

Department Response to 2-04-16 question on HB 262

Taneeka,

Thank you for this inquiry. Below is data from the Division of Public Assistance in response to Representative Seaton's request for information on Senior Benefits recipients who have met asset requirements under other Public Assistance programs.

Cross- referencing the Adult Public Assistance and Food Stamp programs yielded the most meaningful data, as seniors' participation in the division's other programs with an asset test is minimal.

As of January, 2016, there were 11,747 individuals receiving Senior Benefits.

- 4,992 receive Senior Benefits only (no Adult Public Assistance or Food Stamps) – 42.5%
- 3,198 receive Senior Benefits and Adult Public Assistance – 27.2%
- 2,947 receive Senior Benefits, Food Stamps, and Adult Public Assistance – 25.1 %
- 610 receive Senior Benefits and Food Stamps – 5.2%

Please let us know if the Representative has follow-up questions.

Thank you,

Tony

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Subject: Committee questions from week of Feb 1-5

The committee requests a 'cross check' of the senior benefit recipients in the highest income bracket against other programs that require some sort of asset test to get a feel for where the recipients sit.