

Aged,
Blind or
Disabled
(ABD)

SFY

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Provides cash assistance and a referral to the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) program for low-income adults who are age 65 or older, blind, or determined likely to meet federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability criteria.

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Aged, Blind or Disabled (ABD) Program Overview

ABD is a state-funded program for low-income adults who have no dependents and cannot work. The program was implemented on November 1, 2011 as authorized by Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2082. The ABD program provides cash assistance and a referral to the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) program¹ to adults who are:

- Age 65 or older;
- Blind, based on federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) standards; or
- Likely to meet SSI disability criteria.

Additional information for this program, including the eligibility criteria, funding sources, and services/benefits provided, is available [here](#).

Highlights

The average number of ABD Program clients per month in Washington State was **19,694 in SFY 2018**, down from **20,064 in SFY 2017**. The average monthly cash grant assistance per client was **\$169**. The average monthly ABD clients in SFY 2018 included:

- Aged – 4,746 persons
- Disabled – 510 persons
- Pending SSI – 14,437 persons
- Institutionalized – 2 persons

TECHNICAL NOTES

DATA SOURCES: Data Sources: Data for this chapter was based on the ESA ACES database as of August 2018.

DATA NOTE:

Percentages may not add up to expected totals due to rounding.

- The monthly counts of cases and clients for the ABD program are nearly identical. Therefore, only client counts are reported.

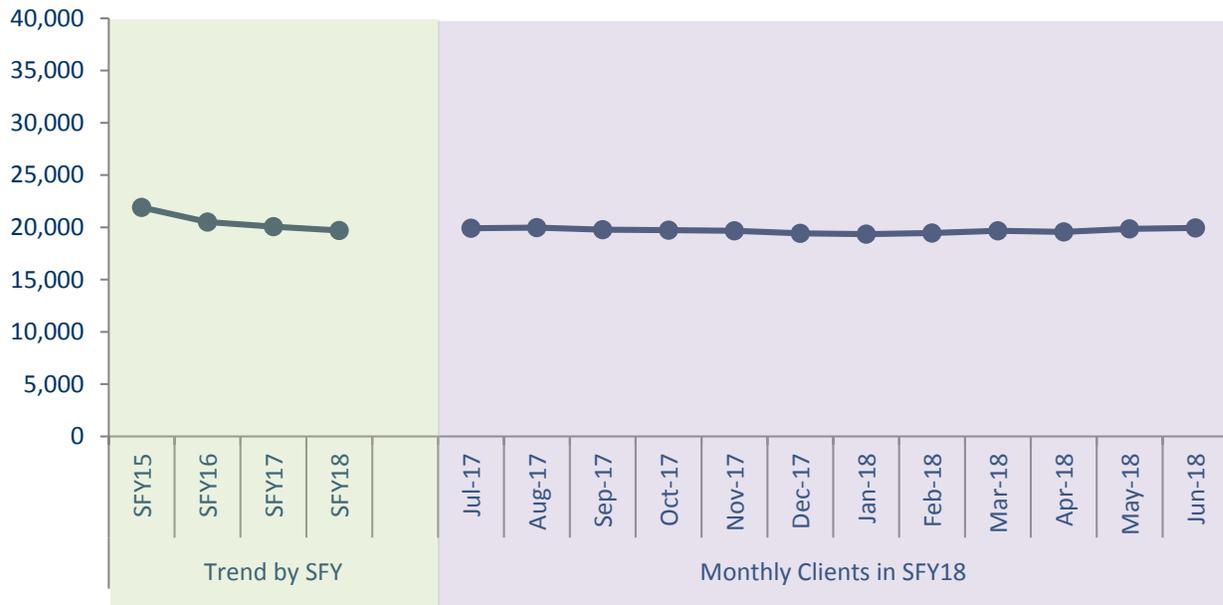
¹ [Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2667](#) expanded eligibility for the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) program to include recipients of the Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD) program effective March 13, 2018.

