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SUBJECT CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

Attached please find CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS for November 1998. Included are TANF-oriented data, and the WFNJ Statistical Summary. Some items of interest include:

- The TANF caseload continues to decline. Since January of 1998 there has been a decrease of 20%.
- Food Stamp households also continue to decline. Since January of 1998 there has been a 9.6% decrease.
- Due to manual reporting from a number of municipalities, General Assistance caseload numbers are not as current as TANF and Food Stamp data. The most current caseload data, July 1998, shows a decrease of 1.9% from January of 1998.

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

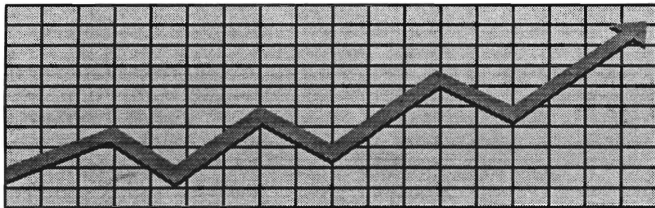
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CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS



**November 1998
David C. Heins, Director**

CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

November 1998

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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 November 1998, 65,768 eligible families in New Jersey were receiving TANF cash assistance:

- 63,944 single head of household families
- 1824 two-parent families.

In addition, there were about 6800 families receiving Medicaid Only assistance.

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

Essex — 20,635, Hudson — 10,885, Camden — 7,004, Passaic — 4,896, Union — 4,052

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

- 50 families in Hunterdon County to 2,973 in Mercer County,
with seven counties below 1000 families

More than 1100 fewer eligible TANF families were receiving cash assistance in November 1998 than in October, with a decline of 34,700, or 34.5 percent, compared to the number of AFDC families receiving cash assistance two years ago in November 1996.

- **Single head families:** almost 1000 fewer were eligible in November 1998 than in October, and 31,400 below two years ago in November 1996, a drop of 33 percent.
- **Two parent families:** declined by 3300 or 64 percent from about 5100 in November 1996.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

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

At the end of October 1998, 165,000 households were authorized to participate in the Food Stamp Program.

- **TANF:** about 69,000 households with 222,000 persons.
- **Other low income:** close to 94,000 households with 143,000 persons.
- **Total persons:** about 365,000, including 173,000 adults and 192,000 children
- **By County:** almost 50 percent of the households were in:

Essex	42,800
Hudson	22,300
Camden	15,500

Two years ago in November 1996, 210,700 households were authorized to participate in Food Stamps in New Jersey. Over the next two years the number declined by more than 48,000, or 22.8 percent, to 162,600 by November 1998, the 4th consecutive month below 170,000 this year.

- **TANF(FS)** households steadily declined from about **100,000** in November 1996 to about **69,000** two years later. There were **110,000 Other Low Income** households in November 1996 and less than **94,000** two years later.
- **Total FS Recipients Authorized to Participate:** were **484,000** in November 1996, and declined to **365,000** by November 1998, a drop of **119,000**, or almost **25 percent**.
- **Adult FS Recipients:** declined from about **232,800** in November 1996 to **173,500** in November 1998, a drop of **59,300 (25.5 percent)**.
- **Recipient FS Children:** also declined by about **60,000 (23.7 percent)**, from about **252,000** in November 1996 to **192,000** in November 1998.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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

In November 1998 Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for 2,030 eligible TANF families and 196 SSI recipients in New Jersey. For TANF families this included payments for:

- **Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)** for **473** families
- **Motel** placements for **216** families and **emergency shelter** placements for **216** families
- **All other TANF-EA** for **1125** families (including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing and food allowance, or transitional housing)
- **685** families in **Essex** County, **215** in **Passaic** County, and **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 about 4750 in 1996, 3550 for 1997, and 2500 for the first eleven months of 1998. Payments were made for half as many families in November 1998 as in November 1996.

- TRA payments were less than **one third** of the number in November 1996 .
- Motel payments declined by **9 percent** from **237** in November 1996.
- Emergency Shelter payments declined by about **27 percent** from **294** in November 1996.
- Other TANF-EA payments declined by **44 percent** from **2021** in November 1996.

For 1996 there were an average of 6800 GA EA recipients, 6700 for 1997, and 6300 for the first seven months of 1998 . Of those, GA TRA payments were made to an average of 4100 recipients in 1996, and 4000 in 1997 and 3800 in the first seven months of 1998.

TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

(Table 8, Graph 8)

(Not updated)

The TANF participation rate for September 1998 was 28.67% for the State as a whole. This is an increase of about 1.5 percentage points from August 1998.

Participation rates by county:

- Three counties, **Essex, Gloucester, and Mercer**, were between **22** and **25** percent.
- Eight counties, **Atlantic, Camden, Cape may, Hudson, Hunterdon, Ocean, Union and Warren**, were clustered between **28** and **32** percent.
- Six counties, **Bergen, Burlington, Cumberland, Middlesex, Morris, and Passaic**, were between **33** and **36** percent.
- The four highest counties were **Monmouth, Salem, Somerset and Sussex**, which ranged from **41** to **45** percent.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

(Table 9, Graph 9)

There were 26,472 GA recipients in July 1998, about 1000 less than June 1998. The GA total was about 2300 below July 1997 and about 4400 below July 1996.

- There were about **16,400 Employable GA** recipients in July 1998. The level remained around **20,000** from June 1996 through April 1997, and less than **18,000** since July 1997.
- With about **10,100** in July 1998, **Unemployable GA** recipients remained in the **10,000 to 11,000** range over the past two years.

CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY

(Table 10)

In FFY 1998, October 1997 - September 1998, the total distribution of collections of the Child Support and Paternity Program was \$621.6 million, compared to less than \$593 million in FFY 1997, October 1996 - September 1997.

