

## New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Public Assistance (PA) Cases with Earned Income Data Dictionary

This dataset contains one record for each month for each New York State Social Services District (SSD), namely New York City and each of the 57 remaining counties. Each record contains all of the data needed to construct the Temporary Assistance Cases with Earned Income data contained in Table 30 of our monthly *Temporary and Disability Assistance Statistics* publication, for the SSD designated on that record. Table 30 contains information on the number of cash assistance cases with earned income, the amount of the earnings and the net earnings after application of income disregards designed to encourage work. The columns in the data are:

Column Name	Format	Description
Year	Numeric	Year data pertains to.
Month	Text	Month data pertains to. Cases are reported on a monthly basis. The first available month is April 2006.
Month Code	Numeric	Number of month. January = 1, December = 12.
District Code	Text	Number of 1 to 57, and 66, designating each of the State's Social Services Districts, which are New York City and the remaining 57 counties. For the non-New York City counties, the numbers refer to the alphabetical order of the district name (e.g., Albany=01, Yates = 57). For New York City, the code is 66.
District	Text	Text name of each SSD.
TANF Cases with Earned Income	Numeric	Table 30 number of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) cases with earned monthly income.
TANF Average Gross Earned Income	Numeric	Table 30 TANF per-case average (arithmetic mean) of gross earned monthly income.
TANF Average Net Earned Income	Numeric	Table 30 TANF per-case average (arithmetic mean) of net earned monthly income (gross earned income after application of disregards).
SNA MOE Cases with Earned Income	Numeric	Table 30 number of Safety Net Assistance-Maintenance of Effort (SNA-MOE) cases with earned monthly income.
SNA MOE Average Gross Earned Income	Numeric	Table 30 SNA-MOE per-case average (arithmetic mean) of gross earned monthly income.

SNA MOE Average Net Earned Income	Numeric	Table 30 SNA-MOE per-case average (arithmetic mean) of net earned monthly income (gross earned Income after application of disregards).
SNA Non-MOE Cases with Earned Income	Numeric	Table 30 number of SNA Non-MOE cases with earned monthly income.
SNA Non-MOE Average Gross Earned Income	Numeric	Table 30 SNA Non-MOE per-case average (arithmetic mean) of gross earned monthly income.
SNA Non-MOE Average Net Earned Income	Numeric	Table 30 SNA Non-MOE per-case average (arithmetic mean) of net earned monthly income (gross earned income after application of disregards).

### **Definitions:**

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is the federally-funded cash assistance program for households consisting of children living with related adults, and certain foster care cases (the latter cases are not examined for earned income).

Safety Net Assistance Maintenance of Effort (SNA MOE) is a state-funded cash assistance program consisting of cases that would qualify for TANF except that they are barred from TANF assistance because they have exceeded the 60-month lifetime limit on that assistance or because they are a qualified alien but in the country for less than five years. Such cases are referred to as Maintenance of Effort cases because state expenditures on those cases count toward expenditures states are required to make in order to access TANF funding.

Safety Net Assistance Non-Maintenance of Effort (SNA Non-MOE) is a state-funded cash assistance program primarily for childless adults and two-parent families with children where both parents are non-disabled. These two-parent families are removed from the TANF and SNA MOE programs to avoid possible federal penalties associated with failure to meet the extremely high federal work participation standards for that group.

Earned income disregards are applied to earnings of public assistance recipients in order to encourage work. Instead of receiving a dollar-for-dollar reduction in their cash grant for each dollar earned, all cash assistance cases are allowed a deduction for work related expenses, and households with children are allowed to retain an additional percentage of their earnings after the work expense deduction. This additional percentage is calculated annually, covers a June through May time period, and is designed so that the public assistance grant for a family of three in New York City phases out when earnings reach the poverty level. The June 2014 to May 2015 disregard rate is 49 percent. This rate is scheduled to become 50 percent in June 2015.