



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

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Abbreviations

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

Executive Summary

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

Cases and people

In 2019 the number of children and adults served included:

- MFIP: 48,089 children and 19,107 adults in 24,154 cases
- DWP: 4,277 children and 2,563 adults in 2,127 cases.

For both programs, the caseload size fell by 8% overall, with a decrease of 6% in DWP and a decrease of 8% in MFIP from December 2018 to December 2019. Over the ten-year period of 2010 to 2019 caseload fell by 36%.

Participant demographics

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

- The median age of adults was 31 for MFIP-enrolled adults and 32 for DWP cases
- More than half of families have a child younger than age five.

Most enrolled adults in both programs are female, including:

- MFIP: 83%
- DWP: 76%

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

- MFIP: 70%
- DWP: 76%

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

- MFIP: 89%
- DWP: 89%

Introduction

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 [PL 104-193] set federal program requirements for state cash assistance programs that use federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds, such as a five-year limit on cash assistance, a work-first emphasis, work requirements, and other rules. Within this broad framework, states have flexibility to designate specific policies for programs. The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), the state's TANF program, was established in 1998. It uses the TANF federal block grant and state funds to provide families in deep poverty with income support, food benefits and services to support employment. State funds are used for grants to households with two parents, teen parents, certain non-citizens and families participating in the Family Stabilization Services (FSS) track.

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

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

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

Report Format

This report provides a snapshot of all active cases in MFIP and DWP in December 2019. This includes both households and persons receiving MFIP or DWP cash grants, MFIP food grants (i.e. paid cases) as well as active cases temporarily not receiving a grant (i.e. suspended cases). Department staff have produced annual characteristics reports since MFIP began in 1998. Data are provided on the demographics of enrolled adults and children; family composition, residence, and barriers; economic status of cases; and MFIP policy impacts.

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

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

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

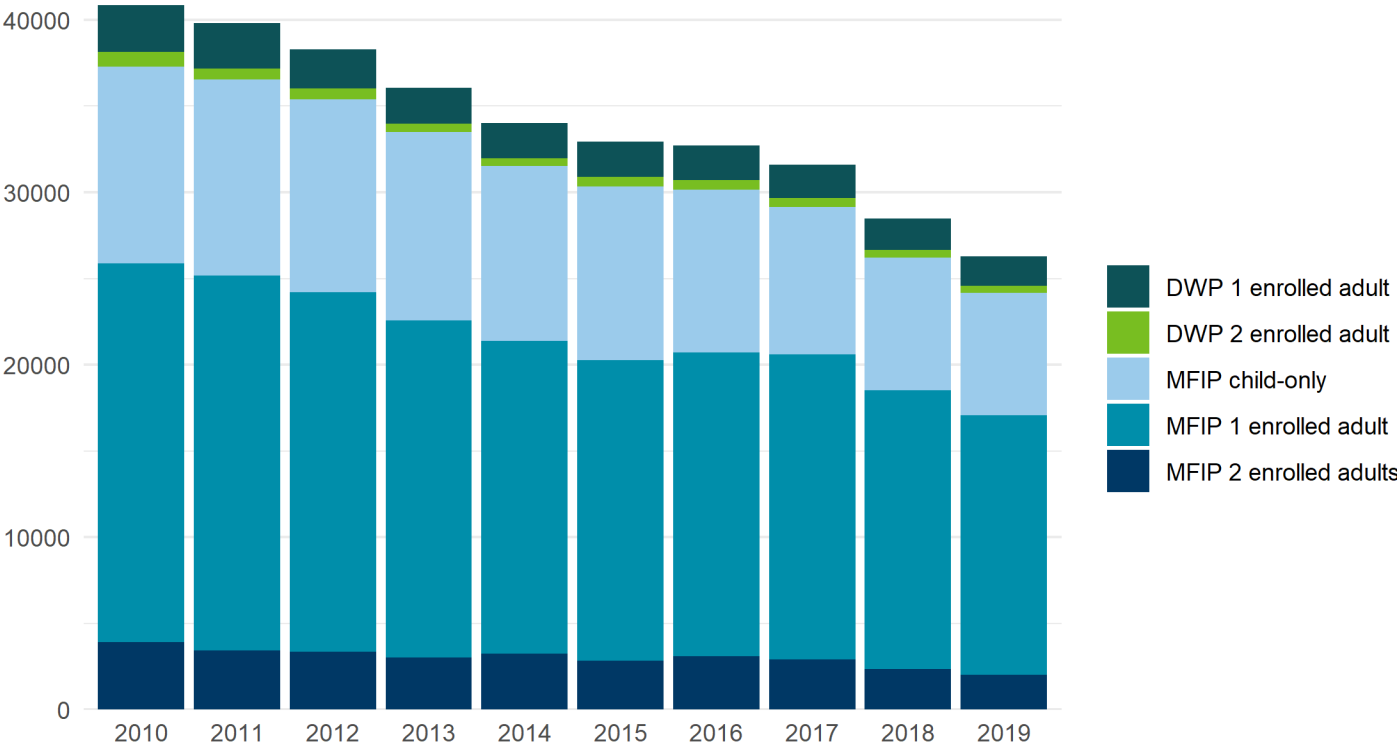
All percentages are rounded to the nearest whole percent so may not equal 100% when summed across subgroups.

