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

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## Abbreviations

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

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## Executive Summary

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

## Cases and people

In 2023 the number of children and adults served included:

- MFIP: 41,242 children and 17,972 adults in 21,848 cases
- DWP: 2,267 children and 1,330 adults in 1,104 cases.

For both programs, the caseload size fell by 1% overall, with a decrease of 15% in DWP and no change in MFIP from December 2022 to December 2023. Over the ten-year period of 2014 to 2023 caseload fell by 33%.

## Participant demographics

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

- The median age of adults was 32 for MFIP-enrolled adults and 33 for DWP cases.
- MFIP and DWP cases average 2 children per case, with a median age of 7.

Most enrolled adults in both programs are female, including:

- MFIP: 84%
- DWP: 74%

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

- MFIP: 73%
- DWP: 78%

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

- MFIP: 91%
- DWP: 92%

## Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

## COVID-19 peacetime emergency

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

## Report Format

This report provides a snapshot of all active cases in MFIP and DWP in December 2023. 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
- Families with **one enrolled adult**
- Families with **two enrolled adults**.

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

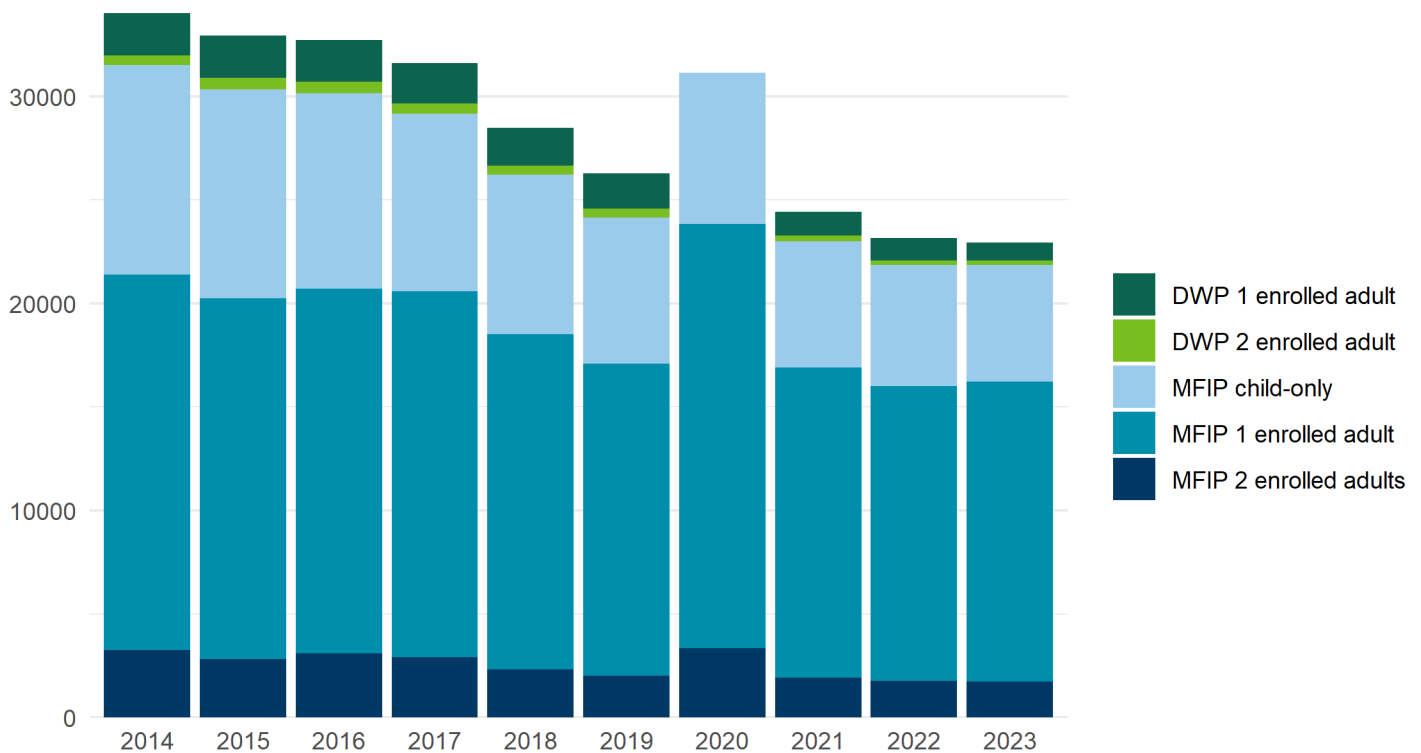
All percentages are rounded to the nearest whole percent. Therefore percentages less than 0.5% will be reported as zero, and totals may not equal 100% when summed across subgroups.

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

## MFIP and DWP December caseload trends

- The number of MFIP and DWP cases continues the decreasing trend seen since 2010 (excepting 2020), though the decrease is considerably smaller than in previous years. Overall, caseloads decreased 1% from December 2022 to 2023, after falling 5% between December 2021 and 2022.
- MFIP cases are flat in 2023 compared to 2022. Cases with one enrolled adult, the most common case type, increased by 2% over this period, while two-adult MFIP cases changed by less than 1% and child-only cases decreased by 4%.
- The DWP caseload fell by 15% overall between December 2022 and 2023. One-adult cases decreased by 18%, while two-adult cases decreased by 3%.