Table 1 NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS DURING REPORT MONTH, AND
TANF NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING TANF AT END OF REPORT MONTH
PROGRAM **NOVEMBER 1998**

County	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF	Medicaid Only
ATLANTIC	206	239	1,696	32	1,728	162
BERGEN	133	175	1,376	88	1,464	94
BURLINGTON	247	229	1,348	40	1,388	245
CAMDEN	772	1,003	6,745	259	7,004	886
CAPE MAY	94	71	423	27	450	77
CUMBERLAND	245	344	1,674	113	1,787	566
ESSEX	1,001	1,082	20,437	198	20,635	838
GLOUCESTER	224	254	1,028	35	1,063	323
HUDSON	502	673	10,483	402	10,885	1,053
HUNTERDON	13	12	50	0	50	30
MERCER	369	435	2,913	60	2,973	516
MIDDLESEX	328	450	2,366	103	2,469	469
MONMOUTH	190	240	2,183	43	2,226	184
MORRIS	61	61	339	11	350	52
OCEAN	184	219	1,118	50	1,168	383
PASSAIC	384	463	4,650	246	4,896	134
SALEM	106	102	406	11	417	64
SOMERSET	72	94	402	20	422	84
SUSSEX	35	38	118	2	120	45
UNION	367	525	3,978	74	4,052	546
WARREN	44	40	211	10	221	22
NJ TOTAL	5,577	6,749	63,944	1,824	65,768	6,773

Note: 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.

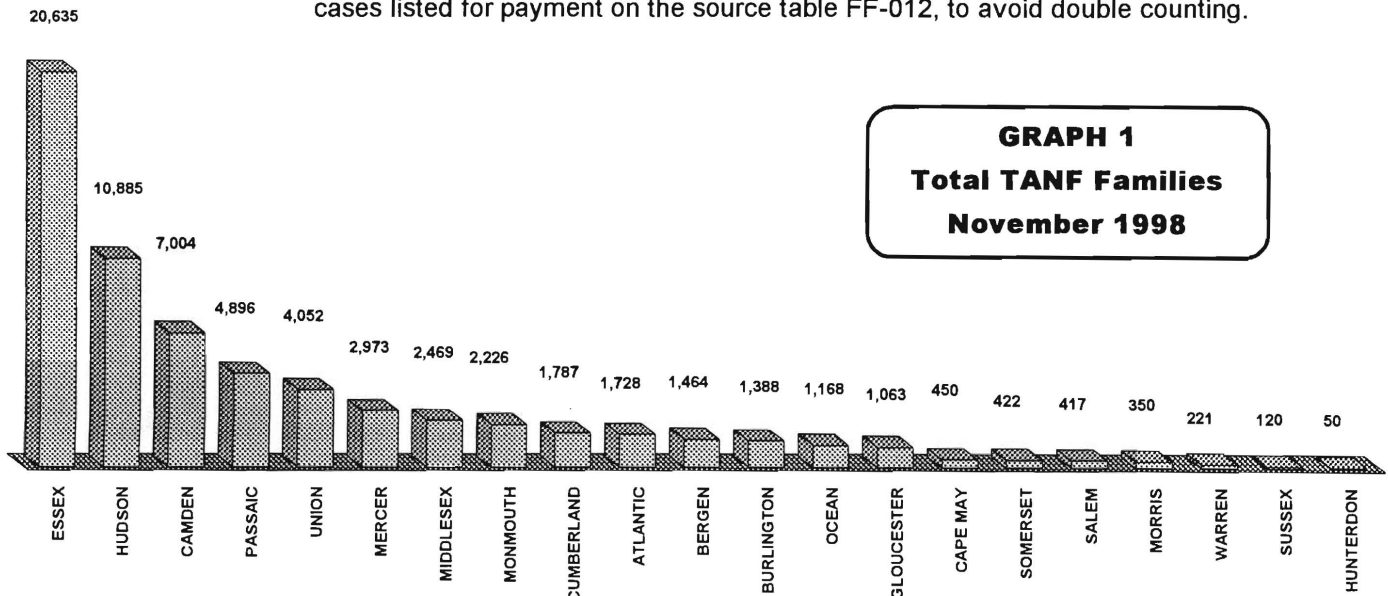


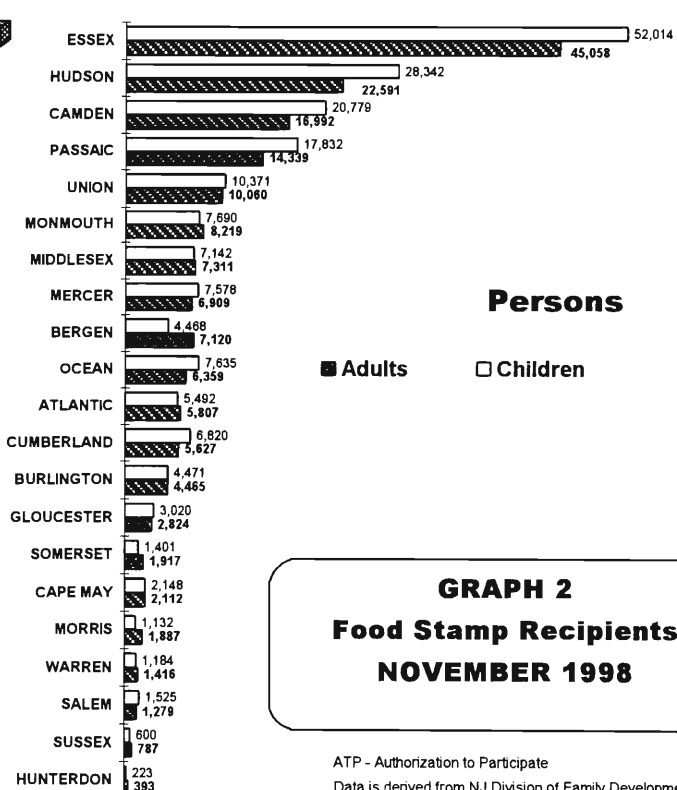
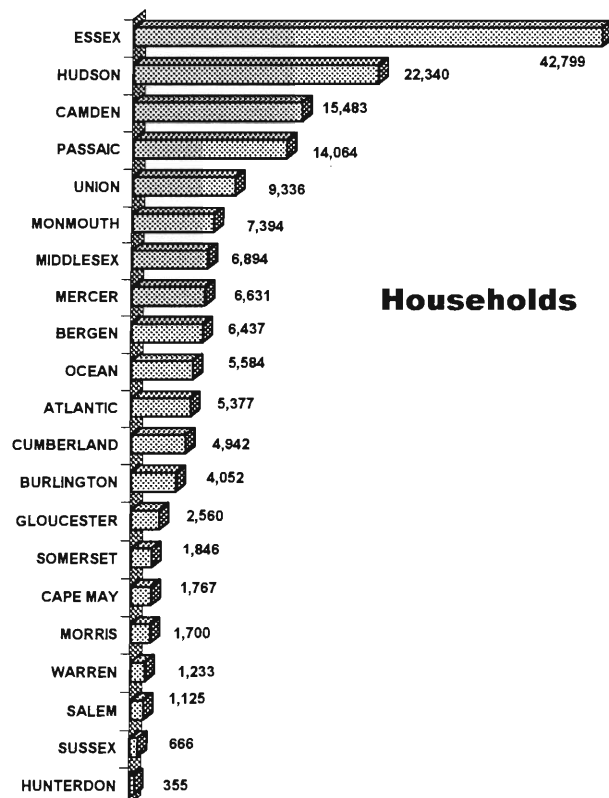
Table 2 NUMBER OF ATP'S ISSUED TO HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH

FOOD STAMP

PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 1998

County	HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS				
	TANF	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
ATLANTIC	1,699	3,678	5,377	11,299	5,764	5,535	5,807	5,492
BERGEN	1,451	4,986	6,437	11,588	4,331	7,257	7,120	4,468
BURLINGTON	1,510	2,542	4,052	8,936	4,738	4,198	4,465	4,471
CAMDEN	7,796	7,687	15,483	37,771	26,285	11,486	16,992	20,779
CAPE MAY	667	1,100	1,767	4,260	2,294	1,966	2,112	2,148
CUMBERLAND	2,482	2,460	4,942	12,447	8,385	4,062	5,627	6,820
ESSEX	20,448	22,351	42,799	97,072	64,852	32,220	45,058	52,014
GLOUCESTER	1,179	1,381	2,560	5,844	3,750	2,094	2,824	3,020
HUDSON	11,357	10,983	22,340	50,933	34,805	16,128	22,591	28,342
HUNTERDON	49	306	355	616	156	460	393	223
MERCER	2,928	3,703	6,631	14,487	9,374	5,113	6,909	7,578
MIDDLESEX	2,787	4,107	6,894	14,453	8,711	5,742	7,311	7,142
MONMOUTH	2,398	4,996	7,394	15,909	7,923	7,986	8,219	7,690
MORRIS	319	1,381	1,700	3,019	989	2,030	1,887	1,132
OCEAN	1,764	3,820	5,584	13,994	6,279	7,715	6,359	7,635
PASSAIC	4,979	9,085	14,064	32,171	16,676	15,495	14,339	17,832
SALEM	506	619	1,125	2,804	1,697	1,107	1,279	1,525
SOMERSET	439	1,407	1,846	3,318	1,348	1,970	1,917	1,401
SUSSEX	147	519	666	1,387	452	935	787	600
UNION	3,770	5,566	9,336	20,431	12,385	8,046	10,060	10,371
WARREN	315	918	1,233	2,600	1,030	1,570	1,416	1,184
NJ TOTAL	68,990	93,595	162,585	365,339	222,224	143,115	173,472	191,867



GRAPH 2
Food Stamp Recipients
NOVEMBER 1998

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

Table 3
TANF/SSI**NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS**
(UNDUPLICATED CASES)**EMERGENCY**
ASSISTANCE

NOVEMBER 1998

TANF Families Receiving Emergency Assistance**SSI**

County	TOTAL TANF-EA	Temporary Rental Assist.	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA	Receipients Receiving EA
ATLANTIC	30	0	4	2	24	13
BERGEN	128	33	23	34	38	8
BURLINGTON	46	1	2	20	23	3
CAMDEN	74	20	1	18	35	11
CAPE MAY	17	9	0	0	8	1
CUMBERLAND	39	0	1	5	33	6
ESSEX	685	292	76	33	284	15
GLOUCESTER	36	14	0	13	9	6
HUDSON	83	15	10	0	58	12
HUNTERDON	3	0	0	0	3	2
MERCER	126	43	14	4	65	12
MIDDLESEX	199	10	24	13	152	34
MONMOUTH	86	10	7	8	61	0
MORRIS	11	0	1	6	4	7
OCEAN	78	5	34	3	36	24
PASSAIC	215	1	1	19	194	18
SALEM	13	2	3	1	7	3
SOMERSET	53	3	2	21	27	6
SUSSEX	20	8	5	1	6	5
UNION	85	7	7	13	58	10
WARREN	3	0	1	2	0	0
NJ TOTAL	2,030	473	216	216	1,125	196

