

**Welfare Time Limits**

**Appendix Table A.1**

**Key Features of TANF Time-Limit Policies**

State/Territory	Periodic Time Limit (Months)	Lifetime Limit (Months)	Date Families First Exceed(ed) Limit(s) <sup>a</sup>	Consequences of Reaching Limit(s) if Extension Is Not Granted
Alabama	None	60	November 2001	Closes TANF case
Alaska	None	60	July 2002	Closes TANF case
Arizona <sup>b</sup>	None	60	November 1997	Closes TANF case
Arkansas	None	24	July 2000	Closes TANF case
California	None	60	January 2003	Removes adult
Colorado	None	60	July 2002	Closes TANF case
Connecticut	21	60	November 1997	Closes TANF case; may be eligible for safety net services
Delaware <sup>c</sup>	None	36	October 1999	Closes TANF case
District of Columbia	None	60	March 2002	Removes noncompliant adult from assistance unit
Florida	24 in 60 or 36 in 72 <sup>d</sup>	48	October 1998	Closes TANF case
Georgia	None	48	January 2001	Closes TANF case
Guam	None	60	July 2002	Closes TANF case
Hawaii	None	60	December 2001	Closes TANF case; subsidy provided for full-time employment
Idaho	None	24	July 1999	Closes TANF case
Illinois	None	60	July 2002	Closes TANF case
Indiana	None	24	August 1997	Removes adult
Iowa	None	60	January 2002	Closes TANF case
Kansas	None	60	October 2001	Closes TANF case
Kentucky	None	60	November 2001	Closes TANF case
Louisiana	24 in 60	60	December 1998	Closes TANF case
Maine	None	60	November 2001	Continues benefits to compliant families; if noncompliant, removes adult or closes case (if third instance of noncompliance)

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State/Territory	Periodic Time Limit (Months)	Lifetime Limit (Months)	Date Families First Exceed(ed) Limit(s) <sup>a</sup>	Consequences of Reaching Limit(s) if Extension Is Not Granted
Maryland	None	60	January 2002	Continues family's benefits to compliant families
Massachusetts	24 in 60	None	December 1998	Closes TANF case
Michigan <sup>c</sup>	None	None	----	State does not have time limit
Minnesota	None	60	July 2002	Closes TANF case
Mississippi	None	60	October 2001	Closes TANF case
Missouri	None	60	July 2002	Closes TANF case
Montana	None	60	February 2002	Closes TANF case
Nebraska	24 in 48	None	December 1998	Closes TANF case
Nevada	24 ineligible for 12	60	January 2000	Closes TANF case
New Hampshire	None	60	October 2001	Closes TANF case
New Jersey	None	60	April 2002	Provides up to 24 months in in safety net program
New Mexico	None	60	July 2002	Closes TANF case
New York	None	60	December 2001	Closes TANF case; families eligible for safety net program
North Carolina	24 ineligible for 36	60	August 1998	Closes TANF case
North Dakota	None	60	July 2002	Closes TANF case
Ohio	36 ineligible for 24	60	October 2000	Closes TANF case
Oklahoma	None	60	October 2001	Closes TANF case
Oregon	24 in 84	None	July 1998	Time limit only applies to noncompliant cases
Pennsylvania	None	60	March 2002	Continues benefits to individuals who agree to work 30 hours per week (or combine education/training and work)
Puerto Rico	None	60	July 2002	Closes TANF case
Rhode Island	None	60	May 2002	Removes adult
South Carolina	24 in 120	60	October 1998	Closes TANF case
South Dakota	None	60	December 2001	Closes TANF case

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State/Territory	Periodic Time Limit (Months)	Lifetime Limit (Months)	Date Families First Exceed(ed) Limit(s) <sup>a</sup>	Consequences of Reaching Limit(s) if Extension Is Not Granted
Tennessee	18 ineligible for 3	60	April 1998	Terminates for 3 months
Texas	12, 24, or 36 <sup>d</sup>	60	January 1998	Removes adult after shorter limit; closes TANF case after 60 months <sup>f</sup>
Utah	None	36	January 2000	Closes TANF case
Vermont	None	None	----	States does not have time limit
Virginia	24 ineligible for 24	60	October 1999	Closes TANF case
Virgin Islands	None	60	July 2002	Closes TANF case
Washington	None	60	August 2002	Removes adult if he/she refuses to participate in WorkFirst program
West Virginia	None	60	December 2001	Closes TANF case
Wisconsin	None	60	April 1999	Closes TANF case
Wyoming	None	60 <sup>g</sup>	February 1999	Closes TANF case

SOURCES: State TANF Plans, Fiscal Year 2005.

