



ABOUT DTA

Our Mission

The mission of the Department of Transitional Assistance is to assist and empower low-income individuals and families to meet their basic needs, improve their quality of life, and achieve long-term economic self-sufficiency.



The Department of Transitional Assistance is committed to providing a high level of service to all those in need of our services. We are pleased to present this scorecard, which includes several measures that are important for DTA to use in measuring our success and identifying areas for improvement.

– Jeff McCue

Commissioner, Department of Transitional Assistance

Did you know?

The average SNAP benefit for a household in Massachusetts is \$214.80.

That means the average SNAP household has \$7.05 a day to supplement food purchases.



- ✓ 72.0% of SNAP households in Massachusetts have gross countable income of less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Level – that’s \$16,240 for a household of two.
- ✓ 30.6% of SNAP households have at least one child.
- ✓ Elderly individuals are nearly 20% of Massachusetts SNAP recipients.
- ✓ SNAP clients live in every city & town across the Commonwealth.
- ✓ 56,039 DTA clients are due for recertification or reevaluation in September.
- ✓ The average monthly TAFDC grant is \$447 and the average EAEDC grant is \$308.



SNAP ENROLLMENT & QUALITY

SNAP Recipients **760,063**

SNAP Households **442,934**

SNAP Enrollment | 1 in 9 MA Residents



SNAP Accuracy Rate

The **annual** percent of active payments that were completed without errors based on federal guidelines in Federal Fiscal Year 2015.

94.75%

Recipients Age 60+

150,232

Recipients With a Disability

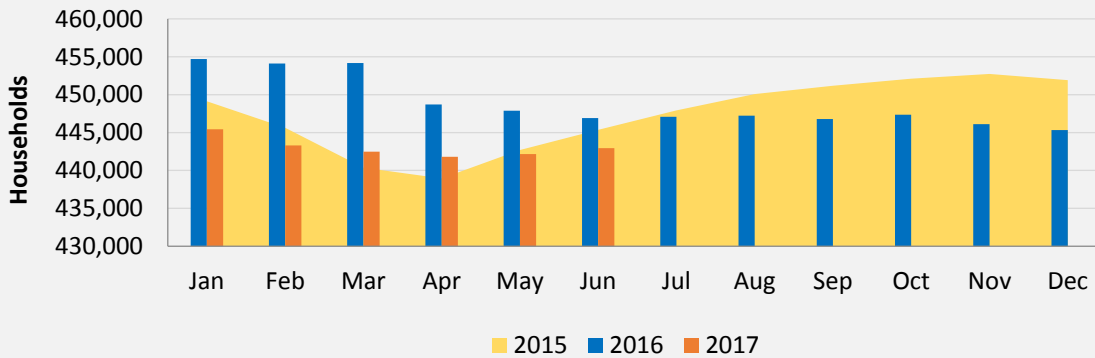
270,124

Recipients Age 18 or under

271,846

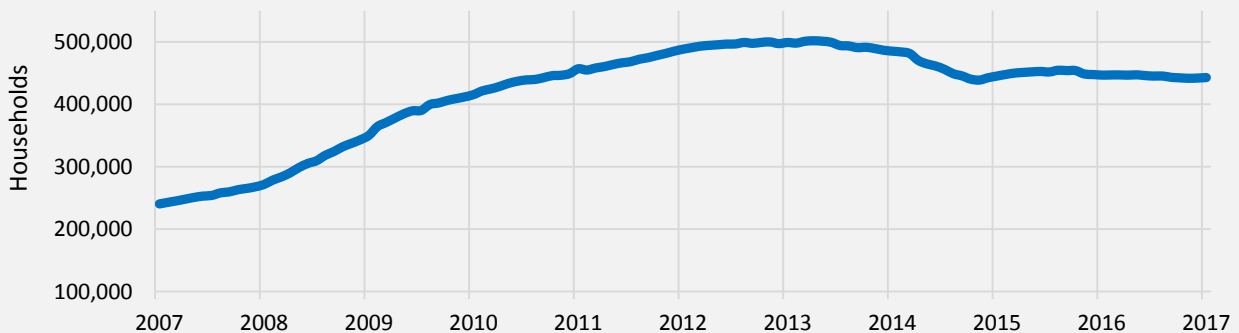
SNAP Caseload

This is the number of households receiving SNAP benefits in Massachusetts in the prior two years.



