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	Income Assistance					Disability Assistance		
	Expected to Work	Expected to Work - Medical Condition	Temporarily Excused	Persistent Multiple Barriers	Sub Total*	Persons with Disabilities	Sub Total	Total*
				Annual Average				
2004	23,657	5,805	10,660	12,282	52,403	52,933	**52,933**	**105,336**
2005	19,345	6,874	7,190	9,780	43,190	56,616	**56,616**	**99,806**
2006	16,872	6,782	6,299	7,752	37,704	59,493	**59,493**	**97,197**
2007	18,533	6,065	5,913	7,250	37,761	63,148	**63,148**	**100,909**
2008	21,910	5,506	5,999	6,897	40,312	66,882	**66,882**	**107,194**
2009	32,931	5,809	6,625	6,946	52,312	70,823	**70,823**	**123,135**
2010	36,642	6,701	7,089	7,897	58,329	74,500	**74,500**	**132,828**
2011	36,758	5,634	6,879	8,136	57,406	78,871	**78,871**	**136,278**
2012	32,451	4,669	6,361	7,716	51,197	83,205	**83,205**	**134,402**
2013	31,115	3,299	6,699	7,166	48,278	86,595	**86,595**	**134,874**
2014	28,531	2,675	6,567	6,556	44,329	90,031	**90,031**	**134,360**
2015	29,632	1,604	5,955	5,490	42,681	93,506	**93,506**	**136,187**
2016	31,920	1,447	7,059	4,444	44,869	96,537	**96,537**	**141,406**
2017	31,474	1,334	6,952	3,647	43,406	101,140	**101,140**	**144,547**
2018	31,391	1,648	6,818	2,915	42,772	104,470	**104,470**	**147,242**
2019	33,475	1,760	6,525	2,403	44,163	108,660	**108,660**	**152,823**
2020	36,781	2,263	5,659	2,496	47,200	113,296	**113,296**	**160,496**
2021	35,935	2,106	5,019	2,497	45,557	115,470	**115,470**	**161,026**
2022	37,817	4,756	6,019	2,537	51,129	117,460	**117,460**	**168,590**
2023	38,200	8,488	6,632	2,928	56,248	120,719	**120,719**	**176,968**
2024	45,150	8,862	6,950	3,592	64,553	124,301	**124,301**	**188,854**
2025 (Annual Average)	**54,579**	**6,154**	**7,956**	**4,196**	**72,885**	**126,918**	**126,918**	**199,802**
January	50,350	7,233	7,261	4,026	68,870	123,315	**123,315**	**192,185**
February	51,352	6,925	7,454	4,001	69,732	123,652	**123,652**	**193,384**
March	52,166	6,887	7,475	4,036	70,564	127,618	**127,618**	**198,182**
April	53,209	6,734	7,768	4,059	71,770	127,708	**127,708**	**199,478**
May	54,050	6,678	7,852	4,111	72,691	128,181	**128,181**	**200,872**
June	54,767	6,401	7,897	4,175	73,240	128,302	**128,302**	**201,542**
July	55,016	6,044	8,155	4,232	73,447	128,162	**128,162**	**201,609**
August	55,516	5,728	8,286	4,265	73,795	127,928	**127,928**	**201,723**
September	56,034	5,605	8,205	4,324	74,168	127,337	**127,337**	**201,505**
October	56,771	5,434	8,182	4,335	74,722	127,102	**127,102**	**201,824**
November	57,513	5,140	8,457	4,388	75,498	126,963	**126,963**	**202,461**
December	58,198	5,035	8,483	4,402	76,118	126,745	**126,745**	**202,863**
2026 (Annual Average)	**61,123**	**4,587**	**8,073**	**4,507**	**78,290**	**130,582**	**130,582**	**208,873**
January	59,570	4,765	8,665	4,449	77,449	125,786	**125,786**	**203,235**
February	60,618	4,575	8,433	4,451	78,077	126,103	**126,103**	**204,180**
March	60,822	4,511	8,155	4,474	77,962	130,612	**130,612**	**208,574**
April	61,604	4,513	7,970	4,494	78,581	131,593	**131,593**	**210,174**
May	61,679	4,474	7,951	4,533	78,637	132,165	**132,165**	**210,802**
June	61,761	4,520	8,072	4,509	78,862	132,391	**132,391**	**211,253**
July	61,344	4,584	8,046	4,579	78,553	132,416	**132,416**	**210,969**
August	61,594	4,617	7,669	4,544	78,424	132,236	**132,236**	**210,660**
September	61,118	4,728	7,694	4,527	78,067	131,940	**131,940**	**210,007**
% Change from Year Ago (September 2025 to September 2026)								
	9.1%	**-15.6%**	**-6.2%**	**4.7%**	**5.3%**	**3.6%**	**3.6%**	**4.2%**
% Change from Month Ago (August 2026 to September 2026)								
	-0.8%	**2.4%**	**0.3%**	**-0.4%**	**-0.5%**	**-0.2%**	**-0.2%**	**-0.3%**

*Totals may not add because of rounding.

