

Welfare Reform and Social Indicators - Putnam County

	Putnam County	New York State
Population		
Number of Persons, 2000 Census	95,745	18,976,457
Percent change in population since 1990 Census	14.1%	5.5%
Poverty		
Number of Persons in Poverty: 1997	4,181	2,814,460
Poverty Rate: 1997	4.4%	15.6%
Change in the Number of Persons in Poverty: 1995-1997	456	-31,753
Percent Change in the Number of Persons in Poverty: 1995 to 1997	12.2%	-1.1%
Child Poverty		
Number of Children in Poverty: 1997	1,104	765,578
Child Poverty Rate: 1997	6.3%	23.8%
Change in Number of Children in Poverty: 1995 to 1997	317	1,177
Percent Change in Number of Children in Poverty: 1995 to 1997	40.3%	0.2%
Temporary Assistance		
Temporary Assistance Caseload: August 2001	119	314,728
Change in Temporary Assistance Caseload: December 1995 to August 2001	-174	-359,760
Percent Change in Temporary Assistance Caseload: December 1995 to August 2001	-59.4%	-53.3%
Change in Temporary Assistance Expenditures: December 1995 to August 2001	-\$56,164	-\$160,286,213
Percent Change in Temporary Assistance Expenditures: December 1995 to August 2001	-38.2%	-52.1%
TANF Cases Approaching Five Year Federal Limits: October 2001	2	37,554
TANF Cases Approaching Five Year Federal Limits as a Percent of All TANF Cases: October 2001	3.6%	18.3%
Annual Child Care Co-Pay - Three-person family with income at 150% of Poverty (\$21,945): 2001	\$1,463	
Distance welfare participant must walk to work to receive transportation assistance: 2001	3 miles	
Annual public assistance grant for a single parent with two children: 2001	\$7,284	
Medicaid		
Change in Nonelderly/Nondisabled Medicaid Eligibles: December 1995 to July 2001	-472	-299,759
Percent Change in Nonelderly/Nondisabled Medicaid Eligibles: December 1995 to July 2001	-29.0%	-13.5%
Food Stamps		
Change in Food Stamp Enrollment: December 1995 to August 2001	-556	-798,844
Percent Change in Food Stamp Enrollment: December 1995 to August 2001	-45.5%	-37.9%
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	6	7,386
Number of Domestic Violence Waivers, 7/99-6/00	1	3,626
Economic Indicators		
Unemployment Rate: September 2001	3.0%	4.8%
Change in Resident Employment: December 1995 to October 2001	7,108	482,830
Percent Change in Resident Employment: December 1995 to October 2001	15.2%	6.0%
Median Annual Household Income: 1997	\$62,646	\$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	\$36,456	

*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.