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Minnesota Family Investment Program and the Diversionary Work Program: Characteristics of December 2013 Cases and Eligible Adults

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Abbreviations Used in this Report

ACS	American Community Survey
DHS	Department of Human Services
DWP	Diversionary Work Program
ES	Employment Services
FSS	Family Stabilization Services
GED	General Educational Development Equivalency Certificate
MFIP	Minnesota Family Investment Program
PRWORA	Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act
RSDI	Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
WPR	Work Participation Rate

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Executive Summary

The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) is Minnesota's family cash assistance program that provides financial payments and other services to help stabilize low-income families in their effort to become economically stable. The Diversionary Work Program (DWP) is a short-term program meant to assist families in crisis to quickly regain employment. The MFIP grant includes a food portion funded by the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); DWP participants can apply for stand-alone SNAP.

Families applying for assistance are enrolled in DWP up to its four-month maximum, unless they have been on MFIP within the last 12 months, or are considered unlikely to benefit from DWP's intensive work supports. DWP enrolled its first participants in July 2004. Both programs are available only to families with minor children or a pregnant woman.

Cases and People. In December 2013, 28,664 adults and 69,603 children were receiving cash assistance through MFIP or DWP in 36,041 cases. The overall MFIP and DWP caseloads decreased during the last three years – by 3 percent between 2010 and 2011, by 4 percent between 2011 and 2012, and by 6 percent between 2012 and 2013 (Table 1 and Figure 1).

Participant Demographics. Families participating in MFIP or DWP tend to be young, with an average adult age of 31 for MFIP-eligible adult cases and 32 for DWP cases. Sixty-seven percent of MFIP-eligible adult cases and 57 percent of DWP cases have a child under age 6. The majority of eligible adults are female (81 percent of MFIP-eligible and 75 percent of DWP-eligible adults); about 20 percent of cases have two caregivers present. The majority of eligible adults have at least a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) certificate (64 percent of MFIP-eligible and 75 percent of DWP-eligible adults); have never been married (66 percent of MFIP-eligible and 58 percent of DWP-eligible adults); and are U.S. citizens (86 percent of MFIP-eligible and 89 percent of DWP-eligible adults) (Tables 2 and 3).

Grant Amounts. The average cash grant in December 2013 for MFIP child-only cases was \$312; for eligible adult MFIP cases, \$353, and for DWP cases, \$359. The average food portion grant for MFIP eligible-adult cases was \$393 and average SNAP grant for DWP cases was \$408 (Table 4).

Employment. Though still above the low point in 2010 of 33 percent for MFIP and 29 percent for DWP, the percent of eligible adult cases with reported work decreased by 1 percent for both programs in 2013. However, average monthly earnings for MFIP-eligible adult cases rose 4 percent to \$1,063, and DWP cases reported \$1,141 in average monthly earnings, a 6 percent increase.

Time Counted Toward the Lifetime Limit. In December 2013, MFIP-eligible adult cases averaged 28 counted months, DWP cases averaged 11 counted months from previous time on MFIP; MFIP child-only cases averaged 15 counted months accumulated from when the now ineligible caregiver was eligible. Fifty-two percent of MFIP cases with eligible adults had used 24 or fewer counted months. Sixteen percent of MFIP-eligible adult cases were extended beyond the time limit for a documented hardship (Tables 4 and 5).

Introduction

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 [PL 104-193] set federal program requirements for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), such as a five-year limit on cash assistance, a work-first emphasis, work participation requirements and other rules. Within this broad framework, states have the flexibility to design TANF programs to meet their own needs. Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) is Minnesota's TANF program. Minnesota uses the TANF federal block grant and its own funds to meet the needs of low-income families for cash, food and some services. State funds are used for grants to cases with two eligible caregivers, participants in Family Stabilization Services (FSS), teen parents and certain non-citizens.

In 2005, the Deficit Reduction Act [PL 109-171] extended funding for TANF. It retained the original main program requirements and narrowed the definition of work activities, broadened the definition of which participants are required to participate in work activities to include some MFIP-ineligible caregivers, and increased work activity documentation requirements.

Family Stabilization Services (FSS) is an MFIP service track for families with multiple barriers or disabilities that may benefit from a more flexible employment plan. FSS started in February 2008 and enables counties to develop employment plans with an emphasis on overcoming barriers to employment, and to use a case management model to help families achieve the greatest amount of economic stability possible. Minnesota funds FSS-eligible cases as they are not included in the federal Work Participation Rate (WPR). FSS-eligible cases are included in the MFIP case and person totals in this report.

The Diversionary Work Program (DWP) services include job training and education, and employment support services such as child care and transportation assistance. To continue to receive benefits, recipients are required to participate in approved activities documented in individual employment plans. DWP grants are vendor-paid for rent and utilities.

Report Format

This report provides a snapshot of all active paid cases and eligible adult and teenage caregivers in MFIP and DWP in December of the report year. Data are provided on the demographics of eligible caregivers; family composition, residence, and challenges; economic status of cases; and MFIP policy impacts. To reflect program differences, the MFIP population is divided into three categories: Child-only cases that include children but not their caregivers in the grant, cases with one eligible adult and cases with two eligible adults. The DWP population, which cannot include child-only cases, is divided into cases with one or two eligible adults. The Mille Lacs American Indian Tribal Council administers TANF-eligible cases in its jurisdiction, including cases for tribal members in Hennepin, Ramsey and Anoka counties. Their tribal TANF program is separate from MFIP and is only included in Table 1 of this report. The White Earth Band is transitioning to administering service programs for tribal members with state supervision, not as a tribal TANF program. This transition started July 1, 2013, and continues in 2014, so they are not included in this report. In the future, their caseload will be reported as a servicing agency.

This is the 17th annual report in this series.¹ We reformatted it in 2010, toward the continuing goal of making data more accessible to policymakers and the public. The large data tables of previous years are still included, now at the end of the report in the Data Tables section.

The 11 Quick Facts sheets highlight important information from the larger tables and provide selected trend data comparing this December's data with data from previous reports using small charts and bulleted text. Relevant policy information needed for interpreting data are included in shaded text boxes. The source tables are referenced. Unless otherwise stated, figure legends referencing MFIP refer to MFIP cases with eligible adults. Quick Facts sheets were designed to be stand-alone, mini-reports so that readers can share topics relevant to their work by copying a single page.

Detailed policy and data definitions in the last section of the report are important in understanding the tables and Quick Facts sheets.

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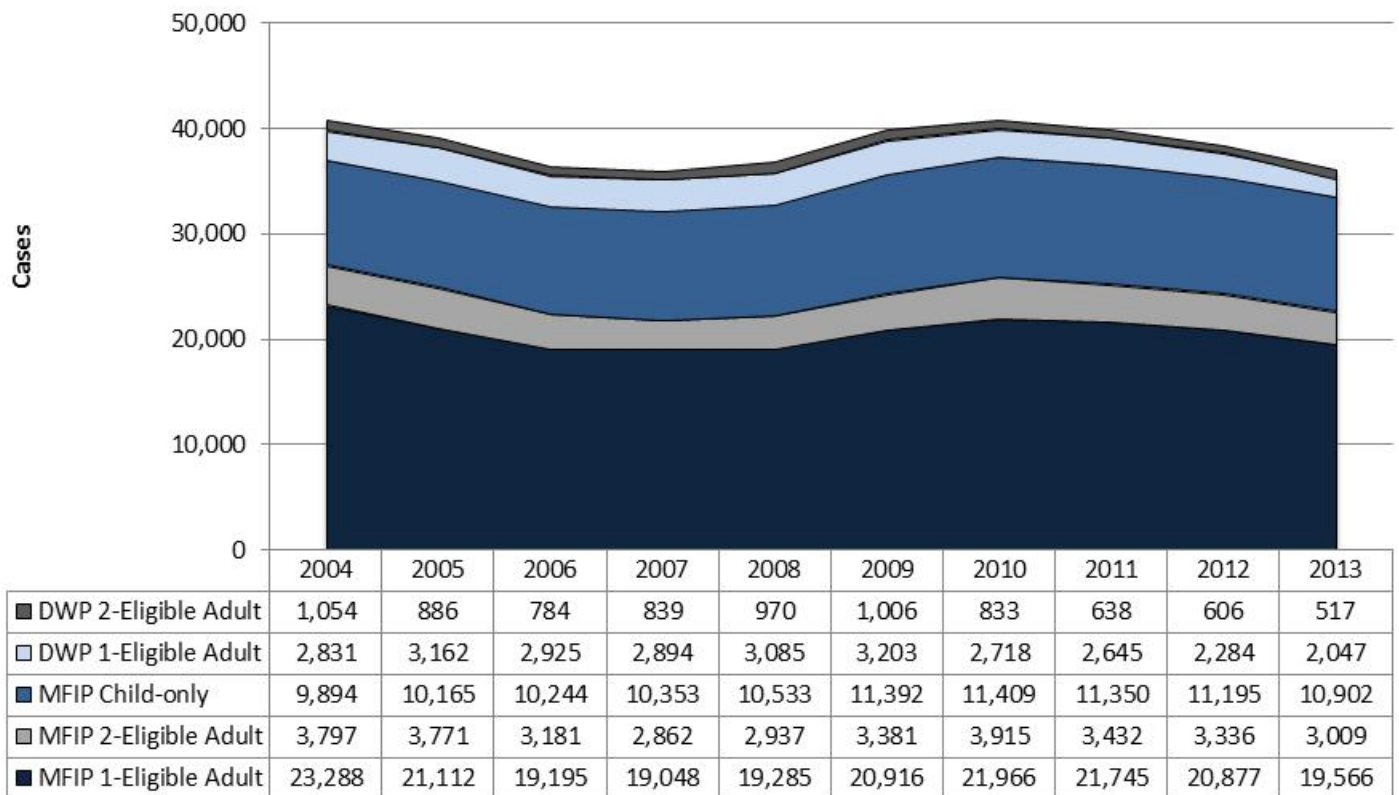
¹ Reports in this series can be found at [the DHS MFIP Reports website](#) (click on "People We Serve" on the top menu, then "Children and Families," then "Economic Supports," then "MFIP," then "Reports") in the section titled **MFIP and DWP Caseload and Participant Characteristics Reports**.

MFIP AND DWP CASELOAD AND TRENDS

Quick Facts for December Trends

- The number of MFIP and DWP paid cases continues to decrease. The caseload fell by 4 percent between December 2011 and 2012, and by 6 percent between December 2012 and 2013.
- Since December 2012, all MFIP-eligible adult cases decreased by 7 percent, from 24,213 cases to 22,575 in 2013. Both one-eligible and two-eligible adult cases fell, but two-eligible adult cases fell by 10 percent in the last year.
- For the fourth consecutive year, DWP cases decreased. In 2013, DWP cases fell by 11 percent after falling 12 percent between December 2011 and December 2012, and by 8 percent between December 2010 and December 2011.