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	Temporary Assistance					Disability Assistance			
	Expected to Work	Expected to Work - Medical Condition	Temporarily Excused	Persistent Multiple Barriers	Sub Total	Persons with Disabilities	Total	% of BC Population	Dependent Children
					Annual Average				
2004	41,272	8,059	23,023	15,670	88,024	**64,479**	**152,502**	3.7	39,236
2005	32,755	9,100	17,176	12,412	71,442	**68,690**	**140,132**	3.3	33,385
2006	27,282	8,825	14,961	9,755	60,822	**71,784**	**132,606**	3.1	28,941
2007	28,376	7,709	13,959	9,285	59,329	**75,818**	**135,147**	3.1	27,868
2008	32,609	6,990	14,177	8,968	62,744	**79,873**	**142,617**	3.3	28,958
2009	48,188	7,304	15,729	9,054	80,275	**84,569**	**164,843**	3.7	34,011
2010	53,355	8,394	16,888	10,343	88,980	**88,822**	**177,803**	4.0	36,918
2011	53,607	7,089	16,348	10,772	87,816	**94,037**	**181,853**	4.0	37,577
2012	47,600	5,927	15,135	10,254	78,916	**99,132**	**178,048**	3.9	36,007
2013	45,727	4,120	15,253	9,462	74,562	**103,215**	**177,778**	3.8	35,280
2014	41,629	3,294	14,570	8,604	68,097	**107,255**	**175,352**	3.7	33,536
2015	42,696	1,942	13,759	7,245	65,641	**111,390**	**177,031**	3.7	33,482
2016	45,974	1,840	16,109	5,846	69,769	**115,213**	**184,982**	3.8	36,126
2017	46,550	1,726	15,956	4,836	69,068	**121,193**	**190,261**	3.8	38,044
2018	46,231	1,974	15,619	3,952	67,776	**125,617**	**193,393**	3.8	38,538
2019	49,105	2,065	15,116	3,264	69,550	**131,388**	**200,938**	3.9	40,255
2020	53,755	2,641	13,747	3,389	73,532	**137,526**	**211,058**	4.1	42,497
2021	53,274	2,385	12,141	3,353	71,152	**140,153**	**211,305**	4.0	42,305
2022	56,357	5,793	13,481	3,376	79,007	**143,010**	**222,017**	4.1	44,965
2023	57,801	10,811	14,710	3,925	87,248	**147,018**	**234,266**	4.2	48,195
2024	68,598	11,358	15,080	4,805	99,840	**151,601**	**251,441**	4.4	52,622
2025 (Annual Average)	**82,136**	**7,696**	**16,331**	**5,601**	**111,764**	**154,844**	**266,608**	**4.7**	**56,145**
January	76,245	9,238	15,421	5,358	106,262	**150,072**	**256,334**	4.5	54,273
February	77,589	8,842	15,723	5,326	107,480	**150,438**	**257,918**	4.5	54,559
March	78,653	8,681	15,709	5,400	108,443	**156,104**	**264,547**	4.7	55,536
April	80,069	8,423	16,063	5,463	110,018	**156,270**	**266,288**	4.7	55,873
May	81,259	8,280	16,214	5,515	111,268	**156,814**	**268,082**	4.7	56,210
June	82,291	7,966	16,290	5,570	112,117	**156,883**	**269,000**	4.7	56,458
July	82,753	7,542	16,566	5,664	112,525	**156,646**	**269,171**	4.7	56,632
August	83,520	7,145	16,723	5,689	113,077	**156,158**	**269,235**	4.7	56,660
September	84,235	6,976	16,645	5,758	113,614	**155,261**	**268,875**	4.7	56,631
October	85,241	6,704	16,526	5,773	114,244	**154,783**	**269,027**	4.7	56,590
November	86,450	6,361	17,008	5,834	115,653	**154,527**	**270,180**	4.8	57,110
December	87,324	6,189	17,088	5,864	116,465	**154,176**	**270,641**	4.8	57,211
2026 (Annual Average)	**91,248**	**5,438**	**16,410**	**5,984**	**119,080**	**159,608**	**278,688**	**4.9**	**58,672**
January	89,351	5,677	17,389	5,930	118,347	**152,935**	**271,282**	4.8	57,554
February	90,589	5,389	17,057	5,918	118,953	**153,335**	**272,288**	4.8	57,573
March	90,646	5,303	16,577	5,946	118,472	**159,729**	**278,201**	4.9	58,294
April	91,877	5,305	16,209	5,951	119,342	**161,063**	**280,405**	5.0	58,783
May	91,777	5,301	16,193	6,001	119,272	**161,848**	**281,120**	5.0	58,893