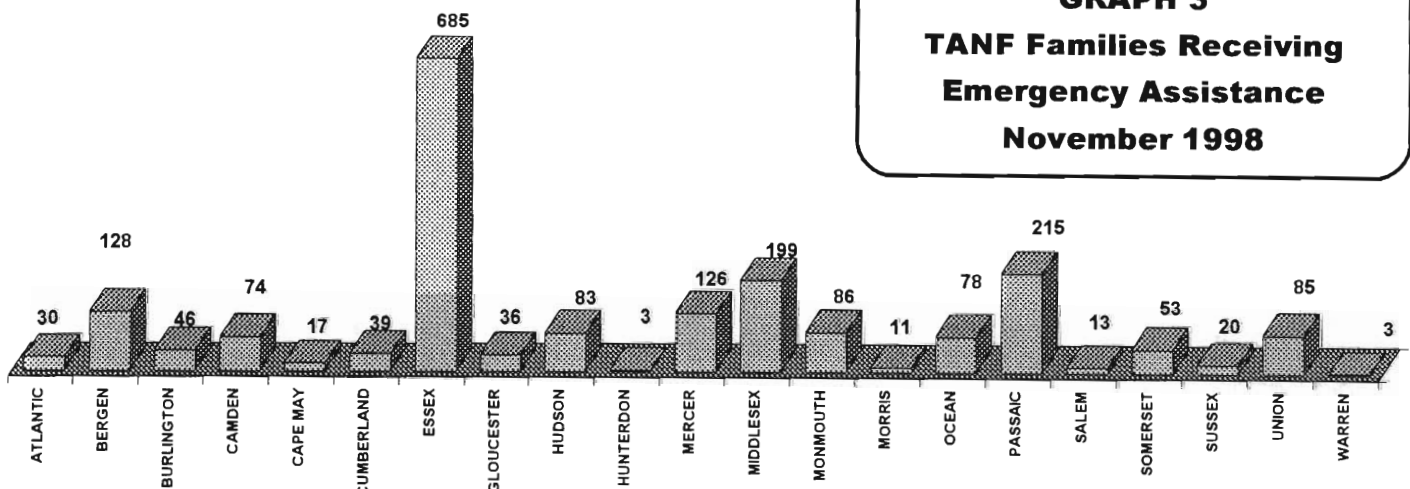


Table 4**WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY STATISTICAL SUMMARY****WFNJ****November 1998**

COUNTY	RECIPIENTS 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	*	5	240	167	354	169	270	60	151
BERGEN	*	30	306	141	334	142	164	61	114
BURLINGTON	*	177	112	225	314	127	300	54	196
CAMDEN	*	339	598	375	1,667	537	694	248	516
CAPE MAY	*	25	36	128	118	14	57	22	10
CUMBERLAND	*	17	737	701	292	235	315	111	330
ESSEX	*	391	3,235	4,538	2,068	1,915	483	271	3,174
GLOUCESTER	*	39	29	123	199	58	179	59	8
HUDSON	*	691	2,217	747	1,377	1,083	711	232	1,667
HUNTERDON	*	0	1	9	18	5	15	8	2
MERCER	*	79	224	825	403	304	319	126	193
MIDDLESEX	*	0	259	263	656	231	384	113	281
MONMOUTH	*	68	597	316	611	404	439	104	438
MORRIS	*	42	24	36	61	37	69	22	43
OCEAN	*	4	90	125	188	106	345	85	49
PASSAIC	*	209	2,120	688	562	490	296	104	778
SALEM	*	75	61	102	123	60	96	22	87
SOMERSET	*	13	46	37	116	65	98	22	46
SUSSEX	*	18	18	12	37	25	51	17	14
UNION	*	49	770	385	526	358	274	94	456
WARREN	*	25	22	44	63	22	35	11	8
STATE	*	2,296	11,742	9,987	10,087	6,387	5,594	1,846	8,561

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

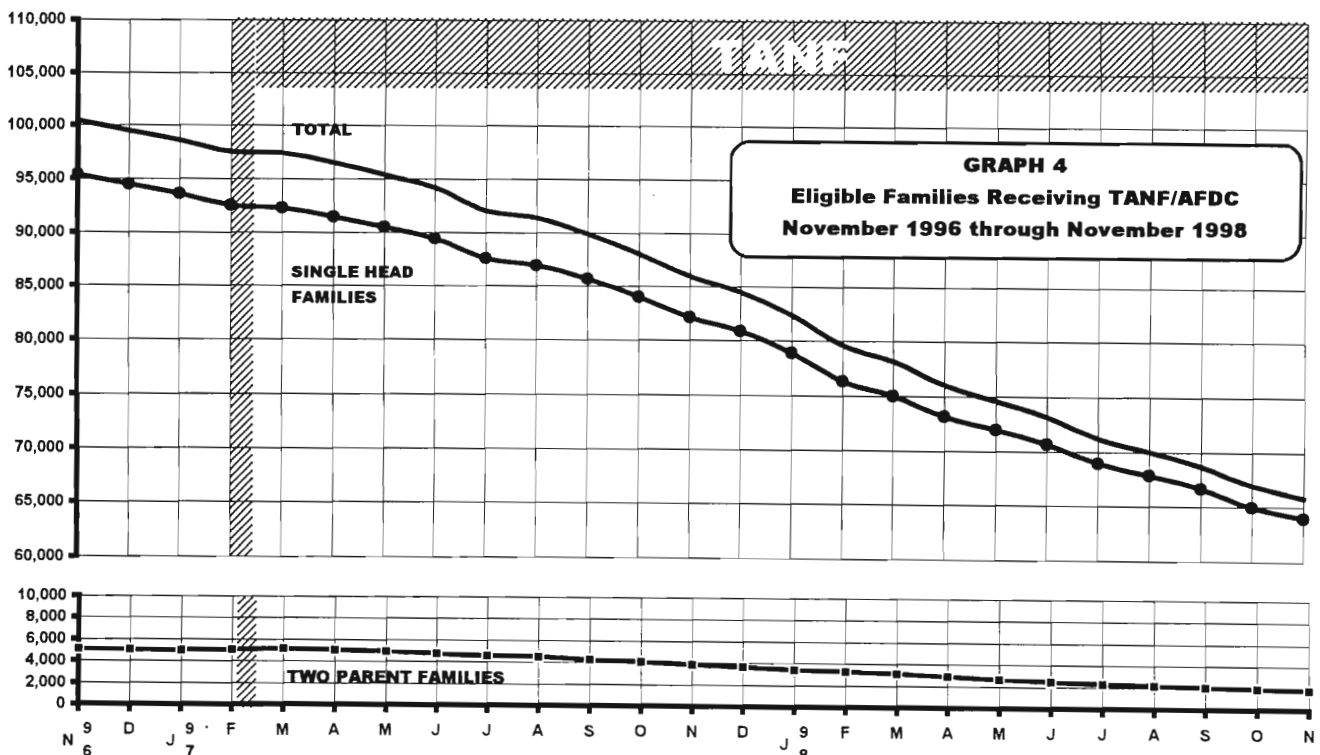
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Table 5
TANF/AFDC
PROGRAM