Figure 1. MFIP and DWP Caseloads, December 2004 to December 2013



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ELIGIBLE ADULTS ON MFIP AND DWP

Quick Facts for December 2013

- The average age of MFIP-eligible caregivers is 31 years and DWP-eligible caregivers is 32 years. Forty-five percent of MFIP-eligible caregivers and 43 percent of DWP-eligible caregivers are in their 20s. (Figure 2)
- Eighty-one percent of MFIP-eligible adults and 75 percent of DWP-eligible adults are female.
- Sixty-four percent of MFIP-eligible adults and 75 percent of DWP-eligible adults completed high school. (Figure 3)
- Most MFIP-eligible adults have never married (66 percent). Sixteen percent are married and living with a spouse. Fifty-eight percent of DWP-eligible adults have never married; 20 percent are married and living with a spouse.
- Thirty-seven percent of MFIP-eligible adults and 49 percent of DWP-eligible adults are white, compared to 85 percent of all Minnesota adults, according to the 2012 U.S. Census Bureau. Forty-one percent of MFIP-eligible and 31 percent of DWP-eligible adults are black compared to 5 percent of all Minnesota adults (2012 American Community Survey). (Figure 4)

Figure 2. Age of MFIP- and DWP-eligible Adults

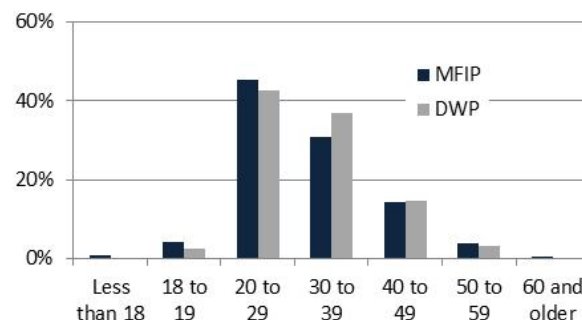


Figure 3. Education Status of MFIP- and DWP-eligible Adults

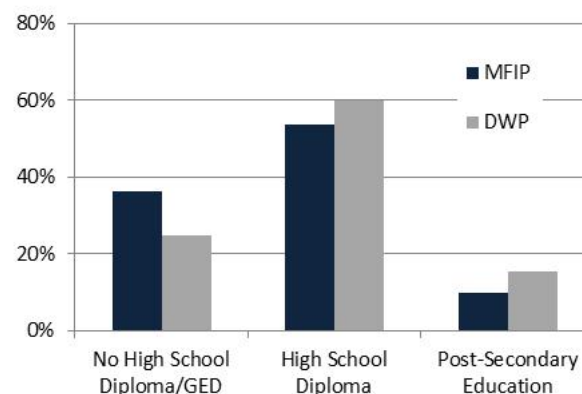
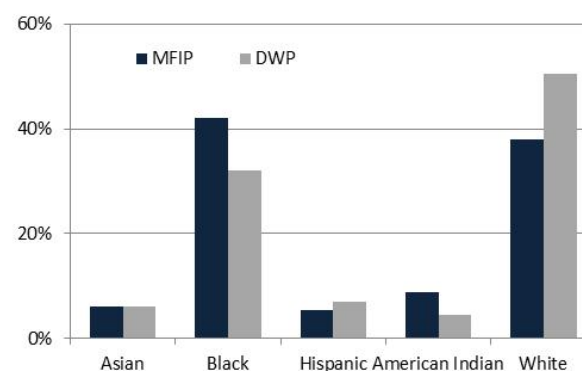


Figure 4. Race/Ethnicity of MFIP- and DWP-eligible Adults



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FAMILIES ON MFIP AND DWP

Quick Facts for December 2013

- Most families with caregivers eligible for MFIP or DWP care for their own biological, adopted, or step children, although 3 percent of MFIP and 2 percent of DWP-eligible adult families also care for a relative's children. Two percent of MFIP and 7 percent of DWP-eligible adult families are pregnant women with no other children in the household. (Figure 5)
- Fifty-six percent of MFIP child-only cases care for their own children and 42 percent care for a relative's children. The remaining 2 percent care for both. (Figure 5)
- Twenty-one percent of MFIP child-only, 19 percent of MFIP-eligible adult, and 22 percent of DWP cases have two caregivers (including a second parent of child(ren) on the case if the couple is unmarried), although both caregivers may not be eligible for the program. (Figure 6)
- In December 2013, 43 percent of ineligible caregivers in MFIP child-only cases were relative caregivers, 39 percent were parents eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) due to a disability, and 18 percent were undocumented noncitizens with citizen children. (Figure 7)

Figure 5. Relationship of Children to Caregivers in MFIP and DWP Cases

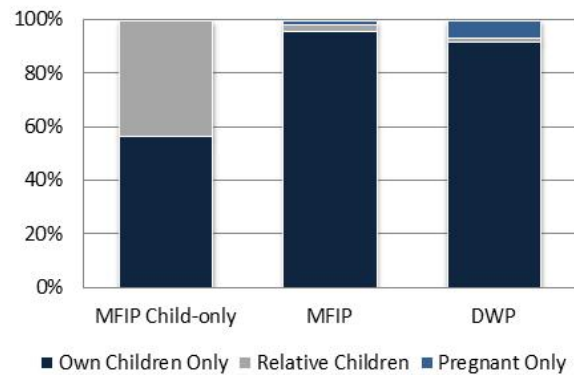


Figure 6. Two-caregiver Families in MFIP and DWP Cases

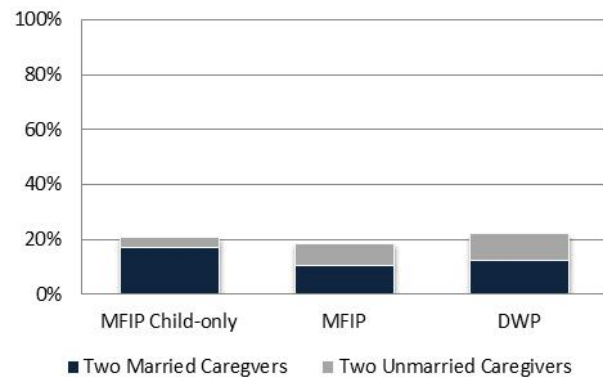
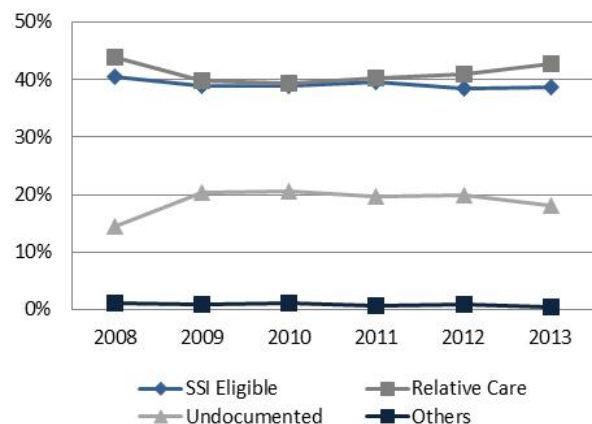


Figure 7. Ineligibility Reasons of MFIP Child-only Caregivers, December 2008 to 2013



CHILDREN ON MFIP AND DWP

Quick Facts for December Trends

- In December 2013, 69,603 children were eligible for MFIP or DWP. There were 44,901 children eligible in MFIP-eligible adult cases, 19,889 children eligible in MFIP child-only cases, and 4,813 children eligible on DWP. (Figure 8)
- In December 2013, families receiving MFIP or DWP average two children. About half of families receiving child-only MFIP, 43 percent of MFIP-eligible adult and 40 percent of DWP-eligible families have one child. (Figure 9)
- The average age of the youngest child in MFIP child-only cases is 8 years, in MFIP cases 6 years and in DWP cases it is 5 years.
- The majority of MFIP and DWP eligible families have a child under age 6. In December 2013, 69 percent of MFIP-eligible adult cases and 57 percent of DWP cases had a child under age 6. Children in MFIP child-only cases tend to be older, with 37 percent having a child under age 6 and 27 percent ages 6 to 10 years in that month. (Figure 10)
- Five percent of children in MFIP-eligible adult cases and 3 percent of children in DWP cases are ineligible. Most ineligible children are ineligible due to receipt of SSI (95 percent in MFIP-eligible adult and 91 percent in DWP cases).

Figure 8. Number of Children Eligible for MFIP or DWP, December 2008 to 2013

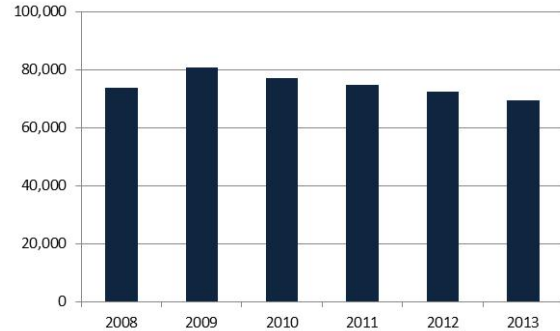


Figure 9. Number of Children in MFIP and DWP Cases, December 2013

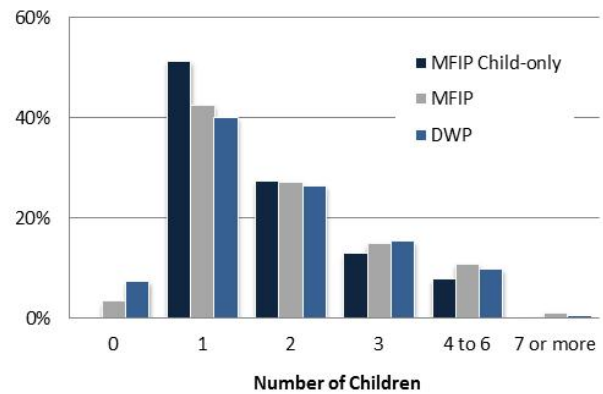
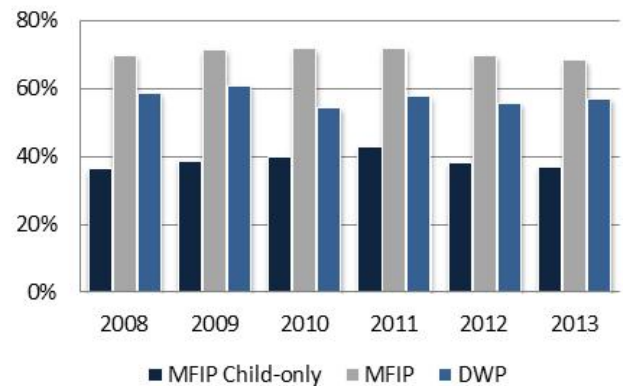


Figure 10. Family Cash Assistance Cases with a Child Under Age 6, December 2008 to 2013



MENTAL HEALTH, CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY AND CHILD PROTECTION: CAREGIVERS IN MFIP AND DWP CASES

Quick Facts for December Trends

- Rates of serious mental health diagnoses have increased in all programs over the last six years, with 41 percent of child-only cases, 54 percent of MFIP cases with eligible caregivers, and 33 percent of DWP cases having at least one caregiver with such a diagnosis known in the three years up to December 2013. (Figure 11)
- Increases in diagnoses may be related to increases in screening for Family Stabilization Services (FSS) beginning in February 2008. It provides alternative employment plans for certain MFIP participants, including those with a mental illness.

Data note: Diagnoses data are only available for people when they were enrolled in Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare and claims were submitted. Diagnoses made for participants enrolled in a private health insurance program are not included.

- Nine percent of MFIP child-only, 13 percent of MFIP cases with eligible caregivers, and 9 percent of DWP cases had an open Family Assessment case in child protection between 2011 and 2013. Two percent of MFIP child-only, 2 percent of MFIP-eligible adult, and 1 percent of DWP cases had a maltreatment determination made during the same period. (Figure 13)

Figure 11. Cases with a Caregiver that had a Serious Mental Health Diagnosis in the Last Three Years, 2008 to 2013

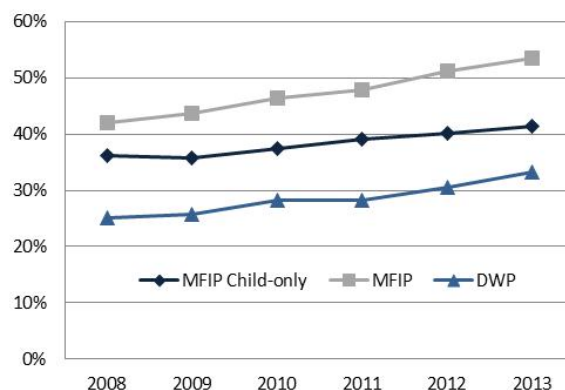


Figure 12. Cases with a Caregiver that had a Chemical Dependency Diagnosis in the Last Three Years, 2008 to 2013

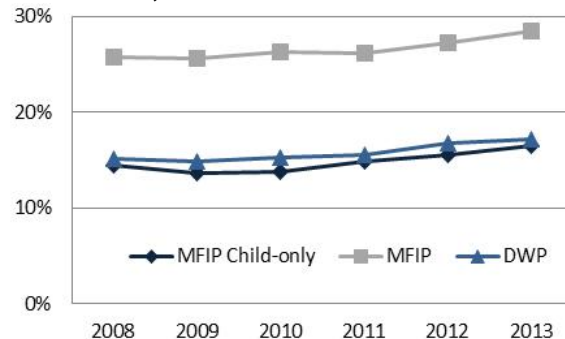
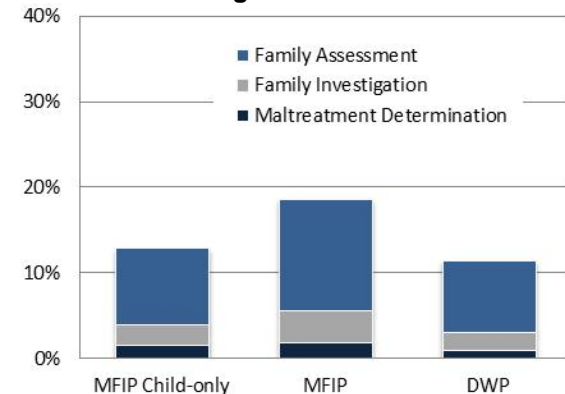


Figure 13. Caregivers with Child Protection Involvement During 2011 to 2013



THE MFIP 60-MONTH TIME LIMIT

Quick Facts for December Trends

- In December 2013, MFIP-eligible adult cases averaged 28 counted months, DWP cases averaged 11 counted months from previous time on MFIP, and MFIP child-only cases averaged 15 counted months accumulated from when the now ineligible caregiver was eligible. (Figure 14)
- More than half of MFIP cases with eligible adults had used 24 or fewer counted months. (Figure 14)
- The distribution of cases with 12 or fewer counted months have declined slowly since December 2008, while those with 55 to 60 counted months have been slowly increasing. Extended cases have 60 counted months and are included in these numbers. (Figures 15 and 16)

Policy note: Except under specific hardship circumstances, MFIP participants may only use 60 months of cash assistance between the ages of 18 and 60. Minnesota started counting months as of July 1997, although some states started counting months as early as September 1996. TANF months in other states count toward the MFIP time limit. DWP months do not count.

