwater	33	48.5%	47	70.2%	53	77.4%	58.4%	72.1%	5.2%	Above
Crow Wing	238	50.4%	191	59.7%	209	72.7%	62.8%	70.0%	2.7%	Above
Douglas	110	50.9%	98	56.1%	118	66.9%	70.7%	78.1%	-3.7%	Below
Grant	33	60.6%	22	72.7%	34	88.2%	68.5%	81.6%	6.6%	Above
Hubbard	102	50.0%	102	56.9%	86	62.8%	58.8%	68.2%		Within
Lake of the Woods	16	68.8%	15	80.0%	13	61.5%	64.8%	80.3%	-3.3%	Below
Mahnomen	29	48.3%	36	55.6%	33	54.5%	63.7%	77.5%	-9.2%	Below
Morrison	151	59.6%	137	71.5%	147	74.8%	61.7%	69.0%	5.8%	Above
Otter Tail	242	56.2%	185	63.2%	202	71.8%	68.0%	74.1%		Within
Pope	27	55.6%	41	82.9%	28	82.1%	62.9%	76.0%	6.2%	Above
Stevens	32	50.0%	32	71.9%	34	67.6%	63.2%	74.9%		Within
Todd	80	62.5%	65	73.8%	80	71.3%	69.2%	76.7%		Within
Traverse	27	55.6%	29	62.1%	34	82.4%	66.4%	80.1%	2.3%	Above
Wadena	103	54.4%	82	56.1%	118	68.6%	64.5%	72.1%		Within
Wilkin	49	59.2%	36	86.1%	32	75.0%	77.8%	87.6%	-2.8%	Below
West Central	2,478	54.2%	2,268	64.7%	2,345	71.3%	-	-	-	-

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

Service area	Eligible adults (one-year)	S-SI (one-year)	Eligible adults (two-year)	S-SI (two-year)	Eligible adults (three-year)	S-SI (three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
Benton	277	58.5%	288	69.1%	283	71.4%	65.5%	71.2%	0.2%	Above
Chisago	108	75.0%	99	82.8%	107	86.9%	73.9%	79.7%	7.2%	Above
Isanti	150	61.3%	137	67.2%	137	75.9%	69.3%	75.9%	0.0%	Above
Kanabec	84	64.3%	79	81.0%	83	78.3%	67.0%	75.4%	2.9%	Above
Kandiyohi	329	56.5%	340	69.7%	321	75.4%	74.3%	79.6%		Within
McLeod	85	75.3%	82	82.9%	80	83.8%	67.0%	76.4%	7.3%	Above
Meeker	61	55.7%	66	62.1%	77	72.7%	71.1%	78.8%		Within
Mille Lacs	143	58.7%	117	59.8%	118	69.5%	64.1%	72.5%		Within
Pine	206	52.4%	199	67.8%	168	66.7%	69.9%	75.9%	-3.2%	Below
Renville	69	46.4%	54	57.4%	66	71.2%	66.5%	77.9%		Within
Sherburne	267	56.2%	221	61.1%	239	72.0%	70.8%	76.5%		Within
Stearns	1,153	56.5%	966	66.7%	1,009	72.9%	68.7%	72.9%	0.0%	Above
Wright	232	57.3%	223	68.6%	244	72.5%	66.6%	71.7%	0.9%	Above
Central	3,164	57.9%	2,871	68.0%	2,932	73.5%	-	-	-	-

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

Service area	Eligible adults (one-year)	S-SI (one-year)	Eligible adults (two-year)	S-SI (two-year)	Eligible adults (three-year)	S-SI (three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
Leech Lake Band	219	37.0%	220	43.6%	214	47.7%	54.5%	62.4%	-6.9%	Below
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe	157	29.9%	171	47.4%	184	48.9%	52.9%	59.4%	-4.0%	Below
Red Lake Nation	582	39.3%	500	45.2%	451	49.7%	42.8%	49.0%	0.6%	Above
White Earth Nation	301	40.9%	260	48.8%	255	54.5%	56.1%	63.6%	-1.6%	Below
Total Tribal	1,259	38.1%	1,151	46.0%	1,104	50.3%	-	-	-	-

Indicator 7: MFIP Exits and Returns

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

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

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

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

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

MFIP Exits and Returns—State

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
Minnesota	5,965	69.3%	30.7%	12.7%

