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General Assistance in December 2010

The General Assistance (GA) program provides monthly cash grants to childless adults and some children that are not living with their parents whose income and assets are less than the program limits and who meet one of fifteen eligibility criteria. This report provides a snapshot of the household, demographic, and economic characteristics of GA households and eligible persons in December 2010. For this report, GA cases were separated into three categories. Community cases were cases where the members resided in their own housing, either alone or with others, Residential Facility cases¹ were cases where the members resided in a facility at some point during the month, and Children on GA were cases where the eligible person was a child, living either independently or with others but not a legal guardian or parent.

In December 2010 there were 19,858 eligible persons receiving GA in 19,747 cases. Since 2002, the GA caseload has increased by between 7 and 10 percent each year. As seen in Figure 1, December cases decreased by 1 percent in the last year, the first decrease in a decade, although the total number of unique cases throughout the calendar year remained about the same (an increase of 174 cases).

The typical GA-eligible person is a 43-year-old white male, who has never married, has a high school diploma, and is a U.S. citizen. Nearly two-thirds of all GA-eligible persons were male, but adults in Residential Facility cases were the most likely to be male (77 percent compared to 59 percent in Community cases) and never married (72 percent compared to 59 percent in Community cases). More than two-thirds of GA-eligible adults had at least a high school diploma. More than half of GA-eligible persons were white, but blacks and American Indians were over-represented compared to their proportion of the total Minnesota population. According to the 2005 - 2009 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates, blacks made up 4 percent and American Indians made up 1 percent of Minnesota's population. Thirty-one percent of GA-eligible persons reported a race of black and 7 percent reported that they identified as American Indian. (Table 1)

Unlike adults receiving GA, 65 percent of the small numbers of GA-eligible children were black, 18 percent were not U.S. citizens, and 64 percent were female. (Table 1)

Thirty-three percent of GA-eligible persons had a current Interim Assistance Agreement (IAA)²; 39 percent of adults in Community cases had an IAA agreement, compared to 18 percent of Facility cases and none of the Children cases.³ Seven percent received Medical Assistance (MA) due to a determination by a State Medical Review Team (SMRT) which identifies persons likely to qualify for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Thirteen percent

¹ See the Notes and Definitions section for information on how these case types were calculated.

² An IAA is an agreement that allows state or county agencies to seek repayment of GA benefits issued while an application for other maintenance benefits, typically Supplemental Security Income or Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Income, is pending.

³ The definition of a current IAA changed since the December 2007 report. Previous reports limited the definition a current IAA to cases in which the IAA was signed within the last twelve months. It now includes all cases with a SSI application regardless of the date which reflects that under Social Security Administration rules the agreement remains in effect as long as the claim is active.

reported homelessness, but this measure is believed to undercount actual homelessness. (Table 2)

The most common GA eligibility reason for persons in Community cases was being ill or incapacitated (65 percent) and for Residential Facility cases it was being the resident of a facility (78 percent). Children on GA cases were most likely to be eligible because they were age 16 or 17 and living independently of their parents or guardian (56 percent) or living with an unrelated adult who was not the child's legal guardian (38 percent). (Table 2)

Nearly all cases had only one eligible person; 111 cases had two eligible persons, all spouses. Fourteen percent of GA cases included at least one ineligible household member, most often an adult relative that was not a child or spouse, or an unrelated adult (7 percent each). (Table 3)

Overall, 76 percent of December 2010 GA cases were also Food Support eligible in December 2010. Community cases were mostly likely to be Food Support eligible (93 percent). Nearly half of cases had at least one member that was eligible for General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC) and 19 percent had at least one member that was eligible for MA, including Refugee Medical Assistance and Non-citizen Medical Assistance in December 2010. GAMC eligibility decreased from 77 percent in December 2009 to 47 percent in 2010 largely due to cuts in the GAMC program.⁴ (Table 4)