- Fifty-five percent of DWP cases had at least one MFIP counted month from previous time on MFIP. Sixty-five percent of DWP cases with counted months had 24 months or less (916 of 1,407 DWP cases with counted months).

Figure 14. Counted Months of MFIP-Eligible Adult Cases in December 2013

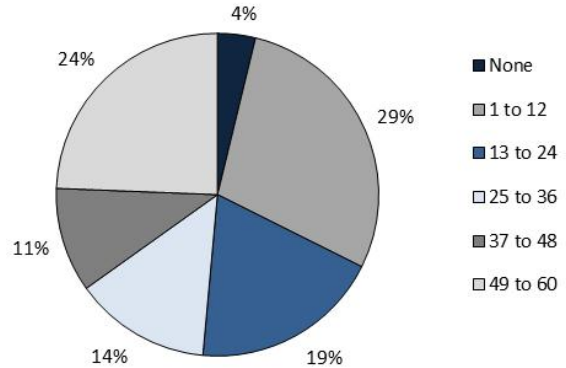


Figure 15. MFIP and DWP Cases with 12 Counted Months or Less, December 2008 to December 2013

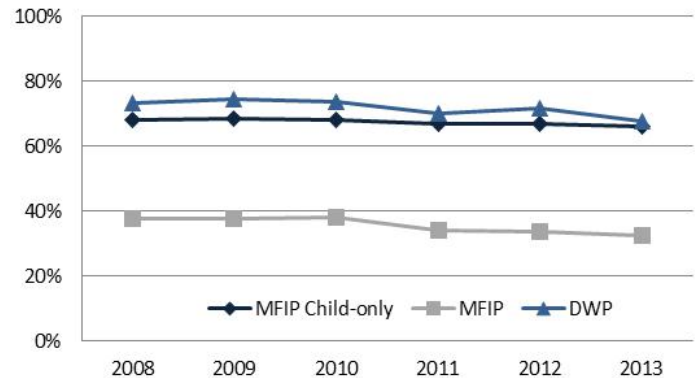
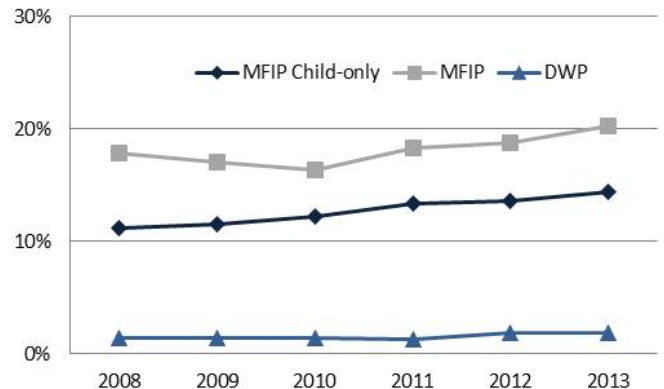


Figure 16. MFIP and DWP Cases with 55 to 60 Counted Months, December 2008 to December 2013



MFIP, DWP AND SNAP GRANT AMOUNTS

Quick Facts for December 2013

- The average cash grant in December 2013 for MFIP child-only cases was \$312, for eligible adult MFIP cases, \$353, and for DWP, \$359. (Figure 17)
- SNAP and MFIP food portion grants average higher than cash grants for MFIP-eligible adult and DWP cases. SNAP is annually adjusted for cost-of-living increases, but cash grants have not increased since 1986. The average food portion grant in December 2013 for MFIP-eligible adult cases was \$393 and average SNAP grant for DWP cases was \$408. (Figure 17)
- The percentage of MFIP cases with food-only assistance has remained steady for the past six years. It is lowest for child-only cases, with a small increase in the percentage for two eligible adult households in 2013. (Figure 18)

Policy note: MFIP includes a food portion that can only be spent on food and a cash grant. DWP provides a cash grant (out of which housing and utilities is vendor paid) and families are categorically eligible for SNAP. Both programs have a grant maximum based on family size. From that amount, the cash grant is decreased based on amounts and types of income. The MFIP cash grant is decreased before the food portion; some families with earned income have a \$0 cash grant, but continue to receive the food portion.

SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program -- was previously known as Food Support or Food Stamps.

Figure 17. Average MFIP/DWP Cash and SNAP/MFIP Food Portion Grants

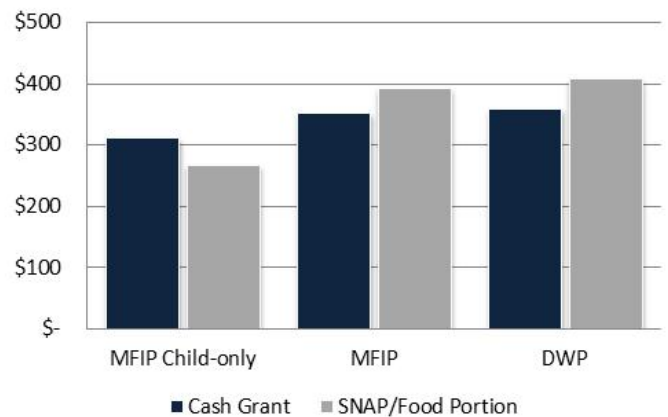
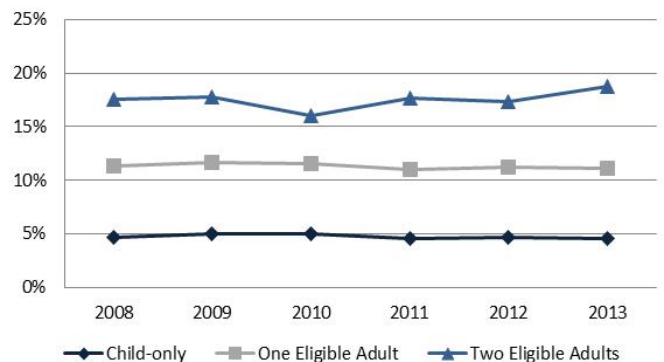


Figure 18. MFIP Cases with Food-only Assistance, December 2008 to December 2013



- Half of MFIP child-only cases' households have adults that are ineligible for MFIP but eligible for SNAP ("Uncle Harry cases"). The average SNAP grant for these cases was \$144, in addition to the MFIP food portion. Twenty-one percent of MFIP cases with eligible adults also receive SNAP for MFIP-ineligible members with an average amount of \$132.

MFIP AND DWP: EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

Quick Facts for December Trends

- After a low of 33 percent for MFIP and 29 percent for DWP in 2010, the percentage of cases with reported earnings from work increased for two years, but declined in 2013 by 2 percentage points for both MFIP and DWP. The percent with reported earnings are 37 and 42 percent, respectively. (Figure 19)
- For December 2013, 34 percent of MFIP one-eligible adult and 57 percent of MFIP two-eligible adult cases reported wages for December. Thirty-nine percent of DWP one-eligible adult cases and 55 percent of DWP two-eligible adult cases reported wages.
- Average monthly wages continue to increase since 2008. Average monthly wages for MFIP adult cases with a working caregiver were \$1,063, and for DWP cases \$1,141. Wages are not adjusted for inflation. (Figure 20)
- In the second quarter of 2013 (April to June), 41 percent of MFIP-eligible adult cases and 58 percent of DWP cases had wages reported to the Minnesota Unemployment Insurance wage system. The average quarterly wage was \$3,053 for MFIP-eligible families and \$4,743 for DWP-eligible families with wages. These data predate DWP eligibility and may predate MFIP eligibility and, therefore, serve as an indicator of work history.

Figure 19. MFIP-Eligible Adult and DWP Cases with at Least One Caregiver with Reported Work

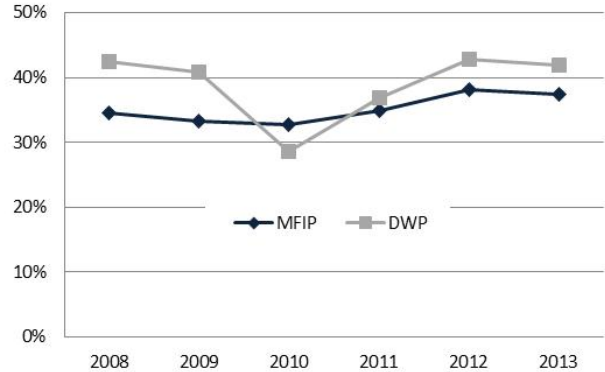


Figure 20. Average Reported Monthly Income of Employed MFIP-Eligible Adult and DWP Cases

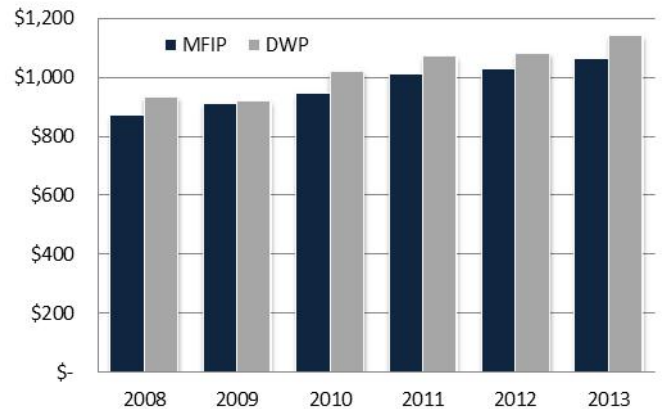
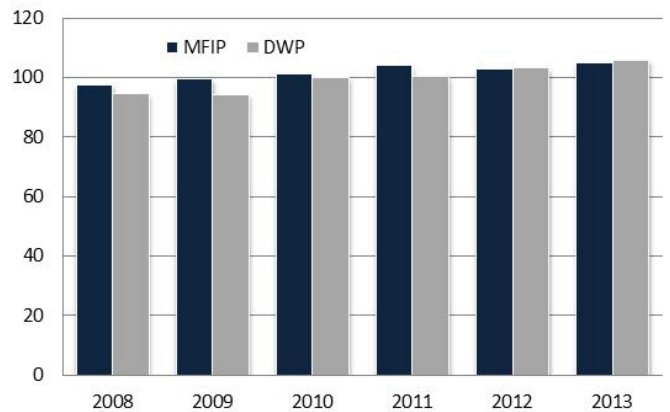


Figure 21. Average Reported Monthly Work Hours of Employed MFIP-Eligible Adult and DWP Cases



EXTENSIONS TO THE MFIP TIME LIMIT

Quick Facts for December 2013

- The percentage of extended MFIP cases increased to 16 percent in 2013. As there are fewer new cases coming onto MFIP, extension months can increase while the total number of families remains level. (Figure 22)
- The increase of MFIP active cases in extension in December 2013 is due more to one-eligible adult cases, with 17 percent in extension, whereas 6 percent of two-eligible adult cases are extended. (Figure 22)
- The most common extension reasons were being ill or incapacitated for more than 30 days (33 percent), mental illness (23 percent), and having a family member who meets special medical criteria (14 percent). (Figure 23)
- Forty-four percent of extended cases have been in extension for more than three years and 25 percent have been extended for one year or less. (Figure 24)

Figure 22. MFIP Cases Extended, December 2008 to December 2013

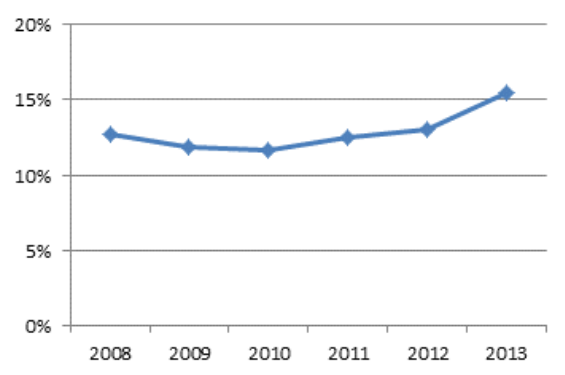


Figure 23. Extension Reason of December 2013 Extended MFIP Cases

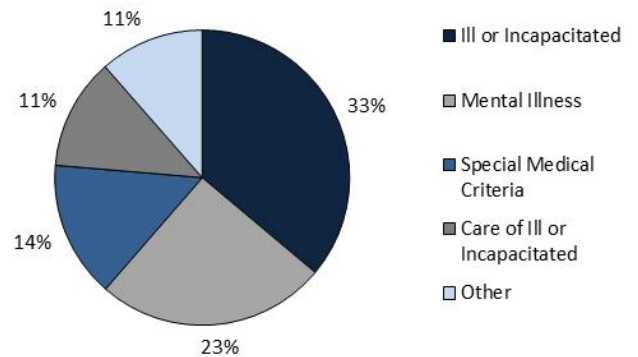
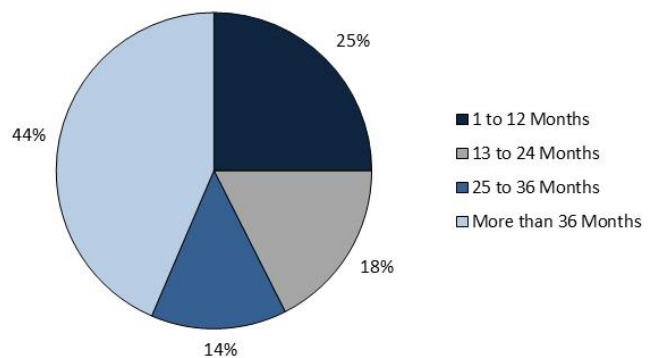


Figure 24. Number of Extension Months of December 2013 Extended MFIP Cases



Policy note: MFIP cases can be extended beyond the time limit for certain documented hardships, or when caregivers are employed but do not earn enough to exit MFIP. TANF rules require that no more than 20 percent of a state’s caseload can be extended, and funded by TANF. Most of Minnesota’s extended cases are state funded.

