

North Dakota’s Cash Assistance (TANF): North Dakota Temporary Assistance for Needy Families		
HOW MUCH CASH ASSISTANCE CAN A FAMILY OF THREE RECEIVE?		
Flexibility	Current policy	Potential improvement
<p><b>Maximum benefit allowed</b></p> <p>What is the maximum monthly amount a family of three could receive in cash assistance?</p>	<p>\$872/month, or 41% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) in 2024</p>	<p><b>Consider increasing the maximum benefit level.</b></p> <p><b>Example: Minnesota’s maximum benefit for a family of three is \$1,370/month, or 62% FPL.</b></p>
<p><b>Recurring benefit increases</b></p> <p>Has the state mandated increases to these amounts, as the cost of living rises?</p>	<p>No.</p>	<p><b>Make recurring increases to state benefit amounts, tied to a cost-of-living or poverty measurement.</b></p> <p><b>Example: Ohio requires scheduled cost-of-living updates to TANF benefit amounts each year on January 1st.</b></p>
WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR CASH ASSISTANCE?		
Flexibility	Current policy	Potential improvement
<p><b>Maximum income</b></p> <p>How much can a family of three earn and still be considered eligible to receive cash assistance?</p>	<p>There is a gross income limit of \$1,036/month (48% FPL) for a family of three.</p>	<p><b>Consider increasing the income limit.</b></p> <p><b>Example: Minnesota extends eligibility to families earning as much as \$1,507/month in net income, after some deductions.</b></p>
<p><b>Asset limit</b></p> <p>How much can a family maintain in savings while still being eligible for cash assistance?</p>	<p>A family of two individuals can retain assets up to \$6,000 in savings, checking and other accounts, with an additional</p>	<p><b>Consider either eliminating or increasing the asset limit to enable families to save and promote economic mobility.</b></p>

	\$25 per each additional person for families of three or more.	<b>Examples: Indiana has decreased the asset limit for cash assistance to \$10,000, and Ohio has entirely eliminated the asset limit.</b>
<p><b>Eligibility during pregnancy for parents without children</b></p> <p>Are pregnant people with no children eligible for cash assistance?</p>	Yes, North Dakota legislated in 2023 to provide assistance to individuals without other children in their household at any point during the pregnancy.	N/A
<b>ADDITIONAL RULES AND RESTRICTIONS</b>		
<b>Flexibility</b>	<b>Current policy</b>	<b>Potential improvement</b>
<p><b>Time limit</b></p> <p>Does the state allow families to receive cash assistance up to the federal limit of 60 months?</p>	Yes.	N/A
<p><b>Lifting full-family sanctions</b></p> <p>Are other family members able to continue receiving cash benefits if an adult does not meet work requirements?</p>	Yes, but only for the first instance of noncompliance with work requirements and only for one month. Further noncompliance can result in the entire household losing eligibility for cash assistance.	<p><b>Consider eliminating full-family sanctions by only <i>reducing</i> the benefit in all cases, so that children may continue receiving cash assistance.</b></p> <p><b>Example: In Oregon, sanctions for noncompliance with work requirements can result in no more than a 25% reduction of benefits even at the most severe level.</b></p>
<p><b>Lifting drug felony bans</b></p> <p>Are persons convicted of drug-related felonies eligible for cash assistance?</p>	North Dakota has fully eliminated its ban assistance so that individuals with drug-related felony convictions are eligible.	N/A

<p><b>Lifting the family cap for a new birth</b></p> <p>Can families receive additional cash assistance if they have another child while receiving assistance?</p>	<p>Yes. North Dakota repealed its family cap in 2023.</p>	<p><b>N/A</b></p>
<p><b>Two-parent family eligibility</b></p> <p>Does North Dakota provide cash assistance to families with two parents?</p>	<p>No.</p>	<p><b>Consider changing this policy to provide cash assistance to low-income children with two parents, as 47 other states have.</b></p>