

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE**  
**Facts and Figures**  
**Issue Date: June 2015**

**Caseload Information**

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

|                   | <b>Caseload</b>   |                   |                              |                                |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                   | As of May<br>2015 | Previous<br>Month | Change<br>from Last<br>Month | % Change<br>from Last<br>Month |
| <b>Cases</b>      | 37,427            | 37,674            | (247)                        | -0.66%                         |
| <b>Recipients</b> | 73,931            | 74,679            | (748)                        | -1.00%                         |

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

|                   | <b>Caseload</b>   |                   |                              |                                |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                   | As of May<br>2015 | Previous<br>Month | Change<br>from Last<br>Month | % Change<br>from Last<br>Month |
| <b>Cases</b>      | 21,455            | 21,346            | 109                          | 0.51%                          |
| <b>Recipients</b> | 21,598            | 21,500            | 98                           | 0.46%                          |

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

|                   | <b>Caseload</b>     |                   |                              |                                |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                   | As of April<br>2015 | Previous<br>Month | Change<br>from Last<br>Month | % Change<br>from Last<br>Month |
| <b>Cases</b>      | 202,524             | 202,617           | (93)                         | -0.05%                         |
| <b>Recipients</b> | 202,524             | 202,617           | (93)                         | -0.05%                         |

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

|                   | <b>Caseload</b>     |                   |                              |                                |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                   | As of March<br>2015 | Previous<br>Month | Change<br>from Last<br>Month | % Change<br>from Last<br>Month |
| <b>Cases</b>      | 440,372             | 445,626           | (5,254)                      | -1.18%                         |
| <b>Recipients</b> | 769,780             | 778,558           | (8,778)                      | -1.13%                         |

**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>FY14 Avg Monthly Grant <sup>(2)</sup></b> |                           | <b>\$449</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>FY14 Avg Monthly Grant <sup>(3)</sup></b> |               |
| <b>\$310</b>                                 |               |

#### Supplemental Security Income

| Aged                   | Maximum Monthly Benefits | Federal Basic Payment | State Supplement |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Full cost of living    | \$862                    | \$733                 | \$129            |
| Shared living expenses | \$772                    | \$733                 | \$39             |
| Household of another   | \$593                    | \$489                 | \$104            |
| Disabled               |                          |                       |                  |
| Full cost of living    | \$847                    | \$733                 | \$114            |
| Shared living expenses | \$763                    | \$733                 | \$30             |
| Household of another   | \$576                    | \$489                 | \$88             |

#### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

| Family Size | Income Standards <sup>(4)</sup>                                       |  | Maximum Monthly Benefit |
|-------------|---|--|-------------------------|
|             | <a href="#">With Child Under 19 and a Pregnant Woman Living Alone</a> | <a href="#">Without Child Under 19 or Without Elderly or Disabled Household Member</a> |                         |
| 1           | \$1,962   | \$1,265  | \$194                   |
| 2           | \$2,655   | \$1,705  | \$357                   |
| 3           | \$3,348   | \$2,144  | \$511                   |
| 4           | \$4,042   | \$2,584  | \$649                   |
| 5           | \$4,735   | \$3,024  | \$771                   |
| 6           | \$5,428   | \$3,464  | \$925                   |
| 7           | \$6,122   | \$3,904  | \$1,022                 |
| 8           | \$6,815   | \$4,344  | \$1,169                 |
| incremental | \$693   | \$440  | \$146                   |

#### Notes:

<sup>(2)(3)</sup> The FY14 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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### FY15 Appropriations

|                |                              | <u>FY15 Appropriations</u> |
|----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ADMINISTRATION | Management and Support       | \$61,079,500               |
|                | Caseworkers                  | \$67,802,825 * ** ***      |
|                | SNAP Administration          | \$3,059,599 ***            |
|                | Domestic Violence            | <u>\$920,838</u>           |
|                | Subtotal Administration      | \$132,862,762              |
| PROGRAMS       | TAFDC                        | \$250,163,568 **           |
|                | SNA                          | \$1,200,000                |
|                | Teen Parent Programs         | \$9,167,502 * **           |
|                | SSI                          | \$227,815,940 **           |
|                | EAEDC                        | \$85,471,701 **            |
|                | ESP - Job Training           | \$11,802,537 * **          |
|                | Pathways to Self-Sufficiency | \$0 * **                   |
|                | Subtotal Programs            | <u>\$585,621,248</u>       |
| Total          |                              | \$718,484,010              |

\*Includes funding appropriated for Welfare Reform.

\*\*9C cuts.

\*\*\*Reserve draw.

### DTA Revenue By Source

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| <u>Revenue</u>                                 | <u>FY15 Target</u>   |
| TANF Block Grant/Contingency (Prog.and Admin.) | \$356,659,779        |
| SSI Interim Assistance Reimbursement           | \$11,800,000         |
| SNAP Administration                            | \$54,030,969         |
| Medicaid (Title XIX) Administration            | \$8,817,439          |
| Recoveries                                     | \$2,959,000          |
| Child Support Collections                      | <u>\$21,810,545</u>  |
| <b>Subtotal DTA Revenue</b>                    | <b>\$456,077,732</b> |
| TANF Block Grant Transfers to DCF/EEC          | <u>\$137,811,337</u> |
| <b>DTA Total &amp; Transfers</b>               | <b>\$593,889,069</b> |

### SNAP Error Rate

| <u>Federal Fiscal Year</u> | Oct-12 -<br>Sep-13 | Oct-11 -<br>Sep-12 | Oct-10 -<br>Sep-11 | Oct-09 -<br>Sep-10 | Oct-08 -<br>Sep-09 |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Error Rate                 | 2.9%               | 4.0%               | 4.4%               | 5.9%               | 4.4%               |