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

November 1996 through November 1998

	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families* (revised)	Two Parent Families* (revised)	Total TANF/AFDC	Medicaid Only
AFDC 1996 NOV	5,374	6,549	95,387	5,081	100,468	5,034
DEC	5,018	6,137	94,463	5,016	99,479	4,992
AVERAGE (12 mos.)	5,602	6,608	99,673	5,843	105,516	5,060
1997 JAN	5,933	6,803	93,595	4,982	98,577	4,994
TANF FEB	4,410	5,728	92,490	5,010	97,500	4,862
MAR	6,184	6,416	92,243	5,125	97,368	4,835
APR	5,172	6,034	91,451	5,049	96,500	4,828
MAY	4,882	6,121	90,445	4,893	95,338	4,851
JUN	4,620	5,760	89,409	4,748	94,157	4,856
JUL	5,240	7,344	87,517	4,522	92,039	4,811
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
AVERAGE	5,042	6,279	88,043	4,548	92,591	5,028
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
AVERAGE	5,018	6,665	70,751	2,549	73,300	6,753



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

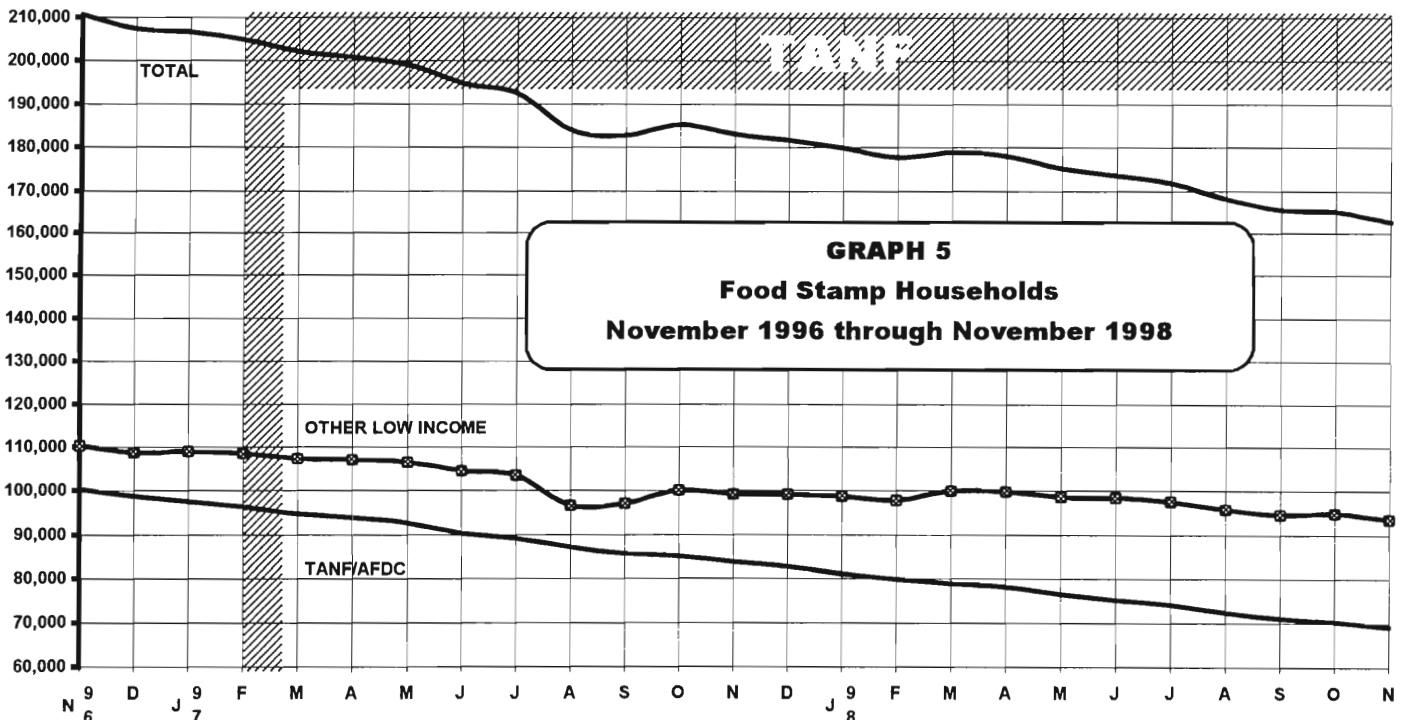
*Note: Revised through current month with the number of *single* parent families reduced by the number of companion cases listed for payment on the source table FF-012, to avoid double counting.

Table 6
FOOD STAMP
PROGRAM

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

November 1996 through November 1998

	HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS				
	TANF/AFDC	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF/AFDC	Other low income	Adults	Children
1996 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
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
AVERAGE	75,112	97,230	172,343	387,683	240,599	147,084	183,820	203,862



