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SUBJECT CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

Attached please find CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS for August 1999. Included are TANF-oriented data, and the WFNJ Statistical Summary. Some items of interest include:

- The TANF caseload continues to decline. Since January of 1999 there has been a decrease of 11.1%.
- Food Stamp households decreased more than 9,600 since January 1999.
- Due to manual reporting from a number of municipalities, General Assistance recipient numbers are not as current as TANF and Food Stamp data. Recipient figures reported are for June 1999, which are 8.3% below June 1998.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to call me.

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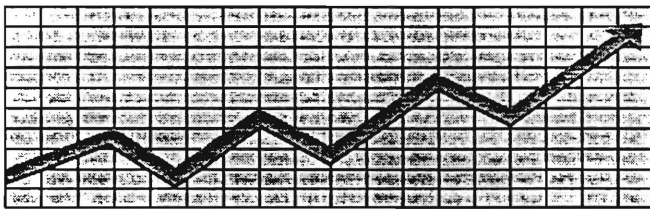
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# **CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS**



**August 1999  
David C. Heins, Director**

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Highlights of **CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS**

**TANF**

(Tables 1 and 5, Graphs 1 and 4)

[The number of single parent families is reduced by the number of companion cases listed for payment on the source table FF-012, to avoid double counting.]

As of the end of August 1999, 56,593 eligible families in New Jersey were receiving TANF cash assistance:

- 55,273 single head of household families
- 1,320 two-parent families.

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

Essex — 18,630, Hudson — 9,648, Camden — 5,769, Passaic — 4,359, Union — 3,454

The number of TANF cash assistance families in the other 16 counties ranged from:

- 36 families in Hunterdon County to 2,432 in Mercer County,
- with eight counties below 1000 families

More than 100 fewer eligible TANF families receiving cash assistance in August 1999 than in July 1999, with a decline of 34,771, or 38.1 percent, compared to the number of families receiving cash assistance two years ago in August 1997.

- Single head families: 31,607 below two years ago in August 1997, a drop of 36.4%.
- Two parent families: declined by 3,164 or 70.6 percent from 4,484 in August 1997.

**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM**

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

At the end of August 1999, less than 150,000 households participated in the Food Stamp Program.

- TANF: about 44,700 households with 144,500 persons.
- Other low income: approximately 104,600 households with 189,900 persons.
- Total persons: 334,400, including 160,500 adults and 173,900 children
- By County: 58.5 percent of the households were in:
 

Essex	38,341
Hudson	21,342
Camden	13,571
Passaic	14,118

Two years ago in August 1997, 183,900 households participated in Food Stamps in New Jersey. Over the next two years the number declined by about 34,585, or 18.8 percent, to 149,300 by August 1999.

- TANF(FS) households steadily declined by more than 42,000 from about 87,000 in August 1997 to 45,000 two years later. There were approximately 96,800 Other Low Income households in August 1997 and about 1100 more two years later.
- Total FS Recipients: were about 442,881 in August 1997, and declined to 334,324 by August 1999, a drop of 87,557, or 20.8 percent.
- Adult FS Recipients: declined from about 197,400 in August 1997 to 160,500 in August 1999, a drop of 37,000 (18.7 percent).
- Recipient FS Children: declined by 50,600 (22.5 percent), from about 224,500 in August 1997 to 173,900 in August 1999.

## **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

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

In August 1999 Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for 1,995 eligible TANF families and 354 SSI recipients in New Jersey. For TANF families this included payments for:

- Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA) for 294 families
- Motel placements for 195 families and emergency shelter placements for 239 families
- All other TANF-EA for 1,267 families (including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing and food allowance, or transitional housing)
- 683 families in Essex County, 267 in Passaic County, 175 in Mercer County, 149 in Middlesex County and less than 120 TANF families in each of the other seventeen counties.

In the past two years, the average number of EA payments for TANF families was 3,547 in 1997, 2,437 for 1998, and 1,888 for the first seven months of 1999. Payments were made to 40.6% fewer families in August 1999 as compared to August 1997.

- TRA payments were 24.9% of the number in August 1997.
- Motel payments were 89.9% from two years ago.
- Emergency Shelter payments were approximately 88.8% of the number in August 1997.
- Other TANF-EA payments were approximately 74.8% of the number in August 1997.

For 1997 there were an average of 6,716 GA EA recipients, 5,554 for 1998 and 3,927 for the first half of 1999. Of those, GA TRA payments were made to an average of 4,022 recipients in 1997, 3,279 in 1998 and 2,084 for the first half of 1999.

## TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

(Table 8, Graph 8)

The TANF participation rate for August 1999 was 34.0% for the State as a whole. This is an increase of about 1.6 percentage points from July 1999.

### Participation rates by county:

- Six counties had a participation rate greater than 40 percent, Burlington, Monmouth, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, and Warren.

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE

(Table 9, Graph 9)

There were 25,176 GA recipients in June 1999. Total recipients were 29,131 in June 1997 and 27,446 in June 1998.

- There were 15,419 Employable GA recipients in June 1999.
- With about 9,800 in June 1999, this was the first month Unemployable GA recipients dropped below the 10,000 to 11,000 range over the past two years.

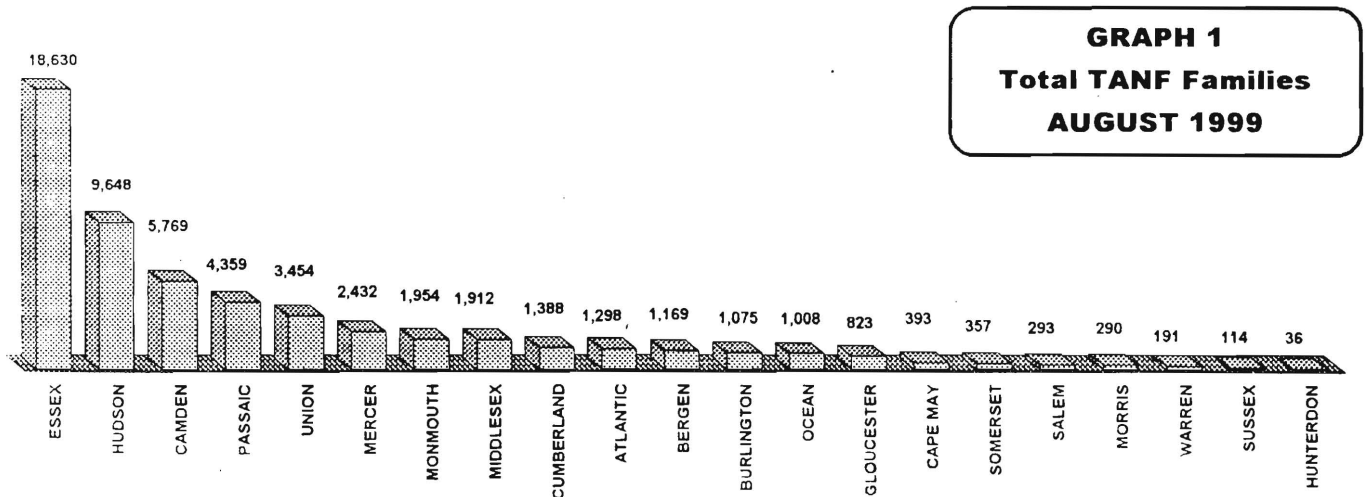
## CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY

(Table 10)

During the twelve months of FFY 1999, the total distribution of collections of the Child Support and Paternity Program was more than \$704 million, an increase of over 11 percent over the same period of FFY 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**  
**AUGUST 1999**

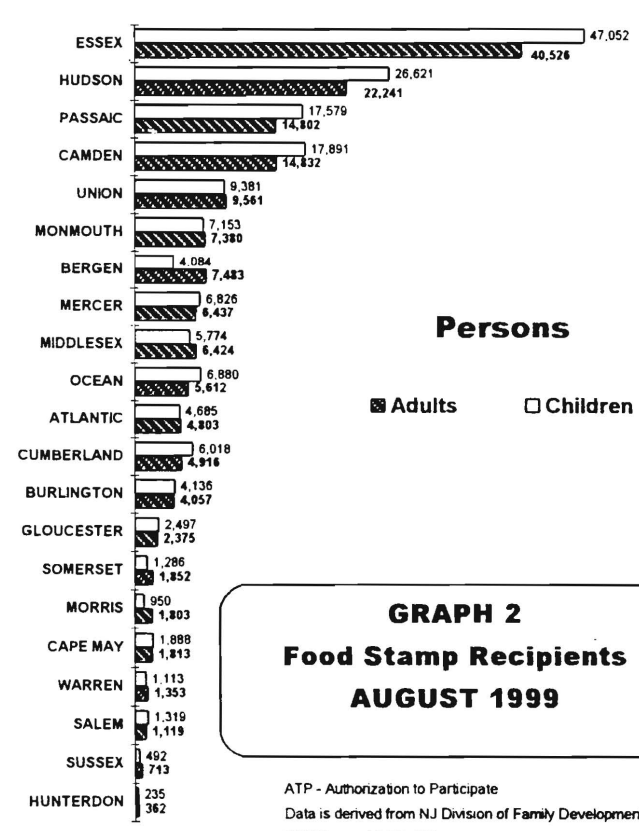
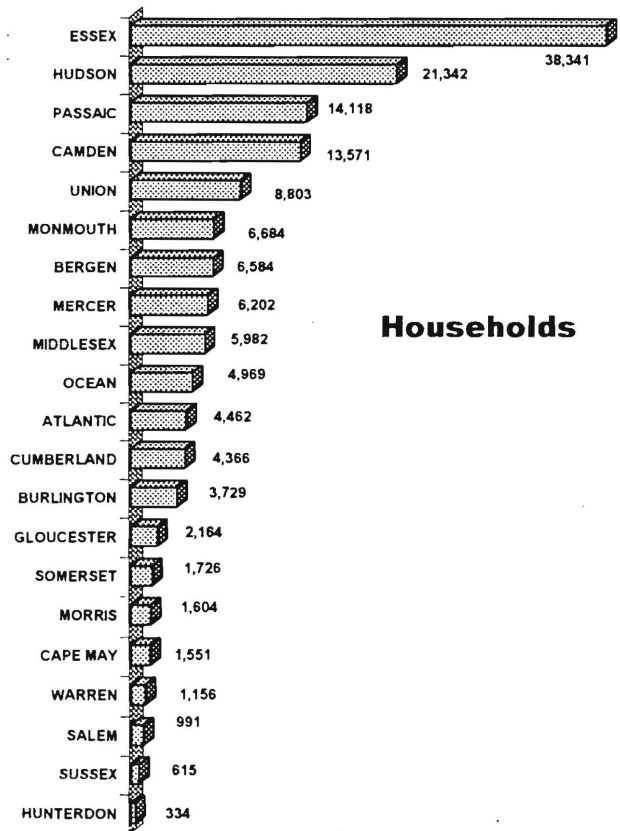
County	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF
ATLANTIC	107	165	1,284	14	1,298
BERGEN	116	145	1,106	63	1,169
BURLINGTON	151	190	1,046	29	1,075
CAMDEN	571	657	5,579	190	5,769
CAPE MAY	41	92	374	19	393
CUMBERLAND	195	244	1,321	67	1,388
ESSEX	1,315	839	18,461	169	18,630
GLOUCESTER	134	159	795	28	823
HUDSON	488	606	9,352	296	9,648
HUNTERDON	5	1	36	0	36
MERCER	231	303	2,395	37	2,432
MIDDLESEX	245	288	1,826	86	1,912
MONMOUTH	173	218	1,933	21	1,954
MORRIS	33	30	276	14	290
OCEAN	157	151	972	36	1,008
PASSAIC	331	391	4,184	175	4,359
SALEM	72	85	289	4	293
SOMERSET	57	65	342	15	357
SUSSEX	18	23	113	1	114
UNION	354	391	3,414	40	3,454
WARREN	41	21	175	16	191
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>4,835</b>	<b>5,064</b>	<b>55,273</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>56,593</b>



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

**Table 2** NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH  
**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM** AUGUST 1999

County	HOUSEHOLDS			TOTAL	PERSONS			
	TANF	Other low income	TOTAL		TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
ATLANTIC	755	3,707	4,462	9,488	2,504	6,984	4,803	4,685
BERGEN	886	5,698	6,584	11,567	2,623	8,944	7,483	4,084
BURLINGTON	679	3,050	3,729	8,193	2,196	5,997	4,057	4,136
CAMDEN	4,378	9,193	13,571	32,723	14,809	17,914	14,832	17,891
CAPE MAY	287	1,264	1,551	3,701	964	2,737	1,813	1,888
CUMBERLAND	1,076	3,290	4,366	10,934	3,624	7,310	4,916	6,018
ESSEX	15,633	22,708	38,341	87,578	50,492	37,086	40,526	47,052
GLOUCESTER	521	1,643	2,164	4,872	1,611	3,261	2,375	2,497
HUDSON	8,297	13,045	21,342	48,862	26,076	22,786	22,241	26,621
HUNTERDON	32	302	334	597	88	509	362	235
MERCER	1,770	4,432	6,202	13,263	5,609	7,654	6,437	6,826
MIDDLESEX	1,415	4,567	5,982	12,198	4,354	7,844	6,424	5,774
MONMOUTH	1,500	5,184	6,684	14,533	4,855	9,678	7,380	7,153
MORRIS	194	1,410	1,604	2,753	574	2,179	1,803	950
OCEAN	710	4,259	4,969	12,492	2,282	10,210	5,612	6,880
PASSAIC	3,445	10,673	14,118	32,381	11,558	20,823	14,802	17,579
SALEM	216	775	991	2,438	725	1,713	1,119	1,319
SOMERSET	238	1,488	1,726	3,138	748	2,390	1,852	1,286
SUSSEX	58	557	615	1,205	151	1,054	713	492
UNION	2,451	6,352	8,803	18,942	8,063	10,879	9,561	9,381
WARREN	156	1,000	1,156	2,466	512	1,954	1,353	1,113
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>44,697</b>	<b>104,597</b>	<b>149,294</b>	<b>334,324</b>	<b>144,418</b>	<b>189,906</b>	<b>160,464</b>	<b>173,860</b>



**GRAPH 2**  
**Food Stamp Recipients**  
**AUGUST 1999**

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**  
**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

AUGUST 1999

County	TANF Families Receiving Emergency Assistance					SSI Recipients Receiving EA*
	TOTAL TANF-EA	Temporary Rental Assist.	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA	
ATLANTIC	17	0	0	7	10	12
BERGEN	119	14	24	36	45	36
BURLINGTON	42	0	1	23	18	18
CAMDEN	72	11	4	15	42	18
CAPE MAY	12	3	3	0	6	8
CUMBERLAND	14	0	3	2	9	5
ESSEX	683	196	67	66	354	27
GLOUCESTER	21	3	3	7	8	4
HUDSON	85	13	5	6	61	7
HUNTERDON	1	0	0	1	0	2
MERCER	175	33	10	5	127	35
MIDDLESEX	149	2	21	6	120	48
MONMOUTH	109	7	13	0	89	13
MORRIS	15	0	2	0	13	7
OCEAN	46	4	24	1	17	14
PASSAIC	267	1	4	25	237	43
SALEM	4	0	4	0	0	3
SOMERSET	54	0	4	16	34	30
SUSSEX	15	3	1	4	7	11
UNION	95	4	2	19	70	11
WARREN	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>354</b>

\*SSI-EA now includes pay code 24

**GRAPH 3**  
**TANF Families Receiving**  
**Emergency Assistance**  
**AUGUST 1999**

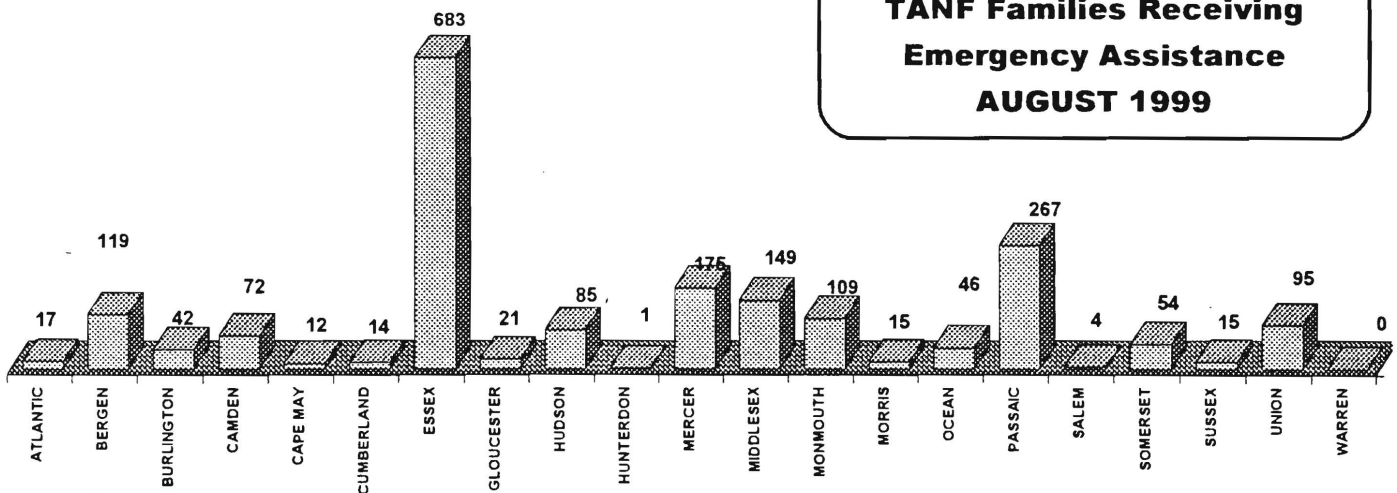


Table 4

**WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY STATISTICAL SUMMARY****WFNJ****AUGUST 1999**

COUNTY	CASES REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE	EMPLOYMENT DIRECTED ACTIVITIES			EMPLOYED OPEN (TANF RECIPIENT)	SUPPORT SERVICES ON ACTIVE CASE		EMPLOYED CLOSED	POST TANF CHILD CARE
		CWEP	ALL OTHER TRAINING	JOB SEARCH		CHILD CARE	TRAINING REL. EXPENSES		
ATLANTIC	596	3	120	85	116	121	175	71	327
BERGEN	667	22	290	109	217	137	137	39	225
BURLINGTON	552	129	59	142	180	127	170	49	324
CAMDEN	3,582	254	933	892	1,085	632	644	148	1,002
CAPE MAY	206	4	6	39	117	26	5	28	69
CUMBERLAND	727	4	264	402	143	132	186	74	375
ESSEX	12,554	593	4,476	2,258	2,218	1,980	3,466	161	663
GLOUCESTER	392	16	31	51	120	60	6	23	187
HUDSON	6,097	157	3,284	904	1,525	1,287	1,434	150	844
HUNTERDON	24	5	1	12	3	4	2	1	20
MERCER	1,463	34	141	309	321	221	181	96	432
MIDDLESEX	938	7	213	199	332	139	223	66	429
MONMOUTH	1,206	17	366	74	382	369	389	72	534
MORRIS	150	22	11	17	35	31	19	9	81
OCEAN	430	0	90	59	135	97	52	56	345
PASSAIC	2,592	70	2,078	119	492	544	714	103	363
SALEM	139	55	16	42	45	43	55	14	114
SOMERSET	173	18	34	25	47	40	33	12	96
SUSSEX	49	24	2	4	16	18	10	7	55
UNION	1,952	225	545	149	414	277	351	85	341
WARREN	111	11	54	12	38	15	10	7	32
<b>STATE</b>	<b>34,600</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>13,014</b>	<b>5,903</b>	<b>7,981</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>8,262</b>	<b>1,271</b>	<b>6,858</b>

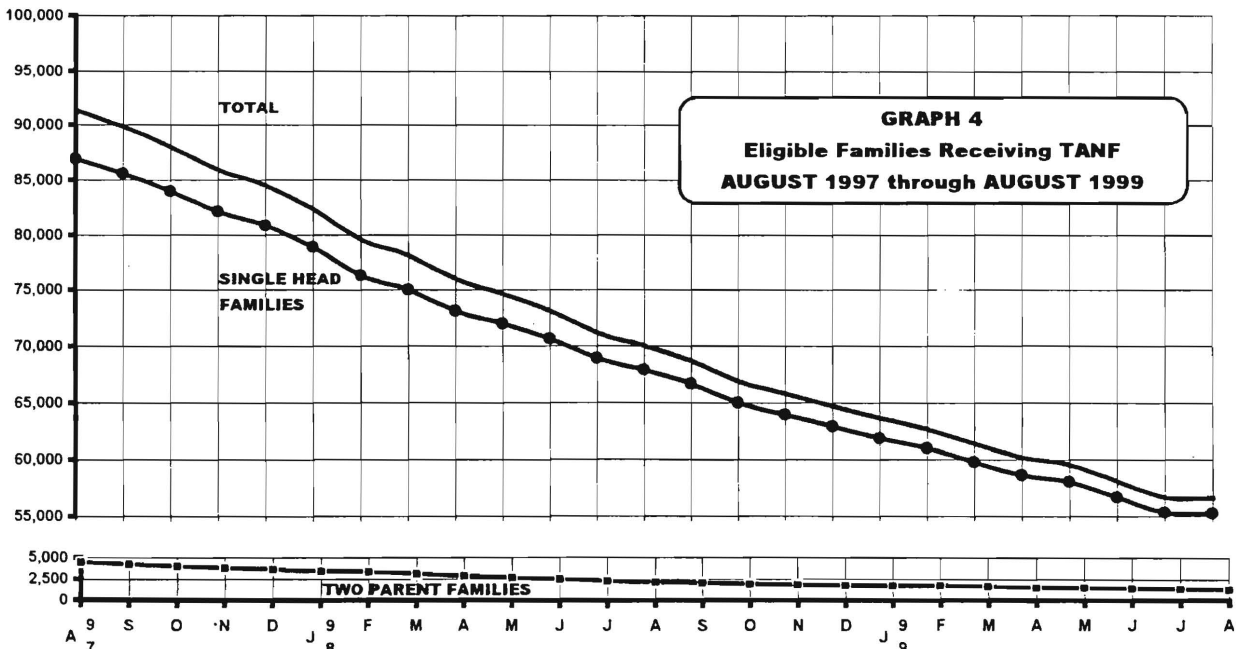
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**Table 5  
TANF  
PROGRAM**

**NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS DURING REPORT MONTH, AND  
NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING TANF AT END OF REPORT MONTH  
AUGUST 1997 THROUGH AUGUST 1999**

		Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF	Medicaid Only
1997	AUG	4,637	5,388	86,880	4,484	91,364	4,860
	SEP	5,542	6,982	85,605	4,263	89,868	5,014
	OCT	4,488	6,276	83,957	4,045	88,002	5,138
	NOV	5,655	7,385	82,097	3,825	85,922	5,554
	DEC	3,735	5,113	80,823	3,632	84,455	5,728
<b>12 Mo AVERAGE</b>		<b>5,042</b>	<b>6,279</b>	<b>88,043</b>	<b>4,548</b>	<b>92,591</b>	<b>5,028</b>
1998	JAN	5,593	7,193	78,898	3,440	82,338	6,313
	FEB	4,311	6,924	76,295	3,304	79,599	6,561
	MAR	4,875	6,255	75,007	3,127	78,134	6,649
	APR	5,646	7,696	73,118	2,862	75,980	6,795
	MAY	4,555	5,882	71,955	2,641	74,596	6,845
	JUN	4,815	6,156	70,658	2,480	73,138	6,893
	JUL	5,403	7,372	68,904	2,261	71,165	6,955
	AUG	5,262	6,536	67,846	2,153	69,999	6,969
	SEP	4,819	6,271	66,649	2,020	68,669	6,819
	OCT	4,337	6,282	64,988	1,922	66,910	6,714
	NOV	5,577	6,749	63,944	1,824	65,768	6,773
	DEC	4,812	6,105	62,921	1,755	64,676	6,684
<b>AVERAGE</b>		<b>5,000</b>	<b>6,618</b>	<b>70,099</b>	<b>2,482</b>	<b>72,581</b>	<b>6,748</b>
1999	JAN	4,697	5,832	61,894	1,732	63,626	6,583
	FEB	4,369	5,497	60,974	1,711	62,685	6,484
	MAR	4,254	5,454	59,760	1,659	61,419	6,642
	APR	4,402	11,543*	58,633	1,540	60,173	
	MAY	4,896	5,877	58,061	1,520	59,581	
	JUN	4,084	5,735	56,684	1,448	58,132	
	JUL	3,950	5,409	55,330	1,366	56,696	
	AUG	4,835	5,064	55,273	1,320	56,593	
<b>AVERAGE</b>		<b>4,436</b>	<b>5,553</b>	<b>58,326</b>	<b>1,537</b>	<b>59,863</b>	<b>6,570</b>

\* During March FAMIS mass change approximately 6,600 cases previously identified as Medicaid only are now shown as terminated due to delinking of Medicaid and TANF.



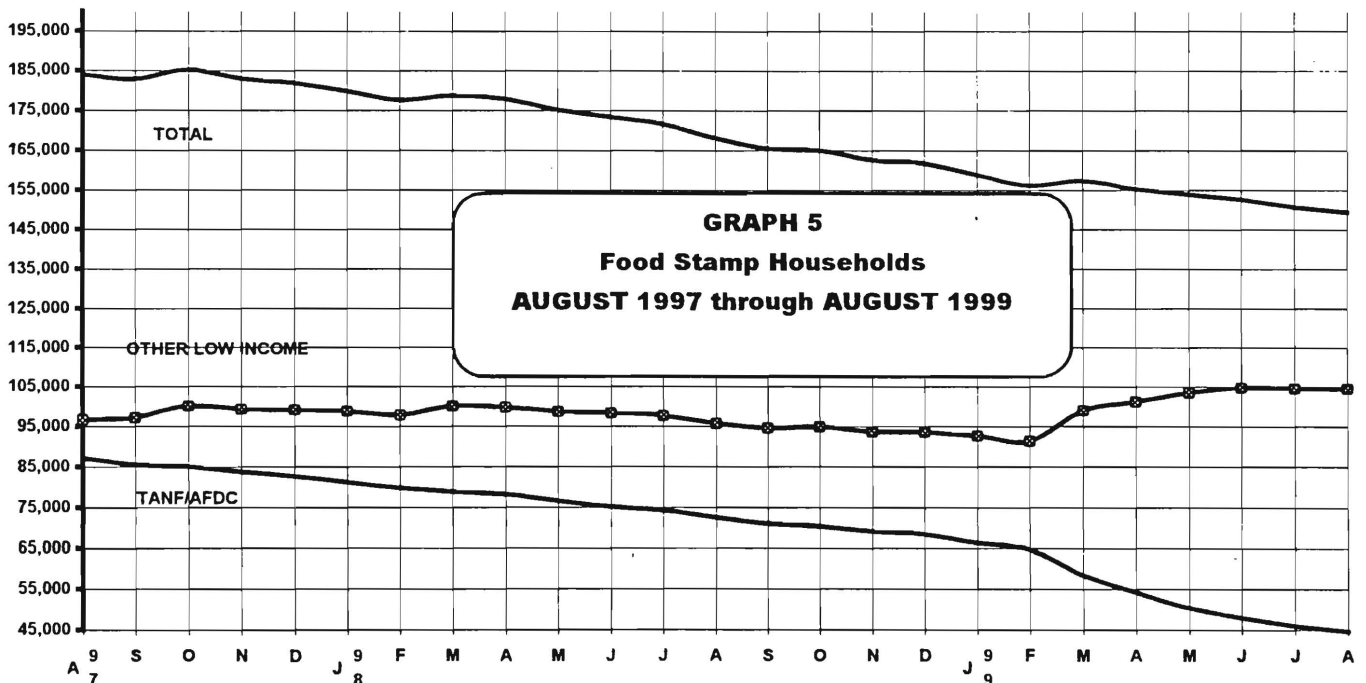
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**Table 6**  
**FOOD STAMP**  
**PROGRAM**

**NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS**  
**AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH**

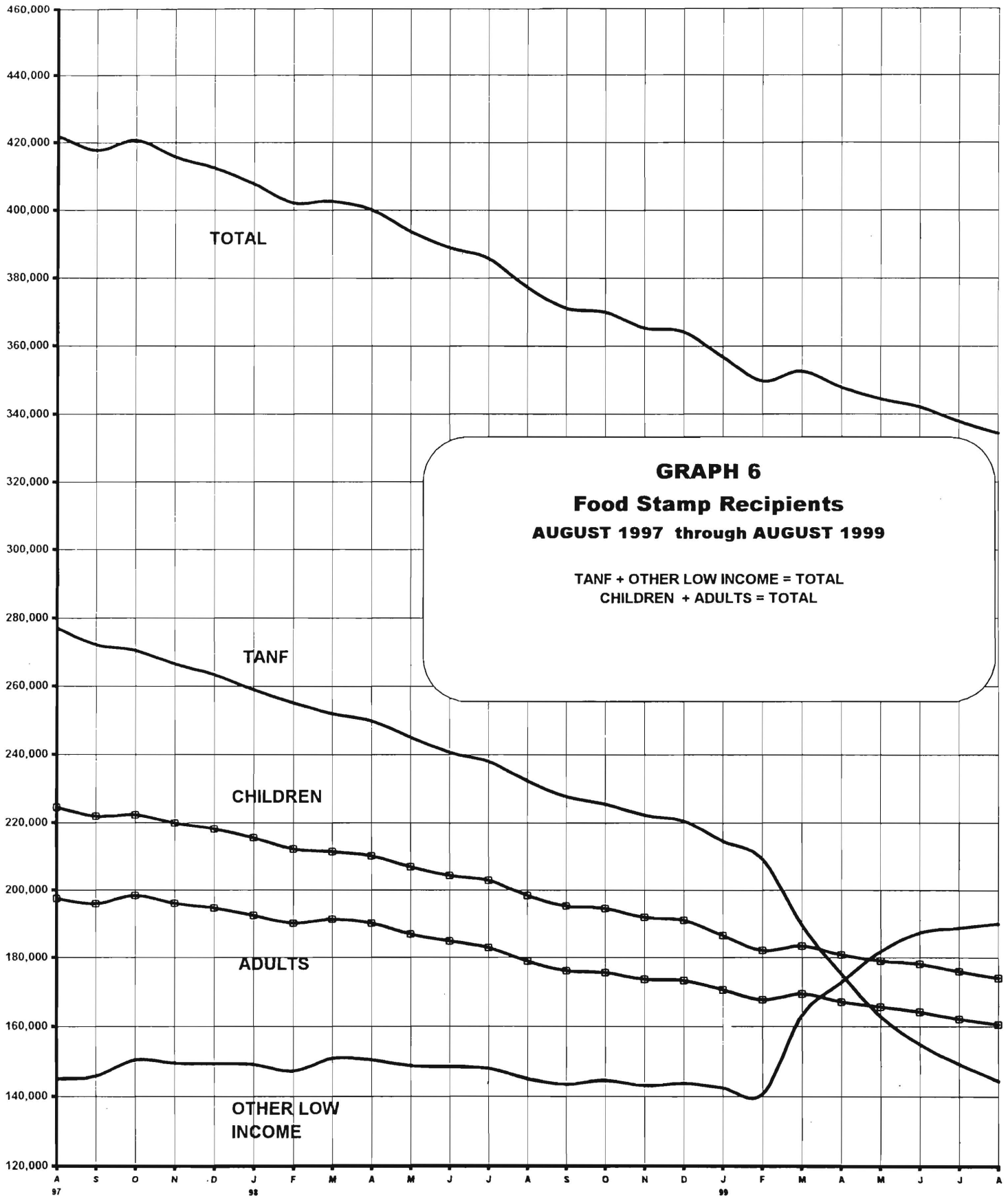
**AUGUST 1997 THROUGH AUGUST 1999**

		HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS				
		TANF	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
1997	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
12 MO 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
	APR	78,131	99,750	177,881	400,060	249,800	150,260	190,045	210,015
	MAY	76,522	98,620	175,142	393,686	244,991	148,695	186,848	206,838
	JUN	75,111	98,356	173,467	388,980	240,547	148,433	184,800	204,180
	JUL	74,135	97,604	171,739	385,732	237,835	147,897	182,874	202,858
	AUG	72,345	95,767	168,112	377,191	232,284	144,907	178,851	198,340
	SEP	70,961	94,555	165,516	371,135	227,718	143,417	175,996	195,139
	OCT	70,198	94,817	165,015	369,966	225,450	144,516	175,490	194,476
	NOV	68,990	93,595	162,585	365,339	222,224	143,115	173,472	191,867
	DEC	68,298	93,592	161,890	364,200	220,428	143,772	173,203	190,997
AVERAGE		74,544	96,927	171,472	385,726	238,918	146,808	182,936	202,790
1999	JAN	66,293	92,638	158,931	356,851	214,394	142,457	170,388	186,463
	FEB	64,593	91,435	156,028	349,747	209,154	140,593	167,648	182,099
	MAR	58,380	98,903	157,283	352,558	189,514	163,044	169,279	183,279
	APR	54,142	101,116	155,258	347,743	175,132	172,611	166,963	180,780
	MAY	50,338	103,502	153,840	344,474	162,815	181,659	165,467	179,007
	JUN	47,870	104,699	152,569	342,088	154,833	187,255	164,107	177,981
	JUL	45,990	104,582	150,572	337,845	149,205	188,640	162,033	175,812
	AUG	44,697	104,597	149,294	334,324	144,418	189,906	160,464	173,860
AVERAGE		54,038	100,184	154,222	345,704	174,933	170,771	165,794	179,910



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**

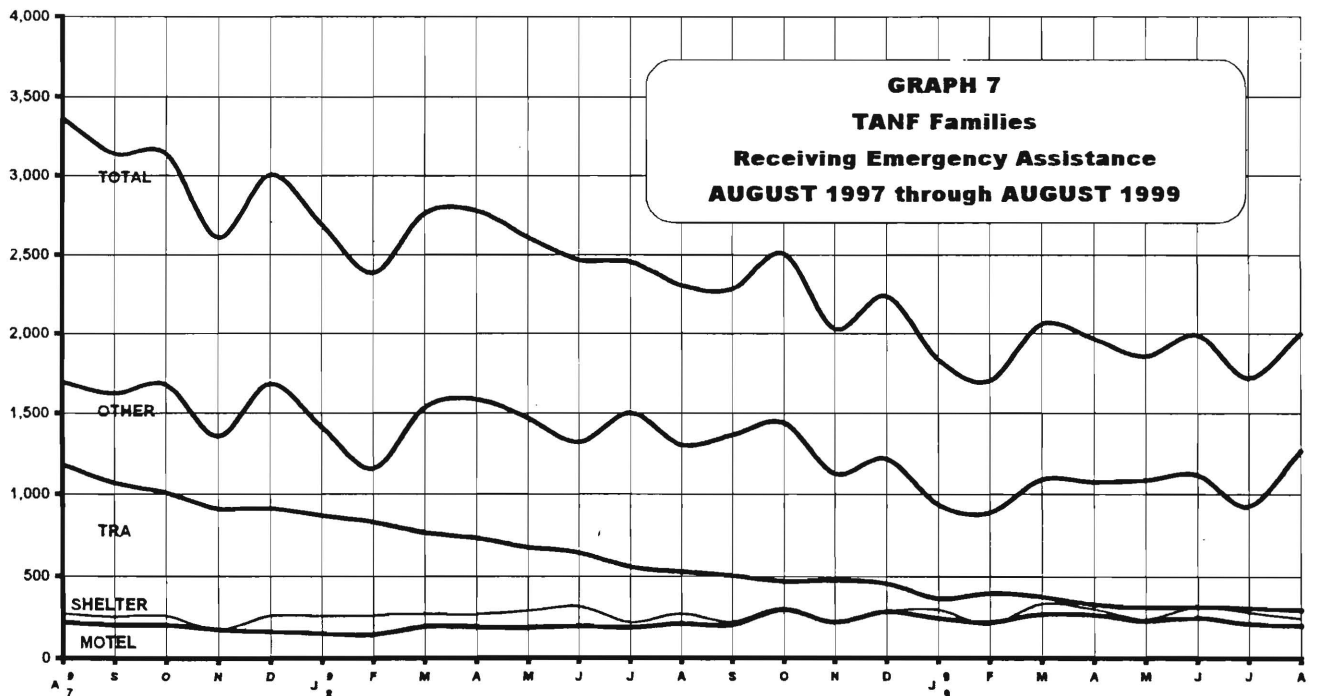
**TANF**

(UNDUPLICATED CASES)

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

**AUGUST 1997 THROUGH AUGUST 1999**

	Total Families Receiving EA	Temporary Rental Assistance	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA
<b>1997</b> 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
<b>12 MO AVERAGE</b>	<b>3,547</b>	<b>1,251</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>1,762</b>
<b>1998</b> JAN	Not Available				
FEB	2,378	826	140	259	1,153
MAR	2,758	765	191	271	1,531
APR	2,779	730	203	265	1,581
MAY	2,611	676	184	284	1,467
JUN	2,464	644	191	313	1,316
JUL	2,452	554	183	215	1,500
AUG	2,305	528	209	268	1,300
SEP	2,283	502	201	220	1,360
OCT	2,505	466	295	306	1,438
NOV	2,030	473	216	216	1,125
DEC	2,237	454	281	287	1,215
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>2,437</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>1,362</b>
<b>1999</b> JAN	1,834	363	241	293	937
FEB	1,699	394	217	203	885
MAR	2,055	372	265	329	1,089
APR	1,963	327	263	299	1,074
MAY	1,853	309	224	235	1,085
JUN	1,989	314	245	315	1,115
JUL	1,716	306	210	276	924
AUG	1,995	294	195	239	1,267
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>1,888</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>1,047</b>



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

Table 8a

## TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

September - November 1998

County	September	October	November
ATLANTIC	29.67%	33.06%	31.73%
BERGEN	35.42%	33.62%	34.58%
BURLINGTON	36.31%	35.16%	36.98%
CAMDEN	28.42%	24.06%	23.14%
CAPE MAY	30.76%	28.10%	26.23%
CUMBERLAND	36.20%	37.47%	28.53%
ESSEX	22.88%	22.64%	22.59%
GLOUCESTER	24.81%	26.54%	24.27%
HUDSON	30.33%	22.61%	23.47%
HUNTERDON	31.57%	48.48%	36.36%
MERCER	23.38%	29.11%	29.88%
MIDDLESEX	33.58%	30.38%	28.05%
MONMOUTH	42.28%	41.35%	42.64%
MORRIS	34.13%	30.58%	27.68%
OCEAN	29.16%	26.86%	27.00%
PASSAIC	35.56%	35.39%	37.63%
SALEM	41.05%	44.67%	40.87%
SOMERSET	43.85%	35.93%	39.06%
SUSSEX	45.34%	47.43%	45.45%
UNION	30.34%	23.71%	23.70%
WARREN	32.12%	41.21%	37.88%
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>28.67%</b>	<b>26.55%</b>	<b>26.42%</b>

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Table 8b

<b>TANF PARTICIPATION RATES</b>			
<b>December 1998 - February 1999</b>			
County	December	January	February
ATLANTIC	25.60%	31.97%	35.21%
BERGEN	31.21%	34.69%	35.92%
BURLINGTON	36.27%	36.77%	42.38%
CAMDEN	21.44%	22.97%	23.68%
CAPE MAY	26.58%	25.51%	33.59%
CUMBERLAND	30.26%	30.22%	30.96%
ESSEX	21.30%	21.67%	26.32%
GLOUCESTER	24.72%	27.74%	29.11%
HUDSON	23.06%	24.56%	28.40%
HUNTERDON	30.30%	33.33%	26.66%
MERCER	28.61%	37.59%	36.81%
MIDDLESEX	28.46%	26.19%	27.61%
MONMOUTH	41.97%	41.73%	44.49%
MORRIS	30.26%	33.55%	34.69%
OCEAN	24.95%	23.30%	24.59%
PASSAIC	37.30%	36.29%	35.67%
SALEM	36.26%	37.29%	39.91%
SOMERSET	34.52%	37.81%	39.40%
SUSSEX	47.82%	50.00%	55.07%
UNION	23.71%	24.56%	26.27%
WARREN	37.93%	37.41%	32.37%
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>25.38%</b>	<b>26.44%</b>	<b>29.32%</b>

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Table 8c

## TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

March - May 1999

County	March	April	May
ATLANTIC	28.29%	36.68%	36.38%
BERGEN	35.51%	37.83%	39.62%
BURLINGTON	39.08%	46.05%	46.08%
CAMDEN	25.58%	27.57%	29.78%
CAPE MAY	29.38%	32.13%	33.21%
CUMBERLAND	29.93%	31.43%	32.62%
ESSEX	25.32%	29.33%	28.42%
GLOUCESTER	27.64%	29.29%	31.70%
HUDSON	27.77%	30.43%	33.77%
HUNTERDON	28.00%	23.52%	35.71%
MERCER	36.60%	36.24%	35.67%
MIDDLESEX	28.04%	30.43%	30.86%
MONMOUTH	42.52%	43.92%	43.91%
MORRIS	43.15%	34.61%	33.07%
OCEAN	24.47%	26.29%	31.10%
PASSAIC	37.30%	39.87%	40.97%
SALEM	40.36%	53.33%	48.50%
SOMERSET	40.16%	42.52%	39.50%
SUSSEX	55.26%	61.76%	60.93%
UNION	27.04%	31.97%	33.51%
WARREN	35.86%	43.22%	47.82%
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>28.96%</b>	<b>32.15%</b>	<b>32.90%</b>

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Table 8d

## TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

June - August 1999

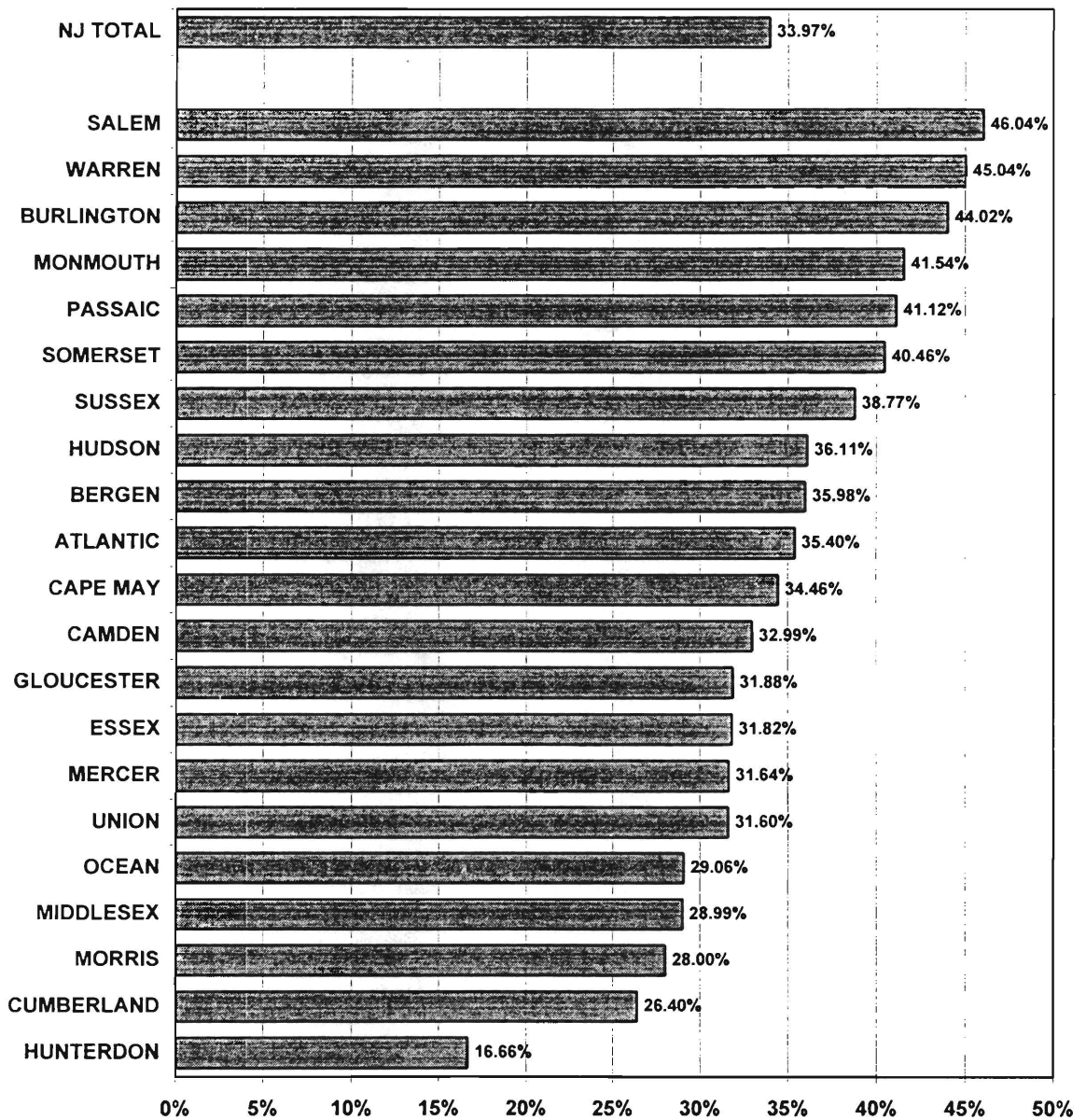
County	June	July	August
ATLANTIC	34.97%	33.43%	35.40%
BERGEN	39.35%	34.60%	35.98%
BURLINGTON	40.70%	42.12%	44.02%
CAMDEN	35.22%	32.22%	32.99%
CAPE MAY	40.67%	43.10%	34.46%
CUMBERLAND	33.64%	27.61%	26.40%
ESSEX	31.91%	28.87%	31.82%
GLOUCESTER	35.80%	28.50%	31.88%
HUDSON	35.41%	34.17%	36.11%
HUNTERDON	31.25%	18.75%	16.66%
MERCER	36.21%	28.37%	31.64%
MIDDLESEX	32.60%	29.09%	28.99%
MONMOUTH	43.38%	41.47%	41.54%
MORRIS	34.07%	32.87%	28.00%
OCEAN	32.84%	27.39%	29.06%
PASSAIC	42.44%	42.10%	41.12%
SALEM	48.50%	47.55%	46.04%
SOMERSET	39.69%	42.02%	40.46%
SUSSEX	48.21%	54.00%	38.77%
UNION	32.85%	31.68%	31.60%
WARREN	53.84%	43.24%	45.04%
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>35.06%</b>	<b>32.40%</b>	<b>33.97%</b>

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Graph 8

TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

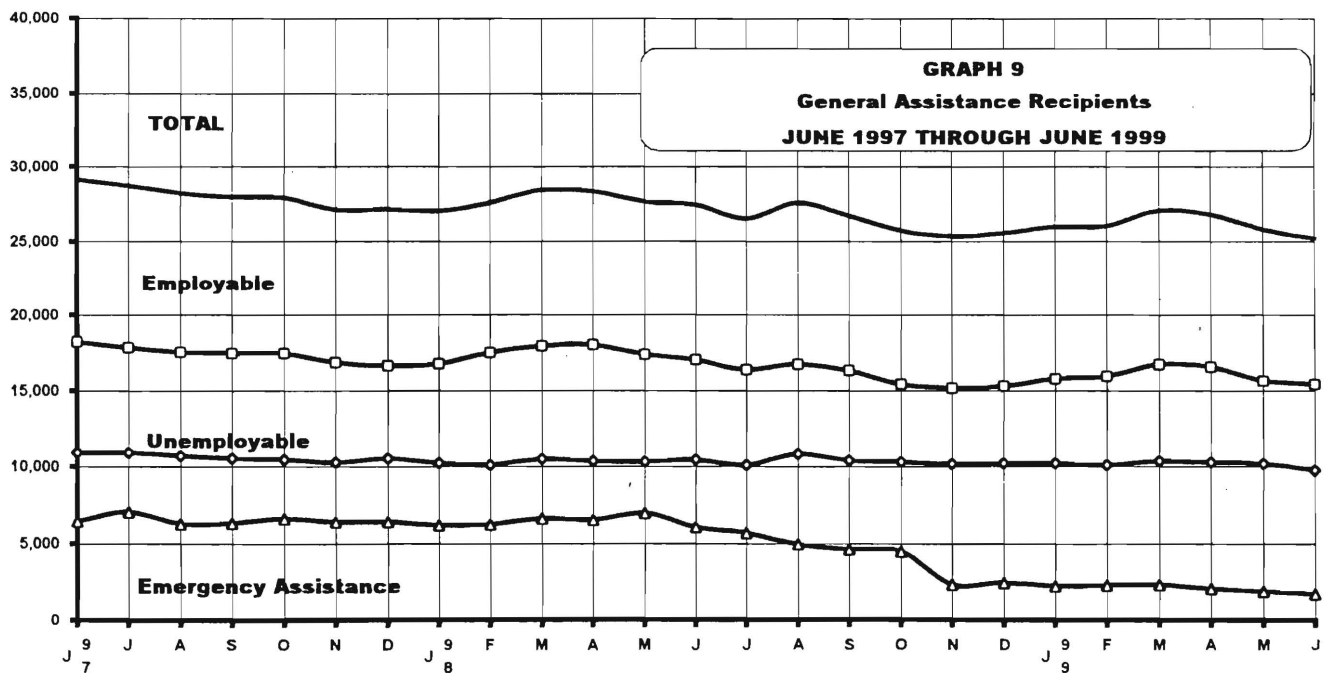
August 1999



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**TABLE 9** NUMBER OF EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS  
**GENERAL** AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS DURING REPORT MONTH  
**ASSISTANCE** JUNE 1997 THROUGH JUNE 1999  
**PROGRAM**

		All Persons Aided			Emergency Assistance Payments			
		Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assistance	Other GA-EA	Total	
1997	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	
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>18,478</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>29,178</b>	<b>4,022</b>	<b>2,694</b>	<b>6,716</b>	
	1998	JAN	16,749	10,226	26,975	3,951	2,219	6,170
		FEB	17,460	10,102	27,562	3,936	2,295	6,231
MAR		17,914	10,492	28,406	4,009	2,581	6,590	
APR		17,990	10,322	28,312	3,925	2,583	6,508	
MAY		17,346	10,306	27,652	3,942	3,003	6,945	
JUN		17,010	10,436	27,446	3,755	2,310	6,065	
JUL		16,369	10,103	26,472	3,185	2,460	5,645	
AUG		16,714	10,821	27,535	2,758	2,194	4,952	
SEP		16,321	10,367	26,688	2,572	2,027	4,599	
OCT		15,390	10,315	25,705	2,558	1,908	4,466	
NOV		15,131	10,184	25,315	2,298	1,787	4,085	
DEC		15,297	10,231	25,528	2,463	1,930	4,393	
<b>AVERAGE</b>		<b>16,641</b>	<b>10,325</b>	<b>26,966</b>	<b>3,279</b>	<b>2,275</b>	<b>5,554</b>	
1999	JAN	15,764	10,222	25,986	2,237	1,846	4,083	
	FEB	15,935	10,081	26,016	2,274	1,782	4,056	
	MAR	16,705	10,344	27,049	2,326	1,817	4,143	
	APR	16,542	10,246	26,788	2,051	1,845	3,896	
	MAY	15,623	10,182	25,805	1,891	2,178	4,069	
	JUN	15,419	9,757	25,176	1,723	1,591	3,314	
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>15,998</b>	<b>10,139</b>	<b>26,137</b>	<b>2,084</b>	<b>1,843</b>	<b>3,927</b>	



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

**TABLE 10****CHILD SUPPORT  
AND PATERNITY****CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY COLLECTIONS  
State Summary**

COLLECTION SOURCE	Comparison of FFY 1998 and FFY 1999		
	10/97-9/98	10/98-9/99	% change
Federal Tax	\$28,864,238	\$33,239,903	15.16%
State Tax	3,436,918	3,554,620	3.42%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	19,422,593	19,521,554	0.51%
Income Withholding	347,380,512	437,151,918	25.84%
Other/Own Behalf	35,371,379	37,480,673	5.96%
From Other States	157,954,249	173,892,807	10.09%
For Other States	39,717,591		
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$632,147,480</b>	<b>\$704,841,475</b>	<b>11.50%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION*</b>	<b>\$621,619,197</b>	<b>\$502,061,046</b>	<b>-19.23%</b>

\* Includes money sent to other states

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

**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** – Individuals with open "empl" activity on OMEGA. Ad hoc report.

**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).

**MEDICAID ONLY FAMILIES** no longer receive TANF financial assistance but remain eligible for Medicaid under applicable provisions which extend coverage beyond the period of assistance. These are shown separately 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****GENERAL  
ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM****EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS  
AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS****JUNE 1999**

County	Employable	Total Persons Aided		Emergency Assistance Payments		
		Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assist.	Other GA-EA	Total
ATLANTIC	854	484	1,338	38	48	86
BERGEN	303	437	740	128	92	220
BURLINGTON	327	293	620	61	38	99
CAMDEN	1,612	1,110	2,722	54	133	187
CAPE MAY	153	108	261	15	4	19
CUMBERLAND	741	167	908	4	15	19
ESSEX	4,335	1,725	6,060	360	811	1,171
GLOUCESTER	136	160	296	3	25	28
HUDSON	998	859	1,857	109	22	131
HUNTERDON	44	49	93	15	10	25
MERCER	1,172	782	1,954	47	1	48
MIDDLESEX	335	502	837	43	52	95
MONMOUTH	397	531	928	166	38	204
MORRIS	77	154	231	16	7	23
OCEAN	359	323	682	44	58	102
PASSAIC	1,612	1,126	2,738	309	131	440
SALEM	74	65	139	2	3	5
SOMERSET	71	98	169	16	19	35
SUSSEX	38	50	88	27	4	31
UNION	1,695	661	2,356	244	80	324
WARREN	86	73	159	22	0	22
TOTAL NJ	15,419	9,757	25,176	1,723	1,591	3,314

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit

**TABLE 12**

**CHILD SUPPORT  
AND PATERNITY**

**NUMBER OF CASES REMAINING OPEN**

**QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1999**

	CASES WITH ORDERS			OTHER CASES (1)		TOTAL AFDC AND FOSTER CARE	TOTAL NON- AFDC	TOTAL ALL CASES
	AFDC AND FOSTER CARE	AFDC AND FOSTER CARE ARREARS (2)	NON- AFDC	AFDC AND FOSTER CARE	NON- AFDC			
Atlantic	1,066	4,497	8,422	1,594	3,430	7,157	11,852	19,009
Bergen	733	2,026	9,030	961	1,302	3,720	10,332	14,052
Burlington	1,102	3,641	10,189	1,221	2,247	5,964	12,436	18,400
Camden	5,059	12,654	18,122	4,310	5,286	22,023	23,408	45,431
Cape May	314	1,249	3,171	282	262	1,845	3,433	5,278
Cumberland	1,781	5,930	8,536	332	365	8,043	8,901	16,944
Essex	10,565	17,594	30,214	15,777	12,588	43,936	42,802	86,738
Gloucester	734	2,756	6,520	513	932	4,003	7,452	11,455
Hudson	5,074	8,692	18,498	6,464	5,635	20,230	24,133	44,363
Hunterdon	65	261	1,530	45	45	371	1,575	1,946
Mercer	2,784	6,877	10,709	1,959	2,301	11,620	13,010	24,630
Middlesex	1,497	5,816	14,661	1,728	2,568	9,041	17,229	26,270
Monmouth	2,087	5,135	10,674	1,603	1,945	8,825	12,619	21,444
Morris	299	661	4,130	275	331	1,235	4,461	5,696
Ocean	1,031	3,754	9,690	1,312	1,806	6,097	11,496	17,593
Passaic	3,551	6,226	14,318	4,147	4,523	13,924	18,841	32,765
Salem	516	1,811	3,141	184	171	2,511	3,312	5,823
Somerset	331	810	3,390	314	436	1,455	3,826	5,281
Sussex	181	435	1,745	138	203	754	1,948	2,702
Union	1,987	6,015	13,467	3,359	5,280	11,361	18,747	30,108
Warren	303	1,023	2,098	111	99	1,437	2,197	3,634
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>41,060</b>	<b>97,863</b>	<b>202,255</b>	<b>46,629</b>	<b>51,755</b>	<b>185,552</b>	<b>254,010</b>	<b>439,562</b>

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*