



Welfare Reform Snapshot

Currently 71,980 people in Alaska receive some form of Public Assistance. Of those, 52% are children; 14% are aged, blind or disabled; 13% are single parents.

Welfare reform is a complicated and highly charged political debate, on both national and state levels. It is one of the most difficult social issues for policy-makers in terms of maintaining focus. One individual testifying before the House HESS Committee asked, in great frustration, if the members of the committee could answer one question: What is welfare? There was no response.

Welfare reform bills to watch in the 1995 Legislative Session are summarized briefly on this page.