

#### **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 delivering high-quality services that drive better outcomes for the individuals and families we serve. This performance scorecard reflects our commitment to transparency and accountability, demonstrating how we use data and analytics to track performance, identify opportunities, and continuously improve. Serving one in six Massachusetts residents requires rigor, innovation, and a deeply committed workforce. We value the dedication and expertise of our staff, whose efforts, combined with our ever-advancing use of data, ensure we meet basic needs today while building stronger, healthier communities for tomorrow.

#### - Michael Cole

Acting Commissioner, Department of Transitional Assistance

#### DTA Serves 1 in 6 MA Residents





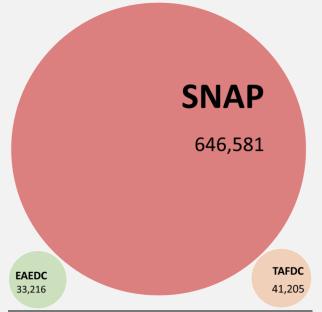
#### **Statewide Facts**

- √ 66% 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
- √ 25% of SNAP households have at least one child
- ✓ 25% of Massachusetts SNAP recipients are age 60 or older
- ✓ SNAP clients live in every city & town across the Commonwealth.
- √ 51,979 DTA clients are due for recertification or reevaluation next month.
- Of all MassHealth SNAP applications that were dispositioned in October, 22% (1,032/4,748) were approved.

#### **Benefits Facts**

- ✓ The average SNAP benefit is \$333 per household at the rate of \$11 per household per day.
- ✓ The average monthly TAFDC grant is \$758, and the average monthly EAEDC grant is \$488.

#### **Households Served**



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

#### **Client Demographics**

- After English, the top 5 languages/language families among clients are Spanish, Haitian Creole, Chinese, Portuguese, and Vietnamese.
- √ 38% of all clients identify as White, 17% as Black, 4% as Asian, 2% More than 1 race, 38% report no race
- 26% of clients across racial groups identify as Hispanic or Latino.



# **SNAP ENROLLMENT & QUALITY**

**SNAP Recipients** 1,053,344

646,581 **SNAP Households** 

#### **SNAP Applications Approval Rate**

Of all SNAP Applications Dispositioned in October 2025, DTA approved 43% (12,810/29,795) of SNAP Applications from Massachusetts residents.

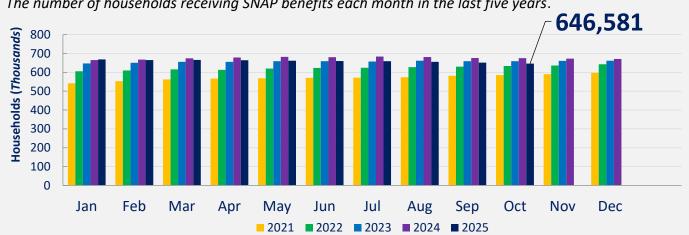
Recipients Aged 60+ 264,531

Recipients With a Disability 310,321

Recipients Aged 18 or under 331,143

# Monthly SNAP Caseload

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



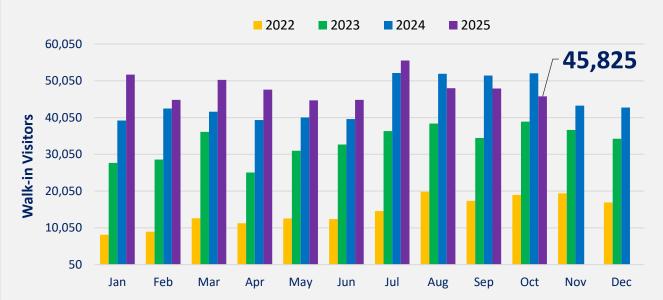
#### **Annual SNAP Caseload**

The number of households receiving SNAP benefits in the last six years. 646,581 700 650 Households (Thousands) 600 550 500 450 400 2022 2020 2021 2023 2024 2025

# **LOCAL OFFICES**

### \*Monthly Walk-ins Visits

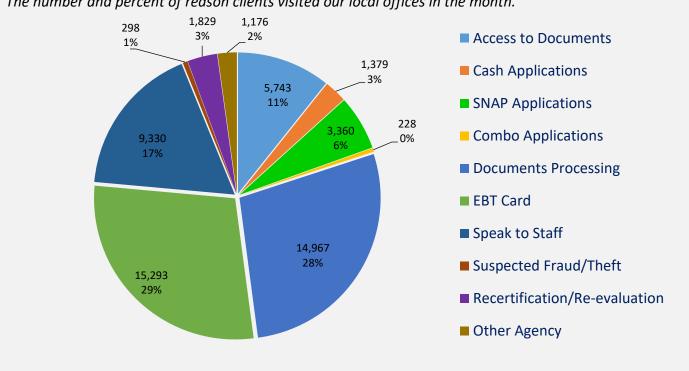
The number of people who visit our offices each month to use our services.

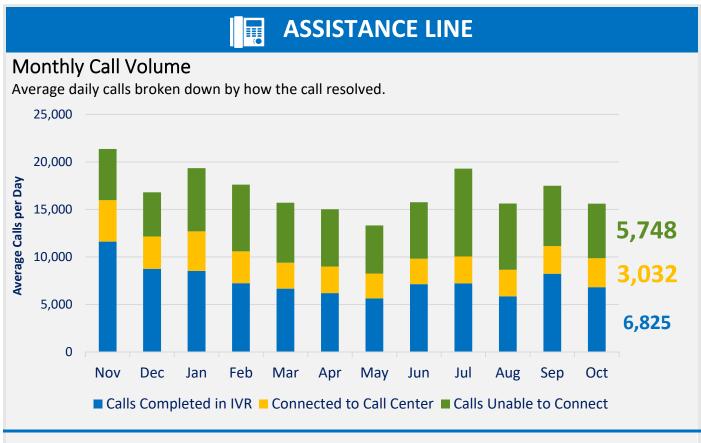


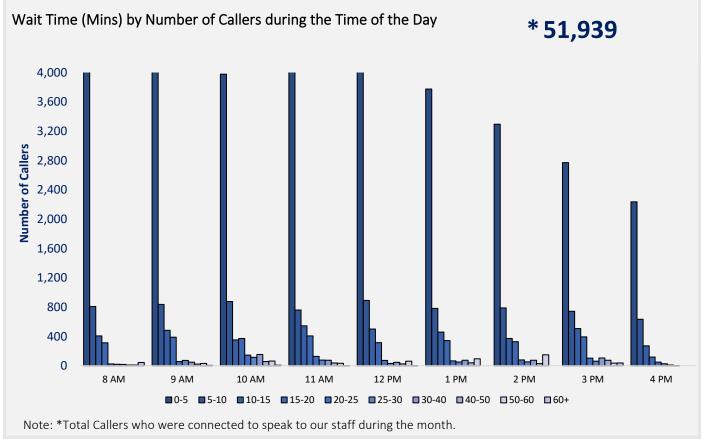
<sup>\*</sup>Please note we have improved tracking office visits by our clients and will now be reporting this metrics in this format.

### Reason for Office Visits

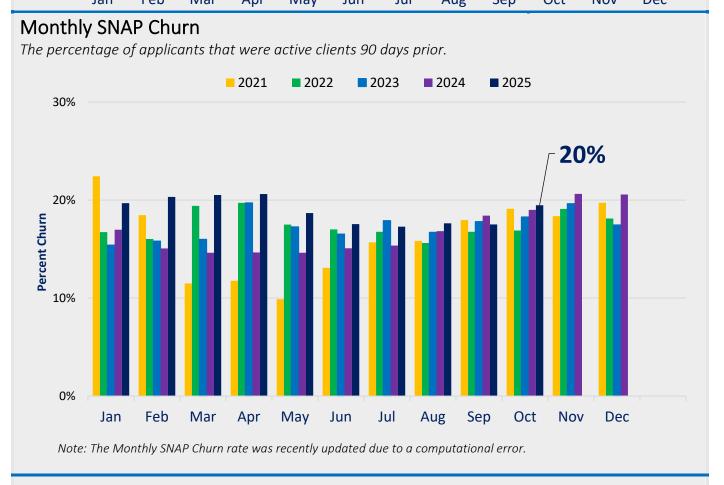
The number and percent of reason clients visited our local offices in the month.

