

# WELFARE: HOW CALIFORNIA STACKS UP

California is home to one-third of the nation's welfare recipients and one-fifth of all welfare expenditures. These rates are higher than the state's share of the U.S. population. Two factors that contribute to the higher proportions: A far greater percentage of people are on welfare in California than in any other state, and the state spends more on welfare per capita than all but two states. A look at how the state compares with others for fiscal year 2011:

## California compared

### Types of recipients

About four out of five recipients in California are children, slightly higher than the national rate ...

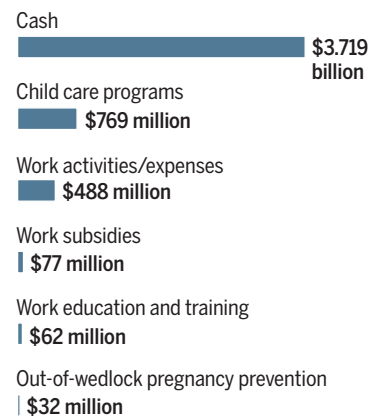


... and for those California children, 90 percent are in family situations where at least one parent is absent:



### Types of assistance

Like most other states, California provides cash assistance to welfare recipients along with other, noncash services such as child care programs, work subsidies and training fees. A look at selected expenditures in California in fiscal year 2011:



### Change in total recipients

Three of the five most populous states reduced the number of welfare recipients in fiscal year 2011, including California. The percentage change by month from October 2010, the start of the fiscal year:

