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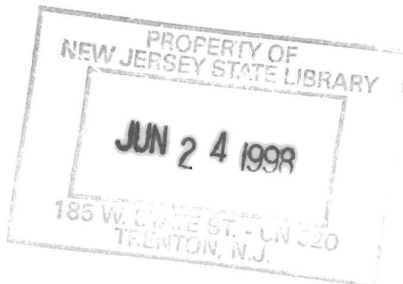
DATE May 18, 1998

TO William Waldman
Commissioner

FROM David C. Heins
Acting Director

SUBJECT CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

Attached please find CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS for March 1998. Included are TANF-oriented data, and the WFNJ Statistical summary. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me.



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CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS



March 1998
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CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

March 1998

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Highlights of **CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS**

TANF

(Tables 1 and 5, Graphs 1 and 4)

As of the end of March 1998, 78,650 eligible families in New Jersey were receiving TANF cash assistance:

- about 75,500 single head of household families
- about 3100 two-parent families.

In addition, there were more than 6600 families receiving Medicaid Only assistance.

The largest number of TANF families receiving cash assistance, by county:

(55.8 percent of all TANF families)

- 22,102 Essex
- 12,727 Hudson
- 9,045 Camden

The number of TANF cash assistance families in other counties ranged from:

- 68 families in Hunterdon County to 5,622 in Passaic County,
with seven below 1000 families

There were about 1500 fewer eligible TANF families receiving cash assistance in March 1998 than in February, with a decline of more than 31,000, or 28.5 percent, over the number of AFDC families receiving cash assistance two years ago in March 1996.

- **Single head families:** 1300 fewer were eligible in March 1998 than in February and 28,000 below two years ago in March 1996.
- **Two parent families:** declined by 3300, or more than 50 percent from more than 6400 in March 1996.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

(Tables 2 and 6, Graphs 2, 5, and 6)

At the end of March 1998, less than 179,000 households were participating in the Food Stamp Program.

- **TANF:** About 79,000 households with less than 252,000 persons.
- **Other low income:** nearly 100,000 households with almost 151,000 persons.
- **Total persons:** 402,500, including 191,200 adults and 211,300 children
- **By County:** 48.9 percent of the households were in:

Essex	46,100
Hudson	24,400
Camden	16,910

In the last two years, the number of Food Stamp households in New Jersey remained in the 220,000 to 223,000 range through June 1996, and declined substantially thereafter (from about 220,000 in June 1996 down to less than 180,000 in the first three months of 1998).

- **TANF(FS)** households steadily declined from nearly **110,000** in March 1996 to less than **79,000** two years later. **Other Low Income** households peaked close to **115,000** in May 1996 and declined to about **100,000** or less in August 1997 through March 1998; there was an increase of about **2000** from February to March 1998.
- **Total FS Recipients:** in the last two years, peaked at almost **516,000** in March 1996, and declined to less than **403,000** by March 1998, a drop of more than **113,000**, or **22 percent**.
- **Adult FS Recipients:** peaked at close to **248,000** in March 1996, and were down by **56,500 (22.8 percent)** to **191,000** in March 1998.
- **Recipient FS Children:** declined by almost **57,000 (21.1 percent)**, from about **268,000** in March 1996 to **211,000** in March 1998.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

(Tables 3, 7 and 9, Graphs 3, 7 and 9)

In March 1998 Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for 2758 eligible TANF families and 228 SSI recipients in New Jersey. For TANF families this included payments for:

- **Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)** for **765** families
- **Motel** placements for **191** families and **emergency shelter** placements for **271** families
- **All other TANF-EA** for **1531** families (including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing and food allowance, or transitional housing)
- **823** families in **Essex County**, **365** in **Passaic County**, **249** in **Bergen County**, **237** in **Middlesex County** and for **less than 200** TANF families in each of the other counties.

In the past two years, the average number of EA payments for TANF/AFDC families was **4800** in 1996, less than **3600** for 1997, and **2600** for the first three months of 1998. Payments for March 1998 were **2200** below March 1996.

- **TRA** payments declined by more than **50 percent** from **1,800** per month in March 1996 to less than **800** in March 1998.
- **Motel payments** were made for an average of **320** families per month in 1996, **240** in 1997, and remained under **200** thus far in 1998.
- Families receiving **Emergency Shelter** payments declined from **388** in March 1996 to **271** in March 1998.
- Families receiving **Other EA** payments averaged **2388** per month in 1996 and **1762** in 1997. Payments for March 1998 were **1000** below March 1996.

For 1995 there were an average of **7400** GA EA recipients, **6800** for 1996, and **6700** for 1997. Of those, GA TRA payments were made to an average of **4400** recipients in 1995, **4100** in 1996 and **4000** in 1997.

TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

(Table 8, Graph 8)

(Because of new Federal clarification of the participation rate formula, participation rates are being recalculated and are currently unavailable.)

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

(Table 9, Graph 9)

There were about 27,000 GA recipients in December 1997, about the same as in November, and the lowest levels in the past two years. Most of the decline has been among employable GA recipients. The GA total was 2800 below December 1996 and 5900 below December 1995.

- **Employable GA** recipients reached a peak in March 1996 of more than **23,500**. They remained around **20,000** from June 1996 through April 1997, and less than **18,000** since July 1997. November 1997 was the first month under **17,000**.
- **Unemployable GA** recipients remained in the **10,000** to **11,000** range over the past two years.

CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY

(Table 10)

In the first half of FFY 1998 (October 1997 - March 1998), the total distribution of collections of the Child Support and Paternity Program increased to \$297 million, compared to \$282 million in the first half of FFY 1997 (October 1996 - March 1998).

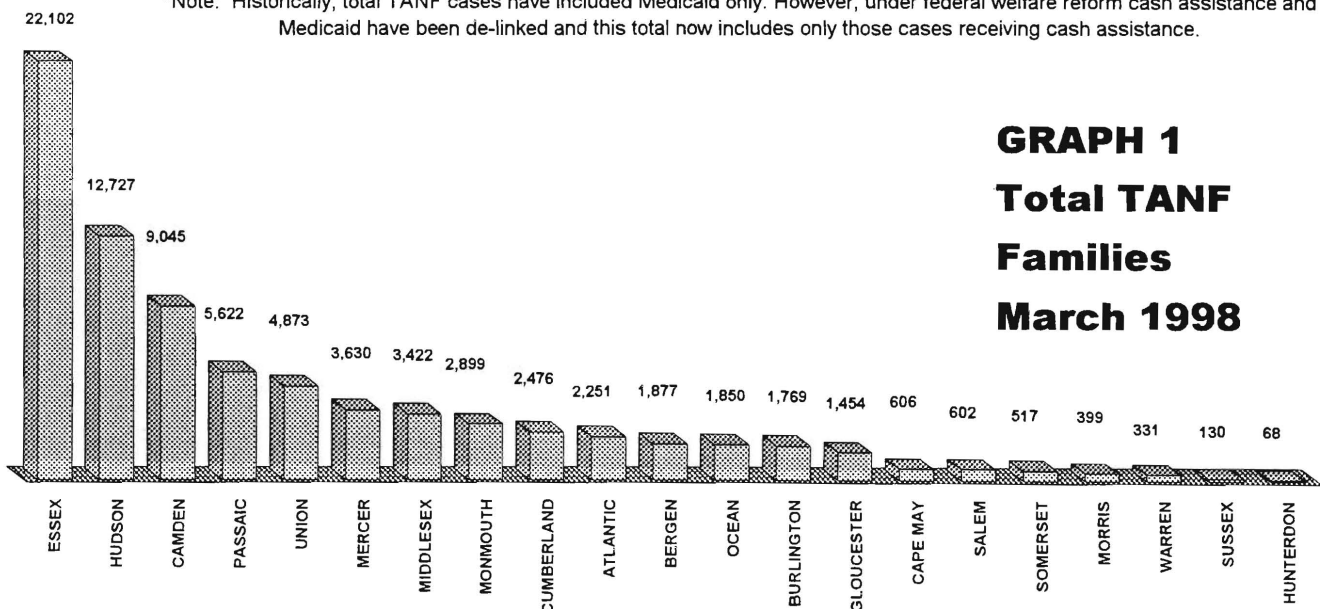
Table 1
TANF
PROGRAM

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS DURING REPORT MONTH, AND
NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING TANF AT END OF REPORT MONTH

March 1998

County	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF*	Medicaid Only
ATLANTIC	204	238	2,210	41	2,251	162
BERGEN	116	177	1,749	128	1,877	90
BURLINGTON	179	209	1,685	84	1,769	319
CAMDEN	596	886	8,574	471	9,045	991
CAPE MAY	62	76	551	55	606	76
CUMBERLAND	277	283	2,247	229	2,476	415
ESSEX	1,015	1,107	21,762	340	22,102	725
GLOUCESTER	207	258	1,405	49	1,454	314
HUDSON	388	610	12,141	586	12,727	1,034
HUNTERDON	23	18	65	3	68	39
MERCER	288	327	3,540	90	3,630	404
MIDDLESEX	321	450	3,189	233	3,422	483
MONMOUTH	168	219	2,803	96	2,899	144
MORRIS	42	54	383	16	399	93
OCEAN	186	196	1,696	154	1,850	457
PASSAIC	308	482	5,290	332	5,622	142
SALEM	81	81	580	22	602	70
SOMERSET	55	102	482	35	517	87
SUSSEX	24	27	123	7	130	57
UNION	295	403	4,747	126	4,873	509
WARREN	40	52	301	30	331	38
NJ TOTAL	4,875	6,255	75,523	3,127	78,650	6,649

*Note: Historically, total TANF cases have included Medicaid only. However, under federal welfare reform cash assistance and Medicaid have been de-linked and this total now includes only those cases receiving cash assistance.

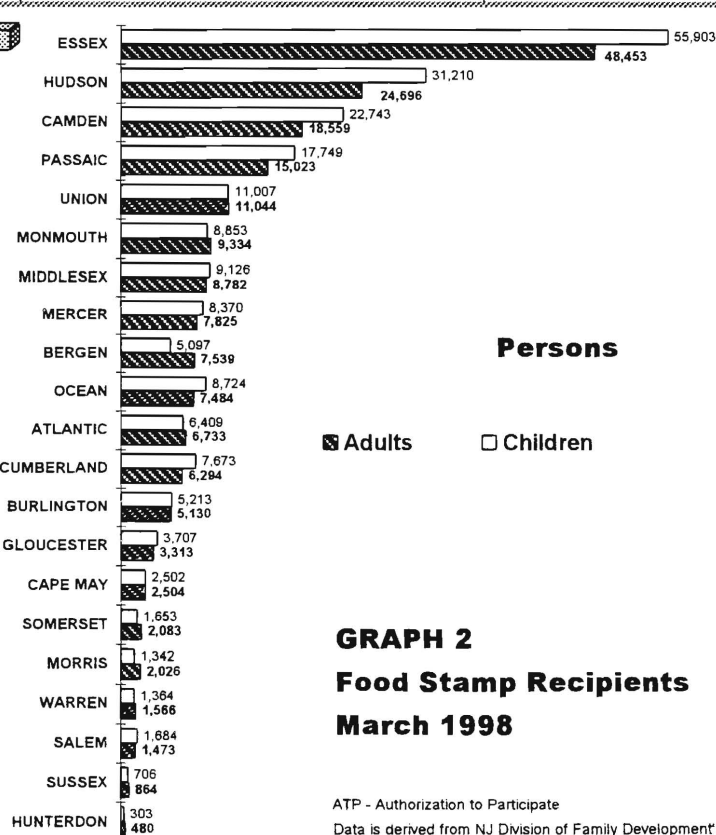
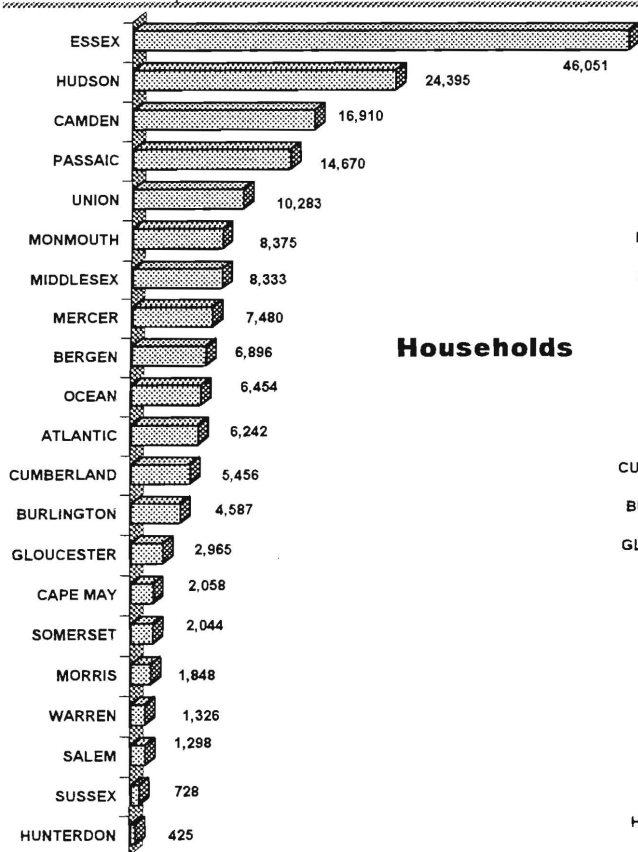


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Table 2
FOOD STAMP
PROGRAM

**NUMBER OF ATP'S ISSUED TO HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS
AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH**
March 1998

