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

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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 December 2024 MFIP and DWP served 63,838 individuals in 23,078 cases, including:

- MFIP: 41,595 children and 18,377 adults (59,972 total individuals) in 21,896 cases
- DWP: 2,439 children and 1,427 adults (3,866 total individuals) in 1,182 cases.

For both programs, the caseload size rose by 1% overall, with an increase of 7% in DWP and no change in MFIP from December 2023 to December 2024. Over the ten-year period of 2015 to 2024 caseload fell by 30%.

### Participant demographics

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

- The median age of adults was 33 for MFIP-enrolled adults and 34 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: 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: 71%
- DWP: 78%

Monthly enrollment, grant, and employment activity information by case type and servicing agency can also be found on The [MFIP Monthly Report Dashboard](#).

## Introduction: MFIP and DWP

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.

Since 2002 Minnesota has issued the Self-Support Index (S-SI) outcome measure for county, county consortia and tribal agencies administering MFIP. For more information on the S-SI see the MFIP Management Indicators Report, Annual Self-Support Index or related reports available on the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) [research, reports, and evaluation webpage](#).

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 federal Fiscal Responsibility Act [H.R. 3746] of 2023 made several changes to TANF, including requiring all states to report new employment and education outcome measures for work-eligible adults leaving TANF. The Act also changed the Work Participation Rate (WPR) calculation by resetting the base year for the caseload reduction credit and excluding certain low-benefit cases for this federal performance measure. These changes go into effect October 1, 2025.

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. During the 2023 legislative session, DWP was repealed effective March 1, 2026.

On July 1, 2024, both MFIP and DWP began operating under Minnesota's new [Department of Children, Youth, and Families](#).

## Report Format

This report provides a snapshot of all active cases in MFIP and DWP in December 2024. 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 of this data is also available on the [MFIP Monthly Report Dashboard](#), which includes monthly enrollment, grant, and employment activity information by case type and servicing agency.

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. To protect MFIP participant privacy, cell counts less than 10 were suppressed, as well as additional cells as needed to effectively protect suppressed counts. These cells' values were replaced with an asterisk (\*).

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.

## Recent and Forthcoming Program Changes

### 2024 Program changes

Several program changes went into effect in 2024 that may have impacted values presented in this report.

- Effective 1/1/2024, Tribal per capita payments are not counted for MFIP or DWP.
- Effective 3/1/2024, people with U visas are eligible for MFIP or DWP if they meet all other eligibility criteria.
- Effective 7/1/2024, MFIP and DWP began operating under the Department of Children, Youth and Families
- Effective 7/1/2024, nonrecurring unearned income is not counted for MFIP or DWP unless it meets the definition of earned income or identified as an unearned income source in MN Statute 256P.06, subdivision3(2).
- Effective 9/1/2024, Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (RSDI) income that is at or below the federal SSI level is not counted for MFIP or DWP.
- Effective 10/1/2024, the annual MFIP Housing Assistance Grant cost-of living adjustment, based on the prior year's Consumer Price Index, increased the housing grant from \$110 to \$114.

### Future program changes

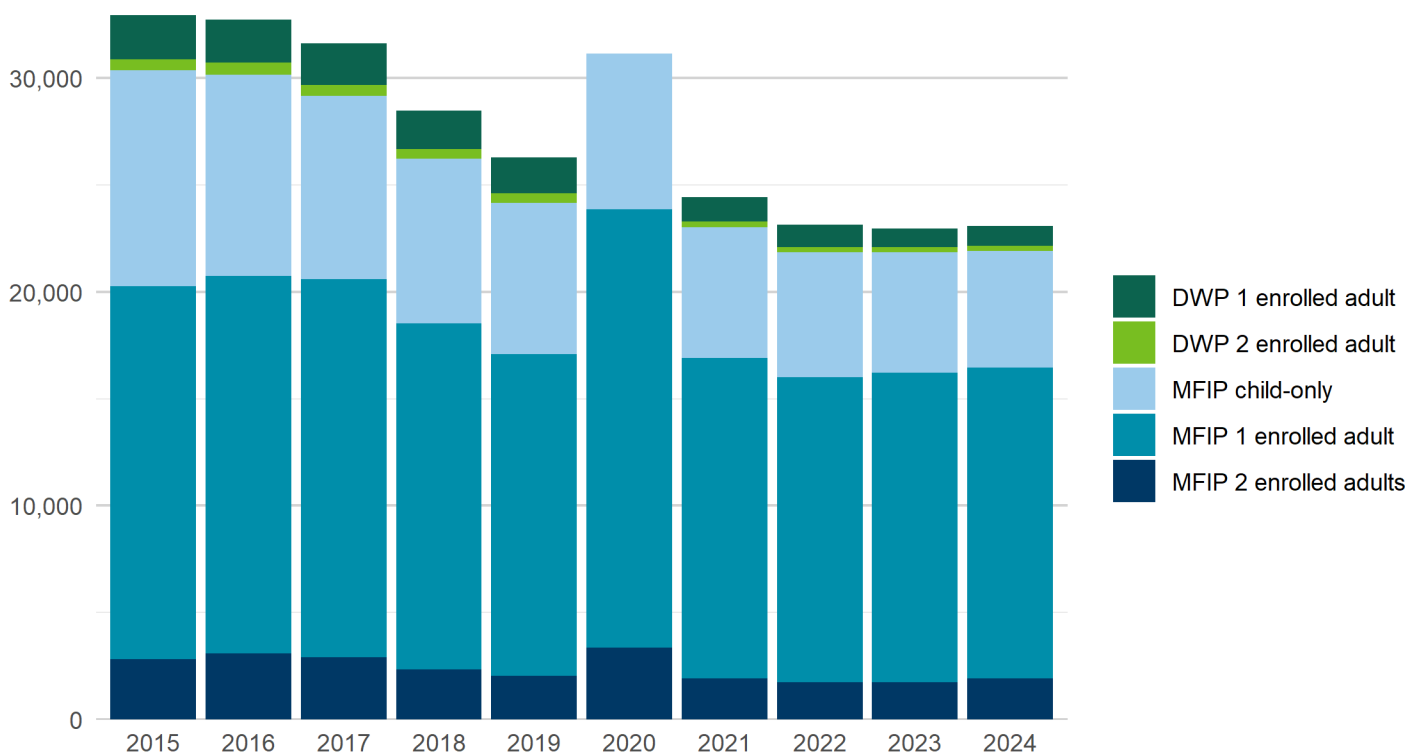
Several program changes are expected to take effect in 2025 and 2026 that will impact MFIP and DWP participation.

- Effective 3/1/2025, MFIP changed to six-month budgeting using prospective budgeting to determine benefit amounts. Assistance units are not required to report changes in income during the six-month budget period but have the option to have benefits adjusted if their income decreases before a scheduled six-month review. Essential information that affects eligibility must still be reported by the tenth of the month following the month of the change.
- Effective 10/1/2025, the federal Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (FRA) added employment and education outcome measures for work-eligible TANF leavers, reset the Work Participation Rate (WPR) base year for the caseload reduction credit and excluded certain low-benefit cases.
- Effective 1/1/2026, a parent participating in MFIP and receiving paid family and medical leave benefits is not required to participate in employment services.
- Effective 3/1/2026, DWP is repealed.
- Effective 5/1/2026, MFIP sanction policy is reformed.