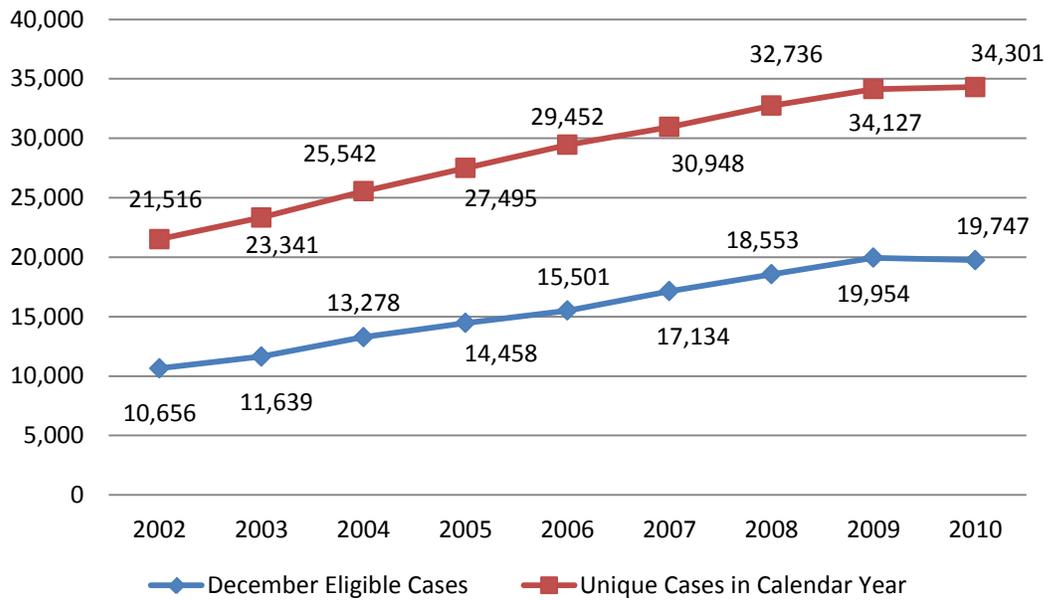
The average length of the current spell of GA usage was 16 months and cumulatively over the past nine years the average total time on GA was 23 months. Thirty-seven percent of cases had used less than 6 months of GA in the most current spell and 40 percent had used less than 12 months over the last nine years. (Table 4)

Very few cases had earned income reported in the Department of Human Services administrative database. Three percent of cases reported earned income for December 2010. The average amount of income for all cases with reported work was \$397. The average amount of reported income had decreased each year since December 2007, but increased in the last year from an average of \$308. Ten percent of all cases had wages reported to Minnesota's Unemployment Insurance (UI) system for the fourth quarter 2010, which included December. Quarterly wages for cases with reported wages averaged \$1,437. (Table 4)

Twenty-four percent of December 2010 GA cases had never received public cash assistance in Minnesota prior to 2010. Most of these new cases (86 percent) were Minnesota residents prior to 2010. (Table 4)

⁴ As of June 1, 2010, GAMC enrollees were either transferred to MinnesotaCare or enrolled with hospitals participating in a Coordinated Care Delivery System (CCDS). For more information see DHS Bulletin #10-21-07.

Figure 1. Active December GA Cases and in Calendar Year Unique GA Cases, 2002 to 2010



Tables

Table 1. Demographic Characteristics of GA-eligible Persons, December 2010

General Assistance Recipient Characteristics		Total Eligible Persons	Adult GA		Children on GA
			Community	Residential Facility	
Eligible Persons	Count	19,858	14,536	5,204	118
	Percent of All Eligible Persons	100.0%	73.2%	26.2%	0.6%
Age	Mean	42.8	44.2	39.8	14.0
	Median	45	47	41	16
	Minimum	1	18	18	1
	Maximum	95	89	95	17
Frequency	< 18	118	0	0	118
		0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
	18 - 19	541	388	153	0
		2.7%	2.7%	2.9%	0.0%
	20 - 29	3,443	2,260	1,183	0
		17.3%	15.5%	22.7%	0.0%
	30 - 39	3,242	2,159	1,083	0
		16.3%	14.9%	20.8%	0.0%
	40 - 49	5,405	3,918	1,487	0
		27.2%	27.0%	28.6%	0.0%
	50 - 61	6,487	5,261	1,226	0
	32.7%	36.2%	23.6%	0.0%	
62 - 64	376	332	44	0	
	1.9%	2.3%	0.8%	0.0%	
65 and older	246	218	28	0	
	1.2%	1.5%	0.5%	0.0%	
Gender	Female	7,206	5,928	1,203	75
		36.3%	40.8%	23.1%	63.6%
	Male	12,652	8,608	4,001	43
		63.7%	59.2%	76.9%	36.4%
Education	None or Pre-1st Grade or Unknown	1,224	966	239	19
		6.2%	6.6%	4.6%	16.1%
	Grade School	359	278	64	17
		1.8%	1.9%	1.2%	14.4%
	Some High School	4,541	3,266	1,194	81
		22.9%	22.5%	22.9%	68.6%
	High School Graduate	11,087	8,007	3,079	1
		55.8%	55.1%	59.2%	0.8%
	Some Post-Secondary	1,947	1,470	477	0
		9.8%	10.1%	9.2%	0.0%
	College Graduate	299	234	65	0
	1.5%	1.6%	1.2%	0.0%	
Graduate Degree	401	315	86	0	
	2.0%	2.2%	1.7%	0.0%	
	High School Graduate or Higher	13,734	10,026	3,707	1
		69.2%	69.0%	71.2%	0.8%