MFIP GRANT REDUCTIONS: SANCTIONS AND THE FAMILY CAP

Quick Facts for December Trends

- Employment Service (ES) sanctions increased to 6 percent of MFIP cases in 2013 after a decline in 2012. (Figure 25)
- The percentage of families with at least one child subject to the family cap has leveled off for eligible-adult cases. After increasing since it was implemented in 2004, rates remained steady for eligible adult cases and fell for child-only cases, likely due to policy changes implemented in 2011 (see policy note). (Figure 26)
- Of the 16 percent of eligible adult cases and less than 1 percent of child-only cases with a child impacted by the family cap, 74 percent had one child ineligible, 20 percent had two children and 6 percent had three or more affected by the policy.

Policy note: If a caregiver does not comply with Employment Service (ES) requirements, the grant may be reduced by 10 percent in the first month and 30 percent of the total grant thereafter. If the sanction is not resolved after six months, the case may be closed (100 percent sanctioned). DWP cases are closed for non-compliance. Caregivers eligible for MFIP Family Stabilization Services (FSS) can only be sanctioned after a series of pre-sanction requirements have been met.

The family cap is a policy that children born after 10 consecutive months on MFIP do not result in an increased grant for the family. The family cap started to be applied in May 2004. In November 2011, a policy clarification added children subject to the family cap back onto assistance in cases with parents receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and other ineligible parents. The family cap is scheduled to end as of Jan. 1, 2015.

Figure 25. MFIP Cases in Sanction

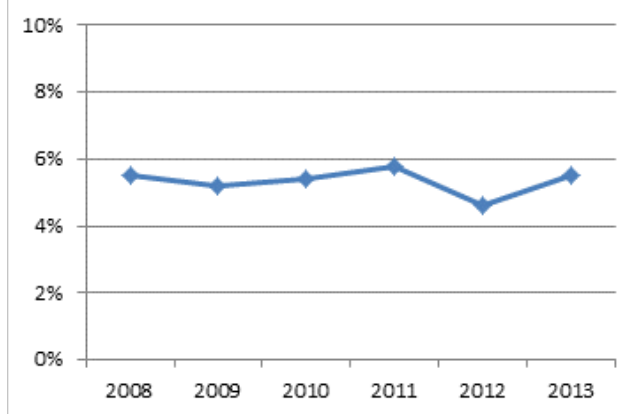
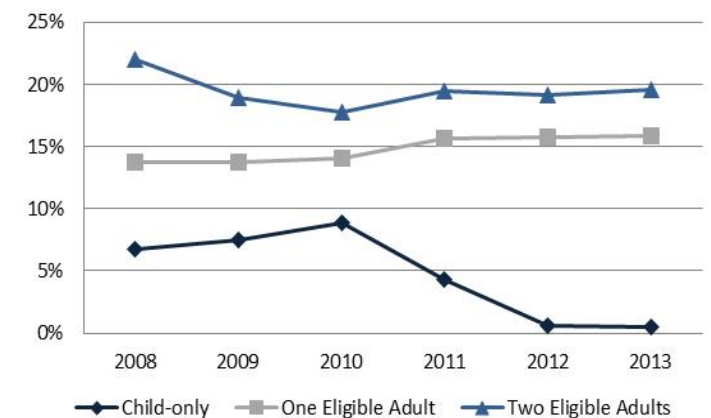


Figure 26. MFIP Cases by Case Type with at Least One Family Cap Child



FAMILY STABILIZATION SERVICES

Quick Facts for December 2013

- Since FSS started in 2008, its percent of MFIP cases has slowly increased to 41 percent in December 2013. The percent of MFIP cases with two eligible adults where at least one is eligible for FSS has increased in each of the last four years, from 36 percent in 2009 to 45 percent in 2013. (Figure 27)
- The most common FSS eligibility reasons for one eligible adult cases are being ill or incapacitated for more than 30 days (25 percent), application pending for SSI or Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (RSDI) (23 percent), and mental illness (14 percent). (Figure 28)
- The most common FSS eligibility reasons for two eligible adult cases are being a new immigrant for less than 12 months (29 percent), being ill or incapacitated for more than 30 days (26 percent) and a pending SSI or RSDI application (18 percent).

Policy note: FSS is a MFIP service track for families with specific barriers to employment that might benefit from a flexible employment plan. The eligibility categories are hierarchical so caregivers that meet more than one eligibility criterion will be assigned the highest category in the hierarchy. Two eligible adult cases are considered FSS-eligible if one caregiver meets any of the criteria.

Figure 27. MFIP Cases with at Least One FSS-eligible Caregiver, December 2008 to December 2013

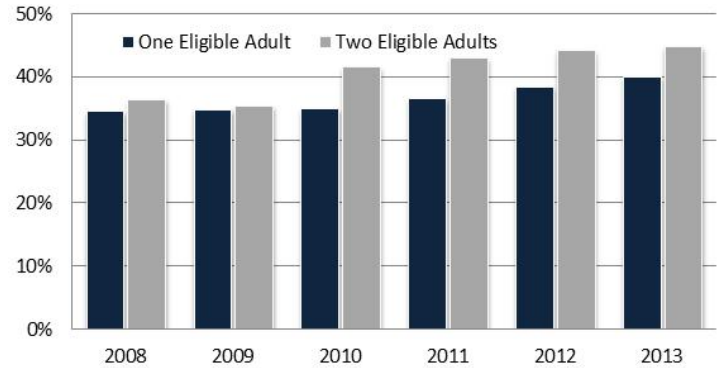
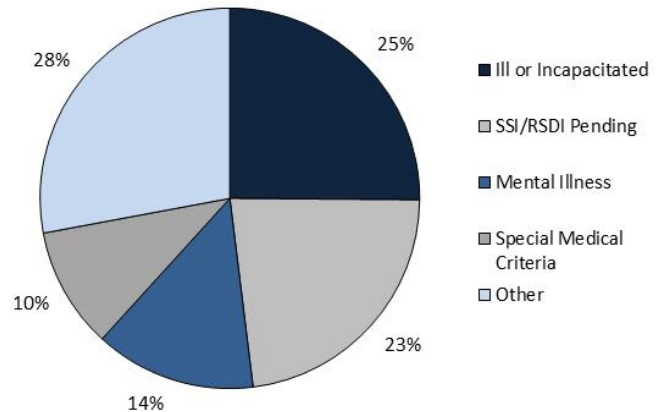


Figure 28. FSS Eligibility Reasons, December 2013



Data Tables

Table 1. December 2013 Counts and Percentages of MFIP, DWP and Tribal TANF Paid Cases and Eligible People

Counts	Tribal TANF	MFIP Cases					DWP Cases		
		Total MFIP	Child-Only	Number of Eligible Adults			Number of Eligible Adults		
				One	Two	Total	One	Two	Total
Paid Cases	148	33,477	10,902	19,566	3,009	22,575	2,047	517	2,564
	100.0%	100%	32.6%	58.4%	9.0%	67.4%	79.8%	20.2%	100%
Eligible Adults	127	25,583	0	19,566	6,017	25,583	2,047	1,034	3,081
	100.0%	100%	0.0%	76.5%	23.5%	100.0%	66.4%	33.6%	100.0%
Eligible Children	251	64,790	19,889	36,607	8,294	44,901	3,463	1,350	4,813
	100.0%	100%	30.7%	56.5%	12.8%	69.3%	72.0%	28.0%	100.0%

Table 2. Demographic Characteristics of Eligible Adults on December 2013 MFIP and DWP Paid Cases

		MFIP Cases			DWP Cases		
		Number of Eligible Adults			Number of Eligible Adults		
		One	Two	Total	One	Two	Total
Adults	Count	19,566	6,017	25,583	2,047	1,034	3,081
	Percent	76.5%	23.5%	100.0%	66.4%	33.6%	100.0%
Age	Mean	30.7	32.8	31.0	31.8	31.5	31.7
	Median	29	31	29	31	30	31
	Minimum	14	15	14	18	17	17
	Maximum	77	79	79	58	58	58
	< 18	195	14	209	0	2	2
		1.0%	0.2%	0.8%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%
	18 - 19	906	174	1,080	39	37	76
		4.6%	2.9%	4.2%	1.9%	3.6%	2.5%
	20 - 29	9,185	2,390	11,575	884	426	1,310
		46.9%	39.7%	45.2%	43.2%	41.2%	42.5%
	30 - 39	5,877	2,022	7,899	750	392	1,142
		30.0%	33.6%	30.9%	36.6%	37.9%	37.1%
40 - 49	2,624	1,058	3,682	307	143	450	
	13.4%	17.6%	14.4%	15.0%	13.8%	14.6%	
50 - 59	694	304	998	67	34	101	
	3.5%	5.1%	3.9%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	
60 and over	85	55	140	0	0	0	
	0.4%	0.9%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Gender	Female	17,729	3,018	20,747	1,788	518	2,306
		90.6%	50.2%	81.1%	87.3%	50.1%	74.8%
	Male	1,837	2,999	4,836	259	516	775
	9.4%	49.8%	18.9%	12.7%	49.9%	25.2%	
Education	None, < 1st, Unknown	1,011	965	1,976	78	97	175
		5.2%	16.0%	7.7%	3.8%	9.4%	5.7%
	Grade School	346	200	546	29	31	60
		1.8%	3.3%	2.1%	1.4%	3.0%	1.9%
	Some High School	5,360	1,419	6,779	330	199	529
		27.4%	23.6%	26.5%	16.1%	19.2%	17.2%
	High School Graduate	10,798	2,942	13,740	1,274	566	1,840
		55.2%	48.9%	53.7%	62.2%	54.7%	59.7%
	Some Post-Secondary	1,767	387	2,154	264	117	381
		9.0%	6.4%	8.4%	12.9%	11.3%	12.4%
College Graduate	153	53	206	47	10	57	
	0.8%	0.9%	0.8%	2.3%	1.0%	1.9%	
Graduate Degree	131	51	182	25	14	39	
	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%	1.2%	1.4%	1.3%	
	High School Grad or Higher	12,849	3,433	16,282	1,610	707	2,317
		65.7%	57.1%	63.6%	78.7%	68.4%	75.2%
Marital Status	Divorced	1,358	126	1,484	241	20	261
		6.9%	2.1%	5.8%	11.8%	1.9%	8.5%
	Legally Separated	46	3	49	14	0	14
		0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.7%	0.0%	0.5%
	Married, Living with Spouse	798	3,340	4,138	46	569	615
		4.1%	55.5%	16.2%	2.2%	55.0%	20.0%
	Never Married	14,465	2,396	16,861	1,342	433	1,775
	73.9%	39.8%	65.9%	65.6%	41.9%	57.6%	
Married, Living Apart	2,687	149	2,836	393	11	404	
	13.7%	2.5%	11.1%	19.2%	1.1%	13.1%	
Widowed	212	3	215	11	1	12	
	1.1%	0.0%	0.8%	0.5%	0.1%	0.4%	

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		MFIP Cases			DWP Cases			
		Number of Eligible Adults			Number of Eligible Adults			
		One	Two	Total	One	Two	Total	
Race/Ethnicity	Asian	782	737	1,519	68	115	183	
		4.0%	12.2%	5.9%	3.3%	11.1%	5.9%	
	Black	8,246	2,227	10,473	670	291	961	
		42.1%	37.0%	40.9%	32.7%	28.1%	31.2%	
	Hispanic	1,102	238	1,340	146	61	207	
		5.6%	4.0%	5.2%	7.1%	5.9%	6.7%	
	American Indian	1,663	503	2,166	96	41	137	
	8.5%	8.4%	8.5%	4.7%	4.0%	4.4%		
	White	7,275	2,180	9,455	1,023	497	1,520	
		37.2%	36.2%	37.0%	50.0%	48.1%	49.3%	
	Multiple	433	76	509	34	15	49	
		2.2%	1.3%	2.0%	1.7%	1.5%	1.6%	
Asian Subgroups	Asian American	239	110	349	26	29	55	
		1.2%	1.8%	1.4%	1.3%	2.8%	1.8%	
	Hmong Immigrant	289	110	399	17	15	32	
		1.5%	1.8%	1.6%	0.8%	1.5%	1.0%	
	Other Asian Immigrant	254	517	771	25	71	96	
		1.3%	8.6%	3.0%	1.2%	6.9%	3.1%	
African Subgroups	African American	6,400	959	7,359	504	144	648	
		32.7%	15.9%	28.8%	24.6%	13.9%	21.0%	
	Somali Immigrant	1,337	978	2,315	102	101	203	
		6.8%	16.3%	9.0%	5.0%	9.8%	6.6%	
	Other African Immigrant	509	290	799	64	46	110	
		2.6%	4.8%	3.1%	3.1%	4.4%	3.6%	
Citizenship	Non-U.S.	1,789	1,797	3,586	150	185	335	
		9.1%	29.9%	14.0%	7.3%	17.9%	10.9%	
	U.S.	17,777	4,220	21,997	1,897	849	2,746	
		90.9%	70.1%	86.0%	92.7%	82.1%	89.1%	
Race/Ethnicity of Noncitizens	Asian	358	568	926	34	80	114	
		Percent of All Asians	45.8%	77.1%	61.0%	50.0%	69.6%	62.3%
	Black	1,211	970	2,181	78	76	154	
		Percent of All Blacks	14.7%	43.6%	20.8%	11.6%	26.1%	16.0%
	Hispanic	128	30	158	28	8	36	
		Percent of All Hispanics	11.6%	12.6%	11.8%	19.2%	13.1%	17.4%
	American Indian	1	0	1	0	0	0	
	Percent of All American Indians	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	White	75	189	264	9	16	25	
	Percent of All Whites	4.2%	10.5%	7.4%	0.9%	3.2%	1.6%	

Table 3. Family Composition, Residence and Challenges of December 2013 MFIP and DWP Paid Cases

		MFIP Cases				DWP Cases		
		Child-Only	Number of Eligible Adults			Number of Eligible Adults		
			One	Two	Total	One	Two	Total
Cases	Count	10,902	19,566	3,009	22,575	2,047	517	2,564
		32.6%	58.4%	9.0%	67.4%	79.8%	20.2%	100.0%
Family Type	Natural/Adopted/Step Children	6,150	18,707	2,960	21,667	1,841	512	2,353
		56.4%	95.6%	98.4%	96.0%	89.9%	99.0%	91.8%
	Relative Care	4,580	190	0	190	20	0	20
		42.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.8%	1.0%	0.0%	0.8%
	Natural/Adopted/Step and Relative Care	172	328	48	376	20	5	25
	1.6%	1.7%	1.6%	1.7%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	
	Pregnant Only	0	341	1	342	166	0	166
		0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	1.5%	8.1%	0.0%	6.5%
Two Caregivers	Count of Cases	2,277	1,194	3,008	4,202	51	517	568
		20.9%	6.1%	100.0%	18.6%	2.5%	100.0%	22.2%
Married	Count of Cases	1,854	720	1,661	2,381	33	284	317
		17.0%	3.7%	55.2%	10.5%	1.6%	54.9%	12.4%
Ineligible Caregivers: People Counts	Relative Caregivers	5,623	9	1	10	1		1
		42.7%	0.7%	100.0%	0.8%	0.0%		0.0%
	SSI Parents	5,108	794		794	21		21
		38.8%	63.8%		63.7%	41.2%		41.2%
	Undocumented Non-citizen Parents	2,375	170		170	28		28
		18.0%	13.7%		13.6%	54.9%		54.9%
	MFIP Disqualified Parents	68	19		19	1		1
		0.5%	1.5%		1.5%	0.0%		2.0%
	Reached 60th Month and Opted Out	5	202		202	0		0
	0.0%	16.2%		16.2%	0.0%		0.0%	
	Other Ineligible Parents	0	0		-	0		0
		0.0%	0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	
	Count	13,179	1,245	1	1,246	51		51
Ineligible Children: People Counts	SSI Children	935	1,990	223	2,213	83	27	110
		75.6%	94.9%	95.7%	95.0%	89.2%	96.4%	90.9%
	Undocumented Non-citizens	260	17	1	18	1	0	1
		21.0%	0.8%	0.4%	0.8%	1.1%	0.0%	0.8%
	Other Ineligible Children	42	90	9	99	9	1	10
	3.4%	4.3%	3.9%	4.2%	9.7%	3.6%	8.3%	
	Count	1,237	2,097	233	2,330	93	28	121
	Percent of All Children	5.9%	5.4%	2.7%	4.9%	2.6%	2.0%	2.5%

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		MFIP Cases				DWP Cases			
		Child-Only	Number of Eligible Adults			Number of Eligible Adults			
			One	Two	Total	One	Two	Total	
Eligible Children	Mean	1.8	1.9	2.8	1.9	1.7	2.6	1.9	
	Median	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	
	Minimum	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Maximum	13	11	11	13	7	9	9	
		0	0	742	17	759	188	3	191
			0.0%	3.8%	0.6%	3.4%	9.2%	0.6%	7.4%
		1	5,597	8,940	686	9,626	909	121	1,030
			51.3%	45.7%	22.8%	42.6%	44.4%	23.4%	40.2%
		2	2,996	5,249	882	6,131	517	163	680
			27.5%	26.8%	29.3%	27.2%	25.3%	31.5%	26.5%
		3	1,417	2,734	641	3,375	284	112	396
			13.0%	14.0%	21.3%	15.0%	13.9%	21.7%	15.4%
		4 - 6	854	1,761	684	2,445	144	109	253
			7.8%	9.0%	22.7%	10.8%	7.0%	21.1%	9.9%
	7 - 9	36	136	93	229	5	9	14	
		0.3%	0.7%	3.1%	1.0%	0.2%	1.7%	0.5%	
	10 or more	2	4	6	10	0	0	0	
		0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	Count	19,889	36,607	8,294	44,901	3,463	1,350	4,813	
All Children	Mean	1.9	2.0	2.8	2.0	1.7	2.7	1.9	
	Median	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	
	Minimum	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	
	Maximum	13	11	11	13	8	9	9	
		0	0	341	1	342	166	0	166
			0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	1.5%	8.1%	0.0%	6.5%
		1	5,154	8,689	651	9,340	904	119	1,023
			47.3%	44.4%	21.6%	41.4%	44.2%	23.0%	39.9%
		2	2,993	5,390	864	6,254	519	162	681
			27.5%	27.5%	28.7%	27.7%	25.4%	31.3%	26.6%
		3	1,646	2,944	665	3,609	298	113	411
			15.1%	15.0%	22.1%	16.0%	14.6%	21.9%	16.0%
		4 - 6	1,062	2,041	723	2,764	155	112	267
			9.7%	10.4%	24.0%	12.2%	7.6%	21.7%	10.4%
	7 - 9	44	156	97	253	5	11	16	
		0.4%	0.8%	3.2%	1.1%	0.2%	2.1%	0.6%	
	10 or more	3	5	8	13	0	0	0	
		0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	Count of All Children	21,126	38,704	8,527	47,231	3,556	1,378	4,934	

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		MFIP Cases				DWP Cases		
		Child-Only	Number of Eligible Adults			Number of Eligible Adults		
			One	Two	Total	One	Two	Total
Age of Youngest Child	Mean	8.2	4.5	3.1	5.6	6.0	2.9	5.4
	Median	8	3	2	4	5	1	4
	Minimum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Maximum	19	19	18	19	18	17	18
	< 1 year old	527	3,803	869	4,672	59	176	235
		4.8%	19.4%	28.9%	20.7%	2.9%	34.0%	9.2%
	1-5 years old	3,514	9,267	1,556	10,823	994	239	1,233
		32.2%	47.4%	51.7%	47.9%	48.6%	46.2%	48.1%
	6-10 years old	2,985	3,475	355	3,830	480	71	551
		27.4%	17.8%	11.8%	17.0%	23.4%	13.7%	21.5%
	11-12 years old	1,036	840	81	921	112	13	125
		9.5%	4.3%	2.7%	4.1%	5.5%	2.5%	4.9%
13-15 years old	1,568	1,126	95	1,221	136	10	146	
	14.4%	5.8%	3.2%	5.4%	6.6%	1.9%	5.7%	
>15 years old	1,272	714	52	766	99	8	107	
	11.7%	3.6%	1.7%	3.4%	4.8%	1.5%	4.2%	
Region	Hennepin County	3,341	6,222	761	6,983	450	85	535
		30.6%	31.8%	25.3%	30.9%	22.0%	16.4%	20.9%
	Ramsey County	2,036	4,239	675	4,914	341	107	448
		18.7%	21.7%	22.4%	21.8%	16.7%	20.7%	17.5%
	Metro Suburban	1,627	2,805	353	3,158	475	84	559
	14.9%	14.3%	11.7%	14.0%	23.2%	16.2%	21.8%	
Greater Minnesota	3,898	6,300	1,220	7,520	781	241	1,022	
	35.8%	32.2%	40.5%	33.3%	38.2%	46.6%	39.9%	
Serious Mental Health Diagnosis	2011 - 2013	4,516	10,589	1,505	12,094	668	183	851
		41.4%	54.1%	50.0%	53.6%	32.6%	35.4%	33.2%
	2013	3,416	8,342	1,207	9,549	470	125	595
	31.3%	42.6%	40.1%	42.3%	23.0%	24.2%	23.2%	
Chemical Dependency Diagnosis	2011 - 2013	1,800	5,512	893	6,405	330	109	439
		16.5%	28.2%	29.7%	28.4%	16.1%	21.1%	17.1%
	2013	1,080	3,535	585	4,120	220	69	289
	9.9%	18.1%	19.4%	18.3%	10.7%	13.3%	11.3%	
Child Protection 2011 - 2013	Family Assessment	987	2,597	347	2,944	168	49	217
		9.1%	13.3%	11.5%	13.0%	8.2%	9.5%	8.5%
	Family Investigation	249	749	87	836	43	11	54
		2.3%	3.8%	2.9%	3.7%	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%
Child Maltreatment Determination	168	363	54	417	13	9	22	
	1.5%	1.9%	1.8%	1.8%	0.6%	1.7%	0.9%	

Table 4. Economic Characteristics of MFIP and DWP Paid Cases December 2013

		MFIP Cases				DWP Cases		
		Child-Only	Number of Eligible Adults			Number of Eligible Adults		
			One	Two	Total	One	Two	Total
Cases	Count	10,902	19,566	3,009	22,575	2,047	517	2,564
		32.6%	58.4%	9.0%	67.4%	79.8%	20.2%	100.0%
Counted MFIP Months Sept. 1996 to Dec. 2013 Maximum for Eligible Adult in Case	Mean	15.4	28.9	21.5	27.9	11.7	10.3	11.4
	Median	0	25	16	23	4	2	3
	0 Counted Months	6,027	808	59	867	916	241	1,157
		55.3%	4.1%	2.0%	3.8%	44.7%	46.6%	45.1%
	1 - 12 Months	1,175	5,213	1,246	6,459	450	130	580
		10.8%	26.6%	41.4%	28.6%	22.0%	25.1%	22.6%
	13 - 24 Months	730	3,647	656	4,303	269	67	336
		6.7%	18.6%	21.8%	19.1%	13.1%	13.0%	13.1%
	25 - 36 Months	629	2,692	395	3,087	180	34	214
		5.8%	13.8%	13.1%	13.7%	8.8%	6.6%	8.3%
	37 - 42 Months	272	1,099	158	1,257	82	11	93
		2.5%	5.6%	5.3%	5.6%	4.0%	2.1%	3.6%
	43 - 48 Months	251	989	111	1,100	58	10	68
	2.3%	5.1%	3.7%	4.9%	2.8%	1.9%	2.7%	
49 - 54 Months	246	829	114	943	55	13	68	
	2.3%	4.2%	3.8%	4.2%	2.7%	2.5%	2.7%	
55 - 60 Months	1,572	4,289	270	4,559	37	11	48	
	14.4%	21.9%	9.0%	20.2%	1.8%	2.1%	1.9%	
DWP Eligibility Months	1st Month					542	126	668
						26.5%	24.4%	26.1%
	2nd Month					551	132	683
						26.9%	25.5%	26.6%
3rd Month					496	125	621	
					24.2%	24.2%	24.2%	
4th Month					458	134	592	
					22.4%	25.9%	23.1%	
New Cases in 2013	Minnesota Resident before 2013	1,029	2,614	404	3,018	623	157	780
	Percent of New Cases	87.1%	75.9%	48.8%	70.7%	69.3%	63.6%	68.1%
	Moved into State in 2013	153	828	424	1,252	276	90	366
	Percent of New Cases	12.9%	24.1%	51.2%	29.3%	30.7%	36.4%	31.9%
	Total of New Cases	1,182	3,442	828	4,270	899	247	1,146
Percent of All Cases	10.8%	17.6%	27.5%	18.9%	43.9%	47.8%	44.7%	

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		MFIP Cases				DWP Cases		
		Child-Only	Number of Eligible Adults			Number of Eligible Adults		
			One	Two	Total	One	Two	Total
Cash Grant	Mean of All Cases in Column	\$312	\$347	\$390	\$353	\$326	\$489	\$359
MFIP Food Portion	Mean of All Cases in Column	\$267	\$371	\$533	\$393			
SNAP -- Uncle Harry	Mean of Cases Receiving	\$144	\$132	\$135	\$132			
	Percent of Cases in Column Receiving	50.5%	14.4%	9.5%	20.5%			
SNAP -- Other Cases	Mean of Cases Receiving	\$281	\$393	\$546	\$415	\$374	\$542	\$408
	Percent of Cases in Column Receiving	2.4%	6.7%	7.5%	6.8%	93.0%	93.2%	93.1%
MFIP Food-Only Assistance	Mean	\$177	\$318	\$459	\$347			
	Count of Cases	488	2,165	567	2,732			
	Percent of All Cases	4.5%	11.1%	18.8%	12.1%			
Income From Work	Count of Cases	1,788	6,734	1,710	8,444	791	284	1,075
	Percent of All Cases	16.4%	34.4%	56.8%	37.4%	38.6%	54.9%	41.9%
Earned Income	Mean of Working Cases	\$1,055	\$1,003	\$1,300	\$1,063	\$1,107	\$1,236	\$1,141
	Median	\$776	\$870	\$1,177	\$918	\$896	\$998	\$924
Work Hours	Mean of Working Cases	101.1	98.6	129.4	104.8	101.7	117.1	105.8
	Median	86	94	121	100	95	105	96
	1 - 79 Hours	778	2,698	455	3,153	313	99	412
	Percent of All Cases	7.1%	13.8%	15.1%	14.0%	15.3%	19.1%	16.1%
	80 - 119 Hours	368	1,778	355	2,133	181	55	236
		3.4%	9.1%	11.8%	9.4%	8.8%	10.6%	9.2%
	120 - 159 Hours	253	1,265	364	1,629	131	47	178
		2.3%	6.5%	12.1%	7.2%	6.4%	9.1%	6.9%
	160 Hours or More	385	974	536	1,510	163	83	246
		3.5%	5.0%	17.8%	6.7%	8.0%	16.1%	9.6%
Unemployment Insurance Wages for Quarter 2, 2013	Mean of Cases with UI Wages	\$8,372	\$2,721	\$4,504	\$3,053	\$4,297	\$6,240	\$4,743
	Median	\$6,396	\$1,852	\$2,927	\$2,019	\$3,630	\$5,694	\$4,114
	Count of Cases	2,939	7,467	1,705	9,172	1,137	339	1,476
	Percent of All Cases	27.0%	38.2%	56.7%	40.6%	55.5%	65.6%	57.6%

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		MFIP Cases				DWP Cases			
		Child-Only	Number of Eligible Adults			Number of Eligible Adults			
			One	Two	Total	One	Two	Total	
Child Care Assistance Program Eligibility	Youngest MFIP-Eligible Child Less than Age 6	130	3,756	498	4,254	275	45	320	
		1.2%	19.2%	16.6%	18.8%	13.4%	8.7%	12.5%	
	Youngest MFIP-Eligible Child Age 6 to 12 Years	37	300	18	318	46	2	48	
		0.3%	1.5%	0.6%	1.4%	2.2%	0.4%	1.9%	
	Any MFIP-Eligible Child	167	4,056	516	4,572	321	47	368	
		1.5%	20.7%	17.1%	20.3%	15.7%	9.1%	14.4%	
SSI Receipt	Any Adult or Child	4,891	2,412	197	2,609	95	23	118	
		44.9%	12.3%	6.5%	11.6%	4.6%	4.4%	4.6%	
Child Support Disbursements	Current Mean for Cases Receiving	\$231	\$233	\$210	\$232	\$302	\$277	\$301	
		Median	\$183	\$181	\$178	\$181	\$265	\$234	\$262
		Count	2,398	4,137	214	4,351	440	34	474
		Percent of Cases	22.0%	21.1%	7.1%	19.3%	21.5%	6.6%	18.5%
		Sum	\$553,573	\$965,958	\$44,902	\$1,010,859	\$133,045	\$9,413	\$142,459
	Arrears Mean for Cases Receiving	\$142	\$105	\$227	\$112	\$142	\$91	\$138	
		Median	\$70	\$50	\$59	\$51	\$66	\$88	\$66
		Count	489	1,608	99	1,707	239	22	261
		Percent of Cases	4.5%	8.2%	3.3%	7.6%	11.7%	4.3%	10.2%
		Sum	\$69,545	\$168,722	\$22,437	\$191,160	\$33,904	\$1,991	\$35,895
	Total Mean for Cases Receiving	\$247	\$263	\$297	\$265	\$364	\$300	\$359	
		Median	\$183	\$189	\$187	\$189	\$307	\$252	\$300
		Count	2,519	4,309	227	4,536	459	38	497
		Percent of Cases	23.1%	22.0%	7.5%	20.1%	22.4%	7.4%	19.4%
		Sum	\$623,118	\$1,134,680	\$67,339	\$1,202,019	\$166,949	\$11,404	\$178,354

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		MFIP Cases			
		Child-Only	Number of Eligible Adults		
			One	Two	Total
Employment Services Sanctions	10 % ES Sanction	2	239	65	304
	30 % ES Sanction	64	816	131	947
	All Cases with ES Sanctions	66	1,055	196	1,251
	Percent of All Cases	0.6%	5.4%	6.5%	5.5%
	Six Counted Sanction Months	5	187	23	210
	Percent of All Cases	0.0%	1.0%	0.8%	0.9%
Housing Subsidy	Mean Subsidy Amount > \$0	\$647	\$710	\$685	\$707
	Count	2,630	5,744	662	6,406
	Percent	24.1%	29.4%	22.0%	28.4%
Grant Deduction for Housing Subsidy	Mean Deduction > \$0	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
	Count	32	2,607	372	2,979
	Percent	0.3%	13.3%	12.4%	13.2%
Family Cap	Count of Cases with One Child	33	2,320	432	2,752
	Two Children	14	597	122	719
	Three or More Children	4	197	35	232
	Percentage of Cases	0.5%	15.9%	19.6%	16.4%
Family Stabilization Services	Count	20	7,852	1,350	9,202
	Percent of All Cases	0.2%	40.1%	44.9%	40.8%
Eligibility Reason	Ill or Incapacitated	1	1,951	356	2,307
	Percent of FSS Cases	5.0%	24.8%	26.4%	25.1%
	SSI or RSDI Application	9	1,861	245	2,106
		45.0%	23.7%	18.1%	22.9%
	Mental Illness	0	1,173	90	1,263
		0.0%	14.9%	6.7%	13.7%
	Special Medical Criteria	2	894	58	952
		10.0%	11.4%	4.3%	10.3%
	Care of Ill or Incapacitated	1	721	104	825
		5.0%	9.2%	7.7%	9.0%
	New Immigrant	0	337	391	728
		0.0%	4.3%	29.0%	7.9%
	Family Violence Waiver	3	444	9	453
		15.0%	5.7%	0.7%	4.9%
	Unemployable	3	184	26	210
		15.0%	2.3%	1.9%	2.3%
	IQ Between < 80	0	127	12	139
	0.0%	1.6%	0.9%	1.5%	
Other Disability	0	83	27	110	
	0.0%	1.1%	2.0%	1.2%	
Age 60 or Older	1	44	23	67	
	5.0%	0.6%	1.7%	0.7%	
Learning Disability	0	16	7	23	
	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%	0.2%	
Developmental Disability	0	17	2	19	
	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	

Table 6. December 2013 MFIP and DWP Paid Cases by County and Region

County/Region/State	MFIP Cases				Total Cases and Percent of State	DWP Cases			
	Child-Only	Number of Eligible Adults				One	Two	Total	Percent of State
		One	Two	Total					
Aitkin	29	35	4	39	68	8	2	10	
	42.6%	51.5%	5.9%	57.4%	0.2%	80.0%	20.0%	100.0%	0.4%
Anoka	516	1,029	178	1,207	1,723	151	25	176	
	29.9%	59.7%	10.3%	70.1%	5.1%	85.8%	14.2%	100.0%	6.9%
Becker	101	108	24	132	233	5	3	8	
	43.3%	46.4%	10.3%	56.7%	0.7%	62.5%	37.5%	100.0%	0.3%
Beltrami	413	674	97	771	1,184	30	2	32	
	34.9%	56.9%	8.2%	65.1%	3.5%	93.8%	6.3%	100.0%	1.2%
Benton	59	137	35	172	231	16	5	21	
	25.5%	59.3%	15.2%	74.5%	0.7%	76.2%	23.8%	100.0%	0.8%
Big Stone	4	7	2	9	13	2	0	2	
	30.8%	53.8%	15.4%	69.2%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.1%
Blue Earth	51	158	46	204	255	15	5	20	
	20.0%	62.0%	18.0%	80.0%	0.8%	75.0%	25.0%	100.0%	0.8%
Brown	14	28	8	36	50	8	2	10	
	28.0%	56.0%	16.0%	72.0%	0.1%	80.0%	20.0%	100.0%	0.4%
Carlton	66	73	12	85	151	9	2	11	
	43.7%	48.3%	7.9%	56.3%	0.5%	81.8%	18.2%	100.0%	0.4%
Carver	56	63	3	66	122	12	3	15	
	45.9%	51.6%	2.5%	54.1%	0.4%	80.0%	20.0%	100.0%	0.6%
Cass	159	151	43	194	353	23	10	33	
	45.0%	42.8%	12.2%	55.0%	1.1%	69.7%	30.3%	100.0%	1.3%
Chippewa	26	38	4	42	68	3	0	3	
	38.2%	55.9%	5.9%	61.8%	0.2%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.1%
Chisago	58	65	2	67	125	16	1	17	
	46.4%	52.0%	1.6%	53.6%	0.4%	94.1%	5.9%	100.0%	0.7%
Clay	93	162	48	210	303	41	15	56	
	30.7%	53.5%	15.8%	69.3%	0.9%	73.2%	26.8%	100.0%	2.2%
Clearwater	28	30	8	38	66	4	0	4	
	42.4%	45.5%	12.1%	57.6%	0.2%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.2%
Cook	7	8	3	11	18	2	1	3	
	38.9%	44.4%	16.7%	61.1%	0.1%	66.7%	33.3%	100.0%	0.1%