June	91,938	5,378	16,388	5,973	119,677	**162,129**	**281,806**	5.0	59,100
July	91,510	5,422	16,386	6,072	119,390	**162,168**	**281,558**	5.0	59,262
August	92,090	5,483	15,750	6,044	119,367	**161,887**	**281,254**	5.0	59,385
September	91,454	5,686	15,741	6,021	118,902	**161,375**	**280,277**	5.0	59,207
% Change from Year Ago (September 2025 to September 2026)									
	8.6%	**-18.5%**	**-5.4%**	**4.6%**	**4.7%**	**3.9%**	**4.2%**	**6.4%**	**4.5%**
% Change from Month Ago (August 2026 to September 2026)									
	-0.7%	**3.7%**	**-0.1%**	**-0.4%**	**-0.4%**	**-0.3%**	**-0.3%**	**0.0%**	**-0.3%**

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Disability Assistance Cases					
Persons with Disabilities					
	Singles	**Couples**	**Two Parent Families**	**Single Parent Families**	**Total**
Annual Average					
2004	45,228	2,839	1,260	3,606	**52,933**
2005	48,520	2,946	1,277	3,874	**56,616**
2006	51,236	2,957	1,286	4,014	**59,493**
2007	54,720	2,958	1,330	4,141	**63,148**
2008	58,285	2,976	1,323	4,298	**66,882**
2009	61,775	3,088	1,428	4,532	**70,823**
2010	65,143	3,113	1,529	4,715	**74,500**
2011	69,053	3,161	1,650	5,008	**78,871**
2012	72,969	3,219	1,734	5,283	**83,205**
2013	76,028	3,292	1,850	5,426	**86,595**
2014	79,143	3,359	1,928	5,602	**90,031**
2015	82,288	3,375	1,973	5,870	**93,506**
2016	84,889	3,427	2,041	6,180	**96,537**
2017	88,774	3,537	2,198	6,631	**101,140**
2018	91,632	3,594	2,291	6,953	**104,470**
2019	95,122	3,664	2,485	7,389	**108,660**
2020	99,024	3,664	2,610	7,998	**113,296**
2021	101,013	3,642	2,656	8,159	**115,470**
2022	102,593	3,690	2,721	8,457	**117,460**
2023	105,520	3,581	2,775	8,844	**120,719**
2024	108,617	3,444	2,887	9,353	**124,301**
2025 (Annual Average)	**110,927**	**3,430**	**2,928**	**9,634**	**126,918**
January	108,063	3,105	2,741	9,406	**123,315**
February	108,351	3,128	2,731	9,442	**123,652**
March	111,296	3,593	3,080	9,649	**127,618**
April	111,334	3,627	3,084	9,663	**127,708**
May	111,772	3,620	3,093	9,696	**128,181**
June	111,921	3,589	3,080	9,712	**128,302**
July	111,864	3,532	3,037	9,729	**128,162**
August	111,772	3,496	2,976	9,684	**127,928**
September	111,333	3,450	2,903	9,651	**127,337**
October	111,227	3,392	2,834	9,649	**127,102**
November	111,164	3,329	2,808	9,662	**126,963**
December	111,021	3,297	2,763	9,664	**126,745**
2026 (Annual Average)	**113,974**	**3,569**	**3,059**	**9,981**	**97,937**
January	110,269	3,172	2,717	9,628	**125,786**
February	110,509	3,196	2,722	9,676	**126,103**
March	113,881	3,662	3,114	9,955	**130,612**
April	114,686	3,713	3,161	10,033	**131,593**
May	115,171	3,732	3,184	10,078	**132,165**
June	115,364	3,731	3,184	10,112	**132,391**
July	115,431	3,687	3,183	10,115	**132,416**
August	115,315	3,642	3,148	10,131	**132,236**
September	115,142	3,586	3,115	10,097	**131,940**
% Change from Year Ago (September 2025 to September 2026)					
	3.4%	**3.9%**	**7.3%**	**4.6%**	**3.6%**
% Change from Month Ago (August 2026 to September 2026)					
	-0.2%	**-1.5%**	**-1.0%**	**-0.3%**	**-0.2%**

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Disability Assistance Clients					
Persons with Disabilities					
	Singles	**Couples**	**Two Parent Families**	**Single Parent Families**	**Total**
Annual Average					
2004	45,228	5,678	4,857	8,716	**64,479**
2005	48,520	5,892	4,918	9,361	**68,690**
2006	51,236	5,914	4,962	9,672	**71,784**
2007	54,720	5,916	5,167	10,015	**75,818**
