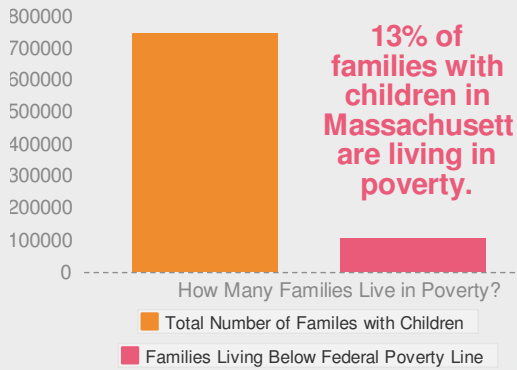




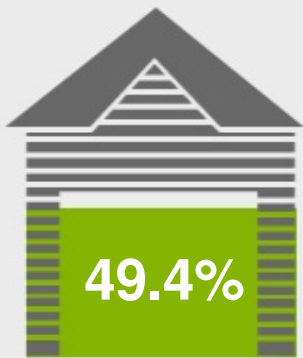
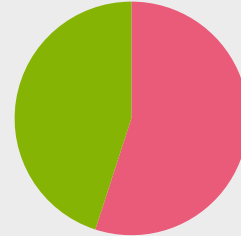
TANF Payments and Fair Market Rent

How far do Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) payments really go?

Massachusetts



For every 100 families living in poverty in Massachusetts, about 45 received TANF payments in 2012.



TANF payments in Massachusetts will cover about 49% of a family's monthly rent.

\$618*

Highest possible TANF payment for a single parent family of three

*If a family has any income, that amount will be deducted from their TANF payment.

\$1,251

Fair Market Rent for a 2-bedroom apartment in Massachusetts

TANF payments are not enough to help needy families pay the rent and other basic living expenses.

That's one reason that 4,327 families with children were homeless in Massachusetts in January 2013.

What can we do?



Increase TANF payments to protect families from homelessness



Use TANF to quickly re-connect homeless families to housing through emergency assistance



Support families with the greatest needs by removing barriers to TANF



Use TANF to create subsidized jobs and provide work supports for families living in poverty



Strengthen connections among welfare-to-work, job training, and homeless assistance programs

Sources:

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