

Welfare Reform and Social Indicators - Columbia County

	Columbia County	New York State
Population		
Number of Persons, 2000 Census	63,094	18,976,457
Percent change in population since 1990 Census	0.2%	5.5%
Poverty		
Number of Persons in Poverty: 1997	7,422	2,814,460
Poverty Rate: 1997	11.9%	15.6%
Change in the Number of Persons in Poverty: 1995-1997	164	-31,753
Percent Change in the Number of Persons in Poverty: 1995 to 1997	2.3%	-1.1%
Child Poverty		
Number of Children in Poverty: 1997	2,208	765,578
Child Poverty Rate: 1997	19.4%	23.8%
Change in Number of Children in Poverty: 1995 to 1997	420	1,177
Percent Change in Number of Children in Poverty: 1995 to 1997	23.5%	0.2%
Temporary Assistance		
Temporary Assistance Caseload: August 2001	399	314,728
Change in Temporary Assistance Caseload: December 1994 to August 2001	-757	-462,768
Percent Change in Temporary Assistance Caseload: December 1994 to August 2001	-65.5%	-59.5%
Change in Temporary Assistance Expenditures: December 1994 to August 2001	-\$355,665	-\$203,647,355
Percent Change in Temporary Assistance Expenditures: December 1994 to August 2001	-69.1%	-58.1%
TANF Cases Approaching Five Year Federal Limits: October 2000	24	76,203
TANF Cases Approaching Five Year Federal Limits as a Percent of All TANF Cases: October 2000	8.7%	31.6%
Annual Child Care Co-Pay - Three-person family with income at 150% of Poverty (\$21,945): 2001	\$732	
Distance welfare participant must walk to work to receive transportation assistance: 2001	N/A	
Annual public assistance grant for a single parent with two children: 2001	\$6,540	
Medicaid		
Change in Nonelderly/Nondisabled Medicaid Eligibles: December 1994 to July 2001	-1218	-376,208
Percent Change in Nonelderly/Nondisabled Medicaid Eligibles: December 1994 to July 2001	-27.8%	-16.4%
Food Stamps		
Change in Food Stamp Enrollment: December 1994 to August 2001	-2,182	-889,976
Percent Change in Food Stamp Enrollment: December 1994 to August 2001	-47.3%	-40.5%
Eligible for ABAWD* Waiver?	NO	
Took Advantage of ABAWD Waiver?	N/A	
Domestic Violence Statistics		
Number of Persons Indicating Current Danger, 7/99-6/00	14	7,386
Number of Domestic Violence Waivers, 7/99-6/00	15	3,626
Economic Indicators		
Unemployment Rate: September 2001	2.3%	4.8%
Change in Resident Employment: December 1994 to August 2001	3,606	620,755
Percent Change in Resident Employment: December 1994 to August 2001	11.7%	7.8%
Median Annual Household Income: 1997	\$36,697	\$36,369
Annual Federal Poverty Guideline for a three-person family: 2001	\$14,630	
Annual Self-Sufficiency Standard for a single parent with two children: 2000	\$24,876	

*ABAWD Waivers - Food stamp law requires able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) to work three months out of every 3 years unless exempted; states can directly exempt up to 25% of their ABAWDs, and can apply for additional waivers for areas with insufficient jobs. New York State has applied for and received the additional ABAWD waivers, but has left it up to local districts that are eligible to choose whether to accept or decline the waiver for their county.