

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 quality service delivery in the furtherance of the best outcomes for the individuals and families we serve. This performance scorecard is a transparent effort to reflect our performance levels and to serve as our vehicle for continuous improvement. Serving 1 in 6 Massachusetts residents is challenging, and we welcome your review of our efforts in helping these residents secure healthy food and meet their basic human needs. Thank you for your interest in this impactful work.

Jeff McCue
 Commissioner, Department of Transitional Assistance

DTA Serves 1 in 6 MA Residents





Statewide Facts

- √ 68% of SNAP households in Massachusetts have gross countable income of less than 100% of the 2025 Federal Poverty Level – that's \$21,150 for a household of two
- √ 26% of SNAP households have at least one child
- ✓ 24% of Massachusetts SNAP recipients are age 60 or older
- ✓ SNAP clients live in every city & town across the Commonwealth.
- 32,633 DTA clients are due for recertification or reevaluation next month.
- ✓ Of all MassHealth SNAP applications that were dispositioned in April, 26% (1,037/3,937) were approved.

SNAP 664,648

Households Served

Each bubble's size reflects the relative size of each program's caseload

TAFDC

41,758

Benefits Facts

- ✓ The average SNAP benefit is \$323 per household at the rate of \$10.6 per household per day.
- ✓ The average monthly TAFDC grant is \$770, and the average monthly EAEDC grant is \$487.

Client Demographics

EAEDC

33,291

- ✓ After English, the top 5 languages/language families among clients are Spanish, Haitian Creole, Chinese, Portuguese, and Vietnamese.
- ✓ 39% of all clients identify as White, 16% as Black, 4% as Asian, 3% more than 1 race, 38% report no race
- ✓ 27% of clients across racial groups identify as Hispanic or Latino.

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SNAP ENROLLMENT & QUALITY

SNAP Recipients **1,086,137**

SNAP Households 664,648

SNAP Applications Approval Rate

Of all SNAP Applications Dispositioned in April 2025, DTA approved **48%** (**16,939**/35,443) of SNAP Applications from Massachusetts residents.

Recipients Aged 60+

262,718

Recipients With a Disability

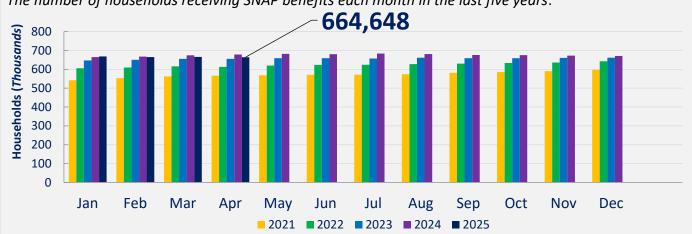
309,098

Recipients Aged 18 or under

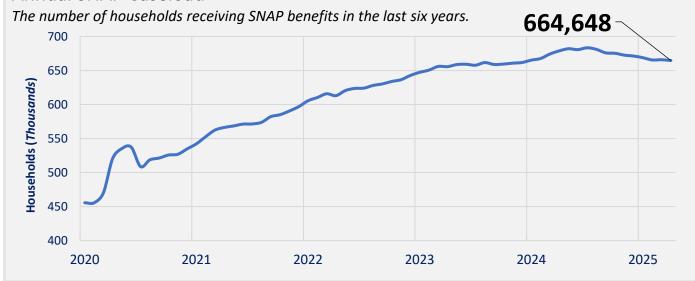
342,079

Monthly SNAP Caseload

The number of households receiving SNAP benefits each month in the last five years.



