



Minnesota Public Assistance Programs

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

SNAP helps people pay for groceries.

It is a federal program.

It serves:

- Seniors
- People with disabilities
- Families with children
- Working-age adults without children



Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)

This program provides income support, food benefits, and employment services to families with children in deep poverty.

Program rules include:

- Work requirements
- Time limits of no more than 5 years assistance over a parent's lifetime.



Both programs serve low-wage workers

They are concentrated in the following industries:

- Hotels/restaurants
- Temp Agencies
- Retail
- Health care and social services



Earnings and Eligibility

SNAP

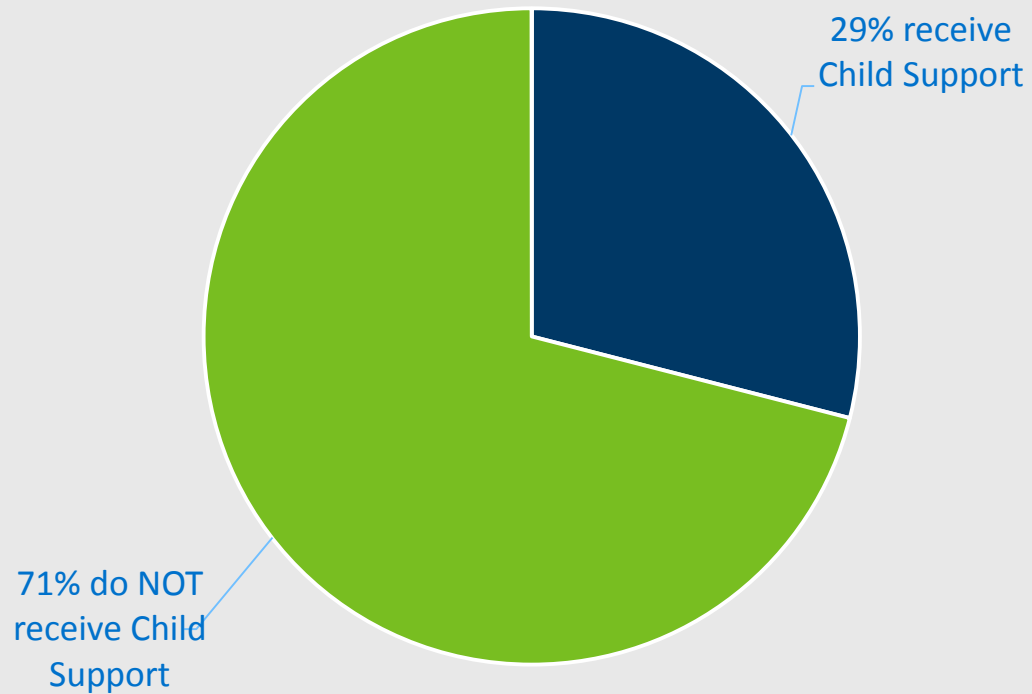
The annual income limit for a family of three is \$34,296/year.