**Figure 1. MFIP and DWP caseloads, December 2014 to December 2023**



## Tables

**Table 1: MFIP and DWP case counts, December 2014 to December 2023<sup>1</sup>**

| Year | One-adult MFIP cases | Two-adult MFIP cases | Child-only MFIP cases | One-adult DWP cases | Two-adult DWP cases |
|------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2014 | 18,144               | 3,247                | 10,116                | 2,037               | 463                 |
| 2015 | 17,440               | 2,820                | 10,089                | 2,047               | 528                 |
| 2016 | 17,626               | 3,098                | 9,419                 | 2,002               | 567                 |
| 2017 | 17,691               | 2,903                | 8,560                 | 1,949               | 507                 |
| 2018 | 16,188               | 2,330                | 7,697                 | 1,819               | 443                 |
| 2019 | 15,047               | 2,030                | 7,077                 | 1,691               | 436                 |
| 2020 | 20,489               | 3,352                | 7,293                 | 0                   | 0                   |
| 2021 | 14,970               | 1,923                | 6,114                 | 1,141               | 264                 |
| 2022 | 14,252               | 1,753                | 5,836                 | 1,070               | 234                 |
| 2023 | 14,470               | 1,751                | 5,627                 | 878                 | 226                 |

<sup>1</sup> Case counts include paid cases (those 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. 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 2023 <sup>2</sup>**

|                                  | <b>Total MFIP cases</b> | <b>MFIP cases with adult</b> | <b>Two-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>One-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>Child-only MFIP cases</b> | <b>Total DWP cases</b> | <b>Two-adult DWP cases</b> | <b>One-adult DWP cases</b> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Case count                       | 21,848                  | 16,221                       | 1,751                       | 14,470                      | 5,627                        | 1,104                  | 226                        | 878                        |
| <i>Case percent</i>              | <i>100%</i>             | <i>74%</i>                   | <i>8%</i>                   | <i>66%</i>                  | <i>26%</i>                   | <i>100%</i>            | <i>20%</i>                 | <i>80%</i>                 |
| Enrolled adults count            | 17,972                  | 17,972                       | 3,502                       | 14,470                      | 0                            | 1,330                  | 452                        | 878                        |
| <i>Enrolled adults percent</i>   | <i>100%</i>             | <i>100%</i>                  | <i>19%</i>                  | <i>81%</i>                  | <i>0%</i>                    | <i>100%</i>            | <i>34%</i>                 | <i>66%</i>                 |
| Enrolled children count          | 41,242                  | 31,820                       | 4,555                       | 27,265                      | 9,422                        | 2,267                  | 603                        | 1,664                      |
| <i>Enrolled children percent</i> | <i>100%</i>             | <i>77%</i>                   | <i>11%</i>                  | <i>66%</i>                  | <i>23%</i>                   | <i>100%</i>            | <i>27%</i>                 | <i>73%</i>                 |

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

**Table 3: Age of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP, December 2023 <sup>3</sup>**

|                | <b>MFIP<br/>cases with<br/>adult</b> | <b>Two-adult<br/>MFIP<br/>cases</b> | <b>One-adult<br/>MFIP<br/>cases</b> | <b>Total DWP<br/>cases</b> | <b>Two-adult<br/>DWP<br/>cases</b> | <b>One-adult<br/>DWP<br/>cases</b> |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Age mean       | 33                                   | 34                                  | 33                                  | 34                         | 33                                 | 34                                 |
| Age median     | 32                                   | 34                                  | 32                                  | 33                         | 33                                 | 33                                 |
| Age minimum    | 14                                   | 16                                  | 14                                  | 18                         | 18                                 | 18                                 |
| Age maximum    | 69                                   | 68                                  | 69                                  | 57                         | 57                                 | 57                                 |
| less than 18   | 76                                   | 11                                  | 65                                  | -                          | -                                  | -                                  |
| % less than 18 | 0%                                   | 0%                                  | 0%                                  | -                          | -                                  | -                                  |
| 18 - 19        | 403                                  | 53                                  | 350                                 | 10                         | 4                                  | 6                                  |
| % 18 - 19      | 2%                                   | 2%                                  | 2%                                  | 1%                         | 1%                                 | 1%                                 |
| 20 - 29        | 6,219                                | 1,091                               | 5,128                               | 438                        | 144                                | 294                                |
| % 20 - 29      | 35%                                  | 31%                                 | 35%                                 | 33%                        | 32%                                | 33%                                |
| 30 - 39        | 7,192                                | 1,413                               | 5,779                               | 561                        | 210                                | 351                                |
| % 30 - 39      | 40%                                  | 40%                                 | 40%                                 | 42%                        | 46%                                | 40%                                |
| 40 - 49        | 3,237                                | 712                                 | 2,525                               | 269                        | 76                                 | 193                                |
| % 40 - 49      | 18%                                  | 20%                                 | 17%                                 | 20%                        | 17%                                | 22%                                |
| 50 - 59        | 753                                  | 187                                 | 566                                 | 52                         | 18                                 | 34                                 |
| % 50 - 59      | 4%                                   | 5%                                  | 4%                                  | 4%                         | 4%                                 | 4%                                 |
| 60 and over    | 93                                   | 36                                  | 57                                  | -                          | -                                  | -                                  |
| % 60 and over  | 1%                                   | 1%                                  | 0%                                  | -                          | -                                  | -                                  |

