

LOCHHRA EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

February 2017

- For February 2017, WV WORKS cases statewide decreased to **7,537**, down **43** cases compared to January 2017's **7,580** cases.
- Adult WV WORKS cases statewide for February 2017 are **2,504**, down **40** cases compared to January 2017's **2,544** cases.
- Child-only cases statewide for February 2017 are **5,033**, down **3** cases compared to January 2017's **5,036** cases.
- Total support service payments for February 2017 totaled **\$411,956**, down **\$18,434** from January 2017's **\$430,390**.
- From December 1st, 2001 through February 28th, 2017, **3,227** WV WORKS cases have closed due to the adult(s) reaching the 60-month limit. Of that amount, **1,924** customers requested an extension of benefits up to an additional 6-month period; **820** of which were approved (for a **42.6%** approval rate).

**WV WORKS Caseload
February 2017**

County	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Barbour (01)	49	44										
Berkeley (02)	402	400										
Boone (03)	171	174										
Braxton (04)	61	60										
Brooke (05)	0	0										
Cabell (06)	489	483										
Calhoun (07)	26	28										
Clay (08)	54	54										
Doddridge (09)	18	17										
Fayette (10)	203	191										
Gilmer (11)	13	12										
Grant (12)	29	28										
Greenbrier (13)	64	64										
Hampshire (14)	75	71										
Hancock (15)	156	159										
Hardy (16)	57	57										
Harrison (17)	220	221										

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Jackson (18)	160	159										
Jefferson (19)	139	136										
Kanawha (20)	961	974										
Lewis (21)	70	73										
Lincoln (22)	160	163										
Logan (23)	297	292										
Marion (24)	156	147										
Marshall (25)	114	115										
Mason (26)	179	188										
Mercer (27)	492	485										
Mineral (28)	62	60										
Mingo (29)	184	186										
Monongalia (30)	147	136										
Monroe (31)	26	24										
Morgan (32)	47	41										
McDowell (33)	273	269										
Nicholas (34)	134	137										

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Ohio (35)	96	94										
Pendleton (36)	13	12										
Pleasants (37)	17	18										
Pocahontas (38)	30	30										
Preston (39)	78	74										
Putnam (40)	174	183										
Raleigh (41)	198	201										
Randolph (42)	72	72										
Ritchie (43)	30	28										
Roane (44)	56	58										
Summers (45)	103	98										
Taylor (46)	77	76										
Tucker (47)	8	8										
Tyler (48)	35	33										
Upshur (49)	66	65										
Wayne (50)	241	242										
Webster (51)	67	64										

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Wetzel (52)	71	69										
Wirt (53)	31	29										
Wood (54)	316	322										
Wyoming (55)	113	113										
TOTAL	7,580	7,537										

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**Characteristics of the
Current WV WORKS Caseload**

February 2017

- √ 5,033 Child-only cases ---- parents not in the home and children living with a relative, or parents in the home, are receiving Medicaid and are excluded from the WV WORKS payment.
- √ 132 Cases currently receiving WV WORKS and received TANF in another state before moving to West Virginia.
- √ 115 Cases where parents are excluded from the payment due to being convicted of a drug-related felony after August 22, 1996.
- √ 4,359 Cases receiving Medicaid but not SNAP.
- √ 107 Cases receiving SNAP but adults not receiving Medicaid.
- √ 611 Adults receiving WV WORKS and are employed.

