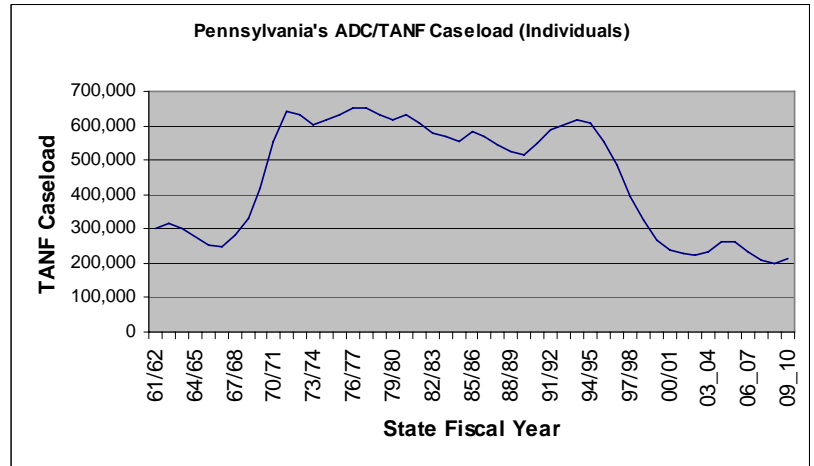
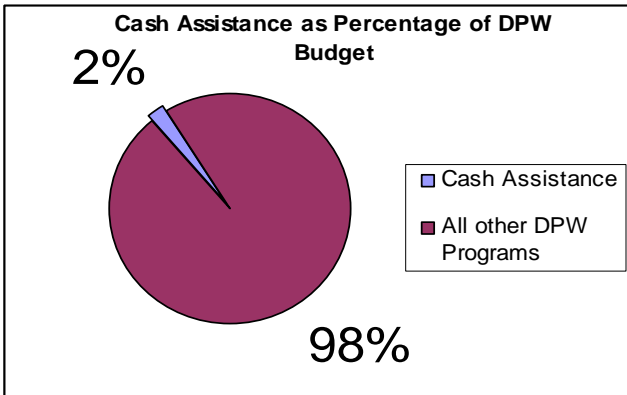


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## The Changing Face of “Welfare”

### Cash Assistance is at Historical Lows

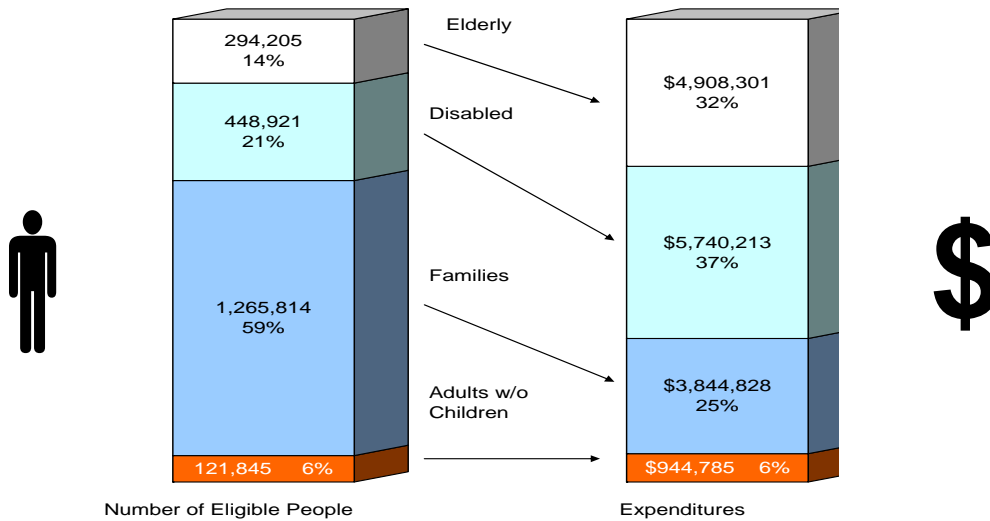
Only about 2% of DPW’s budget goes towards total direct cash assistance to individuals. More than half of those receiving Cash Assistance are children.



Last year the TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) caseload reached the lowest point since 1961. Even with the effects of the recession, the TANF caseload is at a historical low level.

### Investment in Healthcare

Medical Assistance (MA) provides healthcare to more than 2 million Pennsylvanians and is almost 60% of DPW’s total budget. Adults and children with disabilities and older Pennsylvanians account for almost 70% of the healthcare expenditures in MA, even though they represent only 35% of those enrolled.



The mission of the Department of Public Welfare (DPW) is to protect and serve Pennsylvania’s most vulnerable citizens, to promote, improve and sustain the quality of family life, and to break the cycle of dependency, while managing our resources effectively and promoting respect for employees.

The focus for the DPW FY10-11 Budget is **sustainability**—preserving services for those who need them, **quality and results**—ensuring services improve the lives of those who receive them, and **accountability**—ensuring efficient use of tax dollars.

For more information about the DPW budget visit [www.dpw.state.pa.us](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us). For information on how to support funding for this critical program visit the non-partisan Pennsylvania Budget and Policy Center at [www.pennbpc.org](http://www.pennbpc.org)