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General Assistance Recipient Characteristics		Total Eligible Persons	Adult GA		Children on GA
			Community	Residential Facility	
Marital Status	Married	450	440	10	0
		2.3%	3.0%	0.2%	0.0%
	Never Married	12,435	8,575	3,743	117
		62.6%	59.0%	71.9%	99.2%
	Previously Married	6,495	5,095	1,399	1
		32.7%	35.1%	26.9%	0.8%
Widowed	478	426	52	0	
		2.4%	2.9%	1.0%	0.0%
Race/Ethnicity	Asian	553	493	48	12
		2.8%	3.4%	0.9%	10.2%
	Black	6,199	4,685	1,437	77
		31.2%	32.2%	27.6%	65.3%
	Hispanic	569	433	131	5
		2.9%	3.0%	2.5%	4.2%
	American Indian	1,354	965	385	4
		6.8%	6.6%	7.4%	3.4%
White	10,866	7,768	3,085	13	
	54.7%	53.4%	59.3%	11.0%	
Multiple	150	107	37	6	
		0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	5.1%
Citizenship	Non-U.S.	1,577	1,379	177	21
		7.9%	9.5%	3.4%	17.8%
	U.S.	18,281	13,157	5,027	97
		92.1%	90.5%	96.6%	82.2%

Table 2. GA-eligible Persons with Homelessness, Current Interim Assistance Agreements, State Medical Review Team Medical Assistance, GA Eligibility Reason, and Facility Type, December 2010

General Assistance Recipient Characteristics		Total Eligible Persons	Adult GA		Children on GA
			Community	Residential Facility	
Eligible Persons	Count	19,858	14,536	5,204	118
	Percent of All Eligible Persons	100.0%	73.2%	26.2%	0.6%
Homeless		2,597	2,215	382	0
		13.1%	15.2%	7.3%	0.0%
Interim Assistance Agreement Pending		6,545	5,597	948	0
		33.0%	38.5%	18.2%	0.0%
SMRT Medical Assistance		1,392	946	446	0
		7.0%	6.5%	8.6%	0.0%
GA Eligibility Basis	III/Incapacitated or Care for III	10,310	9,504	806	0
		51.9%	65.4%	15.5%	0.0%
	Resident of a Facility	4,676	630	4,046	0
		23.5%	4.3%	77.7%	0.0%
	SSI or RSDI Pending/Appeal	230	218	12	0
		1.2%	1.5%	0.2%	0.0%
	ESL/Homemaker in Full-time School	512	510	2	0
		2.6%	3.5%	0.0%	0.0%
	Advanced Age	3,488	3,276	212	0
		17.6%	22.5%	4.1%	0.0%
	Unemployable	82	74	8	0
		0.4%	0.5%	0.2%	0.0%
Age 16 or 17/Social Services	74	8	0	66	
	0.4%	0.1%	0.0%	55.9%	
Minor Living with Unrelated Adult	46	1	0	45	
	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	38.1%	
Other	440	315	118	7	
	2.2%	2.2%	2.3%	5.9%	
Facility Type	Group Residential Housing	3,391	0	3,391	0
		17.1%	0.0%	65.2%	0.0%
	Rule 31 Chemical Dependency	669	0	669	0
		3.4%	0.0%	12.9%	0.0%
	State Operated Services Facility	258	0	258	0
		1.3%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%
	Adult Foster Care	273	0	273	0
		1.4%	0.0%	5.2%	0.0%
	Rule 36 Mental Illness	75	0	75	0
		0.4%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%
Family Violence Shelter	82	0	82	0	
	0.4%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	
Other	177	0	177	0	
	0.9%	0.0%	3.4%	0.0%	

Table 2A. GA-eligible Persons: GA Eligibility Basis by Length of Current Eligibility Spell and Cumulative GA Eligibility Months between 2002 and 2010, December 2010

	Ill/Incapacitated or Care for Ill		Resident of a Facility		Advanced Age		ESL/Homemaker in School		SSI or RSDI Pending/Appeal	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total GA Eligible Persons	10,310	100.0%	4,676	100.0%	3,488	100.0%	512	100.0%	230	100.0%
Length of Current Spell										
1 - 6 Months	3,801	36.9%	2,050	43.8%	1,019	29.2%	173	33.8%	81	35.2%
7 - 12 Months	2,158	20.9%	893	19.1%	592	17.0%	140	27.3%	45	19.6%
13 - 18 Months	1,298	12.6%	548	11.7%	386	11.1%	61	11.9%	36	15.7%
19 - 24 Months	905	8.8%	329	7.0%	362	10.4%	70	13.7%	16	7.0%
25 Months or More	2,148	20.8%	856	18.3%	1,129	32.4%	68	13.3%	52	22.6%
Cumulative Months: 2002 to 2010										
1 - 12 Months	4,051	39.3%	2,068	44.2%	1,237	35.5%	276	53.9%	93	40.4%
13 - 24 Months	2,474	24.0%	1,024	21.9%	765	21.9%	136	26.6%	63	27.4%
25 - 36 Months	1,479	14.3%	550	11.8%	535	15.3%	70	13.7%	30	13.0%
37 - 48 Months	959	9.3%	354	7.6%	336	9.6%	17	3.3%	16	7.0%
49 Months or More	1,347	13.1%	680	14.5%	615	17.6%	13	2.5%	28	12.2%

Table 3. Household Composition of GA Cases, December 2010

General Assistance Case Characteristics		Total Paid Cases	Adult GA		Children on GA
			Community	Residential Facility	
Cases	Count	19,747	14,443	5,186	118
	Percent of All Cases	100.0%	73.1%	26.3%	0.6%
Eligible Persons	1	19,636	14,350	5,168	118
		99.4%	99.4%	99.7%	100.0%
	2	111	93	18	0
		0.6%	0.6%	0.3%	0.0%
Ineligible Persons	Mean of Cases with Ineligible Persons	1.6	1.6	1.5	2.9
	Median	1	1	1	2
	Minimum	1	1	1	1
	Maximum	10	10	4	10
	0	16,919	11,810	5,049	60
Percent of All Cases	0	85.7%	81.8%	97.4%	50.8%
	1	1,869	1,757	90	22
		9.5%	12.2%	1.7%	18.6%
	2	552	505	33	14
		2.8%	3.5%	0.6%	11.9%
	3	209	197	8	4
		1.1%	1.4%	0.2%	3.4%
4 or More	198	174	6	18	
	1.0%	1.2%	0.1%	15.3%	
Relationship to Applicant (includes ineligible members)	Applicant	19,747	14,443	5,186	118
		80.9%	77.1%	96.2%	41.4%
	Spouse	374	357	17	0
		1.5%	1.9%	0.3%	0.0%
	Child - Under Age 18	120	87	33	0
		0.5%	0.5%	0.6%	0.0%
	Child - Adult	717	706	11	0
		2.9%	3.8%	0.2%	0.0%
	Other Relative - Under Age 18	510	450	16	44
		2.6%	3.1%	0.3%	37.3%
	Other Relative - Adult	1,302	1,188	83	31
		5.3%	6.3%	1.5%	10.9%
	Non-Relative - Under Age 18	237	205	2	30
		1.0%	1.1%	0.0%	10.5%
Non - Relative - Adult	1,410	1,306	42	62	
	5.8%	7.0%	0.8%	21.8%	
Care Attendent	1	1	0	0	
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	

Table 4. Economic Characteristics of GA Cases, December 2010

General Assistance Case Characteristics		Total Paid Cases	Adult GA		Children on GA
			Community	Residential Facility	
Cases	Count	19,747	14,443	5,186	118
	Percent of All Cases	100.0%	73.1%	26.3%	0.6%
GA Grant Amount	Mean of All Cases	\$165	\$187	\$99	\$237
	Median	\$203	\$203	\$89	\$250
	Personal Needs Allowance Only	5,075	631	4,444	0
	Percent of Cases in Column Receiving	25.7%	4.4%	85.7%	0.0%
Food Support	Mean of Cases Receiving	\$191	\$192	\$190	\$170
	Count of Cases Receiving	14,901	13,450	1,394	57
	Percent of Cases in Column Receiving	75.5%	93.1%	26.9%	48.3%
Medical Assistance Programs: Cases with at Least One Eligible Person	General Assistance Medical Care	9,206	6,630	2,576	0
	Percent of Cases in Column Receiving	46.6%	45.9%	49.7%	0.0%
	Medical Assistance	3,872	2,779	981	112
GA Usage in Minnesota: Length of Current Spell	Mean	15.7	15.6	14.0	9.8
	Median	9	10	7	5
	1 - 6 Months	7,342	5,216	2,049	77
		37.2%	36.1%	39.5%	65.3%
	7 - 12 Months	3,936	2,934	980	22
		19.9%	20.3%	18.9%	18.6%
	13 - 18 Months	2,403	1,747	645	11
		12.2%	12.1%	12.4%	9.3%
	19 to 24 Months	1,706	1,288	418	0
	8.6%	8.9%	8.1%	0.0%	
25 Months or More	4,360	3,258	1,094	8	
	22.1%	22.6%	21.1%	6.8%	
GA Usage in Minnesota: Cumulative Months 2002 to 2010	Mean	22.5	22.3	23.1	10.8
	Median	15	16	15	6
	1 - 12 Months	7,975	5,832	2,051	92
		40.4%	40.4%	39.5%	78.0%
	13 to 24 Months	4,583	3,381	1,189	13
		23.2%	23.4%	22.9%	11.0%
	25 to 36 Months	2,731	2,067	658	6
		13.8%	14.3%	12.7%	5.1%
37 to 48 Months	1,720	1,280	437	3	
	8.7%	8.9%	8.4%	2.5%	
49 Months or More	2,738	1,883	851	4	
	13.9%	13.0%	16.4%	3.4%	
Other Public Assistance: in Minnesota: During 2010	Emergency Assistance/Emergency General Assistance	808	627	181	0
		4.1%	4.3%	3.5%	0.0%
	Group Residential Housing	5,303	1,515	3,788	0
		26.9%	10.5%	73.0%	0.0%
	Minnesota Family Investment Program	403	302	101	0
		2.0%	2.1%	1.9%	0.0%
	Minnesota Supplemental Aid	92	82	0	0
	0.5%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	
Refugee Cash Assistance	88	88	0	0	
	0.4%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	

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General Assistance Case Characteristics		Total Paid Cases	Adult GA		Children on GA
			Community	Residential Facility	
Other Public Assistance in Minnesota: 2002 to 2010	Emergency Assistance/Emergency General Assistance	5,492 27.8%	4,127 28.6%	1,365 26.3%	0 0.0%
	Group Residential Housing	7,401 37.5%	3,356 23.2%	4,045 78.0%	0 0.0%
	Minnesota Family Investment Program	2,537 12.8%	2,044 14.2%	493 9.5%	0 0.0%
	Minnesota Supplemental Aid	357 1.8%	261 1.8%	96 1.9%	0 0.0%
	Refugee Cash Assistance	316 1.6%	308 2.1%	8 0.2%	0 0.0%
Earned Income December 2010	Mean for Cases with Earned Income	\$397	\$520	\$213	\$336
	Median	\$168	\$270	\$94	\$336
	Count of Cases with Earned Income	531	318	212	1
	Percent of All Cases	2.7%	2.2%	4.1%	0.8%
UI Wages for Quarter 4 2010	Mean for Cases with UI Wages	\$1,437	\$1,574	\$1,057	\$611
	Median	\$763	\$876	\$574	\$457
	Count of Cases with UI Wages	1,953	1,440	505	8
	Percent of All Cases	9.9%	10.0%	9.7%	6.8%
New Cases in 2010	Minnesota Resident before 2010	4,039	2,922	1,040	77
	Percent of New Cases	85.6%	85.0%	87.2%	86.5%
	Moved into State in 2010	682	517	153	12
	Percent of New Cases	14.4%	15.0%	12.8%	13.5%
	Total of New Cases	4,721	3,439	1,193	89
	Percent of Cases in Column	23.9%	23.8%	23.0%	75.4%

