

TANF Eligibility and Participation Rates, 2002

	Average Monthly		
	Participating Units ¹ (thousands)	Eligible Units ² (thousands)	Participation Rate ³
By unit type ⁴			
Child only units (except due to parent sanction)	752	1,227	61%
Two parents in the unit	121	458	26%
Other units, with earnings	288	756	38%
Other units, without earnings	980	2,009	49%
Total average monthly eligible units	2,141	4,450	48%

Source: Calculations by TRIM3 project staff using TRIM3 baseline results and administrative data.

Notes:

¹ Sources: Aggregate TANF caseload obtained from the ACF website, acf.hhs.gov/news/stats, adjusted to exclude the territories and pregnancy-only units, and to include State Separate Program (SSP) cases; distribution by unit type is based on TANF and SSP microdata.

² Source: TRIM3 model, 2002 baseline TANF simulation using data from the March 2003 Current Population Survey (CPS).

³ The participation rate is calculated by dividing the average monthly number of units receiving TANF, according to administrative data, by the average monthly number of units simulated as eligible by the TRIM3 model.

⁴ In general, the definition of unit type follows the definition used for the variable "unit type for work participation status" in the TANF and SSP microdata. In that variable, child-only units are those with no adults in the assistance unit; two-parent units are all those with 2 parents in the assistance unit (even if one is exempt from work requirements due to disability or some other reason); "other" units include families with an unmarried parent/guardian who is in the unit and families with 2 married parents/guardians but only 1 parent/guardian in the unit. The definitions used here are the same, except that child-only units that are child-only due to a parent being sanctioned are counted as "other" units, for consistency with TRIM3.