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Support Services Payments: Types and Amounts February 2017

TYPE	Current WV WORKS	FORMER WV WORKS	# OF PAYMENTS	AVERAGE PAYMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Clothing: work or dress clothing when there is a verified offer of employment or short-term training. \$1000/lifetime Only \$200/12 Month Period	\$5,669.95	\$337.81	40	\$150.19	\$6,007.76
Collateral: items to include grooming expenses, test fees and other expenses related to employment. \$250 / 12 Month Period	\$1,186.82	\$225.00	17	\$83.05	\$1,411.82
Car Repair: for personally owned vehicles; including tires, mufflers, or brakes necessary to pass state inspection, state inspection stickers, license plates, vehicle insurance, and driver's education classes. Funds cannot be used to purchase a vehicle. \$1,500 Lifetime / Per Household	\$15,966.05	\$3,604.82	38	\$515.02	\$19,570.87
Commercial Driver's License: payment to purchase license. \$100 Lifetime	\$40.00	\$0.00	1	\$40.00	\$40.00
Contract Training: training contracts may be written when training not available on a no-cost basis; can be provided to an individual or group of participants; expectation is that individual will be able to find employment after successfully completing the training. *Costs exceeding this amount require DFA approval. \$600 Lifetime	\$1,125.00	\$600.00	7	\$246.43	\$1,725.00
Driver/Chauffeurs License: does not include payment for test required due to traffic violations or classes required for DUI convictions. \$50 Lifetime	\$205.00	\$0.00	5	\$41.00	\$205.00
DUI Offenses: costs related to reinstatement of driver's license which have been revoked due to substance abuse; including DUI classes, license reinstatement fees, new license, and ignition interlock system; but <u>does not</u> include fines, treatment programs or tests for drug/alcohol use. \$250 Lifetime	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Employer Incentive Program (EIP): agreements between employers and local DHHR offices placing WV WORKS recipients in jobs; employers reimbursed one-half of employee's wages for first 200-600 work hours under these contracts.	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Employment Subsidy: re-imbusement of wages to employers who hire TANF participants \$5,000 Lifetime	\$15,419.30	\$0.00	15	\$1,027.95	\$15,419.30
GED Achievement Bonus: one-time-only payment for any active WV WORKS recipient who passes the GED examination. \$100 Lifetime	\$600.00	\$0.00	6	\$100.00	\$600.00

Support Services Payments: Types and Amounts February 2017

TYPE	Current WV WORKS	FORMER WV WORKS	# OF PAYMENTS	AVERAGE PAYMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Participation Achievement Bonus: paid when the participant meets minimum Federal participation requirements <i>\$50 Month Limit</i>	\$41,450.00	\$0.00	829	\$50.00	\$41,450.00
Professional License: when the cost of the license is not paid by the employer or is not included in the cost of a training course and obtaining the license is part of the course completion. <i>\$300 Lifetime</i>	\$150.00	\$282.50	3	\$144.17	\$432.50
Relocation: with a verified offer of employment, family can be relocated to a different state, different area of the state or to the same area if the move reduces travel time to one hour or less. <i>\$1,500 Lifetime Per Household</i>	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Six-Month Self-Sufficiency Achievement Bonus Bonuses paid to each former recipient who is employed full-time during each of the months following case closure. <i>\$250 Lifetime</i>	\$4,500.00	\$2,000.00	26	\$250.00	\$6,500.00
Tools/Equipment: when needed for a verified offer of employment or specialized training. <i>\$500 Lifetime</i>	\$2,759.68	\$0.00	13	\$212.28	\$2,759.68
Transportation: payments made based on travel to employment or a work activity when a cost involved; public transportation reimbursed at actual cost. <i>\$230 Month Limit</i>	\$253,178.81	\$35,895.00	1,513	\$191.06	\$289,073.81
Vocational Educational and Employment Achievement Bonus: a one-time only payment paid to Work-Eligible individuals in active WV WORKS cases who complete Vocational Educational Training and accept employment of at least 20 hours per week. <i>\$250 Lifetime</i>	\$1,500.00	\$250.00	7	\$250.00	\$1,750.00
Vehicle Insurance: payment for vehicle insurance premium; must be titled or leased in name of adult in WV WORKS payment. <i>\$1,000 Lifetime</i>	\$19,967.21	\$3,542.95	59	\$398.48	\$23,510.16
TOTALS	\$365,217.82	\$46,738.08	2,580	\$159.67	\$411,955.90

**Length of Time on Assistance
February 2017**

NUMBER OF MONTHS	NUMBER OF CASES
12 mos. or less	N/A
13 – 24	N/A
25 – 36	N/A
37 – 48	N/A
49 – 60	N/A
TANF ADULT ONLY CASES	2,504

Child-only cases not included.

