

**IN 2010 PARTICIPATION INCREASED OVER 15% IN FOOD STAMPS BUT LESS THAN 1% IN TANF**

Recently released data indicate that only 15,947 (.8%) more families received TANF in December 2010 (1,947,812) than in December 2009 (1,931,865).<sup>1</sup> The number of children receiving TANF in December 2010 (3,488,179) was just 23% of the number of poor children in 2009 (15,451,000), the most recent year for which poverty data are available.<sup>2</sup>

The tiny increase in TANF receipt in 2010 was far below the increase in family need in 2010 suggested by Food Stamp data. The number of households receiving Food Stamps increased by 15.5% between December 2009 (17,886,338) and December 2010 (20,668,184).<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The TANF figures cited here were derived from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) tables at [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/data-reports/caseload/caseload\\_current.htm](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/data-reports/caseload/caseload_current.htm). The figures include families in separate state programs funded with maintenance of effort dollars.

<sup>2</sup> *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2009*, U.S. Census Bureau, P60-238 (2010), available at <http://www.census.gov/prod/2010pubs/p60-238.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> Food Stamp receipt data is available at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/snapmain.htm>.