SNAP Caseload Trends

This is the number of households receiving SNAP benefits in Massachusetts in the last decade.



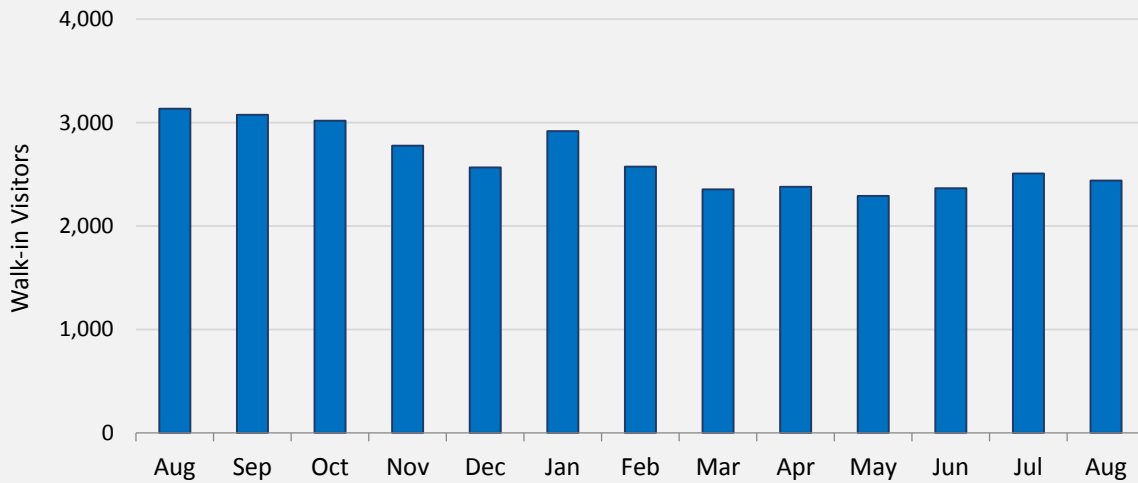


LOCAL OFFICES

Average Daily Walk-in Visitors

This is how many people visit our offices each day to meet with a case manager.

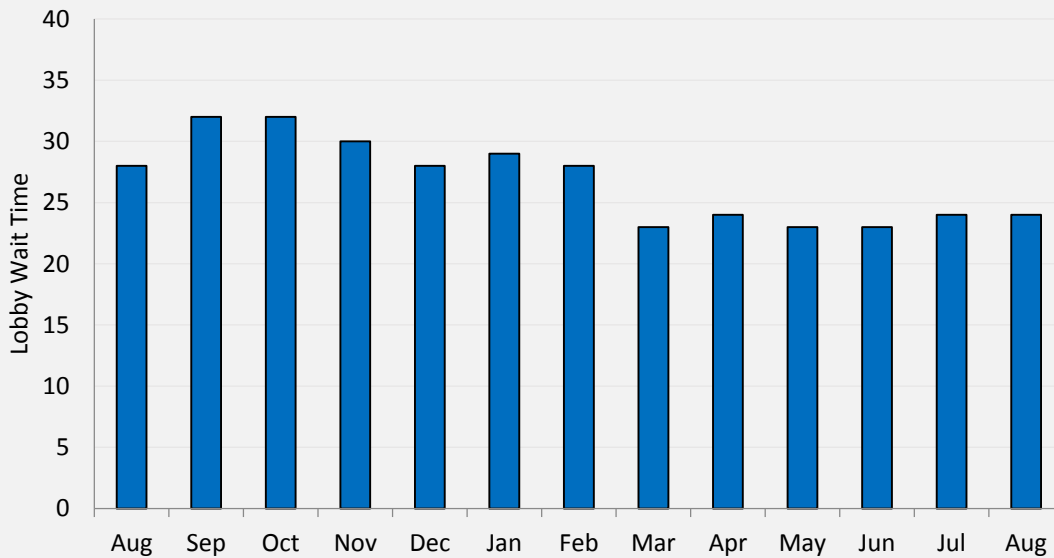
2,440



Average Lobby Waiting Time

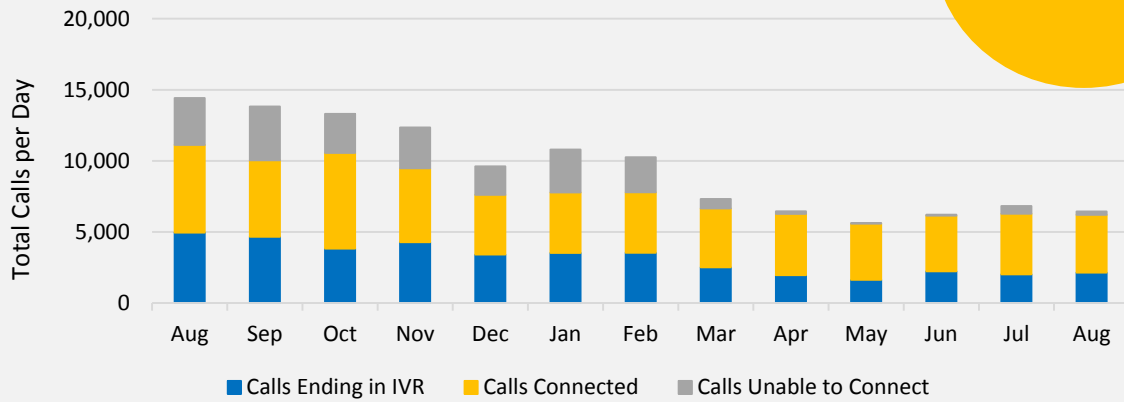
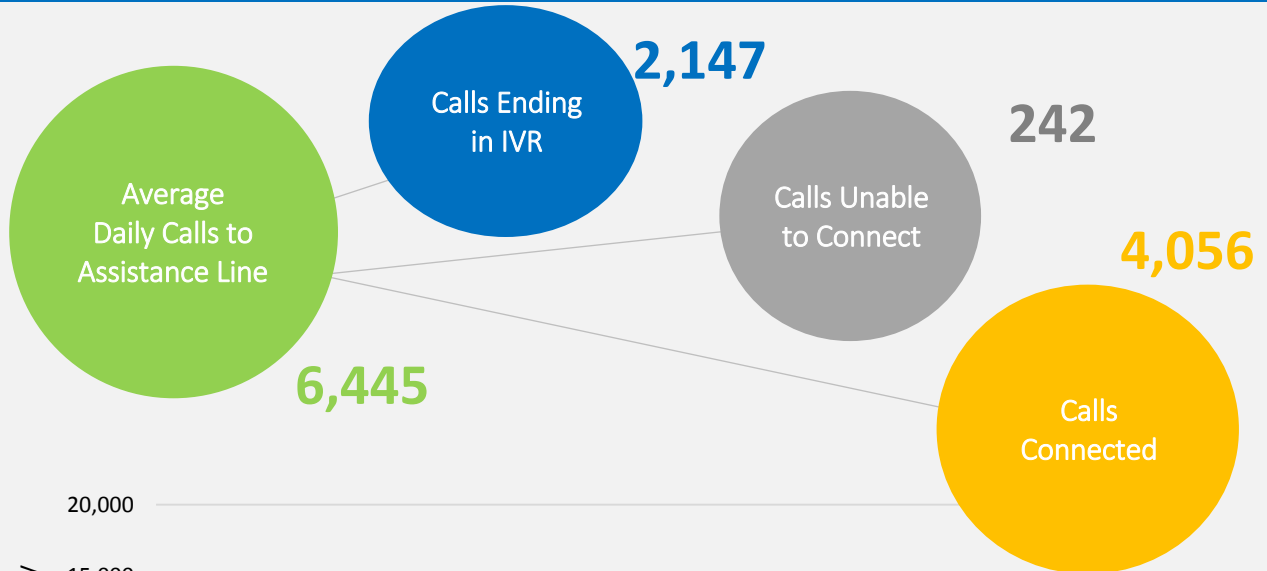
This is how many minutes someone typically waits to see a case manager. DTA is committed to reducing the need for in-person visits from clients by expanding the ways in which services can be accessed.