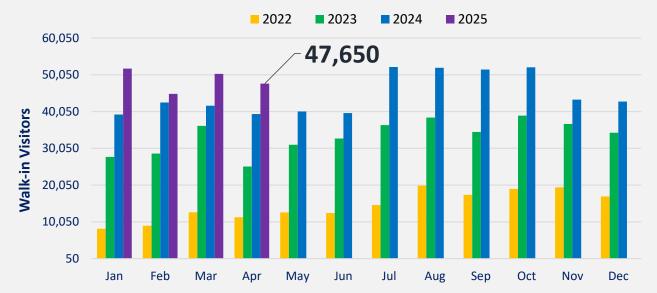
Annual SNAP Caseload



LOCAL OFFICES

*Monthly Walk-ins Visits

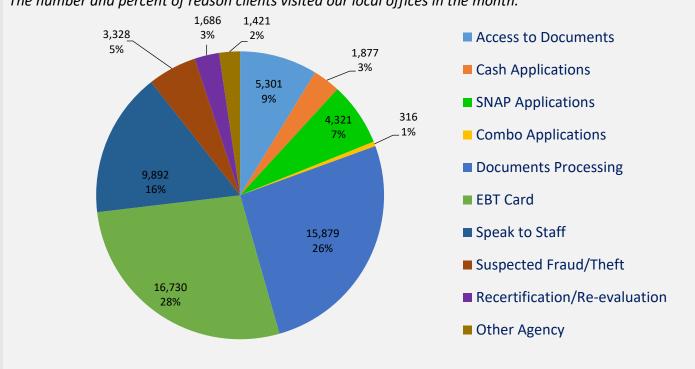
The number of people who visit our offices each month to use our services.

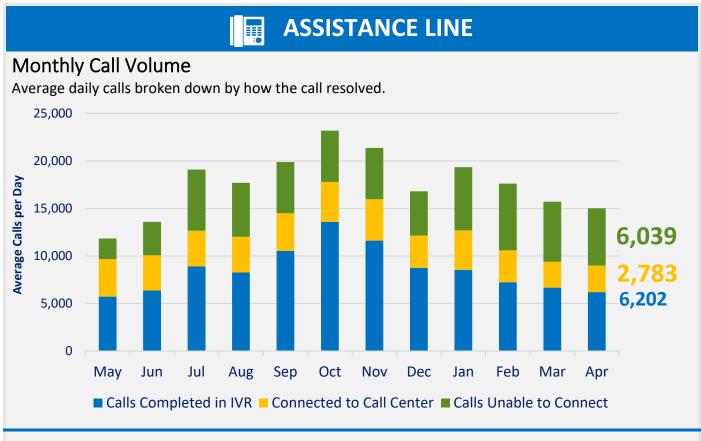


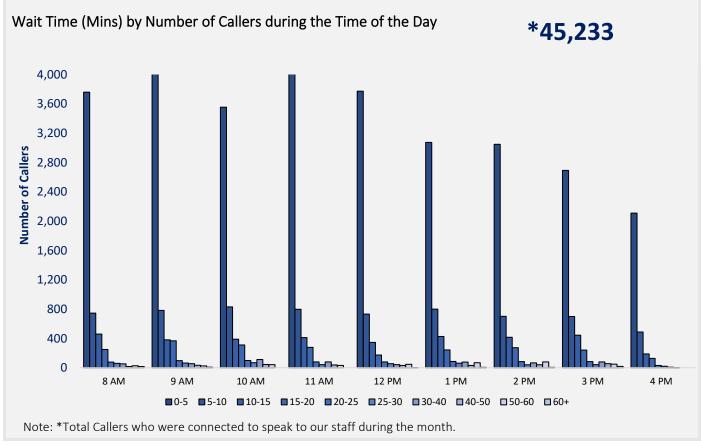
^{*}Please note we have improved tracking office visits by our clients and will now be reporting this metrics in this format.

Reason for Office Visits

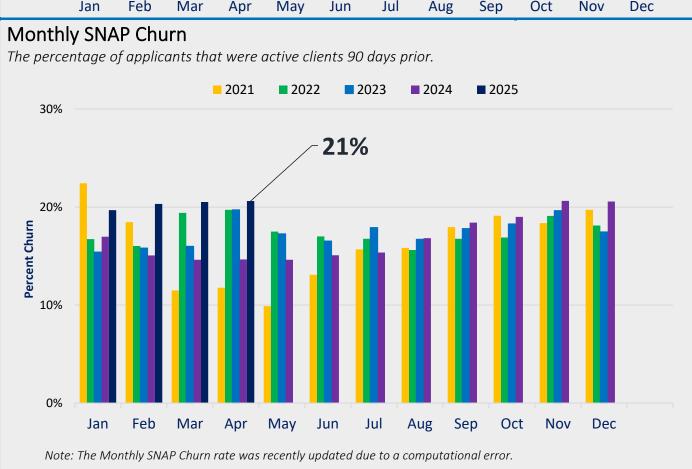
The number and percent of reason clients visited our local offices in the month.

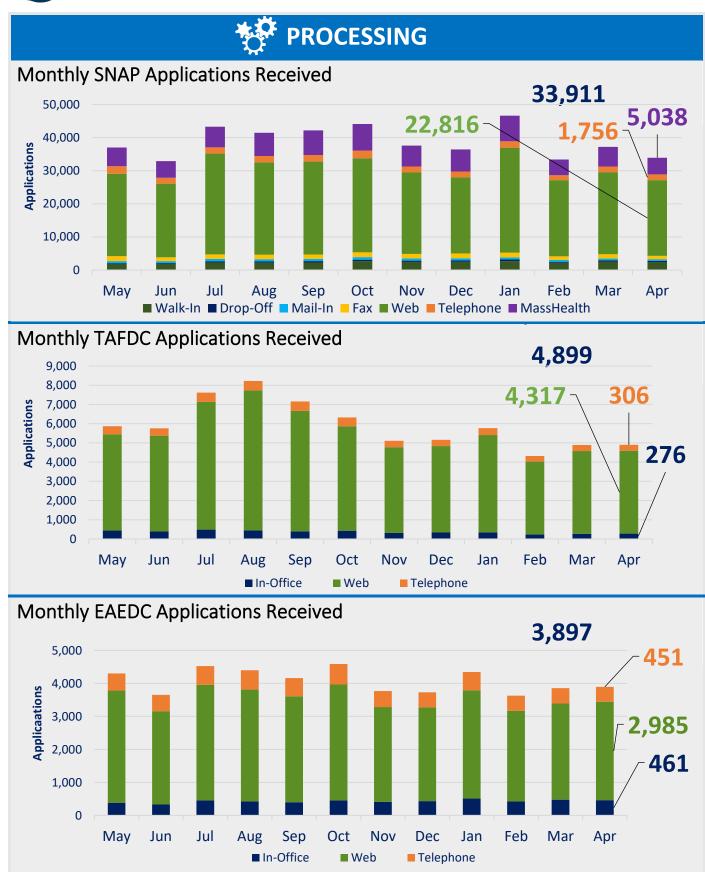




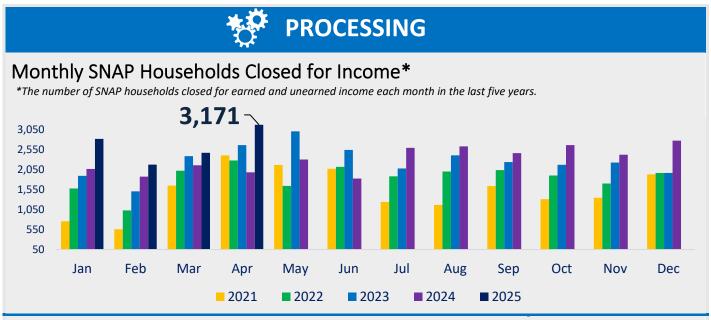


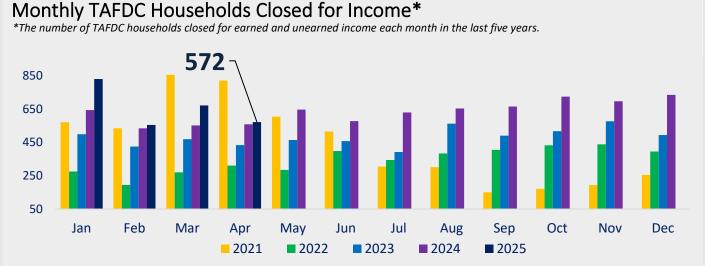
PROCESSING Average Processing Days for New SNAP Applications The average number of days to approve a new SNAP application. 18 **■** 2021 **■** 2022 **■** 2023 **■** 2024 **■** 2025 16 11 14 12 10 8 6 4 2 0 Jan Feb Mar Jul Oct Jun Nov Dec

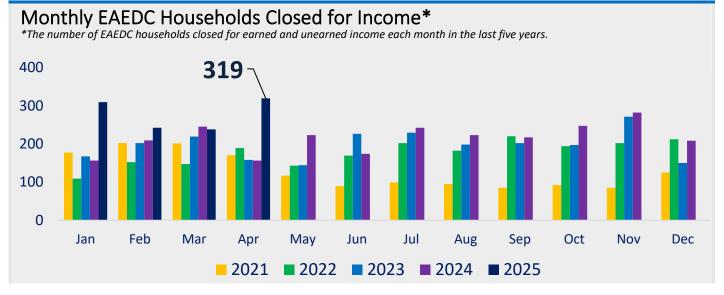




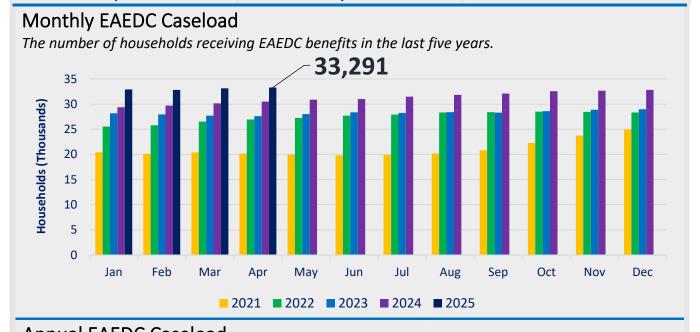
Please note that MassHealth applications received include counts from the online Checkbox and Scanned Document.

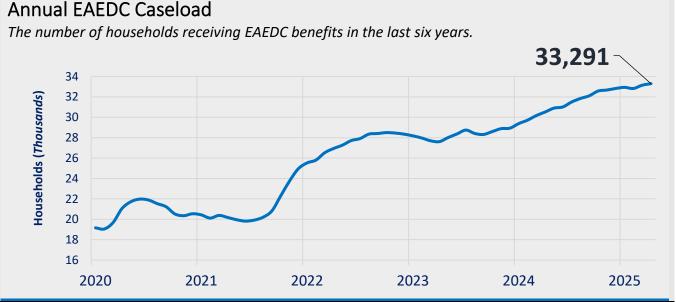






EAEDC Recipients 33,532 Recipients Receiving EAEDC due to Aged 65+ Age 18. 11,235 EAEDC ENROLLMENT EAEDC Households 33,291 Children Receiving EAEDC under Age 18. 422





TAFDC ENROLLMENT

TAFDC Recipients **107,061**

TAFDC Households 41,758

Recipients Aged 18 or under **70,898**

.8 or under Child Only Grants **3,353**

Recipients who are working **6,225**

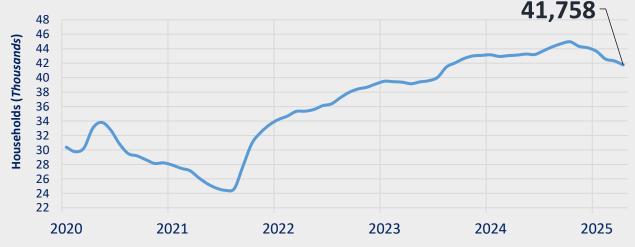
Monthly TAFDC Caseload

The number of households receiving TAFDC benefits in the last five years.



Annual TAFDC Caseload

The number of households receiving TAFDC benefits in the last six years.



| | Measure | Description |
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| Background | SNAP Recipients | This is the number of Massachusetts residents in households that receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits each month. |
| | SNAP Households | This is the number of Massachusetts households that receive SNAP benefits each month. |
| | Monthly Walk-in Visits | This is the number of people who visited our local offices each month to use our services. |
| | Reason for Office Visit | The number and percent of reason clients visited our local offices in the month. |
| | Monthly Call Volume | Average daily calls broken down by how the call resolved. |
| | Wait Time (Bins) | The length of time in minutes callers waited to speak to an agent. |
| | Calls Completed 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 hung up. |
| | Calls Unable to Connect | Average number of calls that heard a high-volume message and were unable to wait for a live agent. |
| | Connected to Call Center | Average number of calls connected to a live agent. |
| | Average Processing Days for New SNAP Applications | The average number of days to approve a new SNAP application. |
| | SNAP Churn | The SNAP program has always and will always realize some level of client churn. However, reducing churn 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. |
| | Monthly SNAP Households Closed for Income | The number of SNAP households that were closed for earned and unearned income during the benefit cycle month. |
| | Monthly TAFDC Households Closed for Income | The number of TAFDC households that were closed for earned and unearned income during the benefit cycle month. |
| | Monthly EAEDC Households Closed for Income | The number of EAEDC households that were closed for earned and unearned income during the benefit cycle month. |
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