

# How the states stack up

Avg. TANF benefit

Poverty rate in %

% workforce partic.

## States with lowest TANF payments

Texas	271	16.2	65.3
Tennessee	185	15.0	62.1
South Carolina	216	15.0	59.3
Oklahoma	292	15.6	61.9
North Carolina	272	13.1	62.7
Missouri	292	11.6	64.7
Mississippi	170	20.1	59.4
Louisiana	240	18.3	59.1
Kentucky	262	14.8	60.1
Indiana	288	12.6	63.8
Georgia	280	14.4	64.0
Delaware	338	9.2	61.5
Arkansas	204	15.9	61.3
Arizona	278	15.2	60.6
Alabama	215	16.7	57.2

**Avg. \$254 15.0% 62.0%**

## States with highest TANF payments

Wyoming	616	10.6	69.9
Wisconsin	653	10.2	68.3
Vermont	640	7.6	70.3
South Dakota	565	11.8	71.2
Rhode Island	554	12.1	66.1
New York	789	14.5	61.4
New Hamp.	675	5.6	69.9
Minnesota	532	8.1	71.2
Massachusetts	618	10.1	65.1
Maryland	576	9.7	67.5
Hawaii	610	8.6	62.3
Connecticut	688	9.7	67.5
California	638	13.2	63.3
Alaska	923	10.0	68.8
Montana	510	13.8	64.0

**Avg. \$639 10.38% 67.12%**

Data from Health and Human Services Department, U.S. Census Bureau, and Bureau of Labor Statistics. TANF benefits based on monthly average.