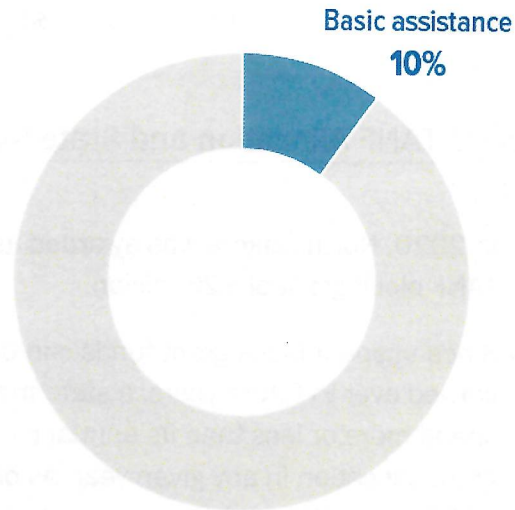


North Dakota TANF Spending

In 2020, North Dakota spent about **\$39 million** in federal and state funds under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. **It spent 10 percent of these funds on basic assistance**, generally as cash assistance to TANF families. In 2020, North Dakota ranked 37th among the states and Washington, D.C. for percent of TANF funds spent on basic assistance.



Federal and State TANF Spending by Category, 2020

	North Dakota		National
	Millions of dollars	Share of spending	Share of U.S. spending
Basic Assistance	\$4	10%	22%
Work Activities	\$4	10%	10%
Work Supports and Supportive Services	\$0.6	1%	2%
Child Care	\$1	3%	17%
Administration and Systems	\$5	13%	10%
Tax Credits	\$0	0%	9%
Pre-K/Head Start	\$0	0%	9%
Child Welfare	\$24	62%	8%
Other Services	\$0.3	0.8%	13%
Total	\$39	100%	100%

Federal and State TANF Spending on Select Activities (millions of dollars)

	2001	2006	2011	2016	2020
Basic Assistance	\$13	\$10	\$7	\$4	\$4
Work Activities	\$2	\$2	\$4	\$4	\$4
Child Care	\$4	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$1

Federal TANF Allocation and State Maintenance-of-Effort (MOE) Amounts

- In 2020, North Dakota was awarded its TANF block grant of \$26 million.
- Since unspent block grant funds can be carried over to future years, a state may spend more or less than its annual block grant allocation in any given year. As of 2020, North Dakota has accumulated \$1 million in unspent TANF block grant funds, equal to 6 percent of its block grant.
- Every year each state must also spend, from its own funds, at least 80 percent of its historical spending on poor families with children. (A state may spend more than its minimum.) This “MOE” requirement can be reduced to 75 percent if a state meets specific work participation rate requirements. In 2020, North Dakota failed to meet these requirements and was subject to the 80 percent MOE obligation.

2020 TANF Allocation and MOE Obligation for North Dakota

Federal Funds Awarded	\$26 million
80% MOE Obligation	\$10 million

2020 Federal and MOE TANF Expenditures for North Dakota

Federal Spending	\$30 million
MOE Spending	\$9 million

The annual federal TANF block grant has been frozen since its creation and lost about 40 percent of its value between 1997 and 2020 due to inflation.



Source: The spending data are based on CBPP analysis of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services TANF financial data. North Dakota's TANF block grant amount has been adjusted to exclude Tribal TANF and research expenditures.