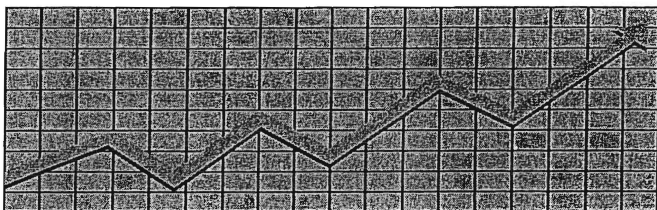


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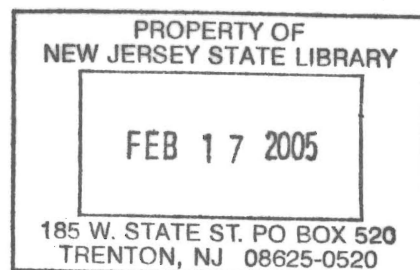


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WFNJ/TANF (See pages 6-7 for additional information)

- As can be seen from **figure 1** (page 6), during the month of November 2003, the **overall TANF caseload** in the state contracted by 539 cases representing a **1.2% decrease from last month**. Additionally, the 3-month **statewide caseload** demonstrated a 0.1 percent stable growth while **growing 4.3% since November 2002**.
- The **one-year rolling statewide caseload changes** are also shown, and the **rates of change** have **steadily increased from negative (4.8%)** for the **November 2001 to November 2002** period as **compared** to the **November 2002 to November 2003** period having the **positive 4.3% increase** mentioned above. Thus, the **decline** in the total number **statewide cases** observed in 2002 from 2001 levels has nearly been **eliminated** during the same 2002 to 2003 timeframe.
- Of interest, **counties** having the **highest caseload percentage increase since Nov 2002** include: Two medium-population density counties (MD), Gloucester (**16.7% ↑**) and Morris (**24.8% ↑**), as well as low-density (LD) Sussex County (**47.3% ↑**) [**figure 2 data-page 7**].
- In contrast**, Cape May (LD) and Monmouth County (MD), as well as Hudson County (high-density) effectively **controlled caseload increases (-15.9%, +1.8%, and +0.2%, respectively)** during this **one-year period**.
- More recently, the **most active counties** for 1 and 3-month periods ending Nov 2003 include:

1 mo ↑ Caseload %	3 mo ↑ Caseload %	1 mo ↓ Caseload %	3 mo ↓ Caseload %
(LD) Cape May 3.1%	(LD) Cape May 13.0%	(LD) Hunterdon (8.7%)	(LD) Hunterdon (4.5%)
(LD) Salem 2.0%	(LD) Salem 4.3%	(MD) Somerset (4.7%)	(MD) Mercer (2.7%)
(MD) Morris 1.9%	(LD) Sussex 10.2%	(HD) Middlesex (2.7%)	(MD) Ocean (2.7%)

TANF PARTICIPATION RATE (See pages 8-9 for additional information)

- From **figure 3** (page 8), we see that the **TANF participation rate (PR)** for **November 2003** was **37.1%** for the **State** as a whole. This represents a **6.9 percent increase** from levels in **November 2002** (37.11% PR versus 34.70% PR).
- Higher and lower performing counties** over the year ending Nov 2003 are **displayed** below. For example, Hunterdon County (low population-density stratum) residents were the least likely to participate (13.3% PR) in the program, and this level further decreased 63 percent from the 36.4% PR occurring in November 2002:

↑ Participation		↓ Participation	
Nov '03 PR	% Change (Nov '02)	Nov '03 PR	% Change (Nov '02)
(LD) Salem 50.8%	(LD) Cape May 24.8%	(LD) Cumberland 24.8%	(LD) Sussex (28.3%)
(MD) Morris 67.5%	(MD) Burlington 23.5%	(LD) Hunterdon 13.3%	(LD) Hunterdon (63.3%)
(MD) Somerset 51.6%	(MD) Morris 24.5%	(HD) Middlesex 24.9%	(HD) Union (9.2%)

- Counties** with participation rates above and below the **State average** are in **figure 4** (page 9). The **top third** of counties in the State had **participation rates above 44 percent**.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM (See pages 10-12 for additional information)

- **Figure 5** (page 10) reveals that during the month of **November 2003**, **152,606 households and 324,904 persons** (including 159,869 adults and 165,035 children) participated in the Food Stamp Program representing nearly **identical increases of 7.6 and 7.7 percent, respectively**, over one year ago (**November 2002**).
- The **one-year rolling statewide changes** are also shown, and the **rates of change** that were **lower during 2002**, e.g., **4.8% for households and 2.9% for total persons** (primarily due to a decrease in the number of WFNJ/TANF households and persons at that time over 2001 data), **have steadily increased** reaching levels approximately **1.5 to 2.5 times higher** (7.6% and 7.7%, respectively) **by November 2003**. This change appears in part to be a result of a **reemergence of WFNJ/TANF participants** to levels close to or above 2001 levels (**figures 5 & 6- pages 10-11**).
- In differentiation from the dip and subsequent increase for WFNJ/TANF households and persons described above, **other low income households and persons** have **steadily increased since 2001** reaching nearly **120 thousand households and 225 thousand persons** in **November 2003**.
- Notably, **counties** reflected in **figure 7** (page 12) having the **highest total household caseload percentage increase since November 2002** were among the low (LD) and mid-density (MD) strata including **Salem (20.9% ↑)**, **Morris (19.1 % ↑)**, and **Somerset (14.4% ↑)** counties **while Cape May (LD)**, **Hunterdon (LD)**, and **Monmouth (MD)** counties had **lighter household caseload increases or a decrease (Hunterdon only)** in the state.

- Of late, the **most active counties** during **1 and 3-month periods** ending Nov 2003 include:

Total Households by County			
1 mo ↑ Caseload %	3 mo ↑ Caseload %	1 mo ↓ Caseload %	3 mo ↓ Caseload %
(LD) Cape May 2.7%	(LD) Cape May 9.0%	(MD) Morris (1.2%)	(HD) Camden (0.7%)
(LD) Hunterdon 2.6%	(LD) Sussex 6.2%	(HD) Camden (1.6%)	(LD) Warren (0.9%)
(LD) Atlantic 1.7%	(LD) Salem 5.3%	(LD) Warren (2.4%)	(LD) Hunterdon (1.9%)
Statewide (0.3%)	Statewide 1.9%	Statewide (0.3%)	Statewide 1.9%

- Currently, the **most active counties** during **1 and 3-month periods** ending Nov 2003 include:

Total Persons (Adults & Children) by County			
1 mo ↑ Caseload %	3 mo ↑ Caseload %	1 mo ↓ Caseload %	3 mo ↓ Caseload %
(LD) Cape May 3.7%	(LD) Cape May 9.4%	(MD) Mercer (1.3%)	(LD) Warren (0.4%)
(LD) Hunterdon 1.6%	(LD) Salem 6.5%	((LD) Warren (2.5%)	(HD) Camden (0.7%)
(HD) Passaic 1.2%	(LD) Sussex 4.9%	(MD) Gloucester (2.7%)	(LD) Hunterdon (0.9%)
Statewide (0.3%)	Statewide 1.8%	Statewide (0.3%)	Statewide 1.8%

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (See pages 13-14 for additional information)

- In November 2003, Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for over **4300** eligible TANF families (figure 8-page 13) and **746** SSI recipients (figure 9-page 14) in New Jersey. For TANF families, this represents a **sharp 43.7 percent increase** since November 2002.
- The **one-year rolling statewide caseload changes** are also shown, and the **rates of change** for **total EA payments** have **approximately doubled** since **late 2002-early 2003** (~24% versus 43.7% currently).
- This recent increase since May 2003 appears to be **primarily due** to a **significant increase** in **Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)** for 1388 families. The finding in the October 2003 report that **all other TANF-EA families** (including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing, and food allowance, or transitional housing) also contributed to the recent increase in total payments dramatically changed this month with a reduction to 2020 families in November from 2733 families in October 2003.
- Statewide, TRA has **dramatically risen 257 percent (five-times higher rate)** since November 2002 while **other TANF-EA has increased only 17.8 percent (half the 2002 rate)** over the same time period. This contrasts with **emergency shelter placements** that have **only increased 11.1 percent** from one year ago and **motel placements** for 445 families that have actually **modestly decreased 7.7 percent** from their November 2002 levels. This finding would be in agreement with desired goals to reduce motel residence for this population.
- Currently, the **most active counties (figure 9)** providing **total EA since Nov 2002** include:

Total WFNF/TANF Families Receiving EA by County	
1 Yr ↑ Caseload %	1 Yr. ↓ Caseload %
(LD) Warren 120%	(MD) Monmouth (8.7%)
(MD) Burlington 442%	(MD) Somerset 2.0%
(HD) Essex 98%	(HD) Middlesex (10.1%)
Statewide 43.7%	Statewide 43.7%

GENERAL ASSISTANCE (See pages 15-16 for additional information)

- A review of **figure 10** (page 15) data demonstrates that there has been an **17% growth** in the **total number of general assistance (GA) persons** aided (30,679) in New Jersey compared to the **prior year** ending November 2002 (26,211 GA people).
- However, beginning in **December 2002**, one can see a **divergence appear** between the number of **employable and unemployable persons** aided. This is revealed by the **one-year rolling statewide changes** which show that the **rates of change** for **employable persons** have at times **nearly tripled** those of **unemployable persons** (e.g., 23% vs. 8.5% in May 2003, respectively). This has resulted in **3299 more employable than unemployable persons** assisted statewide in **November 2003** compared to **1549 more employable persons** aided in **November 2002**.
- At the **county level**, **figure 11** (page 16) shows that counties of all three density types (i.e., low, medium, and high) including Salem, Morris, and Essex, respectively, showed the **highest rates**

of change providing general assistance to all total (unemployable and employable) persons while the same low and mid-density counties, and Somerset County (MD), had the highest gains in one-year rates of change for employable persons aided.

