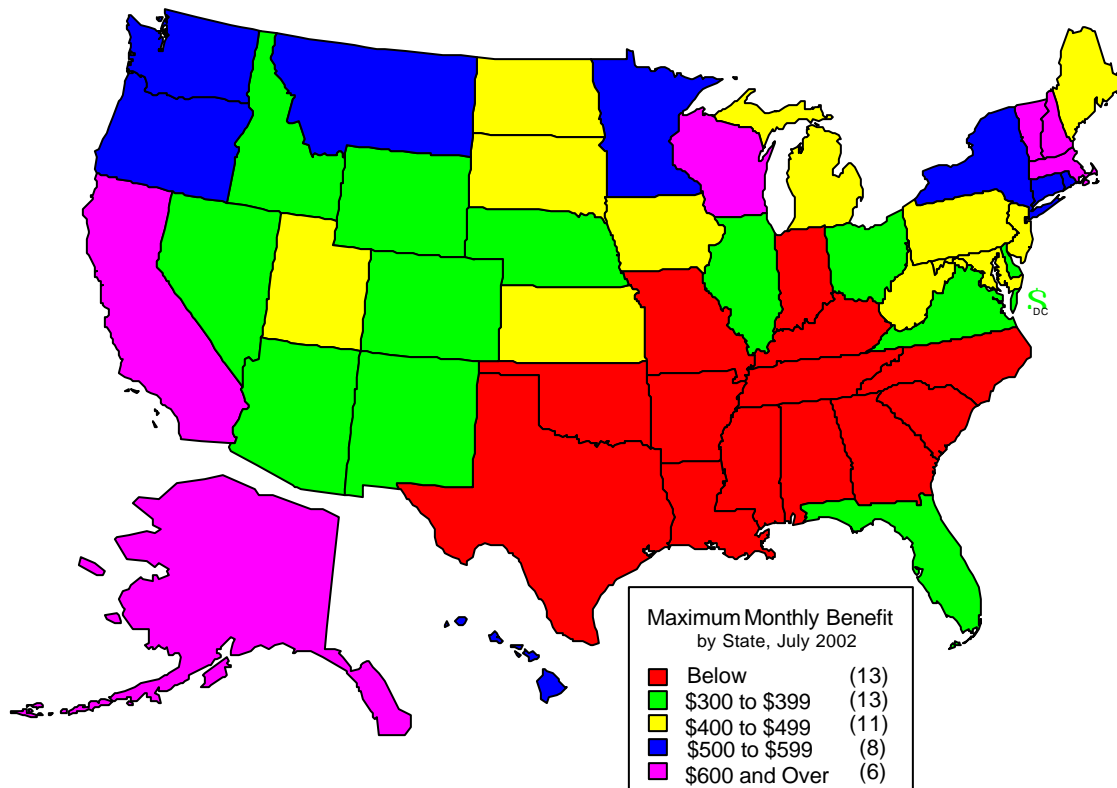




# Fast Facts

## Maximum Family Benefit



States vary widely in the maximum monthly cash benefit an eligible family can receive. As of July 2002 the national average maximum benefit for a family of three with no income was \$413. This ranges from \$164 in Alabama to \$923 in Alaska. Thirteen states have a maximum benefit below \$300 per month; 13 states have a benefit between \$300 to \$399; 11 states' benefits range from \$400 to \$499; 8 vary from \$500 to \$599; and 6 states have a maximum benefit of \$600 or more per month.

Source: [The Welfare Rules Database, 2002](#).

The Welfare Rules Database (WRD) provides a longitudinal account of the changes in welfare rules in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The WRD organizes the detailed information on welfare rules across states, time, and geographic areas within states as well as across different types of assistance units. Caseworker manuals and state regulations provide the data from 1997 to the present, while AFDC State Plans and Waiver Terms and Conditions provide the data for years prior to 1997.