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# Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children Participation Report

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**Report Overview**

Pursuant to line item 4408-1000 of the FY2025 General Appropriations Act (GAA), the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) is required to report on the status of its Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children program.

Not later than January 2, 2025, the Department of Transitional Assistance shall submit a report to House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means that shall include but not be limited to: (i) the number of participants in the program, including available demographic information; (ii) the average benefit amount including the methodology for determining an individual's benefit amount; (iii) the number of participants in the program who also receive benefits under items 7004-0101, 7004-0108, 7004-9024 or 7004-9316.

**Department of Transitional Assistance Mission**

The Department of Transitional Assistance's mission 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. DTA does this through a comprehensive system of programs and supports, including food and nutritional assistance, economic assistance, and employment supports.

**Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children**

Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children (EAEDC) is a direct financial assistance program. To qualify for EAEDC in Massachusetts, an individual must live in Massachusetts and be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen and meet income limits based on one's living situation. An individual may be eligible if disabled, over 65 waiting for SSI, caring for a child not closely related, or required to care for a disabled person at home. Income limits depend on living arrangement.

**I. Program Participants**

As of September 2024, there were a total of 32,263 EAEDC participants.

EAEDC Participants active at any point for September 2024, by Age Group		
Age Group	Total Counts of EAEDC Participants	Percent of Total
0 -5 years old	62	0.19%
6 - 17 years old	360	1.12%
18 - 64 years old	20,978	65.02%
65 and above	10,863	33.67%
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,263</b>	<b>100%</b>
EAEDC Participants active at any point for September 2024, by Gender		

EAEDC Participants' Gender	Total Counts of EAEDC Participants	Percent of Total
Male	15,054	46.66%
Female	17,209	53.34%
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,263</b>	<b>100%</b>

**EAEDC Participants active at any point for September 2024, *by Racial Identity***

EAEDC Participants' Race	Total Counts of EAEDC Participants	Percent of Total
White	14,227	44.10%
Not Available	8,496	26.33%
Black or African American	5,751	17.83%
Asian	3,580	11.10%
American Indian or Alaska Native	129	0.40%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	80	0.25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,263</b>	<b>100%</b>

**EAEDC Participants active at any point for September 2024, *by Ethnicity***

EAEDC Participants' Ethnicity	Total Counts of EAEDC Participants	Percent of Total
Non Hispanic or Latino	20,225	62.69%
Hispanic or Latino	6,595	20.44%
Not Available	4,973	15.41%
Declined	470	1.46%
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,263</b>	<b>100%</b>

## **II. Benefit Amount**

The average benefit amount for Fiscal Year 2024 is \$466.85.

Benefit Amount is determined by:

Step 1: Identify the countable income of the members of the assistance unit as provided in 106 CMR 704.200 through 704.250;

Step 2: Subtract work-related-expenses, as defined in 106 CMR 704.270, and, if applicable, the \$30 and one-third disregard or \$30 disregard, as provided in 106 CMR 704.286, and, if applicable, the dependent care deduction, as provided in 106 CMR 704.275, from earned income, and add the result to the gross unearned income; then

Step 3: Subtract the result of Step 2 from the standard of assistance appropriate to the assistance unit. If the result is less than zero, then the assistance unit is financially ineligible. If the result is greater than or equal to zero, the assistance unit is financially eligible

## **III. Other benefit programs**

At this time, the Department is unable to provide the number of EAEDC recipients that also receive

benefits under the following line items: 7004-0101, 7004-0108, 7004-9024 or 7004-9316. This is because these are programs administered by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC), and DTA does not have immediate access to client data from other agency's systems to compare clients.

In order to meet the requirements of this report, DTA is engaging in a data sharing agreement with EOHLC to securely access and analyze the information to identify the population of EAEDC recipients that receive these benefits under these items and expects to be able to provide this information in a subsequent annual report.