

# Department of Human Services

## Self-Sufficiency Programs Overview

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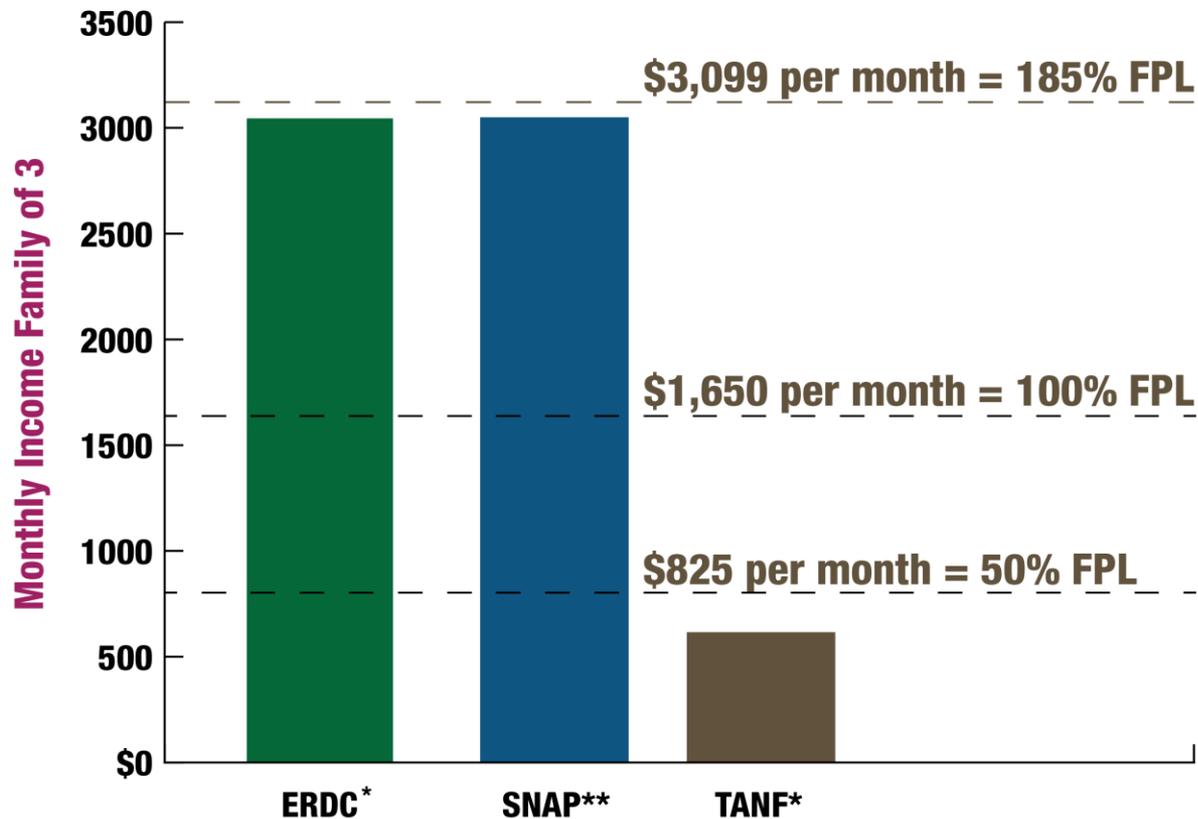
# Self-Sufficiency Programs are at the foundation of the safety net