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

MFIP and DWP December caseload trends

- The number of MFIP and DWP cases continue to decrease. Overall, caseloads decreased by 8% from December 2018 to 2019, after falling 10% from December 2017 to 2018.
- MFIP cases with one enrolled adult, the most common case type, decreased by 7% from December 2018 to 2019. Over the same time period, two-adult MFIP cases fell by 13% and child-only cases decreased by 8%.
- After decreasing by 8% from December 2017 to 2018, the DWP caseload fell 6% from December 2018 to 2019.

Figure 1. MFIP and DWP caseloads, December 2010 to December 2019



Tables

Table 1: MFIP and DWP case counts, December 2010 to December 2019¹

Year	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases
2010	21,966	3,915	11,409	2,718	833
2011	21,745	3,432	11,350	2,645	638
2012	20,877	3,336	11,195	2,284	606
2013	19,566	3,009	10,902	2,047	517
2014	18,144	3,247	10,116	2,037	463
2015	17,440	2,820	10,089	2,047	528
2016	17,626	3,098	9,419	2,002	567
2017	17,691	2,903	8,560	1,949	507
2018	16,188	2,330	7,697	1,819	443
2019	15,047	2,030	7,077	1,691	436

¹ Case counts include paid cases, receiving MFIP cash or food grants, or DWP cash grants, and active cases suspended for a month because they have enough income to cancel out the cash grant. Suspension typically happens in a three or five paycheck month, and such cases may receive an MFIP grant again the following month. Counts of MFIP and DWP cases are categorized by the number of adults enrolled on the case and eligible for the grant. For more information on the MFIP and DWP rules that determine who in the household is enrolled on the case see Table 2 notes.

Table 2: MFIP and DWP case and person counts and percentages by type of case, December 2019 ²

	Total MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	Two-adult MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Child-only MFIP cases	Total DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	One-adult DWP cases
Case count	24,154	17,077	2,030	15,047	7,077	2,127	436	1,691
<i>Case percent</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>80%</i>
Enrolled adults count	19,107	19,107	4,060	15,047	0	2,563	872	1,691
<i>Enrolled adults percent</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>66%</i>
Enrolled children count	48,089	35,724	6,160	29,564	12,365	4,277	1,205	3,072
<i>Enrolled children percent</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>72%</i>

