

# Welfare Reform

## STATUS REPORT

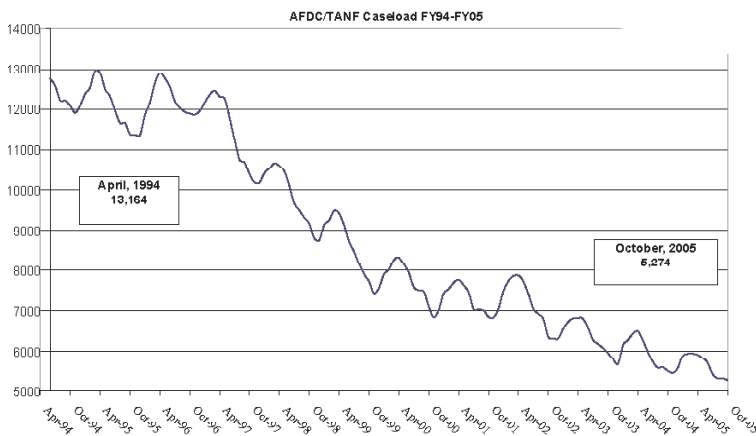
February 8, 2006

# 2005

### Caseload is Down

# 60%

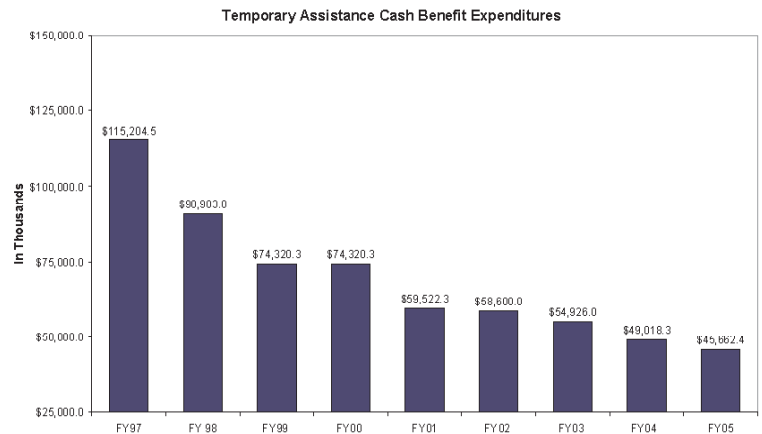
April 1994-October 2005



### Spending is Down

# \$69.5

MILLION  
FY05 compared to FY97



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Spending on welfare payments dropped by \$69.5 million, down 60.3% from the \$115.2 million spent in FY97.
- The percentage of Alaskans receiving cash benefits has declined from 6.2% in FY94 to an estimated 2.3% in FY05.

“ Our welfare-to-work emphasis continues to reap rewards -- which ultimately helps families. -- DPA Director Katherine Farnham ”

- In FY2005 the Temporary Assistance caseload declined by 7% and cash benefits decreased by almost 7%.
- The caseload decline and savings are largely due to the program's emphasis on employment.



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