<sup>3</sup> 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 2023 <sup>4</sup>**

|                                  | 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                 | 5,518                | 783                  | 6,301                 | 246                 | 80                  | 326             |
| <i>% African American</i>        | 38%                  | 22%                  | 35%                   | 28%                 | 18%                 | 25%             |
| Asian American                   | 252                  | 95                   | 347                   | 22                  | 30                  | 52              |
| <i>% Asian American</i>          | 2%                   | 3%                   | 2%                    | 3%                  | 7%                  | 4%              |
| Hispanic                         | 1,217                | 282                  | 1,499                 | 93                  | 50                  | 143             |
| <i>% Hispanic</i>                | 8%                   | 8%                   | 8%                    | 11%                 | 11%                 | 11%             |
| Hmong immigrant                  | 16                   | 8                    | 24                    | 2                   | 2                   | 4               |
| <i>% Hmong immigrant</i>         | 0%                   | 0%                   | 0%                    | 0%                  | 0%                  | 0%              |
| Multiple races                   | 769                  | 113                  | 882                   | 41                  | 11                  | 52              |
| <i>% Multiple races</i>          | 5%                   | 3%                   | 5%                    | 5%                  | 2%                  | 4%              |
| Native American                  | 990                  | 243                  | 1,233                 | 32                  | 17                  | 49              |
| <i>% Native American</i>         | 7%                   | 7%                   | 7%                    | 4%                  | 4%                  | 4%              |
| Other African immigrant          | 199                  | 132                  | 331                   | 8                   | 10                  | 18              |
| <i>% Other African immigrant</i> | 1%                   | 4%                   | 2%                    | 1%                  | 2%                  | 1%              |
| Other Asian immigrant            | 86                   | 145                  | 231                   | 7                   | 16                  | 23              |
| <i>% Other Asian immigrant</i>   | 1%                   | 4%                   | 1%                    | 1%                  | 4%                  | 2%              |
| Somali immigrant                 | 171                  | 128                  | 299                   | 10                  | 12                  | 22              |

<sup>4</sup> 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<br>MFIP<br>cases | Two-adult<br>MFIP<br>cases | MFIP<br>cases with<br>adult | One-adult<br>DWP<br>cases | Two-adult<br>DWP<br>cases | Total DWP<br>cases |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>% Somali immigrant</i> | 1%                         | 4%                         | 2%                          | 1%                        | 3%                        | 2%                 |
| Unknown                   | 166                        | 139                        | 305                         | 14                        | 24                        | 38                 |
| <i>% Unknown</i>          | 1%                         | 4%                         | 2%                          | 2%                        | 5%                        | 3%                 |
| White                     | 5,086                      | 1,435                      | 6,521                       | 403                       | 200                       | 603                |
| <i>% White</i>            | 35%                        | 41%                        | 36%                         | 46%                       | 44%                       | 45%                |

**Table 5: Citizenship status of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP cases, December 2023 <sup>5</sup>**

|            | 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.   | 768                  | 857                  | 1,625                 | 42                  | 67                  | 109             |
| % Non-U.S. | 5%                   | 24%                  | 9%                    | 5%                  | 15%                 | 8%              |
| U.S.       | 13,702               | 2,646                | 16,348                | 836                 | 385                 | 1,221           |
| % U.S.     | 95%                  | 76%                  | 91%                   | 95%                 | 85%                 | 92%             |

**Table 6: Sex of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP cases, December 2023**

|          | MFIP cases with adult | Two-adult MFIP cases | One-adult MFIP cases | Total DWP cases | Two-adult DWP cases | One-adult DWP cases |
|----------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Female   | 15,029                | 1,763                | 13,266               | 987             | 225                 | 762                 |
| % Female | 84%                   | 50%                  | 92%                  | 74%             | 50%                 | 87%                 |
| Male     | 2,944                 | 1,740                | 1,204                | 343             | 227                 | 116                 |
| % Male   | 16%                   | 50%                  | 8%                   | 26%             | 50%                 | 13%                 |

<sup>5</sup> 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 2023 <sup>6</sup>**

|                                  | One-adult<br>MFIP<br>cases | Two-adult<br>MFIP<br>cases | MFIP<br>cases with<br>adult | One-adult<br>DWP<br>cases | Two-adult<br>DWP<br>cases | Total DWP<br>cases |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| None or pre-first grade          | 383                        | 418                        | 801                         | 36                        | 40                        | 76                 |
| <i>% None or pre-first grade</i> | 3%                         | 12%                        | 4%                          | 4%                        | 9%                        | 6%                 |
| Grade School                     | 172                        | 92                         | 264                         | 11                        | 9                         | 20                 |
| <i>% Grade School</i>            | 1%                         | 3%                         | 1%                          | 1%                        | 2%                        | 2%                 |
| Some High School                 | 3,077                      | 664                        | 3,741                       | 110                       | 82                        | 192                |
| <i>% Some High School</i>        | 21%                        | 19%                        | 21%                         | 13%                       | 18%                       | 14%                |
| High School Graduate             | 8,209                      | 1,794                      | 10,003                      | 525                       | 250                       | 775                |
| <i>% High School Graduate</i>    | 57%                        | 51%                        | 56%                         | 60%                       | 55%                       | 58%                |
| Some Post Secondary              | 2,227                      | 384                        | 2,611                       | 165                       | 57                        | 222                |
| <i>% Some Post Secondary</i>     | 15%                        | 11%                        | 15%                         | 19%                       | 13%                       | 17%                |
| College Graduate                 | 271                        | 107                        | 378                         | 20                        | 11                        | 31                 |
| <i>% College Graduate</i>        | 2%                         | 3%                         | 2%                          | 2%                        | 2%                        | 2%                 |
| Graduate Degree                  | 131                        | 44                         | 175                         | 11                        | 3                         | 14                 |
| <i>% Graduate Degree</i>         | 1%                         | 1%                         | 1%                          | 1%                        | 1%                        | 1%                 |