Selected ABD Program Overview, SFY 2017 and SFY 2018

	SFY 2017 (July 2016-June 2017)	SFY 2018 (July 2017-June 2018)	Change	
Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)	20,064 (19,921 - 20,196)	19,694 (19,355 - 19,966)	-1.8% <i>(Decrease)</i>	↓
State Population Age 18 and Over	5,660,730	5,760,666	1.8% <i>(Increase)</i>	↑
Recipients as a Percent of State's Population 18 and Over	0.4%	0.3%	.01% Point <i>(Decrease)</i>	↓
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)²	\$169.85 (\$168.89 - \$170.74)	\$169.12 (\$168.22 - \$169.69)	-0.4% <i>(Decrease)</i>	↓

² Payments not adjusted for refunds.

ABD Clients, SFY 2015 – 2018



SFY	Monthly Average Clients
SFY15	21,904
SFY16	20,499
SFY17	20,064
SFY18	19,694

SFY 2018	Persons	Total Grant Expenditures	Average Payment Per Person
July	19,917	\$3,379,747	\$169.69
August	19,966	\$3,376,223	\$169.10
September	19,774	\$3,344,579	\$169.14
October	19,732	\$3,334,040	\$168.97
November	19,671	\$3,333,015	\$169.44
December	19,424	\$3,285,343	\$169.14
January	19,355	\$3,255,802	\$168.22
February	19,462	\$3,302,113	\$169.67
March	19,671	\$3,316,499	\$168.60
April	19,557	\$3,302,581	\$168.87
May	19,858	\$3,366,171	\$169.51
June	19,944	\$3,372,656	\$169.11
Mo. Avg.	19,694	\$3,330,731	\$169.12

ABD Clients by Program Type, SFY 2018

SFY 2018	ABD Combined					
	Caseload	Aged	Blind	Disabled	Pending SSI	Institutionalized
July	19,917	4,768	0	524	14,623	3
August	19,966	4,810	0	529	14,625	4
September	19,774	4,826	0	523	14,424	2
October	19,732	4,812	0	522	14,396	3
November	19,671	4,836	0	505	14,328	2
December	19,424	4,776	1	512	14,133	2
January	19,355	4,700	0	522	14,132	2
February	19,462	4,669	0	504	14,289	0
March	19,671	4,706	0	502	14,462	1
April	19,557	4,656	0	492	14,407	2
May	19,858	4,655	0	497	14,704	2
June	19,944	4,734	0	483	14,725	2
Mo. Avg.	19,694	4,746	0	510	14,437	2

ABD Adult Clients Exiting to Other Programs, SFY 2018

SFY 2018	Total ABD Adults ³	During Subsequent Month							
		Adults Remaining on ABD		Adults Moving from ABD to HEN Referral		Adults Moving From ABD to SSI/SSDI		Adults Exiting ABD ⁴	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
July	19,917	18,403	92.4%	177	0.9%	433	2.2%	907	4.6%
August	19,966	18,276	91.5%	163	0.8%	455	2.3%	1078	5.4%
September	19,774	18,231	92.2%	165	0.8%	450	2.3%	932	4.7%
October	19,732	18,192	92.2%	168	0.9%	447	2.3%	928	4.7%
November	19,671	17,975	91.4%	191	1.0%	450	2.3%	1,059	5.4%
December	19,424	17,800	91.6%	148	0.8%	444	2.3%	1,034	5.3%
January	19,355	17,955	92.8%	151	0.8%	383	2.0%	868	4.5%
February	19,462	17,933	92.1%	177	0.9%	403	2.1%	951	4.9%
March	19,671	17,906	91.0%	141	0.7%	515	2.6%	1,116	5.7%
April	19,557	18,150	92.8%	137	0.7%	427	2.2%	849	4.3%
May	19,858	18,221	91.8%	148	0.7%	471	2.4%	1,019	5.1%
June	19,944	18,280	91.7%	173	0.9%	469	2.4%	1,023	5.1%
Mo. Avg.	19,694	18,110	92.0%	162	0.8%	446	2.3%	980	5.0%

³ These are clients who received ABD services during the reporting month. Additional columns in the table represent programs the client received/participated in during the subsequent month.