Table 5. County and Region of GA, December 2010

County/Region/ State	Total Cases & Percent of State	Adult GA Number and Percent of County		Children on GA Number and Percent of County
		Community	Residential Facility	
Aitkin	44 0.2%	40 90.9%	4 9.1%	0 0.0%
Anoka	662 3.4%	544 82.2%	112 16.9%	6 0.9%
Becker	150 0.8%	130 86.7%	20 13.3%	0 0.0%
Beltrami	150 0.8%	108 72.0%	42 28.0%	0 0.0%
Benton	144 0.7%	90 62.5%	54 37.5%	0 0.0%
Big Stone	2 0.0%	2 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
Blue Earth	164 0.8%	126 76.8%	38 23.2%	0 0.0%
Brown	38 0.2%	27 71.1%	10 26.3%	1 2.6%
Carlton	125 0.6%	92 73.6%	33 26.4%	0 0.0%
Carver	85 0.4%	66 77.6%	19 22.4%	0 0.0%
Cass	104 0.5%	87 83.7%	16 15.4%	1 1.0%
Chippewa	11 0.1%	9 81.8%	2 18.2%	0 0.0%
Chisago	66 0.3%	60 90.9%	6 9.1%	0 0.0%
Clay	177 0.9%	127 71.8%	50 28.2%	0 0.0%
Clearwater	31 0.2%	25 80.6%	6 19.4%	0 0.0%
Cook	10 0.1%	10 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
Cottonwood	25 0.1%	18 72.0%	7 28.0%	0 0.0%
Crow Wing	164 0.8%	98 59.8%	65 39.6%	1 0.6%
Dakota	635 3.2%	491 77.3%	144 22.7%	0 0.0%
Dodge	27 0.1%	19 70.4%	8 29.6%	0 0.0%
Douglas	99 0.5%	76 76.8%	23 23.2%	0 0.0%
Faribault	29 0.1%	21 72.4%	7 24.1%	1 3.4%
Fillmore	24 0.1%	22 91.7%	2 8.3%	0 0.0%
Freeborn	56 0.3%	46 82.1%	10 17.9%	0 0.0%
Goodhue	49 0.2%	46 93.9%	3 6.1%	0 0.0%
Grant	11 0.1%	11 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
Hennepin	8,967 45.4%	6,119 68.2%	2,791 31.1%	57 0.6%

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County/Region/ State	Total Cases & Percent of State	Adult GA Number and Percent of County		Children on GA Number and Percent of County
		Community	Residential Facility	
Houston	39	31	8	0
	0.2%	79.5%	20.5%	0.0%
Hubbard	42	37	5	0
	0.2%	88.1%	11.9%	0.0%
Isanti	74	40	34	0
	0.4%	54.1%	45.9%	0.0%
Itasca	203	154	49	0
	1.0%	75.9%	24.1%	0.0%
Jackson	18	14	4	0
	0.1%	77.8%	22.2%	0.0%
Kanabec	54	36	18	0
	0.3%	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%
Kandiyohi	104	81	23	0
	0.5%	77.9%	22.1%	0.0%
Kittson	2	0	2	0
	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Koochiching	30	27	3	0
	0.2%	90.0%	10.0%	0.0%
Lac Qui Parle	8	5	3	0
	0.0%	62.5%	37.5%	0.0%
Lake	17	7	10	0
	0.1%	41.2%	58.8%	0.0%
Lake of Woods	10	9	1	0
	0.1%	90.0%	10.0%	0.0%
Le Sueur	39	33	6	0
	0.2%	84.6%	15.4%	0.0%
Lincoln	4	2	2	0
	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Lyon	69	52	16	1
	0.3%	75.4%	23.2%	1.4%
McLeod	38	29	9	0
	0.2%	76.3%	23.7%	0.0%
Mahnomen	67	53	14	0
	0.3%	79.1%	20.9%	0.0%
Marshall	7	3	4	0
	0.0%	42.9%	57.1%	0.0%
Martin	49	37	12	0
	0.2%	75.5%	24.5%	0.0%
Meeker	43	36	7	0
	0.2%	84.2%	15.8%	0.0%
Mille Lacs	57	48	9	0
	0.3%	84.2%	15.8%	0.0%
Morrison	77	59	18	0
	0.4%	76.6%	23.4%	0.0%
Mower	83	59	24	0
	0.4%	71.1%	28.9%	0.0%
Murray	9	5	4	0
	0.0%	55.6%	44.4%	0.0%
Nicollet	68	62	6	0
	0.3%	91.2%	8.8%	0.0%
Nobles	33	27	6	0
	0.2%	81.8%	18.2%	0.0%
Norman	7	6	1	0
	0.0%	85.7%	14.3%	0.0%