MFIP

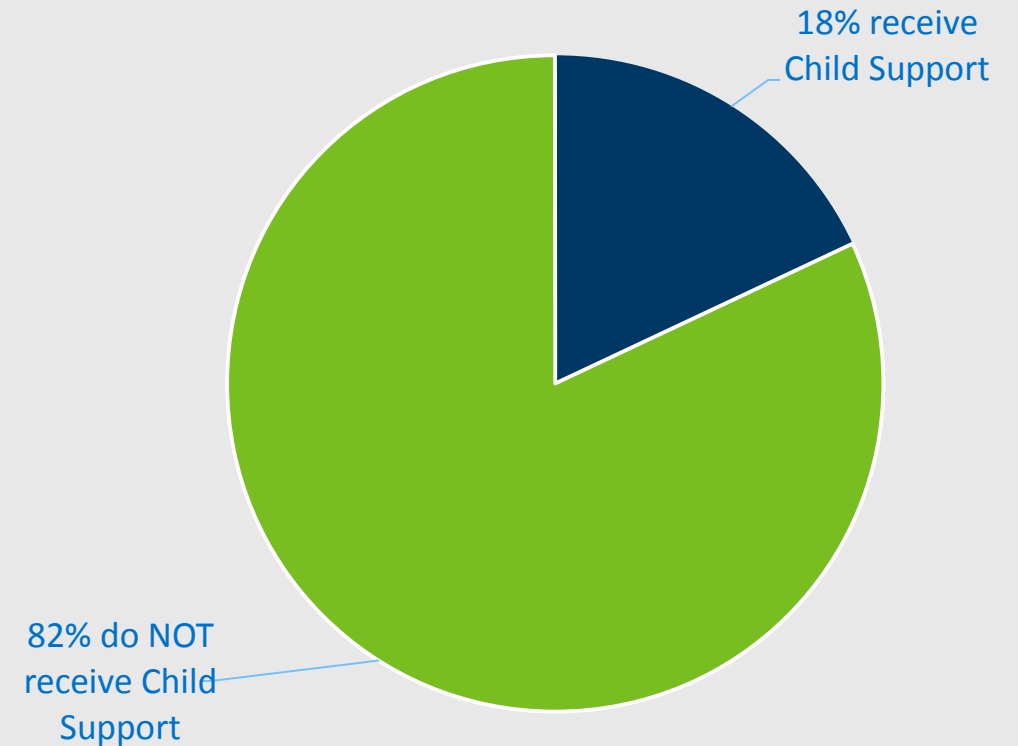
The annual earned income limit for a family of three is \$26,784/year.