⁴ These are adults who were not enrolled in MCS/HEN Referral, SSI, or other cash programs in the following month.

Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2018 Snapshot

The following pages detail the ABD Clients, June 2018 snapshot, by both the CSO of Issuance and CSO of Residence.

- CSO of Issuance: Based on the location from which benefits were issued. While most benefits are issued through ESA’s Community Service Offices (CSO), benefits may be issued by Customer Service Contact Centers (CSCC), Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe (PGST), or Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) within DSHS’s Aging and Long-Term Support Administration.
- CSO of Residence: Based on the CSO coverage area in which a client lives.

Overview	CSO of Issuance		CSO of Residence	
	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
Region 1 CSOs	4,284	21.5%	4,433	22.2%
Region 2 CSOs	9,443	47.3%	9,931	49.8%
Region 3 CSOs	5,458	27.4%	5,579	28.0%
CSCCs & PGST	15	0.1%	N/A	
HCS	744	3.7%	N/A	
Not Reported / Unidentifiable	0	0.0%	1	<0.1%
State Total	19,944	100.0%	19,944	100.0%

Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2018 Snapshot (continued)

Region 1 CSO	CSO of Issuance		CSO of Residence	
	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
CLARKSTON	65	0.3%	68	0.3%
COLFAX	37	0.2%	39	0.2%
COLVILLE	89	0.4%	87	0.4%
ELLENSBURG	66	0.3%	66	0.3%
GOLDENDALE	37	0.2%	37	0.2%
KENNEWICK	618	3.1%	679	3.4%
MOSES LAKE	315	1.6%	330	1.7%
NEWPORT	48	0.2%	48	0.2%
OKANOGAN	107	0.5%	104	0.5%
REPUBLIC	13	0.1%	13	0.1%
SPOKANE MAPLE	900	4.5%	970	4.9%
SPOKANE TRENT	973	4.9%	955	4.8%
SUNNYSIDE	102	0.5%	103	0.5%
TOPPENISH	78	0.4%	82	0.4%
WALLA WALLA	135	0.7%	141	0.7%
WENATCHEE	210	1.1%	214	1.1%
WHITE SALMON	18	0.1%	18	0.1%
YAKIMA	473	2.4%	479	2.4%
Region 1 Total	4,284	21.5%	4,433	22.2%

Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2018 Snapshot (continued)

Region 2 CSO	CSO of Issuance		CSO of Residence	
	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
ALDERWOOD	673	3.4%	715	3.6%
AUBURN	423	2.1%	436	2.2%
BELLINGHAM	501	2.5%	517	2.6%
BELLTOWN	900	4.5%	926	4.6%
CAPITOL HILL	534	2.7%	558	2.8%
EVERETT	828	4.2%	868	4.4%
FEDERAL WAY	354	1.8%	382	1.9%
KING EASTSIDE	800	4.0%	870	4.4%
KING NORTH	824	4.1%	859	4.3%
KING SOUTH	665	3.3%	719	3.6%
MT VERNON	379	1.9%	396	2.0%
OAK HARBOR	132	0.7%	140	0.7%
RAINIER	500	2.5%	520	2.6%
RENTON	567	2.8%	604	3.0%
SKY VALLEY	243	1.2%	253	1.3%
SMOKEY POINT	516	2.6%	531	2.7%
WHITE CENTER	604	3.0%	637	3.2%
Region 2 Total	9,443	47.3%	9,931	49.8%

Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2018 Snapshot (continued)