24 min





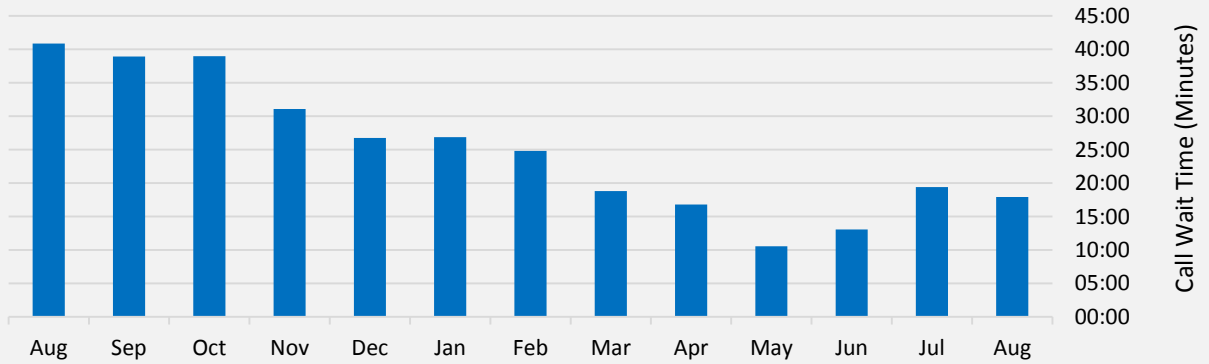
ASSISTANCE LINE



Average Caller Wait Time

This is the average length of time callers wait to speak to an agent.

18 min



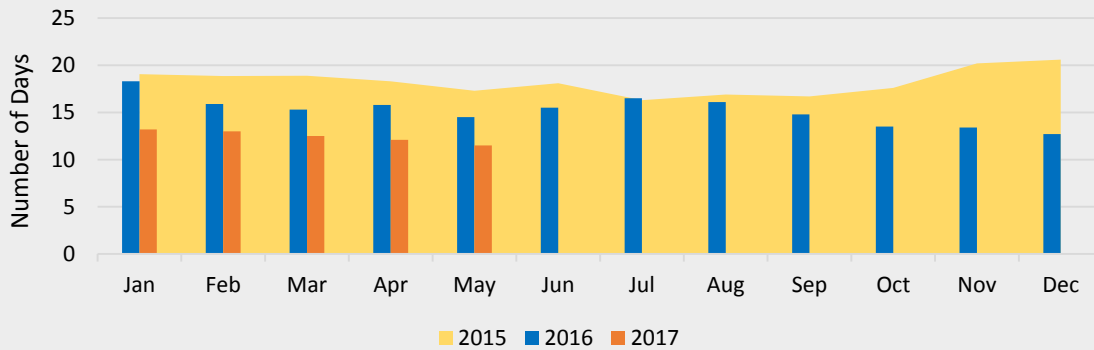


PROCESSING

Average Processing Days for New SNAP Applications

11.5

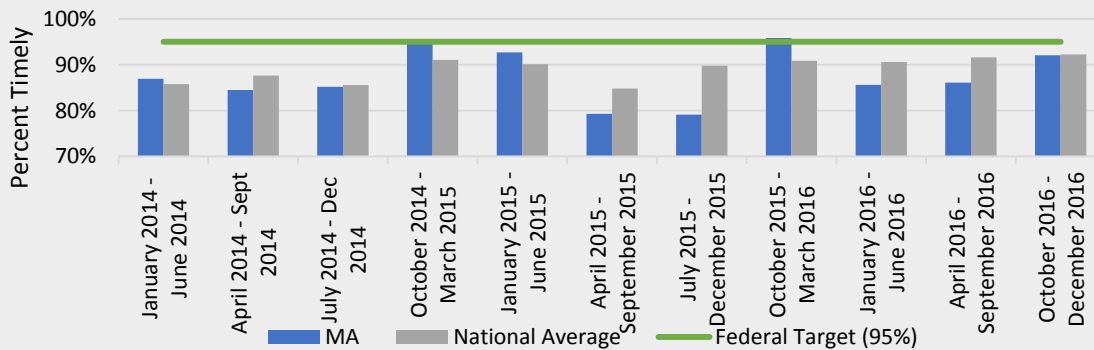
This is the average number of days to **approve a new application**.



SNAP Application Processed Timely

92.1%

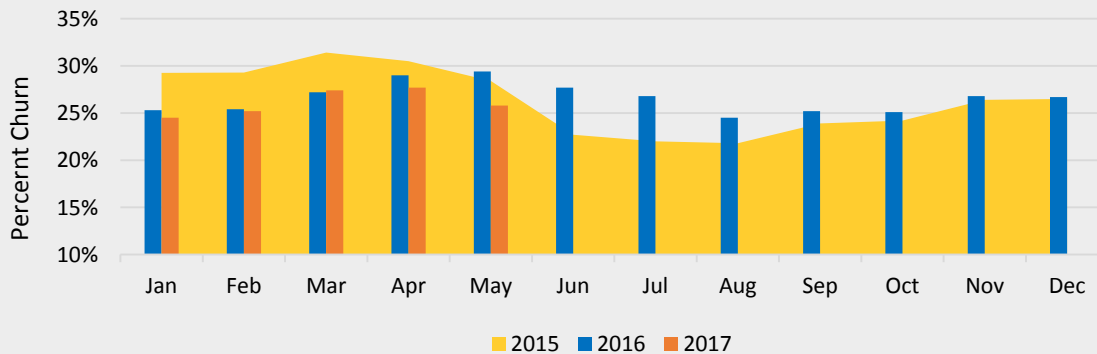
This is the percentage of applications that are processed within federal timeframes.



SNAP Churn

25.8%

This is the percentage of applicants each month that 90 days prior were active clients.