Most SNAP/MFIP families do not receive Child Support

Proportion of SNAP Families Receiving Child Support

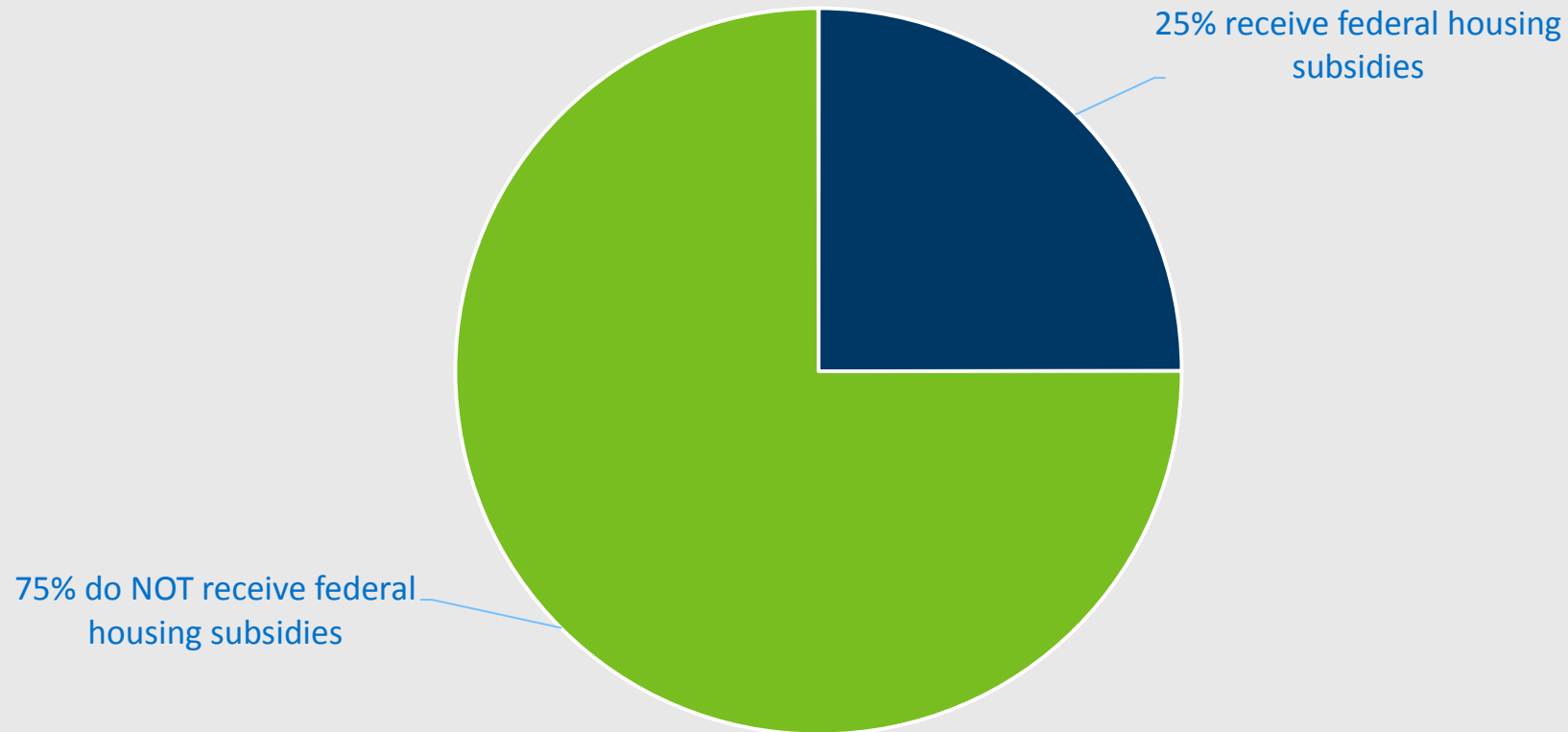


Proportion of MFIP Families Receiving Child Support



Most MFIP families do not get housing subsidies

Proportion of Families Receiving Both MFIP and Federal Housing Subsidies