## MFIP and DWP December caseload trends

- The number of MFIP and DWP cases has remained largely unchanged since 2022, after decreasing year-over-year from 2010 to 2022 (excepting 2020), for an overall decrease of 30% over the ten-year period of 2015 to 2024. Overall, caseloads increased 1% from December 2023 to 2024, after falling 1% between December 2022 and 2023.
- MFIP cases are flat in 2024 compared to 2023. Cases with one enrolled adult, the most common case type, increased by less than 1% over this period, while two-adult MFIP cases increased 1% and child-only cases decreased by 3%.
- The DWP caseload increased by 7% overall between December 2023 and 2024. One-adult cases increased by 7%, while two-adult cases increased by 8%.

**Figure 1. MFIP and DWP caseloads, December 2015 to December 2024 <sup>1</sup>**

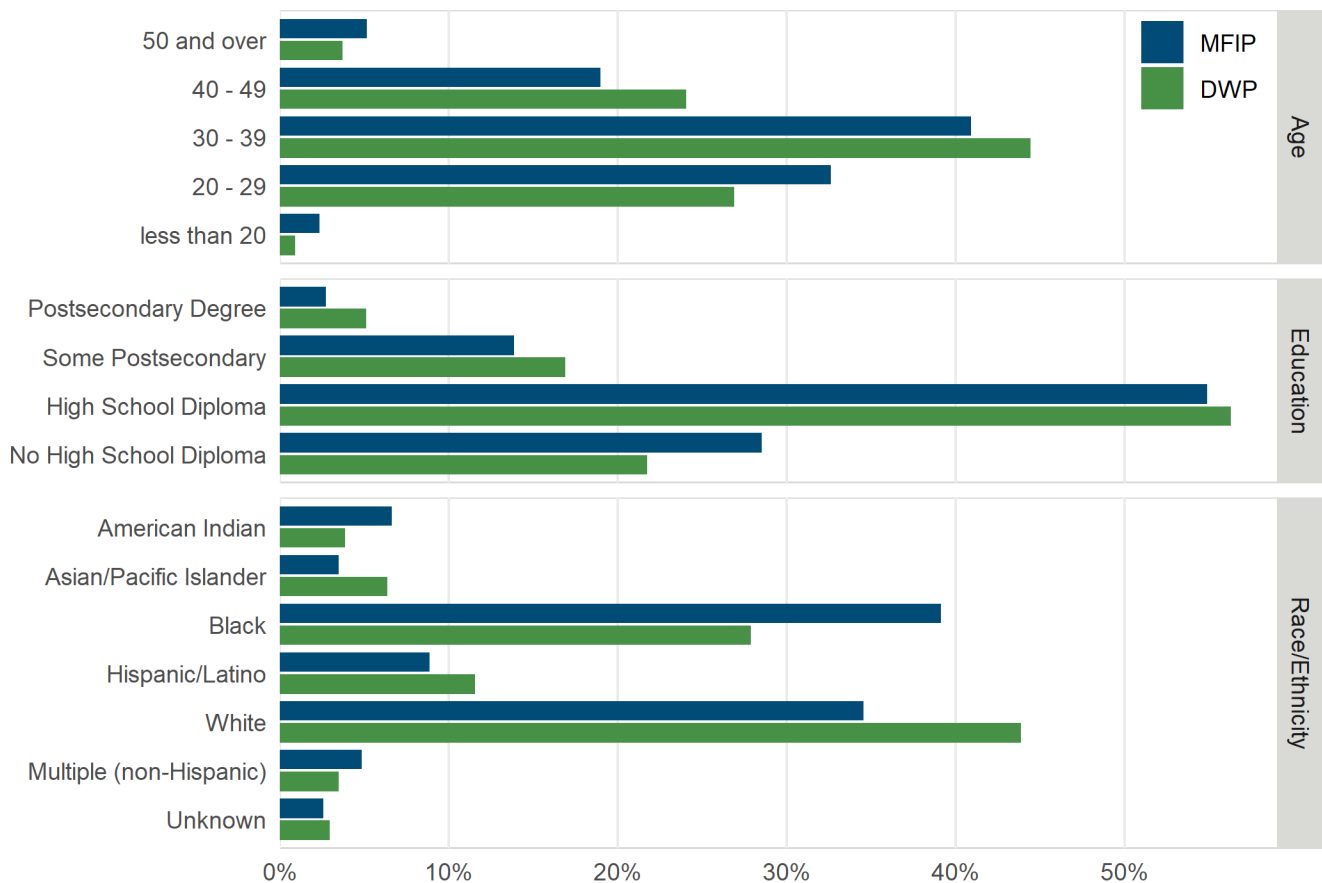


<sup>1</sup> The Diversionary Work Program (DWP) was suspended in December 2020 due to the COVID-19 public health emergency

## Adults enrolled in MFIP and DWP: quick facts for December 2024

- In December 2024, 18,377 adults were enrolled in MFIP, with 83% identified as female. For DWP, 1,427 were enrolled, 76% female.
- The average age of adults was 33.7 for MFIP and 34.7 for DWP. Thirty-three percent of MFIP and 27% DWP adults were in their twenties.
- The majority of adults completed high school: 71% for MFIP and 78% for DWP.
- Most MFIP adults never married (68%); 14% were married and living with a spouse. Fifty-two percent of DWP adults never married; 22% were married and living with a spouse.
- Thirty-five percent of MFIP adults and 44% of DWP adults were white, compared to 80% of all Minnesotan adults. Thirty-nine percent of MFIP adults and 28% of DWP adults were Black compared to 6% of all Minnesotan adults ([IPUMS USA](#)).

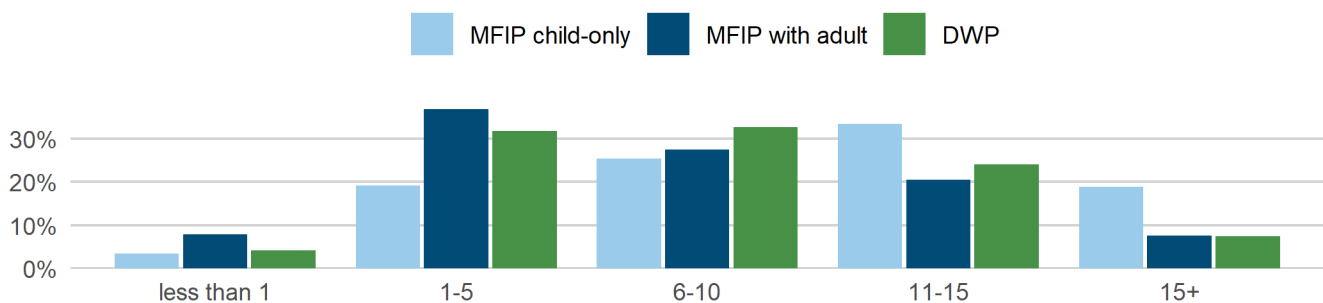
**Figure 2. Age, Education, Race, and Ethnicity of MFIP and DWP enrolled adults**



