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(TANF) Processing

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- **50.3 %** of all families receiving cash assistance from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program live in states with county-administered TANF programs (Urban Institute, 2015: 2).
- There is no important difference between state compared to county administered TANF programs when it comes to work participation rates. **State administered programs average 40.67% compared to 48.98% for county administered systems** (Urban Institute, 2015).
- Despite their structural differences, **county-administered TANF programs as a group do not differ systematically from state-administered programs in client outcomes, nor are they systemically different in population size, political party, or other state characteristics** (Urban Institute, 2015).
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