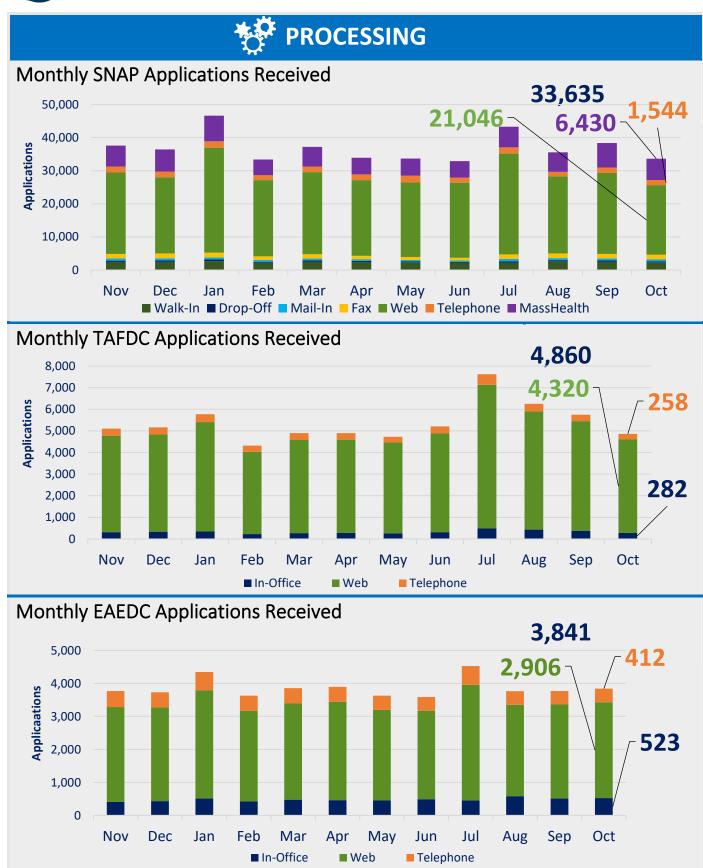




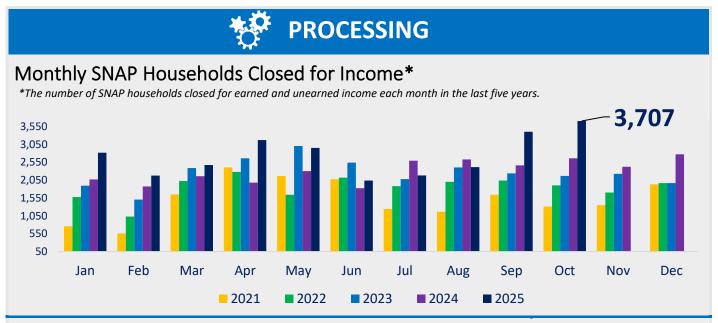


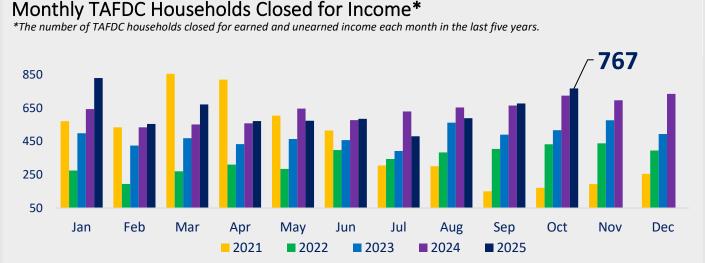
#### PROCESSING Average Processing Days for New SNAP Applications The average number of days to approve a new SNAP application. 18 **■** 2021 **■** 2022 **■** 2023 **■** 2024 **■** 2025 16 14 12 10 8 6 4 2 0 Feb Jan Mar Jul Sep Oct Apr May Jun Aug Nov Dec

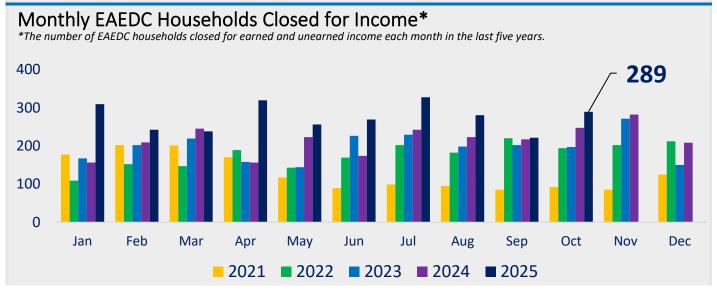




Please note that MassHealth applications received include counts from the online Checkbox and Scanned Document.







#### **EAEDC ENROLLMENT** EAEDC Recipients **33,440** EAEDC Households 33,216 Recipients Receiving EAEDC due Recipients Receiving EAEDC due Children Receiving EAEDC under to Aged 65+ to Disability. Age 18. 11,243 21,769 428 Monthly EAEDC Caseload The number of households receiving EAEDC benefits in the last five years. 33,216 35 30 Households (Thousands) 25 20 15 10 5 0 Feb Jul Sep Oct Dec Jan Mar Jun Nov **■** 2021 **■** 2022 **■** 2023 **■** 2024 **■** 2025 Annual EAEDC Caseload The number of households receiving EAEDC benefits in the last six years. 33,216 34 Households (Thousands) 32 30 28 26 24 22 20 18 16 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

# TAFDC ENROLLMENT

# TAFDC Recipients 104,654

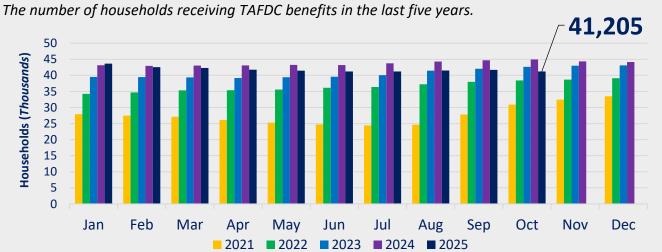
TAFDC Households 41,205

Recipients Aged 18 or under **69,762** 

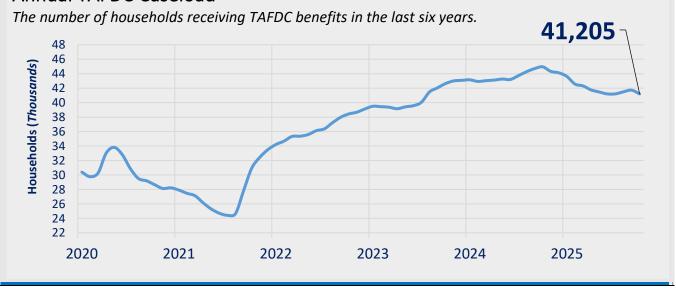
Child Only Grants **3,197** 

Recipients who are working **6,292** 

# Monthly TAFDC Caseload



#### **Annual TAFDC Caseload**



	Measure	Description
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 SNAF 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 i 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.