

**Table 7-14. Summary Characteristics of the AFDC and TANF Cash Assistance Caseload, Selected Years, FY1988–FY2009**

	1988	1994	2001	2009
Average Monthly Number of Families (thousands)	3,748	5,046	2,202	1,796
Average Number of Family Members	2.8	2.8	3.0	3
Median Number of Family Members	3	3	3	3
Number of Adult Recipients (thousands)				
One Adult	3,039	3,757	1,269	877
Two or More Adults	340	420	144	85
No Adults	368	869	789	834
Number of Adult Recipients (percent of total families)				
One Adult	81.1	74.5	57.6	48.8
Two or More Adults	9.1	8.3	6.6	4.7
No Adults	9.8	17.2	35.8	46.4
Number of Child Recipients (percent of total families)				
One	42.5	42.6	44.1	50.7
Two	30.2	30.0	28.6	27.3
Three	15.8	15.6	14.9	13.2
Four or more	9.9	9.6	10.3	7.9
Age of Youngest Child (percent of total families)				
Infant and Age 1	24.6	28.0	25.0	27.3
Infant	NA	11.2	13.2	14.4
Age 1	NA	16.9	11.7	12.9
Age 2 to Age 5	33.5	34.6	29.0	29.7
Age 6 to Age 12	28.0	26.3	31.7	26.6
Age 13 and older	11.5	10.9	14.3	16.4

**Source:** Congressional Research Service (CRS) tabulations of the FY1988 and FY1994 AFDC Quality Control Files and the FY2001 and FY2009 TANF National Data Files. Prepared on September 18, 2012, for the 2012 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book.

**Notes:** For FY2001 and FY2009, TANF cash assistance families include those whose benefits were paid by “separate state programs” funded with TANF maintenance of effort (MOE) dollars.