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County/Region/State	MFIP Cases				Total Cases and Percent of State	DWP Cases			
	Child-Only	Number of Eligible Adults				One	Two	Total	Percent of State
		One	Two	Total					
Cottonwood	19	36	9	45	64	7	2	9	
	29.7%	56.3%	14.1%	70.3%	0.2%	77.8%	22.2%	100.0%	0.4%
Crow Wing	97	133	31	164	261	13	3	16	
	37.2%	51.0%	11.9%	62.8%	0.8%	81.3%	18.8%	100.0%	0.6%
Dakota	505	813	77	890	1,395	142	30	172	
	36.2%	58.3%	5.5%	63.8%	4.2%	82.6%	17.4%	100.0%	6.7%
Dodge	23	35	8	43	66	9	0	9	
	34.8%	53.0%	12.1%	65.2%	0.2%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.4%
Douglas	38	61	8	69	107	6	5	11	
	35.5%	57.0%	7.5%	64.5%	0.3%	54.5%	45.5%	100.0%	0.4%
Faribault	21	35	3	38	59	5	2	7	
	35.6%	59.3%	5.1%	64.4%	0.2%	71.4%	28.6%	100.0%	0.3%
Fillmore	11	23	7	30	41	6	2	8	
	26.8%	56.1%	17.1%	73.2%	0.1%	75.0%	25.0%	100.0%	0.3%
Freeborn	52	103	22	125	177	8	4	12	
	29.4%	58.2%	12.4%	70.6%	0.5%	66.7%	33.3%	100.0%	0.5%
Goodhue	36	65	10	75	111	11	1	12	
	32.4%	58.6%	9.0%	67.6%	0.3%	91.7%	8.3%	100.0%	0.5%
Grant	6	14	3	17	23	2	0	2	
	26.1%	60.9%	13.0%	73.9%	0.1%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.1%
Hennepin	3,341	6,222	761	6,983	10,324	450	85	535	
	32.4%	60.3%	7.4%	67.6%	30.8%	84.1%	15.9%	100.0%	20.9%
Houston	13	48	7	55	68	6	1	7	
	19.1%	70.6%	10.3%	80.9%	0.2%	85.7%	14.3%	100.0%	0.3%
Hubbard	47	39	11	50	97	10	5	15	
	48.5%	40.2%	11.3%	51.5%	0.3%	66.7%	33.3%	100.0%	0.6%
Isanti	52	86	13	99	151	19	5	24	
	34.4%	57.0%	8.6%	65.6%	0.5%	79.2%	20.8%	100.0%	0.9%
Itasca	117	161	32	193	310	23	4	27	
	37.7%	51.9%	10.3%	62.3%	0.9%	85.2%	14.8%	100.0%	1.1%
Jackson	10	25	2	27	37	1	0	1	
	27.0%	67.6%	5.4%	73.0%	0.1%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%

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County/Region/State	MFIP Cases					DWP Cases			
	Child-Only	Number of Eligible Adults			Total Cases and Percent of State	Number of Eligible Adults			Percent of State
		One	Two	Total		One	Two	Total	
Kanabec	31	33	9	42	73	7	3	10	0.4%
	42.5%	45.2%	12.3%	57.5%	0.2%	70.0%	30.0%	100.0%	
Kandiyohi	106	160	30	190	296	13	2	15	0.6%
	35.8%	54.1%	10.1%	64.2%	0.9%	86.7%	13.3%	100.0%	
Kittson	5	2	1	3	8	0	0	0	0.0%
	62.5%	25.0%	12.5%	37.5%	0.0%				
Koochiching	19	43	7	50	69	5	1	6	0.2%
	27.5%	62.3%	10.1%	72.5%	0.2%	83.3%	16.7%	100.0%	
Lac Qui Parle	3	14	1	15	18	0	0	0	0.0%
	16.7%	77.8%	5.6%	83.3%	0.1%				
Lake	9	9	2	11	20	0	0	0	0.0%
	45.0%	45.0%	10.0%	55.0%	0.1%				
Lake Of The Woods	3	12	1	13	16	1	1	2	0.1%
	18.8%	75.0%	6.3%	81.3%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	100.0%	
Le Seuer	26	64	8	72	98	9	5	14	0.5%
	26.5%	65.3%	8.2%	73.5%	0.3%	64.3%	35.7%	100.0%	
Lincoln	4	4	1	5	9	0	0	0	0.0%
	44.4%	44.4%	11.1%	55.6%	0.0%				
Lyon	38	58	6	64	102	10	5	15	0.6%
	37.3%	56.9%	5.9%	62.7%	0.3%	66.7%	33.3%	100.0%	
Mcleod	28	56	7	63	91	12	6	18	0.7%
	30.8%	61.5%	7.7%	69.2%	0.3%	66.7%	33.3%	100.0%	
Mahnomn	77	89	25	114	191	0	3	3	0.1%
	40.3%	46.6%	13.1%	59.7%	0.6%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Marshall	10	8	2	10	20	0	1	1	0.0%
	50.0%	40.0%	10.0%	50.0%	0.1%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Martin	20	36	8	44	64	14	2	16	0.6%
	31.3%	56.3%	12.5%	68.8%	0.2%	87.5%	12.5%	100.0%	
Meeker	30	25	9	34	64	7	1	8	0.3%
	46.9%	39.1%	14.1%	53.1%	0.2%	87.5%	12.5%	100.0%	
Mille Lacs	80	76	12	88	168	10	1	11	0.4%
	47.6%	45.2%	7.1%	52.4%	0.5%	90.9%	9.1%	100.0%	

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County/Region/State	MFIP Cases					DWP Cases				
	Child-Only	Number of Eligible Adults			Total Cases and Percent of State	Number of Eligible Adults			Percent of State	
		One	Two	Total		One	Two	Total		
Morrison	50	68	10	78	128	5	1	6		
	39.1%	53.1%	7.8%	60.9%	0.4%	83.3%	16.7%	100.0%	0.2%	
Mower	116	145	27	172	288	30	9	39		
	40.3%	50.3%	9.4%	59.7%	0.9%	76.9%	23.1%	100.0%	1.5%	
Murray	8	3	4	7	15	2	1	3		
	53.3%	20.0%	26.7%	46.7%	0.0%	66.7%	33.3%	100.0%	0.1%	
Nicollet	25	107	23	130	155	12	5	17		
	16.1%	69.0%	14.8%	83.9%	0.5%	70.6%	29.4%	100.0%	0.7%	
Nobles	91	55	14	69	160	10	4	14		
	56.9%	34.4%	8.8%	43.1%	0.5%	71.4%	28.6%	100.0%	0.5%	
Norman	6	14	4	18	24	2	2	4		
	25.0%	58.3%	16.7%	75.0%	0.1%	50.0%	50.0%	100.0%	0.2%	
Olmsted	200	452	79	531	731	57	14	71		
	27.4%	61.8%	10.8%	72.6%	2.2%	80.3%	19.7%	100.0%	2.8%	
Otter Tail	50	97	19	116	166	15	3	18		
	30.1%	58.4%	11.4%	69.9%	0.5%	83.3%	16.7%	100.0%	0.7%	
Pennington	13	12	7	19	32	4	0	4		
	40.6%	37.5%	21.9%	59.4%	0.1%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.2%	
Pine	71	87	21	108	179	22	10	32		
	39.7%	48.6%	11.7%	60.3%	0.5%	68.8%	31.3%	100.0%	1.2%	
Pipestone	18	26	7	33	51	2	2	4		
	35.3%	51.0%	13.7%	64.7%	0.2%	50.0%	50.0%	100.0%	0.2%	
Polk	56	120	20	140	196	15	4	19		
	28.6%	61.2%	10.2%	71.4%	0.6%	78.9%	21.1%	100.0%	0.7%	
Pope	10	18	5	23	33	2	1	3		
	30.3%	54.5%	15.2%	69.7%	0.1%	66.7%	33.3%	100.0%	0.1%	
Ramsey	2,036	4,239	675	4,914	6,950	341	107	448		
	29.3%	61.0%	9.7%	70.7%	20.8%	76.1%	23.9%	100.0%	17.5%	
Red Lake	2	3	0	3	5	2	0	2		
	40.0%	60.0%	0.0%	60.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.1%	
Redwood	18	17	4	21	39	6	2	8		
	46.2%	43.6%	10.3%	53.8%	0.1%	75.0%	25.0%	100.0%	0.3%	

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County/Region/ State	MFIP Cases					DWP Cases			
	Child-Only	Number of Eligible Adults			Total Cases and Percent of State	Number of Eligible Adults			Percent of State
		One	Two	Total		One	Two	Total	
Renville	22	21	3	24	46	8	1	9	0.4%
	47.8%	45.7%	6.5%	52.2%	0.1%	88.9%	11.1%	100.0%	
Rice	93	160	18	178	271	19	4	23	0.9%
	34.3%	59.0%	6.6%	65.7%	0.8%	82.6%	17.4%	100.0%	
Rock	12	11	4	15	27	3	1	4	0.2%
	44.4%	40.7%	14.8%	55.6%	0.1%	75.0%	25.0%	100.0%	
Roseau	9	17	5	22	31	6	4	10	0.4%
	29.0%	54.8%	16.1%	71.0%	0.1%	60.0%	40.0%	100.0%	
St. Louis	489	809	124	933	1,422	75	24	99	3.9%
	34.4%	56.9%	8.7%	65.6%	4.2%	75.8%	24.2%	100.0%	
Scott	110	146	15	161	271	40	6	46	1.8%
	40.6%	53.9%	5.5%	59.4%	0.8%	87.0%	13.0%	100.0%	
Sherburne	75	99	12	111	186	25	2	27	1.1%
	40.3%	53.2%	6.5%	59.7%	0.6%	92.6%	7.4%	100.0%	
Sibley	16	17	7	24	40	3	1	4	0.2%
	40.0%	42.5%	17.5%	60.0%	0.1%	75.0%	25.0%	100.0%	
Stearns	212	459	117	576	788	46	20	66	2.6%
	26.9%	58.2%	14.8%	73.1%	2.4%	69.7%	30.3%	100.0%	
Steele	51	107	22	129	180	18	5	23	0.9%
	28.3%	59.4%	12.2%	71.7%	0.5%	78.3%	21.7%	100.0%	
Stevens	6	22	3	25	31	0	0	0	0.0%
	19.4%	71.0%	9.7%	80.6%	0.1%				
Swift	11	21	3	24	35	2	1	3	0.1%
	31.4%	60.0%	8.6%	68.6%	0.1%	66.7%	33.3%	100.0%	
Todd	25	44	11	55	80	6	0	6	0.2%
	31.3%	55.0%	13.8%	68.8%	0.2%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	
Traverse	8	9	2	11	19	1	2	3	0.1%
	42.1%	47.4%	10.5%	57.9%	0.1%	33.3%	66.7%	100.0%	
Wabasha	13	30	4	34	47	5	2	7	0.3%
	27.7%	63.8%	8.5%	72.3%	0.1%	71.4%	28.6%	100.0%	
Wadena	34	61	10	71	105	11	1	12	0.5%
	32.4%	58.1%	9.5%	67.6%	0.3%	91.7%	8.3%	100.0%	

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County/Region/State	MFIP Cases					DWP Cases			
	Child-Only	Number of Eligible Adults			Total Cases and Percent of State	Number of Eligible Adults			Percent of State
		One	Two	Total		One	Two	Total	
Waseca	26	47	5	52	78	14	3	17	
	33.3%	60.3%	6.4%	66.7%	0.2%	82.4%	17.6%	100.0%	0.7%
Washington	176	349	41	390	566	48	8	56	
	31.1%	61.7%	7.2%	68.9%	1.7%	85.7%	14.3%	100.0%	2.2%
Watonwan	22	22	1	23	45	4	0	4	
	48.9%	48.9%	2.2%	51.1%	0.1%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.2%
Wilkin	8	12	2	14	22	3	0	3	
	36.4%	54.5%	9.1%	63.6%	0.1%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.1%
Winona	63	117	16	133	196	6	5	11	
	32.1%	59.7%	8.2%	67.9%	0.6%	54.5%	45.5%	100.0%	0.4%
Wright	79	155	12	167	246	22	4	26	
	32.1%	63.0%	4.9%	67.9%	0.7%	84.6%	15.4%	100.0%	1.0%
Yellow Medicine	15	14	3	17	32	4	2	6	
	46.9%	43.8%	9.4%	53.1%	0.1%	66.7%	33.3%	100.0%	0.2%
Northwest	101	176	39	215	316	29	11	40	
	32.0%	55.7%	12.3%	68.0%	0.9%	72.5%	27.5%	100.0%	1.6%
West Central	1,253	1,804	361	2,165	3,418	178	55	233	
	36.7%	52.8%	10.6%	63.3%	10.2%	76.4%	23.6%	100.0%	9.1%
Northeast	736	1,138	184	1,322	2,058	122	34	156	
	35.8%	55.3%	8.9%	64.2%	6.1%	78.2%	21.8%	100.0%	6.1%
Central	691	1,140	256	1,396	2,087	160	54	214	
	33.1%	54.6%	12.3%	66.9%	6.2%	74.8%	25.2%	100.0%	8.3%
Southwest	277	329	64	393	670	52	20	72	
	41.3%	49.1%	9.6%	58.7%	2.0%	72.2%	27.8%	100.0%	2.8%
South Central	221	514	109	623	844	84	25	109	
	26.2%	60.9%	12.9%	73.8%	2.5%	77.1%	22.9%	100.0%	4.3%
Southeast	671	1,285	220	1,505	2,176	175	47	222	
	30.8%	59.1%	10.1%	69.2%	6.5%	78.8%	21.2%	100.0%	8.7%
Metro Suburban	1,575	2,719	340	3,059	4,634	456	79	535	
	34.0%	58.7%	7.3%	66.0%	13.8%	85.2%	14.8%	100.0%	20.9%
Core Metro	5,377	10,461	1,436	11,897	17,274	791	192	983	
	31.1%	60.6%	8.3%	68.9%	51.6%	80.5%	19.5%	100.0%	38.3%
Minnesota	10,902	19,566	3,009	22,575	33,477	2,047	517	2,564	
	32.6%	58.4%	9.0%	67.4%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Data Definitions and Policy Information

Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole percent and summed across subgroups, therefore, sometimes do not equal 100 percent.

