

Pregnant
Women
Assistance
(PWA)

SFY

2018

Provides cash assistance to low-income pregnant individuals who are ineligible for TANF/SFA for a reason other than a failure to cooperate with TANF program rules.

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Pregnant Women Assistance (PWA) Program Overview

Pregnant Women Assistance (PWA) is a state-funded program that provides cash assistance to low-income pregnant individuals who are not eligible for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or State Family Assistance (SFA) program for a reason other than not cooperating with TANF program rules. The PWA program was implemented on November 1, 2011 as required by Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2082.

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

Highlights

The program served a monthly average of 60 clients in SFY 2018, down from 79 clients in SFY 2017. The monthly average cash grant assistance per client was approximately \$175. Around 73% of people served by the program in June 2018 have never been married.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

DATA SOURCE: Results reported in this chapter are based on ESA's ACES database as of August 2018.

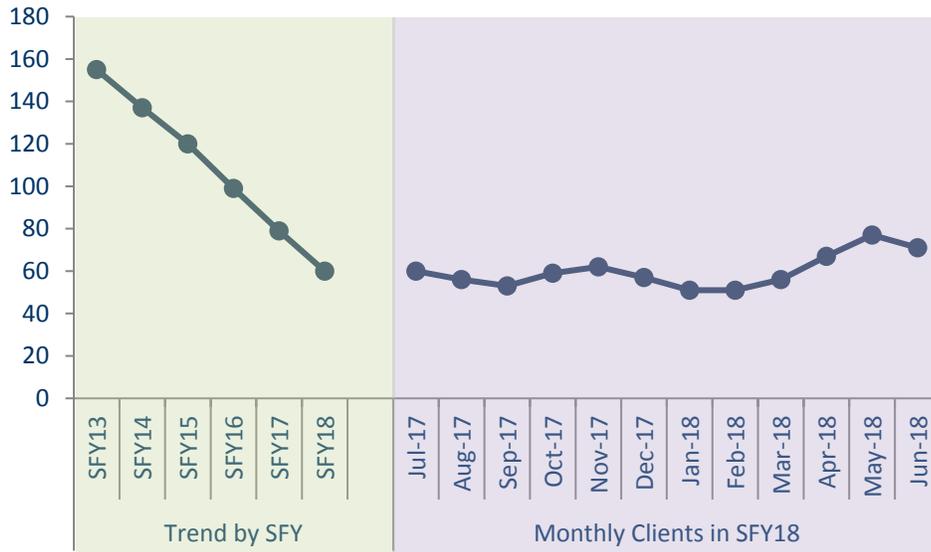
DATA NOTE:

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

Selected PWA 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)	79 (68 - 104)	60 (51 - 77)	-24.1% (Decrease)	↓
State Population 18 and Over	5,660,730	5,760,666	1.8% (Increase)	↑
Recipients as a Percent of State's Population Age 18 and Over	<0.1%	<0.1%	No Change	=
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)	\$179.05 (\$174.43 - \$184.35)	\$175.18 (\$164.89 - \$186.44)	-2.2% (Decrease)	↓

PWA Clients, SFY 2013¹ – 2018



SFY	Monthly Avg. Clients	SFY	Monthly Avg. Clients
SFY09	N/A	SFY14	137
SFY10	N/A	SFY15	120
SFY11	N/A	SFY16	99
SFY12	N/A	SFY17	79
SFY13	155	SFY18	60

SFY 2018	Persons	Grant Expenditures	Average Payment Per Person
July	60	\$10,374.53	\$172.91
August	56	\$9,611.38	\$171.63
September	53	\$9,158.45	\$172.80
October	59	\$9,728.30	\$164.89
November	62	\$10,909.30	\$175.96
December	57	\$10,425.45	\$182.90
January	51	\$9,100.30	\$178.44
February	51	\$9,066.00	\$177.76
March	56	\$9,625.00	\$171.88
April	67	\$11,420.45	\$170.45
May	77	\$13,474.60	\$174.99
June	71	\$13,237.00	\$186.44
Mo. Avg.	60	\$10,510.90	\$175.18

¹ PWA data from SFY 2012 represents only eight months, since the PWA program was implemented on November 1, 2011. Consequently, SFY 2012 data has been omitted from the chart and table.

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

The following pages detail the PWA 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	12	16.9%	12	16.9%
Region 2 CSOs	21	29.6%	21	29.6%
Region 3 CSOs	38	53.5%	38	53.5%
CSCCs	0	0.0%	N/A	
HCS	0	0.0%	N/A	
Not Reported / Unidentifiable	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Total	71	100.0%	71	100.0%

PWA 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	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
COLFAX	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
COLVILLE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
ELLENSBURG	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
GOLDENDALE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
KENNEWICK	1	1.4%	1	1.4%
MOSES LAKE	1	1.4%	1	1.4%
NEWPORT	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OKANOGAN	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
REPUBLIC	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SPOKANE MAPLE	3	4.2%	3	4.2%
SPOKANE TRENT	1	1.4%	1	1.4%
SUNNYSIDE	1	1.4%	1	1.4%
TOPPENISH	1	1.4%	1	1.4%
WALLA WALLA	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
WAPATO	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
WENATCHEE	1	1.4%	1	1.4%
WHITE SALMON	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
YAKIMA	3	4.2%	3	4.2%
Region 1 Total	12	16.9%	12	16.9%

