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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	4463	34284	13.0%

MFIP Closings—Southeast

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Fillmore	8	60	13.3%	-0.9%	0.3%
Freeborn	33	185	17.8%	3.6%	4.8%
Goodhue	17	146	11.6%	-2.6%	-1.4%
Houston	7	55	12.7%	-1.5%	-0.3%
MN Prairie	57	428	13.3%	-0.9%	0.3%
Mower	49	283	17.3%	3.1%	4.3%
Olmsted	121	854	14.2%	0.0%	1.2%
Rice	40	292	13.7%	-0.5%	0.7%
Wabasha	7	51	13.7%	-0.5%	0.7%
Winona	25	210	11.9%	-2.3%	-1.1%
Southeast	364	2564	14.2%		1.2%

MFIP Closings—Northeast

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Aitkin	15	79	19.0%	7.3%	6.0%
Carlton	19	167	11.4%	-0.3%	-1.6%
Cook	6	27	22.2%	10.5%	9.2%
Itasca	43	324	13.3%	1.6%	0.3%
Koochiching	12	83	14.5%	2.8%	1.5%
Lake	4	24	16.7%	5.0%	3.7%
St. Louis	163	1539	10.6%	-1.1%	-2.4%
Northeast	262	2243	11.7%		-1.3%

MFIP Closings—Southwest

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Big Stone	3	15	20.0%	1.1%	7.0%
Chippewa	13	75	17.3%	-1.6%	4.3%
DVHHS	16	93	17.2%	-1.7%	4.2%
Lac qui Parle	3	20	15.0%	-3.9%	2.0%
Nobles	32	149	21.5%	2.6%	8.5%
SWHHS	63	333	18.9%	0.0%	5.9%
Swift	11	55	20.0%	1.1%	7.0%
Yellow Medicine	7	42	16.7%	-2.2%	3.7%
Southwest	148	782	18.9%		5.9%

MFIP Closings—South Central

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Blue Earth	41	301	13.6%	-1.3%	0.6%
Brown	8	84	9.5%	-5.4%	-3.5%
Faribault-Martin	32	148	21.6%	6.7%	8.6%
Le Sueur	18	112	16.1%	1.2%	3.1%
Nicollet	29	199	14.6%	-0.3%	1.6%
Sibley	10	58	17.2%	2.3%	4.2%
Watonwan	5	57	8.8%	-6.1%	-4.2%
South Central	143	959	14.9%		1.9%

MFIP Closings—Suburban Metro

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Anoka	197	1721	11.4%	-2.5%	-1.6%
Carver	28	150	18.7%	4.8%	5.7%
Dakota	227	1505	15.1%	1.2%	2.1%
Scott	51	300	17.0%	3.1%	4.0%
Washington	85	542	15.7%	1.8%	2.7%
Suburban Metro	588	4218	13.9%		0.9%

MFIP Closings—Core Metro

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Hennepin	1182	10283	11.5%	0.1%	-1.5%
Ramsey	717	6415	11.2%	-0.2%	-1.8%
Core Metro	1899	16698	11.4%		-1.6%

MFIP Closings—Northwest

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Kittson	3	11	27.3%	9.7%	14.3%
Marshall	3	17	17.6%	0.0%	4.6%
Norman	2	35	5.7%	-11.9%	-7.3%
Pennington	14	82	17.1%	-0.5%	4.1%
Polk	52	288	18.1%	0.5%	5.1%
Red Lake	5	15	33.3%	15.7%	20.3%
Roseau	8	46	17.4%	-0.2%	4.4%
Northwest	87	494	17.6%		4.6%

MFIP Closings—West Central

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Becker	23	157	14.6%	0.6%	1.6%
Beltrami	78	529	14.7%	0.7%	1.7%
Cass	46	438	10.5%	-3.5%	-2.5%
Clay	76	404	18.8%	4.8%	5.8%
Clearwater	3	49	6.1%	-7.9%	-6.9%
Crow Wing	39	270	14.4%	0.4%	1.4%
Douglas	19	118	16.1%	2.1%	3.1%
Grant	8	32	25.0%	11.0%	12.0%
Hubbard	11	140	7.9%	-6.1%	-5.1%
Lake of the Woods	1	10	10.0%	-4.0%	-3.0%
Mahnomen	6	40	15.0%	1.0%	2.0%
Morrison	21	145	14.5%	0.5%	1.5%
Otter Tail	31	217	14.3%	0.3%	1.3%
Pope	5	28	17.9%	3.9%	4.9%
Stevens	3	33	9.1%	-4.9%	-3.9%
Todd	19	85	22.4%	8.4%	9.4%
Traverse	5	35	14.3%	0.3%	1.3%
Wadena	11	93	11.8%	-2.2%	-1.2%
White Earth Nation	47	395	11.9%	-2.1%	-1.1%
Wilkin	5	41	12.2%	-1.8%	-0.8%
West Central	457	3259	14.0%		1.0%

MFIP Closings—Central

Service area	MFIP case closings	Active MFIP caseload	MFIP closing rate	Difference from region	Difference from state
Benton	39	261	14.9%	-1.9%	1.9%
Chisago	24	107	22.4%	5.6%	9.4%
Isanti	24	141	17.0%	0.2%	4.0%
Kanabec	12	82	14.6%	-2.2%	1.6%
Kandiyohi	51	360	14.2%	-2.6%	1.2%
McLeod	17	91	18.7%	1.9%	5.7%
Meeker	13	71	18.3%	1.5%	5.3%
Mille Lacs	26	187	13.9%	-2.9%	0.9%
Pine	31	190	16.3%	-0.5%	3.3%
Renville	16	71	22.5%	5.7%	9.5%
Sherburne	50	250	20.0%	3.2%	7.0%
Stearns	169	1027	16.5%	-0.3%	3.5%
Wright	43	229	18.8%	2.0%	5.8%
Central	515	3067	16.8%		3.8%

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	1449	\$11.50	1148	\$11.85

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	3	\$10.50	3	\$13.69
Freeborn	12	\$9.80	11	\$11.44
Goodhue	9	\$10.62	10	\$11.15
Houston	7	\$10.50	4	\$9.50
MN Prairie	29	\$11.00	19	\$11.25
Mower	20	\$11.77	12	\$10.75
Olmsted	67	\$12.00	54	\$12.00
Rice	20	\$12.43	11	\$10.50
Wabasha	3	\$17.66	5	\$12.50
Winona	4	\$11.28	3	\$10.00
Southeast	174	\$11.50	132	\$11.30

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	1	\$11.70	4	\$12.20
Carlton	10	\$10.40	5	\$9.56
Cook	5	\$10.00	--	--
Itasca	14	\$10.63	6	\$10.20
Koochiching	7	\$10.25	7	\$9.50
Lake	--	--	--	--
St. Louis	54	\$10.99	29	\$13.00
Northeast	91	\$10.80	51	\$11.00

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—Southwest

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Big Stone	--	--	2	\$10.50
Chippewa	4	\$10.33	2	\$11.25
DVHHS	4	\$10.38	4	\$10.13
Lac qui Parle	4	\$9.75	2	\$13.40
Nobles	10	\$11.58	4	\$11.38
SWHHS	17	\$10.50	6	\$10.00
Swift	3	\$10.25	1	\$13.50
Yellow Medicine	3	\$11.00	--	--
Southwest	45	\$10.50	21	\$11.80

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	27	\$10.50	12	\$11.38
Brown	10	\$11.13	2	\$13.43
Faribault-Martin	6	\$14.50	2	\$11.75
Le Sueur	9	\$11.00	11	\$11.50
Nicollet	12	\$11.50	4	\$12.00
Sibley	10	\$12.00	1	\$9.65
Watonwan	6	\$11.88	4	\$12.95
South Central	80	\$11.00	36	\$11.50

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—Suburban Metro

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Anoka	103	\$12.00	75	\$13.00
Carver	11	\$12.05	10	\$12.75
Dakota	95	\$12.00	80	\$12.00
Scott	16	\$11.50	17	\$12.50
Washington	20	\$11.43	16	\$10.68
Suburban Metro	245	\$12.00	198	\$12.00

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—Core Metro

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Hennepin	298	\$12.00	305	\$12.15
Ramsey	150	\$12.00	128	\$11.50
Core Metro	448	\$12.00	433	\$12.00

MFIP and DWP Median Placement Wage—Northwest

Service area	Number of job placements (MFIP)	Median placement wage (MFIP)	Number of job placements (DWP)	Median placement wage (DWP)
Kittson	--	--	--	--
Marshall	1	\$12.00	--	--
Norman	5	\$10.50	--	--
Pennington	3	\$11.50	--	--
Polk	12	\$10.15	3	\$12.00
Red Lake	--	--	--	--
Roseau	4	\$9.88	5	\$11.50
Northwest	25	\$10.15	8	\$11.75

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	9	\$14.00	8	\$9.88
Beltrami	19	\$11.00	5	\$11.00
Cass	24	\$10.45	14	\$10.33
Clay	21	\$11.50	26	\$11.00
Clearwater	4	\$12.07	1	\$9.50
Crow Wing	26	\$10.38	17	\$11.00
Douglas	12	\$11.00	4	\$11.20
Grant	2	\$11.63	5	\$12.00
Hubbard	8	\$10.75	9	\$11.00
Lake of the Woods	--	--	1	\$10.00
Mahnomen	2	\$9.23	--	--
Morrison	9	\$11.25	3	\$12.75
Otter Tail	9	\$10.00	21	\$11.50
Pope	--	--	--	--
Stevens	5	\$10.00	1	\$11.80
Todd	3	\$9.50	2	\$8.50
Traverse	1	\$15.00	3	\$9.50
Wadena	9	\$11.00	4	\$11.25
White Earth Nation	3	\$10.44	1	\$10.50
Wilkin	5	\$14.00	5	\$11.00
West Central	171	\$11.00	130	\$11.00

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	18	\$11.98	20	\$11.48
Chisago	1	\$10.75	2	\$11.52
Isanti	9	\$12.00	7	\$12.50
Kanabec	3	\$10.00	6	\$11.00
Kandiyohi	23	\$11.50	12	\$11.00
McLeod	13	\$10.50	10	\$11.50
Meeker	6	\$10.52	6	\$11.00
Mille Lacs	1	\$13.00	2	\$9.75
Pine	10	\$10.88	7	\$10.00
Renville	10	\$10.25	8	\$13.00
Sherburne	16	\$12.00	9	\$10.76
Stearns	55	\$11.40	42	\$12.00
Wright	5	\$10.75	8	\$11.18
Central	170	\$11.00	139	\$11.21

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 agencies, 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 agencies, 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 agencies, 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	7,564	36.9%	37.3%	39.7%									

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	15	38.5%	33.3%	37.5%									
Freeborn	43	39.5%	34.9%	43.2%									
Goodhue	37	30.6%	52.6%	43.2%									
Houston	13	12.5%	36.4%	33.3%									
MN Prairie	101	50.0%	47.6%	50.5%									
Mower	51	40.0%	37.7%	51.0%									
Olmsted	213	46.1%	47.7%	47.8%									
Rice	69	26.2%	26.1%	36.1%									
Wabasha	15	42.9%	33.3%	47.1%									
Winona	41	47.4%	33.3%	30.8%									
Southeast	598	41.5%	41.8%	44.8%									

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	11	8.3%	9.1%	20.0%									
Carlton	23	31.8%	52.0%	57.1%									
Cook	4	66.7%	50.0%	75.0%									
Itasca	43	42.3%	35.7%	36.1%									
Koochiching	21	36.4%	23.8%	31.6%									
Lake	3	50.0%	0.0%	33.3%									
St. Louis	287	33.9%	32.1%	36.8%									
Northeast	391	34.6%	32.6%	37.5%									

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%									
Chippewa	11	40.0%	36.4%	46.2%									
DVHHS	10	33.3%	45.5%	42.9%									
Lac qui Parle	3	0.0%	75.0%	75.0%									
Nobles	18	47.1%	35.0%	38.9%									
SWHHS	64	32.2%	34.3%	32.8%									
Swift	12	7.7%	30.8%	50.0%									
Yellow Medicine	5	40.0%	33.3%	42.9%									
Southwest	125	32.2%	36.2%	38.6%									

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%									
Brown	22	44.4%	44.0%	47.8%									
Faribault-Martin	21	45.0%	35.0%	39.1%									
Le Sueur	28	33.3%	25.9%	34.5%									
Nicollet	60	23.1%	32.8%	36.9%									
Sibley	12	50.0%	41.7%	58.3%									
Watonwan	13	62.5%	38.5%	41.2%									
South Central	217	37.8%	39.2%	45.0%									

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	357	41.0%	37.3%	42.7%									
Carver	27	37.5%	48.3%	40.7%									
Dakota	299	48.2%	47.6%	49.3%									
Scott	54	70.0%	46.3%	50.9%									
Washington	121	43.5%	43.1%	44.4%									
Suburban Metro	858	45.5%	42.6%	45.7%									

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	2,536	35.7%	37.5%	39.5%									
Ramsey	1,562	32.9%	33.6%	34.0%									
Core Metro	4,097	34.6%	36.0%	37.5%									

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%									
Marshall	2	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%									
Norman	9	11.1%	11.1%	11.1%									
Pennington	21	50.0%	40.0%	45.0%									
Polk	28	33.3%	32.1%	34.6%									
Red Lake	1	-	50.0%	0.0%									
Roseau	8	20.0%	16.7%	55.6%									
Northwest	72	33.8%	30.4%	36.2%									

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	43	38.1%	44.4%	50.0%									
Beltrami	114	22.5%	25.6%	29.8%									
Cass	47	28.9%	22.0%	24.1%									
Clay	65	28.6%	37.3%	41.7%									
Clearwater	9	33.3%	55.6%	60.0%									
Crow Wing	67	38.1%	45.8%	48.5%									
Douglas	31	37.9%	30.3%	36.7%									
Grant	7	44.4%	42.9%	40.0%									
Hubbard	26	32.1%	26.1%	25.0%									
Lake of the Woods	2	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%									
Mahnomen	7	20.0%	22.2%	14.3%									
Morrison	42	44.9%	32.4%	41.5%									
Otter Tail	53	30.8%	27.8%	32.7%									
Pope	3	75.0%	33.3%	33.3%									
Stevens	8	40.0%	71.4%	75.0%									
Todd	8	36.4%	28.6%	66.7%									
Traverse	2	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%									
Wadena	14	42.9%	46.2%	66.7%									
Wilkin	9	28.6%	55.6%	41.7%									
West Central	559	32.6%	33.7%	38.2%									

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	65	35.0%	38.2%	50.0%									
Chisago	15	83.3%	73.3%	64.7%									
Isanti	35	46.9%	46.9%	52.5%									
Kanabec	19	28.6%	52.4%	37.5%									
Kandiyohi	54	40.7%	31.5%	50.9%									
McLeod	19	50.0%	42.1%	38.9%									
Meeker	10	40.0%	71.4%	38.5%									
Mille Lacs	27	34.5%	36.0%	39.3%									
Pine	50	44.2%	37.3%	43.8%									
Renville	17	53.8%	42.1%	25.0%									
Sherburne	50	39.5%	37.3%	39.3%									
Stearns	235	44.1%	40.3%	39.8%									
Wright	41	40.5%	28.6%	44.4%									
Central	638	42.6%	39.9%	43.1%									

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	65	15.9%	18.8%	22.1%									
MN Chippewa Tribe	31	17.2%	30.0%	23.5%									
White Earth Nation	63	14.3%	11.9%	19.1%									
Total Tribal	159	15.5%	18.3%	21.2%									

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	21,807	2.6%	27.8%	19.4%	14.2%	10.6%	9.2%	16.4%

MFIP Counted Months—Southeast

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Fillmore	44	0.0%	27.3%	18.2%	25.0%	20.5%	9.1%	0.0%
Freeborn	117	5.1%	32.5%	18.8%	17.1%	10.3%	10.3%	6.0%
Goodhue	101	1.0%	28.7%	24.8%	11.9%	10.9%	7.9%	14.9%
Houston	34	0.0%	26.5%	26.5%	14.7%	11.8%	5.9%	14.7%
MN Prairie	274	2.6%	27.7%	26.6%	16.1%	13.5%	5.5%	8.0%
Mower	156	4.5%	35.9%	21.8%	14.7%	7.1%	9.6%	6.4%
Olmsted	582	4.5%	33.2%	22.3%	11.5%	10.0%	8.8%	9.8%
Rice	187	1.1%	38.5%	26.7%	11.2%	8.0%	7.5%	7.0%
Wabasha	39	0.0%	38.5%	25.6%	10.3%	2.6%	12.8%	10.3%
Winona	141	4.3%	27.7%	25.5%	11.4%	16.3%	6.4%	8.5%
Southeast	1,675	3.3%	32.2%	23.7%	13.3%	10.8%	8.1%	8.7%

MFIP Counted Months—Northeast

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Aitkin	40	2.5%	32.5%	12.5%	25.0%	15.0%	5.0%	7.5%
Carlton	80	1.3%	35.0%	20.0%	12.5%	10.0%	7.5%	13.8%
Cook	19	0.0%	47.4%	10.5%	15.8%	5.3%	15.8%	5.3%
Itasca	177	1.7%	28.3%	17.5%	13.0%	10.2%	13.0%	16.4%
Koochiching	60	3.3%	25.0%	33.3%	16.7%	8.3%	5.0%	8.3%
Lake	14	0.0%	42.9%	35.7%	14.3%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%
St. Louis	1,040	2.2%	22.4%	19.4%	14.2%	11.1%	11.4%	19.5%
Northeast	1,430	2.1%	24.8%	19.7%	14.4%	10.8%	10.8%	17.6%

MFIP Counted Months—Southwest

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Big Stone	7	0.0%	57.1%	14.3%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%
Chippewa	46	2.2%	28.3%	21.7%	8.7%	15.2%	8.7%	15.2%
DVHHS	42	0.0%	35.7%	19.1%	9.5%	7.1%	14.3%	14.3%
Lac qui Parle	20	5.0%	50.0%	10.0%	20.0%	5.0%	0.0%	10.0%
Nobles	55	1.8%	41.8%	18.2%	21.8%	7.3%	7.3%	1.8%
SWHHS	196	3.1%	36.7%	22.5%	20.4%	8.2%	4.6%	4.6%
Swift	29	0.0%	37.9%	20.7%	13.8%	17.2%	10.3%	0.0%
Yellow Medicine	21	0.0%	23.8%	28.6%	23.8%	9.5%	4.8%	9.5%
Southwest	416	2.2%	36.8%	20.9%	17.8%	9.1%	6.5%	6.7%

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	217	2.3%	28.1%	19.8%	12.4%	12.4%	9.7%	16.1%
Brown	52	1.9%	38.5%	21.2%	17.3%	9.6%	3.9%	7.7%
Faribault-Martin	77	3.9%	36.4%	18.2%	15.6%	5.2%	11.7%	9.1%
Le Sueur	67	7.5%	40.3%	16.4%	16.4%	7.5%	6.0%	7.5%
Nicollet	149	2.0%	30.2%	24.8%	16.1%	9.4%	10.1%	8.1%
Sibley	34	0.0%	44.1%	17.7%	17.7%	5.9%	5.9%	8.8%
Watonwan	38	5.3%	47.4%	23.7%	5.3%	2.6%	5.3%	10.5%
South Central	634	3.0%	33.8%	20.7%	14.4%	9.2%	8.7%	11.0%

MFIP Counted Months—Suburban Metro

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Anoka	1,140	2.2%	28.3%	17.2%	14.3%	9.7%	8.6%	19.7%
Carver	83	1.2%	33.7%	19.3%	13.3%	7.2%	9.6%	15.7%
Dakota	920	1.5%	30.7%	18.4%	15.7%	10.1%	8.6%	15.2%
Scott	146	3.4%	35.6%	21.9%	15.1%	6.2%	8.2%	9.6%
Washington	350	1.7%	28.6%	20.3%	11.7%	12.6%	8.0%	17.1%
Suburban Metro	2,639	1.9%	29.7%	18.3%	14.4%	10.0%	8.5%	17.1%

MFIP Counted Months—Core Metro

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Hennepin	6,765	2.6%	25.2%	18.8%	13.7%	10.1%	10.0%	19.7%
Ramsey	4,146	1.9%	24.8%	17.0%	13.2%	11.3%	10.4%	21.6%
Core Metro	10,911	2.3%	25.1%	18.1%	13.5%	10.6%	10.1%	20.4%

MFIP Counted Months—Northwest

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Kittson	5	0.0%	20.0%	60.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%
Marshall	11	0.0%	63.6%	9.1%	9.1%	0.0%	18.2%	0.0%
Norman	26	7.7%	26.9%	19.2%	30.8%	7.7%	7.7%	0.0%
Pennington	49	6.1%	36.7%	24.5%	8.2%	8.2%	8.2%	8.2%
Polk	198	3.5%	32.8%	19.2%	12.6%	8.6%	8.1%	15.2%
Red Lake	10	20.0%	30.0%	20.0%	10.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Roseau	33	3.0%	33.3%	27.3%	21.2%	3.0%	6.1%	6.1%
Northwest	332	4.5%	33.7%	21.1%	13.9%	7.8%	8.1%	10.8%

MFIP Counted Months—West Central

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Becker	97	3.1%	24.7%	17.5%	21.7%	15.5%	7.2%	10.3%
Beltrami	314	5.7%	25.5%	19.4%	15.3%	10.8%	11.8%	11.5%
Cass	238	3.8%	23.5%	18.1%	15.1%	13.9%	10.9%	14.7%
Clay	264	1.9%	40.2%	19.7%	12.9%	11.4%	3.4%	10.6%
Clearwater	30	6.7%	40.0%	10.0%	16.7%	10.0%	10.0%	6.7%
Crow Wing	169	2.4%	37.3%	18.3%	16.6%	8.3%	10.1%	7.1%
Douglas	72	4.2%	37.5%	25.0%	6.9%	9.7%	4.2%	12.5%
Grant	14	0.0%	35.7%	14.3%	35.7%	7.1%	7.1%	0.0%
Hubbard	90	5.6%	22.2%	20.0%	15.6%	16.7%	6.7%	13.3%
Lake of the Woods	5	20.0%	0.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%	20.0%
Mahnomen	17	5.9%	23.5%	17.7%	11.8%	17.7%	11.8%	11.8%
Morrison	89	1.1%	25.8%	24.7%	23.6%	9.0%	5.6%	10.1%
Otter Tail	149	4.0%	32.9%	15.4%	17.5%	15.4%	8.1%	7.4%
Pope	17	11.8%	29.4%	17.7%	17.7%	11.8%	5.9%	5.9%
Stevens	23	0.0%	30.4%	26.1%	13.0%	4.4%	17.4%	8.7%
Todd	39	2.6%	35.9%	12.8%	18.0%	18.0%	2.6%	10.3%
Traverse	18	0.0%	27.8%	22.2%	22.2%	22.2%	5.6%	0.0%
Wadena	58	1.7%	27.6%	20.7%	15.5%	13.8%	6.9%	13.8%
White Earth Nation	198	4.0%	21.2%	17.7%	14.7%	14.1%	9.6%	18.7%
Wilkin	30	3.3%	46.7%	26.7%	10.0%	6.7%	6.7%	0.0%
West Central	1,931	3.7%	29.6%	19.0%	15.7%	12.4%	8.3%	11.3%

MFIP Counted Months—Central

Service area	Eligible-adult caseload	0 months	1 - 12	13 - 24	25 - 36	37 - 48	49 - 60	Extended
Benton	165	1.2%	36.4%	19.4%	16.4%	13.3%	3.0%	10.3%
Chisago	39	0.0%	33.3%	33.3%	18.0%	5.1%	7.7%	2.6%
Isanti	78	5.1%	38.5%	21.8%	21.8%	5.1%	5.1%	2.6%
Kanabec	54	11.1%	24.1%	27.8%	20.4%	5.6%	11.1%	0.0%
Kandiyohi	218	3.7%	37.2%	24.3%	11.5%	8.3%	4.1%	11.5%
McLeod	52	3.9%	42.3%	17.3%	17.3%	7.7%	5.8%	5.8%
Meeker	42	2.4%	40.5%	14.3%	11.9%	19.1%	4.8%	7.1%
Mille Lacs	80	1.3%	33.8%	20.0%	13.8%	13.8%	5.0%	12.5%
Pine	108	3.7%	24.1%	27.8%	15.7%	13.0%	6.5%	9.3%
Renville	52	7.7%	34.6%	21.2%	11.5%	13.5%	1.9%	9.6%
Sherburne	147	2.7%	33.3%	17.0%	17.0%	10.9%	6.1%	12.9%
Stearns	683	2.5%	30.2%	27.7%	15.2%	10.4%	7.0%	7.2%
Wright	121	3.3%	28.9%	19.8%	18.2%	11.6%	7.4%	10.7%
Central	1,839	3.1%	32.5%	23.9%	15.6%	10.6%	6.0%	8.5%

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	28,371	5,623	19.8%	31.2%	16.3%	52.5%

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	43	5	11.6%	40.0%	20.0%	40.0%
Freeborn	133	35	26.3%	22.9%	31.4%	45.7%
Goodhue	103	23	22.3%	30.4%	17.4%	52.2%
Houston	43	9	20.9%	22.2%	22.2%	55.6%
MN Prairie	347	91	26.2%	38.5%	5.5%	56.0%
Mower	192	50	26.0%	52.0%	6.0%	42.0%
Olmsted	706	145	20.5%	68.3%	6.2%	25.5%
Rice	231	48	20.8%	43.8%	12.5%	43.8%
Wabasha	38	8	21.1%	37.5%	0.0%	62.5%
Winona	170	32	18.8%	21.9%	15.6%	62.5%
Southeast	2,006	446	22.2%	47.1%	10.3%	42.6%

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	46	13	28.3%	23.1%	15.4%	61.5%
Carlton	112	22	19.6%	18.2%	18.2%	63.6%
Cook	26	3	11.5%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Itasca	238	52	21.8%	26.9%	15.4%	57.7%
Koochiching	79	24	30.4%	8.3%	12.5%	79.2%
Lake	15	5	33.3%	40.0%	40.0%	20.0%
St. Louis	1,199	202	16.8%	13.9%	8.9%	77.2%
Northeast	1,715	321	18.7%	16.5%	11.5%	72.0%

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	8	4	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Chippewa	56	11	19.6%	9.1%	36.4%	54.5%
DVHHS	60	23	38.3%	21.7%	8.7%	69.6%
Lac qui Parle	26	3	11.5%	0.0%	66.7%	33.3%
Nobles	65	15	23.1%	6.7%	26.7%	66.7%
SWHHS	269	78	29.0%	5.1%	17.9%	76.9%
Swift	34	9	26.5%	55.6%	0.0%	44.4%
Yellow Medicine	32	8	25.0%	25.0%	50.0%	25.0%
Southwest	550	151	27.5%	11.9%	21.2%	66.9%

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	298	68	22.8%	39.7%	13.2%	47.1%
Brown	71	17	23.9%	35.3%	29.4%	35.3%
Faribault-Martin	96	30	31.3%	40.0%	10.0%	50.0%
Le Sueur	101	10	9.9%	30.0%	40.0%	30.0%
Nicollet	199	41	20.6%	51.2%	14.6%	34.1%
Sibley	49	18	36.7%	27.8%	22.2%	50.0%
Watonwan	37	9	24.3%	22.2%	33.3%	44.4%
South Central	851	193	22.7%	39.4%	17.6%	43.0%

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

Service area	Total persons enrolled	Total persons closed	Percent closed	Percent closed by unsubsidized employment	Percent closed by moving from the area	Percent closed for some other reason
Anoka	1,506	312	20.7%	35.3%	22.1%	42.6%
Carver	92	27	29.3%	29.6%	14.8%	55.6%
Dakota	1,162	301	25.9%	43.2%	16.3%	40.5%
Scott	185	53	28.6%	43.4%	15.1%	41.5%
Washington	415	83	20.0%	21.7%	15.7%	62.7%
Suburban Metro	3,360	776	23.1%	37.2%	18.4%	44.3%

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	9,138	1,468	16.1%	30.7%	18.7%	50.6%
Ramsey	5,578	1,002	18.0%	27.2%	14.6%	58.2%
Core Metro	14,716	2,470	16.8%	29.3%	17.0%	53.7%

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	-	-	-	-	-
Marshall	14	2	14.3%	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%
Norman	41	7	17.1%	14.3%	0.0%	85.7%
Pennington	59	12	20.3%	0.0%	58.3%	41.7%
Polk	248	53	21.4%	22.6%	17.0%	60.4%
Red Lake	13	6	46.2%	0.0%	33.3%	66.7%
Roseau	31	5	16.1%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Northwest	411	85	20.7%	16.5%	21.2%	62.4%

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	110	22	20.0%	40.9%	18.2%	40.9%
Beltrami	484	109	22.5%	1.8%	18.3%	79.8%
Cass	292	77	26.4%	11.7%	11.7%	76.6%
Clay	303	76	25.1%	44.7%	9.2%	46.1%
Clearwater	36	11	30.6%	18.2%	36.4%	45.5%
Crow Wing	172	36	20.9%	47.2%	8.3%	44.4%
Douglas	83	20	24.1%	55.0%	5.0%	40.0%
Grant	23	11	47.8%	45.5%	0.0%	54.5%
Hubbard	101	16	15.8%	18.8%	12.5%	68.8%
Lake of the Woods	5	2	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Mahnomen	27	9	33.3%	33.3%	11.1%	55.6%
Morrison	98	30	30.6%	46.7%	16.7%	36.7%
Otter Tail	168	50	29.8%	22.0%	30.0%	48.0%
Pope	16	4	25.0%	0.0%	75.0%	25.0%
Stevens	28	7	25.0%	71.4%	0.0%	28.6%
Todd	51	9	17.6%	22.2%	11.1%	66.7%
Traverse	20	7	35.0%	0.0%	42.9%	57.1%
Wadena	76	22	28.9%	45.5%	18.2%	36.4%
White Earth Nation	245	42	17.1%	2.4%	7.1%	90.5%
Wilkin	38	9	23.7%	33.3%	11.1%	55.6%
West Central	2,376	569	23.9%	24.8%	15.1%	60.1%

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	225	58	25.8%	55.2%	15.5%	29.3%
Chisago	57	24	42.1%	16.7%	33.3%	50.0%
Isanti	100	38	38.0%	26.3%	23.7%	50.0%
Kanabec	57	16	28.1%	12.5%	6.3%	81.3%
Kandiyohi	289	76	26.3%	27.6%	10.5%	61.8%
McLeod	66	26	39.4%	38.5%	23.1%	38.5%
Meeker	50	14	28.0%	35.7%	7.1%	57.1%
Mille Lacs	101	32	31.7%	12.5%	18.8%	68.8%
Pine	145	42	29.0%	28.6%	21.4%	50.0%
Renville	65	9	13.8%	33.3%	11.1%	55.6%
Sherburne	161	37	23.0%	48.6%	18.9%	32.4%
Stearns	937	209	22.3%	46.9%	15.3%	37.8%
Wright	133	31	23.3%	41.9%	9.7%	48.4%
Central	2,386	612	25.7%	37.9%	16.3%	45.8%

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	32,395	48.9%	31,106	58.5%	33,730	65.1%	-	-	-	-

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	55	50.9%	45	53.3%	60	78.3%	71.6%	81.0%		Within
Freeborn	188	55.9%	210	68.6%	190	74.2%	72.0%	78.4%		Within
Goodhue	146	52.1%	138	65.2%	151	76.8%	64.1%	72.2%	4.6%	Above
Houston	62	54.8%	58	63.8%	83	73.5%	73.9%	81.6%	-0.4%	Below
MN Prairie	414	57.0%	352	68.5%	405	71.6%	63.8%	70.9%	0.7%	Above
Mower	307	63.8%	262	67.9%	296	73.0%	76.2%	81.4%	-3.2%	Below
Olmsted	903	55.6%	787	63.9%	792	70.8%	73.0%	76.8%	-2.2%	Below
Rice	258	57.4%	234	71.4%	281	81.5%	76.0%	81.1%	0.4%	Above
Wabasha	51	52.9%	64	70.3%	74	81.1%	69.6%	78.4%	2.7%	Above
Winona	170	45.3%	167	62.9%	204	79.9%	68.9%	75.5%	4.4%	Above
Southeast	2,554	56.0%	2,317	66.2%	2,536	74.3%	-	-	-	-

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	63	46.0%	41	58.5%	73	79.5%	70.9%	81.1%		Within
Carlton	110	54.5%	111	64.0%	156	73.1%	70.7%	82.1%		Within
Cook	23	69.6%	21	61.9%	15	66.7%	63.9%	83.0%		Within
Itasca	235	46.4%	221	58.4%	263	69.6%	63.9%	71.5%		Within
Koochiching	88	42.0%	80	63.8%	91	71.4%	62.1%	73.0%		Within
Lake	25	56.0%	22	86.4%	21	85.7%	67.8%	83.0%	2.7%	Above
St. Louis	1,330	40.2%	1,193	50.4%	1,320	59.7%	61.4%	65.9%	-1.7%	Below
Northeast	1,874	42.7%	1,689	53.8%	1,939	63.7%	-	-	-	-

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	13	69.2%	9	77.8%	15	86.7%	61.2%	79.4%	7.3%	Above
Chippewa	61	45.9%	78	62.8%	55	65.5%	65.5%	76.8%	0.0%	Below
DVHHS	97	57.7%	88	70.5%	117	78.6%	71.3%	78.9%		Within
Lac qui Parle	16	56.3%	16	56.3%	18	66.7%	61.5%	80.1%		Within
Nobles	106	66.0%	89	78.7%	122	79.5%	83.1%	88.0%	-3.6%	Below
SWHHS	296	54.7%	300	69.3%	291	79.7%	72.9%	77.9%	1.9%	Above
Swift	31	45.2%	41	70.7%	55	80.0%	56.3%	70.4%	9.6%	Above
Yellow Medicine	37	56.8%	25	60.0%	32	81.3%	58.6%	76.5%	4.8%	Above
Southwest	657	56.2%	646	69.5%	705	78.3%	-	-	-	-

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	324	48.5%	292	62.3%	336	69.9%	65.1%	70.7%		Within
Brown	78	59.0%	78	78.2%	87	77.0%	74.7%	81.4%		Within
Faribault-Martin	125	56.8%	130	69.2%	130	75.4%	71.5%	77.5%		Within
Le Sueur	105	54.3%	94	69.1%	104	70.2%	69.3%	77.0%		Within
Nicollet	238	56.3%	200	65.0%	188	69.1%	70.8%	77.0%	-1.7%	Below
Sibley	60	68.3%	40	67.5%	40	85.0%	67.8%	82.6%	2.4%	Above
Watonwan	52	46.2%	34	67.6%	38	68.4%	66.2%	78.9%		Within
South Central	982	54.0%	868	66.6%	923	71.8%	-	-	-	-

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

Service area	Eligible adults (one-year)	S-SI (one-year)	Eligible adults (two-year)	S-SI (two-year)	Eligible adults (three-year)	S-SI (three-year)	Range of expected performance: Lower limit	Range of expected performance: Upper limit	Difference below (-) or above (+) range	Below, within or above expected performance
Anoka	1,759	50.6%	1,601	59.0%	1,807	65.2%	64.2%	68.2%		Within
Carver	149	60.4%	139	72.7%	132	72.0%	68.7%	76.6%		Within
Dakota	1,430	52.8%	1,403	60.9%	1,547	67.9%	65.9%	69.7%		Within
Scott	282	67.4%	283	70.7%	333	77.2%	69.7%	74.5%	2.7%	Above
Washington	556	51.8%	565	63.9%	657	71.2%	66.7%	70.6%	0.7%	Above
Suburban Metro	4,176	53.0%	3,991	61.7%	4,476	68.1%	-	-	-	-

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	8,943	45.2%	9,137	54.3%	9,251	58.8%	58.1%	60.1%		Within
Ramsey	6,259	46.8%	5,977	54.7%	6,754	62.1%	60.5%	62.7%		Within
Core Metro	15,202	45.8%	15,114	54.5%	16,005	60.2%	-	-	-	-

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	9	44.4%	8	75.0%	13	92.3%	75.8%	89.1%	3.2%	Above
Marshall	16	56.3%	17	82.4%	17	82.4%	62.1%	79.7%	2.7%	Above
Norman	44	50.0%	43	69.8%	43	72.1%	72.1%	82.7%		Within
Pennington	60	48.3%	40	57.5%	41	73.2%	68.7%	81.6%		Within
Polk	280	51.8%	205	61.0%	229	68.1%	64.4%	70.7%		Within
Red Lake	22	59.1%	21	85.7%	11	100%	68.9%	87.9%	12.1%	Above
Roseau	49	67.3%	33	78.8%	51	82.4%	65.6%	78.1%	4.2%	Above
Northwest	480	53.1%	367	65.9%	405	73.1%	-	-	-	-

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	137	48.2%	131	64.1%	128	65.6%	67.9%	75.8%	-2.3%	Below
Beltrami	390	45.6%	373	55.0%	446	65.9%	60.2%	65.2%	0.7%	Above
Cass	183	49.2%	174	58.6%	187	66.3%	61.4%	70.2%		Within
Clay	457	56.2%	403	69.0%	427	73.1%	71.3%	75.8%		Within
Clearwater	37	56.8%	50	70.0%	50	76.0%	63.7%	76.5%		Within
Crow Wing	200	49.5%	205	67.3%	271	77.5%	69.9%	76.0%	1.5%	Above
Douglas	106	50.0%	92	57.6%	123	72.4%	71.2%	79.1%		Within
Grant	29	62.1%	28	75.0%	22	86.4%	64.6%	81.5%	4.9%	Above
Hubbard	89	34.8%	98	56.1%	76	67.1%	67.9%	76.4%	-0.8%	Below
Lake of the Woods	12	66.7%	7	85.7%	12	83.3%	57.2%	76.5%	6.8%	Above
Mahnomen	27	55.6%	28	53.6%	42	69.0%	62.4%	78.4%		Within
Morrison	151	52.3%	123	63.4%	145	72.4%	64.2%	71.7%	0.7%	Above
Otter Tail	241	51.5%	211	58.3%	213	66.2%	68.9%	75.4%	-2.8%	Below
Pope	30	76.7%	33	78.8%	30	86.7%	70.5%	83.1%	3.6%	Above
Stevens	32	40.6%	22	45.5%	35	60.0%	65.6%	78.4%	-5.6%	Below
Todd	74	59.5%	75	69.3%	90	68.9%	70.9%	78.9%	-2.0%	Below
Traverse	34	44.1%	20	70.0%	25	68.0%	58.7%	76.2%		Within
Wadena	94	52.1%	91	61.5%	124	71.0%	66.8%	74.4%		Within
Wilkin	42	59.5%	18	66.7%	26	80.8%	80.5%	91.1%		Within
West Central	2,365	51.1%	2,182	62.5%	2,472	70.4%	-	-	-	-

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	282	52.5%	271	67.9%	288	70.5%	66.5%	72.1%		Within
Chisago	110	71.8%	114	80.7%	119	86.6%	73.1%	79.4%	7.1%	Above
Isanti	151	59.6%	133	68.4%	184	75.5%	71.5%	77.9%		Within
Kanabec	76	52.6%	72	76.4%	90	81.1%	73.2%	80.3%	0.8%	Above
Kandiyohi	299	59.9%	353	72.5%	311	72.0%	75.3%	80.7%	-3.3%	Below
McLeod	75	66.7%	76	76.3%	109	81.7%	75.5%	81.5%	0.1%	Above
Meeker	71	56.3%	75	66.7%	64	73.4%	68.9%	78.2%		Within
Mille Lacs	112	49.1%	125	63.2%	149	65.1%	67.0%	75.2%	-1.9%	Below
Pine	198	57.6%	177	68.9%	200	74.5%	73.8%	79.3%		Within
Renville	68	55.9%	63	65.1%	66	74.2%	71.0%	81.3%		Within
Sherburne	231	56.7%	212	67.9%	270	75.9%	70.0%	75.4%	0.5%	Above
Stearns	998	54.3%	936	66.5%	961	72.4%	68.9%	73.3%		Within
Wright	220	59.1%	208	63.5%	277	76.9%	70.8%	75.5%	1.4%	Above
Central	2,891	56.6%	2,815	68.4%	3,088	74.1%	-	-	-	-

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	254	36.2%	231	46.3%	224	50.9%	54.9%	61.9%	-4.0%	Below
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe	166	32.5%	181	44.2%	192	49.0%	53.7%	60.5%	-4.7%	Below
Red Lake Nation	529	32.5%	439	40.8%	503	49.7%	45.8%	51.9%		Within
White Earth Nation	265	42.3%	266	53.0%	262	56.9%	55.3%	62.9%		Within
Total Tribal	1,214	35.4%	1,117	45.4%	1,181	51.4%	-	-	-	-

Indicator 7: MFIP Exits and Returns

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

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

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

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

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

MFIP Exits and Returns—State

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
State	4,853	70.6%	29.4%	13.0%

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	8	62.5%	37.5%	0.0%
Freeborn	41	80.5%	19.5%	9.8%
Goodhue	17	76.5%	23.5%	5.9%
Houston	11	63.6%	36.4%	27.3%
MN Prairie	72	75.0%	25.0%	13.9%
Mower	57	77.2%	22.8%	7.0%
Olmsted	146	69.2%	30.8%	16.4%
Rice	52	71.2%	28.9%	9.6%
Wabasha	10	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%
Winona	26	84.6%	15.4%	7.7%
Southeast	440	73.6%	26.4%	12.1%

MFIP Exits and Returns—Northeast

Service area	Exiting cases	Percent off 12 or more months	Percent returned within 12 months	Percent returned for at least six of 12 months
Aitkin	8	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Carlton	31	67.7%	32.3%	19.4%
Cook	0	-	-	-
Itasca	23	69.6%	30.4%	8.7%
Koochiching	9	44.4%	55.6%	33.3%
Lake	3	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
St. Louis	195	69.7%	30.3%	10.3%
Northeast	269	69.9%	30.1%	11.5%

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	3	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%
Chippewa	11	63.6%	36.4%	0.0%
DVHHS	23	78.3%	21.7%	13.0%
Lac qui Parle	2	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Nobles	25	64.0%	36.0%	16.0%
SWHHS	49	67.4%	32.7%	14.3%
Swift	3	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%
Yellow Medicine	7	85.7%	14.3%	0.0%
Southwest	123	69.9%	30.1%	11.4%

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	42	66.7%	33.3%	14.3%
Brown	19	79.0%	21.1%	5.3%
Faribault-Martin	33	81.8%	18.2%	9.1%
Le Sueur	15	86.7%	13.3%	0.0%
Nicollet	30	83.3%	16.7%	10.0%
Sibley	11	72.7%	27.3%	18.2%
Watonwan	10	50.0%	50.0%	20.0%
South Central	160	75.6%	24.4%	10.6%

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	280	73.2%	26.8%	12.1%
Carver	34	67.7%	32.4%	14.7%
Dakota	250	77.6%	22.4%	8.0%
Scott	61	78.7%	21.3%	6.6%
Washington	124	76.6%	23.4%	9.7%
Suburban Metro	749	75.4%	24.6%	10.0%

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	1,147	66.7%	33.3%	14.7%
Ramsey	852	70.4%	29.6%	14.2%
Core Metro	1,999	68.3%	31.7%	14.5%

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	1	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Marshall	5	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Norman	9	88.9%	11.1%	11.1%
Pennington	13	53.9%	46.2%	38.5%
Polk	49	63.3%	36.7%	18.4%
Red Lake	3	33.3%	66.7%	0.0%
Roseau	7	85.7%	14.3%	14.3%
Northwest	87	67.8%	32.2%	18.4%

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	28	64.3%	35.7%	14.3%
Beltrami	68	51.5%	48.5%	30.9%
Cass	61	68.9%	31.2%	9.8%
Clay	98	75.5%	24.5%	11.2%
Clearwater	10	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%
Crow Wing	38	68.4%	31.6%	18.4%
Douglas	25	68.0%	32.0%	20.0%
Grant	12	66.7%	33.3%	16.7%
Hubbard	15	66.7%	33.3%	6.7%
Lake of the Woods	3	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Mahnomen	3	66.7%	33.3%	33.3%
Morrison	20	75.0%	25.0%	15.0%
Otter Tail	41	65.9%	34.2%	12.2%
Pope	12	83.3%	16.7%	8.3%
Stevens	5	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%
Todd	10	70.0%	30.0%	20.0%
Traverse	2	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Wadena	11	72.7%	27.3%	9.1%
White Earth Nation	41	63.4%	36.6%	12.2%
Wilkin	10	60.0%	40.0%	10.0%
West Central	513	67.8%	32.2%	14.8%

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	37	75.7%	24.3%	10.8%
Chisago	22	77.3%	22.7%	4.6%
Isanti	30	60.0%	40.0%	20.0%
Kanabec	22	54.6%	45.5%	18.2%
Kandiyohi	56	71.4%	28.6%	14.3%
McLeod	17	70.6%	29.4%	17.7%
Meeker	15	93.3%	6.7%	0.0%
Mille Lacs	13	69.2%	30.8%	15.4%
Pine	43	72.1%	27.9%	9.3%
Renville	19	73.7%	26.3%	10.5%
Sherburne	51	84.3%	15.7%	5.9%
Stearns	153	69.9%	30.1%	15.0%
Wright	35	77.1%	22.9%	5.7%
Central	513	72.5%	27.5%	12.1%

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	24,702	854	3.5%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—Southeast

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Fillmore	47	1	2.1%
Freeborn	133	0	0.0%
Goodhue	112	0	0.0%
Houston	40	8	20.0%
MN Prairie	331	2	0.6%
Mower	189	2	1.1%
Olmsted	671	11	1.6%
Rice	210	5	2.4%
Wabasha	42	0	0.0%
Winona	155	8	5.2%
Southeast	1,930	37	1.9%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—Northeast

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Aitkin	45	3	6.7%
Carlton	94	0	0.0%
Cook	21	1	4.8%
Itasca	203	6	3.0%
Koochiching	71	2	2.8%
Lake	15	1	6.7%
St. Louis	1,149	47	4.1%
Northeast	1,598	60	3.8%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—Southwest

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Big Stone	9	0	0.0%
Chippewa	50	0	0.0%
DVHHS	54	1	1.9%
Lac qui Parle	21	0	0.0%
Nobles	63	0	0.0%
SWHHS	233	0	0.0%
Swift	33	1	3.0%
Yellow Medicine	25	1	4.0%
Southwest	488	3	0.6%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—South Central

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Blue Earth	257	2	0.8%
Brown	63	1	1.6%
Faribault-Martin	92	1	1.1%
Le Sueur	76	0	0.0%
Nicollet	164	7	4.3%
Sibley	41	0	0.0%
Watonwan	43	0	0.0%
South Central	736	11	1.5%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—Suburban Metro

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Anoka	1,295	38	2.9%
Carver	103	0	0.0%
Dakota	1,057	16	1.5%
Scott	180	1	0.6%
Washington	393	8	2.0%
Suburban Metro	3,028	63	2.1%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—Core Metro

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Hennepin	7,492	305	4.1%
Ramsey	4,663	189	4.1%
Core Metro	12,155	494	4.1%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—Northwest

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Kittson	5	0	0.0%
Marshall	13	0	0.0%
Norman	33	0	0.0%
Pennington	60	2	3.3%
Polk	226	4	1.8%
Red Lake	11	0	0.0%
Roseau	36	0	0.0%
Northwest	384	6	1.6%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—West Central

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Becker	109	3	2.8%
Beltrami	356	40	11.2%
Cass	270	23	8.5%
Clay	321	8	2.5%
Clearwater	37	1	2.7%
Crow Wing	199	7	3.5%
Douglas	86	1	1.2%
Grant	20	1	5.0%
Hubbard	100	7	7.0%
Lake of the Woods	6	1	16.7%
Mahnomen	22	2	9.1%
Morrison	105	2	1.9%
Otter Tail	171	6	3.5%
Pope	17	0	0.0%
Stevens	29	0	0.0%
Todd	49	0	0.0%
Traverse	21	1	4.8%
Wadena	70	1	1.4%
White Earth Nation	229	36	15.7%
Wilkin	33	2	6.1%
West Central	2,250	142	6.3%

MFIP Unaccounted For Cases—Central

Service area	Eligible-adult cases	Unaccounted for cases	Percent of cases unaccounted for
Benton	192	5	2.6%
Chisago	51	0	0.0%
Isanti	97	1	1.0%
Kanabec	60	0	0.0%
Kandiyohi	249	1	0.4%
McLeod	66	0	0.0%
Meeker	50	0	0.0%
Mille Lacs	99	2	2.0%
Pine	127	2	1.6%
Renville	56	2	3.6%
Sherburne	166	1	0.6%
Stearns	775	21	2.7%
Wright	145	3	2.1%
Central	2,133	38	1.8%

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.