ATP - Authorization to Participate

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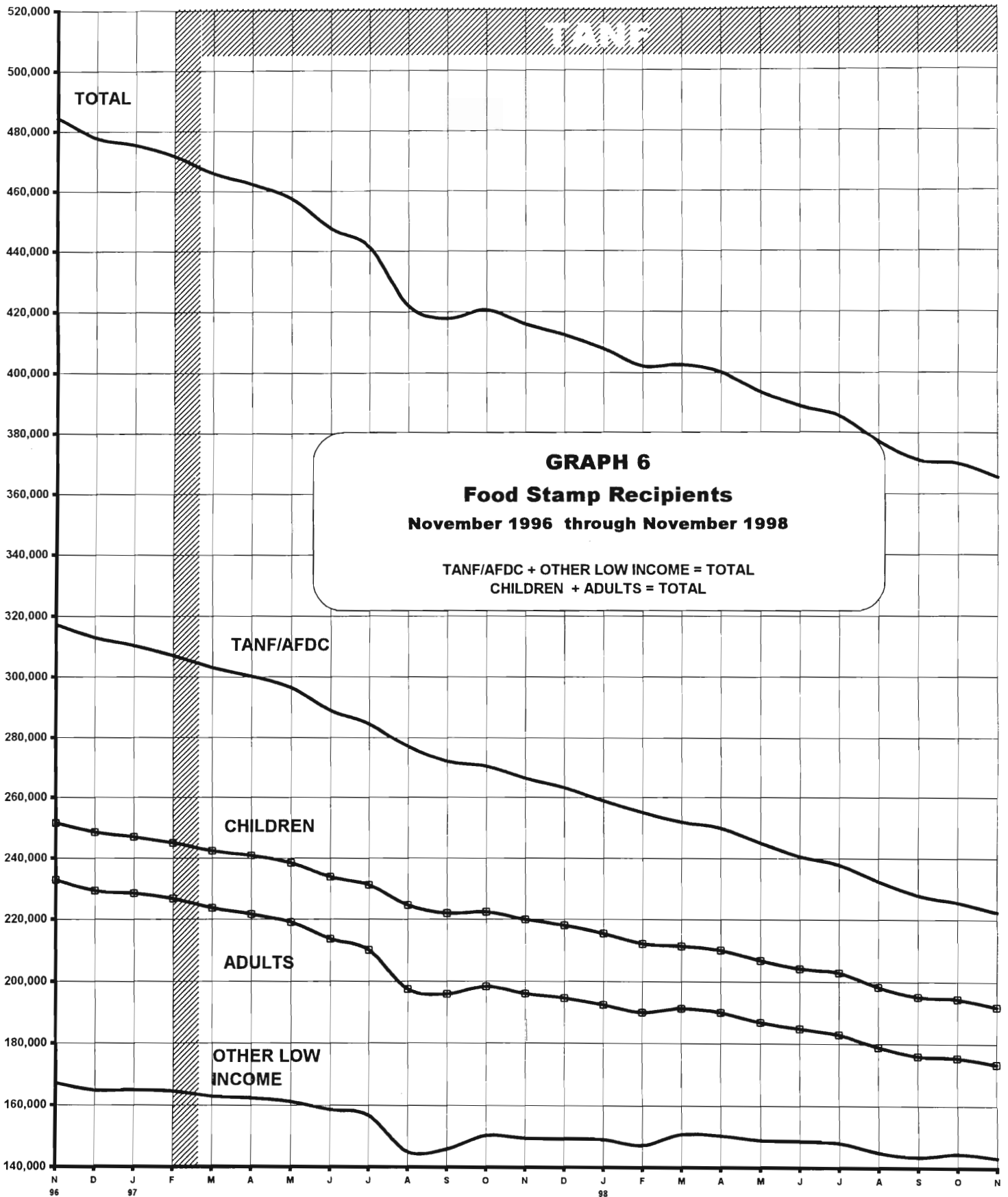


Table 7

NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

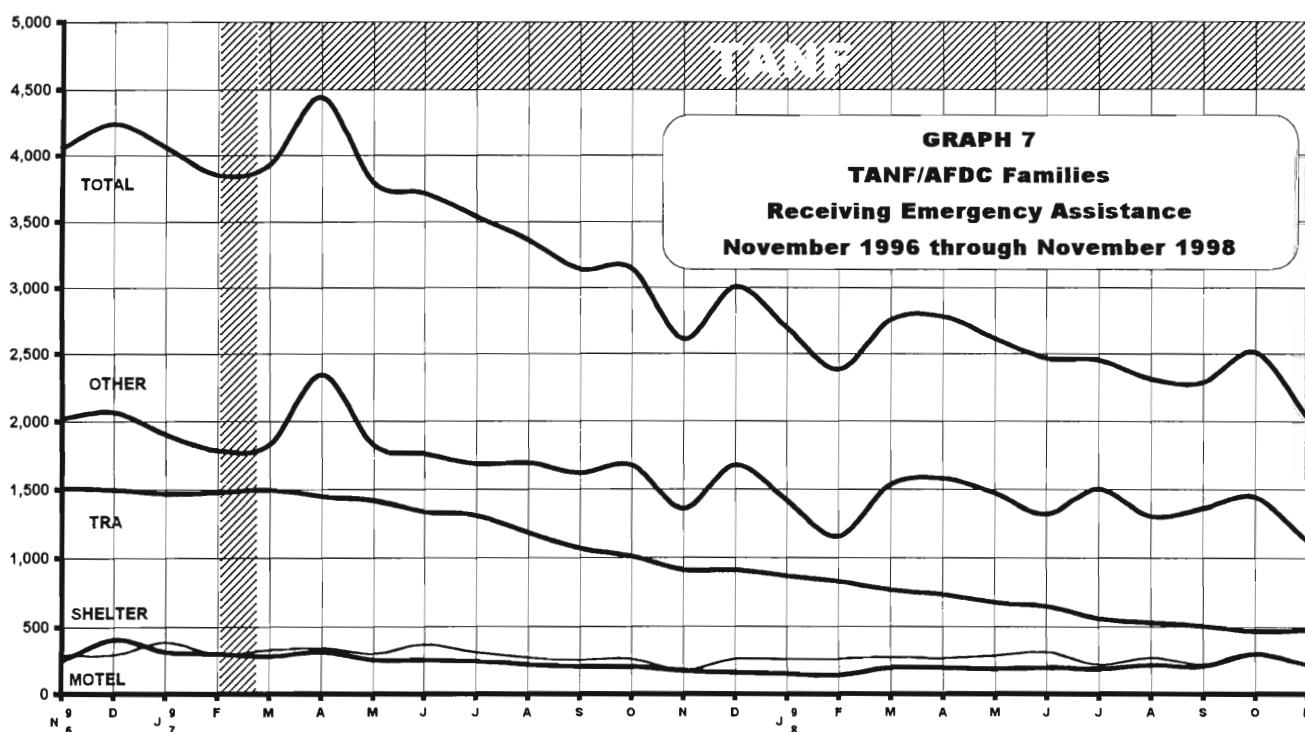
TANF/AFDC

(UNDULICATED CASES)

EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE

November 1996 through November 1998

		Total Families Receiving EA	Temporary Rental Assistance	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF/AFDC-EA
TANF	1996 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
	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
	AVERAGE	3,547	1,251	240	293	1,762
AFDC	1998 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
	AVERAGE	2,457	616	201	262	1,377

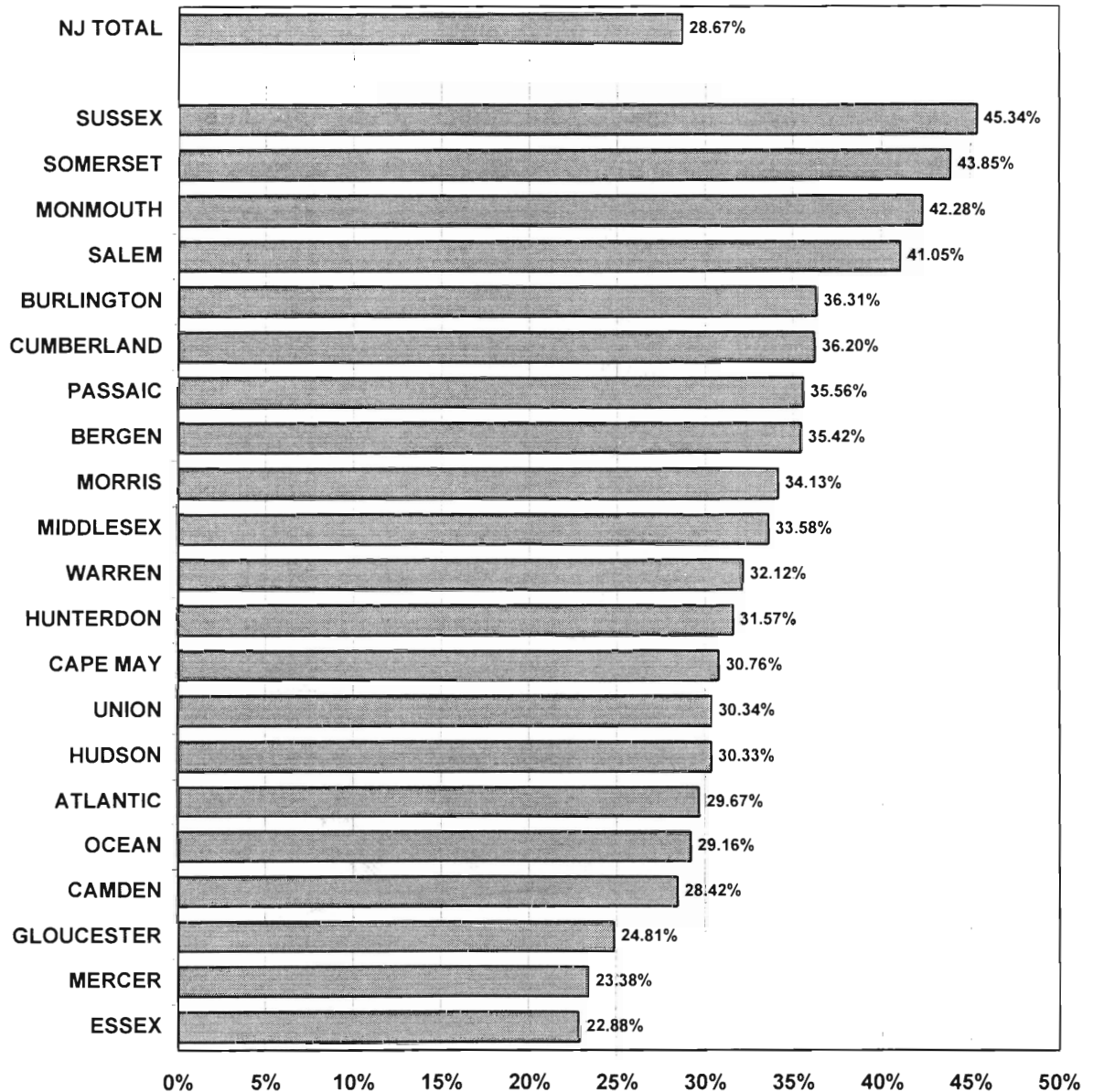


Data derived from NJ Division of Family Development FAMIS Report #FM457 and #FM430-03a.

Table 8**TANF PARTICIPATION RATES****July - September 1998**

County	July	August	September
ATLANTIC	28.48%	26.45%	29.67%
BERGEN	32.26%	33.54%	35.42%
BURLINGTON	35.37%	31.16%	36.31%
CAMDEN	29.86%	27.16%	28.42%
CAPE MAY	30.21%	33.71%	30.76%
CUMBERLAND	34.15%	34.13%	36.20%
ESSEX	20.41%	21.70%	22.88%
GLOUCESTER	28.40%	26.48%	24.81%
HUDSON	29.64%	29.20%	30.33%
HUNTERDON	38.23%	34.21%	31.57%
MERCER	20.96%	20.49%	23.38%
MIDDLESEX	31.22%	30.40%	33.58%
MONMOUTH	40.38%	38.59%	42.28%
MORRIS	42.59%	39.82%	34.13%
OCEAN	32.56%	29.88%	29.16%
PASSAIC	34.13%	36.09%	35.56%
SALEM	38.78%	38.09%	41.05%
SOMERSET	40.34%	36.11%	43.85%
SUSSEX	38.75%	38.35%	45.34%
UNION	29.57%	27.24%	30.34%
WARREN	21.34%	21.73%	32.12%
NJ TOTAL	27.43%	27.20%	28.67%