NOTES: <sup>a</sup>This denotes the month following the date that families could potentially accumulate the maximum number of months of TANF assistance.

<sup>b</sup>Prior to July 2002, Arizona limited assistance to 24 months in a 60-month period.

<sup>c</sup>Prior to January 2000, Delaware limited assistance to 48 months, after which families were ineligible for 96 months.

<sup>d</sup>This depends on educational background and work experience.

<sup>e</sup>Michigan implemented a 48-month time limit in October 2007.

<sup>f</sup>The time-limit clock stops during months that the adult is not on the case. After five years off TANF, adult recipients may return, as long as they have not exhausted 60 months. Once the adult reaches 60 months, the case closes. Families living in areas that do not operate a state education and training program are not subject to the shorter time limit.

<sup>g</sup>Wyoming counted up to 36 months of retrospective benefits that occurred prior to February 1997.

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**Percentage of TANF Cases, by State and by Federal Time-Limit Status, Fiscal Year 2005**

State/Territory	Subject to		Federal Accrual Exemption				Federal Termination Exemption				Adults Removed	
	Federal Time Limit	Child-Only	Segregated		Indian Territory	Waiver	Segregated Funding		Hardship Violence	Good-Cause		
			Funding	Territory			Funding	Territory		Domestic Waiver		Indian Territory
Alabama	54.0	46.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alaska	62.8	25.6	0.0	8.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Arizona	54.2	44.1	1.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Arkansas	47.6	50.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8
California	39.7	52.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Colorado	68.4	30.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Connecticut	58.1	41.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Delaware	53.8	46.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
District of Columbia	43.5	39.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Florida	32.2	65.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Georgia	38.6	60.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hawaii	41.7	28.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Idaho	28.1	71.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Illinois	45.1	49.2	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Indiana	58.8	41.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Iowa	68.6	30.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kansas	69.2	26.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kentucky	50.8	48.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Louisiana	36.2	63.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maine	57.2	26.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maryland	54.3	42.0	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Massachusetts	23.7	37.7	38.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Michigan	54.3	34.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Minnesota	51.7	32.1	6.6	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mississippi	59.9	39.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missouri	68.8	29.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Montana	42.3	30.1	0.0	27.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

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State/Territory	Subject to Federal Time Limit	Federal Accrual Exemption				Federal Termination Exemption							
		Child-Only	Segregated Funding	Indian Territory	Waiver	Segregated Funding	Hardship	Violence	Domestic Waiver	Indian Territory	Waiver	Adults Removed	
Nebraska <sup>a</sup>	56.9	17.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nevada	45.1	54.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New Hampshire	65.7	31.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New Jersey	57.3	34.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New Mexico	68.2	31.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New York	51.7	43.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
North Carolina	43.1	56.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
North Dakota	50.9	24.8	0.0	24.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ohio	47.0	53.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Oklahoma	45.2	53.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Oregon	54.7	45.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pennsylvania	57.4	29.2	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Puerto Rico	77.3	22.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rhode Island	53.1	27.2	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
South Carolina	48.6	51.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
South Dakota	14.6	64.2	0.0	21.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tennessee	43.4	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	55.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Texas	43.0	56.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Utah	69.9	28.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vermont	77.0	22.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Virginia	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Virgin Islands	70.0	28.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
Washington	53.0	37.7	0.5	1.4	0.0	0.0	7.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
West Virginia	55.2	44.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Wisconsin	46.0	52.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Wyoming	20.3	79.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

SOURCE: TANF Data Report.

NOTES: Data are weighted, based on average monthly caseloads, FY 2005.

<sup>a</sup>Percentages do not sum to 100 due to missing information for head of household.

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**Appendix Table C.2**

**Percentage of Adult-Headed TANF Cases, by State and by Months Accrued, Fiscal Year 2005**

State/Territory	0 Months	1 to 12 Months	13 to 24 Months	25 to 36 Months	37 to 48 Months	49 to 59 Months	60 Months or More
Alabama	0.5	45.9	25.1	13.8	8.2	4.6	1.8
Alaska	9.6	35.2	20.3	14.3	10.1	6.0	4.4
Arizona	3.0	44.6	31.4	20.4	0.4	0.1	0.1
Arkansas	1.6	58.1	27.6	7.9	1.1	0.6	2.7
California	6.8	27.7	18.1	12.3	11.5	7.7	15.8
Colorado	9.8	32.0	28.9	16.1	7.1	4.4	1.3
Connecticut	0.2	36.0	30.5	21.4	9.2	1.8	0.9
Delaware	7.7	54.0	19.2	10.6	6.8	1.7	0.0
District of Columbia	0.3	19.5	16.6	13.5	10.9	9.8	29.2
Florida	0.8	56.7	20.9	12.2	4.8	2.0	2.5
Georgia	0.2	43.5	25.3	17.3	11.1	1.3	1.3
Hawaii	5.7	28.9	18.9	16.9	14.5	10.3	4.7
Idaho	0.1	82.0	17.2	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0
Illinois	3.1	43.6	25.5	14.7	9.2	3.8	0.2
Indiana	0.8	53.0	29.4	14.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Iowa	0.5	36.3	24.7	17.2	12.0	7.0	2.3
Kansas	0.4	39.5	23.8	15.1	9.9	5.8	5.4
Kentucky	1.5	37.8	24.9	16.4	11.3	6.7	1.3
Louisiana	0.1	48.6	27.4	14.3	6.4	2.5	0.8
Maine	0.1	27.5	20.6	15.7	11.6	7.8	16.6
Maryland	0.0	32.9	18.9	13.6	11.1	7.6	15.9
Massachusetts	33.6	32.2	16.8	11.0	4.8	1.3	0.2
Michigan	3.7	29.5	19.1	13.6	10.0	6.0	18.1
Minnesota	7.2	27.4	19.6	13.6	10.8	8.5	12.5
Mississippi	0.0	52.0	23.9	14.2	7.1	2.3	0.6
Missouri	0.3	34.5	22.6	17.5	13.7	9.3	2.0
Montana	24.0	36.0	19.3	10.9	6.2	3.2	0.4
Nebraska <sup>a</sup>	5.4	30.8	5.5	3.7	2.6	2.2	18.8
Nevada	0.6	51.5	24.0	10.6	9.5	3.0	0.6
New Hampshire	1.8	40.3	22.8	15.1	10.0	5.8	4.2
New Jersey	2.8	33.6	20.2	13.6	9.9	6.7	13.2
New Mexico	0.4	42.3	23.4	15.7	10.6	7.4	0.2
New York	3.2	25.0	21.1	16.5	15.1	10.0	9.1
North Carolina	4.7	42.8	22.5	15.3	9.6	4.2	0.7
North Dakota	16.7	46.0	17.6	10.5	5.5	3.1	0.5
Ohio	0.1	41.6	28.8	20.9	5.4	2.4	0.8
Oklahoma	1.8	44.2	24.4	14.1	8.6	4.7	2.1
Oregon	0.1	58.9	37.2	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pennsylvania	1.9	30.0	19.3	14.6	11.0	8.6	14.5
Puerto Rico	0.1	30.8	23.2	21.9	13.5	9.4	0.7
Rhode Island	0.7	24.2	17.4	14.3	12.0	9.1	22.3
South Carolina	0.9	66.4	29.2	2.7	0.3	0.3	0.0
South Dakota	58.2	25.6	10.3	3.0	1.6	0.7	0.5
Tennessee	26.7	42.3	25.6	4.0	1.1	0.2	0.0

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State/Territory	0 Months	1 to 12 Months	13 to 24 Months	25 to 36 Months	37 to 48 Months	49 to 59 Months	60 Months or More
Texas	0.1	52.1	22.3	12.5	6.4	5.0	1.3
Utah	0.7	46.6	27.4	16.5	4.8	2.2	1.8
Vermont	1.0	37.5	26.8	18.0	15.3	1.3	0.0
Virginia	1.0	50.1	29.4	10.3	6.8	2.4	0.0
Virgin Islands	2.6	30.3	25.8	18.9	13.0	6.5	3.0
Washington	1.1	34.7	20.7	14.1	10.3	7.0	12.1
West Virginia	0.6	31.9	27.5	19.2	12.3	7.7	0.9
Wisconsin	10.2	30.4	23.3	16.2	10.4	5.3	4.1
Wyoming	64.6	35.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

SOURCE: TANF Data Report.

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