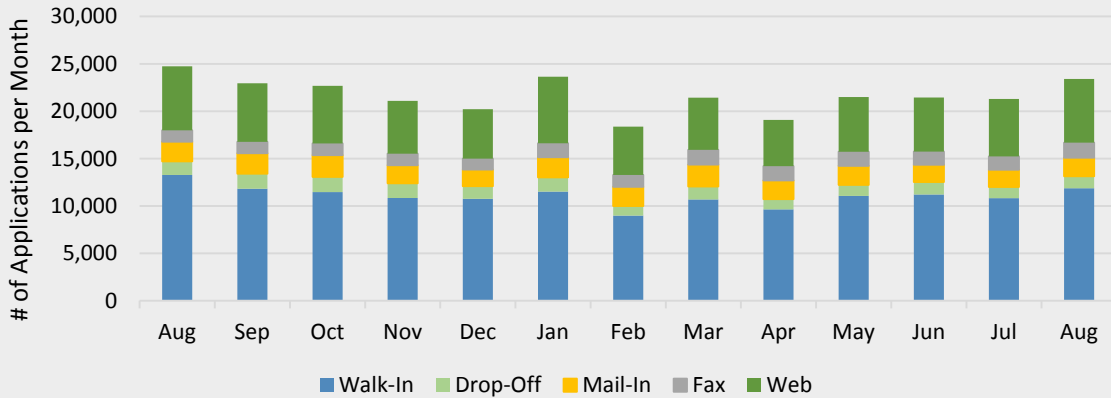




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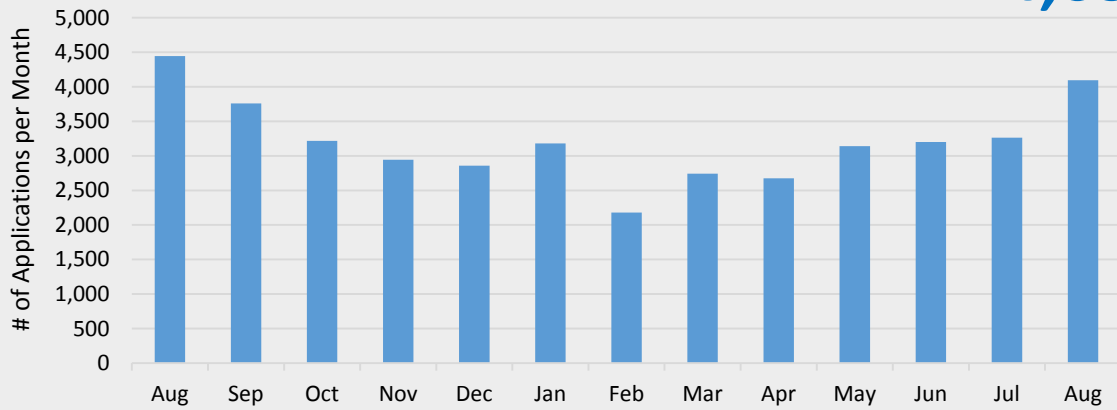
Monthly SNAP Applications Received