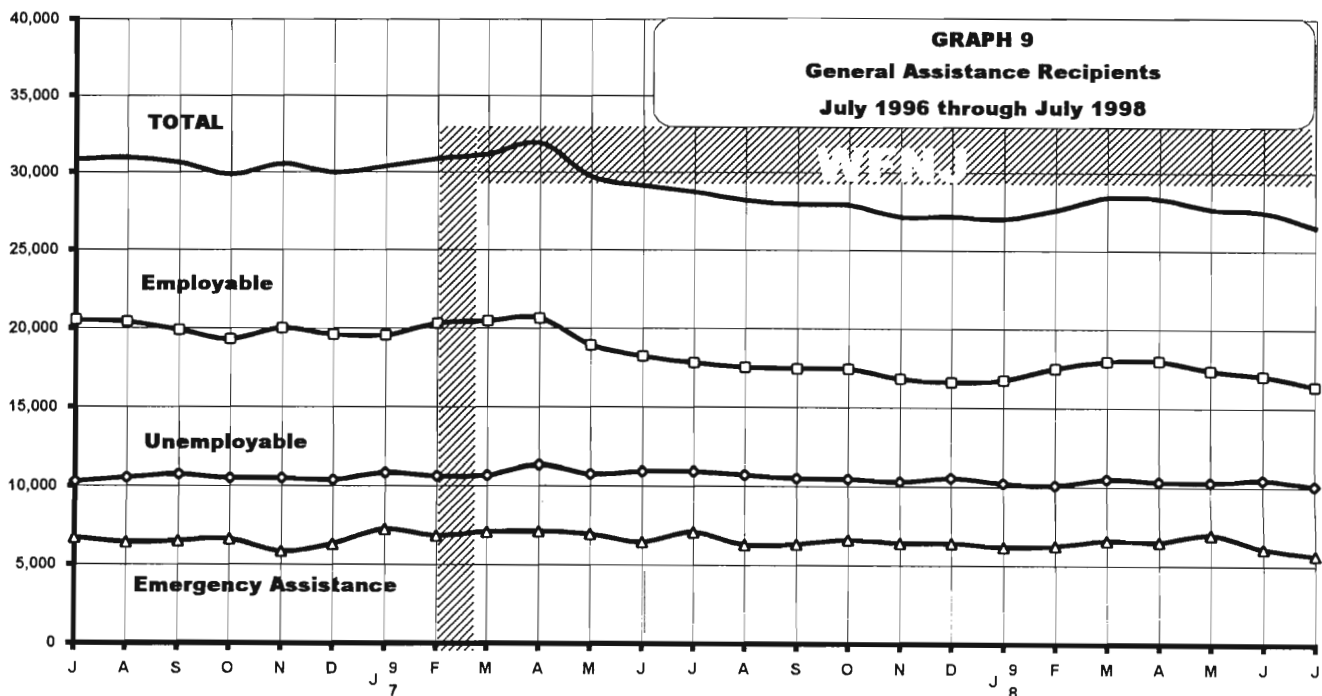
The Work First New Jersey participation rate
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Graph 8**TANF PARTICIPATION RATES****September 1998**

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TABLE 9
GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
NUMBER OF EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS DURING REPORT MONTH
July 1996 through July 1998

	<u>All Persons Aided</u>			<u>Emergency Assistance Payments</u>		
	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assistance	Other GA-EA	Total
1996 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
WPNJ 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
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
AVERAGE	17,263	10,284	27,546	3,815	2,493	6,308



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	10/96-9/97	10/97-9/98	% change
AFDC & FOSTER CARE			
Federal Tax	\$20,252,293	\$19,231,741	-5.04%
State Tax	1,962,763	1,088,932	-44.52%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	5,084,812	3,931,214	-22.69%
Income Withholding	40,435,580	34,670,634	-14.26%
Other/Own Behalf	18,604,658	16,716,661	-10.15%
From Other States	4,361,823	3,997,391	-8.36%
For Other States	8,606,408	7,522,309	-12.60%
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$99,308,337	\$87,158,882	-12.23%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	\$96,755,294	\$85,041,982	-12.11%
NON- AFDC			
Federal Tax	\$9,221,626	\$9,631,316	4.44%
State Tax	2,674,331	2,347,298	-12.23%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	16,729,188	15,479,837	-7.47%
Income Withholding	282,857,360	312,506,943	10.48%
Other/Own Behalf	136,196,480	141,157,347	3.64%
From Other States	26,587,382	31,355,975	17.94%
For Other States	30,639,036	32,195,282	5.08%
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$504,905,403	\$544,673,998	7.88%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	\$496,203,144	\$536,577,215	8.14%
TOTAL			
Federal Tax	\$29,473,919	\$28,863,057	-2.07%
State Tax	\$4,637,094	\$3,436,230	-25.90%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	\$21,814,000	\$19,411,051	-11.02%
Income Withholding	\$323,292,940	\$347,177,577	7.39%
Other/Own Behalf	\$154,801,138	\$157,874,008	1.99%
From Other States	\$30,949,205	\$35,353,366	14.23%
For Other States	\$39,245,444	\$39,717,591	1.20%
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$604,213,740	\$631,832,880	4.57%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	\$592,958,438	\$621,619,197	4.83%

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 - 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.

Two-parent Families:

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 no longer receive AFDC/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

July 1998

County	Employable	Total Persons Aided		Total	Emergency Assistance Payments		Total
		Unemployable			Temporary Rental Assist.	Other GA-EA	
ATLANTIC	775	541		1,316	77	44	121
BERGEN	346	488		834	177	106	283
BURLINGTON	287	399		686	99	99	198
CAMDEN	1,376	1,439		2,815	209	137	346
CAPE MAY	100	94		194	16	11	27
CUMBERLAND	368	125		493	2	10	12
ESSEX	5,474	1,939		7,413	742	1,353	2,095
GLOUCESTER	145	169		314	4	32	36
HUDSON	696	854		1,550	68	10	78
HUNTERDON	48	44		92	10	16	26
MERCER	962	797		1,759	257	201	458
MIDDLESEX	374	453		827	45	55	100
MONMOUTH	345	434		779	163	21	184
MORRIS	82	165		247	28	10	38
OCEAN	342	334		676	114	67	181
PASSAIC	2,403	857		3,260	511	188	699
SALEM	50	62		112	4	15	19
SOMERSET	71	68		139	20	20	40
SUSSEX	32	48		80	31	7	38
UNION	2,018	717		2,735	574	57	631
WARREN	75	76		151	34	1	35
TOTAL NJ	16,369	10,103		26,472	3,185	2,460	5,645

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit