

CalWORKs Benefit Model 2011

Background

The CalWORKs benefit model shows the benefit package available to CalWORKs families. A family of three, a parent with two minor children, is used as an example to display their benefits from the following programs:

- California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs)
- CalFresh
- Medi-Cal
- CalWORKs Child Care
- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Making Work Pay Credit
- Child Tax Credit

Earned income changes the benefits of these programs. The model displays the amount of the cash equivalent for each of the programs based on \$100 increments of monthly earnings ending at a maximum amount of \$2,000.

The model consists of the following:

- Bar charts displaying the values of the various benefits based on escalating increments of \$100 in the family's gross earned income; and
- Matrixes displaying the numeric values of these same benefits.

Data Source:

In constructing this model we have used the following data:

- The CalWORKs grant is based upon the maximum aid payment (MAP) for a family in Region 1 of California for FY 2011-12.
- The value for Medi-Cal coverage (\$156 per person) is based upon values developed by the Fiscal Forecasting Bureau of the Department of Health Services for FY 2010-11.
- The value of subsidized CalWORKs child care of \$1,425 for two children per month is based upon cost estimates developed by the Estimates Branch of the Department of Social Services for FY 2011-12.
- EITC, Making Work Pay Credit and Child Tax Credits are displayed as monthly amounts. However, most families that are eligible for EITC, Making Work Pay Credit and Child Tax Credit receive them once a year as a lump sum payment in their tax refunds.
- Net earnings are earnings after Social Security, Medicare, and Federal income tax deductions.

Monthly Benefit Values for a CalWORKs Family of 3 1 Aided Adult and 2 Aided Children

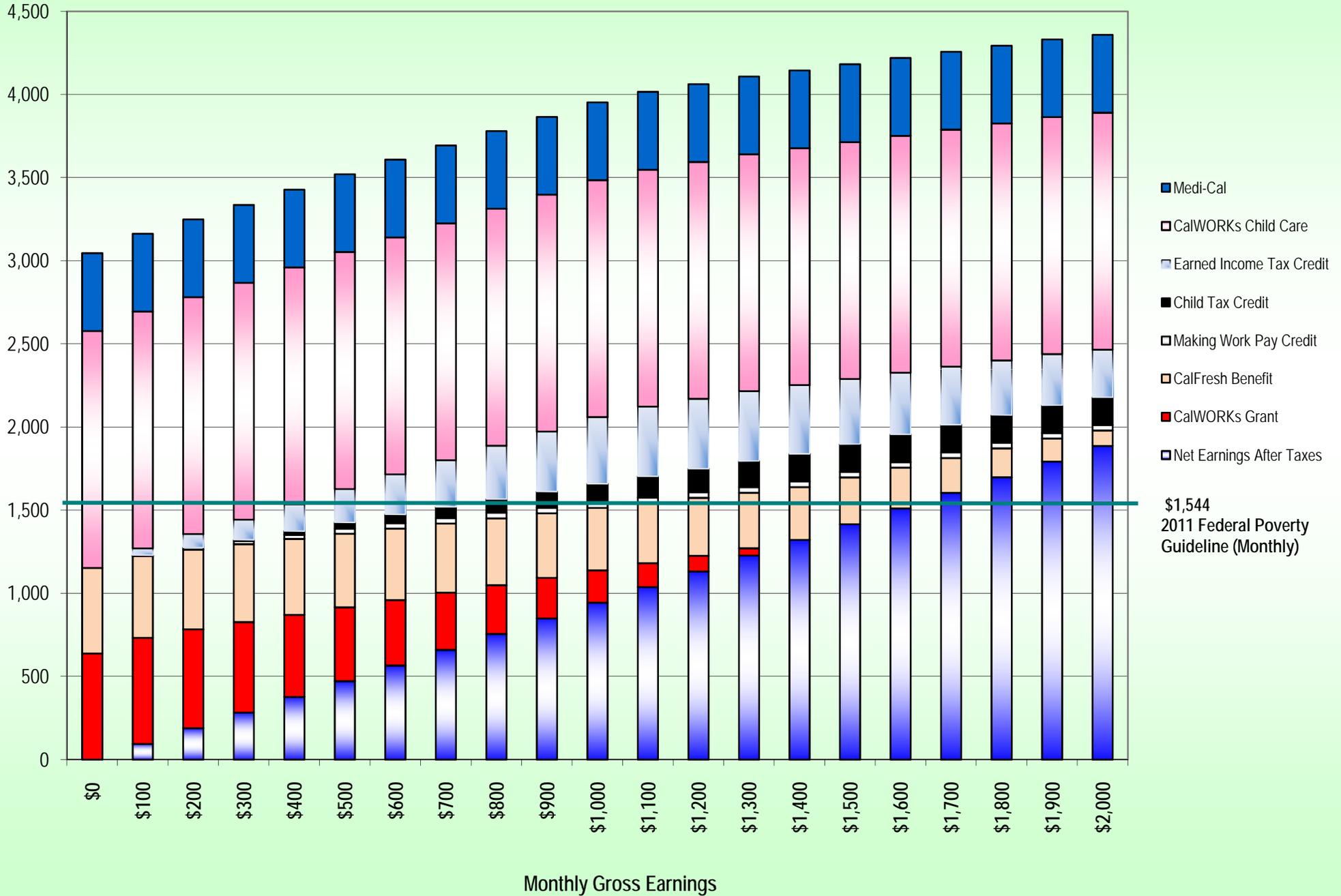
GROSS EARNED INCOME IN \$100 INCREMENTS- State Fiscal Year 2011-12 MAP Level (Updated July 2011)

	\$0	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800	\$900	\$1,000	\$1,100	\$1,200	\$1,300	\$1,400	\$1,500	\$1,600	\$1,700	\$1,800	\$1,900	\$2,000
Net Earnings After Taxes	0	94	189	283	377	472	566	660	755	849	944	1,038	1,132	1,227	1,321	1,415	1,510	1,604	1,698	1,793	1,887
CalWORKs Grant	638	638	594	544	494	444	394	344	294	244	194	144	94	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CalFresh Benefit	515	491	480	469	456	442	429	415	402	388	375	361	348	334	318	282	246	210	174	138	92
Making Work Pay Credit	0	6	12	19	25	31	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
Child Tax Credit	0	0	0	8	23	38	53	68	83	98	113	128	143	158	167	167	167	167	167	167	167
Earned Income Tax Credit	0	41	81	121	161	201	241	281	321	361	401	420	420	420	413	392	371	350	329	308	287
CalWORKs Child Care	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425
Medi-Cal	468	468	468	468	468	468	468	468	468	468	468	468	468	468	468	468	468	468	468	468	468
Total Benefits	3,046	3,163	3,249	3,336	3,428	3,520	3,609	3,694	3,781	3,866	3,953	4,016	4,062	4,108	4,145	4,182	4,220	4,257	4,294	4,332	4,359
Increase / Decrease	N/A	117	86	87	92	92	88	85	87	85	87	64	46	46	37	37	38	37	37	38	27

CalWORKs Benefit Model for a Family of Three - (1 Adult and Two Children)

(Updated July 2011)

**Total Monthly
Benefit Value**



**\$1,544
2011 Federal Poverty
Guideline (Monthly)**