23,409



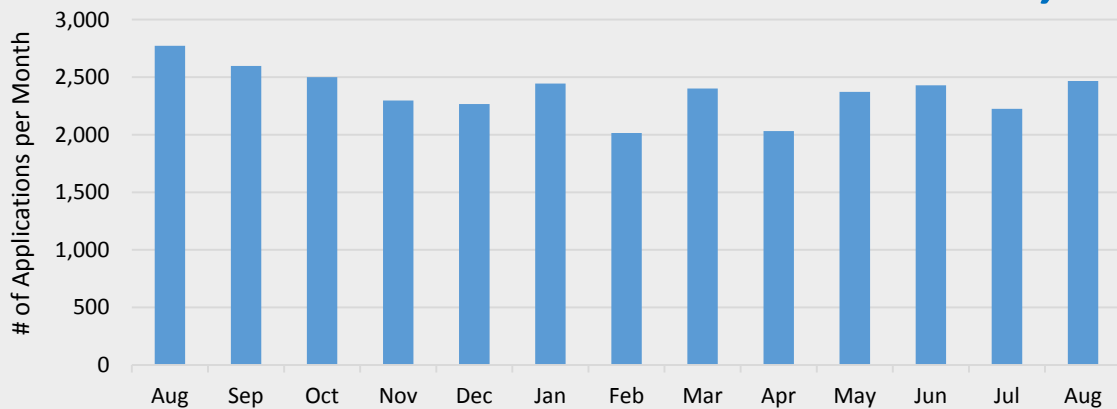
Monthly TAFDC Applications Received

4,094



Monthly EAEDC Applications Received

2,467





EAEDC ENROLLMENT

EAEDC Recipients **20,371**

EAEDC Households **20,165**

Recipients Age 60+

10,692

Recipients With a Disability

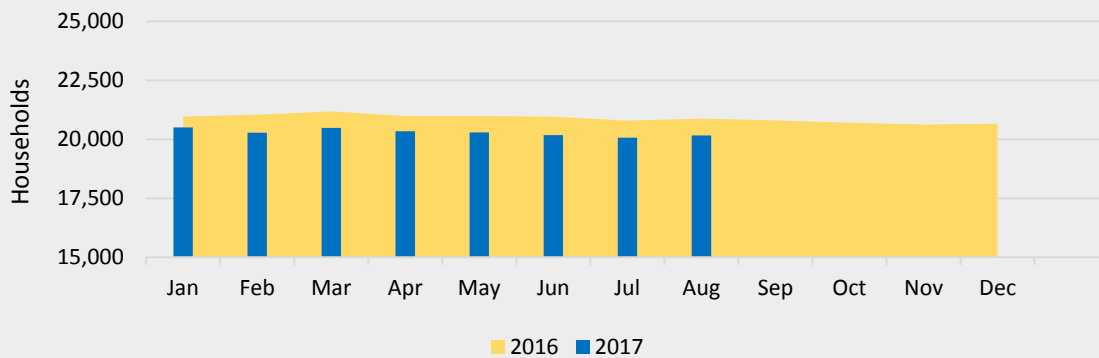
10,415

Recipients Age 18 or under

524

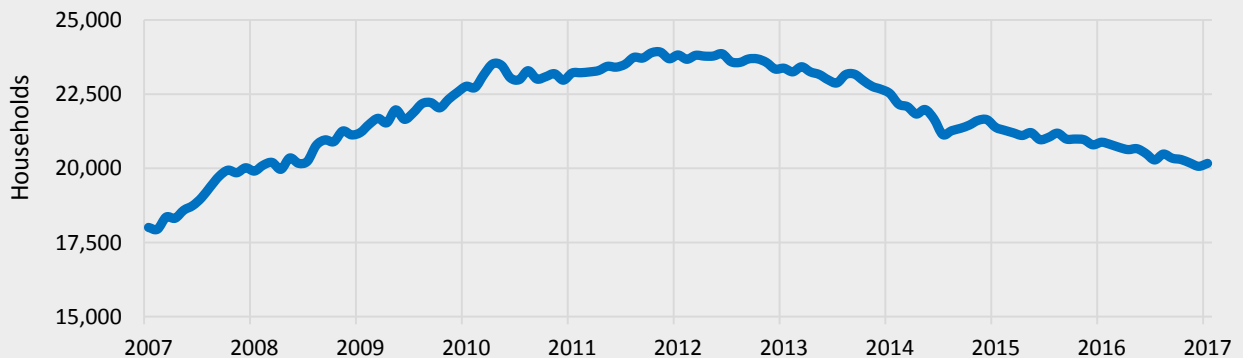
EAEDC Caseload

This is the number of households receiving EAEDC benefits in Massachusetts in 2016 and 2017.



EAEDC Caseload Trends

This is the number of households receiving EAEDC benefits in Massachusetts in the last decade.





