

LOCHHRA EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

February 2015

- For February 2015, WV WORKS cases statewide decreased to **8,180**, down **184** cases compared to January 2015's **8,364** cases.
- Adult WV WORKS cases statewide for February 2015 are **3,324**, down **161** cases compared to January 2015's **3,485** cases.
- Child-only cases statewide for February 2015 are **4,856**, down **23** cases compared to January 2015's **4,879** cases.
- Total support service payments for February 2015 totaled **\$365,350**, down **\$51,719** from January 2015's **\$417,069**.
- From December 1st, 2001 through February 28th, 2015, **3,063** WV WORKS cases have closed due to the adult(s) reaching the 60-month limit. Of that amount, **1,839** customers requested an extension of benefits up to an additional 6-month period; **782** of which were approved (for a **42.5%** approval rate).

**WV WORKS Caseload
February 2015**

County	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Barbour (01)	44	47										
Berkeley (02)	428	439										
Boone (03)	182	171										
Braxton (04)	67	68										
Brooke (05)	60	55										
Cabell (06)	598	586										
Calhoun (07)	31	32										
Clay (08)	51	49										
Doddridge (09)	24	24										
Fayette (10)	243	235										
Gilmer (11)	12	12										
Grant (12)	30	28										
Greenbrier (13)	90	96										
Hampshire (14)	90	88										
Hancock (15)	132	125										
Hardy (16)	53	53										
Harrison (17)	191	184										

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Jackson (18)	168	161										
Jefferson (19)	141	136										
Kanawha (20)	1,122	1,096										
Lewis (21)	78	68										
Lincoln (22)	168	171										
Logan (23)	280	271										
Marion (24)	121	119										
Marshall (25)	119	119										
Mason (26)	196	190										
Mercer (27)	649	623										
Mineral (28)	78	73										
Mingo (29)	221	226										
Monongalia (30)	155	157										
Monroe (31)	32	30										
Morgan (32)	53	59										
McDowell (33)	319	304										
Nicholas (34)	139	130										

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Ohio (35)	120	117										
Pendleton (36)	14	13										
Pleasants (37)	22	19										
Pocahontas (38)	27	24										
Preston (39)	54	55										
Putnam (40)	154	162										
Raleigh (41)	267	263										
Randolph (42)	47	44										
Ritchie (43)	30	27										
Roane (44)	66	67										
Summers (45)	112	101										
Taylor (46)	69	69										
Tucker (47)	11	7										
Tyler (48)	24	23										
Upshur (49)	51	50										
Wayne (50)	263	255										
Webster (51)	94	95										

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County	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Wetzel (52)	88	84										
Wirt (53)	35	34										
Wood (54)	314	314										
Wyoming (55)	137	132										
TOTAL	8,364	8,180										

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**Characteristics of the
Current WV WORKS Caseload**

February 2015

- √ **4,856** 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.
- √ **27** Cases currently receiving WV WORKS and received TANF in another state before moving to West Virginia.
- √ **101** Cases where parents are excluded from the payment due to being convicted of a drug-related felony after August 22, 1996.
- √ **2,330** Cases receiving Medicaid but not SNAP.
- √ **42** Cases receiving SNAP but adults not receiving Medicaid.
- √ **931** Adults receiving WV WORKS and are employed.

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Support Services Payments: Types and Amounts February 2015

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	\$1,735.10	\$257.22	19	\$104.86	\$1,992.32
Collateral: items to include grooming expenses, test fees and other expenses related to employment. \$250 / 12 Month Period	\$185.50	\$250.00	5	\$87.10	\$435.50
Commercial Drivers License: payment to purchase license. \$100 Lifetime	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Driver/Chauffeurs License: does not include payment for test required due to traffic violations or classes required for DUI convictions. \$50 Lifetime	\$100.00	\$0.00	2	\$50.00	\$100.00
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
Emergency ARRA Stimulus Payment: intended to cover any emergency need that is considered a barrier to employment. (rent/mortgage, utilities, and household furnishings/supplies) \$5,000 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.	\$1,909.11	\$0.00	3	\$636.37	\$1,909.11
GED Achievement Bonus: one-time-only payment for any active WV WORKS recipient who passes the GED examination. \$100 Lifetime	\$700.00	\$0.00	7	\$100.00	\$700.00

Support Services Payments: Types and Amounts February 2015

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>	\$53,400.00	\$0.00	1,068	\$50.00	\$53,400.00
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>	\$0.00	\$300.00	1	\$300.00	\$300.00
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>	\$1,853.00	\$0.00	2	\$926.50	\$1,853.00
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>	\$8,050.00	\$6,950.00	43	\$348.84	\$15,000.00
Tools/Equipment: when needed for a verified offer of employment or specialized training. <i>\$500 Lifetime</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
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>	\$216,640.05	\$48,162.00	1,941	\$136.43	\$264,802.05
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>	\$8,059.00	\$2,080.17	40	\$253.48	\$10,139.17
Vehicle 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. <i>\$1,500 Lifetime / Per Household</i>	\$13,027.13	\$691.87	28	\$489.96	\$13,719.00
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>	\$750.00	\$250.00	4	\$250.00	\$1,000.00
TOTALS	\$306,408.89	\$58,941.26	3,163	\$115.51	\$365,350.15

**Length of Time on Assistance
February 2015**

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	3,324

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		1/17		1/18		1/19	
2/11	23	2/12	21	2/13	13	2/14	17	2/15	3	2/16		2/17		2/18		2/19	
3/11	18	3/12	16	3/13	16	3/14	10	3/15		3/16		3/17		3/18		3/19	
4/11	18	4/12	10	4/13	18	4/14	14	4/15		4/16		4/17		4/18		4/19	
5/11	22	5/12	16	5/13	12	5/14	19	5/15		5/16		5/17		5/18		5/19	
6/11	23	6/12	14	6/13	14	6/14	7	6/15		6/16		6/17		6/18		6/19	
7/11	18	7/12	24	7/13	8	7/14	10	7/15		7/16		7/17		7/18		7/19	
8/11	19	8/12	16	8/13	22	8/14	14	8/15		8/16		8/17		8/18		8/19	
9/11	14	9/12	18	9/13	9	9/14	1	9/15		9/16		9/17		9/18		9/19	
10/11	13	10/12	19	10/13	13	10/14	4	10/15		10/16		10/17		10/18		10/19	
11/11	18	11/12	15	11/13	15	11/14	1	11/15		11/16		11/17		11/18		11/19	
12/11	12	12/12	21	12/13	14	12/14	0	12/15		12/16		12/17		12/18		12/19	
TOTALS	221		201		171		108		5								

Total 60-Month TANF Closures from December 2001 through February 2015 = 3,063

60-Month TANF Limit Extension Report for February 2015:

Number of requests for extension received to date: 1,839

Number of request approved to date: 782

Of the 782 cases approved through February 2015 for extension, 554 were for 6 months, and 228 were for periods of 1-5 months.