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County/Region/ State	Total Cases & Percent of State	Adult GA Number and Percent of County		Children on GA Number and Percent of County
		Community	Residential Facility	
Olmsted	383	221	162	0
	1.9%	57.7%	42.3%	0.0%
Otter Tail	134	98	35	1
	0.7%	73.1%	26.1%	0.7%
Pennington	28	20	8	0
	0.1%	71.4%	28.6%	0.0%
Pine	83	71	12	0
	0.4%	85.5%	14.5%	0.0%
Pipestone	19	16	3	0
	0.1%	84.2%	15.8%	0.0%
Polk	142	124	18	0
	0.7%	87.3%	12.7%	0.0%
Pope	22	16	6	0
	0.1%	72.7%	27.3%	0.0%
Ramsey	2,871	2,386	448	37
	14.5%	83.1%	15.6%	1.3%
Red Lake	11	11	0	0
	0.1%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Redwood	33	19	14	0
	0.2%	57.6%	42.4%	0.0%
Renville	30	26	4	0
	0.2%	86.7%	13.3%	0.0%
Rice	87	68	19	0
	0.4%	78.2%	21.8%	0.0%
Rock	16	11	5	0
	0.1%	68.8%	31.3%	0.0%
Roseau	24	19	5	0
	0.1%	79.2%	20.8%	0.0%
St. Louis	1,230	923	301	6
	6.2%	75.0%	24.5%	0.5%
Scott	98	77	21	0
	0.5%	78.6%	21.4%	0.0%
Sherburne	104	60	44	0
	0.5%	57.7%	42.3%	0.0%
Sibley	12	8	4	0
	0.1%	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%
Stearns	382	261	117	4
	1.9%	68.3%	30.6%	1.0%
Steele	95	76	19	0
	0.5%	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%
Stevens	10	8	2	0
	0.1%	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%
Swift	22	11	11	0
	0.1%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Todd	51	41	10	0
	0.3%	80.4%	19.6%	0.0%
Traverse	12	10	2	0
	0.1%	83.3%	16.7%	0.0%
Wabasha	29	23	6	0
	0.1%	79.3%	20.7%	0.0%
Wadena	82	35	47	0
	0.4%	42.7%	57.3%	0.0%

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County/Region/ State	Total Cases & Percent of State	Adult GA Number and Percent of County		Children on GA Number and Percent of County
		Community	Residential Facility	
Waseca	42	34	8	0
	0.2%	81.0%	19.0%	0.0%
Washington	192	156	35	1
	1.0%	81.3%	18.2%	0.5%
Watonwan	15	14	1	0
	0.1%	93.3%	6.7%	0.0%
Wilkin	15	14	1	0
	0.1%	93.3%	6.7%	0.0%
Winona	76	53	22	1
	0.38%	69.7%	28.9%	1.3%
Wright	79	54	25	0
	0.4%	68.4%	31.6%	0.0%
Yellow Medicine	18	17	1	0
	0.1%	94.4%	5.3%	0.0%
Northwest	225	186	39	0
	1.1%	82.7%	17.3%	0.0%
West Central	1,436	1,056	376	4
	7.3%	73.5%	26.2%	0.3%
Northeast	1,708	1,306	401	1
	8.6%	76.5%	23.5%	0.1%
Central	1,071	753	316	2
	5.4%	70.3%	29.5%	0.2%
Southwest	297	221	74	2
	1.5%	74.4%	24.9%	0.7%
South Central	454	353	101	0
	2.3%	77.8%	22.2%	0.0%
Southeast	1,067	779	285	3
	5.4%	73.0%	26.7%	0.3%
Metro Suburban	1,883	1,487	388	8
	9.5%	79.0%	20.6%	0.4%
Core Metro	11,813	8,580	3,132	101
	59.8%	72.6%	26.5%	0.9%
Minnesota	19,747	14,443	5,186	118
	100.0%	73.1%	26.3%	0.6%