Safety, stability and a pathway out of poverty



Serving 1 million people a year

# Program income limits vs. the 2015 Federal Poverty Level

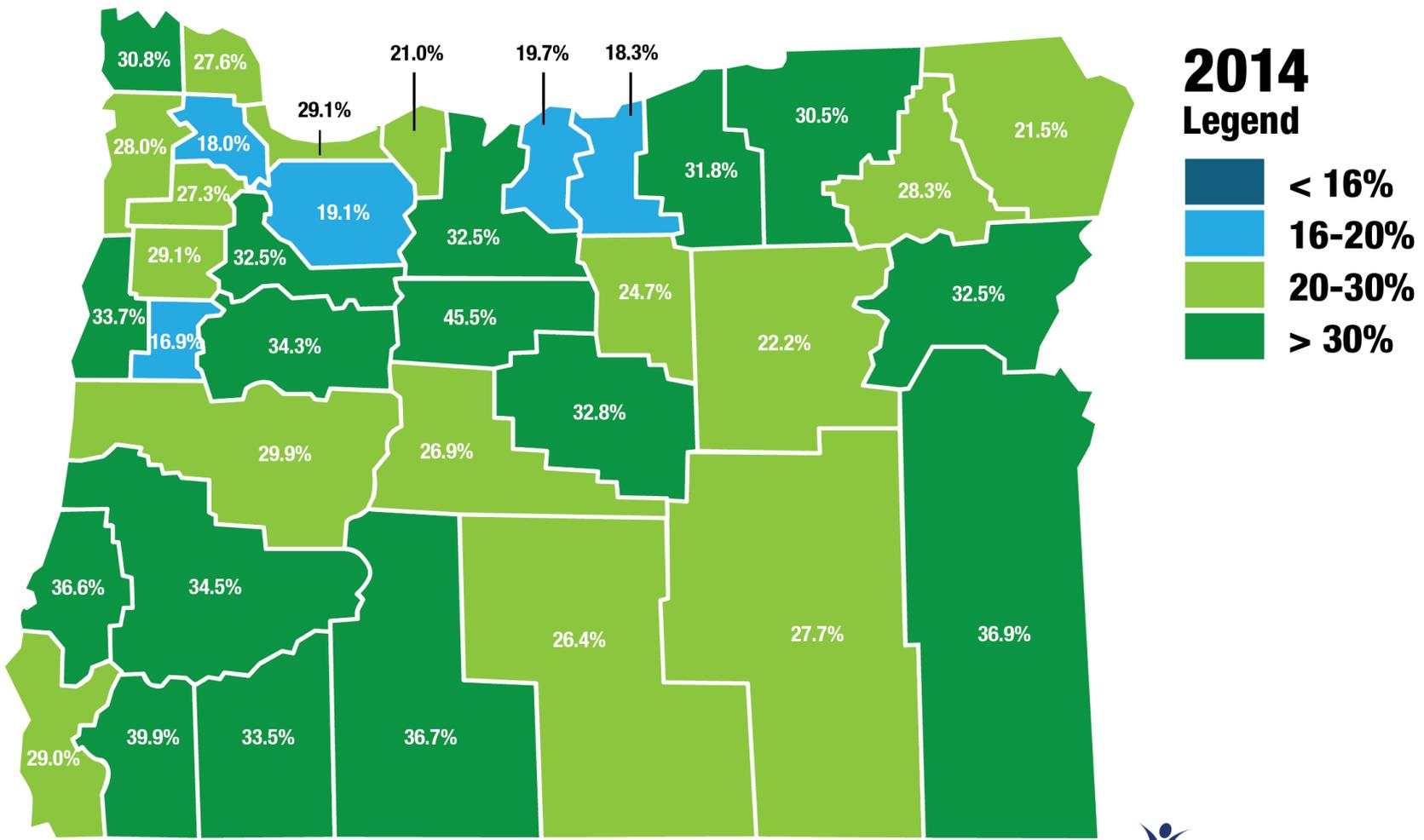


**Max Monthly Income Limit for Family of 3 by Program**

\* Applicants must meet financial and other eligibility requirements to qualify

\*\* Income limit may be higher if household includes an elderly or disabled person

# Percent of population receiving at least one SSP service within the calendar year



# Program overview: SNAP

	Who we serve	How we serve	What we help achieve
	1 in 5 Oregonians; 756,004 people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food benefits</li> <li>• Employment and training program</li> <li>• Education outreach through local organizations</li> <li>• Contracted nutrition education in every county</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hunger prevention</li> <li>• Improved health</li> <li>• Improved nutrition</li> <li>• Job skills</li> <li>• Economic stimulus</li> </ul>
	Income under 185% of FPL		
	Average per person benefit is \$123 per month or \$1.43 per person, per meal		
	75% of all households have some form of income		
	45% of households include a child or an elderly person		
	387,838 people through nutrition education efforts		

**Every \$1 spent in SNAP = \$1.79 in local economic activity**

# Program overview: TANF

	Who we serve	How we serve	What we help achieve
	25,875 families; Most families served are single mothers with two children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash assistance</li> <li>• Job Opportunity and Basic Skills (JOBS) Program</li> <li>• JOBS Plus Program</li> <li>• Family Support and Connections</li> <li>• Domestic violence grant</li> <li>• Teen parent services</li> <li>• Disability benefit application help</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety</li> <li>• Stability</li> <li>• Employment</li> <li>• Skills for becoming and remaining self-reliant</li> </ul>
	No job; Income less than \$616 per month (37% of FPL)		
	Receives \$506 per month in TANF cash assistance		
	May live with family or share low-income apartment with others		
	Limited transportation options		
	Family stability challenges such as homelessness or domestic violence		

**TANF impacts local economic activity through \$13.5m in cash payments to participants and \$2.8m in JOBS contractor payments each month**

# Continuum of TANF services



Limited support services available

# Program overview: ERDC

	Who we serve	How we serve	What we help achieve
	7,431 families (13,376 children); Most families have a single, working parent and two children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subsidized child care through payments to providers who are selected by parents and listed with DHS</li> <li>• Higher child care payment rates for special needs children</li> <li>• Providers who met health and safety standards</li> <li>• Contracts with Child Care Resource and Referral organizations for referrals and parent education</li> <li>• Collaborating with Early Learning Division on provider health and safety standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustained employment for parents</li> <li>• Stable, safe child care</li> <li>• Access to quality child care</li> <li>• Child care provider training</li> <li>• Parent education, choice and referrals</li> <li>• Inclusion/specialized care</li> </ul>
	Income under 185% of FPL		
	Average parent co-pay is \$193 per month		
	May live with family or share low-income apartment with others		
	Family stability challenges such as non-standard work hours, minimum wage, employment and transportation		

**ERDC impacts local economic activity through \$5.8m in payments to providers each month**

# Summary

## **Self-Sufficiency Programs are designed to help:**

- Break the cycle of poverty
- Support the healthy development of young children
- Keep families stable
- Create opportunities for adults to work & be self supporting

## **Where we are now:**

- Rebuilding in a new economy
- Aligning our work with other system, partner efforts
- Recommitting to outcomes beyond crisis assistance



## **Where we are headed:**

- A more responsive, individualized model of service
- Aligned partnerships with shared accountability for results
- More prosperous families; more children are ready for school

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