Most people don't rely on benefits for a long time

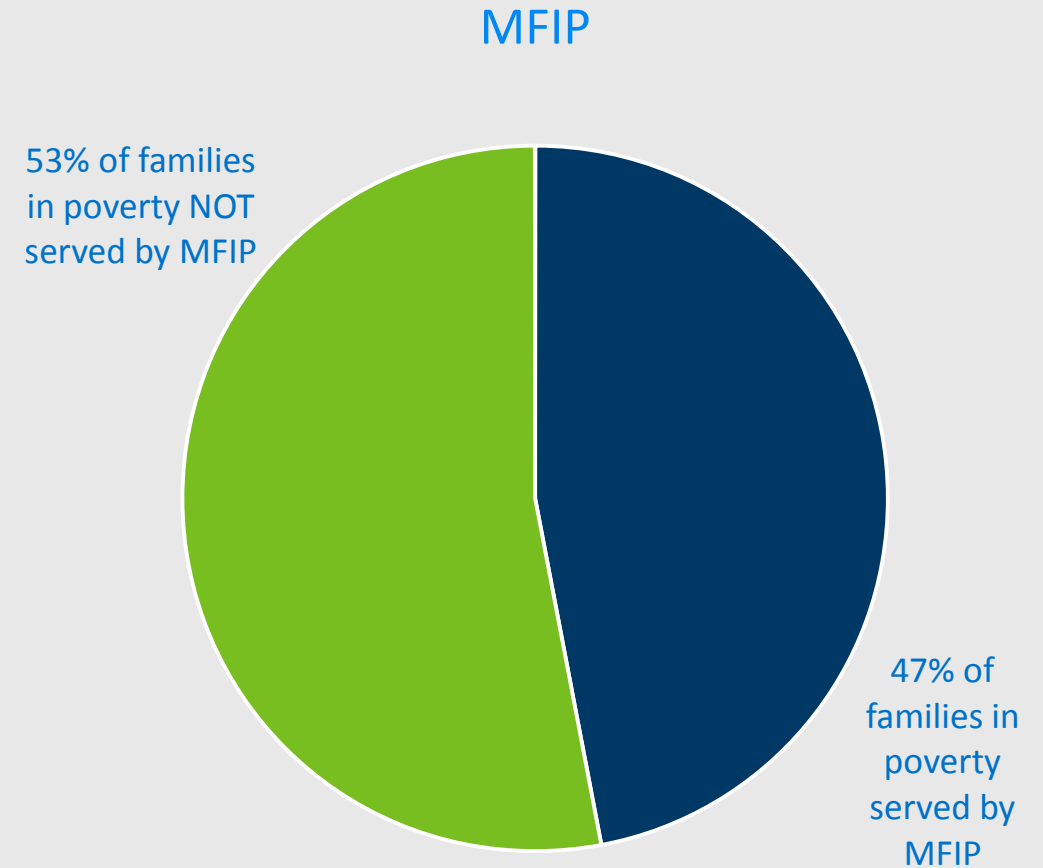
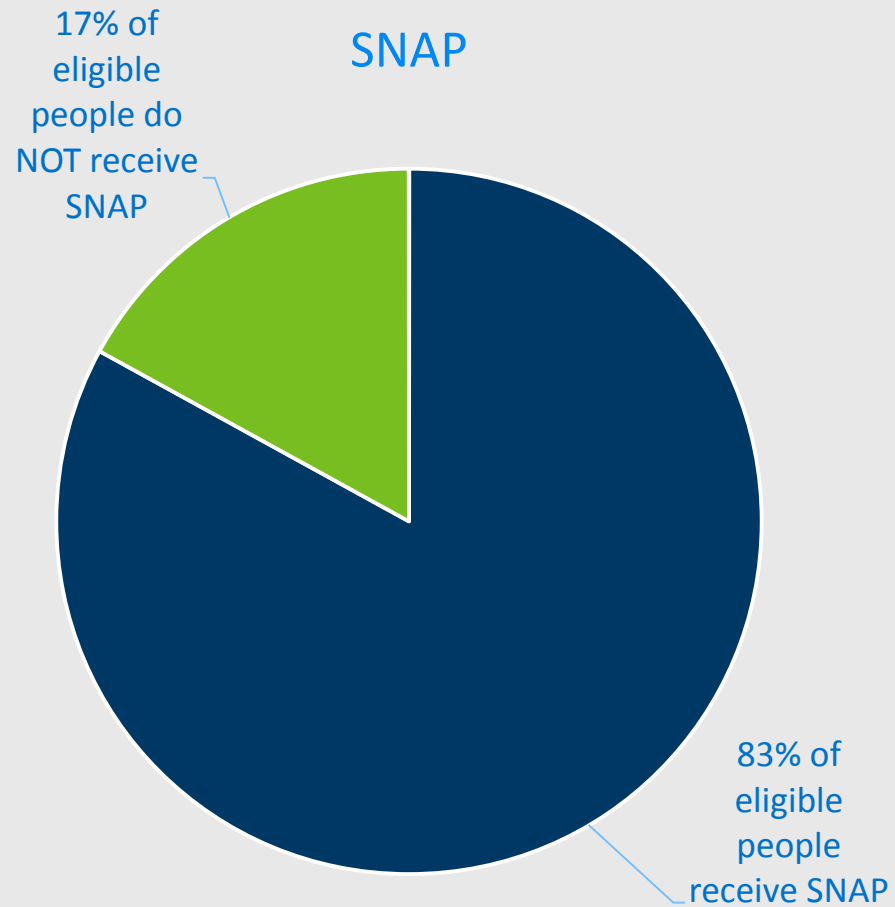
SNAP

Half of all new SNAP participants leave the program within 10 months nationwide

MFIP

42% of all new applicants use MFIP once for 12 months or less

How many eligible people does each program reach?



Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) – Eligibility

- A family of 3 must earn less than \$3,288/month to initially qualify for CCAP
 - Ineligible at redetermination if income exceeds \$4,687/month for family of 3
- Parents must be in activity (work, school, etc.)
- Parents must cooperate with Child Support
- Children eligible through age 12 (age 14 if special needs)



Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) – Subprograms

MFIP Child Care

- For families receiving MFIP
- Fully funded – no waiting list

Transition Year

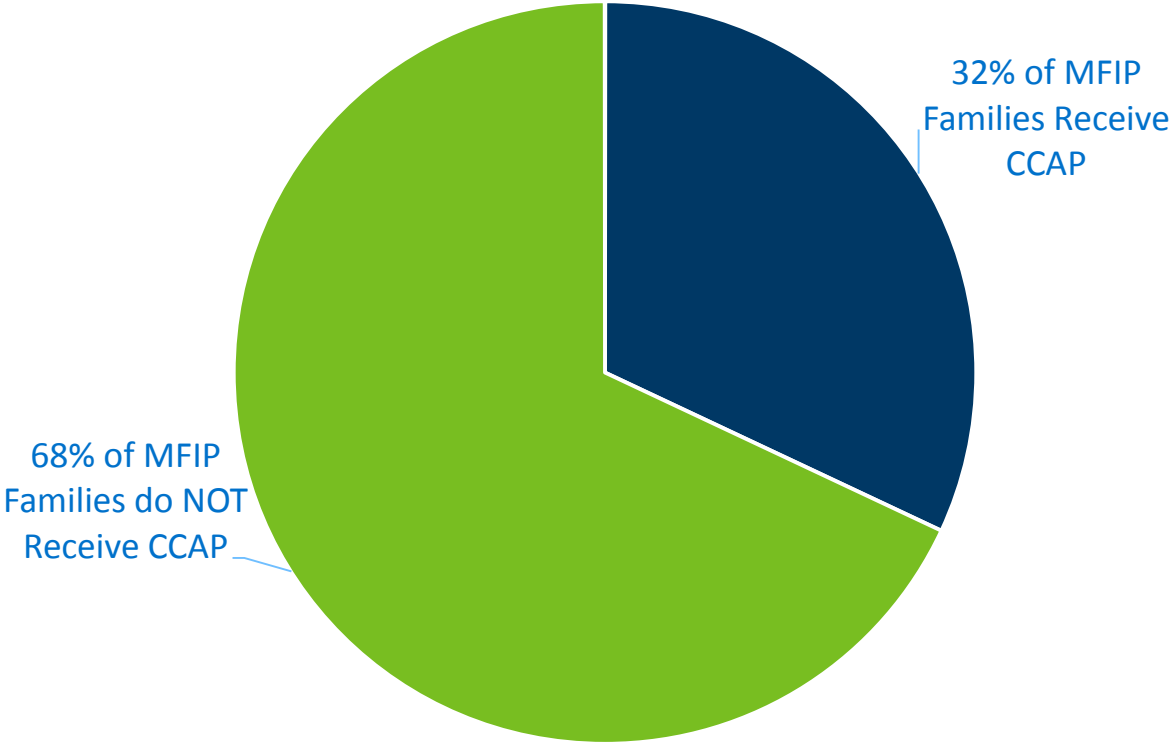
- For families after their MFIP case closes
- Serves families until BSF funding is available
- Fully funded – no waiting list

Basic Sliding Fee (BSF)