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WV WORKS Closures Due to Expiration of 60 Months

Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures	Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures	Mo. /Yr.	# of Closures	Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures										
12/01	108																
1/02	40	1/03	19	1/04	31	1/05	39	1/06	24	1/07	15	1/08	17	1/09	24	1/10	23
2/02	23	2/03	25	2/04	20	2/05	24	2/06	24	2/07	17	2/08	14	2/09	11	2/10	21
3/02	29	3/03	20	3/04	23	3/05	20	3/06	21	3/07	19	3/08	17	3/09	13	3/10	16
4/02	21	4/03	26	4/04	28	4/05	24	4/06	18	4/07	10	4/08	15	4/09	14	4/10	15
5/02	25	5/03	26	5/04	25	5/05	20	5/06	22	5/07	15	5/08	7	5/09	16	5/10	24
6/02	44	6/03	34	6/04	36	6/05	23	6/06	25	6/07	18	6/08	13	6/09	14	6/10	26
7/02	29	7/03	25	7/04	28	7/05	25	7/06	27	7/07	14	7/08	6	7/09	14	7/10	16
8/02	18	8/03	32	8/04	22	8/05	22	8/06	18	8/07	14	8/08	13	8/09	17	8/10	19
9/02	21	9/03	37	9/04	30	9/05	30	9/06	14	9/07	14	9/08	13	9/09	20	9/10	16
10/02	28	10/03	31	10/04	27	10/05	23	10/06	11	10/07	7	10/08	12	10/09	13	10/10	17
11/02	22	11/03	30	11/04	33	11/05	27	11/06	9	11/07	13	11/08	16	11/09	16	11/10	16
12/02	33	12/03	27	12/04	24	12/05	25	12/06	7	12/07	21	12/08	7	12/09	8	12/10	19
TOTALS	441		332		327		302		220		177		150		180		228

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Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures	Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures	Mo. /Yr.	# of Closures	Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures										
1/11	23	1/12	11	1/13	17	1/14	11	1/15	2	1/16	5	1/17	6	1/18		1/19	
2/11	23	2/12	21	2/13	13	2/14	17	2/15	3	2/16	6	2/17	6	2/18		2/19	
3/11	18	3/12	16	3/13	16	3/14	10	3/15	5	3/16	3	3/17		3/18		3/19	
4/11	18	4/12	10	4/13	18	4/14	14	4/15	12	4/16	6	4/17		4/18		4/19	
5/11	22	5/12	16	5/13	12	5/14	19	5/15	9	5/16	6	5/17		5/18		5/19	
6/11	23	6/12	14	6/13	14	6/14	7	6/15	10	6/16	12	6/17		6/18		6/19	
7/11	18	7/12	24	7/13	8	7/14	10	7/15	5	7/16	3	7/17		7/18		7/19	
8/11	19	8/12	16	8/13	22	8/14	14	8/15	8	8/16	6	8/17		8/18		8/19	
9/11	14	9/12	18	9/13	9	9/14	1	9/15	5	9/16	5	9/17		9/18		9/19	
10/11	13	10/12	19	10/13	13	10/14	4	10/15	8	10/16	7	10/17		10/18		10/19	
11/11	18	11/12	15	11/13	15	11/14	1	11/15	9	11/16	7	11/17		11/18		11/19	
12/11	12	12/12	21	12/13	14	12/14	0	12/15	12	12/16	3	12/17		12/18		12/19	
TOTALS	221		201		171		108		88		69		12				

Total 60-Month TANF Closures from December 2001 through February 2017 = 3,227

60-Month TANF Limit Extension Report for February 2017:

Number of requests for extension received to date: 1,924

Number of request approved to date: 820

Of the 820 cases approved through February 2017 for extension, 579 were for 6 months, and 241 were for periods of 1-5 months.