

Working  
Connections  
Child Care  
(WCCC)

SFY

2018

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Helps low-income families pay for child care while parents are working or participating in DSHS-approved work, training, or education activities.

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## The Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) Program Overview

Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) is a subsidy program that helps eligible low-income families pay for child care. At application, parents must be working or participating in DSHS-approved work, training or education activities and household income must not exceed 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL). The state's Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF)<sup>1</sup> establishes policies for child care subsidy programs and DSHS determines family eligibility and pays child care providers for authorized services.

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

### **Highlights**

In SFY 2018, the program served a monthly average of 29,913 families, a 2.5% decrease from SFY 2017 (30,683). TANF families averaged 3,790 or 12.7% of the WCCC caseload per month in SFY 2018, a decrease of 7.1% from the monthly average of 4,081 in SFY 2017.

The monthly number of children served by the program was 51,598 in SFY 2018, a 2.1% decrease from 52,725 in SFY 2017. Of these, a monthly average of 6,130 (11.9%) were TANF children.

Beginning in SFY 2017, a family's eligibility for WCCC continues for a full twelve months, regardless of change in employment or other approved activity, and of most changes in household income. Beginning in October 2016, households that are above 200% but below 220% FPL when they reapply for benefits remain eligible for WCCC for three additional months (in October 2018, the period of additional eligibility expands to 12 months).

Beginning in SFY 2018, families experiencing homelessness may be approved for WCCC subsidy with a four-month grace period during which the requirement to work or participate in another approved activity does not apply and the co-payment is waived.

### **TECHNICAL NOTES:**

**DATA SOURCES:** Data for this chapter was provided by the OFM Forecasting Division based on the DSHS Social Service Payment System (SSPS) files supplied by the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF)

#### **DATA NOTE:**

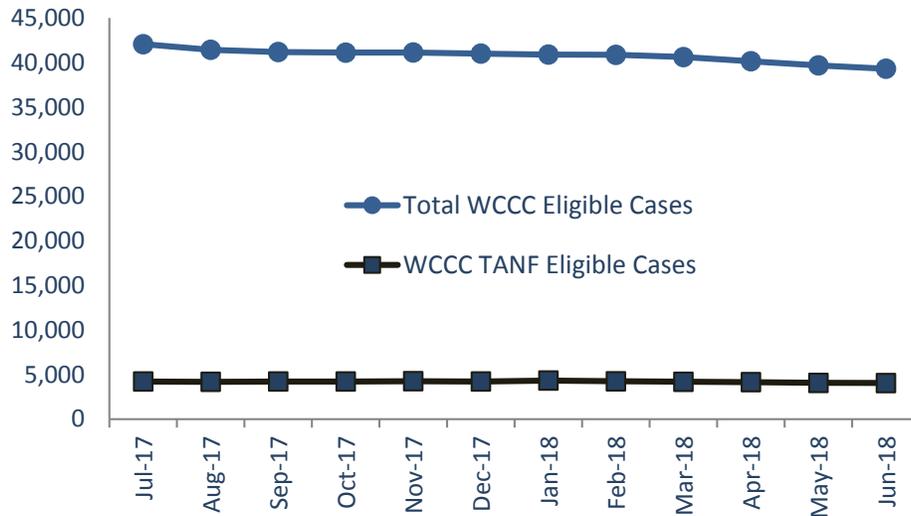
- The majority of the data presented in this chapter is based on the WCCC household file supplied by the OFM Forecasting Division as of September 2018. TANF cases are identified by matching the DCYF WCCC household payment data with ACES client data. The TANF caseload includes TANF child-only households. Data for more recent months may change as more child care payments are made following the publication of the Briefing Book.

<sup>1</sup> **Second Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1661 (2E2SHB 1661, Chapter 6, Laws of 2017), Creating the Department of Children, Youth and Families**, took effect on October 19, 2017. This bill allows for the creation of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) by merging Department of Early Learning (DEL) with the Department of Social and Health Services' (DSHS) Children's Administration (CA) effective July 1, 2018, and DSHS Juvenile Rehabilitation (JRA) effective July 1, 2019.

## Selected WCCC Program Overview, SFY 2017 and SFY 2018

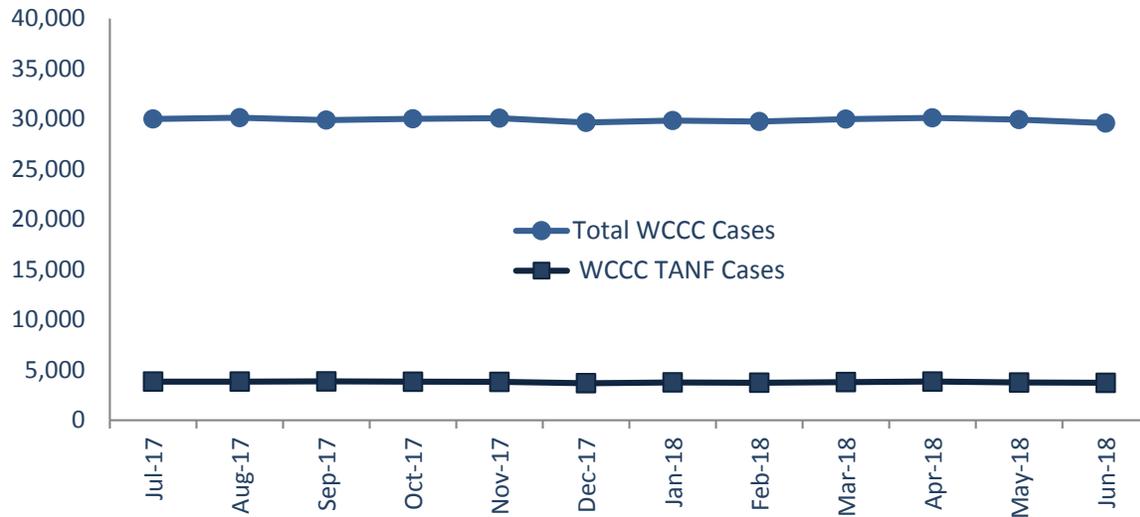
	SFY 2017 (July 2016-June 2017)	SFY 2018 (July 2017-June 2018)	Change
<b>Average Number of Eligible Cases Per Month (Range)</b>	40,132 (35,556 - 42,309)	40,785 (39,307 - 42,066)	1.6% (Increase) ↑
<b>Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range)</b>	30,683 (29,615 - 31,270)	29,913 (29,580 - 30,125)	-2.5% (Decrease) ↓
<b>Average Number of WCCC TANF Cases Per Month (Range)</b>	4,081 (3,951 - 4,207)	3,790 (3,679 - 3,862)	-7.1% (Decrease) ↓
<b>Average Number of Children Per Month (Range)</b>	52,725 (51,968 - 54,363)	51,598 (50,758 - 53,271)	-2.1% (Decrease) ↓
<b>State's Population Under 13</b>	1,197,572	1,210,615	1.1% (Increase) ↑
<b>Recipients as a Percent of State's Population Under 13</b>	4.4%	4.3%	0.1% Point (Decrease) ↓
<b>Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)</b>	\$844.35 (\$757.01 - \$996.39)	\$884.25 (\$801.96 - \$1,018.14)	4.7% (Increase) ↑

## Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) Eligible Cases by Month, SFY 2018