2008	58,285	5,951	5,195	10,442	**79,873**
2009	61,775	6,176	5,571	11,046	**84,569**
2010	65,143	6,225	5,931	11,523	**88,822**
2011	69,053	6,322	6,405	12,257	**94,037**
2012	72,969	6,439	6,766	12,959	**99,132**
2013	76,028	6,583	7,279	13,326	**103,215**
2014	79,143	6,718	7,615	13,780	**107,255**
2015	82,288	6,751	7,849	14,503	**111,390**
2016	84,889	6,855	8,138	15,332	**115,213**
2017	88,774	7,074	8,774	16,572	**121,193**
2018	91,632	7,188	9,251	17,546	**125,617**
2019	95,122	7,328	10,199	18,740	**131,388**
2020	99,024	7,327	10,826	20,349	**137,526**
2021	101,013	7,285	11,045	20,810	**140,153**
2022	102,593	7,380	11,332	21,705	**143,010**
2023	105,520	7,162	11,598	22,738	**147,018**
2024	108,617	6,888	12,037	24,060	**151,601**
2025 (Annual Average)	**110,927**	**6,860**	**12,247**	**24,811**	**154,844**
January	108,063	6,210	11,561	24,238	**150,072**
February	108,351	6,256	11,503	24,328	**150,438**
March	111,296	7,186	12,787	24,835	**156,104**
April	111,334	7,254	12,795	24,887	**156,270**
May	111,772	7,240	12,830	24,972	**156,814**
June	111,921	7,178	12,783	25,001	**156,883**
July	111,864	7,064	12,659	25,059	**156,646**
August	111,772	6,992	12,428	24,966	**156,158**
September	111,333	6,900	12,169	24,859	**155,261**
October	111,227	6,784	11,917	24,855	**154,783**
November	111,164	6,658	11,839	24,866	**154,527**
December	111,021	6,594	11,693	24,868	**154,176**
2026 (Annual Average)	**113,974**	**7,138**	**12,791**	**25,705**	**159,608**
January	110,269	6,344	11,519	24,803	**152,935**
February	110,509	6,392	11,520	24,914	**153,335**
March	113,881	7,324	12,961	25,563	**159,729**
April	114,686	7,426	13,148	25,803	**161,063**
May	115,171	7,464	13,260	25,953	**161,848**
June	115,364	7,462	13,267	26,036	**162,129**
July	115,431	7,374	13,268	26,095	**162,168**
August	115,315	7,284	13,156	26,132	**161,887**
September	115,142	7,172	13,017	26,044	**161,375**
% Change from Year Ago (September 2025 to September 2026)					
	3.4%	**3.9%**	**7.0%**	**4.8%**	**3.9%**
% Change from Month Ago (August 2026 to September 2026)					
	-0.2%	**-1.5%**	**-1.1%**	**-0.3%**	**-0.3%**

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	Expected to Work					Expected to Work - Medical Condition					Temporarily Excused					Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers					
	Singles	Couples	Two Parent Families	Single Parent Families	Sub Total	Singles	Couples	Two Parent Families	Single Parent Families	Sub Total	Singles	Couples	Two Parent Families	Single Parent Families	Sub Total	Singles	Couples	Two Parent Families	Single Parent Families	Sub Total	Total
Annual Average																					
2004	14,203	918	1,781	6,754	**23,657**	4,434	170	108	1,093	**5,805**	3,383	403	92	6,782	**10,660**	10,106	263	96	1,817	**12,282**	**52,403**
2005	12,089	766	1,199	5,291	**19,345**	5,495	137	82	1,160	**6,874**	1,345	242	33	5,571	**7,190**	8,094	186	74	1,426	**9,780**	**43,190**
2006	11,245	651	951	4,024	**16,872**	5,529	132	80	1,041	**6,782**	1,295	210	20	4,775	**6,299**	6,450	136	45	1,121	**7,752**	**37,704**
2007	13,235	614	893	3,791	**18,533**	5,054	94	51	866	**6,065**	1,329	171	12	4,401	**5,913**	5,935	171	76	1,068	**7,250**	**37,761**
2008	16,214	591	1,016	4,088	**21,910**	4,598	64	43	801	**5,506**	1,330	158	15	4,496	**5,999**	5,591	185	94	1,027	**6,897**	**40,312**
2009	24,841	902	1,715	5,473	**32,931**	4,915	68	46	780	**5,809**	1,402	162	14	5,047	**6,625**	5,634	179	95	1,038	**6,946**	**52,312**