County	HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS			Adults	Children
	TANF	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF	Other low income		
ATLANTIC	2,110	4,132	6,242	13,142	7,094	6,048	6,733	6,409
BERGEN	1,747	5,149	6,896	12,636	5,201	7,435	7,539	5,097
BURLINGTON	1,810	2,777	4,587	10,343	5,714	4,629	5,130	5,213
CAMDEN	8,906	8,004	16,910	41,302	29,576	11,726	18,559	22,743
CAPE MAY	822	1,236	2,058	5,006	2,842	2,164	2,504	2,502
CUMBERLAND	2,867	2,589	5,456	13,967	9,673	4,294	6,294	7,673
ESSEX	22,390	23,661	46,051	104,356	70,815	33,541	48,453	55,903
GLOUCESTER	1,480	1,485	2,965	7,020	4,692	2,328	3,313	3,707
HUDSON	12,720	11,675	24,395	55,906	38,549	17,357	24,696	31,210
HUNTERDON	80	345	425	783	247	536	480	303
MERCER	3,310	4,170	7,480	16,195	10,533	5,662	7,825	8,370
MIDDLESEX	3,628	4,705	8,333	17,908	11,109	6,799	8,782	9,126
MONMOUTH	2,879	5,496	8,375	18,187	9,536	8,651	9,334	8,853
MORRIS	430	1,418	1,848	3,368	1,293	2,075	2,026	1,342
OCEAN	2,263	4,191	6,454	16,208	7,826	8,382	7,484	8,724
PASSAIC	5,485	9,185	14,670	32,772	18,084	14,688	15,023	17,749
SALEM	612	686	1,298	3,157	2,025	1,132	1,473	1,684
SOMERSET	553	1,491	2,044	3,736	1,663	2,073	2,083	1,653
SUSSEX	161	567	728	1,570	525	1,045	864	706
UNION	4,196	6,087	10,283	22,051	13,520	8,531	11,044	11,007
WARREN	408	918	1,326	2,930	1,345	1,585	1,566	1,364
NJ TOTAL	78,857	99,967	178,824	402,543	251,862	150,681	191,205	211,338



GRAPH 2
Food Stamp Recipients
March 1998

ATP - Authorization to Participate
Data is derived from NJ Division of Family Development's
FAMIS report # FB-160.

Table 3

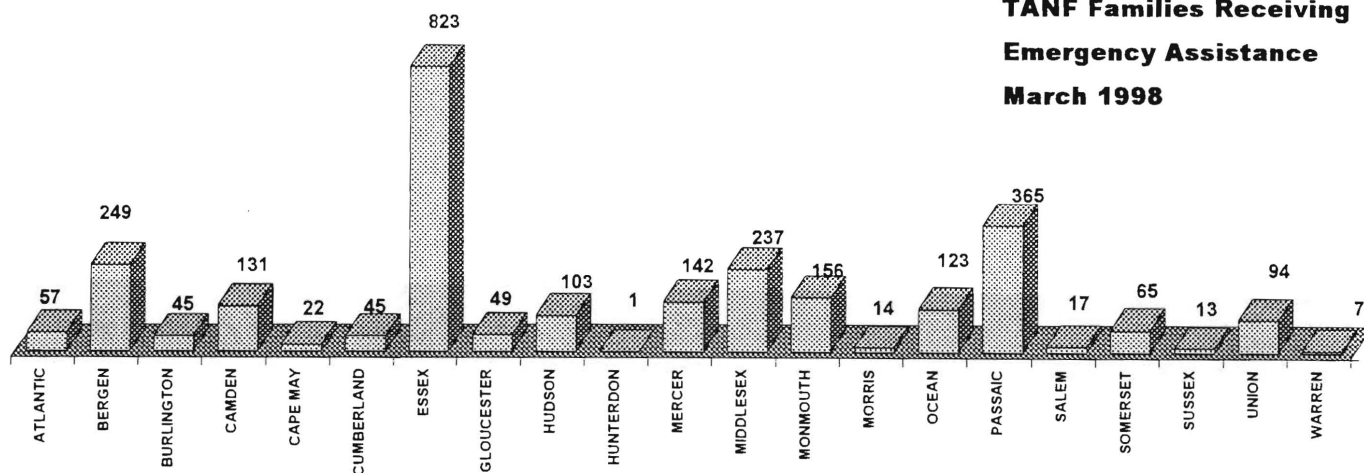
**NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS
(UNDUPLICATED CASES)**

TANF/SSI**March 1998****EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE**

County	TANF Families Receiving Emergency Assistance					SSI
	TOTAL TANF-EA	Temporary Rental Assist.	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA	Recipients Receiving EA
ATLANTIC	57	16	12	15	14	10
BERGEN	249	111	37	30	71	22
BURLINGTON	45	2	2	26	15	2
CAMDEN	131	26	4	12	89	9
CAPE MAY	22	8	3	0	11	5
CUMBERLAND	45	0	2	15	28	1
ESSEX	823	391	6	53	373	21
GLOUCESTER	49	20	1	17	11	3
HUDSON	103	21	9	18	55	5
HUNTERDON	1	0	0	1	0	1
MERCER	142	58	9	5	70	12
MIDDLESEX	237	18	30	16	173	19
MONMOUTH	156	52	11	2	91	3
MORRIS	14	0	0	4	10	6
OCEAN	123	19	46	0	58	31
PASSAIC	365	1	2	18	344	51
SALEM	17	5	4	0	8	6
SOMERSET	65	6	3	17	39	10
SUSSEX	13	3	5	3	2	1
UNION	94	8	1	18	67	10
WARREN	7	0	4	1	2	0
NJ TOTAL	2,758	765	191	271	1,531	228

GRAPH 3

**TANF Families Receiving
Emergency Assistance
March 1998**



*January 1998 data not currently available, will be included with February Current Program Statistics

Derived from NJ Division of Family Development FAMIS Reports #FM457 and #FM430-03A

TABLE 4**WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY STATISTICAL SUMMARY****WFNJ****March 1998**

COUNTY	RECIPIENTS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE	EMPLOYMENT DIRECTED ACTIVITIES			EMPLOYED OPEN (TANF RECIPIENT)	CHILD CARE ON ACTIVE CASE	EMPLOYED CLOSED	POST TANF CHILD CARE
		CWEP	ALL OTHER TRAINING	JOB SEARCH				
ATLANTIC	1,121	154	332	125	383	166	53	156
BERGEN	1,277	165	119	66	338	162	48	107
BURLINGTON	926	405	101	452	336	159	69	255
CAMDEN	5,364	932	737	1,902	1,961	801	158	537
CAPE MAY	447	77	55	66	127	33	13	37
CUMBERLAND	1,443	153	652	718	321	217	59	188
ESSEX	16,624	1,295	2,056	802	1,446	1,729	207	356
GLOUCESTER	695	140	42	356	241	88	62	133
HUDSON	8,861	1,185	2,192	86	1,150	1,284	197	526
HUNTERDON	40	7	4	18	23	10	7	13
MERCER	2,209	171	301	183	311	302	63	241
MIDDLESEX	1,831	11	491	609	794	266	93	268
MONMOUTH	1,889	164	210	204	566	414	69	264
MORRIS	214	110	45	187	59	59	17	58
OCEAN	974	89	104	259	314	167	79	218
PASSAIC	3,714	750	1,300	442	439	458	80	213
SALEM	305	42	133	40	110	99	19	54
SOMERSET	302	28	97	30	113	55	20	71
SUSSEX	65	29	12	17	29	21	6	52
UNION	2,860	189	1,488	398	443	407	76	183
WARREN	240	75	12	78	58	26	15	24
STATE	51,401	6,171	10,483	7,038	9,562	6,923	1,410	3,954

Data is derived from NJ Division of Family Development's FAMIS reports

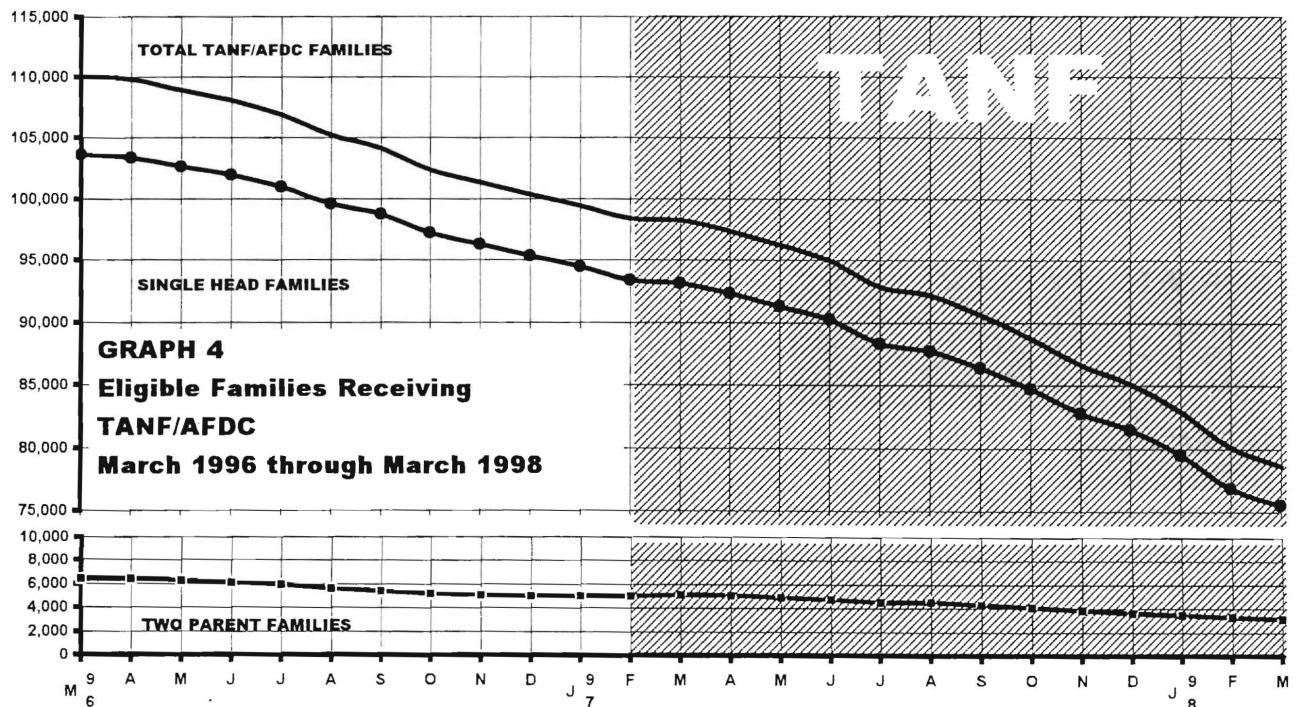
Table 5

**TANF/AFDC
PROGRAM**

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS DURING REPORT MONTH, AND
NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING TANF AT END OF REPORT MONTH

March 1996 through March 1998

	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF/AFDC*	Medicaid Only
AFDC 1996 MAR	6,317	6,302	103,598	6,447	110,045	4,956
APR	6,896	7,241	103,352	6,403	109,755	5,040
MAY	5,335	6,152	102,600	6,275	108,875	5,038
JUN	5,319	6,121	101,947	6,116	108,063	5,116
JUL	5,874	7,027	100,968	5,916	106,884	5,200
AUG	5,014	6,789	99,567	5,631	105,198	5,053
SEP	6,311	7,440	98,744	5,395	104,139	5,097
OCT	5,213	7,015	97,152	5,190	102,342	5,026
NOV	5,374	6,549	96,238	5,081	101,319	5,034
DEC	5,018	6,137	95,322	5,016	100,338	4,992
AVERAGE (12 mos.)	5,602	6,608	100,623	5,843	106,466	5,060
1997 JAN	5,933	6,803	94,429	4,982	99,411	4,994
TANF FEB	4,410	5,728	93,359	5,010	98,369	4,862
MAR	6,184	6,416	93,104	5,125	98,229	4,835
APR	5,172	6,034	92,300	5,049	97,349	4,828
MAY	4,882	6,121	91,290	4,893	96,183	4,851
JUN	4,620	5,760	90,223	4,748	94,971	4,856
JUL	5,240	7,344	88,306	4,522	92,828	4,811
AUG	4,637	5,388	87,670	4,484	92,154	4,860
SEP	5,542	6,982	86,346	4,263	90,609	5,014
OCT	4,488	6,276	84,669	4,045	88,714	5,138
NOV	5,655	7,385	82,764	3,825	86,589	5,554
DEC	3,735	5,113	81,452	3,632	85,084	5,728
AVERAGE	5,042	6,279	88,826	4,548	93,374	5,028
1998 JAN	5,593	7,193	79,496	3,440	82,936	6,313
FEB	4,311	6,924	76,845	3,304	80,149	6,561
MAR	4,875	6,255	75,523	3,127	78,650	6,649
AVERAGE	4,926	6,791	77,288	3,290	80,578	6,508



Data is derived from NJ Division of Family Development's FAMIS report #FF-012

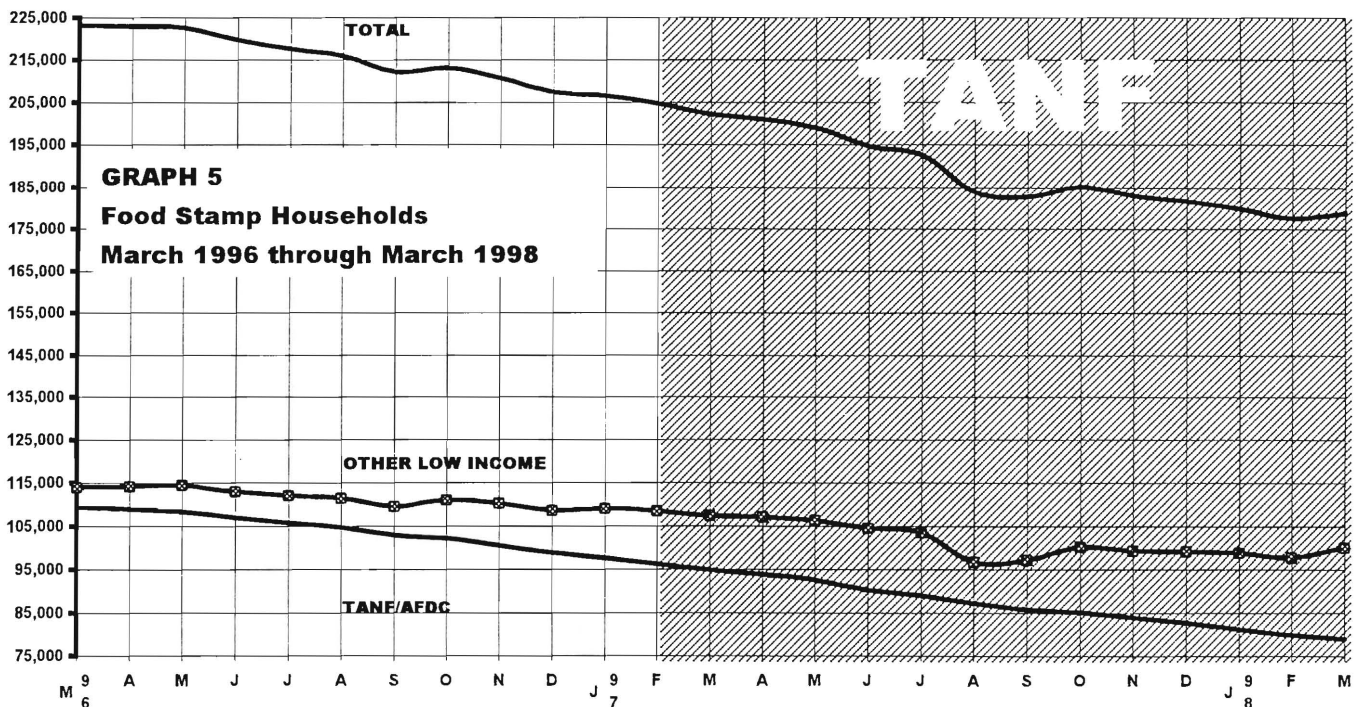
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Table 6
FOOD STAMP
PROGRAM

NUMBER OF ATP'S ISSUED TO HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS
AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH

March 1996 through March 1998

<u>HOUSEHOLDS</u>			<u>PERSONS</u>					
	TANF/AFDC	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF/AFDC	Other low income	Adults	Children
1996 MAR	109,364	113,895	223,259	515,676	342,361	173,315	247,695	267,981
APR	108,787	114,163	222,950	514,375	340,597	173,778	247,380	266,995
MAY	108,205	114,458	222,663	513,213	338,891	174,322	246,918	266,295
JUN	106,875	112,888	219,763	506,926	334,762	172,164	243,422	263,504
JUL	105,653	112,023	217,676	501,575	331,157	170,418	240,840	260,735
AUG	104,568	111,473	216,041	497,436	328,055	169,381	238,804	258,632
SEP	102,827	109,441	212,268	488,765	322,572	166,193	234,442	254,323
OCT	102,088	111,008	213,096	489,991	321,226	168,765	235,401	254,590
NOV	100,411	110,254	210,665	484,378	317,163	167,215	232,756	251,622
DEC	98,729	108,617	207,346	477,693	312,869	164,824	229,191	248,502
AVERAGE (12 mos.)	105,559	111,850	217,409	501,448	331,312	170,136	240,718	260,730
1997 JAN	97,555	108,961	206,516	475,374	310,342	165,032	228,388	246,986
TANF FEB	96,279	108,462	204,741	471,576	307,066	164,510	226,570	245,006
MAR	94,787	107,331	202,118	465,920	303,052	162,868	223,576	242,344
APR	93,845	107,008	200,853	462,303	300,073	162,230	221,538	240,765
MAY	92,593	106,369	198,962	457,430	296,327	161,103	219,003	238,427
JUN	90,218	104,441	194,659	447,417	288,957	158,460	213,692	233,725
JUL	89,029	103,449	192,478	441,141	284,541	156,600	210,029	231,112
AUG	87,165	96,714	183,879	421,881	276,940	144,941	197,418	224,463
SEP	85,609	97,112	182,721	417,728	272,043	145,685	195,800	221,928
OCT	85,116	100,077	185,193	420,626	270,376	150,250	198,347	222,279
NOV	83,803	99,197	183,000	415,821	266,436	149,385	196,009	219,812
DEC	82,635	99,098	181,733	412,483	263,246	149,237	194,507	217,976
AVERAGE	89,886	103,185	193,071	442,475	286,617	155,858	210,406	232,069
1998 JAN	81,137	98,716	179,853	407,812	258,851	148,961	192,412	215,400
FEB	79,846	97,788	177,634	402,068	255,022	147,046	190,032	212,036
MAR	78,857	99,967	178,824	402,543	251,862	150,681	191,205	211,338
AVERAGE	79,947	98,824	178,770	404,141	255,245	148,896	191,216	212,925



ATP - Authorization to Participate

Data is derived from NJ Division of Family Development's FAMIS report # FB-160

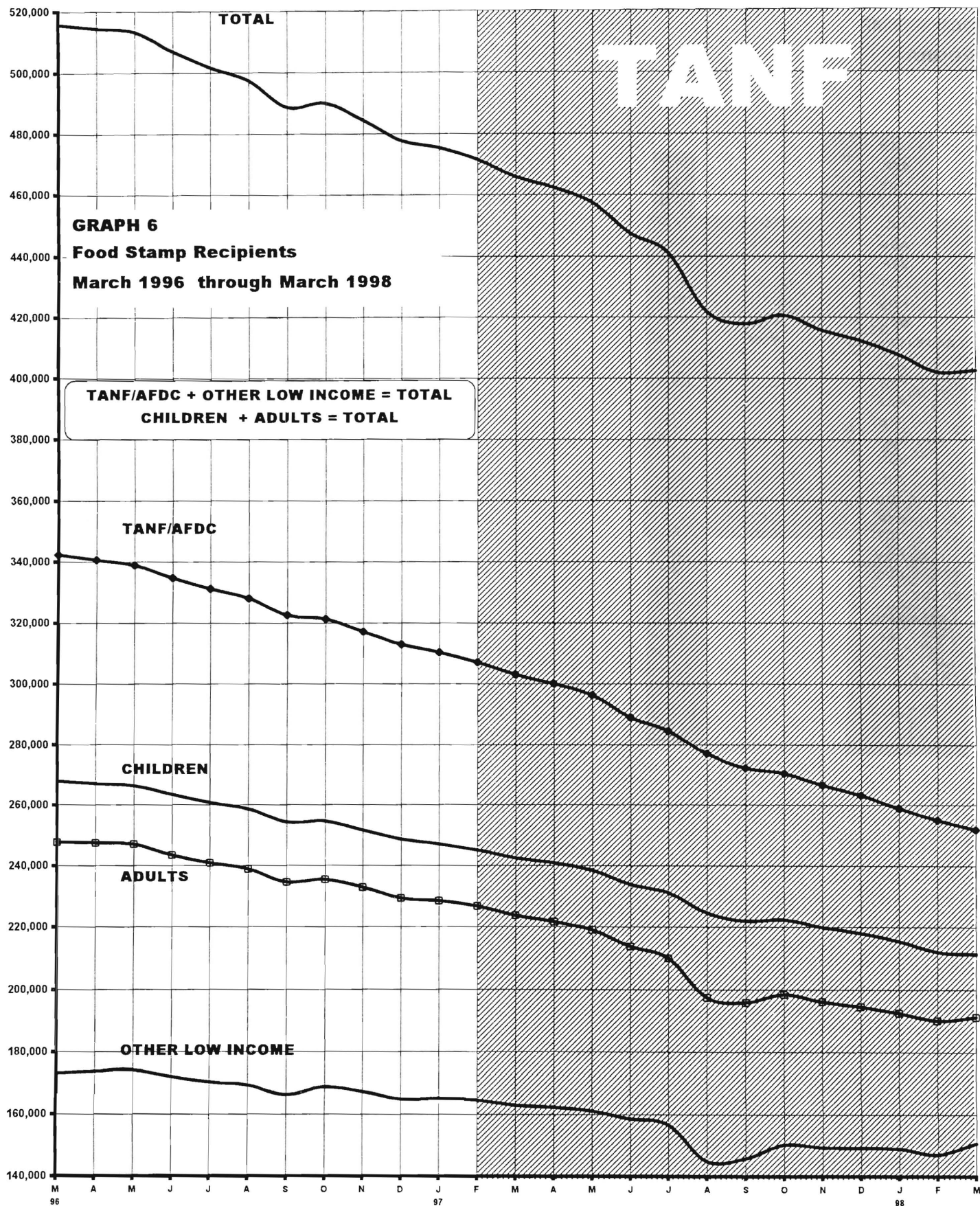
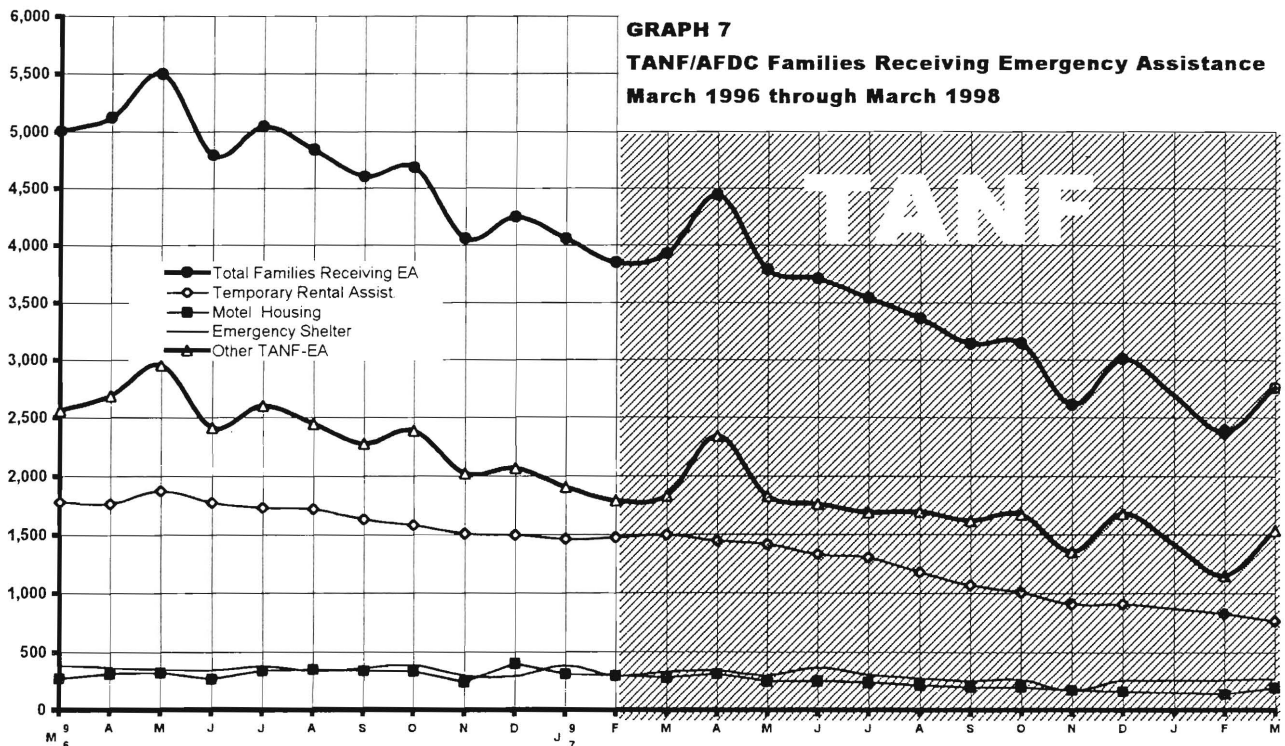


Table 7**NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS****TANF/AFDC****(UNDUPLICATED CASES)****EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE****March 1996 through March 1998**

		Total Families Receiving EA	Temporary Rental Assistance	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF/AFDC-EA
AFDC 1996	MAR	5,001	1,779	270	388	2,564
	APR	5,118	1,760	309	364	2,685
	MAY	5,498	1,873	323	350	2,952
	JUN	4,791	1,772	266	341	2,412
	JUL	5,044	1,729	335	377	2,603
	AUG	4,845	1,716	346	339	2,444
	SEP	4,600	1,625	337	362	2,276
	OCT	4,683	1,576	334	385	2,388
	NOV	4,059	1,507	237	294	2,021
	DEC	4,244	1,492	400	286	2,066
	AVERAGE (12 mos.)	4,751	1,698	320	345	2,388
TANF 1997	JAN	4,059	1,462	310	382	1,905
	FEB	3,847	1,473	296	292	1,786
	MAR	3,926	1,494	278	327	1,827
	APR	4,440	1,447	309	342	2,342
	MAY	3,788	1,416	250	298	1,824
	JUN	3,711	1,336	251	365	1,759
	JUL	3,538	1,308	238	306	1,686
	AUG	3,360	1,181	217	269	1,693
	SEP	3,140	1,069	202	250	1,619
	OCT	3,142	1,009	201	259	1,673
	NOV	2,606	909	172	171	1,354
	DEC	3,003	910	160	256	1,677
1998	AVERAGE	3,547	1,251	240	293	1,762
	JAN	Currently unavailable, will be provided at a future date				
	FEB	2,378	826	140	259	1,153
	MAR	2,758	765	191	271	1,531
AVERAGE		2,568	796	166	265	1,342



Data derived from NJ Division of Family Development FAMIS Report #FM457 and #FM430-03a.

Table 8**TANF PARTICIPATION RATES****Rates Are Currently Unavailable**

Participation Rates are being recalculated
based on new Federal clarification of the
formula to be utilized.

Graph 8

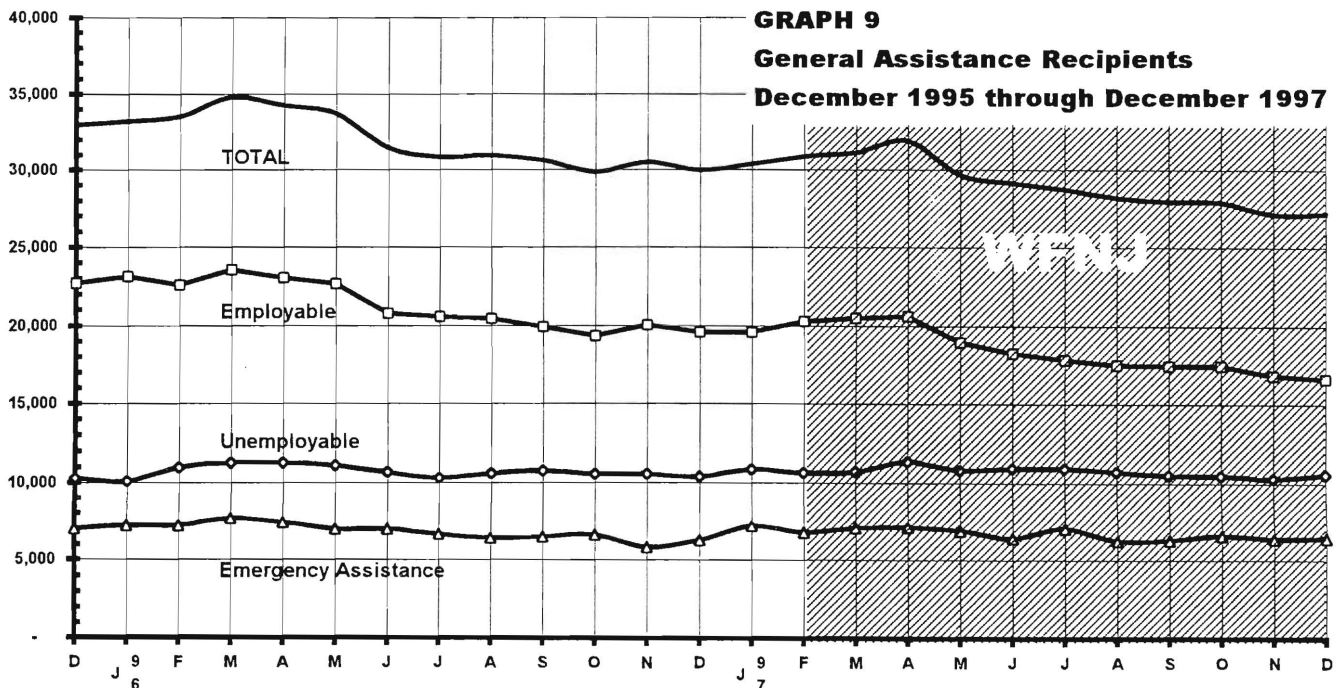
TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

Currently Unavailable Pending Revision of Participation Rates

TABLE 9
GENERAL
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NUMBER OF EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS
AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS DURING REPORT MONTH
December 1995 through December 1997

	All Persons Aided			Emergency Assistance Payments		
	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assistance	Other GA-EA	Total
1995 DEC	22,732	10,268	33,000	4,086	2,902	6,988
AVERAGE (12 mos.)	22,433	11,178	33,611	4,420	2,947	7,368
1996 JAN	23,140	10,054	33,194	4,421	2,803	7,224
FEB	22,584	10,927	33,511	4,567	2,651	7,218
MAR	23,528	11,243	34,771	4,472	3,185	7,657
APR	23,028	11,221	34,249	4,490	2,944	7,434
MAY	22,657	11,054	33,711	4,064	2,947	7,011
JUN	20,785	10,667	31,452	4,283	2,716	6,999
JUL	20,546	10,282	30,828	3,754	2,922	6,676
AUG	20,416	10,552	30,968	3,958	2,448	6,406
SEP	19,895	10,741	30,636	3,905	2,597	6,502
OCT	19,310	10,514	29,824	3,894	2,728	6,622
NOV	20,019	10,508	30,527	3,662	2,166	5,828
DEC	19,582	10,369	29,951	3,725	2,574	6,299
AVERAGE	21,291	10,678	31,969	4,100	2,723	6,823
1997 JAN	19,562	10,809	30,371	4,182	3,029	7,211
WFNJ FEB	20,274	10,607	30,881	3,994	2,807	6,801
MAR	20,467	10,678	31,145	4,167	2,907	7,074
APR	20,612	11,305	31,917	4,184	2,930	7,114
MAY	18,938	10,758	29,696	4,137	2,789	6,926
JUN	18,218	10,913	29,131	3,850	2,580	6,430
JUL	17,823	10,908	28,731	4,174	2,872	7,046
AUG	17,505	10,685	28,190	3,884	2,377	6,261
SEP	17,441	10,506	27,947	3,906	2,415	6,321
OCT	17,441	10,442	27,883	3,889	2,722	6,611
NOV	16,827	10,272	27,099	3,851	2,535	6,386
DEC	16,627	10,517	27,144	4,046	2,362	6,408
AVERAGE	18,478	10,700	29,178	4,022	2,694	6,716



Data Sources: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit

TABLE 10**CHILD SUPPORT
AND PATERNITY****CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY COLLECTIONS****State Summary****Comparison of FFY 1997 and FFY 1998**

COLLECTION SOURCE	10/96-3/97	10/97-3/98	% change
AFDC & FOSTER CARE			
Federal Tax	\$7,707,660	\$4,105,407	-46.74%
State Tax	822,971	453,114	-44.94%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	3,001,801	2,098,058	-30.11%
Income Withholding	20,941,264	17,494,231	-16.46%
Other/Own Behalf	9,416,070	8,643,443	-8.21%
From Other States	1,939,279	2,033,604	4.86%
For Other States	4,263,356	3,620,408	-15.08%
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$48,092,401	\$38,448,265	-20.05%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	\$42,340,975	\$38,040,630	-10.16%
NON- AFDC			
Federal Tax	\$3,273,498	\$1,923,984	-41.23%
State Tax	1,220,099	775,123	-36.47%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	9,161,811	8,225,787	-10.22%
Income Withholding	136,703,876	150,000,627	9.73%
Other/Own Behalf	66,727,469	69,293,869	3.85%
From Other States	11,462,625	15,354,154	33.95%
For Other States	15,158,974	15,846,755	4.54%
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$243,708,352	\$261,420,299	7.27%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	\$239,627,999	\$258,993,219	8.08%
TOTAL			
Federal Tax	\$10,981,158	\$6,029,391	-45.09%
State Tax	\$2,043,070	\$1,228,237	-39.88%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	\$12,163,612	\$10,323,845	-15.13%
Income Withholding	\$157,645,140	\$167,494,858	6.25%
Other/Own Behalf	\$76,143,539	\$77,937,312	2.36%
From Other States	\$13,401,904	\$17,387,758	29.74%
For Other States	\$19,422,330	\$19,467,163	0.23%
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$291,800,753	\$299,868,564	2.76%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	\$281,968,974	\$297,033,849	5.34%

Distributed amount represents collections reported and recognized by the Federal Office of
Child Support Enforcement for calculating incentives and annual report to Congress
Source: DFD Office of Child Support and Paternity Programs

Explanatory Notes

The Department of Human Services Division of Family Development provides basic income and an opportunity to achieve self-sufficiency for individuals and families served by the Division's programs. The Division provides leadership, direction and supervision to those public agencies responsible for administering those programs and plans for and develops policies to promote self-sufficiency.

WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY (WFNJ) - Fully implemented July 1, 1997, this is New Jersey's welfare reform program which responds to the requirements of the Federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996. PRWORA establishes Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (**TANF**) as the replacement for AFDC cash assistance. WFNJ includes two segments, WFNJ/TANF for families with children, and WFNJ/GA (General Assistance) for single adults and couples without dependent children. The emphasis is on achieving self-sufficiency and limits lifetime receipt of financial assistance to a total of five years.

WFNJ Statistical Summary (Table 4)

Recipients Required to Participate - Calculation of the number of mandatory individuals (FAMIS report # FB304).

Employment Directed Activities (EDA) - From Activities Summary Report (OMEGA report # RM064). Unduplicated count of persons participating in Community Work Experience Program (**CWEP**), **All Other Training, or Job Search**.

Number of Persons Employed This Month, Still Receiving TANF - From Activities Summary Report (OMEGA report # RM064).

Participants Receiving Child Care Services - From Issuance Disbursement Summary (OMEGA report # RM703). Total number of active participants who show receipt of **Child Care**.

Number of Persons Closed on FAMIS Due to Employment- From FAMIS report # FM463.

Post TANF and Receiving Child Care - Persons no longer in receipt of TANF but still receiving child care. From Issuance Disbursement Summary (OMEGA report # RM703).

AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN (AFDC) - Replaced by WFNJ/TANF July 1, 1997, AFDC provided financial assistance for dependent children and their natural or adoptive parents, or certain other relatives recognized as taking the place of a parent.

Regular AFDC (C Segment) - assistance when only one parent is in the home due to death or absence, or both parents are in the home but at least one is incapacitated.

Unemployed Parents (F Segment) - assistance when both parents are in the home, neither is incapacitated and the primary wage earner meets the federally defined criteria for unemployment.

State AFDC (N Segment) - assistance when both parents are in the home, neither is incapacitated, and the primary wage earner does not meet the federal definition of unemployment.

[Medicaid Only families], who had no longer received AFDC financial assistance but remained eligible for Medicaid under applicable provisions which extended coverage beyond the period of AFDC assistance, are no longer shown in these tables because cash assistance and Medicaid have been de-linked.]

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM (FS) - Authorized by Congress as a nutritional supplement program to provide low income households with more food of greater variety and better nutrition. Program eligibility is based on household income, resources, and expenses for medical, shelter, and dependent care. CWA staff refer certain recipients to the New Jersey Department of Labor for participation in the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (EA) - Payments to those eligible for WFNJ/TANF or WFNJ/GA, authorized during the 30 consecutive days immediately following the emergency (defined as a substantial loss of shelter, food, clothing, or household furnishings by fire, flood or other similar disaster) or if the eligible individual or family is in an imminent or actual state of homelessness.

TABLE 11
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EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS
AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS
COUNTIES AND 21 LARGEST MUNICIPALITIES

December 1997

County/ Municipality	Employable	Total Persons Aided		Emergency Assistance Payments		
		Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assist.	Other GA-EA	Total
ATLANTIC	867	536	1,403	61	25	86
BERGEN	378	479	857	229	68	297
BURLINGTON	283	421	704	117	97	214
CAMDEN	1,536	1,296	2,832	164	55	219
CAPE MAY	147	98	245	17	19	36
CUMBERLAND	321	144	465	2	13	15
ESSEX	5,919	2,190	8,109	1,066	1,288	2,354
GLOUCESTER	88	116	204	8	12	20
HUDSON	693	994	1,687	143	13	156
HUNTERDON	40	58	98	29	15	44
MERCER	1,080	765	1,845	241	241	482
MIDDLESEX	329	482	811	74	19	93
MONMOUTH	456	552	1,008	230	44	274
MORRIS	78	166	244	31	8	39
OCEAN	452	317	769	278	109	387
PASSAIC	1,832	744	2,576	483	150	633
SALEM	144	88	232	16	19	35
SOMERSET	95	98	193	53	5	58
SUSSEX	37	43	80	25	10	35
UNION	1,820	859	2,679	753	151	904
WARREN	32	71	103	26	1	27
TOTAL NJ	16,627	10,517	27,144	4,046	2,362	6,408
Atlantic City	724	318	1,042	41	22	63
Mount Holly	113	106	219	45	69	114
Camden	1,315	965	2,280	99	9	108
Vineland	152	63	215	0	5	5
East Orange	390	371	761	195	44	239
Irvington	406	145	551	61	6	67
Montclair	76	59	135	23	14	37
Newark	4,526	1,390	5,916	696	1,212	1,908
Orange	387	68	455	61	5	66
Bayonne	99	61	160	3	0	3
Hoboken	84	109	193	17	1	18
Jersey City	405	480	885	85	8	93
Trenton	1,004	660	1,664	217	235	452
Perth Amboy	76	79	155	6	0	6
Asbury Park	115	85	200	45	0	45
Long Branch	75	102	177	31	2	33
Lakewood	206	104	310	154	17	171
Passaic	433	238	671	188	30	218
Paterson	1,352	357	1,709	257	99	356
Elizabeth	1,216	445	1,661	584	116	700
Plainfield	261	154	415	50	1	51
Total	13,415	6,359	19,774	2,858	1,895	4,753

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit

TABLE 12**CHILD SUPPORT
AND PATERNITY****NUMBER OF CASES REMAINING OPEN
QUARTER ENDING MARCH 1998**

	CASES WITH ORDERS			OTHER CASES (1)		TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
	AFDC AND FOSTER CARE	AFDC AND FOSTER CARE ARREARS (2)	NON- AFDC	AFDC AND FOSTER CARE	NON- AFDC	AFDC AND FOSTER CARE	NON- AFDC	ALL CASES
Atlantic	54,648	4,570	9,941	2,409	3,924	61,627	13,865	75,492
Bergen	1,070	1,986	9,083	1,178	1,109	4,234	10,192	14,426
Burlington	1,476	3,416	10,969	1,822	2,339	6,714	13,308	20,022
Camden	7,211	11,436	22,217	5,867	4,925	24,514	27,142	51,656
Cape May	554	3,462	554	1,281	277	5,297	831	6,128
Cumberland	2,745	5,380	10,255	629	334	8,754	10,589	19,343
Essex	13,029	17,379	35,218	20,103	11,989	50,511	47,207	97,718
Gloucester	1,193	2,516	6,543	879	1,204	4,588	7,747	12,335
Hudson	6,251	8,265	19,705	7,406	7,571	21,922	27,276	49,198
Hunterdon	103	1,616	103	322	45	2,041	148	2,189
Mercer	3,669	6,206	12,533	2,744	2,405	12,619	14,938	27,557
Middlesex	2,220	5,468	15,245	2,458	2,457	10,146	17,702	27,848
Monmouth	2,895	5,029	12,675	1,906	2,121	9,830	14,796	24,626
Morris	312	596	4,109	473	571	1,381	4,680	6,061
Ocean	1,307	3,454	10,155	1,635	1,559	6,396	11,714	18,110
Passaic	4,435	6,020	15,813	4,914	4,963	15,369	20,776	36,145
Salem	802	1,498	3,349	259	151	2,559	3,500	6,059
Somerset	394	705	3,342	467	648	1,566	3,990	5,556
Sussex	193	442	1,911	170	213	805	2,124	2,929
Union	2,728	5,287	13,546	3,865	4,197	11,880	17,743	29,623
Warren	388	1,035	2,718	130	103	1,553	2,821	4,374
NJ TOTAL	107,623	95,766	219,984	60,917	53,105	264,306	273,089	537,395

Data Sources: Automated Child Support Enforcement System #CS199-3

(1) - Needing location, paternity, or other services to establish an obligation

(2) - Cases with arrears *only*