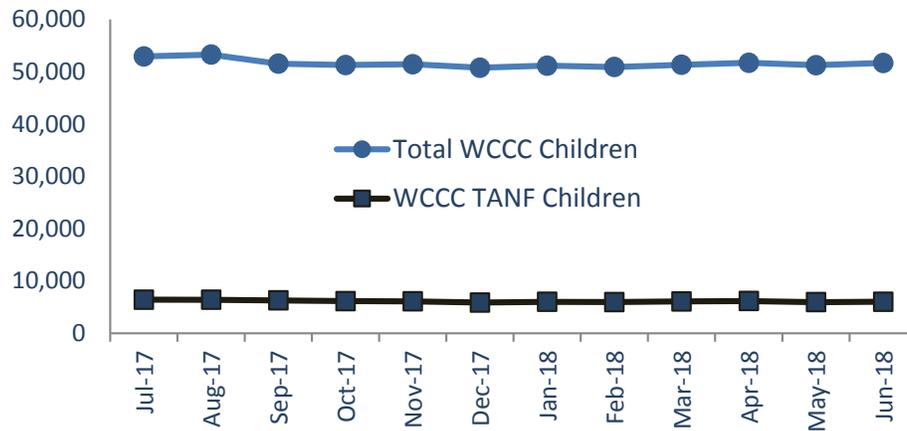
SFY 2018	Total WCCC Eligible Cases	WCCC TANF Eligible Cases
July	42,066	4,225
August	41,430	4,183
September	41,184	4,217
October	41,113	4,219
November	41,122	4,253
December	41,000	4,217
January	40,893	4,326
February	40,864	4,243
March	40,617	4,195
April	40,142	4,146
May	39,680	4,065
June	39,307	4,055
Monthly Average	40,785	4,195

## Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) Caseload by Month, SFY 2018



SFY 2018	Total WCCC Cases	WCCC TANF Cases	% of WCCC Households using TANF
<b>July</b>	30,000	3,838	12.8%
<b>August</b>	30,125	3,842	12.8%
<b>September</b>	29,891	3,862	12.9%
<b>October</b>	30,014	3,834	12.8%
<b>November</b>	30,073	3,816	12.7%
<b>December</b>	29,646	3,679	12.4%
<b>January</b>	29,842	3,758	12.6%
<b>February</b>	29,751	3,733	12.5%
<b>March</b>	29,987	3,796	12.7%
<b>April</b>	30,115	3,848	12.8%
<b>May</b>	29,931	3,751	12.5%
<b>June</b>	29,580	3,723	12.6%
<b>Mo. Avg.</b>	<b>29,913</b>	<b>3,790</b>	<b>12.7%</b>

## Children Receiving Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) by Month, SFY 2018



SFY 2018	Total WCCC Children	WCCC TANF Children	% of WCCC Children using TANF
July	52,919	6,427	12.1%
August	53,271	6,415	12.0%
September	51,535	6,300	12.2%
October	51,270	6,156	12.0%
November	51,424	6,117	11.9%
December	50,758	5,884	11.6%
January	51,159	6,019	11.8%
February	50,894	5,977	11.7%
March	51,318	6,099	11.9%
April	51,705	6,169	11.9%
May	51,253	5,959	11.6%
June	51,667	6,042	11.7%
<b>Mo. Avg.</b>	<b>51,598</b>	<b>6,130</b>	<b>11.9%</b>

## Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) Payments by Month, SFY 2018

SFY 2018	Total WCCC Payments	WCCC TANF Payments	% of WCCC TANF Payments
July	\$28,959,524	\$3,682,962	12.7%
August	\$30,671,592	\$3,912,181	12.8%
September	\$24,841,833	\$3,230,419	13.0%
October	\$25,732,874	\$3,364,402	13.1%
November	\$25,747,662	\$3,333,779	12.9%
December	\$25,010,523	\$3,120,017	12.5%
January	\$26,656,089	\$3,353,416	12.6%
February	\$23,859,198	\$3,026,437	12.7%
March	\$26,293,727	\$3,351,624	12.7%
April	\$25,790,343	\$3,331,718	12.9%
May	\$27,365,799	\$3,503,716	12.8%
June	\$26,475,978	\$3,335,978	12.6%
<b>Mo. Avg.</b>	<b>\$26,450,429</b>	<b>\$3,378,887</b>	<b>12.8%</b>