

Work Patterns Among TANF Applicants:

Results from a Maryland Survey of Families with Young Children

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We surveyed 289 parents who had applied for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Maryland.

25% worked during the month after they applied.

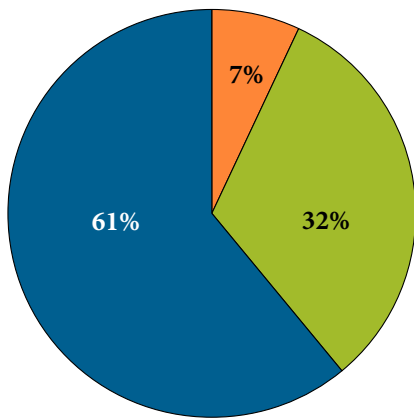
33% were in a household where either they or a partner were employed.

Of non-working parents, 58% were either searching for a job or participating in a job training program.

Of those who had jobs during the week before the survey:

Hours worked

Parents worked 29 hours/week, on average.

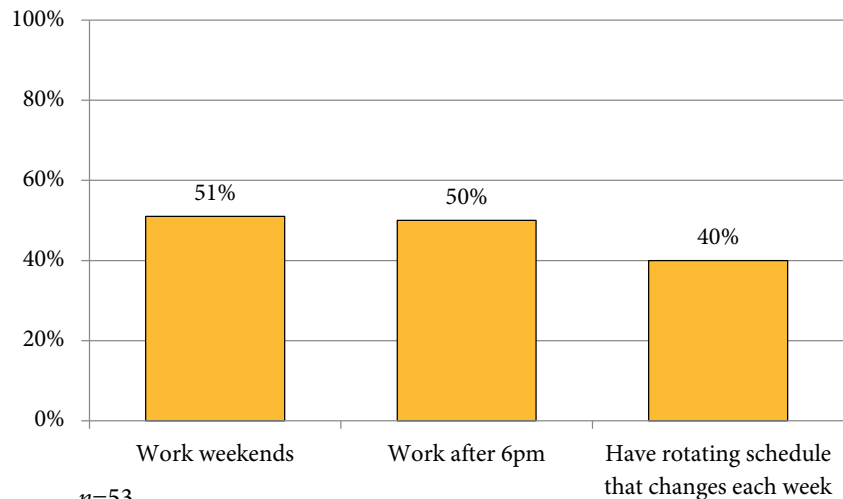


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- < 21 hours/week
- 21-40 hours/week
- > 40 hours/week

Schedule

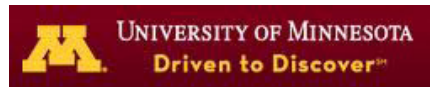
3/4 had a non-traditional schedule.



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Among parents using non-parental care who were either working, looking for a job, or participating in a job training program, 1 in 3 reported experiencing a disruption related to problems with their child care arrangement that caused them to:

miss work - be late to work - be unable to work overtime - miss the chance for a raise - quit - get fired



Findings reported in this fact sheet are from the Maryland Child Care Choices study. A total of 289 welfare applicants with at least one child under the age of 5 were surveyed between July of 2011 and October of 2012. Data pertains to those who worked the week before the survey was given. For more information on the Maryland Child Care Choices study, see the Maryland Child Care Choices Study and Sample description brief, available at www.mdmnresearchpartnership.org or www.childtrends.org. Funding for the Maryland Child Care Choices study is provided through grant #90YE0132 from the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation in the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.