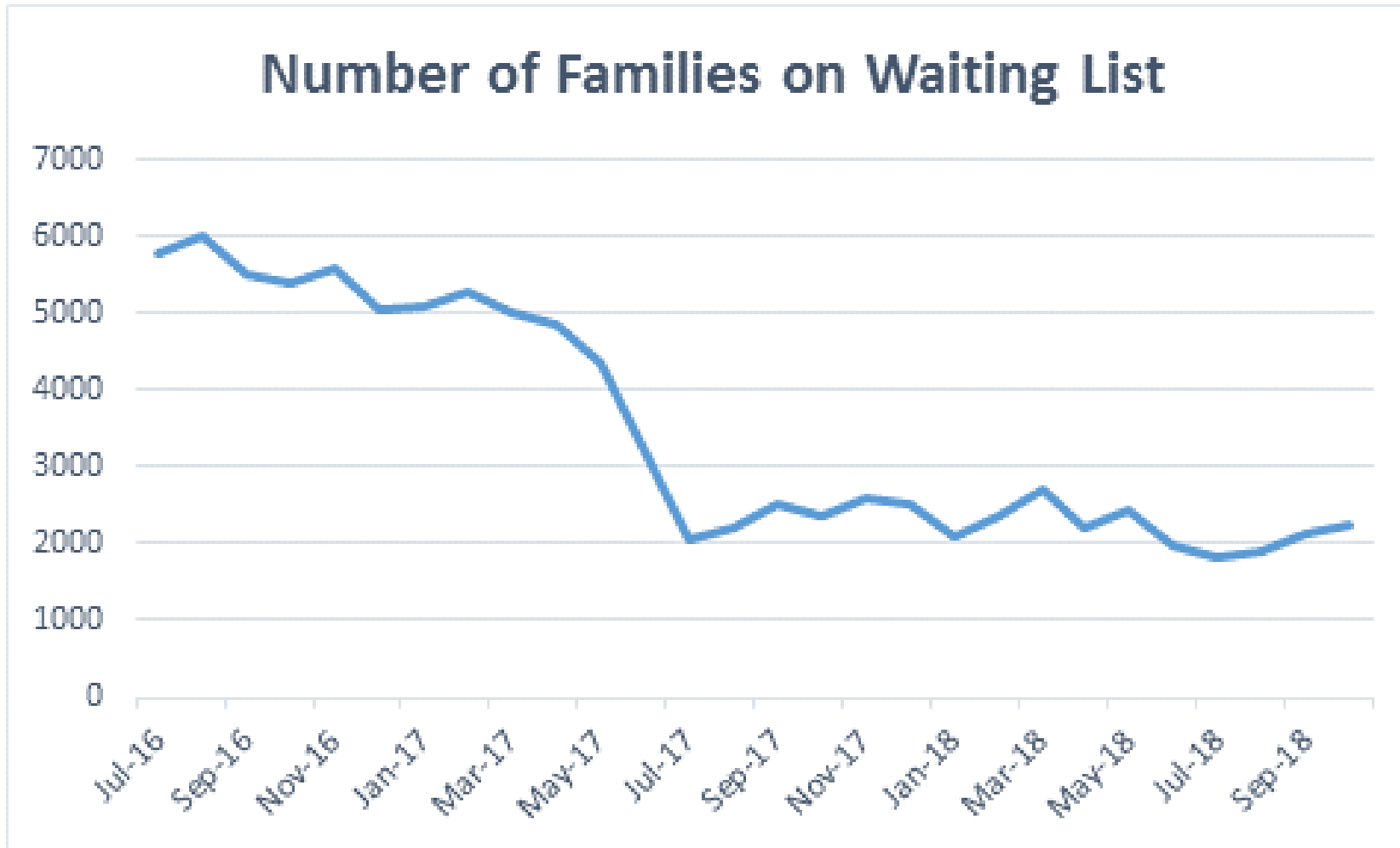
- Other families with low incomes
- Capped allocation – some areas have waiting lists

Most MFIP families don't receive CCAP

Proportion of MFIP Families Receiving CCAP



Families on the Basic Sliding Fee waiting list



Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) – Payments

- Parents choose a child care provider who accepts CCAP
 - Licensed family, licensed center, certified center, and legal nonlicensed providers
- Payments are made directly to child care providers for eligible children
 - CCAP pays the provider's charge or the maximum rate, whichever is less
 - Maximum rates vary by provider location, provider type, age of child, and unit (hourly, daily or weekly)
- Parents pay a copay to provider. Copay amount is based on income and family size.
- Providers may also charge the parent for charges not covered by the CCAP payment.

Thank You!

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