MFIP Exits and Returns—Southeast

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
Fillmore	11	90.9%	9.1%	0.0%
Freeborn	27	63.0%	37.0%	11.1%
Goodhue	32	75.0%	25.0%	15.6%
Houston	12	91.7%	8.3%	8.3%
MN Prairie	91	67.0%	33.0%	8.8%
Mower	63	77.8%	22.2%	6.4%
Olmsted	167	70.7%	29.3%	10.2%
Rice	75	62.7%	37.3%	13.3%
Wabasha	10	70.0%	30.0%	20.0%
Winona	26	76.9%	23.1%	15.4%
Southeast	514	70.8%	29.2%	10.5%

MFIP Exits and Returns—Northeast

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
Aitkin	11	63.6%	36.4%	9.1%
Carlton	22	72.7%	27.3%	18.2%
Cook	9	88.9%	11.1%	11.1%
Itasca	51	76.5%	23.5%	7.8%
Koochiching	11	63.6%	36.4%	0.0%
Lake	6	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
St. Louis	234	70.5%	29.5%	14.1%
Northeast	344	72.1%	27.9%	12.5%

MFIP Exits and Returns—Southwest

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
Big Stone	4	75.0%	25.0%	0.0%
Chippewa	13	46.2%	53.9%	30.8%
DVHHS	40	85.0%	15.0%	7.5%
Lac qui Parle	5	40.0%	60.0%	0.0%
Nobles	31	87.1%	12.9%	6.5%
SWHHS	62	59.7%	40.3%	17.7%
Swift	9	55.6%	44.4%	22.2%
Yellow Medicine	8	62.5%	37.5%	12.5%
Southwest	172	69.2%	30.8%	13.4%

MFIP Exits and Returns—South Central

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
Blue Earth	65	60.0%	40.0%	7.7%
Brown	16	68.8%	31.3%	18.8%
Faribault-Martin	33	78.8%	21.2%	9.1%
Le Sueur	26	80.8%	19.2%	19.2%
Nicollet	51	66.7%	33.3%	21.6%
Sibley	12	83.3%	16.7%	8.3%
Watonwan	18	55.6%	44.4%	27.8%
South Central	221	68.3%	31.7%	14.9%

MFIP Exits and Returns—Suburban Metro

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
Anoka	326	71.2%	28.8%	15.0%
Carver	45	71.1%	28.9%	6.7%
Dakota	364	64.3%	35.7%	14.8%
Scott	75	86.7%	13.3%	5.3%
Washington	129	78.3%	21.7%	8.5%
Suburban Metro	939	70.7%	29.3%	12.9%

MFIP Exits and Returns—Core Metro

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
Hennepin	1,517	67.3%	32.7%	13.8%
Ramsey	975	68.5%	31.5%	12.1%
Core Metro	2,492	67.8%	32.2%	13.2%

MFIP Exits and Returns—Northwest

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
Kittson	3	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%
Marshall	4	75.0%	25.0%	25.0%
Norman	5	80.0%	20.0%	20.0%
Pennington	12	58.3%	41.7%	8.3%
Polk	64	67.2%	32.8%	9.4%
Red Lake	8	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Roseau	12	83.3%	16.7%	8.3%
Northwest	108	71.3%	28.7%	9.3%

MFIP Exits and Returns—West Central

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
Becker	33	75.8%	24.2%	9.1%
Beltrami	92	59.8%	40.2%	21.7%
Cass	71	63.4%	36.6%	14.1%
Clay	86	70.9%	29.1%	10.5%
Clearwater	8	75.0%	25.0%	12.5%
Crow Wing	31	61.3%	38.7%	22.6%
Douglas	26	76.9%	23.1%	11.5%
Grant	5	60.0%	40.0%	20.0%
Hubbard	15	60.0%	40.0%	33.3%
Lake of the Woods	3	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%
Mahnomen	3	0.0%	100.0%	33.3%
Morrison	26	80.8%	19.2%	7.7%
Otter Tail	56	78.6%	21.4%	7.1%
Pope	8	62.5%	37.5%	12.5%
Stevens	5	60.0%	40.0%	0.0%
Todd	12	58.3%	41.7%	8.3%
Traverse	9	88.9%	11.1%	0.0%
Wadena	7	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
White Earth Nation	56	66.1%	33.9%	10.7%
Wilkin	14	64.3%	35.7%	7.1%
West Central	566	68.2%	31.8%	13.3%

MFIP Exits and Returns—Central

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
Benton	60	68.3%	31.7%	13.3%
Chisago	31	77.4%	22.6%	9.7%
Isanti	42	71.4%	28.6%	9.5%
Kanabec	12	66.7%	33.3%	33.3%
Kandiyohi	55	63.6%	36.4%	12.7%
McLeod	24	62.5%	37.5%	4.2%
Meeker	14	64.3%	35.7%	21.4%
Mille Lacs	29	62.1%	37.9%	24.1%
Pine	44	72.7%	27.3%	15.9%
Renville	15	80.0%	20.0%	13.3%
Sherburne	49	81.6%	18.4%	0.0%
Stearns	188	72.9%	27.1%	13.3%
Wright	46	80.4%	19.6%	2.2%
Central	609	71.9%	28.1%	11.8%

Indicator 8: MFIP Unaccounted For Cases

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

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

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

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

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

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

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—State

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
State	24,305	854	3.5%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—Southeast

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Fillmore	50	4	8.0%
Freeborn	152	2	1.3%
Goodhue	126	2	1.6%
Houston	44	12	27.3%
MN Prairie	310	1	0.3%
Mower	188	0	0.0%
Olmsted	667	16	2.4%
Rice	208	2	1.0%
Wabasha	43	0	0.0%
Winona	168	4	2.4%
Southeast	1,956	43	2.2%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—Northeast

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Aitkin	37	2	5.4%
Carlton	85	1	1.2%
Cook	22	4	18.2%
Itasca	197	2	1.0%
Koochiching	63	1	1.6%
Lake	17	0	0.0%
St. Louis	1,170	30	2.6%
Northeast	1,591	40	2.5%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—Southwest

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Big Stone	19	1	5.3%
Chippewa	57	1	1.8%
DVHHS	61	0	0.0%
Lac qui Parle	28	0	0.0%
Nobles	68	0	0.0%
SWHHS	215	1	0.5%
Swift	36	1	2.8%
Yellow Medicine	21	0	0.0%
Southwest	505	4	0.8%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—South Central

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Blue Earth	260	0	0.0%
Brown	58	3	5.2%
Faribault-Martin	108	0	0.0%
Le Sueur	80	1	1.3%
Nicollet	158	5	3.2%
Sibley	44	0	0.0%
Watonwan	45	0	0.0%
South Central	753	9	1.2%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—Suburban Metro

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Anoka	1,234	41	3.3%
Carver	105	2	1.9%
Dakota	1,085	13	1.2%
Scott	166	0	0.0%
Washington	395	11	2.8%
Suburban Metro	2,985	67	2.2%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—Core Metro

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Hennepin	7,468	337	4.5%
Ramsey	4,410	169	3.8%
Core Metro	11,878	506	4.3%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—Northwest

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Kittson	6	0	0.0%
Marshall	15	0	0.0%
Norman	24	2	8.3%
Pennington	68	2	2.9%
Polk	225	2	0.9%
Red Lake	9	0	0.0%
Roseau	39	0	0.0%
Northwest	386	6	1.6%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—West Central

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Becker	90	1	1.1%
Beltrami	326	26	8.0%
Cass	275	34	12.4%
Clay	309	15	4.9%
Clearwater	40	0	0.0%
Crow Wing	198	9	4.5%
Douglas	86	1	1.2%
Grant	20	2	10.0%
Hubbard	103	3	2.9%
Lake of the Woods	6	0	0.0%
Mahnomen	25	1	4.0%
Morrison	93	0	0.0%
Otter Tail	156	3	1.9%
Pope	22	0	0.0%
Stevens	22	0	0.0%
Todd	50	1	2.0%
Traverse	20	0	0.0%
Wadena	61	1	1.6%
White Earth Nation	232	24	10.3%
Wilkin	33	3	9.1%
West Central	2,167	124	5.7%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—Central

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Benton	180	6	3.3%
Chisago	49	0	0.0%
Isanti	94	1	1.1%
Kanabec	58	0	0.0%
Kandiyohi	233	2	0.9%
McLeod	51	0	0.0%
Meeker	62	1	1.6%
Mille Lacs	86	4	4.7%
Pine	137	1	0.7%
Renville	65	2	3.1%
Sherburne	201	7	3.5%
Stearns	715	28	3.9%
Wright	153	3	2.0%
Central	2,084	55	2.6%

Notes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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