Notes and Definitions

Case Types. Children on GA cases were determined by being less than 18 years of age in December 2010. Residential Facility cases were cases with an active facility panel in the DHS administrative database (MAXIS) for December 2010 and a facility entry date on or before December 31, 2010, and a facility exit date that was either blank, a December 2010 date greater than the entry date, or greater than December 31, 2010. Cases that spent part of December in a facility, but not the entire month, were considered Residential Facility cases. Community cases were all other cases that did not meet the criteria for a Residential Facility case or Children on GA case.

Demographic Data. Data that do not affect program eligibility might not be updated after the initial application. Changes in marital status, citizenship, and education level may be underreported.

Race was unknown or missing for 85 people. These people were not included in the race/ethnicity section of Table 1.

Recipient Characteristics. The measurement for homelessness is unreliable. Persons were considered homeless if they had the Homeless Indicator in MAXIS marked “Yes” or had a General Delivery address. These variables are frequently not updated, thus a person who gained housing may still be marked as homeless or a person who had housing and became homeless may still be marked as being housed. This variable does not consider persons that are doubled up or otherwise precariously housed as homeless.

Recipients were considered to have a current IAA if they had a current STAT PBEN panel in MAXIS, the state eligibility system, and had an SSI or RSDI application disposition of approved or pending. Previous reports restricted this further by only including those cases in which the SSI or RSDI application was made within the last twelve months, which follows current practice. However, the application could have been made more than twelve months ago and still be an active IAA. The Social Security Administration will accept an IAA that was signed up to a year before the SSI application or anytime after the SSI application was made and it continues in effect as long as the claim is active. The STAT PBEN panel may not be updated to reflect a signing of an IAA or a change in SSI application status.

A recipient was considered to have SMRT Medical Assistance if they had a current STAT DISA panel; a disability start date that was before December 31, 2010, either no disability end date or an end date after December 31, 2010; and a health care disability status that indicated a SMRT review.

The other GA eligibility bases were emancipated minor, family violence, mentally ill or retarded, learning disabled, under protection/court ordered, and family member with no other GA eligibility basis. Some adults have GA eligibility bases that are for minors. This is because their eligibility basis has not been updated since their 18th birthday. Table 2A is person-level data for GA eligibility basis; span length and cumulative months were the maximum for the case. Therefore, if a case had two eligible persons, the longer length of

time was used to describe the case. Only the five most common eligibility types are included.

The other facility types were nursing facilities, intensive care facilities, medical hospitals, non-group residential housing, and adult correctional facilities.

Economic Characteristics. Case eligibility for other cash, food, and medical programs was determined by case number. If a member in the case received benefits under a different case number, that person's benefits were not included in this table.

Earned income was self-employment or paid wages reported to MAXIS. Income was either verified retrospective earnings reported in February 2011 for December 2010 or, in the absence of retrospective income, prospective earnings for December 2010.

Unemployment Insurance (UI) wages only include wages that are reported to Minnesota's UI system. Religious, federal government and seasonal or temporary employment are excluded, as well as employment for cash and in other states.

New GA cases in 2010 were December 2010 cases active in a GA case in Minnesota for one or more months in 2010 but receiving no cash in 1992 to 2010 (the period covered by the state administrative database) in MFIP, DWP, GRH, MSA, GA, RCA, AFDC, or Family General Assistance (FGA). The FGA and AFDC programs were replaced by MFIP in 1998. A case could have been active on Food Support or a medical program. Cases new to the state had a 2010 state entry date. Minnesota residents were either lifelong residents or had moved to the state before 2010.

Comments and feedback on this report are welcome as well as suggestions for future reports in this series.