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

**Table 8: Marital status of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP cases, December 2023 <sup>7</sup>**

|                                      | One-adult<br>MFIP<br>cases | Two-adult<br>MFIP<br>cases | MFIP<br>cases with<br>adult | One-adult<br>DWP<br>cases | Two-adult<br>DWP<br>cases | Total DWP<br>cases |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Divorced                             | 1,281                      | 63                         | 1,344                       | 112                       | 10                        | 122                |
| <i>% Divorced</i>                    | 9%                         | 2%                         | 7%                          | 13%                       | 2%                        | 9%                 |
| Legally separated                    | 68                         | 1                          | 69                          | 11                        | 1                         | 12                 |
| <i>% Legally separated</i>           | 0%                         | 0%                         | 0%                          | 1%                        | 0%                        | 1%                 |
| Married, living apart                | 1,708                      | 49                         | 1,757                       | 145                       | 5                         | 150                |
| <i>% Married, living apart</i>       | 12%                        | 1%                         | 10%                         | 17%                       | 1%                        | 11%                |
| Married, living with spouse          | 322                        | 1,991                      | 2,313                       | 11                        | 266                       | 277                |
| <i>% Married, living with spouse</i> | 2%                         | 57%                        | 13%                         | 1%                        | 59%                       | 21%                |
| Never married                        | 10,990                     | 1,393                      | 12,383                      | 584                       | 170                       | 754                |
| <i>% Never married</i>               | 76%                        | 40%                        | 69%                         | 67%                       | 38%                       | 57%                |
| Widowed                              | 101                        | 6                          | 107                         | 15                        | -                         | 15                 |
| <i>% Widowed</i>                     | 1%                         | 0%                         | 1%                          | 2%                        | -                         | 1%                 |

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

**Table 9: Adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP who received assistance as a child in Minnesota, December 2023 <sup>8</sup>**

|                             | 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                 | 8,860                | 1,401                | 10,261                | 444                 | 199                 | 643             |
| % Any program               | 61%                  | 40%                  | 57%                   | 51%                 | 44%                 | 48%             |
| Family assistance           | 7,877                | 1,224                | 9,101                 | 371                 | 166                 | 537             |
| % Family assistance         | 54%                  | 35%                  | 51%                   | 42%                 | 37%                 | 40%             |
| Emergency Assistance only   | 133                  | 12                   | 145                   | 9                   | 6                   | 15              |
| % Emergency Assistance only | 1%                   | 0%                   | 1%                    | 1%                  | 1%                  | 1%              |
| Food Support                | 850                  | 165                  | 1,015                 | 64                  | 27                  | 91              |
| % Food Support              | 6%                   | 5%                   | 6%                    | 7%                  | 6%                  | 7%              |

<sup>8</sup> 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 2023**

|                  | <b>Child-only MFIP cases</b> | <b>One-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>Two-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>MFIP cases with adult</b> | <b>One-adult DWP cases</b> | <b>Two-adult DWP cases</b> | <b>Total DWP cases</b> |
|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Cases            | 5,627                        | 14,470                      | 1,751                       | 16,221                       | 878                        | 226                        | 1,104                  |
| Children         | 9,422                        | 27,265                      | 4,555                       | 31,820                       | 1,664                      | 603                        | 2,267                  |
| Children mean    | 1.7                          | 1.9                         | 2.6                         | 2.0                          | 1.9                        | 2.7                        | 2.1                    |
| Children median  | 1                            | 2                           | 2                           | 2                            | 2                          | 2                          | 2                      |
| Minimum children | 1                            | 0                           | 0                           | 0                            | 0                          | 0                          | 0                      |
| Maximum children | 9                            | 11                          | 12                          | 12                           | 8                          | 10                         | 10                     |

