

Table 7-18. AFDC and TANF Cash Assistance Recipient Adults, By Race/Ethnicity, Selected Years, FY1988 – FY2009

	1988	1994	2001	2009
Total	3,765,301	4,610,033	1,561,475	1,048,030
White/Nonhispanic	1,568,516	1,870,148	508,282	366,858
African American/Nonhispanic	1,394,916	1,559,041	556,451	352,965
Hispanic	573,889	862,272	363,905	254,226
Other or multi-racial	160,731	229,384	118,985	58,460
Unknown	67,249	89,188	13,853	15,520
Percent of all adult recipients				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White/Nonhispanic	41.7	40.6	32.6	35.0
African American/Nonhispanic	37.0	33.8	35.6	33.7
Hispanic	15.2	18.7	23.3	24.3
Other or multi-racial	4.3	5.0	7.6	5.6
Unknown	1.8	1.9	0.9	1.5

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. Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding.