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### **ADULT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

Adult Financial Assistance programs include Old Age Pension, Home Care Allowance, Aid to the Needy Disabled and Aid to the Blind, which provide cash assistance to the elderly, blind, and people with disabilities to help meet their basic needs for daily living and independence.

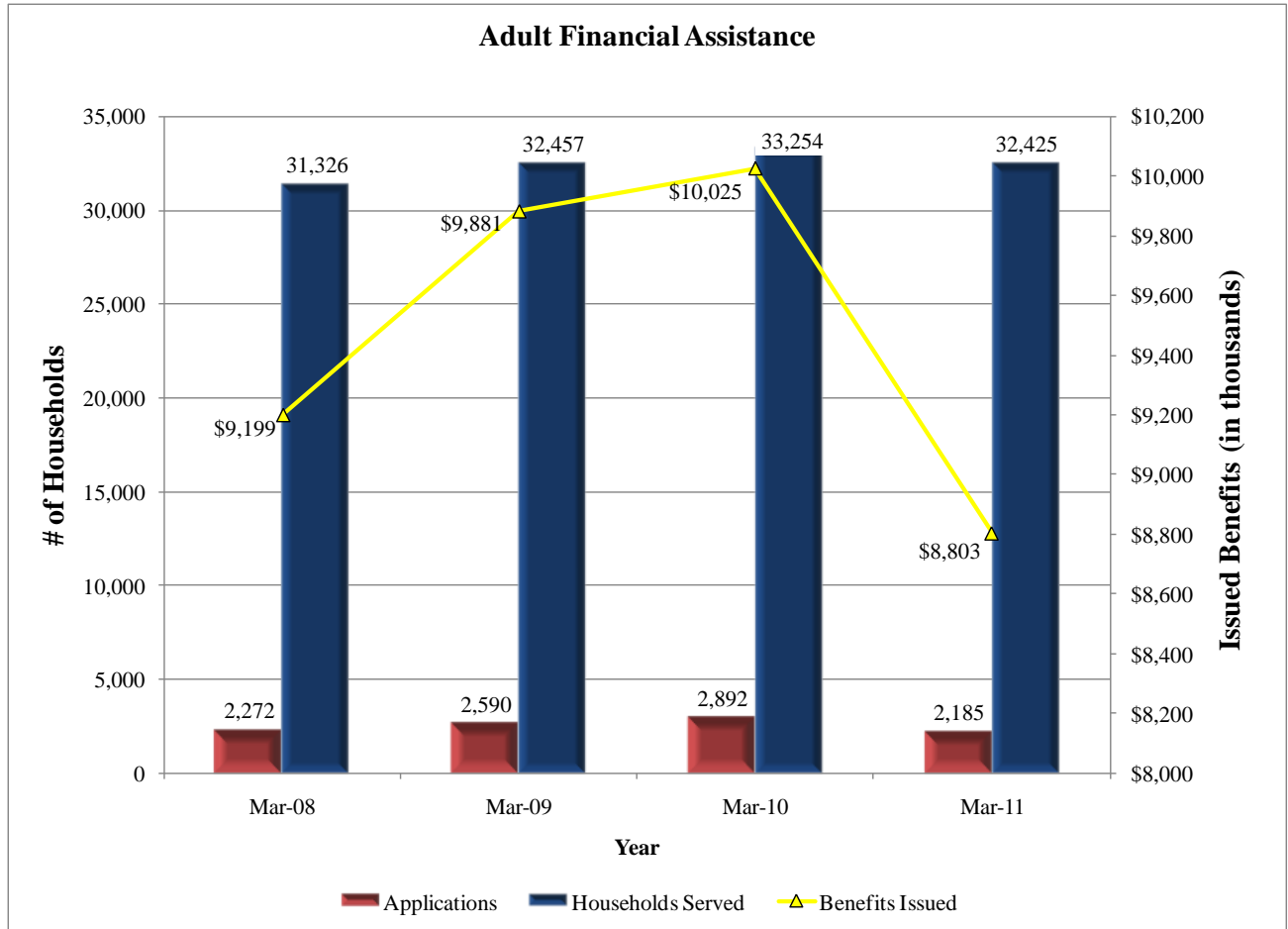
Applicants and recipients of these Adult Financial Assistance Programs must first apply for Supplemental Security Income benefits. Colorado counties administer these Adult Financial Assistance programs:

- Old Age Pension provides cash assistance to legal U.S. citizens and qualified aliens ages 60 and older with no disability requirement, and is intended to supplement those individual's income (including SSI) to a total monthly level of \$699. Recent legislative changes to eligibility requirements for legal permanent aliens resulted in a decrease in the state caseload. The Old Age Pension program is mandated by the Colorado constitution.
- Aid to the Needy Disabled provides financial assistance to low-income Colorado residents age 18 to 59 who have at least a six-month total disability that precludes them from working.
- Aid to the Blind serves blind clients under age 60 who have at least a six-month total disability that precludes them from working.
- Home Care Allowance provides cash assistance to elderly and people with disabilities for services. The Home Care Allowance must be paid directly to a home care provider of the client's choice for specific chores, personal care, and support services, such as bathing, dressing, money management, and other daily living needs that will allow the client to remain in their home.

### **Caseloads**

In Colorado, from March 2008 to March 2011, the number of households served by these assistance programs increased **3.5%** from **31,326** to **32,425**, while applications decreased **3.8%** from **2,272** to **2,185**. Statewide, Adult Financial Assistance benefits paid have decreased by **4.3%** from **\$9.2 million** in March 2008 to **\$8.8 million** in March 2011 due to changes in program requirements.

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**Source:** Colorado Benefits Management System Issuance Data

**Note:** \*Data is point-in-time and does not reflect annual totals.