2010	27,744	929	1,841	6,128	**36,642**	5,676	82	58	885	**6,701**	1,447	161	15	5,467	**7,089**	6,401	205	126	1,165	**7,897**	**58,329**
2011	27,720	857	1,707	6,474	**36,758**	4,754	58	45	777	**5,634**	1,438	152	14	5,275	**6,879**	6,548	196	159	1,234	**8,136**	**57,406**
2012	24,311	697	1,422	6,021	**32,451**	3,914	40	44	671	**4,669**	1,375	149	18	4,819	**6,361**	6,187	166	150	1,213	**7,716**	**51,197**
2013	23,236	652	1,296	5,931	**31,115**	2,777	39	22	461	**3,299**	1,891	156	25	4,626	**6,699**	5,766	151	140	1,108	**7,166**	**48,278**
2014	21,479	581	1,105	5,367	**28,531**	2,285	31	20	339	**2,675**	2,075	157	30	4,305	**6,567**	5,297	131	114	1,014	**6,556**	**44,329**
2015	22,594	556	1,037	5,446	**29,632**	1,391	16	13	184	**1,604**	1,634	161	27	4,132	**5,955**	4,419	109	97	866	**5,490**	**42,681**
2016	24,289	544	1,015	6,072	**31,920**	1,211	12	11	213	**1,447**	2,127	183	52	4,697	**7,059**	3,589	94	70	691	**4,444**	**44,869**
2017	23,661	473	1,116	6,224	**31,474**	1,126	10	15	183	**1,334**	2,103	144	56	4,648	**6,952**	2,933	71	50	593	**3,647**	**43,406**
2018	23,765	423	1,026	6,176	**31,391**	1,452	9	11	176	**1,648**	2,165	111	55	4,487	**6,818**	2,307	48	45	516	**2,915**	**42,772**
2019	25,422	424	1,043	6,587	**33,475**	1,583	8	10	159	**1,760**	2,057	110	42	4,317	**6,525**	1,898	39	36	430	**2,403**	**44,163**
2020	28,012	452	1,119	7,198	**36,781**	2,033	11	7	211	**2,263**	1,516	100	26	4,017	**5,659**	1,984	35	42	436	**2,496**	**47,200**
2021	27,013	416	1,024	7,482	**35,935**	1,932	17	13	144	**2,106**	1,483	104	26	3,405	**5,019**	2,000	34	40	423	**2,497**	**45,557**
2022	28,245	478	1,165	7,930	**37,817**	4,162	77	87	431	**4,756**	2,291	134	48	3,545	**6,019**	2,049	32	31	425	**2,537**	**51,129**
2023	28,289	563	1,489	7,860	**38,200**	7,248	139	251	850	**8,488**	2,580	184	44	3,825	**6,632**	2,350	36	42	500	**2,928**	**56,248**
2024	33,659	707	2,157	8,628	**45,150**	7,555	146	265	895	**8,862**	2,819	209	47	3,874	**6,950**	2,887	46	59	600	**3,592**	**64,553**
2025 (Annual Average)	**41,186**	**845**	**2,740**	**9,807**	**54,579**	**5,357**	**83**	**142**	**571**	**6,154**	**3,652**	**267**	**93**	**3,944**	**7,956**	**3,397**	**52**	**80**	**667**	**4,196**	**72,885**
January	37,772	776	2,543	9,259	**50,350**	6,216	99	189	729	**7,233**	3,077	238	55	3,891	**7,261**	3,259	54	76	637	**4,026**	**68,870**
February	38,609	795	2,599	9,349	**51,352**	5,956	103	177	689	**6,925**	3,221	245	67	3,921	**7,454**	3,238	52	78	633	**4,001**	**69,732**
March	39,300	808	2,636	9,422	**52,166**	5,979	100	162	646	**6,887**	3,260	246	70	3,899	**7,475**	3,253	52	82	649	**4,036**	**70,564**
April	40,155	816	2,679	9,559	**53,209**	5,865	93	148	628	**6,734**	3,510	270	83	3,905	**7,768**	3,265	51	86	657	**4,059**	**71,770**
May	40,824	837	2,725	9,664	**54,050**	5,822	93	140	623	**6,678**	3,558	281	77	3,936	**7,852**	3,313	49	85	664	**4,111**	**72,691**
June	41,389	844	2,748	9,786	**54,767**	5,583	91	144	583	**6,401**	3,604	283	91	3,919	**7,897**	3,377	50	80	668	**4,175**	**73,240**
July	41,545	848	2,791	9,832	**55,016**	5,273	78	139	554	**6,044**	3,840	270	97	3,948	**8,155**	3,417	54	84	677	**4,232**	**73,447**
August	41,890	863	2,791	9,972	**55,516**	5,001	73	135	519	**5,728**	3,948	275	108	3,955	**8,286**	3,457	52	83	673	**4,265**	**73,795**
September	42,324	866	2,805	10,039	**56,034**	4,900	65	131	509	**5,605**	3,855	276	109	3,965	**8,205**	3,512	50	84	678	**4,324**	**74,168**
October	42,939	881	2,821	10,130	**56,771**	4,757	72	114	491	**5,434**	3,863	259	109	3,951	**8,182**	3,529	52	79	675	**4,335**	**74,722**
November	43,455	887	2,880	10,291	**57,513**	4,499	68	119	454	**5,140**	4,037	276	115	4,029	**8,457**	3,568	53	74	693	**4,388**	**75,498**
December	44,030	919	2,867	10,382	**58,198**	4,434	66	109	426	**5,035**	4,054	287	132	4,010	**8,483**	3,574	53	74	701	**4,402**	**76,118**
2026 (Annual Average)	**46,462**	**921**	**2,949**	**10,792**	**61,123**	**4,095**	**56**	**65**	**372**	**4,587**	**3,793**	**292**	**106**	**3,882**	**8,073**	**3,673**	**51**	**76**	**706**	**4,507**	**78,290**
January	45,120	928	2,968	10,554	**59,570**	4,246	58	75	386	**4,765**	4,176	303	142	4,044	**8,665**	3,615	53	77	704	**4,449**	**77,449**
February	46,055	946	3,005	10,612	**60,618**	4,095	44	60	376	**4,575**	4,023	311	133	3,966	**8,433**	3,627	46	72	706	**4,451**	**78,077**
March	46,314	936	2,961	10,611	**60,822**	4,039	56	57	359	**4,511**	3,838	296	127	3,894	**8,155**	3,646	49	75	704	**4,474**	**77,962**
April	46,871	944	3,004	10,785	**61,604**	4,047	59	58	349	**4,513**	3,731	286	99	3,854	**7,970**	3,668	47	77	702	**4,494**	**78,581**
May	46,986	928	2,941	10,824	**61,679**	3,995	60	62	357	**4,474**	3,711	296	97	3,847	**7,951**	3,700	49	76	708	**4,533**	**78,637**
June	47,010	943	2,948	10,860	**61,761**	4,031	56	71	362	**4,520**	3,811	285	105	3,871	**8,072**	3,679	54	76	700	**4,509**	**78,862**
July	46,644	904	2,910	10,886	**61,344**	4,091	56	66	371	**4,584**	3,777	288	100	3,881	**8,046**	3,731	54	79	715	**4,579**	**78,553**
August	46,771	894	2,920	11,009	**61,594**	4,118	55	67	377	**4,617**	3,527	273	76	3,793	**7,669**	3,704	55	79	706	**4,544**	**78,424**
September	46,387	864	2,881	10,986	**61,118**	4,192	56	71	409	**4,728**	3,545	287	73	3,789	**7,694**	3,685	56	74	712	**4,527**	**78,067**
% Change from Year Ago (September 2025 to September 2026)																					
	9.6%	**-0.2%**	**2.7%**	**9.4%**	**9.1%**	**-14.4%**	**-13.8%**	**-45.8%**	**-19.6%**	**-15.6%**	**-8.0%**	**4.0%**	**-33.0%**	**-4.4%**	**-6.2%**	**4.9%**	**12.0%**	**-11.9%**	**5.0%**	**4.7%**	**5.3%**
% Change from Month Ago (August 2026 to September 2026)																					
	-0.8%	**-3.4%**	**-1.3%**	**-0.2%**	**-0.8%**	**1.8%**	**1.8%**	**6.0%**	**8.5%**	**2.4%**	**0.5%**	**5.1%**	**-3.9%**	**-0.1%**	**0.3%**	**-0.5%**	**1.8%**	**-6.3%**	**0.8%**	**-0.4%**	**-0.5%**

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Temporary Assistance Clients																					
	Expected to Work					Expected to Work - Medical Condition					Temporarily Excused					Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers					
	Singles	Couples	Two Parent Families	Single Parent Families	Sub Total	Singles	Couples	Two Parent Families	Single Parent Families	Sub Total	Singles	Couples	Two Parent Families	Single Parent Families	Sub Total	Singles	Couples	Two Parent Families	Single Parent Families	Sub Total	Total
Annual Average																					
2004	14,203	1,836	7,337	17,896	**41,272**	4,434	341	445	2,839	**8,059**	3,383	806	365	18,469	**23,023**	10,106	527	387	4,650	**15,670**	**88,024**
2005	12,089	1,532	5,056	14,078	**32,755**	5,495	275	325	3,005	**9,100**	1,345	484	127	15,219	**17,176**	8,094	373	295	3,650	**12,412**	**71,442**
2006	11,245	1,302	4,008	10,727	**27,282**	5,529	264	327	2,706	**8,825**	1,295	421	76	13,169	**14,961**	6,450	271	175	2,858	**9,755**	**60,822**
2007	13,235	1,227	3,785	10,129	**28,376**	5,054	188	217	2,250	**7,709**	1,329	343	49	12,238	**13,959**	5,935	342	308	2,701	**9,285**	**59,329**
2008	16,214	1,183	4,268	10,944	**32,609**	4,598	128	186	2,079	**6,990**	1,330	316	55	12,476	**14,177**	5,591	369	398	2,610	**8,968**	**62,744**
2009	24,841	1,804	7,015	14,529	**48,188**	4,915	136	200	2,053	**7,304**	1,402	324	54	13,949	**15,729**	5,634	357	401	2,662	**9,054**	**80,275**
2010	27,744	1,858	7,647	16,106	**53,355**	5,676	164	242	2,312	**8,394**	1,447	322	57	15,063	**16,888**	6,401	410	522	3,011	**10,343**	**88,980**
2011	27,720	1,713	7,108	17,066	**53,607**	4,754	117	187	2,032	**7,089**	1,438	304	54	14,552	**16,348**	6,548	391	655	3,178	**10,772**	**87,816**
2012	24,312	1,394	6,017	15,877	**47,600**	3,914	81	183	1,750	**5,927**	1,375	298	71	13,391	**15,135**	6,187	331	612	3,124	**10,254**	**78,916**
2013	23,236	1,304	5,545	15,642	**45,727**	2,777	77	87	1,178	**4,120**	1,891	313	103	12,946	**15,253**	5,766	303	569	2,825	**9,462**	**74,562**
2014	21,479	1,161	4,754	14,235	**41,629**	2,285	62	79	868	**3,294**	2,075	314	121	12,060	**14,570**	5,297	263	461	2,583	**8,604**	**68,097**
2015	22,594	1,111	4,471	14,520	**42,696**	1,391	31	51	469	**1,942**	1,634	323	102	11,699	**13,759**	4,419	218	400	2,208	**7,245**	**65,641**
2016	24,289	1,087	4,348	16,250	**45,974**	1,211	24	50	555	**1,840**	2,127	366	212	13,404	**16,109**	3,589	187	291	1,779	**5,846**	**69,769**
2017	23,661	946	5,175	16,769	**46,550**	1,126	19	69	512	**1,726**	2,103	288	245	13,320	**15,956**	2,933	141	218	1,543	**4,836**	**69,068**
2018	23,765	846	4,862	16,757	**46,231**	1,452	18	47	456	**1,974**	2,165	221	247	12,986	**15,619**	2,307	95	199	1,351	**3,952**	**67,776**
2019	25,422	848	4,922	17,914	**49,105**	1,583	16	43	423	**2,065**	2,057	220	190	12,649	**15,116**	1,898	77	158	1,130	**3,264**	**69,550**
2020	28,012	903	5,186	19,654	**53,755**	2,033	23	30	555	**2,641**	1,516	200	118	11,913	**13,747**	1,984	70	190	1,146	**3,389**	**73,532**
2021	27,013	832	4,829	20,600	**53,274**	1,932	35	54	364	**2,385**	1,483	209	117	10,332	**12,141**	2,000	69	177	1,108	**3,353**	**71,152**
2022	28,245	955	5,434	21,722	**56,357**	4,162	153	370	1,108	**5,793**	2,291	269	216	10,706	**13,481**	2,049	65	138	1,124	**3,376**	**79,007**
2023	28,289	1,125	6,857	21,530	**57,801**	7,248	278	1,074	2,212	**10,811**	2,580	369	191	11,571	**14,710**	2,350	73	189	1,314	**3,925**	**87,248**
2024	33,659	1,413	9,841	23,686	**68,598**	7,555	292	1,165	2,345	**11,358**	2,819	418	207	11,635	**15,080**	2,887	91	269	1,558	**4,805**	**99,840**
2025 (Annual Average)	**41,186**	**1,690**	**12,491**	**26,769**	**82,136**	**5,357**	**167**	**671**	**1,501**	**7,696**	**3,652**	**534**	**420**	**11,725**	**16,331**	**3,397**	**104**	**364**	**1,736**	**5,601**	**111,764**
January	37,772	1,552	11,583	25,338	**76,245**	6,216	198	894	1,930	**9,238**	3,077	476	236	11,632	**15,421**	3,259	108	343	1,648	**5,358**	**106,262**
February	38,609	1,590	11,842	25,548	**77,589**	5,956	206	838	1,842	**8,842**	3,221	490	309	11,703	**15,723**	3,238	104	351	1,633	**5,326**	**107,480**
March	39,300	1,616	11,991	25,746	**78,653**	5,979	200	773	1,729	**8,681**	3,260	492	331	11,626	**15,709**	3,253	104	365	1,678	**5,400**	**108,443**
April	40,155	1,632	12,187	26,095	**80,069**	5,865	186	698	1,674	**8,423**	3,510	540	384	11,629	**16,063**	3,265	102	394	1,702	**5,463**	**110,018**
May	40,824	1,674	12,428	26,333	**81,259**	5,822	186	649	1,623	**8,280**	3,558	562	338	11,756	**16,214**	3,313	98	381	1,723	**5,515**	**111,268**
June	41,389	1,688	12,542	26,672	**82,291**	5,583	182	678	1,523	**7,966**	3,604	566	400	11,720	**16,290**	3,377	100	362	1,731	**5,570**	**112,117**
July	41,545	1,696	12,717	26,795	**82,753**	5,273	156	658	1,455	**7,542**	3,840	540	440	11,746	**16,566**	3,417	108	382	1,757	**5,664**	**112,525**
August	41,890	1,726	12,731	27,173	**83,520**	5,001	146	636	1,362	**7,145**	3,948	550	496	11,729	**16,723**	3,457	104	376	1,752	**5,689**	**113,077**
September	42,324	1,732	12,819	27,360	**84,235**	4,900	130	619	1,327	**6,976**	3,855	552	501	11,737	**16,645**	3,512	100	377	1,769	**5,758**	**113,614**
October	42,939	1,762	12,842	27,698	**85,241**	4,757	144	531	1,272	**6,704**	3,863	518	509	11,636	**16,526**	3,529	104	363	1,777	**5,773**	**114,244**
November	43,455	1,774	13,109	28,112	**86,450**	4,499	136	555	1,171	**6,361**	4,037	552	513	11,906	**17,008**	3,568	106	341	1,819	**5,834**	**115,653**
December	44,030	1,838	13,100	28,356	**87,324**	4,434	132	524	1,099	**6,189**	4,054	574	583	11,877	**17,088**	3,574	106	338	1,846	**5,864**	**116,465**
2026 (Annual Average)	**46,462**	**1,842**	**13,517**	**29,427**	**91,248**	**4,095**	**111**	**284**	**949**	**5,438**	**3,793**	**583**	**483**	**11,550**	**16,410**	**3,673**	**103**	**344**	**1,864**	**5,984**	**119,080**
January	45,120	1,856	13,580	28,795	**89,351**	4,246	116	342	973	**5,677**	4,176	606	637	11,970	**17,389**	3,615	106	351	1,858	**5,930**	**118,347**
February	46,055	1,892	13,720	28,922	**90,589**	4,095	88	256	950	**5,389**	4,023	622	613	11,799	**17,057**	3,627	92	333	1,866	**5,918**	**118,953**
March	46,314	1,872	13,515	28,945	**90,646**	4,039	112	243	909	**5,303**	3,838	592	582	11,565	**16,577**	3,646	98	340	1,862	**5,946**	**118,472**
April	46,871	1,888	13,708	29,410	**91,877**	4,047	118	259	881	**5,305**	3,731	572	460	11,446	**16,209**	3,668	94	345	1,844	**5,951**	**119,342**
May	46,986	1,856	13,451	29,484	**91,777**	3,995	120	272	914	**5,301**	3,711	592	447	11,443	**16,193**	3,700	98	343	1,860	**6,001**	**119,272**
June	47,010	1,886	13,469	29,573	**91,938**	4,031	112	309	926	**5,378**	3,811	570	501	11,506	**16,388**	3,679	108	343	1,843	**5,973**	**119,677**
July	46,644	1,808	13,392	29,666	**91,510**	4,091	112	281	938	**5,422**	3,777	576	463	11,570	**16,386**	3,731	108	354	1,879	**6,072**	**119,390**
August	46,771	1,788	13,480	30,051	**92,090**	4,118	110	282	973	**5,483**	3,527	546	337	11,340	**15,750**	3,704	110	357	1,873	**6,044**	**119,367**
September	46,387	1,728	13,338	30,001	**91,454**	4,192	112	308	1,074	**5,686**	3,545	574	308	11,314	**15,741**	3,685	112	333	1,891	**6,021**	**118,902**
% Change from Year Ago (September 2025 to September 2026)																					
	9.6%	**-0.2%**	**4.0%**	**9.7%**	**8.6%**	**-14.4%**	**-13.8%**	**-50.2%**	**-19.1%**	**-18.5%**	**-8.0%**	**4.0%**	**-38.5%**	**-3.6%**	**-5.4%**	**4.9%**	**12.0%**	**-11.7%**	**6.9%**	**4.6%**	**4.7%**
% Change from Month Ago (August 2026 to September 2026)																					
	-0.8%	**-3.4%**	**-1.1%**	**-0.2%**	**-0.7%**	**1.8%**	**1.8%**	**9.2%**	**10.4%**	**3.7%**	**0.5%**	**5.1%**	**-8.6%**	**-0.2%**	**-0.1%**	**-0.5%**	**1.8%**	**-6.7%**	**1.0%**	**-0.4%**	**-0.4%**