² Case counts include paid cases, receiving MFIP cash or food grants, DWP cash grants, and active cases suspended for a month because they have enough income to cancel out the cash grant. Suspension typically happens in a three or five paycheck month, and such cases may receive an MFIP grant again the following month. Counts of MFIP and DWP cases are categorized by the number of adults enrolled on the case and eligible for the grant. Adult refers to a caregiver (parent or other relative) or minor parent responsible for a child/ren. Cases with two adults where only one is enrolled in MFIP or DWP are included in the one enrolled-adult cases column. Cases with no MFIP enrolled adult are child-only but have at least one caregiver. Person counts include only enrolled adults and children. MFIP and DWP rules determine whom in a household is a member of an assistance unit and who in that unit is eligible to be enrolled on the grant. The assistance unit is based on the relationship to case applicants. This includes minor children and/or minor relative care children of an applicant, spouse of applicant or second parent of applicant's child/ren, and other minor children of the spouse. Pregnant women with no children of their own living with them are also eligible. Eligibility of unit members, in turn determines the size of cash grants for active cases. In certain cases, people who would otherwise be included in the grant are not eligible for reasons such as receiving Supplemental Security Income, immigration status, or convicted of welfare fraud.

Table 3: Age of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP, December 2019 ³

	MFIP cases with adult	Two-adult MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Total DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	One-adult DWP cases
Age mean	33	34	32	33	33	33
Age median	31	33	31	32	32	32
Age minimum	14	16	14	17	18	17
Age maximum	78	78	75	59	59	59
less than 18	129	10	119	1	-	1
<i>% less than 18</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>0%</i>
18 - 19	575	96	479	36	17	19
<i>% 18 - 19</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>1%</i>
20 - 29	7,295	1,313	5,982	926	320	606
<i>% 20 - 29</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>36%</i>
30 - 39	7,148	1,684	5,464	1,104	362	742
<i>% 30 - 39</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>44%</i>
40 - 49	2,994	691	2,303	414	146	268
<i>% 40 - 49</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>16%</i>
50 - 59	857	231	626	82	27	55
<i>% 50 - 59</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>3%</i>
60 and over	109	35	74	-	-	-
<i>% 60 and over</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

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

Table 4: Race, ethnicity, and immigrant status of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP, December 2019 ⁴

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
African American	5,739	955	6,694	536	239	775
<i>% African American</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>30%</i>
Asian American	256	126	382	46	28	74
<i>% Asian American</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>3%</i>
Hispanic	976	222	1,198	128	60	188
<i>% Hispanic</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>7%</i>
Hmong Immigrant	43	14	57	1	1	2
<i>% Hmong Immigrant</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>
Multiple Races	556	98	654	43	12	55
<i>% Multiple Races</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>2%</i>
Native American	1,031	274	1,305	68	31	99
<i>% Native American</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>4%</i>
Other African Immigrant	186	111	297	25	24	49
<i>% Other African Immigrant</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>2%</i>
Other Asian Immigrant	133	165	298	14	25	39
<i>% Other Asian Immigrant</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>2%</i>
Somali Immigrant	627	535	1,162	67	84	151
<i>% Somali Immigrant</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>6%</i>

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

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Unknown	69	50	119	20	12	32
<i>% Unknown</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>
White	5,431	1,510	6,941	743	356	1,099
<i>% White</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>43%</i>

Table 5: Citizenship status of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP cases, December 2019 ⁵

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Non-U.S.	1,158	1,006	2,164	129	156	285
% Non-U.S.	8%	25%	11%	8%	18%	11%
U.S.	13,889	3,054	16,943	1,562	716	2,278
% U.S.	92%	75%	89%	92%	82%	89%

Table 6: Sex of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP cases, December 2019

	MFIP cases with adult	Two-adult MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Total DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	One-adult DWP cases
Female	15,825	2,040	13,785	1,951	437	1,514
% Female	83%	50%	92%	76%	50%	90%
Male	3,282	2,020	1,262	612	435	177
% Male	17%	50%	8%	24%	50%	10%

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

Table 7: Educational attainment of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP cases, December 2019 ⁶

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
None or pre 1st grade	673	535	1,208	73	79	152
<i>% None or pre 1st grade</i>	4%	13%	6%	4%	9%	6%
Grade School	249	196	445	30	30	60
<i>% Grade School</i>	2%	5%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Some High School	3,309	844	4,153	241	150	391
<i>% Some High School</i>	22%	21%	22%	14%	17%	15%
High School Graduate	8,350	1,936	10,286	967	465	1,432
<i>% High School Graduate</i>	55%	48%	54%	57%	53%	56%
Some Post Secondary	2,118	412	2,530	307	109	416
<i>% Some Post Secondary</i>	14%	10%	13%	18%	12%	16%
College Graduate	226	97	323	47	25	72
<i>% College Graduate</i>	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Graduate Degree	122	40	162	26	14	40
<i>% Graduate Degree</i>	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%

⁶ Characteristics with no effect on program eligibility are not routinely updated after initial application. This includes education, therefore these categories may be under- or over-reported.

Table 8: Marital status of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP cases, December 2019 ⁷

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Divorced	1,371	74	1,445	213	13	226
<i>% Divorced</i>	9%	2%	8%	13%	1%	9%
Legally Separated	53	4	57	8	-	8
<i>% Legally Separated</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	0%
Married, living with spouse	528	2,284	2,812	21	526	547
<i>% Married, living with spouse</i>	4%	56%	15%	1%	60%	21%
Never married	10,919	1,618	12,537	1,096	313	1,409
<i>% Never married</i>	73%	40%	66%	65%	36%	55%
Married, living apart	2,034	77	2,111	342	20	362
<i>% Married, living apart</i>	14%	2%	11%	20%	2%	14%
Widowed	142	3	145	11	-	11
<i>% Widowed</i>	1%	0%	1%	1%	-	0%

⁷ Characteristics with no effect on program eligibility are not routinely updated after initial application. This includes marital status, therefore these categories may be under- or over-reported.

Table 9: Adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP who received assistance as a child in Minnesota, December 2019 ⁸

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Any program	8,690	1,609	10,299	799	297	1,096
<i>% Any program</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>47%</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>43%</i>
Family assistance	7,809	1,401	9,210	704	260	964
<i>% Family assistance</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>38%</i>
Emergency Assistance only	148	21	169	13	5	18
<i>% Emergency Assistance only</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>
Food Support	733	187	920	82	32	114
<i>% Food Support</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>4%</i>

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

Table 10: Number of children per case receiving MFIP or DWP, December 2019

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Cases	7,077	15,047	2,030	17,077	1,691	436	2,127
Children	12,365	29,564	6,160	35,724	3,072	1,205	4,277
Children mean	1.7	2.0	3.0	2.1	1.8	2.8	2.0
Children median	1	2	3	2	2	2	2
Minimum children	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maximum children	10	12	11	12	8	9	9

Table 11: Age characteristics of children receiving MFIP or DWP, December 2019

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Age mean	10.1	6.8	6.6	6.8	7.8	6.1	7.3
Age median	11	6	6	6	7	5	7
<1 year old	303	3,079	666	3,745	43	162	205
<i>% <1 year old</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>5%</i>
1-3 years old	1,280	6,830	1,504	8,334	641	295	936
<i>% 1-3 years old</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>22%</i>
4-5 years old	1,005	3,966	805	4,771	488	182	670
<i>% 4-5 years old</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>16%</i>
6-10 years old	3,373	7,713	1,690	9,403	975	297	1,272
<i>% 6-10 years old</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>30%</i>
11-15 years old	4,386	5,945	1,147	7,092	716	211	927
<i>% 11-15 years old</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>22%</i>
>15 years old	2,018	2,031	348	2,379	209	58	267
<i>% >15 years old</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>6%</i>

Table 12: Ages of youngest child per MFIP or DWP case, December 2019

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Youngest mean	9.2	4.6	2.9	4.4	6.0	2.8	5.3
Youngest median	10	3	1	3	5	1	4

Table 13: Race, ethnicity, and immigrant status of children receiving MFIP or DWP, December 2019⁹

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
African American	3,270	11,864	1,951	13,815	1,044	465	1,509
<i>% African American</i>	26%	40%	32%	39%	34%	39%	35%
Asian American	712	759	242	1,001	89	69	158
<i>% Asian American</i>	6%	3%	4%	3%	3%	6%	4%
Hispanic	2,625	2,456	316	2,772	294	76	370
<i>% Hispanic</i>	21%	8%	5%	8%	10%	6%	9%
Hmong Immigrant	25	15	4	19	-	-	-
<i>% Hmong Immigrant</i>	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-
Multiple Races	910	2,642	315	2,957	207	44	251
<i>% Multiple Races</i>	7%	9%	5%	8%	7%	4%	6%
Native American	1,162	1,606	319	1,925	104	33	137
<i>% Native American</i>	9%	5%	5%	5%	3%	3%	3%
Other African Immigrant	55	315	226	541	32	36	68
<i>% Other African Immigrant</i>	0%	1%	4%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Other Asian Immigrant	66	199	145	344	11	15	26
<i>% Other Asian Immigrant</i>	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%
Somali Immigrant	211	1,366	920	2,286	121	60	181

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

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
% Somali Immigrant	2%	5%	15%	6%	4%	5%	4%
Unknown	276	1,158	221	1,379	114	50	164
% Unknown	2%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
White	3,053	7,184	1,501	8,685	1,056	357	1,413
% White	25%	24%	24%	24%	34%	30%	33%

Table 14: Mean assistance amount of MFIP or DWP cases, December 2019 ¹⁰

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Cash	\$314	\$348	\$330	\$346	\$318	\$460	\$347
MFIP food	\$264	\$378	\$553	\$399	\$0	\$0	\$0
SNAP	\$73	\$48	\$52	\$49	\$336	\$472	\$364

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

Table 15: Work hours and income of MFIP or DWP cases, December 2019 ¹¹

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Cases	4,983	1,295	6,278	728	293	1,021
% Cases	33%	64%	37%	43%	67%	48%
Mean work hours	83.2	135.4	93.9	98.8	136.6	109.6
Median work hours	80	130	89	96	140	110
Mean earnings	\$1,078	\$1,778	\$1,223	\$1,397	\$1,903	\$1,542
Median earnings	\$1,024	\$1,722	\$1,122	\$1,252	\$1,866	\$1,400

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

Table 16: Counted MFIP months by MFIP or DWP case type, December 2019 ¹²

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Mean	32.2	25.7	31.4	12.1	8.6	11.4
Median	30	21	29	4	0	3
0 counted months	382	14	396	748	233	981
<i>% 0 counted months</i>	3%	1%	2%	44%	53%	46%
1 - 12 months	3,458	645	4,103	350	95	445
<i>% 1 - 12 months</i>	23%	32%	24%	21%	22%	21%
13 - 36 months	4,739	780	5,519	392	74	466
<i>% 13 - 36 months</i>	31%	38%	32%	23%	17%	22%
37 - 48 months	1,680	229	1,909	117	22	139
<i>% 37 - 48 months</i>	11%	11%	11%	7%	5%	7%
49 - 54 months	760	86	846	43	10	53
<i>% 49 - 54 months</i>	5%	4%	5%	3%	2%	2%
55 - 60 months	4,028	276	4,304	41	2	43
<i>% 55 - 60 months</i>	27%	14%	25%	2%	0%	2%

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

Table 17: MFIP and DWP Cases Receiving Child Care Assistance, December 2019 ¹³

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult	One-adult DWP cases	Two-adult DWP cases	Total DWP cases
Cases with children less than age 6	2,019	9,667	1,650	11,317	859	357	1,216
< age 6 Cases with CCAP	117	2,891	404	3,295	238	51	289
% < age 6 Cases with CCAP	6%	30%	24%	29%	28%	14%	24%
Cases with children less than age 13	4,808	12,951	1,925	14,876	1,377	417	1,794
Age 0-12 cases with CCAP	146	3,142	420	3,562	278	51	329
% Age 0-12 cases with CCAP	3%	24%	22%	24%	20%	12%	18%
Cases with children age 13-15	2,331	2,800	477	3,277	329	88	417
Age 13-15 cases with CCAP	13	390	145	535	29	7	36
% Age 13-15 cases with CCAP	1%	14%	30%	16%	9%	8%	9%

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

Table 18: MFIP cases with time limit exemption counts by exemption reason, December 2019

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	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult
Cases	978	50	1,028
% of MFIP cases	6%	2%	6%
Aged 18-19, attending high school	224	20	244
<i>% Aged 18-19, attending high school</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>24%</i>
Caregiver on Indian reservation	5	0	5
<i>% Caregiver on Indian reservation</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>
Caregiver over 60	68	10	78
<i>% Caregiver over 60</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>8%</i>
Family violence waiver	575	13	588
<i>% Family violence waiver</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>57%</i>
Minor caregiver	106	7	113
<i>% Minor caregiver</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>11%</i>

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

Table 19: MFIP cases time limit extensions counts by extension reason, December 2019 ¹⁵

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult
Cases	3,367	196	3,446
Extension months mean	48	34	47
Extension months median	34	24	34
Extension months maximum	210	175	210
Care of ill or incapacitated	378	28	406
<i>% Care of ill or incapacitated</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>12%</i>
Care of special medical criteria	381	20	401
<i>% Care of special medical criteria</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>12%</i>
Employment required hours	214	21	235
<i>% Employment required hours</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>7%</i>
Family violence waiver	211	1	212
<i>% Family violence waiver</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>6%</i>
IQ between 70 and 80	28	4	32
<i>% IQ between 70 and 80</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>1%</i>
Ill or incapacitated	970	49	1,019
<i>% Ill or incapacitated</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>30%</i>
Learning disability	3	1	4
<i>% Learning disability</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>0%</i>
Mental illness	1,034	47	1,081

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

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult
<i>% Mental illness</i>	31%	24%	31%
Unemployable	17	0	17
<i>% Unemployable</i>	1%	0%	0%

Table 20: MFIP Family Stabilization Services counts and reasons, December 2019 ¹⁶

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult
Cases	6,492	849	7,341
<i>% of MFIP cases</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>43%</i>
Age 60 or older	45	18	63
<i>% Age 60 or older</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>1%</i>
Care of ill or incapacitated	639	95	734
<i>% Care of ill or incapacitated</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>10%</i>
Developmental disability	1	0	1
<i>% Developmental disability</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>
Family violence waiver	685	11	696
<i>% Family violence waiver</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>9%</i>
IQ < 80	33	5	38
<i>% IQ < 80</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>
Ill or incapacitated	1,930	280	2,210
<i>% Ill or incapacitated</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>30%</i>
Learning disability	8	1	9
<i>% Learning disability</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>
Mental illness	1,311	103	1,414
<i>% Mental illness</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>19%</i>

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

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult
New Immigrant	68	114	182
<i>% New Immigrant</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>2%</i>
Not Exempt	3	0	3
<i>% Not Exempt</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>
SSI or RSDI application	995	134	1,129
<i>% SSI or RSDI application</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>15%</i>
Special medical criteria	713	69	782
<i>% Special medical criteria</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>11%</i>
Unemployable	61	19	80
<i>% Unemployable</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>1%</i>

Table 21: MFIP cases with countable sanctions, December 2019¹⁷

	Child-only MFIP cases	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult
30% countable sanctions	48	489	59	548
10% countable sanctions	-	119	18	137
All countable sanctions	48	608	77	685
<i>% of MFIP cases with sanctions</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>4%</i>
Six counted sanction months	3	93	15	108
<i>% MFIP cases with six counted sanc months</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>

Table 22: MFIP recipients of subsidized housing, December 2019

	One-adult MFIP cases	Two-adult MFIP cases	MFIP cases with adult
Cases	4,369	526	4,895
<i>% Cases</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>29%</i>

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