PWA 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	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
AUBURN	1	1.4%	1	1.4%
BELLINGHAM	1	1.4%	1	1.4%
BELLTOWN	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CAPITOL HILL	2	2.8%	2	2.8%
EVERETT	3	4.2%	3	4.2%
FEDERAL WAY	2	2.8%	2	2.8%
KING EASTSIDE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
KING NORTH	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
KING SOUTH	3	4.2%	3	4.2%
MT VERNON	1	1.4%	1	1.4%
OAK HARBOR	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
RAINIER	3	4.2%	3	4.2%
RENTON	2	2.8%	2	2.8%
SKY VALLEY	1	1.4%	1	1.4%
SMOKEY POINT	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
WHITE CENTER	2	2.8%	2	2.8%
Region 2 Total	21	29.6%	21	29.6%

PWA 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	1	1.4%	1	1.4%
BREMERTON	3	4.2%	3	4.2%
CHEHALIS	2	2.8%	2	2.8%
COLUMBIA RIVER	3	4.2%	3	4.2%
FORKS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
KELSO	2	2.8%	2	2.8%
LAKWOOD	5	7.0%	5	7.0%
LONG BEACH	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OLYMPIA	8	11.3%	8	11.3%
PIERCE NORTH	5	7.0%	5	7.0%
PIERCE SOUTH	8	11.3%	8	11.3%
PORT ANGELES	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
PORT TOWNSEND	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
PUYALLUP VALLEY	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SHELTON	1	1.4%	1	1.4%
SOUTH BEND	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
STEVENSON	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Region 3 Total	38	53.5%	38	53.5%

PWA Clients by County of Residence, June 2018 Snapshot

County	# of Clients	% of Total	County	# of Clients	% of Total
Adams	1	1.4%	Lewis	2	2.8%
Asotin	0	0.0%	Lincoln	0	0.0%
Benton	1	1.4%	Mason	1	1.4%
Chelan	0	0.0%	Okanogan	0	0.0%
Clallam	0	0.0%	Pacific	0	0.0%
Clark	3	4.2%	Pend Oreille	0	0.0%
Columbia	0	0.0%	Pierce	18	25.4%
Cowlitz	2	2.8%	San Juan	0	0.0%
Douglas	1	1.4%	Skagit	1	1.4%
Ferry	0	0.0%	Skamania	0	0.0%
Franklin	0	0.0%	Snohomish	4	5.6%
Garfield	0	0.0%	Spokane	4	5.6%
Grant	0	0.0%	Stevens	0	0.0%
Grays Harbor	1	1.4%	Thurston	8	11.3%
Island	0	0.0%	Wahkiakum	0	0.0%
Jefferson	0	0.0%	Walla Walla	0	0.0%
King	15	21.1%	Whatcom	1	1.4%
Kitsap	3	4.2%	Whitman	0	0.0%
Kittitas	0	0.0%	Yakima	5	7.0%
Klickitat	0	0.0%	Not Reported/ Unidentifiable	0	0.0%

	# of Clients	% of Total
State Total	71	100.0%

PWA Client Demographics, June 2018 Snapshot

Characteristic	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients
Total Clients	71	100.0%

Gender	All Clients	
Female	71	100.0%
Male	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%

Ethnicity and Race	All Clients	
Hispanic or Latino	8	11.3%
Not Hispanic or Latino²	63	88.7%
White	33	46.5%
Black/African American	20	28.2%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	1.4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	3	4.2%
Two or More Races	2	2.8%
Race Not Reported	4	5.6%

Marital Status	All Clients	
Separated	8	11.3%
Married	4	5.6%
Never Married	52	73.2%
Divorced	7	9.9%
Widowed	0	0.0%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	0	0.0%

Citizenship Status	All Clients	
U.S. Citizen	70	98.6%
Resident Alien	1	1.4%
U.S. National³	0	0.0%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	0	0.0%

² Includes clients not reporting whether or not they are of Hispanic or Latino origin.

³ 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).

PWA Client Demographics, June 2018 Snapshot (continued)

Characteristic	All Clients	
	# of Clients	% of Total Clients

Homeless Status		
	All Clients	
Homeless ⁴	36	50.7%

Education Status		
	All Clients	
Less than a High School Diploma	23	35.30%
High School Graduate or GED	36	45.60%
Some College or College Degree	12	19.10%
Not Reported/Unidentifiable	0	0.00%

Age		
	All Clients	
< 18 Years Old	0	0.0%
18 – 24 Years Old	2	2.8%
25 – 34 Years Old	44	62.0%
35 – 44 Years Old	25	35.2%
45 – 54 Years Old	0	0.0%
55 – 64 Years Old	0	0.0%
65+ Years Old	0	0.0%
Average Age of Clients		
	32.8 Years	

Length of Stay ⁵	
Average Length of Stay	6.4 Months

⁴ Homeless is defined as: homeless without housing, homeless with housing (staying temporarily with family or friends), emergency shelter, or domestic violence shelter.

⁵ Average Length of Stay Since November 2011