

Idaho's Cash Assistance (TANF) policy: Temporary Assistance for Families in Idaho (TAFI)		
HOW MUCH CASH ASSISTANCE CAN A FAMILY OF THREE RECEIVE?		
Flexibility	Current policy	Potential improvement
Maximum benefit allowed What is the maximum monthly amount a family of three could receive in cash assistance?	\$309/month, regardless of family size. This is 14% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for a family of three, although less for larger families.	Consider increasing the maximum benefit level. Examples: Wyoming's maximum monthly benefit level ranges from \$576 to \$838, depending on housing supports, which is between 27% and 39% FPL. North Dakota's maximum benefit for a family of three is \$872/month, or 45% FPL.
Recurring benefit increases Has the state mandated increases to these amounts, as the cost of living rises?	No.	Make recurring increases to state benefit amounts, tied to a cost-of-living or poverty measurement. Examples: Wyoming mandates periodic increases according to an index developed by the state. Ohio requires scheduled cost-of-living updates to TANF benefit amounts each year on January 1st.
WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR CASH ASSISTANCE?		
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Maximum income How much can a family of three earn and still be considered eligible to receive cash assistance?	A gross income limit of \$389/month (18% FPL in 2024) has been in effect since 2002.	Consider increasing the gross income limit to enable low-income families to receive cash assistance.

		<p>Examples:</p> <p>Families in Utah have a gross income limit of \$1,050/month, or 49% FPL.</p> <p>In Texas, single-parent families with two children have a gross income limit of \$751/month, or 34% FPL; two-parent families with one child must have gross income no greater than \$824/month, or 38% FPL.</p>
<p>Asset limit</p> <p>How much can a family maintain in savings while still being eligible for cash assistance?</p>	Families can retain assets up to \$5,000.	<p>Consider removing or further increasing the asset limit to enable families to save and promote economic mobility.</p> <p>Examples: Indiana has lifted the asset limit for cash assistance to \$10,000; Ohio has entirely eliminated the asset limit.</p>
<p>Eligibility during pregnancy for parents without children</p> <p>Are pregnant people with no children eligible for cash assistance?</p>	Yes, starting in the third trimester of pregnancy.	<p>Consider providing eligibility to low-income pregnant people with no other children from the first month of pregnancy, in order to support basic needs required for maternal health and children's early development, as some states do (e.g., Kansas).</p>
ADDITIONAL RULES AND RESTRICTIONS		
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<p>Time limit</p> <p>Does the state allow families to receive cash assistance up to the</p>	Idaho limits access cash assistance to no more than 24 months in a lifetime, while	<p>Consider maintaining the lifetime limit of 60 months as many states do (e.g., North</p>

federal limit of 60 months?	providing extensions up to 36 months for specific circumstances such as caring for an unwell child.	Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming).
Lifting full-family sanctions Are other family members able to continue receiving cash benefits if an adult does not meet work requirements?	Yes. Administrative changes in 2019 direct that sanctions for noncompliance with work requirements result only in reductions to cash assistance benefits.	N/A
Lifting drug felony bans Are persons convicted of drug-related felonies eligible for cash assistance?	Yes. Idaho has modified the ban.	Consider fully eliminating the ban (e.g., Montana, Wyoming).
Lifting the family cap for a new birth Can families receive additional cash assistance if they have another child while receiving assistance?	Yes. Idaho never enacted a family cap.	N/A