## Children enrolled in MFIP and DWP: quick facts for December 2024

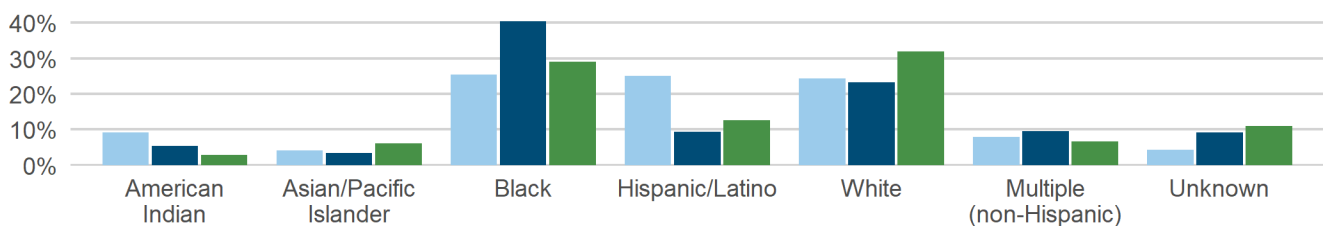
- There were 41,595 children enrolled in MFIP in December 2024: 32,602 in families with an enrolled adult, and 8,993 in MFIP child-only cases; An additional 2,439 children were enrolled in DWP. Statewide, 6% of kindergartners are enrolled in MFIP or DWP ([Minnesota ECLDS](#)).
- Families receiving MFIP or DWP averaged 1.9 children: cases with only one enrolled child made up 42% of cases with enrolled adults, 59% of child-only cases, and 36% of DWP cases.

**Figure 3. Ages of Children enrolled in MFIP and DWP**



- On average, children in child-only MFIP cases are older than those in MFIP cases with an enrolled adult or in DWP cases; the average age of children in MFIP child-only cases was 10.2, compared to 7.1 years in MFIP cases with an adult and 7.9 for DWP cases. The average age of the youngest child in a case was 9.2 for child-only cases, 5.1 for MFIP cases with an adult, and 6 for DWP cases.
- While most cases have a child under the age of 6, only 30% of child-only MFIP cases do, compared to 61% of MFIP cases with an adult, and 52% of DWP cases.

**Figure 4. Race and ethnicity of children enrolled in MFIP and DWP**

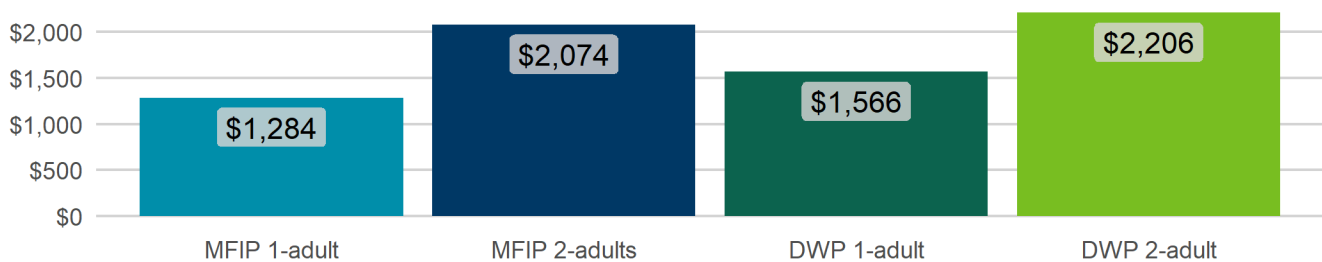


- Twenty-three percent of children in MFIP households were white, compared with 32% of children in DWP household and 65% of all Minnesotan children. Thirty-seven percent of children in MFIP cases and 29% in DWP cases were Black, compared to 9% of Minnesotan children. ([IPUMS USA](#))

## Employment and Earnings of MFIP and DWP households: quick facts for December 2024

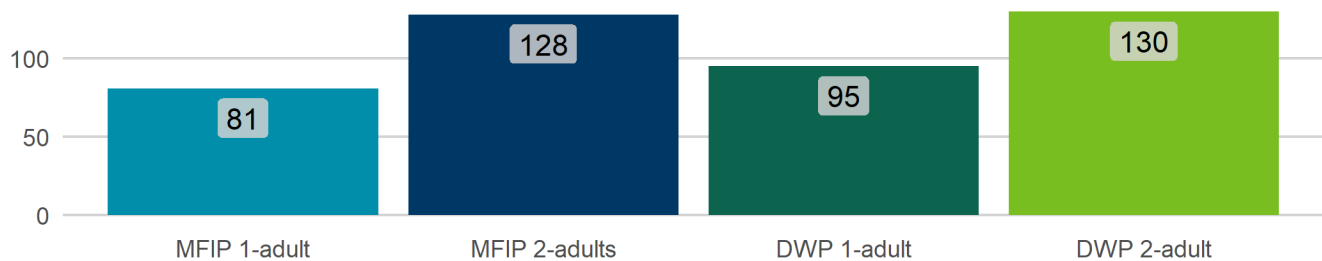
- DWP serves households with fewer barriers to employment. DWP adults work at higher rates, earn higher income, and work more hours than MFIP enrolled adults.
- A total of 29% of MFIP one-adult families and 53% of two-adult MFIP families reported wages for December 2024. For DWP, 40% of one-adult families and 64% of two-adult families reported wages.

**Figure 5. Median monthly wages of MFIP and DWP households with earned income**



- Average monthly wages for MFIP cases with a working adult were \$1,399, and for DWP cases were \$1,760. In 2024 a household of three would exit the program when gross monthly wages reached \$3,130.

**Figure 6. Median monthly hours worked for MFIP and DWP households with earned income**



- Employed MFIP-enrolled adults worked an average of 90 hours in December 2024, compared with 105 hours for DWP adults. This equates to an average of 20.7 hours per week for MFIP enrolled adults and 24.2 for DWP adults

## Tables

**Table 1: MFIP and DWP case counts, December 2015 to December 2024<sup>2</sup>**

| Year | Child-only MFIP cases | One-adult MFIP cases | Two-adult MFIP cases | Total MFIP cases | One-adult DWP cases | Two-adult DWP cases | Total DWP cases |
|------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 2015 | 10,089                | 17,440               | 2,820                | 30,349           | 2,047               | 528                 | 2,575           |
| 2016 | 9,419                 | 17,626               | 3,098                | 30,143           | 2,002               | 567                 | 2,569           |
| 2017 | 8,560                 | 17,691               | 2,903                | 29,154           | 1,949               | 507                 | 2,456           |
| 2018 | 7,697                 | 16,188               | 2,330                | 26,215           | 1,819               | 443                 | 2,262           |
| 2019 | 7,077                 | 15,047               | 2,030                | 24,154           | 1,691               | 436                 | 2,127           |
| 2020 | 7,293                 | 20,489               | 3,352                | 31,134           | 0                   | 0                   | 0               |
| 2021 | 6,114                 | 14,970               | 1,923                | 23,007           | 1,141               | 264                 | 1,405           |
| 2022 | 5,836                 | 14,252               | 1,753                | 21,841           | 1,070               | 234                 | 1,304           |
| 2023 | 5,627                 | 14,470               | 1,751                | 21,848           | 878                 | 226                 | 1,104           |
| 2024 | 5,448                 | 14,519               | 1,929                | 21,896           | 937                 | 245                 | 1,182           |

<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. 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 2024 <sup>3</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>Total<br/>MFIP<br/>cases</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> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Case count                       | 5,448                                | 14,519                                   | 1,929                                    | 21,896                          | 937                                     | 245                                     | 1,182                          |
| <i>Case percent</i>              | <i>25%</i>                           | <i>66%</i>                               | <i>9%</i>                                | <i>100%</i>                     | <i>79%</i>                              | <i>21%</i>                              | <i>100%</i>                    |
| Enrolled adults count            | 0                                    | 14,519                                   | 3,858                                    | 18,377                          | 937                                     | 490                                     | 1,427                          |
| <i>Enrolled adults percent</i>   | <i>0%</i>                            | <i>79%</i>                               | <i>21%</i>                               | <i>100%</i>                     | <i>66%</i>                              | <i>34%</i>                              | <i>100%</i>                    |
| Enrolled children count          | 8,993                                | 27,388                                   | 5,214                                    | 41,595                          | 1,794                                   | 645                                     | 2,439                          |
| <i>Enrolled children percent</i> | <i>22%</i>                           | <i>66%</i>                               | <i>13%</i>                               | <i>100%</i>                     | <i>74%</i>                              | <i>26%</i>                              | <i>100%</i>                    |

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<sup>3</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 2024 <sup>4</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 |
|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Age mean       | 33                         | 35                         | 34                          | 35                        | 35                        | 35                 |
| Age median     | 33                         | 34                         | 33                          | 35                        | 34                        | 34                 |
| Age minimum    | 13                         | 17                         | 13                          | 18                        | 18                        | 18                 |
| Age maximum    | 72                         | 73                         | 73                          | 59                        | 58                        | 59                 |
| less than 18   | 88                         | 11                         | 99                          | -                         | -                         | -                  |
| % less than 18 | 1%                         | 0%                         | 1%                          | -                         | -                         | -                  |
| 18 - 19        | 280                        | 51                         | 331                         | *                         | *                         | 13                 |
| % 18 - 19      | 2%                         | 1%                         | 2%                          | *                         | *                         | 1%                 |
| 20 - 29        | 4,903                      | 1,091                      | 5,994                       | 262                       | 122                       | 384                |
| % 20 - 29      | 34%                        | 28%                        | 33%                         | 28%                       | 25%                       | 27%                |
| 30 - 39        | 5,920                      | 1,598                      | 7,518                       | 401                       | 233                       | 634                |
| % 30 - 39      | 41%                        | 41%                        | 41%                         | 43%                       | 48%                       | 44%                |
| 40 - 49        | 2,666                      | 823                        | 3,489                       | 230                       | 113                       | 343                |
| % 40 - 49      | 18%                        | 21%                        | 19%                         | 25%                       | 23%                       | 24%                |
| 50 - 59        | 599                        | 234                        | 833                         | *                         | *                         | 53                 |
| % 50 - 59      | 4%                         | 6%                         | 5%                          | *                         | *                         | 4%                 |
| 60 and over    | 63                         | 51                         | 114                         | -                         | -                         | -                  |
| % 60 and over  | 0%                         | 1%                         | 1%                          | -                         | -                         | -                  |

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<sup>4</sup> Adult refers to a caregiver (parent or other relative) or minor parent responsible for a child/ren.

**Table 4: Race and ethnicity of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP, December 2024<sup>5</sup>**

|                               | One-adult<br>MFIP<br>cases | Two-adult<br>MFIP<br>cases | Total MFIP<br>cases | One-adult<br>DWP<br>cases | Two-adult<br>DWP<br>cases | Total DWP<br>cases |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| American Indian               | 985                        | 235                        | 1,220               | 37                        | 18                        | 55                 |
| % American Indian             | 7%                         | 6%                         | 7%                  | 4%                        | 4%                        | 4%                 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 344                        | 294                        | 638                 | 29                        | 62                        | 91                 |
| % Asian/Pacific<br>Islander   | 2%                         | 8%                         | 3%                  | 3%                        | 13%                       | 6%                 |
| Black                         | 5,982                      | 1,205                      | 7,187               | 273                       | 125                       | 398                |
| % Black                       | 41%                        | 31%                        | 39%                 | 29%                       | 26%                       | 28%                |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 1,270                      | 357                        | 1,627               | 121                       | 44                        | 165                |
| % Hispanic/Latino             | 9%                         | 9%                         | 9%                  | 13%                       | 9%                        | 12%                |
| Multiple (non-Hispanic)       | 764                        | 125                        | 889                 | *                         | *                         | 50                 |
| % Multiple (non-<br>Hispanic) | 5%                         | 3%                         | 5%                  | *                         | *                         | 4%                 |
| Unknown                       | 220                        | 251                        | 471                 | *                         | *                         | 42                 |
| % Unknown                     | 2%                         | 7%                         | 3%                  | *                         | *                         | 3%                 |
| White                         | 4,954                      | 1,392                      | 6,346               | 422                       | 204                       | 626                |
| % White                       | 34%                        | 36%                        | 35%                 | 45%                       | 42%                       | 44%                |

<sup>5</sup> Race and ethnicity data are categorized here using a hierarchical methodology. At application, participants indicate their identification (yes or no) with each of five racial categories (American Indian, Asian, Black, Pacific Islander and white), and ethnicity (Hispanic or non-Hispanic). Pacific Islanders and Asian groups are combined due to very small numbers of Pacific Islanders. Individuals identifying as Hispanic are categorized as Hispanic. Non-Hispanic individuals identifying with one racial category are categorized as that category. Non-Hispanic individuals attesting to multiple race categories are included in the “Multiple (non-Hispanic)” group and detailed in the next table.

**Table 5: Race of non-Hispanic adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP who identify with more than one race, December 2024 <sup>6</sup>**

|                                     | One-adult<br>MFIP<br>cases | Two-adult<br>MFIP<br>cases | Total MFIP<br>cases | One-adult<br>DWP<br>cases | Two-adult<br>DWP<br>cases | Total DWP<br>cases |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| American Indian                     | 314                        | 53                         | 367                 | *                         | *                         | *                  |
| <i>% American Indian</i>            | <i>41%</i>                 | <i>42%</i>                 | <i>41%</i>          | *                         | *                         | *                  |
| Asian/Pacific Islander              | 74                         | 12                         | 86                  | *                         | *                         | *                  |
| <i>% Asian/Pacific<br/>Islander</i> | <i>10%</i>                 | <i>10%</i>                 | <i>10%</i>          | *                         | *                         | *                  |
| Black                               | 564                        | 80                         | 644                 | *                         | *                         | 37                 |
| <i>% Black</i>                      | <i>74%</i>                 | <i>64%</i>                 | <i>72%</i>          | *                         | *                         | <i>74%</i>         |
| White                               | 654                        | 115                        | 769                 | *                         | *                         | 44                 |
| <i>% White</i>                      | <i>86%</i>                 | <i>92%</i>                 | <i>87%</i>          | *                         | *                         | <i>88%</i>         |

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<sup>6</sup> This table includes all of the race categories selected by individuals identified as “Multiple (non-Hispanic)” in the previous table; therefore, column-totals of percentages will be greater than 100%.

**Table 6: Citizenship status of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP cases, December 2024 <sup>7</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.   | 931                  | 1,132                | 2,063                 | 60                  | 78                  | 138             |
| % Non-U.S. | 6%                   | 29%                  | 11%                   | 6%                  | 16%                 | 10%             |
| U.S.       | 13,588               | 2,727                | 16,315                | 877                 | 412                 | 1,289           |
| % U.S.     | 94%                  | 71%                  | 89%                   | 94%                 | 84%                 | 90%             |

**Table 7: Sex of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP cases, December 2024**

|          | One-adult MFIP cases | Two-adult MFIP cases | MFIP cases with adult | One-adult DWP cases | Two-adult DWP cases | Total DWP cases |
|----------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Female   | 13,306               | 1,942                | 15,248                | 840                 | 246                 | 1,086           |
| % Female | 92%                  | 50%                  | 83%                   | 90%                 | 50%                 | 76%             |
| Male     | 1,213                | 1,917                | 3,130                 | 97                  | 244                 | 341             |
| % Male   | 8%                   | 50%                  | 17%                   | 10%                 | 50%                 | 24%             |

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<sup>7</sup> Citizenship status is not routinely updated after initial application; therefore these categories may be under- or over-reported. Only U.S citizens and legally residing non-U.S. citizens are eligible for MFIP.

**Table 8: Educational attainment of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP cases, December 2024 <sup>8</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          | 552                        | 682                        | 1,234                       | 35                        | 41                        | 76                 |
| <i>% None or pre-first grade</i> | <i>4%</i>                  | <i>18%</i>                 | <i>7%</i>                   | <i>4%</i>                 | <i>8%</i>                 | <i>5%</i>          |
| Grade School                     | 196                        | 94                         | 290                         | *                         | *                         | 28                 |
| <i>% Grade School</i>            | <i>1%</i>                  | <i>2%</i>                  | <i>2%</i>                   | <i>*</i>                  | <i>*</i>                  | <i>2%</i>          |
| Some High School                 | 3,038                      | 679                        | 3,717                       | 129                       | 77                        | 206                |
| <i>% Some High School</i>        | <i>21%</i>                 | <i>18%</i>                 | <i>20%</i>                  | <i>14%</i>                | <i>16%</i>                | <i>14%</i>         |
| High School Graduate             | 8,172                      | 1,915                      | 10,087                      | 523                       | 280                       | 803                |
| <i>% High School Graduate</i>    | <i>56%</i>                 | <i>50%</i>                 | <i>55%</i>                  | <i>56%</i>                | <i>57%</i>                | <i>56%</i>         |
| Some Post Secondary              | 2,188                      | 363                        | 2,551                       | 179                       | 62                        | 241                |
| <i>% Some Post Secondary</i>     | <i>15%</i>                 | <i>9%</i>                  | <i>14%</i>                  | <i>19%</i>                | <i>13%</i>                | <i>17%</i>         |
| College Graduate                 | 257                        | 92                         | 349                         | 35                        | 10                        | 45                 |
| <i>% College Graduate</i>        | <i>2%</i>                  | <i>2%</i>                  | <i>2%</i>                   | <i>4%</i>                 | <i>2%</i>                 | <i>3%</i>          |
| Graduate Degree                  | 116                        | 34                         | 150                         | *                         | *                         | 28                 |
| <i>% Graduate Degree</i>         | <i>1%</i>                  | <i>1%</i>                  | <i>1%</i>                   | <i>*</i>                  | <i>*</i>                  | <i>2%</i>          |

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<sup>8</sup> Education is not routinely updated after initial application; therefore these categories may be under- or over-reported.

**Table 9: Marital status of adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP cases, December 2024 <sup>9</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                             | 1,269                      | 66                         | 1,335                       | *                         | *                         | 130                |
| <i>% Divorced</i>                    | 9%                         | 2%                         | 7%                          | *                         | *                         | 9%                 |
| Legally separated                    | *                          | *                          | 93                          | 11                        | 0                         | 11                 |
| <i>% Legally separated</i>           | *                          | *                          | 1%                          | 1%                        | 0%                        | 1%                 |
| Married, living apart                | 1,701                      | 71                         | 1,772                       | *                         | *                         | 203                |
| <i>% Married, living apart</i>       | 12%                        | 2%                         | 10%                         | *                         | *                         | 14%                |
| Married, living with spouse          | 324                        | 2,260                      | 2,584                       | 12                        | 304                       | 316                |
| <i>% Married, living with spouse</i> | 2%                         | 59%                        | 14%                         | 1%                        | 62%                       | 22%                |
| Never married                        | 11,016                     | 1,453                      | 12,469                      | 575                       | 174                       | 749                |
| <i>% Never married</i>               | 76%                        | 38%                        | 68%                         | 61%                       | 36%                       | 52%                |
| Widowed                              | *                          | *                          | 125                         | *                         | *                         | 18                 |
| <i>% Widowed</i>                     | *                          | *                          | 1%                          | *                         | *                         | 1%                 |

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<sup>9</sup> Marital status is not routinely updated after initial application; therefore these categories may be under- or over-reported.

**Table 10: Adults enrolled in MFIP or DWP who received assistance as a child in Minnesota, December 2024 <sup>10</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                        | 8,760                | 1,446                | 10,206                | 453                 | 180                 | 633             |
| <i>% Any program</i>               | <i>60%</i>           | <i>37%</i>           | <i>56%</i>            | <i>48%</i>          | <i>37%</i>          | <i>44%</i>      |
| Family assistance                  | 7,808                | 1,255                | 9,063                 | 372                 | 146                 | 518             |
| <i>% Family assistance</i>         | <i>54%</i>           | <i>33%</i>           | <i>49%</i>            | <i>40%</i>          | <i>30%</i>          | <i>36%</i>      |
| Emergency Assistance only          | 124                  | 17                   | 141                   | *                   | *                   | 18              |
| <i>% Emergency Assistance only</i> | <i>1%</i>            | <i>0%</i>            | <i>1%</i>             | <i>*</i>            | <i>*</i>            | <i>1%</i>       |
| Food Support                       | 828                  | 174                  | 1,002                 | *                   | *                   | 97              |
| <i>% Food Support</i>              | <i>6%</i>            | <i>5%</i>            | <i>5%</i>             | <i>*</i>            | <i>*</i>            | <i>7%</i>       |

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<sup>10</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 11: Number of children per case receiving MFIP or DWP, December 2024**

|                  | <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>Total<br/>MFIP<br/>cases</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            | 5,448                                | 14,519                                   | 1,929                                    | 21,896                          | 937                                     | 245                                     | 1,182                          |
| Children         | 8,993                                | 27,388                                   | 5,214                                    | 41,595                          | 1,794                                   | 645                                     | 2,439                          |
| Children mean    | 1.7                                  | 1.9                                      | 2.7                                      | 1.9                             | 1.9                                     | 2.6                                     | 2.1                            |
| Children median  | 1                                    | 2                                        | 2                                        | 2                               | 2                                       | 2                                       | 2                              |
| Minimum children | 1                                    | 0                                        | 0                                        | 0                               | 0                                       | 0                                       | 0                              |
| Maximum children | 8                                    | 11                                       | 12                                       | 12                              | 8                                       | 8                                       | 8                              |

**Table 12: Age characteristics of children receiving MFIP or DWP, December 2024**

|                   | <b>Child-only MFIP cases</b> | <b>One-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>Two-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>Total MFIP cases</b> | <b>One-adult DWP cases</b> | <b>Two-adult DWP cases</b> | <b>Total DWP cases</b> |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Age mean          | 10.2                         | 7.2                         | 6.8                         | 7.8                     | 8.4                        | 6.6                        | 7.9                    |
| Age median        | 11                           | 6                           | 6                           | 7                       | 8                          | 6                          | 8                      |
| <1 year old       | 304                          | 2,102                       | 456                         | 2,862                   | 29                         | 74                         | 103                    |
| % <1 year old     | 3%                           | 8%                          | 9%                          | 7%                      | 2%                         | 11%                        | 4%                     |
| 1-3 years old     | 962                          | 6,124                       | 1,247                       | 8,333                   | 305                        | 141                        | 446                    |
| % 1-3 years old   | 11%                          | 22%                         | 24%                         | 20%                     | 17%                        | 22%                        | 18%                    |
| 4-5 years old     | 754                          | 3,887                       | 729                         | 5,370                   | 241                        | 88                         | 329                    |
| % 4-5 years old   | 8%                           | 14%                         | 14%                         | 13%                     | 13%                        | 14%                        | 13%                    |
| 6-10 years old    | 2,284                        | 7,494                       | 1,436                       | 11,214                  | 597                        | 197                        | 794                    |
| % 6-10 years old  | 25%                          | 27%                         | 28%                         | 27%                     | 33%                        | 31%                        | 33%                    |
| 11-15 years old   | 2,999                        | 5,673                       | 996                         | 9,668                   | 475                        | 112                        | 587                    |
| % 11-15 years old | 33%                          | 21%                         | 19%                         | 23%                     | 26%                        | 17%                        | 24%                    |
| >15 years old     | 1,690                        | 2,108                       | 351                         | 4,149                   | 147                        | 33                         | 180                    |
| % >15 years old   | 19%                          | 8%                          | 7%                          | 10%                     | 8%                         | 5%                         | 7%                     |

**Table 13: Ages of youngest child per MFIP or DWP case, December 2024**

|                 | <b>Child-only MFIP cases</b> | <b>One-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>Two-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>Total MFIP cases</b> | <b>One-adult DWP cases</b> | <b>Two-adult DWP cases</b> | <b>Total DWP cases</b> |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Youngest mean   | 9.2                          | 5.3                         | 3.7                         | 6.2                     | 6.7                        | 3.6                        | 6.0                    |
| Youngest median | 10                           | 4                           | 2                           | 5                       | 6                          | 2                          | 5                      |

**Table 14: Race and ethnicity of children enrolled in MFIP or DWP, December 2024<sup>11</sup>**

|                                       | <b>Child-only<br/>MFIP<br/>cases</b> | <b>One-adult<br/>MFIP<br/>cases</b> | <b>Two-adult<br/>MFIP<br/>cases</b> | <b>Total<br/>MFIP<br/>cases</b> | <b>One-adult<br/>DWP<br/>cases</b> | <b>Two-adult<br/>DWP<br/>cases</b> | <b>Total<br/>DWP<br/>cases</b> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| American Indian                       | 825                                  | 1,464                               | 257                                 | 2,546                           | 56                                 | 11                                 | 67                             |
| <i>% American Indian</i>              | 9%                                   | 5%                                  | 5%                                  | 6%                              | 3%                                 | 2%                                 | 3%                             |
| Asian/Pacific Islander                | 360                                  | 624                                 | 450                                 | 1,434                           | 62                                 | 87                                 | 149                            |
| <i>% Asian/Pacific<br/>Islander</i>   | 4%                                   | 2%                                  | 9%                                  | 3%                              | 3%                                 | 13%                                | 6%                             |
| Black                                 | 2,290                                | 11,296                              | 1,861                               | 15,447                          | 512                                | 198                                | 710                            |
| <i>% Black</i>                        | 25%                                  | 41%                                 | 36%                                 | 37%                             | 29%                                | 31%                                | 29%                            |
| Hispanic/Latino                       | 2,246                                | 2,628                               | 410                                 | 5,284                           | 243                                | 63                                 | 306                            |
| <i>% Hispanic/Latino</i>              | 25%                                  | 10%                                 | 8%                                  | 13%                             | 14%                                | 10%                                | 13%                            |
| Multiple (non-Hispanic)               | 703                                  | 2,755                               | 317                                 | 3,775                           | 124                                | 38                                 | 162                            |
| <i>% Multiple (non-<br/>Hispanic)</i> | 8%                                   | 10%                                 | 6%                                  | 9%                              | 7%                                 | 6%                                 | 7%                             |
| Unknown                               | 388                                  | 2,391                               | 592                                 | 3,371                           | 195                                | 73                                 | 268                            |
| <i>% Unknown</i>                      | 4%                                   | 9%                                  | 11%                                 | 8%                              | 11%                                | 11%                                | 11%                            |
| White                                 | 2,181                                | 6,230                               | 1,328                               | 9,739                           | 602                                | 175                                | 777                            |
| <i>% White</i>                        | 24%                                  | 23%                                 | 25%                                 | 23%                             | 34%                                | 27%                                | 32%                            |

<sup>11</sup> Race and ethnicity data are categorized here using a hierarchical methodology. At application, participants indicate their identification (yes or no) with each of five racial categories (American Indian, Asian, Black, Pacific Islander and white), and ethnicity (Hispanic or non-Hispanic). Pacific Islanders and Asian groups are combined due to very small numbers of Pacific Islanders. Individuals identifying as Hispanic are categorized as Hispanic. Non-Hispanic individuals identifying with one racial category are categorized as that category. Non-Hispanic individuals attesting to multiple race categories are included in the “Multiple (non-Hispanic)” group, and detailed in the next table.

**Table 15: Race of non-Hispanic children enrolled in MFIP or DWP who identify with more than one race, December 2024 <sup>12</sup>**

|                          | Child-only MFIP cases | One-adult MFIP cases | Two-adult MFIP cases | Total MFIP cases | One-adult DWP cases | Two-adult DWP cases | Total DWP cases |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| American Indian          | 272                   | 851                  | 97                   | 1,220            | *                   | *                   | 53              |
| % American Indian        | 39%                   | 31%                  | 31%                  | 32%              | *                   | *                   | 33%             |
| Asian/Pacific Islander   | 41                    | 269                  | 47                   | 357              | *                   | *                   | 24              |
| % Asian/Pacific Islander | 6%                    | 10%                  | 15%                  | 9%               | *                   | *                   | 15%             |
| Black                    | 537                   | 2,205                | 222                  | 2,964            | 93                  | 19                  | 112             |
| % Black                  | 76%                   | 80%                  | 70%                  | 79%              | 75%                 | 50%                 | 69%             |
| White                    | 624                   | 2,457                | 293                  | 3,374            | 110                 | 35                  | 145             |
| % White                  | 89%                   | 89%                  | 92%                  | 89%              | 89%                 | 92%                 | 90%             |

<sup>12</sup> This table includes all of the race categories selected by individuals identified as “Multiple (non-Hispanic)” in the previous table; therefore, column-totals of percentages will be greater than 100%.

**Table 16: Mean assistance amount of MFIP or DWP cases, December 2024 <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>Total<br/>MFIP<br/>cases</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> |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Cash      | \$475                                | \$541                                    | \$547                                    | \$525                           | \$458                                   | \$617                                   | \$491                          |
| MFIP food | \$353                                | \$522                                    | \$731                                    | \$498                           | \$0                                     | \$0                                     | \$0                            |
| SNAP      | \$104                                | \$77                                     | \$116                                    | \$87                            | \$556                                   | \$767                                   | \$600                          |

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<sup>13</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 \$114 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 17: Work hours and income of MFIP or DWP cases, December 2024 <sup>14</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             | 4,153                               | 1,023                               | 5,176                                | 374                                | 158                                | 532                        |
| % Cases           | 29%                                 | 53%                                 | 31%                                  | 40%                                | 64%                                | 45%                        |
| Mean work hours   | 80.9                                | 128.2                               | 90.2                                 | 95.1                               | 130.0                              | 105.5                      |
| Median work hours | 75                                  | 125                                 | 81                                   | 96                                 | 128                                | 104                        |
| Mean earnings     | \$1,446                             | \$2,221                             | \$1,600                              | \$1,746                            | \$2,344                            | \$1,924                    |
| Median earnings   | \$1,284                             | \$2,074                             | \$1,399                              | \$1,566                            | \$2,206                            | \$1,760                    |

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<sup>14</sup> Total income is either the actual (retrospective) or projected (prospective) income of eligible adults included in the case budget to determine eligibility and benefit amount for the case for the report month. Program rules determine whether the past actual or projected income is utilized to monthly budget and the same criteria is used to determine the income to include here. All income is verified. Total income is reported 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 all working eligible adults on case. The percentages of all cases with hours reported are slightly smaller than the percentages reported working because of hours not recorded in a different administrative database. Mean and median hours exclude cases with no income from work.

**Table 18: Counted MFIP months by MFIP or DWP case type, December 2024** <sup>15</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               | 32.5                       | 22.5                       | 31.3                        | 11.9                      | 7.2                       | 10.9               |
| Median             | 31                         | 16                         | 29                          | 3                         | 0                         | 1                  |
| 0 counted months   | 288                        | 12                         | 300                         | 439                       | 140                       | 579                |
| % 0 counted months | 2%                         | 1%                         | 2%                          | 47%                       | 57%                       | 49%                |
| 1 - 12 months      | 3,445                      | 810                        | 4,255                       | 176                       | 53                        | 229                |
| % 1 - 12 months    | 24%                        | 42%                        | 26%                         | 19%                       | 22%                       | 19%                |
| 13 - 36 months     | 4,316                      | 626                        | 4,942                       | 211                       | 39                        | 250                |
| % 13 - 36 months   | 30%                        | 32%                        | 30%                         | 23%                       | 16%                       | 21%                |
| 37 - 48 months     | 1,724                      | 186                        | 1,910                       | *                         | *                         | 73                 |
| % 37 - 48 months   | 12%                        | 10%                        | 12%                         | *                         | *                         | 6%                 |
| 49 - 54 months     | 761                        | 86                         | 847                         | *                         | *                         | 29                 |
| % 49 - 54 months   | 5%                         | 4%                         | 5%                          | *                         | *                         | 2%                 |
| 55 - 60 months     | 3,985                      | 209                        | 4,194                       | *                         | *                         | 22                 |
| % 55 - 60 months   | 27%                        | 11%                        | 25%                         | *                         | *                         | 2%                 |

<sup>15</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 19: MFIP and DWP Cases Receiving Child Care Assistance, December 2024 <sup>16</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>Total<br/>MFIP<br/>cases</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  | 1,616                                | 8,632                                    | 1,440                                    | 11,688                          | 430                                     | 184                                     | 614                            |
| < age 6 cases with CCAP              | 78                                   | 2,204                                    | 204                                      | 2,486                           | 101                                     | 15                                      | 116                            |
| % < age 6 cases with CCAP            | 5%                                   | 26%                                      | 14%                                      | 21%                             | 23%                                     | 8%                                      | 19%                            |
| Cases with children less than age 13 | 3,571                                | 12,231                                   | 1,781                                    | 17,583                          | 747                                     | 231                                     | 978                            |
| Age 0-12 cases with CCAP             | 94                                   | 2,399                                    | 213                                      | 2,706                           | 128                                     | 15                                      | 143                            |
| % Age 0-12 cases with CCAP           | 3%                                   | 20%                                      | 12%                                      | 15%                             | 17%                                     | 6%                                      | 15%                            |
| Cases with children age 13-15        | 1,722                                | 2,750                                    | 428                                      | 4,900                           | 238                                     | 48                                      | 286                            |
| Age 13-15 cases with CCAP            | *                                    | *                                        | *                                        | 302                             | *                                       | *                                       | 26                             |
| % Age 13-15 cases with CCAP          | *                                    | *                                        | *                                        | 6%                              | *                                       | *                                       | 9%                             |

<sup>16</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 20: MFIP cases with time limit exemption counts by exemption reason, December 2024**

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|                                           | One-adult MFIP cases | Two-adult MFIP cases | MFIP cases with adult |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cases                                     | 875                  | 47                   | 922                   |
| % of MFIP cases                           | 6%                   | 2%                   | 6%                    |
| Age 18-19, attending high school          | *                    | *                    | 149                   |
| <i>% Age 18-19, attending high school</i> | *                    | *                    | 16%                   |
| Caregiver on Indian reservation           | 11                   | 0                    | 11                    |
| <i>% Caregiver on Indian reservation</i>  | 1%                   | 0%                   | 1%                    |
| Caregiver over 60                         | 52                   | 20                   | 72                    |
| <i>% Caregiver over 60</i>                | 6%                   | 43%                  | 8%                    |
| Family violence waiver                    | 585                  | 13                   | 598                   |
| <i>% Family violence waiver</i>           | 67%                  | 28%                  | 65%                   |
| Minor caregiver                           | *                    | *                    | 92                    |
| <i>% Minor caregiver</i>                  | *                    | *                    | 10%                   |

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<sup>17</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 21: MFIP cases time limit extensions counts by extension reason, December 2024 <sup>18</sup>**

|                                           | <b>One-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>Two-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>MFIP cases with adult</b> |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Cases                                     | 3,252                       | 159                         | 3,339                        |
| Extension months mean                     | 54                          | 37                          | 53                           |
| Extension months median                   | 40                          | 26                          | 40                           |
| Extension months maximum                  | 269                         | 234                         | 269                          |
| Appeal only                               | *                           | *                           | *                            |
| <i>% Appeal only</i>                      | *                           | *                           | *                            |
| Care of ill or incapacitated              | 355                         | 21                          | 376                          |
| <i>% Care of ill or incapacitated</i>     | 11%                         | 13%                         | 11%                          |
| Care of special medical criteria          | 281                         | 11                          | 292                          |
| <i>% Care of special medical criteria</i> | 9%                          | 7%                          | 9%                           |
| Developmental disability                  | *                           | *                           | *                            |
| <i>% Developmental disability</i>         | *                           | *                           | *                            |
| Employment required hours                 | 128                         | 11                          | 139                          |
| <i>% Employment required hours</i>        | 4%                          | 7%                          | 4%                           |
| Family violence waiver                    | *                           | *                           | 375                          |
| <i>% Family violence waiver</i>           | *                           | *                           | 11%                          |
| IQ between 70 and 80                      | *                           | *                           | 12                           |
| <i>% IQ between 70 and 80</i>             | *                           | *                           | 0%                           |

<sup>18</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 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Ill or incapacitated          | 855                  | 50                   | 905                   |
| <i>% Ill or incapacitated</i> | 26%                  | 31%                  | 27%                   |
| Learning disability           | *                    | *                    | *                     |
| <i>% Learning disability</i>  | *                    | *                    | *                     |
| Mental illness                | 1,121                | 48                   | 1,169                 |
| <i>% Mental illness</i>       | 34%                  | 30%                  | 35%                   |
| Unemployable                  | 31                   | 0                    | 31                    |
| <i>% Unemployable</i>         | 1%                   | 0%                   | 1%                    |

**Table 22: MFIP Family Stabilization Services counts and reasons, December 2024 <sup>19</sup>**

|                                       | <b>One-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>Two-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>MFIP cases with adult</b> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Cases                                 | 6,173                       | 911                         | 7,084                        |
| <i>% of MFIP cases</i>                | 43%                         | 47%                         | 43%                          |
| Age 60 or older                       | 34                          | 21                          | 55                           |
| <i>% Age 60 or older</i>              | 1%                          | 2%                          | 1%                           |
| Care of ill or incapacitated          | 510                         | 60                          | 570                          |
| <i>% Care of ill or incapacitated</i> | 8%                          | 7%                          | 8%                           |
| Developmental disability              | *                           | *                           | *                            |
| <i>% Developmental disability</i>     | *                           | *                           | *                            |
| Family violence waiver                | 820                         | 12                          | 832                          |
| <i>% Family violence waiver</i>       | 13%                         | 1%                          | 12%                          |
| IQ < 80                               | *                           | *                           | 15                           |
| <i>% IQ &lt; 80</i>                   | *                           | *                           | 0%                           |
| Ill or incapacitated                  | 1,565                       | 223                         | 1,788                        |
| <i>% Ill or incapacitated</i>         | 25%                         | 24%                         | 25%                          |
| Learning disability                   | *                           | *                           | *                            |
| <i>% Learning disability</i>          | *                           | *                           | *                            |
| Mental illness                        | 1,343                       | 90                          | 1,433                        |

<sup>19</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 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>% Mental illness</i>           | 22%                  | 10%                  | 20%                   |
| New immigrant                     | 274                  | 338                  | 612                   |
| <i>% New immigrant</i>            | 4%                   | 37%                  | 9%                    |
| Not exempt                        | *                    | *                    | *                     |
| <i>% Not exempt</i>               | *                    | *                    | *                     |
| SSI or RSDI application           | 729                  | 81                   | 810                   |
| <i>% SSI or RSDI application</i>  | 12%                  | 9%                   | 11%                   |
| Special medical criteria          | 523                  | 47                   | 570                   |
| <i>% Special medical criteria</i> | 8%                   | 5%                   | 8%                    |
| Unemployable                      | 346                  | 37                   | 383                   |
| <i>% Unemployable</i>             | 6%                   | 4%                   | 5%                    |

**Table 23: MFIP cases with countable sanctions, December 2024 <sup>20</sup>**

|                                               | Child-only MFIP cases | One-adult MFIP cases | Two-adult MFIP cases | Total MFIP cases |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 30% countable sanctions                       | 31                    | 176                  | 17                   | 224              |
| 10% countable sanctions                       | -                     | 60                   | 17                   | 77               |
| All countable sanctions                       | 31                    | 236                  | 34                   | 301              |
| % of MFIP cases with sanctions                | 1%                    | 2%                   | 2%                   | 1%               |
| Six counted sanction months                   | *                     | *                    | *                    | 40               |
| % MFIP cases with six counted sanction months | *                     | *                    | *                    | 0%               |

**Table 24: MFIP recipients of subsidized housing, December 2024**

|         | One-adult MFIP cases | Two-adult MFIP cases | MFIP cases with adult |
|---------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cases   | 4,479                | 314                  | 4,793                 |
| % Cases | 31%                  | 16%                  | 29%                   |

<sup>20</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. As of this reporting period, 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.

**Table 25: MFIP recipients exempt from sanction due to evidence of homelessness, December 2024<sup>21</sup>**

|            | <b>Child-only MFIP cases</b> | <b>One-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>Two-adult MFIP cases</b> | <b>Total MFIP cases</b> | <b>One-adult DWP cases</b> | <b>Two-adult DWP cases</b> | <b>Total DWP cases</b> |
|------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Cases      | 157                          | 1,614                       | 126                         | 1,897                   | *                          | *                          | 12                     |
| % Cases    | 3%                           | 11%                         | 7%                          | 9%                      | *                          | *                          | 1%                     |
| Adults     | 0                            | 1,614                       | 252                         | 1,866                   | *                          | *                          | 14                     |
| % Adults   | 0%                           | 11%                         | 7%                          | 10%                     | *                          | *                          | 1%                     |
| Children   | 282                          | 2,595                       | 300                         | 3,177                   | *                          | *                          | 17                     |
| % Children | 3%                           | 9%                          | 6%                          | 8%                      | *                          | *                          | 1%                     |

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<sup>21</sup> Evidence of homeless status for this table is defined as the participant's record indicates they are not living in housing they rent or own 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.

## Technical notes

### Administrative data source

Data on program participants used in this report is administrative data from statewide eligibility and payment systems. The primary data source is the MAXIS data warehouse, which is loaded monthly (data extracted April 2024). Additional sources of administrative data are MAXISMFIPviews, which is frozen 31 days following the end of the report month, and the MEC2 eligibility and payment system (for data related to the Childcare Assistance Program (CCAP)).

This report contains data on cases (households) and individuals enrolled in MFIP or DWP – including paid cases (those receiving cash grants or MFIP food grants) as well as active cases temporarily not receiving a grant in the reported month (i.e. suspended cases). Persons eligible for more than one case in the report period are, when applicable, assigned to the case record where they are the applicant; if never an applicant, they are assigned based on their membership code and relationship to the applicant. Household and family members not enrolled in MFIP or DWP are excluded from this report (i.e. all included individuals had a case membership code of ‘A’). Additionally, individual records are excluded if age, gender, marital status, race, or U.S. citizenship data are missing.

Individuals and cases are excluded if their servicing county is 88 (Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe) or 94 (Red Lake Nation), since these agencies administer Tribal TANF. The White Earth Nation (County number 92) administers state MFIP eligibility and employment services for its members; participants in this program are included in this report.

### Reporting of race and ethnicity

While applying for benefits, applicants are asked if they identify (yes or no) with each of five racial categories (Asian, Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian, and White), and ethnicity (Hispanic or non-Hispanic). In all reporting, the Asian group is combined with the Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian group due to counts of the latter being too small to report.

Race and ethnicity statistics are reported here using the following hierarchy aligned with department standards: all persons endorsing Hispanic ethnicity are reported as Hispanic. All other racial categories are non-Hispanic. Non-Hispanic persons endorsing multiple racial groups are identified as Multiple Races; all others are identified according to the racial category endorsed.

### Minnesota population statistics

Statistics about the Minnesota population as a whole are calculated from the American Community Survey (ACS) five-year sample data stored at IPUMS USA ([usa.ipums.org](https://usa.ipums.org)). Full citation: Steven Ruggles, Sarah Flood, Matthew Sobek, Daniel Backman, Grace Cooper, Julia A. Rivera Drew, Stephanie Richards, Renae Rodgers, Jonathan Schroeder, and Kari C.W. Williams. IPUMS USA: Version 16.0 [dataset]. Minneapolis, MN: IPUMS, 2025.

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