Table 1

MFIP and DWP rules determine who is a member of a family assistance unit, and also which members are eligible and counted toward determination of a cash grant for an active case. Adult refers to an adult caregiver or minor parent. Cases with two caregivers in which one caregiver is ineligible for MFIP or DWP are included in the one eligible adult cases column. Cases receiving MFIP cash or food grants or DWP cash grants are known as “paid cases”; excludes active cases suspended for a month because they have enough income to cancel out the cash grant. This typically occurs in months with five weekly or three biweekly pay periods. Suspended cases are not included in this report.

Table 2

Characteristics with no bearing on program eligibility may not be routinely updated after the initial application, including education, marital status and citizenship, therefore, these categories may be under- or over-reported.

The coding method for race/ethnicity follows the 2000 U.S. Census methodology, with participants asked their racial choice (yes or no) of each of five racial categories (American Indian, Asian, black, Pacific Islander and white) and ethnicity (Hispanic or non-Hispanic). Hispanics of all races are listed as Hispanic, meaning the other racial categories are non-Hispanic. Pacific Islanders and Asian groups are combined due to very small numbers of Pacific Islanders.

Race/ethnicity data are missing for 121 MFIP-eligible adults and 24 DWP-eligible adults.

Table 3

Table 3 provides case-level statistics, except for person counts in the sections on ineligible caregivers and counts of children.

Ineligible Caregivers. Ineligible caregivers may be parents that receive SSI for a disability, have relative caregiver status, lack documentation of their non-U.S. citizenship status, are disqualified due to fraud, or reached their 60th month of MFIP eligibility and opted out of the case. A caregiver may not opt out once they reach 60 months for the purpose of continued eligibility for their children. When caregivers in a two-caregiver household have different numbers of counted months, the caregiver with 60 months may opt out and the other caregiver and children continue to receive a grant. Children in MFIP or DWP cases may also be ineligible. Children may be ineligible due to receipt of SSI, lack of documentation of their non-U.S.

citizenship status, lack of documentation of a Social Security number, or coming in or out of foster care.

Family Challenges. Family violence is indicated by whether a case had a time limit exemption or extension for a family violence waiver at any time between 2011 and 2013. These numbers underestimate the occurrence of family violence because they only include cases where the caregiver reported the abuse and had an alternative employment plan while receiving MFIP.

A serious mental health diagnosis identifies caregivers who were known to have been diagnosed with psychosis, depression, personality disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder or anxiety-state during 2013, or during the three-year period 2011 to 2013. Chemical dependency diagnosis identifies caregivers who received that diagnosis (not including tobacco) during 2013, or during the three-year period 2011 to 2013. Both of these measures may underestimate the actual number of adults with these diagnoses because they only include cases that receive publicly paid health care, recorded in medical claims in administrative records. These diagnoses may be a secondary diagnosis and do not indicate whether treatment services were received.

Child protection data are from the DHS Social Service Information System (SSIS). Family Assessment (FA) (previously Alternative Response) is an alternative to traditional child protection investigations and services for families where a child is not in imminent danger and allegations do not include egregious harm, sexual abuse or maltreatment/abuse in a daycare or foster home. In an FA, no determination of maltreatment is made. County workers meet with the family to assess and discuss child safety concerns and provide services to help the family meet their child's safety needs. In a Family Investigation (FI), county workers interview persons involved with a report and investigate an allegation. If there is a preponderance of evidence that a child has been a victim of maltreatment and the harm was caused by an act, or failure to act, by a person responsible for the child's care, the county or tribal child protection worker makes a determination that maltreatment has occurred. All caregivers, regardless of MFIP eligibility, are included in this analysis. For caregivers with multiple allegations within the three-year period, only the most serious incident is counted. All categories are mutually exclusive and are consistent with reporting by the DHS Child Safety and Permanency Division.

Table 4

Months of Welfare Use. Counted MFIP months are defined as the maximum number of months of eligibility for TANF and/or MFIP counted toward the 60-month time limit between September 1996 and December 2013 for either eligible adult on the case. This includes Minnesota paid and federally paid months in Minnesota, and federally paid months in other states, but excludes months with an exemption or exception from the time limit.

DWP is a short-term, work-focused program lasting four months. Months on DWP do not count toward the MFIP lifetime limit. A case is eligible for DWP if an applicant has not received MFIP in the previous 12 months, and is deemed likely to benefit from intensive employment services. An applicant is ineligible for DWP if s/he has 60 MFIP counted months.

New Cases. New welfare cases in 2013 are December 2013 cases active in either MFIP or DWP in Minnesota for one or more months in 2013, but active zero months in 1992 to 2012 (the pre-2013 period covered by the state administrative database). Cases new to the state have a 2013 state entry date. Minnesota residents have resided in the state since at least before 2013.

Cash and Food Grant Amounts. MFIP includes a cash grant and a food portion that can only be spent on food. As families work their way toward leaving assistance, their cash grant is decreased first so that some families only receive a food portion. A family can opt out of the cash portion, receiving only the food portion, and those months do not count toward their lifetime limit. If a household member is not eligible for MFIP, that person may be eligible to receive SNAP, which was previously known as both Food Support and Food Stamps. These cases are referred to as “Uncle Harry” cases in Minnesota. DWP provides only a cash grant, but these families are categorically eligible to receive SNAP as well. MFIP cases that received SNAP, and not Uncle Harry cases, are most often “expedited” cases, which means that the household met the criteria for immediate SNAP assistance, but their MFIP case is not opened until later in the month.

The means for MFIP and DWP cash grants and MFIP food portions are calculated using the grant amounts for all cases, including zero cash portion for some MFIP cases. The means for all other SNAP amounts include only cases with benefit amounts greater than zero.

Income, Earnings and Work Hours. Total income is either actual or projected December 2013 income of eligible adults and other adults whose earnings were deemed counted for the case. The amount used was either verified earnings for December 2013, or zero for cases still active in February 2014, with no income reported for December 2013 (required to be reported by February 2014), or prospective December 2013 income for new cases with retrospective data missing and for all migrant cases. Total income is gross income, except for the self-employed where it is gross less expenses, with a minimum of zero. Mean total income excludes cases with no verified or expected income from eligible or deeming adults in December 2013.

Work hours reported for eligible and other deeming adults with earned income are defined in the same manner as earned income. The hours are totals for a case. The percentages of all cases with hours reported are slightly smaller than the percentages reported working because of hours that are not entered into the administrative database. Mean hours only include cases with any reported hours.

Employers covered by the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system must report wages to the state. Some employers are exempt from this requirement, including federal government, other state government, religious, seasonal, sheltered work in a facility, work relief or training financed by a federal agency, National Guard, an elected official, some domestic employment, inmates, some student workers at their school or college, commissioned insurance salespeople, commissioned real estate agents, newspaper delivery or temporary workers [Minn. Stat. §268.035]. The table provides second quarter 2013 wages reported for participants’ jobs covered by UI in Minnesota as a measure of recent work history and earnings. The second quarter predates DWP application (the earliest any of these DWP cases started was September), so for many, or most DWP cases, the second quarter was before the occurrence of whatever induced them to apply, often the loss of a job. Therefore, it is not surprising that

there were differences between average incomes of participants when making program comparisons.

Child Care Assistance Program. Reported CCAP eligibility means that an eligibility determination is currently active and the child may or may not have service authorization (payment) for the month. The table excludes children ages 13 and older with special needs who continue to receive CCAP. Data is reported by age of youngest child. Cases may have CCAP-eligible children in both age groups. MFIP-ineligible and DWP-ineligible children (for example, SSI-eligible children) are excluded. Children must be both CCAP eligible and MFIP or DWP eligible. Children's eligibility for MFIP CCAP is determined based on parent's eligibility for MFIP or DWP. Cases labeled as MFIP child-only cases are eligible for Basic Sliding Fee child care. Data are collected from the Minnesota Electronic Child Care (MEC²) information system.

Child Support. Child support disbursements are paid to families receiving MFIP or DWP in December 2013 from support payments on behalf of children on the case. This includes both current payments and those made for arrears on past months. All current support is passed through to custodial families and counted dollar-for-dollar against the grants.

Table 5

Extensions beyond the Time Limit. An MFIP case can be extended beyond the 60-month lifetime limit for certain documented criteria that affect the caregiver's ability to obtain or retain employment, or if the caregiver is working but does not earn enough to leave assistance. Extensions may be granted for cases that have an ill or incapacitated caregiver, a family member or caregiver that meets special medical criteria, a caregiver with an IQ score below 80, a caregiver that is needed in the home to care for an ill or incapacitated family member, a single parent working an average of at least 30 hours, or two parents working a total of 55 hours a month and other less common reasons. A case sanctioned for non-compliance with Employment Services or child support requirements in month 60 can never be extended.

Exemptions and Exceptions from the Time Limit. Cases can receive an exception from the time limit for special medical criteria. Counted months in which special medical criteria are present before the time limit of 60 months is reached can be "banked" and used to extend eligibility beyond 60 months after the time limit has been reached. The following cases are exempt from the time limit (neither counted nor banked) in the months with these conditions: living on a reservation with a not-employed rate of at least 50 percent, family violence cases cooperating with an alternative employment plan, caregivers age 60 or older, a minor parent, or an 18- or 19-year old parent who is complying with an education plan.

Sanctions. MFIP cases not complying with ES requirements can be sanctioned with a reduction of the grant amount. The first sanction is 10 percent, and if not resolved, the sanction is increased the next month to 30 percent. Some sanctions can be addressed ("cured") and removed. In July 2003, the Minnesota Legislature instituted a policy that after the sixth occurrence of non-compliance, a case may face closure or 100 percent sanction. Table 5 reports the number of cases with 10 percent and 30 percent sanctions in December 2013, and the number of cases with six unresolved sanction months in December 2013.

Pre-sanction procedures for FSS-eligible caregivers are different from those for other MFIP-eligible caregivers. See the Employment Services Manual,² Appendix H, for details on what steps must be taken prior to sanction.

Deductions. In July 2003, the Minnesota Legislature mandated a \$50 maximum deduction from the MFIP grant for families also eligible for housing subsidies. The deduction does not apply to cases with a caregiver age 60 or older, a caregiver with an illness or incapacity lasting more than 30 days that prevents them from working, a caregiver required to be in the home to provide for a family member who is ill or incapacitated, or a child who meets special medical criteria and caregivers who are eligible for SSI.

Family Cap. In July 2003, the Minnesota Legislature instituted the family cap to prohibit a cash grant increase for cases with children conceived while the family was receiving MFIP. Any births after 10 consecutive months of eligibility do not result in a grant increase for an additional child. The policy will expire as of Jan. 1, 2015.

Family Stabilization Services. FSS is a state-funded MFIP service track that enrolled its first participants in February 2008. The purpose is to provide counties more flexibility in development of employment plans by removing FSS cases from the federal Work Participation Rate (WPR) calculation. FSS eligibility is limited to caregivers who have one of these extension reasons: An illness or injury lasting more than 30 days that prevents them from obtaining employment, Required to remain in the home to care for a household member with an illness or injury lasting more than 30 days, A legal non-citizen in the United States for fewer than 12 months, Have a developmental disability or mental illness that prevents them from obtaining employment, Are unemployable, Have a learning disability that prevents them from obtaining employment, Have an IQ less than 80, Have a family violence waiver or Have made an application for SSI or RSDI. Two-caregiver cases are FSS-eligible if one caregiver meets FSS criteria. Extended cases, apart from those extended as working, are also eligible for FSS.

Table 6

Region. The county of residence is grouped into the following economic development regions: Northwest, West Central, Northeast, Central, Southwest, South Central, Southeast, Twin Cities metropolitan suburbs (Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Scott, Sherburne, Washington and Wright counties), and core metro (Hennepin and Ramsey counties).

Data sources. DHS MAXIS data warehouse, February 2014 downloads; DEED UI Wage Detail in the DHS Data Warehouse, extracted April 2014; DHS SSIS and PRISM data warehouses, February downloads; and DHS MMIS data warehouse, February 2014

²[Link to the MFIP Employment Services manual](#)