

Pennsylvania's Caseloads Have Increased While County Assistance Office (CAO) Staffing Has Declined

2002 to Present

	2002/2003	Present	Percentage increase/decrease
Food Stamps (SNAP)	797,889	1,718,571	+ 115%
Medical Assistance	1,533,243	2,264,663	+ 47%
Cash Assistance (TANF & GA)	268,643	288,238	+ 7%
Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)	344,552	535,281	+ 55%
CAO Staff Complement (authorized)	7,596	6,639	- 14%

Sources:

Unemployment in 1st column from July 2002 and in 2nd column from December 2010 (the latest month available):
http://data.bls.gov/pdq/SurveyOutputServlet?series_id=LASST42000003&data_tool=XGtable

Caseload figures are average monthly individual participants in 2002/03 and January 2011 (latest available), from DPW's monthly statistics reports, available at <http://listserv.dpw.state.pa.us/Scripts/wa.exe?A2=ind11&L=ma-food-stamps-and-cash-tats&T=0&F=&S=&P=3102>.

CAO staff complement from DPW transition documents.

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