- At present, the **most active counties** during 1 and 12-month periods ending Nov 2003 include:

Total Persons Aided (Employable & Unemployable) by County			
1 mo ↑ Caseload %	1 Yr ↑ Caseload %	1 mo ↓ Caseload %	1 Yr ↓ Caseload %
(LD) Atlantic 4.3%	(LD) Salem 35.2%	(MD) Monmouth (4.3%)	(LD) Cape May (2.7%)
(MD) Gloucester 2.8%	(MD) Morris 55.6%	(LD) Cape May (4.6%)	(LD) Hunterdon (7.0%)
(LD) Warren 2.3%	(HD) Essex 32.1%	(MD) Somerset (11.3%)	(MD) Mercer (3.6%)
Statewide (1.6%)	Statewide 17.0%	Statewide (1.6%)	Statewide 17.0%

CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY (See pages 17-19 for additional information)

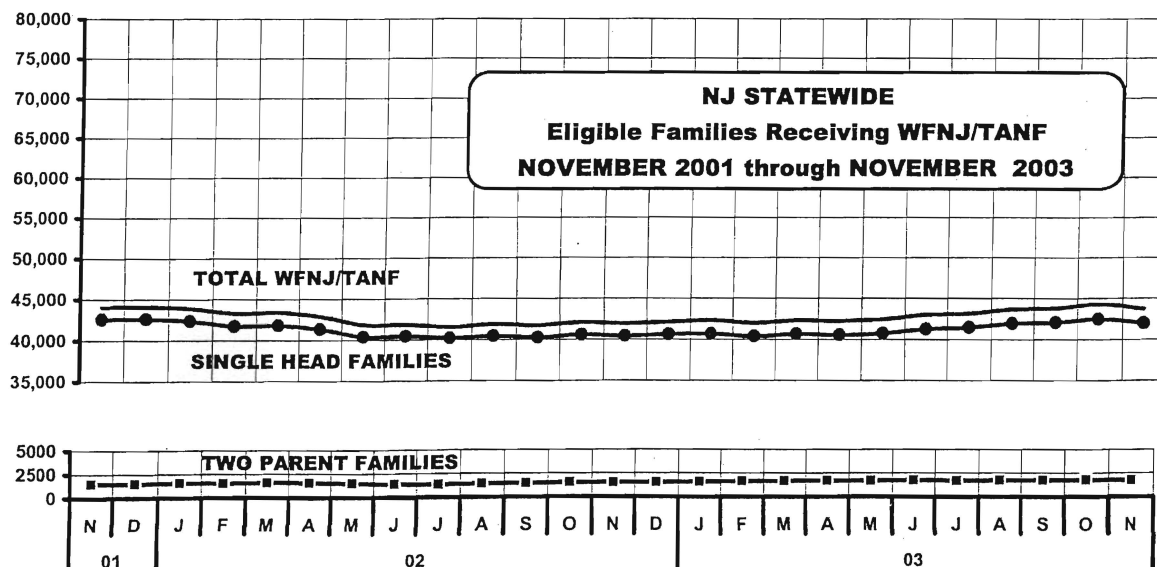
- Figure 12** (page 17) discloses that for FFY 2003, the **total collection** of the Child Support and Paternity Program was over **900 million dollars**, an **increase approaching 6 percent** over the same period for FFY 2002.
- Although **total distributions increased almost 5 percent** for the year, there was a **slight decrease in the percent of collections distributed** from 96.1 percent last year to 95.4 percent currently.
- Further analysis reveals that there was a **mild reduction in collections from state residents** (12% ↓ in state tax) resulting in a **loss of nearly 900 thousand dollars**. This was **balanced** by a **simultaneous 4 percent increase** in collections from **other states gaining 1.7 million dollars**. The reason for this finding is unclear. One potential explanation in part, among many possibilities, would be to investigate whether adults supporting their children have moved out of state.
- At the **county level**, **figure 13** (page 18) exhibits **modest improvement** for two high-density counties (**Bergen and Hudson**) and two low-density counties (**Hunterdon and Salem**) to **reduce the number of open cases** from one year ago by more than one percent. Paradoxically, **Hudson County demonstrates the best reduction (5.6% ↓)** in the state while another neighboring high-density county, **Essex County (7.1% ↑)**, had the **most pronounced percentage rise**. Overall, the **statewide level increased 2.0 percent** (currently over 416 thousand open cases) since the third quarter 2002 (see **figure 14**-page 19).

Figure 1
WFNJ/TANF
PROGRAM

STATEWIDE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS DURING NOV 2003,
AND NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING WFNJ/TANF FOR NOV 2003

NOVEMBER 2001 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2003

	Applicn's Approved	Term's	Singl-Head Families	2- Parent Families	Total WFNJ/TANF	%CHNG (1 Yr.)
2001 NOV	3,692	3,694	42,572	1,482	44,054	
DEC	3,792	3,982	42,615	1,483	44,098	
2001 AVERAGE	3,842	4,160	44,274	1,582	45,856	
2002 JAN	4,210	4,872	42,369	1,547	43,916	
FEB	3,979	4,061	41,749	1,545	43,294	
MAR	4,737	4,976	41,822	1,587	43,409	
APR	3,746	4,251	41,339	1,566	42,905	
MAY	3,809	3,005	40,400	1,478	41,878	
JUN	4,210	2,824	40,469	1,373	41,842	
JUL	3,754	3,345	40,212	1,371	41,583	
AUG	4,983	2,720	40,479	1,428	41,907	
SEP	3,863	3,230	40,263	1,471	41,734	
OCT	4,215	2,786	40,585	1,526	42,111	
NOV	4,855	2,881	40,412	1,516	41,928	(4.8)
DEC	3,945	3,047	40,631	1,527	42,158	(4.4)
2002 AVERAGE	4,192	3,500	40,894	1,495	42,389	
2003 JAN	3,706	3,542	40,719	1,603	42,322	(3.6)
FEB	3,278	3,585	40,397	1,618	42,015	(3.0)
MAR	3,577	3,253	40,677	1,662	42,339	(2.5)
APR	3,636	3,728	40,558	1,689	42,247	(1.5)
MAY	3,771	3,556	40,756	1,706	42,462	1.4
JUN	3,910	3,366	41,264	1,742	43,006	2.8
JUL	3,781	3,638	41,448	1,701	43,149	3.8
AUG	3,843	3,331	41,933	1,728	43,661	4.2
SEP	3,636	3,503	42,043	1,751	43,794	4.9
OCT	4,035	3,574	42,474	1,781	44,255	5.1
NOV	3,379	3,918	41,973	1,743	43,716	4.3
2003 AVG (to date)	3,687	3,545	41,295	1,702	42,997	

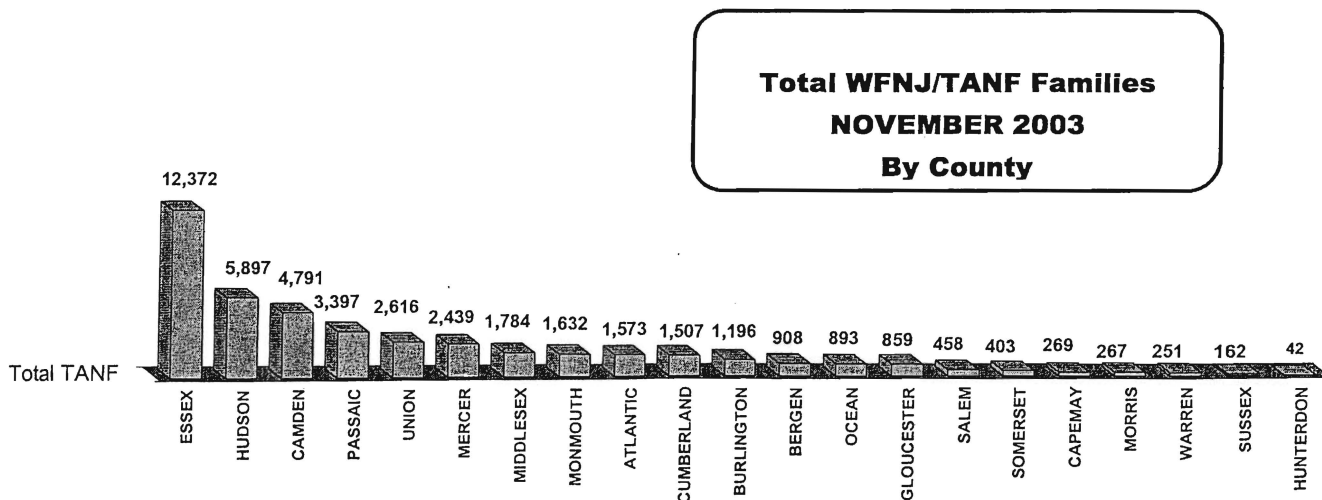


Data is derived from NJ Division of Family Development Ad Hoc Group Special Reports.