**Table 11: Age characteristics of children receiving MFIP or DWP, December 2023**

|                   | <b>Child-only MFIP cases</b> | <b>One-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>Two-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>MFIP cases with adult</b> | <b>One-adult DWP cases</b> | <b>Two-adult DWP cases</b> | <b>Total DWP cases</b> |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Age mean          | 10.3                         | 7.0                         | 6.6                         | 6.9                          | 8.1                        | 6.2                        | 7.6                    |
| Age median        | 11                           | 6                           | 6                           | 6                            | 8                          | 5                          | 7                      |
| <1 year old       | 278                          | 2,244                       | 463                         | 2,707                        | 32                         | 96                         | 128                    |
| % <1 year old     | 3%                           | 8%                          | 10%                         | 9%                           | 2%                         | 16%                        | 6%                     |
| 1-3 years old     | 964                          | 6,486                       | 1,108                       | 7,594                        | 319                        | 135                        | 454                    |
| % 1-3 years old   | 10%                          | 24%                         | 24%                         | 24%                          | 19%                        | 22%                        | 20%                    |
| 4-5 years old     | 796                          | 3,770                       | 670                         | 4,440                        | 251                        | 79                         | 330                    |
| % 4-5 years old   | 8%                           | 14%                         | 15%                         | 14%                          | 15%                        | 13%                        | 15%                    |
| 6-10 years old    | 2,329                        | 7,382                       | 1,221                       | 8,603                        | 514                        | 159                        | 673                    |
| % 6-10 years old  | 25%                          | 27%                         | 27%                         | 27%                          | 31%                        | 26%                        | 30%                    |
| 11-15 years old   | 3,310                        | 5,446                       | 810                         | 6,256                        | 403                        | 102                        | 505                    |
| % 11-15 years old | 35%                          | 20%                         | 18%                         | 20%                          | 24%                        | 17%                        | 22%                    |
| >15 years old     | 1,745                        | 1,937                       | 283                         | 2,220                        | 145                        | 32                         | 177                    |
| % >15 years old   | 19%                          | 7%                          | 6%                          | 7%                           | 9%                         | 5%                         | 8%                     |

**Table 12: Ages of youngest child per MFIP or DWP case, December 2023**

|                 | <b>Child-only MFIP cases</b> | <b>One-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>Two-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>MFIP cases with adult</b> | <b>One-adult DWP cases</b> | <b>Two-adult DWP cases</b> | <b>Total DWP cases</b> |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Youngest mean   | 9.4                          | 5.1                         | 3.6                         | 4.9                          | 6.3                        | 2.9                        | 5.6                    |
| Youngest median | 10                           | 4                           | 2                           | 3                            | 5                          | 1                          | 4                      |

**Table 13: Race, ethnicity, and immigrant status of children receiving MFIP or DWP, December 2023 <sup>9</sup>**

|                                  | <b>Child-only MFIP cases</b> | <b>One-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>Two-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>MFIP cases with adult</b> | <b>One-adult DWP cases</b> | <b>Two-adult DWP cases</b> | <b>Total DWP cases</b> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| African American                 | 2,389                        | 10,674                      | 1,190                       | 11,864                       | 437                        | 131                        | 568                    |
| <i>% African American</i>        | <i>25%</i>                   | <i>39%</i>                  | <i>26%</i>                  | <i>37%</i>                   | <i>26%</i>                 | <i>22%</i>                 | <i>25%</i>             |
| Asian American                   | 358                          | 573                         | 203                         | 776                          | 47                         | 58                         | 105                    |
| <i>% Asian American</i>          | <i>4%</i>                    | <i>2%</i>                   | <i>4%</i>                   | <i>2%</i>                    | <i>3%</i>                  | <i>10%</i>                 | <i>5%</i>              |
| Hispanic                         | 2,303                        | 2,571                       | 304                         | 2,875                        | 216                        | 62                         | 278                    |
| <i>% Hispanic</i>                | <i>24%</i>                   | <i>9%</i>                   | <i>7%</i>                   | <i>9%</i>                    | <i>13%</i>                 | <i>10%</i>                 | <i>12%</i>             |
| Hmong Immigrant                  | 1                            | 2                           | -                           | 2                            | -                          | -                          | -                      |
| <i>% Hmong Immigrant</i>         | <i>0%</i>                    | <i>0%</i>                   | <i>-</i>                    | <i>0%</i>                    | <i>-</i>                   | <i>-</i>                   | <i>-</i>               |
| Multiple Races                   | 712                          | 2,799                       | 313                         | 3,112                        | 158                        | 31                         | 189                    |
| <i>% Multiple Races</i>          | <i>8%</i>                    | <i>10%</i>                  | <i>7%</i>                   | <i>10%</i>                   | <i>9%</i>                  | <i>5%</i>                  | <i>8%</i>              |
| Native American                  | 895                          | 1,464                       | 252                         | 1,716                        | 44                         | 14                         | 58                     |
| <i>% Native American</i>         | <i>9%</i>                    | <i>5%</i>                   | <i>6%</i>                   | <i>5%</i>                    | <i>3%</i>                  | <i>2%</i>                  | <i>3%</i>              |
| Other African Immigrant          | 26                           | 184                         | 155                         | 339                          | 18                         | 9                          | 27                     |
| <i>% Other African Immigrant</i> | <i>0%</i>                    | <i>1%</i>                   | <i>3%</i>                   | <i>1%</i>                    | <i>1%</i>                  | <i>1%</i>                  | <i>1%</i>              |
| Other Asian Immigrant            | 39                           | 79                          | 195                         | 274                          | 10                         | 7                          | 17                     |
| <i>% Other Asian Immigrant</i>   | <i>0%</i>                    | <i>0%</i>                   | <i>4%</i>                   | <i>1%</i>                    | <i>1%</i>                  | <i>1%</i>                  | <i>1%</i>              |
| Somali Immigrant                 | 57                           | 295                         | 198                         | 493                          | 18                         | 12                         | 30                     |

<sup>9</sup> 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.

|                           | <b>Child-<br/>only<br/>MFIP<br/>cases</b> | <b>One-<br/>adult<br/>MFIP<br/>cases</b> | <b>Two-<br/>adult<br/>MFIP<br/>cases</b> | <b>MFIP<br/>cases<br/>with<br/>adult</b> | <b>One-<br/>adult<br/>DWP<br/>cases</b> | <b>Two-<br/>adult<br/>DWP<br/>cases</b> | <b>Total<br/>DWP<br/>cases</b> |
|---------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|---|--------------------------------|
| <i>% Somali Immigrant</i> | 1%  | 1%                                       | 4%                                       | 2%                                       | 1%                                      | 2%                                      | 1%                             |
| Unknown                   | 334                                       | 2,115                                    | 382                                      | 2,497                                    | 131                                     | 69                                      | 200                            |
| <i>% Unknown</i>          | 4%  | 8%                                       | 8%                                       | 8%                                       | 8%                                      | 11%                                     | 9%                             |
| White                     | 2,308                                     | 6,509                                    | 1,363                                    | 7,872                                    | 585                                     | 210                                     | 795                            |
| <i>% White</i>            | 24%                                       | 24%                                      | 30%                                      | 25%                                      | 35%                                     | 35%                                     | 35%                            |

**Table 14: Mean assistance amount of MFIP or DWP cases, December 2023 <sup>10</sup>**

|           | <b>Child-only MFIP cases</b> | <b>One-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>Two-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>MFIP cases with adult</b> | <b>One-adult DWP cases</b> | <b>Two-adult DWP cases</b> | <b>Total DWP cases</b> |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Cash      | \$455                        | \$505                       | \$510                       | \$506                        | \$437                      | \$626                      | \$476                  |
| MFIP food | \$358                        | \$519                       | \$732                       | \$542                        | \$0                        | \$0                        | \$0                    |
| SNAP      | \$106                        | \$75                        | \$99                        | \$77                         | \$552                      | \$753                      | \$593                  |

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

**Table 15: Work hours and income of MFIP or DWP cases, December 2023 <sup>11</sup>**

|                   | <b>One-adult<br/>MFIP<br/>cases</b> | <b>Two-adult<br/>MFIP<br/>cases</b> | <b>MFIP<br/>cases with<br/>adult</b> | <b>One-adult<br/>DWP<br/>cases</b> | <b>Two-adult<br/>DWP<br/>cases</b> | <b>Total DWP<br/>cases</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cases             | 4,472                               | 956                                 | 5,428                                | 402                                | 137                                | 539                        |
| % Cases           | 31%                                 | 55%                                 | 33%                                  | 46%                                | 61%                                | 49%                        |
| Mean work hours   | 83.4                                | 125.3                               | 90.7                                 | 92.1                               | 139.9                              | 104.2                      |
| Median work hours | 78                                  | 122                                 | 84                                   | 92                                 | 138                                | 100                        |
| Mean earnings     | \$1,417                             | \$2,131                             | \$1,543                              | \$1,689                            | \$2,444                            | \$1,881                    |
| Median earnings   | \$1,281                             | \$2,020                             | \$1,392                              | \$1,524                            | \$2,448                            | \$1,698                    |

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

**Table 16: Counted MFIP months by MFIP or DWP case type, December 2023 <sup>12</sup>**

|                    | One-adult<br>MFIP<br>cases | Two-adult<br>MFIP<br>cases | MFIP<br>cases with<br>adult | One-adult<br>DWP<br>cases | Two-adult<br>DWP<br>cases | Total DWP<br>cases |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Mean               | 32.7                       | 24.4                       | 31.8                        | 12.8                      | 7.1                       | 11.6               |
| Median             | 32                         | 20                         | 30                          | 5                         | 0                         | 4                  |
| 0 counted months   | 310                        | 8                          | 318                         | 375                       | 138                       | 513                |
| % 0 counted months | 2%                         | 0%                         | 2%                          | 43%                       | 61%                       | 46%                |
| 1 - 12 months      | 3,258                      | 650                        | 3,908                       | 183                       | 39                        | 222                |
| % 1 - 12 months    | 23%                        | 37%                        | 24%                         | 21%                       | 17%                       | 20%                |
| 13 - 36 months     | 4,479                      | 606                        | 5,085                       | 212                       | 37                        | 249                |
| % 13 - 36 months   | 31%                        | 35%                        | 31%                         | 24%                       | 16%                       | 23%                |
| 37 - 48 months     | 1,785                      | 205                        | 1,990                       | 58                        | 10                        | 68                 |
| % 37 - 48 months   | 12%                        | 12%                        | 12%                         | 7%                        | 4%                        | 6%                 |
| 49 - 54 months     | 771                        | 74                         | 845                         | 23                        | 1                         | 24                 |
| % 49 - 54 months   | 5%                         | 4%                         | 5%                          | 3%                        | 0%                        | 2%                 |
| 55 - 60 months     | 3,867                      | 208                        | 4,075                       | 27                        | 1                         | 28                 |
| % 55 - 60 months   | 27%                        | 12%                        | 25%                         | 3%                        | 0%                        | 3%                 |