Region 3 CSO	CSO of Issuance		CSO of Residence	
	# of Clients	% of State Total	# of Clients	% of State Total
ABERDEEN	334	1.7%	345	1.7%
BREMERTON	420	2.1%	424	2.1%
CHEHALIS	325	1.6%	329	1.6%
COLUMBIA RIVER	754	3.8%	792	4.0%
FORKS	27	0.1%	25	0.1%
KELSO	458	2.3%	455	2.3%
LAKWOOD	564	2.8%	580	2.9%
LONG BEACH	61	0.3%	60	0.3%
OLYMPIA	569	2.9%	593	3.0%
PIERCE NORTH	463	2.3%	482	2.4%
PIERCE SOUTH	494	2.5%	503	2.5%
PORT ANGELES	183	0.9%	183	0.9%
PORT TOWNSEND	47	0.2%	51	0.3%
PUYALLUP VALLEY	481	2.4%	490	2.5%
SHELTON	209	1.0%	202	1.0%
SOUTH BEND	38	0.2%	38	0.2%
STEVENSON	31	0.2%	27	0.1%
Region 3 Total	5,458	27.4%	5,579	28.0%

Clients by DSHS Region and CSO of Issuance and Residence, June 2018 Snapshot (continued)

Customer Service Contact Centers (CSCC)	CSO of Issuance	
	# of Clients	% of State Total
CUSTOMER SVC CENTRAL	0	0.0%
CUSTOMER SVC NE	0	0.0%
CUSTOMER SVC NW	0	0.0%
CUSTOMER SVC SW	0	0.0%
CUSTOMER SVC SO SOUND	0	0.0%
MEDICAL ELIG. DET SVC	1	<0.1%
CUSTOMER SERV LTC	1	<0.1%
CUSTOMER SVC WASHCAP	13	<0.1%
CSCC Total	15	<0.1%

Clients by Home and Community Services Offices (HCS), June 2018 Snapshot

Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) – Region 1	HCS of Issuance	
	# of Clients	% of State Total
CLARKSTON HCS OFFICE	2	<0.1%
COLVILLE HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%
ELLENSBURG HCS	0	0.0%
MOSES LK HCS OFFICE	8	<0.1%
OKANOGAN HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%
SPOKANE HCS OFFICE	75	0.4%
SUNNYSIDE HCS OFFICE	12	<0.1%
TRI-CITIES HCS OFC	38	0.2%
WALLA WALLA HCS OFC	5	<0.1%
WAPATO HCS	0	0.0%
WENATCHEE HCS OFFICE	5	<0.1%
YAKIMA HCS OFFICE	7	<0.1%
Region 1 Total	152	0.8%

Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) – Region 2	HCS of Issuance	
	# of Clients	% of State Total
ALDERWOOD HCS OFFICE	68	0.3%
BELLINGHAM HCS OFC	15	0.1%
EVERETT HCS OFFICE	60	0.3%
HOLGATE HCS OFFICE	317	1.6%
MT VERNON HCS OFFICE	22	0.1%
OAK HARBOR HCS	0	0.0%
SKYKOMISH HCS OFFICE	0	0.0%
SMOKEY POINT HCS	12	<0.1%
Region 2 Total	494	2.5%

Clients by Home and Community Services Offices (HCS), June 2018 Snapshot (continued)

Home and Community Service Offices (HCS) – Region 3	HCS of Issuance	
	# of Clients	% of State Total
ABERDEEN HCS OFFICE	2	<0.1%
BREMERTON HCS OFFICE	4	<0.1%
CHEHALIS HCS OFFICE	2	<0.1%
KELSO HCS	0	0.0%
OLYMPIA HCS OFFICE	13	0.1%
PACIFIC COUNTY HCS	0	0.0%
PORT ANGELES HCS	0	0.0%
TACOMA HCS OFFICE	48	0.2%
VANCOUVER HCS	29	0.1%
Region 3 Total	98	0.5%