Figure 2
WFNJ/TANF
PROGRAM

**NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS BY COUNTY DURING NOV 2003, AND
NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING WFNJ/TANF REPORTED FOR NOV 2003**

County by Pop Density Stratum	Applicn's Approved	Term's **	Singl-Head Families	2-Parent Families	Total WFNJ/TANF	% Chng (1 Mon)	% Chng (3 Mon)	% Chng (1 Yr)
ATLANTIC	159	191	1,509	64	1,573	(2.0)	1.2	2.3
CAPE MAY	41	33	252	17	269	3.1 Δ	13.0 Δ	(15.9) *
CUMBERLAND	147	153	1,415	92	1,507	(0.4)	(1.2)	7.6
HUNTERDON	3	7	38	4	42	(8.7) *	(4.5) *	13.5
SALEM	52	43	435	23	458	2.0 Δ	4.3 Δ	11.2
SUSSEX	23	23	153	9	162	0.0	10.2 Δ	47.3 Δ
WARREN	13	17	222	29	251	(1.6)	3.7	2.4
BURLINGTON	110	130	1,131	65	1,196	(1.6)	4.2	13.0
GLOUCESTER	86	84	816	43	859	0.2	0.2	16.7 Δ
MERCER	166	230	2,357	82	2,439	(2.6)	(2.7) *	3.8
MONMOUTH	135	159	1,556	76	1,632	(1.4)	(2.2)	1.8 *
MORRIS	37	32	246	21	267	1.9 Δ	(2.6)	24.8 Δ
OCEAN	76	88	852	41	893	(1.3)	(2.7) *	3.5
SOMERSET	34	54	385	18	403	(4.7) *	(1.2)	14.5
BERGEN	81	93	841	67	908	(1.3)	0.0	4.6
CAMDEN	299	379	4,590	201	4,791	(1.6)	0.0	5.4
ESSEX	1,023	1,089	12,008	364	12,372	(0.5)	0.8	3.1
HUDSON	316	445	5,675	222	5,897	(2.1)	(0.8)	0.2 *
MIDDLESEX	168	217	1,722	62	1,784	(2.7) *	0.6	9.3
PASSAIC	225	279	3,244	153	3,397	(1.6)	(0.5)	5.1
UNION	185	172	2,526	90	2,616	0.5	1.2	3.2
NJ TOTAL	3,379	3,918	41,973	1,743	43,716	(1.2)	0.1	4.3



Data is derived from NJ Division of Family Development Ad Hoc Group Special Reports.

** "Terminations" include cases that received a benefit in the prior month, but did not receive any TANF benefit for the report month.

Δ =higher caseload % change

*=lower caseload % change

FIGURE 3**TANF PARTICIPATION RATES BY COUNTY POPULATION DENSITY STRATUM****SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2003**

				% CHNG (From Nov 02)	
County		September	October	November	
Low-Density					
	ATLANTIC	24.1%	28.0%	25.3%	(4.4)
	CAPE MAY	34.8%	36.0%	42.1%	24.8 *
	CUMBERLAND	24.5%	28.0%	24.8% Δ	13.6
	HUNTERDON	10.5%	15.0%	13.3% Δ	(63.3) Δ
	SALEM	47.8%	49.8%	50.8% *	5.9
	SUSSEX	32.5%	34.4%	29.8%	(28.3) Δ
	WARREN	45.6%	54.1%	50.3%	(4.9)
Mid-Dens					
	BURLINGTON	40.0%	39.4%	44.1%	23.5 *
	GLOUCESTER	21.3%	19.8%	25.3%	22.0
	MERCER	44.6%	44.3%	48.3%	8.3
	MONMOUTH	44.7%	52.4%	50.7%	20.1
	MORRIS	65.1%	66.7%	67.5% *	24.5 *
	OCEAN	24.1%	30.4%	30.7%	8.5
	SOMERSET	49.4%	56.4%	51.6% *	1.5
High-Dens					
	BERGEN	42.1%	44.8%	42.0%	6.8
	CAMDEN	37.5%	37.6%	40.1%	12.5
	ESSEX	33.2%	37.9%	37.2%	9.2
	HUDSON	33.0%	39.0%	35.6%	(0.2)
	MIDDLESEX	21.6%	24.3%	24.9% Δ	(8.1)
	PASSAIC	25.0%	29.4%	31.7%	9.0
	UNION	35.0%	35.5%	34.6%	(9.2) Δ
NJ TOTAL		33.7%	37.2%	37.1%	6.9

Δ=lower participation counties

* =higher participation counties

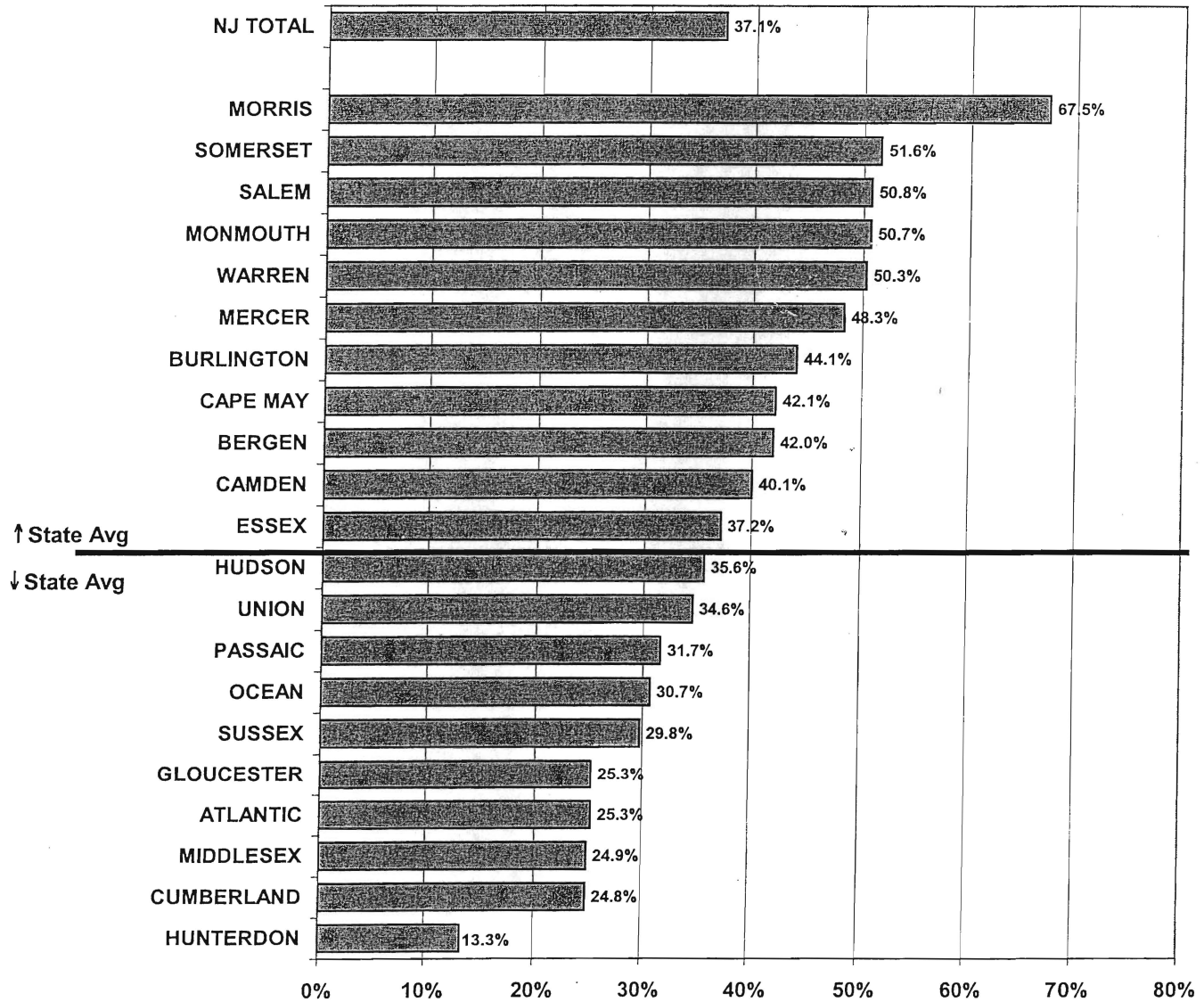
FIGURE 4**TANF PARTICIPATION RATES BY COUNTY****NOVEMBER 2003**

Figure 5
FOOD STAMP
PROGRAM

**NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS
AND CHILDREN FOR NOVEMBER 2003 (STATEWIDE)**

NOVEMBER 2001 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2003

	HOUSEHOLDS				PERSONS					
	WFNJ/ TANF	Other low income	TOTAL	% CHNG (1 Yr.)	TOTAL	% CHNG (1 Yr.)	WFNJ/ TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
2001 NOV	32,429	102,902	135,331		293,219		103,209	190,010	143,806	149,413
DEC	32,202	102,938	135,140		293,365		102,203	191,162	143,566	149,799
2001 AVERAGE	33,302	100,581	133,883		290,102		106,339	183,763	142,675	147,427
2002 JAN	31,916	104,672	136,588		294,255		100,609	193,646	144,352	149,903
FEB	31,545	105,266	136,811		293,013		99,154	193,859	144,150	148,863
MAR	30,992	105,455	136,447		290,969		97,107	193,862	143,514	147,455
APR	30,963	106,998	137,961		293,635		96,674	196,961	144,741	148,894
MAY	30,714	108,426	139,140		296,627		95,727	200,900	145,815	150,812
JUN	30,154	107,564	137,718		293,857		93,996	199,861	144,132	149,725
JUL	30,361	107,961	138,322		295,127		94,561	200,566	144,609	150,518
AUG	30,502	108,327	138,829		295,977		94,794	201,183	144,878	151,099
SEP	30,353	107,774	138,127		293,409		94,073	199,336	143,850	149,559
OCT	30,819	109,875	140,694		298,991		95,413	203,578	146,413	152,578
NOV	30,941	110,923	141,864	4.8%	301,641	2.9%	95,829	205,812	147,684	153,957
DEC	31,056	110,874	141,930	5.0%	302,035	3.0%	96,061	205,974	147,681	154,354
2002 AVERAGE	30,860	107,843	138,703		295,795		96,167	199,628	145,152	150,643
2003 JAN	31,298	112,495	143,793	5.3%	305,407	3.8%	96,672	208,735	149,615	155,792
FEB	31,020	112,383	143,403	4.8%	303,506	3.6%	95,537	207,969	149,327	154,179
MAR	31,110	113,509	144,619	6.0%	305,808	5.1%	95,654	210,154	151,007	154,801
APR	31,373	115,028	146,401	6.1%	309,748	5.5%	96,555	213,193	153,009	156,739
MAY	31,554	117,041	148,595	6.8%	314,790	6.1%	97,225	217,565	155,428	159,362
JUN	31,846	117,109	148,955	8.2%	317,053	7.9%	98,337	218,716	156,243	160,810
JUL	32,384	118,192	150,576	8.9%	321,100	8.8%	100,093	221,007	158,270	162,830
AUG	32,363	117,434	149,797	7.9%	319,181	7.8%	99,741	219,440	157,562	161,619
SEP	32,319	117,222	149,541	8.3%	317,871	8.3%	99,272	218,599	156,919	160,952
OCT	33,168	119,869	153,037	8.8%	325,806	9.0%	101,709	224,097	160,583	165,223
NOV	32,713	119,893	152,606	7.6%	324,904	7.7%	100,178	224,726	159,869	165,035
2003 AVG (to date)	31,923	116,380	148,302		315,016		98,270	216,746	155,257	159,758

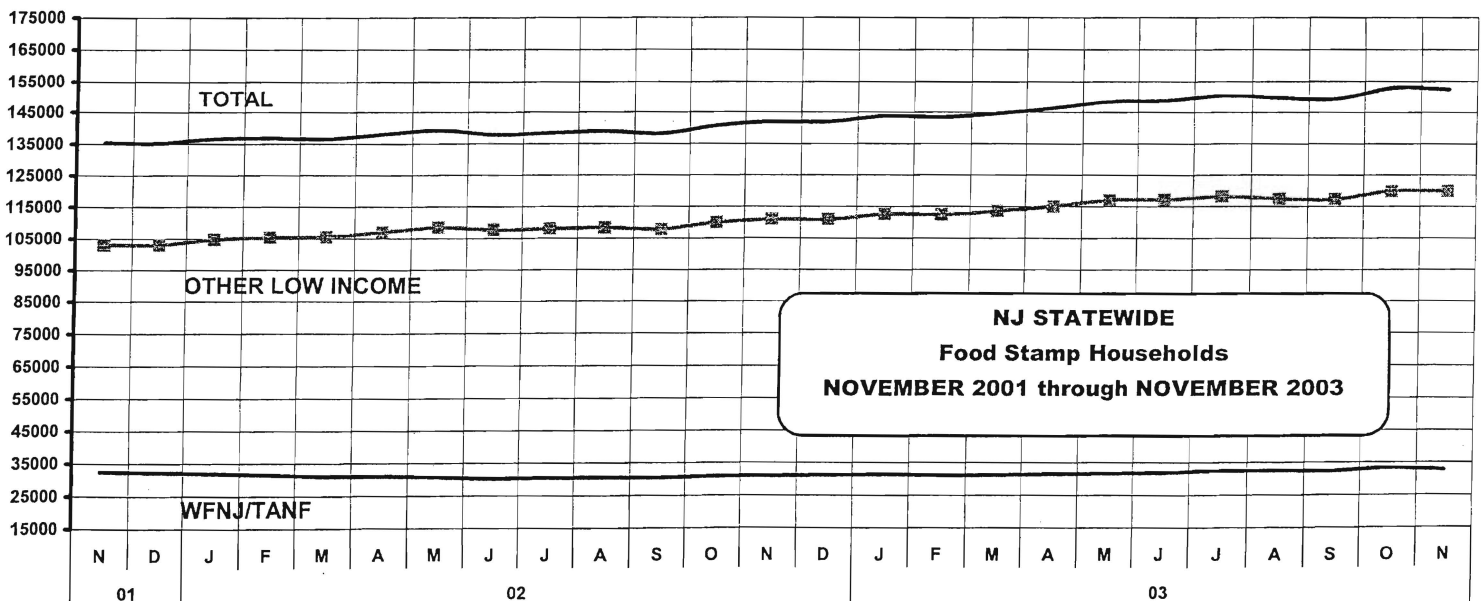


FIGURE 6
Food Stamp Recipients (Persons)
NOVEMBER 2001 through NOVEMBER 2003
NJ STATEWIDE
 WFNJ/TANF + OTHER LOW INCOME = TOTAL
 OR
 CHILDREN + ADULTS = TOTAL

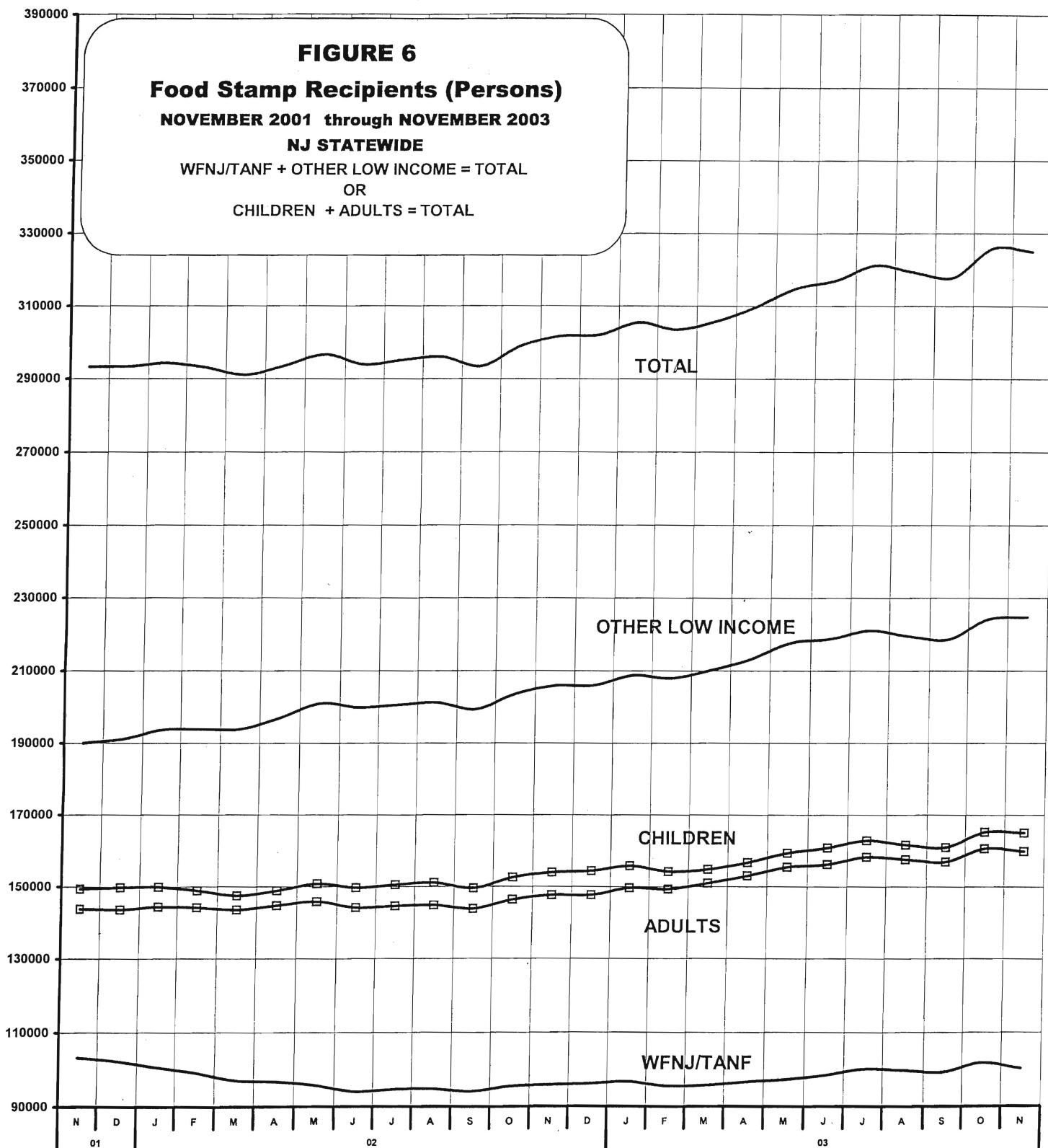


Figure 7

NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS AND CHILDREN BY COUNTY FOR NOVEMBER 2003

