

Table 7-24. Maximum AFDC and TANF Cash Benefits for a Family of Three, By State, Selected Years 1981-2009

					Maximum Benefit for a Family of Three as a Percent of the Poverty Thresholds			
	Jul-81	Jul-88	Jul-96	Jul-09	Jul-81	Jul-88	Jul-96	Jul-09
Alabama	118	118	164	215	20.0	14.6	15.2	14.1
Alaska	571	779	923	923	77.4	77.2	68.3	48.4
Arizona	202	293	347	347	34.3	36.3	32.1	22.7
Arkansas	161	204	204	204	27.3	25.3	18.9	13.4
California	506	663	596	694	85.9	82.1	55.1	45.5
Colorado	379	356	356	462	64.3	44.1	32.9	30.3
Connecticut	498	623	636	656	84.5	77.2	58.8	43.0
Delaware	266	319	338	338	45.1	39.5	31.2	22.2
District of Columbia	286	379	415	428	48.5	46.9	38.4	28.1
Florida	195	275	303	303	33.1	34.1	28.0	19.9
Georgia	183	270	280	280	31.1	33.4	25.9	18.4
Hawaii	468	515	712	636	69.0	55.4	57.2	36.2
Idaho	305	304	317	309	51.8	37.6	29.3	20.3
Illinois	302	342	377	432	51.3	42.4	34.9	28.3
Indiana	255	288	288	288	43.3	35.7	26.6	18.9
Iowa	360	394	426	426	61.1	48.8	39.4	27.9
Kansas	353	427	429	429	59.9	52.9	39.7	28.1
Kentucky	188	218	262	262	31.9	27.0	24.2	17.2
Louisiana	173	190	190	240	29.4	23.5	17.6	15.7
Maine	301	416	418	485	51.1	51.5	38.6	31.8
Maryland	270	377	373	574	45.8	46.7	34.5	37.6
Massachusetts	379	539	565	618	64.3	66.7	52.2	40.5
Michigan	397	436	459	492	67.4	54.0	42.4	32.2
Minnesota	446	532	532	532	75.7	65.9	49.2	34.9
Mississippi	96	120	120	170	16.3	14.9	11.1	11.1
Missouri	248	282	292	292	42.1	34.9	27.0	19.1
Montana	259	359	438	504	44.0	44.5	40.5	33.0
Nebraska	350	364	364	364	59.4	45.1	33.7	23.9
Nevada	241	330	348	383	40.9	40.9	32.2	25.1
New Hampshire	326	496	550	675	55.3	61.4	50.8	44.2
New Jersey	360	424	424	424	61.1	52.5	39.2	27.8
New Mexico	220	264	389	447	37.3	32.7	36.0	29.3

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	Jul-81	Jul-88	Jul-96	Jul-09	Jul-81	Jul-88	Jul-96	Jul-09
New York	429	539	577	721	72.8	66.7	53.3	47.3
North Carolina	192	266	272	272	32.6	32.9	25.1	17.8
North Dakota	334	371	431	477	56.7	45.9	39.8	31.3
Ohio	263	309	341	434	44.6	38.3	31.5	28.4
Oklahoma	282	310	307	292	47.9	38.4	28.4	19.1
Oregon	321	412	460	471	54.5	51.0	42.5	30.9
Pennsylvania	332	402	421	421	56.4	49.8	38.9	27.6
Rhode Island	367	517	554	554	62.3	64.0	51.2	36.3
South Carolina	129	201	200	270	21.9	24.9	18.5	17.7
South Dakota	321	366	430	539	54.5	45.3	39.8	35.3
Tennessee	122	173	185	185	20.7	21.4	17.1	12.1
Texas	118	184	188	250	20.0	22.8	17.4	16.4
Utah	348	376	426	498	59.1	46.6	39.4	32.6
Vermont	518	629	636	665	87.9	77.9	58.8	43.6
Virginia	310	354	354	389	52.6	43.8	32.7	25.5
Washington	415	492	546	562	70.4	60.9	50.5	36.8
West Virginia	206	249	253	340	35.0	30.8	23.4	22.3
Wisconsin	444	517	517	628	75.4	64.0	47.8	41.2
Wyoming	315	360	360	546	53.5	44.6	33.3	35.8
Median State	305	360	377	429	51.8	44.6	34.9	28.1

Source: : Congressional Research Service (CRS) based on data from the Welfare Rules Database Maintained by the Urban Institute