

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE

## Facts and Figures

Issue Date: December 2013

### Caseload Information

#### Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC)

|                   | Caseload                  |                   |                              |                                |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                   | As of<br>November<br>2013 | Previous<br>Month | Change<br>from Last<br>Month | % Change<br>from Last<br>Month |
| <b>Cases</b>      | 47,137                    | 48,545            | (1,408)                      | -2.90%                         |
| <b>Recipients</b> | 95,151                    | 99,758            | (4,607)                      | -4.62%                         |

#### Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children (EAEDC)

|                   | Caseload                  |                   |                              |                                |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                   | As of<br>November<br>2013 | Previous<br>Month | Change<br>from Last<br>Month | % Change<br>from Last<br>Month |
| <b>Cases</b>      | 23,249                    | 23,422            | (173)                        | -0.74%                         |
| <b>Recipients</b> | 23,383                    | 23,565            | (182)                        | -0.77%                         |

#### State Supplemental Security Income<sup>(1)</sup>

|                   | Caseload                 |                   |                              |                                |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                   | As of<br>October<br>2013 | Previous<br>Month | Change<br>from Last<br>Month | % Change<br>from Last<br>Month |
| <b>Cases</b>      | 204,385                  | 203,821           | 564                          | 0.28%                          |
| <b>Recipients</b> | 204,385                  | 203,821           | 564                          | 0.28%                          |

#### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

|                   | Caseload                   |                   |                              |                                |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                   | As of<br>September<br>2013 | Previous<br>Month | Change<br>from Last<br>Month | % Change<br>from Last<br>Month |
| <b>Cases</b>      | 501,905                    | 501,108           | 797                          | 0.16%                          |
| <b>Recipients</b> | 891,584                    | 891,502           | 82                           | 0.01%                          |

**Notes:**

<sup>(1)</sup>Effective July 2012 SSI-SSP caseload numbers include blind persons who previously received benefits paid through the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

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### Grant Levels and Eligibility Standards

#### TAFDC

| Family Size                                  | Maximum Monthly Benefits* |              | 185% Income Ceiling |           |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------|
|                                              | Exempt                    | Nonexempt    | Exempt              | Nonexempt |
| 1                                            | \$428                     | \$418        | \$792               | \$773     |
| 2                                            | \$531                     | \$518        | \$982               | \$958     |
| 3                                            | \$633                     | \$618        | \$1,171             | \$1,143   |
| 4                                            | \$731                     | \$713        | \$1,352             | \$1,319   |
| incremental                                  | \$105                     | \$103        | \$194               | \$191     |
| <b>FY13 Avg Monthly Grant <sup>(2)</sup></b> |                           | <b>\$453</b> |                     |           |

\* Includes a \$40 per month rent allowance for families in unsubsidized housing.

#### EAEDC

| Family Size                                  | Monthly Grant |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1                                            | \$304         |
| 2                                            | \$395         |
| 3                                            | \$487         |
| 4                                            | \$578         |
| incremental                                  | \$92          |
| <b>FY13 Avg Monthly Grant <sup>(3)</sup></b> |               |
| <b>\$306</b>                                 |               |

#### Supplemental Security Income

| Aged                   | Maximum Monthly Benefits | Federal Basic Payment | State Supplement |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Full cost of living    | \$839                    | \$710                 | \$129            |
| Shared living expenses | \$749                    | \$710                 | \$39             |
| Household of another   | \$578                    | \$473                 | \$104            |
| Disabled               |                          |                       |                  |
| Full cost of living    | \$824                    | \$710                 | \$114            |
| Shared living expenses | \$740                    | \$710                 | \$30             |
| Household of another   | \$561                    | \$473                 | \$88             |

#### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

| Family Size | Income Standards <sup>(4)</sup>                       |                                                                        | Maximum Monthly Benefit |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
|             | With Child Under 19 and a Pregnant Woman Living Alone | Without Child Under 19 or Without Elderly or Disabled Household Member |                         |
| 1           | \$1,915                                               | \$1,245                                                                | \$189                   |
| 2           | \$2,585                                               | \$1,681                                                                | \$347                   |
| 3           | \$3,255                                               | \$2,116                                                                | \$497                   |
| 4           | \$3,925                                               | \$2,552                                                                | \$632                   |
| 5           | \$4,595                                               | \$2,987                                                                | \$750                   |
| 6           | \$5,265                                               | \$3,423                                                                | \$900                   |
| 7           | \$5,935                                               | \$3,858                                                                | \$995                   |
| 8           | \$6,605                                               | \$4,294                                                                | \$1,137                 |
| incremental | \$670                                                 | \$436                                                                  | \$142                   |

#### Notes:

<sup>(2)(3)</sup> The FY13 Average Monthly Grant for TAFDC and EAEDC is a calculation based on the average monthly spending and the monthly caseload.

<sup>(4)</sup> These income limits do not apply to households with elderly and disabled members. Also, recipients of TAFDC, EAEDC, and SSI are automatically eligible for SNAP.

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### FY14 Appropriations

|                |                          | FY14 Appropriations  |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| ADMINISTRATION | Management and Support   | \$64,589,182 *       |
|                | Caseworkers              | \$62,154,036 *       |
|                | SNAP Administration      | \$2,910,728          |
|                | Domestic Violence        | <u>\$890,620</u>     |
|                | Subtotal Administration  | \$130,544,566        |
| PROGRAMS       | TAFDC                    | \$301,971,532        |
|                | SNA                      | \$1,200,000          |
|                | Teen Structured Settings | \$9,194,318          |
|                | SSI                      | \$234,188,118        |
|                | EAEDC                    | \$93,244,480         |
|                | ESP - Job Training       | \$7,683,922          |
|                | Subtotal Programs        | <u>\$647,482,370</u> |
| Total          |                          | \$778,026,936        |

\*Includes PAC funds.

### DTA Revenue By Source

|                                                |                      |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <u>Revenue</u>                                 | <u>FY14 Target</u>   |
| TANF Block Grant/Contingency (Prog.and Admin.) | \$341,226,700        |
| SSI Interim Assistance Reimbursement           | \$13,112,452         |
| SNAP Administration                            | \$52,116,408         |
| Medicaid (Title XIX) Administration            | \$8,378,763          |
| Recoveries                                     | \$2,500,000          |
| Child Support Collections                      | <u>\$22,507,282</u>  |
| <b>Subtotal DTA Revenue</b>                    | <b>\$439,841,605</b> |
| TANF Block Grant Transfers to DCF/EEC          | <u>\$137,811,337</u> |
| <b>DTA Total &amp; Transfers</b>               | <b>\$577,652,942</b> |

### SNAP Error Rate

| <u>Federal Fiscal Year</u> | Oct-11 -<br>Sep-12 | Oct-10 -<br>Sep-11 | Oct-09 -<br>Sep-10 | Oct-08 -<br>Sep-09 | Oct-07 -<br>Sep-08 |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Error Rate                 | 4.0%               | 4.4%               | 5.9%               | 4.4%               | 4.5%               |