FOOD STAMP**PROGRAM**

Δ= ↑ Caseload %

*= ↓ Caseload %

NOVEMBER 2003

County by Pop Density Strata	HOUSEHOLDS				PERSONS					
	WFNJ/ TANF	Other low income	TOTAL	% Chng (1 Yr)	TOTAL	% Chng (1 Yr)	WFNJ/ TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
ATLANTIC	1,128	5,425	6,553	13.2	13,612	9.8	3,433	10,179	6,899	6,713
CAPE MAY	189	1,470	1,659	0.6 *	3,528	(1.6) *	562	2,966	1,829	1,699
CUMBERLAND	1,087	4,253	5,340	6.4	12,623	3.2	3,513	9,110	5,611	7,012
HUNTERDON	26	326	352	(1.4) *	577	(1.5) *	76	501	380	197
SALEM	337	1,201	1,538	20.9 Δ	3,508	17.6 Δ	1,043	2,465	1,642	1,866
SUSSEX	104	632	736	6.8	1,551	9.1	318	1,233	848	703
WARREN	178	1,178	1,356	7.2	2,925	7.7	555	2,370	1,579	1,346
BURLINGTON	716	3,553	4,269	13.1	8,986	13.8	2,223	6,763	4,610	4,376
GLOUCESTER	602	2,453	3,055	13.4	6,428	12.3	1,831	4,597	3,308	3,120
MERCER	1,793	5,010	6,803	2.9	14,217	4.3	5,420	8,797	6,878	7,339
MONMOUTH	1,280	5,414	6,694	1.7 *	14,107	1.4 *	3,917	10,190	7,091	7,016
MORRIS	163	1,624	1,787	19.1 Δ	2,966	22.6 Δ	487	2,479	1,983	983
OCEAN	585	4,621	5,206	13.4	12,827	11.4	1,739	11,088	5,643	7,184
SOMERSET	220	1,788	2,008	14.4 Δ	3,537	16.0	664	2,873	2,062	1,475
BERGEN	655	6,718	7,373	7.3	12,248	8.5	1,854	10,394	8,367	3,881
CAMDEN	3,419	10,177	13,596	9.0	31,597	9.4	11,025	20,572	14,489	17,108
ESSEX	9,673	21,123	30,796	5.0	67,202	4.5	29,613	37,589	31,178	36,024
HUDSON	4,768	16,485	21,253	4.7	44,552	5.7	14,173	30,379	22,284	22,268
MIDDLESEX	1,311	5,626	6,937	13.1	13,834	16.2 Δ	3,803	10,031	7,332	6,502
PASSAIC	2,614	14,095	16,709	10.2	35,967	12.7	8,125	27,842	16,898	19,069
UNION	1,865	6,721	8,586	6.4	18,112	5.7	5,804	12,308	8,958	9,154
NJ TOTAL	32,713	119,893	152,606	7.6	324,904	7.7	100,178	224,726	159,869	165,035

Total Food Stamp Recipients NOVEMBER 2003 By County

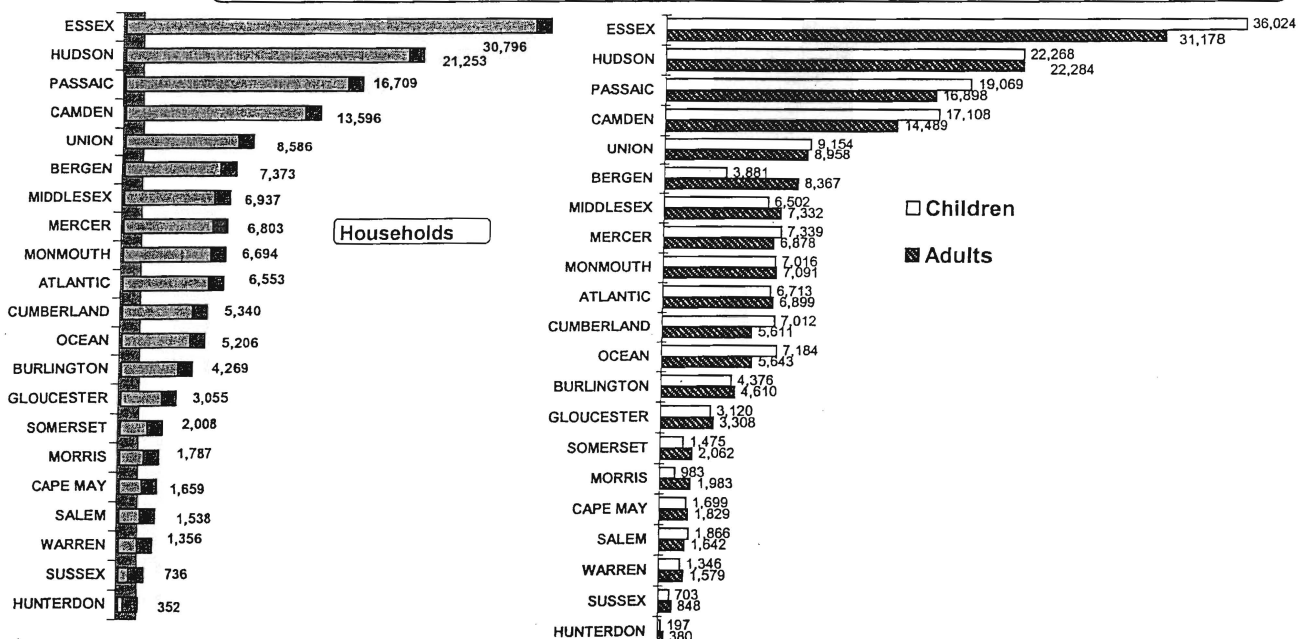


Figure 8**NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS****TANF**

FOR NOVEMBER 2003 -STATEWIDE (UNDUPLICATED CASES)

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE		NOVEMBER 2001 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2003									
		Total Families Receiving EA	% CHNG (1 YR)	Temp Rent Assist	% CHNG (1 YR)	Motel Housing	% CHNG (1 YR)	Emerg Shelter	% CHNG (1 YR)	Other TANF-EA	% CHNG (1 YR)
2001	NOV	2,327		268		356		479		1,224	
	DEC	2,543		298		452		432		1,361	
	2001 AVERAGE	2,175		247		354		400		1,174	
2002	JAN	2,651		282		542		410		1,417	
	FEB	2,265		311		366		338		1,250	
	MAR	2,595		296		544		402		1,353	
	APR	2,812		330		548		426		1,508	
	MAY	2,769		342		419		417		1,591	
	JUN	2,615		347		516		406		1,346	
	JUL	2,779		351		459		519		1,450	
	AUG	2,889		353		515		505		1,516	
	SEP	3,030		348		587		466		1,629	
	OCT	3,324		380		633		494		1,817	
	NOV	3,008	29.3%	389	45.1%	482	35.4%	422	-11.9%	1,715	40.1%
	DEC	3,169	24.6%	436	46.3%	577	27.7%	450	4.2%	1,706	25.3%
	2002 AVERAGE	2,826		347		516		438		1,525	
2003	JAN	3,301	24.5%	470	66.7%	612	12.9%	496	21.0%	1,723	21.6%
	FEB	2,702	19.3%	485	55.9%	461	26.0%	445	31.7%	1,311	4.9%
	MAR	3,223	24.2%	570	92.6%	615	13.1%	449	11.7%	1,589	17.4%
	APR	3,475	23.6%	631	91.2%	503	-8.2%	460	8.0%	1,881	24.7%
	MAY	3,624	30.9%	649	89.8%	579	38.2%	460	10.3%	1,936	21.7%
	JUN	3,630	38.8%	705	103%	557	7.9%	451	11.1%	1,917	42.4%
	JUL	3,891	40.0%	793	126%	496	8.1%	442	-14.8%	2,160	49.0%
	AUG	4,043	39.9%	905	156%	485	-5.8%	454	-10.1%	2,199	45.1%
	SEP	4,376	44.4%	1,053	203%	467	-20.4%	485	4.1%	2,371	45.5%
	OCT	5,100	53.4%	1,244	227%	577	-8.8%	546	10.5%	2,733	50.4%
	NOV	4,322	43.7%	1,388	257%	445	-7.7%	469	11.1%	2,020	17.8%
2003 AVG (to date)		3,790		808		527		469		1,985	

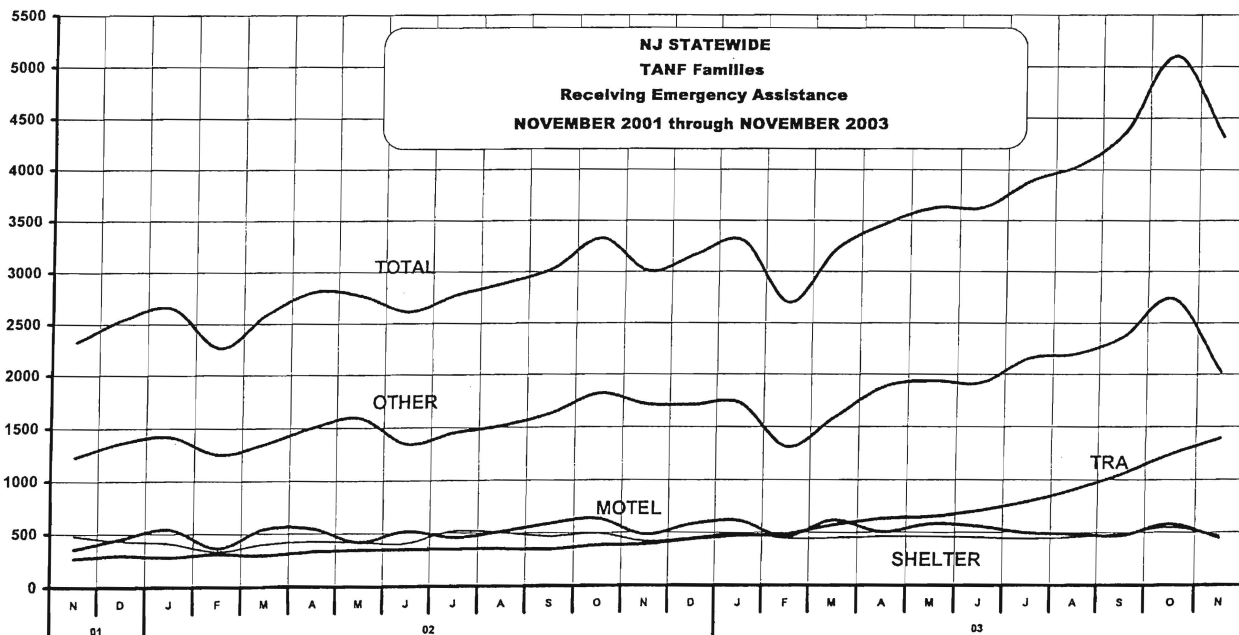
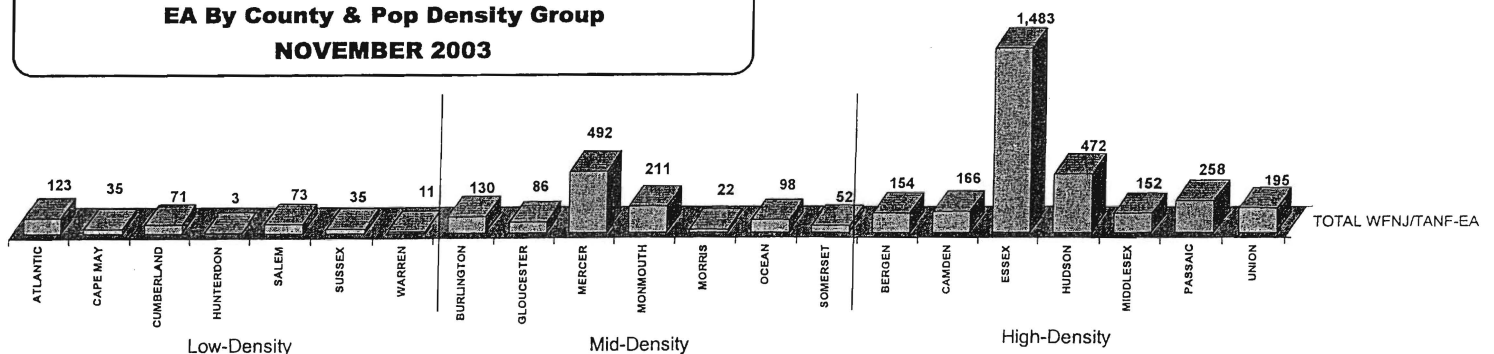


Figure 9
TANF/SSI**NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS**
BY COUNTY & POPULATION DENSITY STRATUM (UNDUPLICATED CASES)**EMERGENCY**
ASSISTANCE

NOVEMBER 2003

WFNJ/TANF Families Receiving Emergency Assistance**SSI**

County	TOTAL WFNJ/TANF-EA	% CHNG (From Nov 02)	Temp Rent Assist.	% Total	Motel Housing	% Total	Emergency Shelter	% Total	Other WFNJ/TANF-EA	% Total	Receipts Receiving EA*
ATLANTIC	123	12.8%	24	19.5%	29	23.6%	1	0.8%	69	56.1%	39
CAPE MAY	35	16.7%	11	31.4%	16	45.7%	1	2.9%	7	20.0%	14
CUMBERLAND	71	91.9%	13	18.3%	6	8.5%	8	11.3%	44	62.0%	19
HUNTERDON	3	n/a	0	0.0%	2	66.7%	0	0.0%	1	33%	1
SALEM	73	4.3%	9	12.3%	14	19.2%	1	1.4%	49	67.1%	20
SUSSEX	35	59.1%	7	20.0%	5	14.3%	9	25.7%	14	40.0%	14
WARREN	11	120% Δ	3	27.3%	1	9.1%	0	0.0%	7	63.6%	5
BURLINGTON	130	442% Δ	19	14.6%	41	31.5%	33	25.4%	37	28.5%	22
GLOUCESTER	86	56.4%	26	30.2%	4	4.7%	23	26.7%	33	38.4%	20
MERCER	492	11.6%	246	50.0%	30	6.1%	13	2.6%	203	41.3%	78
MONMOUTH	211	-8.7% *	13	6.2%	134	63.5%	0	0.0%	64	30.3%	28
MORRIS	22	69.2%	5	22.7%	2	9.1%	4	18.2%	11	50.0%	7
OCEAN	98	24.1%	23	23.5%	36	36.7%	0	0.0%	39	39.8%	37
SOMERSET	52	2.0% *	5	9.6%	5	9.6%	16	30.8%	26	50.0%	24
BERGEN	154	7.7%	50	32.5%	11	7.1%	13	8.4%	80	51.9%	108
CAMDEN	166	10.7%	43	25.9%	38	22.9%	8	4.8%	77	46.4%	33
ESSEX	1,483	98.0% Δ	574	38.7%	19	1.3%	272	18.3%	618	41.7%	139
HUDSON	472	69.2%	223	47.2%	19	4.0%	1	0.2%	229	48.5%	10
MIDDLESEX	152	-10.1% *	10	6.6%	11	7.2%	11	7.2%	120	78.9%	55
PASSAIC	258	23.4%	2	0.8%	5	1.9%	32	12.4%	219	84.9%	57
UNION	195	37.3%	82	42.1%	17	8.7%	23	11.8%	73	37.4%	16
NJ TOTAL	4,322	43.7%	1388	32.1%	445	10.3%	469	10.9%	2,020	46.7%	746

SSI-EA now includes pay code 24 Δ = \uparrow Caseload % = \downarrow Caseload %**Number WFNJ/TANF Families Receiving**
EA By County & Pop Density Group
NOVEMBER 2003

Derived from NJ Division of Family Development FAMIS Reports #FM456, #FM457 and #FM430-03A

Figure 10**GENERAL****ASSISTANCE****PROGRAM**

NUMBER OF EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2003 -STATEWIDE

NOVEMBER 2001 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2003

	All Persons Aided						Emergency Assistance Payments			
	Employable	% Chng (1 Yr)	Unemployable	% Chng (1 Yr)	Total	% Chng (1 Yr)	Temporary Rental Assistance	Other GA-EA	Total	% Chng (1 Yr)
2001 NOV	11,823		11,236		23,059		1,363	1,763	3,126	
DEC	12,561		11,300		23,861		1,217	2,136	3,353	
2001 AVERAGE	11,917		11,134		23,051		1,427	1,984	3,411	
2002 JAN	13,197		11,261		24,458		1,428	1,610	3,038	
FEB	13,514		11,734		25,248		1,464	1,805	3,269	
MAR	14,322		11,430		25,752		1,479	2,433	3,912	
APR	14,425		11,982		26,407		1,607	2,348	3,955	
MAY	14,115		11,909		26,024		1,548	1,987	3,535	
JUN	13,858		11,766		25,624		1,495	1,995	3,490	
JUL	13,483		11,820		25,303		1,499	2,208	3,707	
AUG	13,533		11,898		25,431		1,517	2,415	3,932	
SEP	13,352		12,016		25,368		1,536	1,912	3,448	
OCT	13,952		12,332		26,284		1,545	2,575	4,120	
NOV	13,880	17.4%	12,331	9.7%	26,211	13.7%	1,595	1,935	3,530	12.9%
DEC	14,963	19.1%	12,510	10.7%	27,473	15.1%	1,645	2,363	4,008	19.5%
2002 AVERAGE	13,883		11,916		25,799		1,530	2,132	3,662	
2003 JAN	15,818	19.9%	12,614	12.0%	28,432	16.2%	1,712	2,293	4,005	31.8%
FEB	16,274	20.4%	12,436	6.0%	28,710	13.7%	1,724	2,203	3,927	20.1%
MAR	17,241	20.4%	12,772	11.7%	30,013	16.5%	1,843	2,448	4,291	9.7%
APR	17,337	20.2%	12,893	7.6%	30,230	14.5%	1,892	2,752	4,644	17.4%
MAY	17,356	23.0%	12,918	8.5%	30,274	16.3%	1,895	2,754	4,649	31.5%
JUN	17,635	27.3%	13,154	11.8%	30,789	20.2%	2,100	2,710	4,810	37.8%
JUL	17,637	30.8%	13,387	13.3%	31,024	22.6%	2,118	2,973	5,091	37.3%
AUG	17,531	29.5%	13,453	13.1%	30,984	21.8%	2,285	2,819	5,104	29.8%
SEP	17,434	30.6%	13,603	13.2%	31,037	22.3%	2,317	3,002	5,319	54.3%
OCT	17,357	24.4%	13,814	12.0%	31,171	18.6%	2,390	2,732	5,122	24.3%
NOV	16,989	22.4%	13,690	11.0%	30,679	17.0%	2,442	2,139	4,581	29.8%
2003 AVG (to date)	17,146		13,158		30,304		2,065	2,620	4,686	

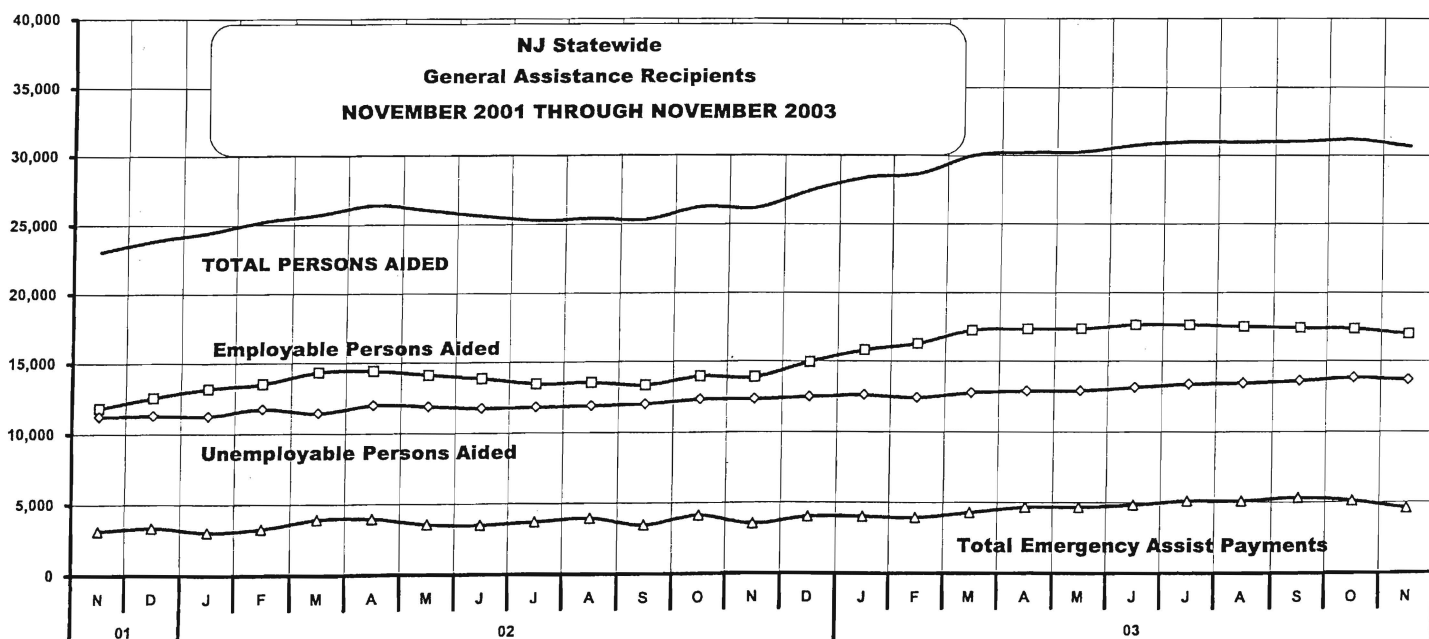


FIGURE 11**GENERAL
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM****EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS
AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS BY COUNTY & POPULATION DENSITY STRATUM
NOVEMBER 2003**

County	Total Persons Aided						Emergency Assistance Payments			
	Employable	% Chng (From Nov 02)	Unemployable	% Chng (From Nov 02)	Total	% Chng (From Nov 02)	Temporary Rental Assist.	Other GA-EA	Total	% Chng (From Nov 02)
ATLANTIC	800	22.7%	690	11.7%	1,490	17.3%	107	72	179	53.0%
CAPE MAY	163	6.5%	128	-12.3% *	291	-2.7% *	46	36	82	82.2%
CUMBERLAND	704	15.6%	607	11.6%	1,311	13.7%	16	57	73	55.3%
HUNTERDON	41	-8.9% *	65	-5.8% *	106	-7.0% *	9	11	20	-13.0% *
SALEM	231	67.4% Δ	218	12.4%	449	35.2% Δ	5	81	86	59.3%
SUSSEX	74	19.4%	79	8.2%	153	13.3%	25	38	63	31.3%
WARREN	147	15.7%	116	45.0% Δ	263	27.1%	60	16	76	52.0%
BURLINGTON	405	36.8%	457	7.5%	862	19.6%	34	114	148	55.8%
GLOUCESTER	330	21.8%	323	0.0%	653	9.9%	9	66	75	92.3%
MERCER	1,177	-12.4% *	1,058	8.6%	2,235	-3.6% *	258	66	324	30.6%
MONMOUTH	411	7.6%	557	-4.3% *	968	0.4%	149	84	233	-24.6% *
MORRIS	175	106% Δ	203	28.5% Δ	378	55.6% Δ	23	24	47	114% Δ
OCEAN	294	30.7%	431	7.2%	725	15.6%	29	68	97	273% Δ
SOMERSET	135	43.6% Δ	156	11.4%	291	24.4%	56	53	109	28.2%
BERGEN	507	28.0%	604	7.5%	1,111	16.0%	151	69	220	30.2%
CAMDEN	1,504	12.2%	1,586	22.7% Δ	3,090	17.3%	169	251	420	62.2%
ESSEX	4,581	39.6%	2,023	17.8%	6,604	32.1% Δ	464	580	1,044	8.2%
HUDSON	1,979	18.9%	1,676	11.4%	3,655	15.3%	440	186	626	93.8% Δ
MIDDLESEX	345	6.5% *	607	18.1%	952	13.6%	64	78	142	-16.0% *
PASSAIC	1,763	22.1%	1,247	6.5%	3,010	15.1%	206	96	302	1.7%
UNION	1,223	29.4%	859	2.0%	2,082	16.5%	122	93	215	53.6%
NJ TOTAL	16,989	22.4%	13,690	11.0%	30,679	17.0%	2,442	2,139	4,581	29.8%

Δ= ↑ Caseload %

* = ↓ Caseload %

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit

FIGURE 12**CHILD SUPPORT
AND PATERNITY****CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY COLLECTIONS****State Summary**

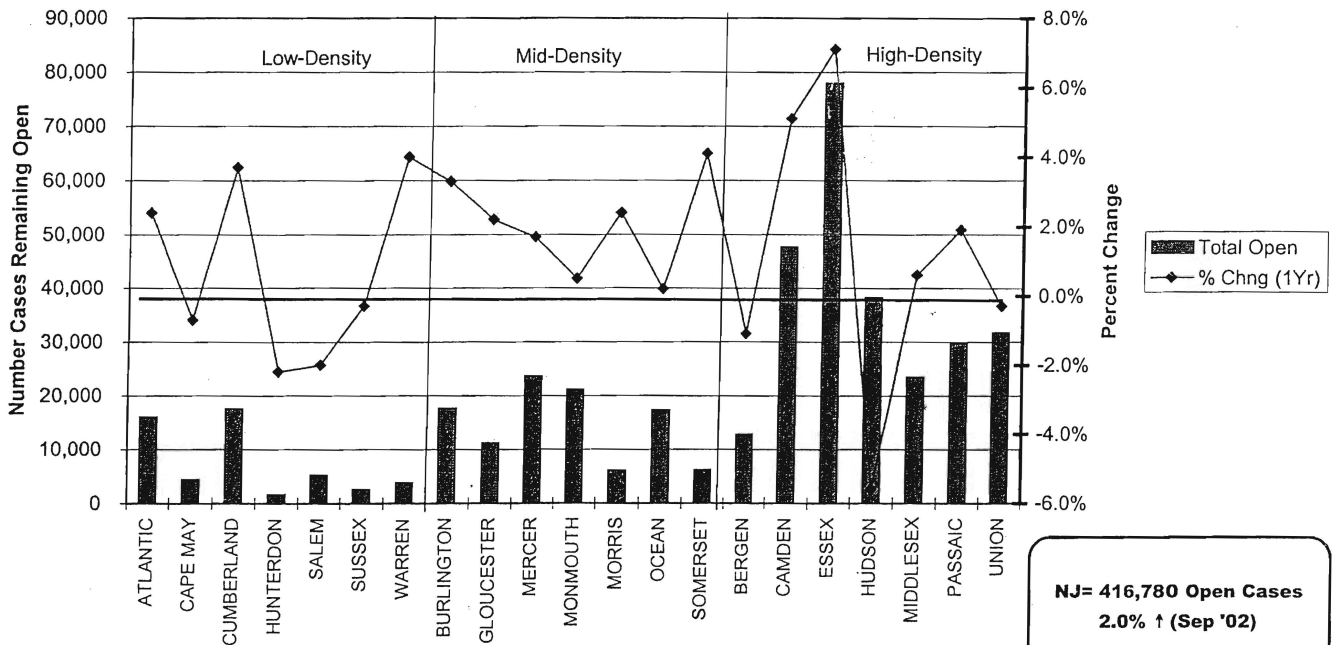
Comparison of FFY 2002 and FFY 2003

COLLECTION SOURCE	10/01-9/02	10/02-9/03	Dollar Change	% Change
Federal Tax	\$29,056,797	\$32,535,705	\$3,478,908	12.0%
State Tax	7,291,804	6,399,630	(892,174)	-12.2%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	37,923,740	41,843,637	3,919,897	10.3%
Income Withholding	554,940,301	590,519,277	35,578,976	6.4%
From Other States	41,757,486	43,476,120	1,718,634	4.1%
Other/Own Behalf	182,148,831	187,521,004	5,372,173	2.9%
Admin Enforce				
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$853,118,959	\$902,295,373		5.8%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION*	\$820,202,871	\$860,796,218		4.9%
Percent of Collections Distributed	96.1%	95.4%		

* 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

Figure 13: Child Support & Paternity Cases Open By County and Pop Density Stratum
(Quarter Ending September 2003)



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

FIGURE 14**CHILD SUPPORT
AND PATERNITY****NUMBER OF CASES REMAINING OPEN****QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 2003**

	CASES WITH ORDERS			OTHER CASES (1)		TOTAL TANF AND FOSTER CARE	TOTAL NON- TANF	TOTAL ALL CASES	% CHNG (Since Sep 02)
	TANF AND FOSTER CARE	TANF AND FOSTER CARE ARREARS (2)	NON- TANF	TANF AND FOSTER CARE	NON- TANF				
ATLANTIC	1,160	3,202	8,965	1,266	1,383	5,628	10,348	15,976	2.4%
CAPE MAY	204	985	2,958	127	142	1,316	3,100	4,416	-0.7%
CUMBERLAND	1,654	5,542	9,511	455	469	7,651	9,980	17,631	3.7%
HUNTERDON	71	189	1,339	52	52	312	1,391	1,703	-2.2%
SALEM	565	1,556	2,854	210	106	2,331	2,960	5,291	-2.0%
SUSSEX	153	350	1,903	74	156	577	2,059	2,636	-0.3%
WARREN	285	858	2,503	134	114	1,277	2,617	3,894	4.0%
BURLINGTON	983	3,029	11,217	943	1,511	4,955	12,728	17,683	3.3%
GLOUCESTER	730	2,375	7,030	359	721	3,464	7,751	11,215	2.2%
MERCER	2,467	5,743	11,714	2,072	1,684	10,282	13,398	23,680	1.7%
MONMOUTH	1,766	4,722	11,906	1,209	1,566	7,697	13,472	21,169	0.5%
MORRIS	247	593	4,763	174	309	1,014	5,072	6,086	2.4%
OCEAN	943	3,529	10,980	728	1,170	5,200	12,150	17,350	0.2%
SOMERSET	348	825	4,327	310	391	1,483	4,718	6,201	4.1%
BERGEN	458	1,524	9,408	537	876	2,519	10,284	12,803	-1.1%
CAMDEN	4,403	13,023	22,036	3,760	4,458	21,186	26,494	47,680	5.1%
ESSEX	6,964	15,092	32,336	13,767	9,791	35,823	42,127	77,950	7.1%
HUDSON	3,081	7,757	19,724	3,755	3,983	14,593	23,707	38,300	-5.6%
MIDDLESEX	1,308	4,181	14,136	1,548	2,319	7,037	16,455	23,492	0.6%
PASSAIC	2,815	5,580	15,776	2,833	2,852	11,228	18,628	29,856	1.9%
UNION	1,987	6,253	17,665	2,613	3,250	10,853	20,915	31,768	-0.3%
NJ TOTAL	32,592	86,908	223,051	36,926	37,303	156,426	260,354	416,780	2.0%

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*

Figure 15**WFNJ****WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY STATISTICAL SUMMARY****NOVEMBER 2003**

COUNTY	CASES REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE	EMPLOYMENT DIRECTED ACTIVITIES			EMPLOYED OPEN (WFNJ RECIPIENT)	SUPPORT SERVICES ON ACTIVE CASE		EMPLOYED CLOSED	POST ASSISTANCE CHILD CARE
		CWEP	ALL OTHER TRAINING	JOB SEARCH		CHILD CARE	TRAINING REL. EXPENSES		
ATLANTIC	724	1	105	16	101	113	146	68	269
BERGEN	479	52	224	187	130	125	136	15	122
BURLINGTON	556	109	90	144	140	103	161	32	218
CAMDEN	2,615	557	546	193	532	536	875	127	619
CAPE MAY	121	4	19	74	35	8	31	9	62
CUMBERLAND	705	7	213	210	99	56	115	64	198
ESSEX	7,467	233	3,414	548	1,684	1,966	2,168	145	809
GLOUCESTER	439	27	25	50	64	48	6	24	116
HUDSON	3,312	24	1,954	589	621	775	1,254	180	704
HUNTERDON	15	0	0	7	4	1	0	1	11
MERCER	1,410	47	872	199	268	292	309	97	327
MIDDLESEX	864	0	117	117	203	124	204	73	211
MONMOUTH	903	5	601	88	206	276	392	72	278
MORRIS	123	87	19	15	28	35	35	9	54
OCEAN	378	15	86	96	64	86	66	20	169
PASSAIC	1,921	61	923	372	268	288	454	96	287
SALEM	262	83	51	28	47	45	91	17	92
SOMERSET	186	4	59	93	75	43	49	23	73
SUSSEX	84	24	8	28	13	18	12	7	39
UNION	1,341	93	667	204	191	249	304	40	201
WARREN	151	0	93	1	37	15	22	3	26
STATE	24,056	1,433	10,086	3,259	4,810	5,202	6,830	1,122	4,885

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

ACRONYMS

ACSES: Automated Child Support Enforcement System

CASS: Consolidated Assistance and Support System

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.

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 refers certain recipients to the New Jersey Department of Labor for participation in the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program.

FAMIS: Family Assistance Management Information System

GAAS: General Assistance Automated System

OMEGA: Online Management of Economic Goal Achievement

SSI-EA: Supplemental Security Income-Emergency Assistance

WFNJ: Work First New Jersey - 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.

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.

County Population-Density Stratum:

Independent Evaluation Consortium. Interim Report. Independent Evaluation of the California Tobacco Control Prevention and Education Program: Wave 2 Data, 1998; Wave 1 and Wave 2 Data Comparisons, 1996-1998. Rockville: Maryland: The Gallup Organization, 1998.

Subsets of process evaluation data for the above report were calculated using data from four evaluation strata prepared by county density including: Media Market, High-density, Medium-density, and Low-density county types.

In this summary report, New Jersey county strata were prepared by equally dividing the state into three groups: Low, Medium (Mid), and High-density. County population density was determined by dividing county population (2000 census) by its area in square miles. High-density counties include Bergen, Camden, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Passaic, and Union Counties. Medium-density counties consisted of Burlington, Gloucester, Mercer, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, and Somerset Counties. Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Hunterdon, Salem, Sussex, and Warren Counties represented low-density counties. Population density in the High-density stratum ranged from 2289 people per square mile in Camden to 12,957 in Hudson County. Mid-density counties had a population density ranging from 526 (Burlington County) to 1552 in Mercer County. The less dense counties ranged from 190 (Salem County) to 450 people per square mile in Atlantic County.

WFNJ Statistical Summary (Figure 15)

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).