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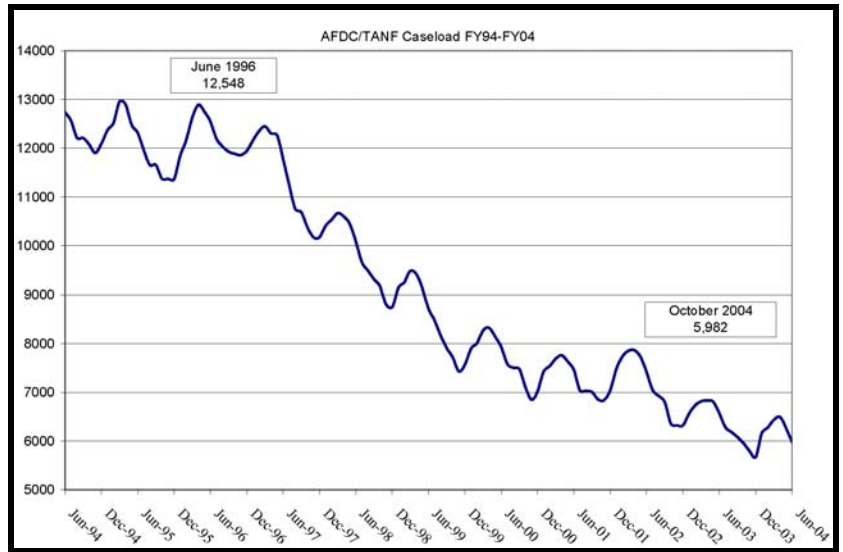
Welfare Reform Status Report



December Update

December 7, 2004

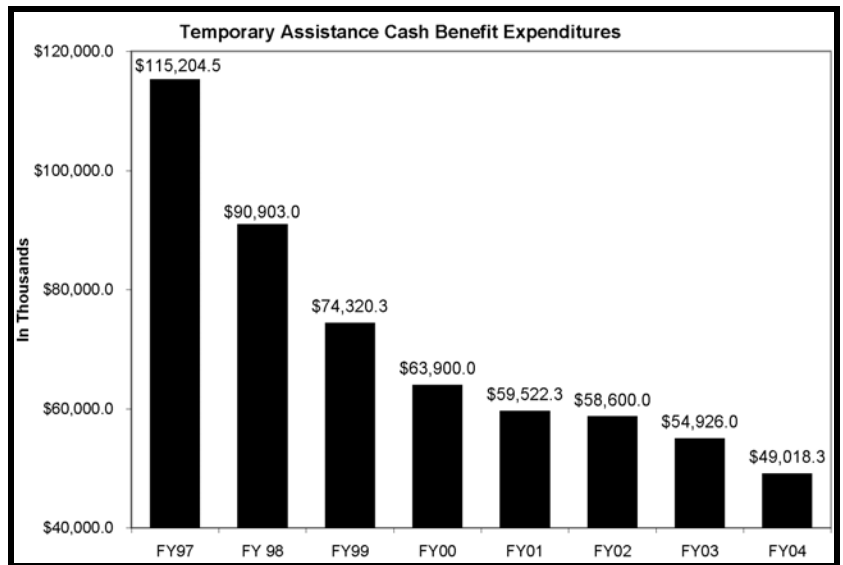
Caseload is Down



52%

June 1996 — October 2004

Spending is Down



\$66.1

MILLION
(FY04 compared to FY97)

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ⇒ Spending on welfare payments dropped by \$66.1 million, down 57.4% 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 2.5% in FY04.
- ⇒ In FY2004 the Temporary Assistance caseload declined by 9% and cash benefits decreased by almost 11%. The caseload decline and savings are largely due to the program's emphasis on employment.