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

**Table 17: MFIP and DWP Cases Receiving Child Care Assistance, December 2023 <sup>13</sup>**

|                                      | <b>Child-only<br/>MFIP<br/>cases</b> | <b>One-<br/>adult<br/>MFIP<br/>cases</b> | <b>Two-<br/>adult<br/>MFIP<br/>cases</b> | <b>MFIP<br/>cases<br/>with<br/>adult</b> | <b>One-<br/>adult<br/>DWP<br/>cases</b> | <b>Two-<br/>adult<br/>DWP<br/>cases</b> | <b>Total<br/>DWP<br/>cases</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Cases with children less than age 6  | 1,586                                | 8,812                                    | 1,332                                    | 10,144                                   | 437                                     | 176                                     | 613                            |
| < age 6 cases with CCAP              | 100                                  | 2,205                                    | 184                                      | 2,389                                    | 101                                     | 16                                      | 117                            |
| % < age 6 cases with CCAP            | 6%                                   | 25%                                      | 14%                                      | 24%                                      | 23%                                     | 9%                                      | 19%                            |
| Cases with children less than age 13 | 3,670                                | 12,307                                   | 1,627                                    | 13,934                                   | 704                                     | 213                                     | 917                            |
| Age 0-12 cases with CCAP             | 117                                  | 2,391                                    | 188                                      | 2,579                                    | 112                                     | 16                                      | 128                            |
| % Age 0-12 cases with CCAP           | 3%                                   | 19%                                      | 12%                                      | 19%                                      | 16%                                     | 8%                                      | 14%                            |
| Cases with children age 13-15        | 1,866                                | 2,691                                    | 362                                      | 3,053                                    | 195                                     | 47                                      | 242                            |
| Age 13-15 cases with CCAP            | 13                                   | 258                                      | 46                                       | 304                                      | 11                                      | 2                                       | 13                             |
| % Age 13-15 cases with CCAP          | 1%                                   | 10%                                      | 13%                                      | 10%                                      | 6%                                      | 4%                                      | 5%                             |

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

**Table 18: MFIP cases with time limit exemption counts by exemption reason, December 2023**

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|   | One-adult MFIP cases | Two-adult MFIP cases | MFIP cases with adult |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cases                                     | 872                  | 33                   | 905                   |
| % of MFIP cases                           | 6%                   | 2%                   | 6%                    |
| Age 18-19, attending high school          | 179                  | 9                    | 188                   |
| <i>% Age 18-19, attending high school</i> | 21%                  | 27%                  | 21%                   |
| Caregiver on Indian reservation           | 8                    | 0                    | 8                     |
| <i>% Caregiver on Indian reservation</i>  | 1%                   | 0%                   | 1%                    |
| Caregiver over 60                         | 45                   | 10                   | 55                    |
| <i>% Caregiver over 60</i>                | 5%                   | 30%                  | 6%                    |
| Family violence waiver                    | 575                  | 8                    | 583                   |
| <i>% Family violence waiver</i>           | 66%                  | 24%                  | 64%                   |
| Minor caregiver                           | 65                   | 6                    | 71                    |
| <i>% Minor caregiver</i>                  | 7%                   | 18%                  | 8%                    |

<sup>14</sup> 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 2023 <sup>15</sup>**

|   | <b>One-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>Two-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>MFIP cases with adult</b> |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Cases                                     | 3,129                       | 151                         | 3,220                        |
| Extension months mean                     | 53                          | 37                          | 53                           |
| Extension months median                   | 39                          | 28                          | 39                           |
| Extension months maximum                  | 257                         | 222                         | 257                          |
| Appeal only                               | 1                           | 0                           | 1                            |
| <i>% Appeal only</i>                      | <i>0%</i>                   | <i>0%</i>                   | <i>0%</i>                    |
| Care of ill or incapacitated              | 331                         | 25                          | 356                          |
| <i>% Care of ill or incapacitated</i>     | <i>11%</i>                  | <i>17%</i>                  | <i>11%</i>                   |
| Care of special medical criteria          | 284                         | 14                          | 298                          |
| <i>% Care of special medical criteria</i> | <i>9%</i>                   | <i>9%</i>                   | <i>9%</i>                    |
| Developmental disability                  | 3                           | 0                           | 3                            |
| <i>% Developmental disability</i>         | <i>0%</i>                   | <i>0%</i>                   | <i>0%</i>                    |
| Employment required hours                 | 172                         | 15                          | 187                          |
| <i>% Employment required hours</i>        | <i>5%</i>                   | <i>10%</i>                  | <i>6%</i>                    |
| Family violence waiver                    | 320                         | 3                           | 323                          |
| <i>% Family violence waiver</i>           | <i>10%</i>                  | <i>2%</i>                   | <i>10%</i>                   |
| IQ between 70 and 80                      | 11                          | 2                           | 13                           |
| <i>% IQ between 70 and 80</i>             | <i>0%</i>                   | <i>1%</i>                   | <i>0%</i>                    |
| Ill or incapacitated                      | 901                         | 44                          | 945                          |

