

**Table 9.7**  
**TANF BENEFIT LEVELS FOR A FAMILY OF THREE: 1995-2001**

State or other jurisdiction	Dollars per month					
	July 1995	March 1998	March 1999	January 2000	June 2001	June 2001/ July 1995 (a)
Alabama	\$164	\$164	\$164	\$164	\$164	1.00
Alaska	923	923	923	923	923	1.00
Arizona	347	347	347	347	347	1.00
Arkansas	204	204	204	204	204	1.00
California (b)	607	565/538	611/582	626/596	645/614	1.06/1.01
Colorado	356	356	356	356	356	1.00
Connecticut	543	543	543	543	543	1.00
Delaware	338	338	338	338	338	1.00
Florida	303	303	303	303	303	1.00
Georgia	280	280	280	280	280	1.00
Hawaii (c)	712	712/570	712/570	712/570	712/570	1.00/0.80
Idaho	317	276	276	293	293	0.92
Illinois	377	377	377	377	377	1.00
Indiana	288	288	288	288	288	1.00
Iowa	426	426	426	426	426	1.00
Kansas	294	294	294	294	386	1.31
Kentucky	228	262	262	262	262	1.15
Louisiana	190	190	190	190	240	1.26
Maine	418	418	439	461	461	1.10
Maryland	377	388	399	417	439	1.16
Massachusetts	579	579	579	579	633	1.09
Michigan	459	459	459	459	459	1.00
Minnesota	532	532	536	536	536	1.01
Mississippi	120	120	120	170	170	1.42
Missouri	292	292	292	292	292	1.00
Montana	401	450	461	469	494 (d)	1.23
Nebraska	364	364	364	364	364	1.00
Nevada	348	348	348	348	348	1.00
New Hampshire	550	550	550	575	600	1.09
New Jersey	424	424	424	424	424	1.00
New Mexico (e)	304	389	489	439	439	1.44
New York (f)	577	577	577	577	577	1.00
North Carolina	236	272	272	272	272	1.15
North Dakota	431	457	457	457	457	1.06
Ohio	341	341	362	373	373	1.09
Oklahoma	307	292	292	292	292	0.95
Oregon	460	460	460	460	460	1.00
Pennsylvania	403	403	403	403	403	1.00
Rhode Island	554	554	554	554	554	1.00
South Carolina	200	200	201	203	203	1.02
South Dakota	430	430	430	430	430	1.00
Tennessee	185	185	185	185	185	1.00
Texas	188	188	188	201	201	1.07
Utah	426	426	451	451	451	1.06
Vermont	616	611	611	622	629	1.02
Virginia	291	291	291	291	320	1.10
Washington	546	546	546	546	546	1.00
West Virginia	253	253	278	328	453	1.79
Wisconsin (g)	518	673	673	673	673	1.30
Wyoming	340	340	340	340	340	1.00
District of Columbia	420	379	379	379	379	0.90

Source: The Welfare Information Network, January 2002. Data are from tables prepared for the Administration for Children and Families (ACF).

Notes: The benefit levels are for a family of three (one adult, two children) with no income; in some states, benefits vary by regions. Benefits are shown for the region with the largest TANF caseload.

(a) This column presents the ratio between the two benefit levels. The Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Urban Consumers increased 18.1% over this time period. Thus, a state's benefit levels kept up with inflation only if the number in this column is 1.18 or higher.

(b) California has a two-tiered benefit system for exempt and non-exempt recipients and for urban and rural areas.

(c) In December 1996, Hawaii implemented a policy that provides the higher benefit amount to all families for two months and to exempt families (e.g. child-only cases) on an ongoing basis. Non-exempt families face a lower benefit amount after two months on assistance.

(d) Effective July 1, 2001.

(e) New Mexico provided a \$100 housing subsidy in March 1999. The housing subsidy was decreased to \$50 in the subsequent year.

(f) New York has a benefit of \$703 in Suffolk County.

(g) Wisconsin has a benefit of \$688 for a family in its transition program (primarily adults with disabilities).