Clients by County of Residence, June 2018 Snapshot

County	# of Clients	% of Total	County	# of Clients	% of Total
Adams	35	0.2%	Lewis	330	1.7%
Asotin	66	0.3%	Lincoln	18	<0.1%
Benton	448	2.2%	Mason	203	1.0%
Chelan	143	0.7%	Okanogan	104	0.5%
Clallam	208	1.0%	Pacific	98	0.5%
Clark	792	4.0%	Pend Oreille	47	0.2%
Columbia	9	<0.1%	Pierce	2,058	10.3%
Cowlitz	448	2.2%	San Juan	18	<0.1%
Douglas	71	0.4%	Skagit	378	1.9%
Ferry	13	<0.1%	Skamania	27	0.1%
Franklin	231	1.2%	Snohomish	2,365	11.9%
Garfield	2	<0.1%	Spokane	1,907	9.6%
Grant	296	1.5%	Stevens	87	0.4%
Grays Harbor	343	1.7%	Thurston	592	3.0%
Island	140	0.7%	Wahkiakum	6	<0.1%
Jefferson	50	0.3%	Walla Walla	133	0.7%
King	6,509	32.6%	Whatcom	516	2.6%
Kitsap	426	2.1%	Whitman	39	0.2%
Kittitas	66	0.3%	Yakima	664	3.3%
Klickitat	55	0.3%	Not Reported/ Unidentifiable	3	<0.1%

	# of Clients	% of Total
State Total	19,944	100.0%

ABD Client Demographics, June 2018 Snapshot

<u>All Clients</u>		
Characteristic	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
Total Clients	19,944	100.0%

<u>All Clients</u>		
Gender	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
Female	9,844	49.4%
Male	10,100	50.6%
Unknown	0	0.0%

<u>All Clients</u>		
Ethnicity and Race	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
Hispanic or Latino	2,117	10.6%
Not Hispanic or Latino⁵	17,827	89.4%
White	11,015	55.2%
Black/African American	2,206	11.1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2,705	13.6%
American Indian/Alaska Native	523	2.6%
Two or More Races	246	1.2%
Race Not Reported	1,132	5.7%

<u>All Clients</u>		
Marital Status	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
Separated	1,524	7.6%
Married	2,714	13.6%
Never Married	8,416	42.2%
Divorced	4,855	24.3%
Widowed	2,345	11.8%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	90	0.5%

<u>All Clients</u>		
Citizenship Status	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
U.S. Citizen	14,483	72.6%
Resident Alien	5,448	27.3%
U.S. National⁶	12	<0.1%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	1	<0.1%

⁵ Includes clients not reporting whether or not they are of Hispanic or Latino origin.

⁶ U.S. National: A national of the United States or a person who, though not a citizen of the United States, owes permanent allegiance to the United States (e.g., persons born in American Samoa or Swains Island).

ABD Client Demographics, June 2018 Snapshot (continued)

Characteristic	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients

Homeless Status		
	All Clients	
Homeless ⁷	6,960	34.9%

Disability		
	All Clients	
Mental	10,486	52.6%
Physical	4,719	23.7%
Aged ⁸	4,734	23.7%
Other ⁹	5	<0.1%

Education Status		
	All Clients	
Less than a High School Diploma	4,556	22.8%
High School Graduate or GED	9,997	50.1%
Some College or College Degree	4,464	22.4%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	927	4.6%

Age		
	All Clients	
Under 18 Years Old	0	0.0%
18 - 24 Years Old	853	4.3%
25 - 34 Years Old	2,748	13.8%
35 - 44 Years Old	3,538	17.7%
45 - 54 Years Old	5,362	26.9%
55 - 64 Years Old	2,709	13.6%
65+ Years Old	4,734	23.7%
Average Age of Clients	51.0 Years	

⁷ Homeless is defined as: homeless without housing, homeless with housing, emergency shelter, or domestic violence shelter.

⁸ Clients with a program type code of 'A' regardless of the presence of a disability type code.

⁹ These are the clients who had a disability determination made by Division of Disability Determination Services (DDDS).

ABD Client Demographics, June 2018 Snapshot (continued)

Average Length of Stay ¹⁰	All Clients
Average Age of Clients	51.0 Years
Average Length of Stay Since November 2011	24.6 Months
Average Length of Stay on ABD-Pending SSI Since November 2011	19.6 Months
Average Length of Stay on ABD-Aged Since November 2011	37.8 Months
Average Length of Stay on ABD-Blind/ Disabled/ Institutionalized Since November 2011	20.3 Months

¹⁰ Length of Stay is based on cumulative months