TAFDC ENROLLMENT

TAFDC Recipients **59,106**

TAFDC Households **29,861**

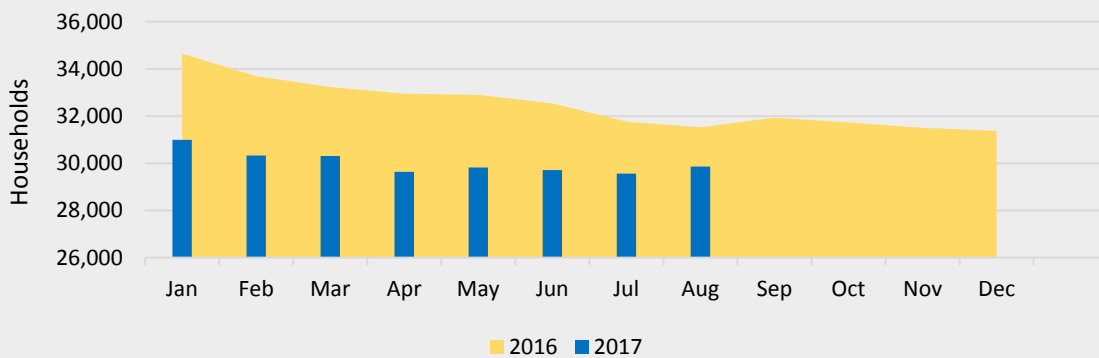
Recipients Age 60+
122

Recipients With a Disability
5,720

Recipients Age 18 or under
39,746

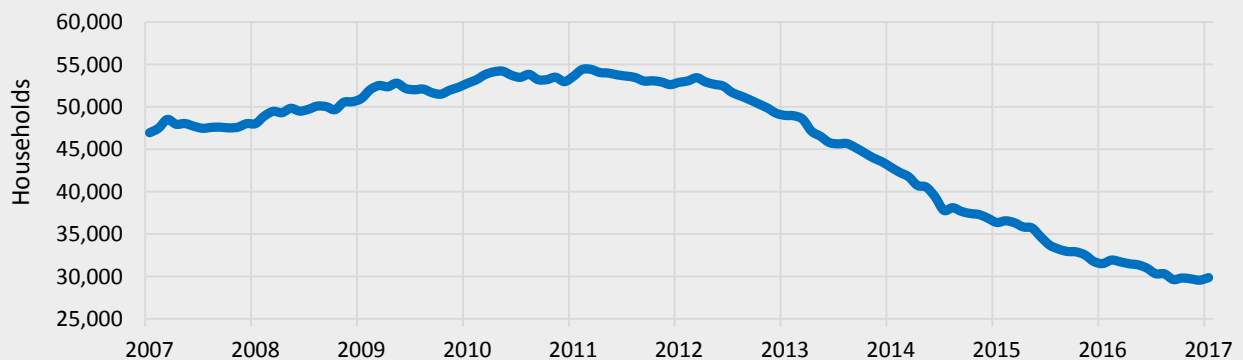
TAFDC Caseload

This is the number of households receiving TAFDC benefits in Massachusetts for 2016 and 2017.



TAFDC Caseload Trends

This is the number of households receiving TAFDC benefits in Massachusetts in the last decade.





ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

| | Measure | Description |
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| Background | SNAP Recipients | This is the number of Massachusetts residents in households that receive SNAP benefits each month. These figures are finalized approximately six weeks after the end of the reporting month. |
| | SNAP Accuracy Rate | Massachusetts ranks 35 out of 54 states/regions. |
| | Average Daily Walk-in Visitors | Includes both cash and SNAP clients. Excludes those dropping off documents or seeking a new EBT card. |
| | Calls Ending in IVR | Average calls that exited at a point in our Interactive Voice Response (IVR) or self-service menu. Likely exit reasons: client self-served successfully, client hang up. |
| | Calls Unable to Connect | Average number of calls that heard a high volume message and were unable to wait for a live agent. |
| | Calls Connected | Average number of calls connected to a live agent. |
| | Average Caller Wait Time | On June 24, 2015, DTA introduced an improved phone system which allowed the Department to implement two new enhanced service features. Estimated wait time messaging informs callers how long they could expect to wait which allows them to decide whether to wait or to call back. DTA also increased the number of spaces in the wait queue from 100 to 200 allowing an increased number of callers to choose to wait to speak to a live agent. Due to the fact that more callers can choose to wait the caller wait time has also increased. DTA continues to monitor caller wait time and will implement strategies to improve the caller experience. |
| | SNAP Application Processed Timely | The federal government measures this item on a rolling basis (note the overlap in months). Throughout the year, the federal government provides DTA with a projection for each time period. At year end the federal government finalizes the previous four quarters. |
| | SNAP Churn | The SNAP program has always and will always realize some level of client churn. However reducing churn to the best of DTA's ability eliminates disruptions in benefits and improves operational efficiency. This is measured by analyzing new applications against the active caseload 90 days previous. |
| | Recipients with a Disability | Active clients who have identified as having any disability. |
| EAEDC Caseload | This is the number of Massachusetts households that receive Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children (EAEDC) cash benefits each month. | |
| TAFDC Caseload | This is the number of Massachusetts households that receive Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) cash benefits each month. | |
| <p><i>*To access background data right hand click on the graph and click on "Edit Data". This feature only available on the Microsoft Word version.</i></p> | | |