

Annual Report Regarding the Sanctions Relating to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program

This Annual Report shows the number of West Virginia TANF cases that have been closed due to a sanction for non-cooperation with the individual's Personal Responsibility Contract (PRC) and the re-applications of the West Virginia TANF benefit once the sanction period is over.

➤ **The sanction policy for West Virginia effective for any sanction applied to the TANF benefit on or after April 1, 2016:**

- 1st sanction: Ineligibility for cash assistance for one month
- 2nd sanction: Ineligibility for cash assistance for six months
- 3rd and subsequent sanctions: Ineligibility for cash assistance for 12 months.

West Virginia TANF Sanctions from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025

- For the month of **October 2024**, there were **46** closures due to a sanction and **11** re-applications following a sanction statewide. The breakdown of these closures is: **9** for the first sanction, **2** for the second sanction, and **0** for the third or subsequent sanction.
- For the month of **November 2024**, there were **31** closures due to a sanction and **14** re-applications following a sanction statewide. The breakdown of these closures is: **9** for the first sanction, **4** for the second sanction, and **1** for the third or subsequent sanction.
- For the month of **December 2024**, there were **33** closures due to a sanction and **11** re-applications following a sanction statewide. The breakdown of these closures is: **8** for the first sanction, **3** for the second sanction, and **1** for the third or subsequent sanction.
- For the month of **January 2025**, there were **42** closures due to a sanction and **6** re-applications following a statewide sanction. The breakdown of these closures is: **4** for the first sanction, **2** for the second sanction, and **0** for the third or subsequent sanction.
- For the month of **February 2025**, there were **44** closures due to a sanction and **11** re-applications following a sanction statewide. The breakdown of these closures is: **9** for the first sanction, **2** for the second sanction, and **0** for the third sanction or subsequent sanction.
- For the month of **March 2025**, there were **51** closures due to a sanction and **08** re-applications following a statewide sanction. The breakdown of these closures is: **05** for the first sanction, **02** for the second sanction, **01** for the third sanction or subsequent sanction.
- For the month of **April 2025**, there were **40** closures due to a sanction and **10** re-applications following a sanction statewide. The breakdown of these closures is: **10** for the first sanction, **00** for the second sanction, and **00** for a third or subsequent sanction.

- For the month of **May 2025**, there were **61** closures due to a sanction and **11** re-applications following a sanction statewide. The breakdown of these closures is: **07** for the first sanction, **02** for the second sanction, and **02** for the third or subsequent sanction.
- For the month of **June 2025**, there were **45** closures due to a sanction and **08** re-applications following a sanction statewide. The breakdown of these closures is: **06** for the first sanction, **02** for the second sanction, and **00** for the third or subsequent sanction.
- For the month of **July 2025**, there were **35** closures due to a sanction and **15** re-applications following a statewide sanction. The breakdown of these closures is: **12** for the first sanction, **03** for the second sanction, and **00** for the third or subsequent sanction.
- For the month of **August 2025**, there were **27** closures due to a sanction and **08** re-applications following a sanction statewide. The breakdown of these closures is: **06** for the first sanction, **02** for the second sanction, and **00** for the third or subsequent sanction.
- For the month of **September 2025**, there were **47** closures due to a sanction and **11** re-applications following a sanction statewide. The breakdown of these closures is: **04** for the first sanction, **06** for the second sanction, and **01** for the third or subsequent sanction.

West Virginia's Surrounding States' TANF Sanctions

According to the Welfare Rules Databook as of July 1, 2024: Kentucky's initial TANF benefit sanction is the pro rata portion of the benefit until in compliance for 15 days. Their most severe sanction is the entire TANF benefit is sanctioned until compliance. Ohio's initial sanction is for the entire TANF benefit for one month or until compliance, whichever is longer. Their most severe sanction is the entire TANF benefit until compliance or six months, whichever is longer. Maryland's initial sanction for the adult portion of benefits is reduced by 30% until compliance. Their most severe sanction is the adult portion of benefits is reduced by 30% until compliance. Pennsylvania's initial sanction is that the TANF benefit of the adult portion of benefit until compliance or one month, whichever is longer (This sanction applies to noncompliance that occurs during the first 24 months of assistance. The benefit is reduced by the adult portion of the benefit for a minimum of 30 days or until the individual agrees to participate in RESET. For noncompliance that occurs after the first 24 months, the entire unit is ineligible for benefits for a minimum of 30 days or until the individual agrees to participate in RESET.) Their most severe sanction is permanent. (This sanction applies to noncompliance that occurs after the first 24 months of assistance. For instances of noncompliance occurring within the first 24 months of assistance, the needs of the sanctioned individual are permanently excluded for benefit calculation purposes.) Virginia's initial sanction is for the entire TANF benefit until compliance or one month, whichever is longer. Their most severe sanction until compliance or six months, whichever is longer.