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

|                               | One-adult MFIP cases | Two-adult MFIP cases | MFIP cases with adult |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>% Ill or incapacitated</i> | 29%                  | 29%                  | 29%                   |
| Learning disability           | 5                    | 0                    | 5                     |
| <i>% Learning disability</i>  | 0%                   | 0%                   | 0%                    |
| Mental illness                | 976                  | 35                   | 1,011                 |
| <i>% Mental illness</i>       | 31%                  | 23%                  | 31%                   |
| Unemployable                  | 33                   | 3                    | 36                    |
| <i>% Unemployable</i>         | 1%                   | 2%                   | 1%                    |

**Table 20: MFIP Family Stabilization Services counts and reasons, December 2023 <sup>16</sup>**

|                                       | <b>One-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>Two-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>MFIP cases with adult</b> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Cases                                 | 5,889                       | 798                         | 6,687                        |
| <i>% of MFIP cases</i>                | 41%                         | 46%                         | 41%                          |
| Age 60 or older                       | 25                          | 22                          | 47                           |
| <i>% Age 60 or older</i>              | 0%                          | 3%                          | 1%                           |
| Care of ill or incapacitated          | 475                         | 63                          | 538                          |
| <i>% Care of ill or incapacitated</i> | 8%                          | 8%                          | 8%                           |
| Developmental disability              | 3                           | 1                           | 4                            |
| <i>% Developmental disability</i>     | 0%                          | 0%                          | 0%                           |
| Family violence waiver                | 760                         | 12                          | 772                          |
| <i>% Family violence waiver</i>       | 13%                         | 2%                          | 12%                          |
| IQ < 80                               | 14                          | 2                           | 16                           |
| <i>% IQ &lt; 80</i>                   | 0%                          | 0%                          | 0%                           |
| Ill or incapacitated                  | 1,474                       | 198                         | 1,672                        |
| <i>% Ill or incapacitated</i>         | 25%                         | 25%                         | 25%                          |
| Learning disability                   | 9                           | 0                           | 9                            |
| <i>% Learning disability</i>          | 0%                          | 0%                          | 0%                           |
| Mental illness                        | 1,213                       | 63                          | 1,276                        |
| <i>% Mental illness</i>               | 21%                         | 8%                          | 19%                          |

<sup>16</sup> 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                     | 150                  | 242                  | 392                   |
| <i>% New immigrant</i>            | 3%                   | 30%                  | 6%                    |
| Not exempt                        | 2                    | 0                    | 2                     |
| <i>% Not exempt</i>               | 0%                   | 0%                   | 0%                    |
| Preg/Incap                        | 1                    | 0                    | 1                     |
| <i>% Preg/Incap</i>               | 0%                   | 0%                   | 0%                    |
| SSI or RSDI application           | 771                  | 109                  | 880                   |
| <i>% SSI or RSDI application</i>  | 13%                  | 14%                  | 13%                   |
| Special medical criteria          | 511                  | 44                   | 555                   |
| <i>% Special medical criteria</i> | 9%                   | 6%                   | 8%                    |
| Unemployable                      | 481                  | 42                   | 523                   |
| <i>% Unemployable</i>             | 8%                   | 5%                   | 8%                    |

**Table 21: MFIP cases with countable sanctions, December 2023** <sup>17</sup>

|   | Child-only MFIP cases | One-adult MFIP cases | Two-adult MFIP cases | MFIP cases with adult |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 30% countable sanctions                       | 18                    | 212                  | 18                   | 230                   |
| 10% countable sanctions                       | -                     | 48                   | 10                   | 58                    |
| All countable sanctions                       | 18                    | 260                  | 28                   | 288                   |
| % of MFIP cases with sanctions                | 0%                    | 2%                   | 2%                   | 2%                    |
| Six counted sanction months                   | 5                     | 40                   | 3                    | 43                    |
| % MFIP cases with six counted sanction months | 0%                    | 0%                   | 0%                   | 0%                    |

**Table 22: MFIP recipients of subsidized housing, December 2023**

|         | One-adult MFIP cases | Two-adult MFIP cases | MFIP cases with adult |
|---------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cases   | 4,237                | 309                  | 4,546                 |
| % Cases | 29%                  | 18%                  | 28%                   |

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

**Table 23: MFIP recipients exempt from sanction due to evidence of homelessness, December 2023<sup>18</sup>**

|            | Child-only MFIP cases | One-adult MFIP cases | Two-adult MFIP cases | MFIP cases with adult | One-adult DWP cases | Total DWP cases |
|------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Cases      | 141                   | 1,536                | 120                  | 1,656                 | 3                   | 3               |
| % Cases    | 3%                    | 11%                  | 7%                   | 10%                   | 0%                  | 0%              |
| Adults     | 0                     | 1,536                | 240                  | 1,776                 | 3                   | 3               |
| % Adults   | 0%                    | 11%                  | 7%                   | 10%                   | 0%                  | 0%              |
| Children   | 221                   | 2,579                | 270                  | 2,849                 | 7                   | 7               |
| % Children | 2%                    | 9%                   | 6%                   | 9%                    | 0%                  | 0%              |

<sup>18</sup> Evidence of homeless for this table is defined as the participant's record indicates they are not living in their own rented or owned housing and the record indicates they are homeless or living in a hotel, motel, emergency shelter or place not meant for housing such as a car or tent. This definition is consistent with the MFIP/DWP policy on good cause for non-compliance due to an emergency situation.