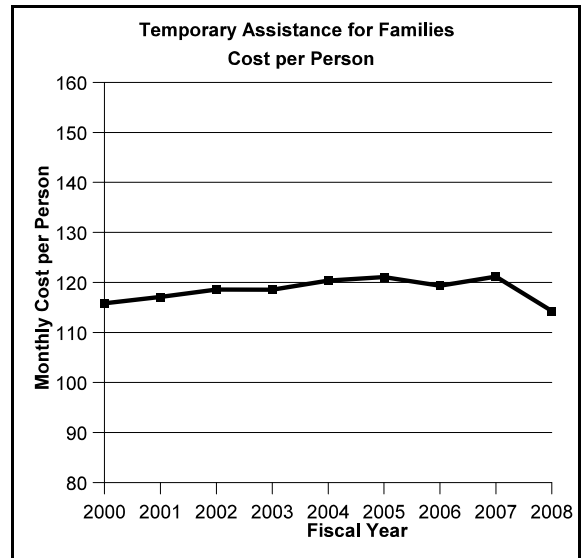
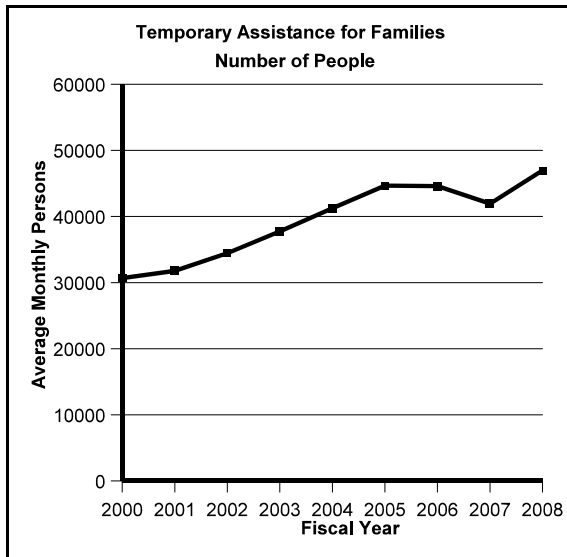


Consensus Temporary Assistance for Families



<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Average Monthly Persons</u>	<u>Percent Change from Prior Year</u>	<u>Average Cost per Person per Month</u>	<u>Percent Change from Prior Year</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Percent Change from Prior Year</u>
2000	30,692	-6.3%	\$115.83	0.3%	\$42,660,075	-6.0%
2001	31,788	3.6%	\$117.12	1.1%	\$44,674,253	4.7%
2002	34,453	8.4%	\$118.60	1.3%	\$49,031,578	9.8%
2003	37,757	9.6%	\$118.58	0.0%	\$53,727,966	9.6%
2004	41,246	9.2%	\$120.39	1.5%	\$59,588,466	10.9%
2005	44,681	8.3%	\$121.10	0.6%	\$64,932,052	9.0%
2006	44,592	-0.2%	\$119.35	-1.4%	\$63,865,150	-1.6%
2007 GBR	41,942	-5.9%	\$121.20	1.5%	\$61,000,000	-4.5%
2008 GBR	46,982	12.0%	\$114.31	-5.7%	\$64,448,680	5.7%

Notes:

¹Includes GBR enhancement of 5,728 people

Explanation

Following the Welfare Reform Act of 1996, the Temporary Assistance for Families (TAF) caseload fell to a minimum of 30,692 monthly persons in FY 2000. The 2001 recession and the enduring contraction in the labor market led to continuous caseload increase through FY 2006. The caseload consensus estimates for FY 2007 shows a decline based on improving employment conditions. In FY 2008, a GBR is to provide families receiving cash assistance with financial incentives to obtain and retain employment; thereby, improving job retention for persons leaving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

The monthly benefit per person is projected to remain stable. The standard TAF benefit has remained constant; however, the average benefit varies due to changes in family composition, income, and geographic location. The gradual increase in the average benefit is explained chiefly by the decreasing proportion of child-only cases who receive a lower benefit. The decrease in monthly benefit per person in FY 2008 is due to the increased number of people who will receive benefits.