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INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE May 8, 2003

TO Gwendolyn L. Harris  
Commissioner

FROM Pearl Eliás, Acting Director   
Division of Family Development

SUBJECT CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

Attached please find *Current Program Statistics* for February 2003. Included are TANF-oriented and Food Stamps data, General Assistance data, and the WFNJ Statistical Summary.

Some items of interest include:

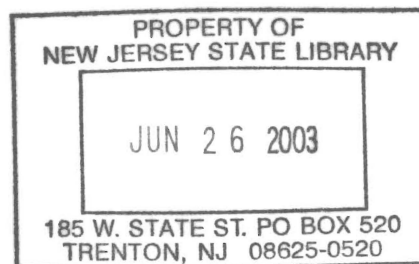
- The TANF caseload continues to decline. Since February of 2002 there has been a decrease of 3.0%.
- Food Stamp households increased by 6,592 since February 2002.
- For GA, recipient figures reported are for January 2003, which are 16.2% above January 2002.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to call me at 6-2000, David Karwoski at 6-2273, or Janet Taylor at 6-2277.

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**CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS**

February 2003

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## Highlights of **CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS**

### **WFNJ/TANF**

(Tables 1 and 5, Graphs 1 and 4)

As of February 2003, 42,015 eligible families in New Jersey were receiving WFNJ/TANF cash assistance:

- 40,397 single head of household families
- 1,618 two-parent families.

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

Essex — 11,619, Hudson — 5,900, Camden — 4,697, Passaic — 3,160, Union — 2,503

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

- 40 families in Hunterdon County to 2,350 in Mercer County,
- with ten counties below 1000 families

There were 5,511 fewer eligible WFNJ/TANF families receiving cash assistance in February 2003 than in February 2001, a decline of 11.6 percent.

- **Single head families:** 5,515 below two years ago in February 2001, a drop of 12.0%.
- **Two parent families:** increased by 4 or 0.2 percent from February 2001.

### **FOOD STAMP PROGRAM**

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

As of report month of February 2003, 143,403 households participated in the Food Stamp Program.

- **TANF:** 31,020 households with 95,537 persons.
- **Other low income:** 112,383 households with 207,969 persons.
- **Total persons:** 303,506, including 149,327 adults and 154,179 children
- **By County:** 54.1 percent of the households were in:
 

Essex	29,236
Hudson	20,412
Passaic	15,075
Camden	12,839

Two years ago in February 2001, 134,286 households participated in Food Stamps in New Jersey. Over the next two years the number increased by 9,117 or 6.8 percent, to 143,403 by February 2003.

- **TANF(FS)** households steadily declined by 3,625 from 34,645 in February 2001 to 31,020 two years later. There were 99,641 **Other Low Income** households in February 2001 and 12,742 more two years later.
- **Total FS Recipients:** were 291,739 in February 2001, and increased to 303,506 by February 2003, an increase of 11,767, or 4.0 percent.
- **Adult FS Recipients:** increased from 143,600 in February 2001 to 149,327 in February 2003, an increase of 5,727 (4.0 percent).
- **Recipient FS Children:** increased by 6,040 (4.1 percent), from 148,139 in February 2001 to 154,179 in February 2003.

## **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

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

In February 2003 Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for 2,702 eligible TANF families and 512 SSI recipients in New Jersey. For TANF families this included payments for:

- **Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)** for 485 families
- **Motel** placements for 461 families and **emergency shelter** placements for 445 families
- **All other TANF-EA** for 1,311 families (including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing and food allowance, or transitional housing)
- 738 families in **Essex County**, 374 in **Mercer County**, 200 in **Monmouth County**, 181 in **Passaic**.

In the past two years, the number of EA payments for TANF families increased from 1,804 in February 2001 to 2,702 in February 2003.

- TRA payments were 17.9 % of the total EA Families in February 2003.
- Motel payments were up from two years ago.; 289 to 461.

## **TANF PARTICIPATION RATES**

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(Table 8, Graph 8)

The TANF participation rate for February 2003 was 34.21% for the State as a whole. This is an increase of 1.7 percentage points from January 2003.

Participation rates by county:

- Nine counties had a participation rate greater than 40 percent: Bergen, Burlington, Cape May, Mercer, Monmouth, Morris, Salem, Somerset, and Warren.

## **GENERAL ASSISTANCE**

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(Table 9, Graph 9)

There were 28,432 GA recipients in January 2003, up from 24,458 in January 2002.

- There were 15,818 Employable GA and 12,614 Unemployable GA recipients in January 2003.

## **CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY**

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(Table 10)

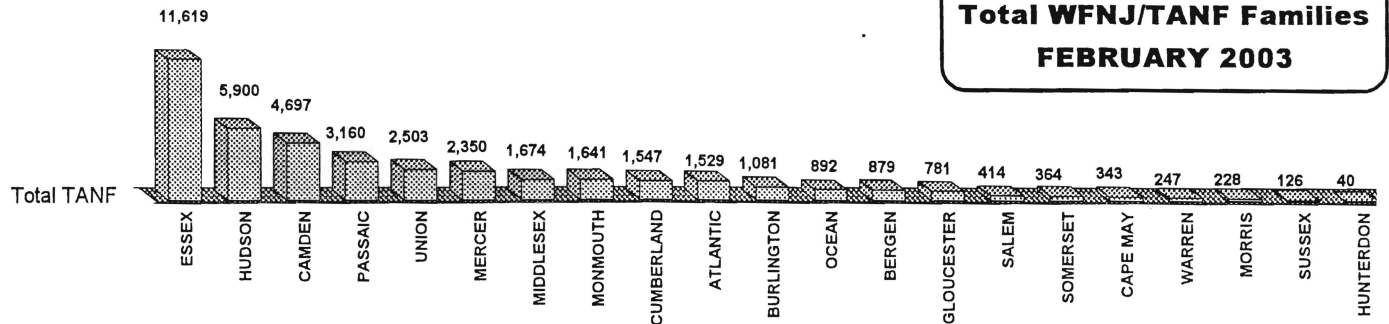
For FFY 2003, the total collection of the Child Support and Paternity Program was \$216,015,904, an increase of over 11 percent over the same period for FFY 2002.

**Table 1**  
**WFNJ/TANF**  
**PROGRAM**

**NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS DURING REPORT MONTH, AND**  
**NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING WFNJ/TANF FOR THE REPORT MONTH**

**FEBRUARY 2003**

County	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total WFNJ/TANF
ATLANTIC	126	139	1,478	51	1,529
BERGEN	81	81	803	76	879
BURLINGTON	121	129	1,027	54	1,081
CAMDEN	352	314	4,492	205	4,697
CAPE MAY	51	37	307	36	343
CUMBERLAND	105	123	1,449	98	1,547
ESSEX	913	1,177	11,317	302	11,619
GLOUCESTER	91	67	747	34	781
HUDSON	304	364	5,673	227	5,900
HUNTERDON	2	8	39	1	40
MERCER	196	203	2,268	82	2,350
MIDDLESEX	174	159	1,616	58	1,674
MONMOUTH	151	124	1,579	62	1,641
MORRIS	33	26	211	17	228
OCEAN	103	82	845	47	892
PASSAIC	196	246	3,033	127	3,160
SALEM	27	31	397	17	414
SOMERSET	40	34	354	10	364
SUSSEX	21	14	119	7	126
UNION	174	206	2,424	79	2,503
WARREN	17	21	219	28	247
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>3,278</b>	<b>3,585</b>	<b>40,397</b>	<b>1,618</b>	<b>42,015</b>



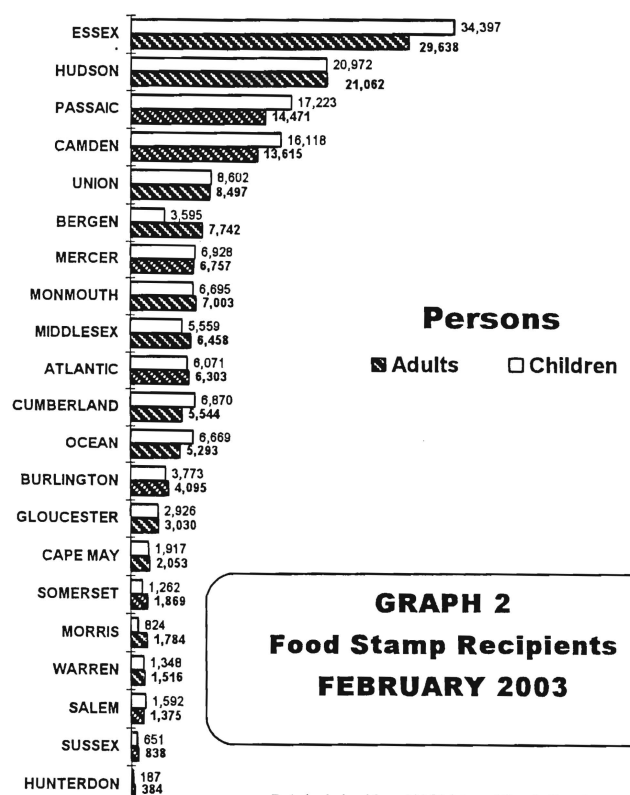
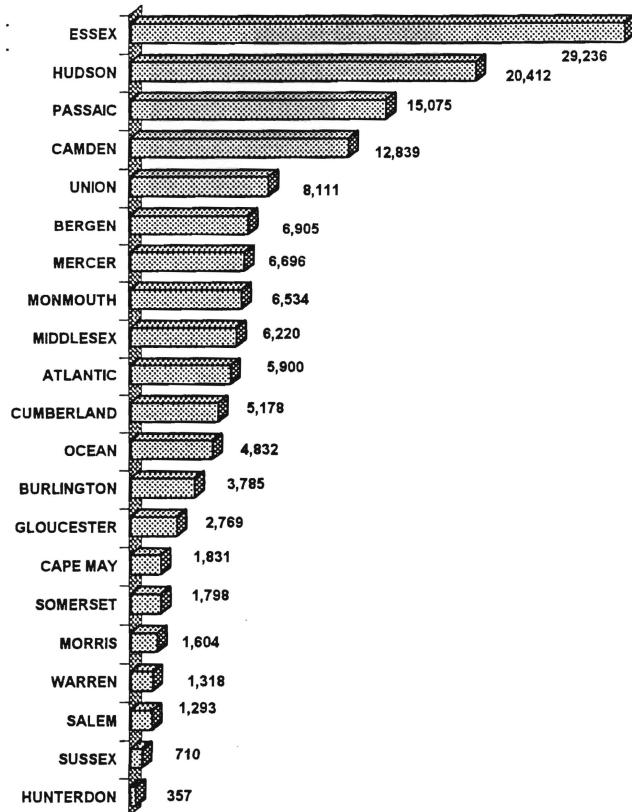
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**Table 2** NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS AND CHILDREN FOR THE REPORT MONTH

**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM**

**FEBRUARY 2003**

County	HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS				
	WFNJ/TANF	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	WFNJ/TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
ATLANTIC	970	4,930	5,900	12,374	2,974	9,400	6,303	6,071
BERGEN	616	6,289	6,905	11,337	1,731	9,606	7,742	3,595
BURLINGTON	607	3,178	3,785	7,868	1,853	6,015	4,095	3,773
CAMDEN	3,295	9,544	12,839	29,733	10,626	19,107	13,615	16,118
CAPE MAY	251	1,580	1,831	3,970	778	3,192	2,053	1,917
CUMBERLAND	1,118	4,060	5,178	12,414	3,510	8,904	5,544	6,870
ESSEX	9,240	19,996	29,236	64,035	28,622	35,413	29,638	34,397
GLOUCESTER	518	2,251	2,769	5,956	1,594	4,362	3,030	2,926
HUDSON	4,646	15,766	20,412	42,034	13,825	28,209	21,062	20,972
HUNTERDON	21	336	357	571	61	510	384	187
MERCER	1,687	5,009	6,696	13,685	5,160	8,525	6,757	6,928
MIDDLESEX	1,216	5,004	6,220	12,017	3,461	8,556	6,458	5,559
MONMOUTH	1,244	5,290	6,534	13,698	3,900	9,798	7,003	6,695
MORRIS	144	1,460	1,604	2,608	420	2,188	1,784	824
OCEAN	603	4,229	4,832	11,962	1,844	10,118	5,293	6,669
PASSAIC	2,399	12,676	15,075	31,694	7,473	24,221	14,471	17,223
SALEM	283	1,010	1,293	2,967	886	2,081	1,375	1,592
SOMERSET	204	1,594	1,798	3,131	613	2,518	1,869	1,262
SUSSEX	79	631	710	1,489	229	1,260	838	651
UNION	1,703	6,408	8,111	17,099	5,400	11,699	8,497	8,602
WARREN	176	1,142	1,318	2,864	577	2,287	1,516	1,348
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>31,020</b>	<b>112,383</b>	<b>143,403</b>	<b>303,506</b>	<b>95,537</b>	<b>207,969</b>	<b>149,327</b>	<b>154,179</b>



**GRAPH 2**  
**Food Stamp Recipients**  
**FEBRUARY 2003**

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

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

County	WFNJ/TANF Families Receiving Emergency Assistance					SSI Receipts Receiving EA*
	TOTAL WFNJ/TANF-EA	Temporary Rental Assist.	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other WFNJ/TANF-EA	
ATLANTIC	85	2	39	11	33	19
BERGEN	103	14	22	23	44	77
BURLINGTON	59	1	12	30	16	23
CAMDEN	125	22	31	23	49	21
CAPE MAY	35	13	11	0	11	13
CUMBERLAND	31	1	4	6	20	9
ESSEX	738	147	38	225	328	61
GLOUCESTER	27	8	8	2	9	10
HUDSON	267	41	39	18	169	10
HUNTERDON	2	0	0	0	2	3
MERCER	374	186	20	1	167	47
MIDDLESEX	143	9	13	24	97	51
MONMOUTH	200	12	107	0	81	25
MORRIS	7	0	2	4	1	9
OCEAN	80	7	51	8	14	27
PASSAIC	181	1	6	26	148	53
SALEM	66	7	17	2	40	9
SOMERSET	29	0	4	14	11	24
SUSSEX	18	3	4	3	8	4
UNION	124	10	30	24	60	15
WARREN	8	1	3	1	3	2
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>2,702</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>512</b>

\*SSI-EA now includes pay code 24

**GRAPH 3**  
**WFNJ/TANF Families Receiving**  
**Emergency Assistance**  
**FEBRUARY 2003**

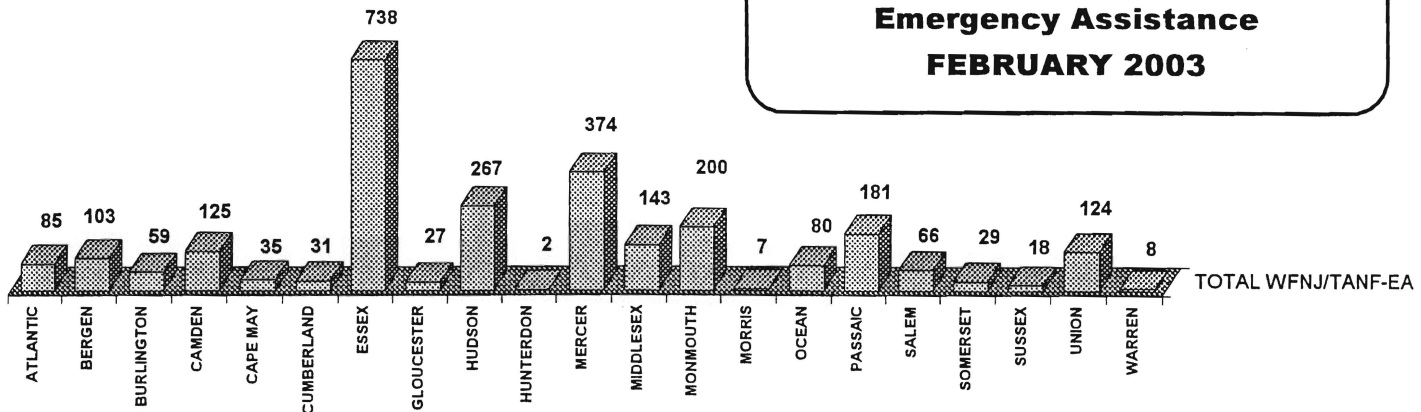


Table 4

## WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY STATISTICAL SUMMARY

## WFNJ

FEBRUARY 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	683	2	162	19	100	96	142	49	251
BERGEN	422	44	214	175	95	99	107	19	149
BURLINGTON	481	87	65	180	125	91	157	38	216
CAMDEN	2,463	553	498	134	452	449	624	100	642
CAPE MAY	150	19	23	54	38	12	31	5	46
CUMBERLAND	715	6	266	171	86	60	117	22	188
ESSEX	7,024	199	2,301	523	1,435	1,420	1,528	125	858
GLOUCESTER	366	23	38	38	50	44	6	11	124
HUDSON	3,219	39	1,791	415	614	711	810	121	707
HUNTERDON	14	3	0	6	3	1	0	2	17
MERCER	1,300	86	811	144	222	246	206	54	272
MIDDLESEX	757	0	177	157	159	77	152	35	193
MONMOUTH	914	12	575	68	200	235	348	33	259
MORRIS	90	66	21	17	22	23	22	2	52
OCEAN	359	35	52	100	54	62	55	18	180
PASSAIC	1,724	50	943	139	240	236	430	54	302
SALEM	219	77	51	40	36	38	106	8	65
SOMERSET	166	18	35	58	43	23	27	10	82
SUSSEX	55	32	1	35	12	11	3	4	34
UNION	1,217	10	736	175	139	189	349	38	261
WARREN	140	1	102	8	26	9	15	8	26
STATE	22,478	1,362	8,862	2,656	4,151	4,132	5,235	756	4,924

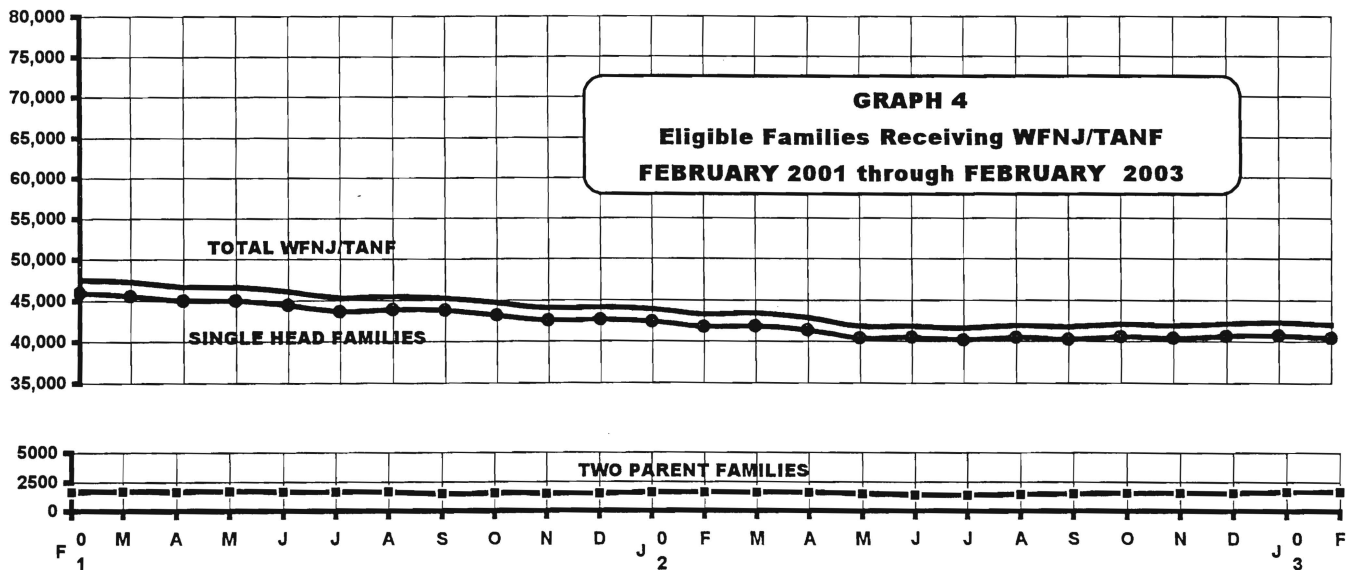
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**Table 5**  
**WFNJ/TANF**  
**PROGRAM**

**NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS DURING REPORT MONTH, AND**  
**NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING WFNJ/TANF FOR THE REPORT MONTH**

**FEBRUARY 2001 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2003**

	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total WFNJ/TANF
<b>2001</b> FEB	3,581	3,597	45,912	1,614	47,526
MAR	3,961	4,422	45,581	1,665	47,246
APR	3,545	4,099	44,958	1,657	46,615
MAY	3,588	4,017	44,960	1,659	46,619
JUN	4,239	4,887	44,426	1,644	46,070
JUL	3,568	3,862	43,676	1,642	45,318
AUG	4,674	4,618	43,898	1,604	45,502
SEP	3,575	4,096	43,207	1,459	44,666
OCT	4,118	4,515	43,147	1,496	44,643
NOV	3,692	3,694	42,572	1,482	44,054
DEC	3,792	3,982	42,615	1,483	44,098
<b>2001 AVERAGE</b>	<b>3,848</b>	<b>4,163</b>	<b>44,087</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>45,669</b>
<b>2002</b> 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
DEC	3,945	3,047	40,631	1,527	42,158
<b>2002 AVERAGE</b>	<b>4,192</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>40,894</b>	<b>1,495</b>	<b>42,389</b>
<b>2003</b> JAN	3,706	3,542	40,719	1,603	42,322
FEB	3,278	3,585	40,397	1,618	42,015
<b>2003 AVERAGE</b>	<b>3,492</b>	<b>3,564</b>	<b>40,558</b>	<b>1,611</b>	<b>42,169</b>

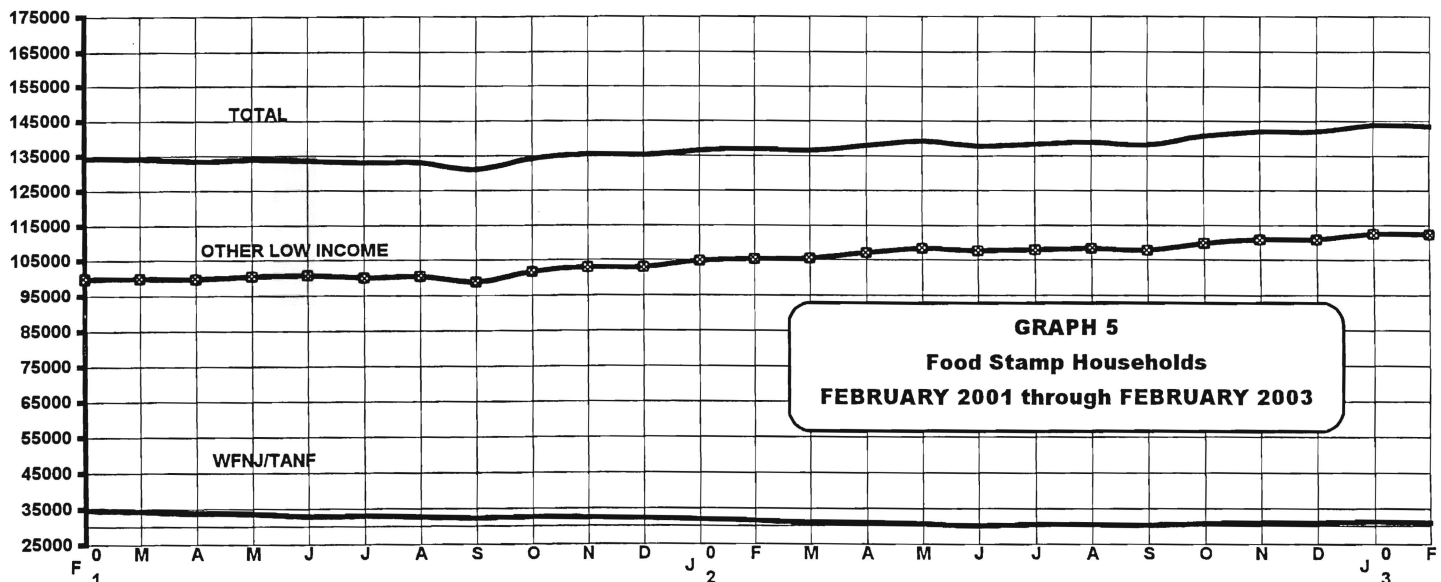


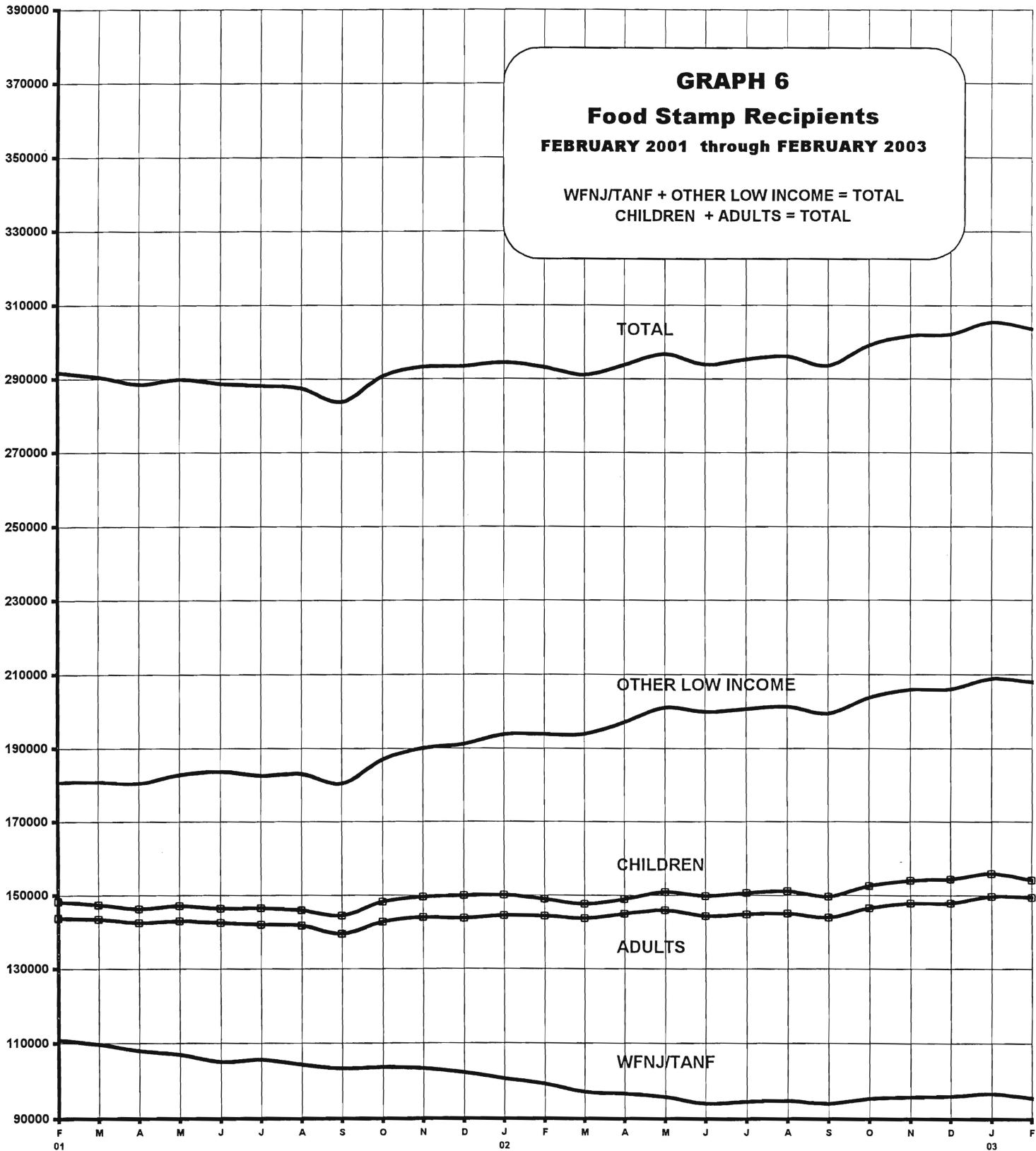
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**Table 6  
FOOD STAMP  
PROGRAM**

**NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS  
AND CHILDREN FOR THE REPORT MONTH  
FEBRUARY 2001 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2003**

		HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS				
		WFNJ/TANF	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	WFNJ/TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
2001	FEB	34,645	99,641	134,286	291,739	110,908	180,831	143,600	148,139
	MAR	34,300	99,817	134,117	290,519	109,606	180,913	143,294	147,225
	APR	33,764	99,643	133,407	288,516	107,963	180,553	142,389	146,127
	MAY	33,526	100,398	133,924	289,820	107,006	182,814	142,858	146,962
	JUN	32,870	100,720	133,590	288,667	104,982	183,685	142,368	146,299
	JUL	33,035	100,080	133,115	288,205	105,542	182,663	141,811	146,394
	AUG	32,635	100,437	133,072	287,409	104,260	183,149	141,585	145,824
	SEP	32,318	98,729	131,047	283,732	103,226	180,506	139,427	144,305
	OCT	32,548	101,588	134,136	290,663	103,684	186,979	142,571	148,092
	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
	<b>2001 AVERAGE</b>		<b>33,116</b>	<b>100,627</b>	<b>133,742</b>	<b>289,623</b>	<b>105,690</b>	<b>183,933</b>	<b>142,480</b>
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	301,641	95,829	205,812	147,684	153,957
	DEC	31,056	110,874	141,930	302,035	96,061	205,974	147,681	154,354
<b>2002 AVERAGE</b>		<b>30,860</b>	<b>107,843</b>	<b>138,703</b>	<b>295,795</b>	<b>96,167</b>	<b>199,628</b>	<b>145,152</b>	<b>150,643</b>
2003	JAN	31,298	112,495	143,793	305,407	96,672	208,735	149,615	155,792
	FEB	31,020	112,383	143,403	303,506	95,537	207,969	149,327	154,179
<b>2003 AVERAGE</b>		<b>31,159</b>	<b>112,439</b>	<b>143,598</b>	<b>304,457</b>	<b>96,105</b>	<b>208,352</b>	<b>149,471</b>	<b>154,986</b>





**Table 7**

**NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS**

**TANF**

(UNDUPLICATED CASES)

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

**FEBRUARY 2001 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2003**

	Total Families Receiving EA	Temporary Rental Assistance	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA
<b>2001</b>					
FEB	1,804	226	289	354	935
MAR	2,052	241	337	356	1,118
APR	1,843	228	325	270	1,020
MAY	2,133	236	328	412	1,157
JUN	2,102	232	388	371	1,131
JUL	2,188	269	305	394	1,220
AUG	2,347	245	396	418	1,288
SEP	2,174	244	357	454	1,119
OCT	2,636	246	422	474	1,494
NOV	2,327	268	356	479	1,224
DEC	2,543	298	452	432	1,361
<b>2001 AVERAGE</b>	<b>2,195</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>1,188</b>
<b>2002</b>					
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	389	482	422	1,715
DEC	3,169	436	577	450	1,706
<b>2002 AVERAGE</b>	<b>2,826</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>1,525</b>
<b>2003</b>					
JAN	3,301	470	612	496	1,723
FEB	2,702	485	461	445	1,311
<b>2003 AVERAGE</b>	<b>3,002</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>1,517</b>

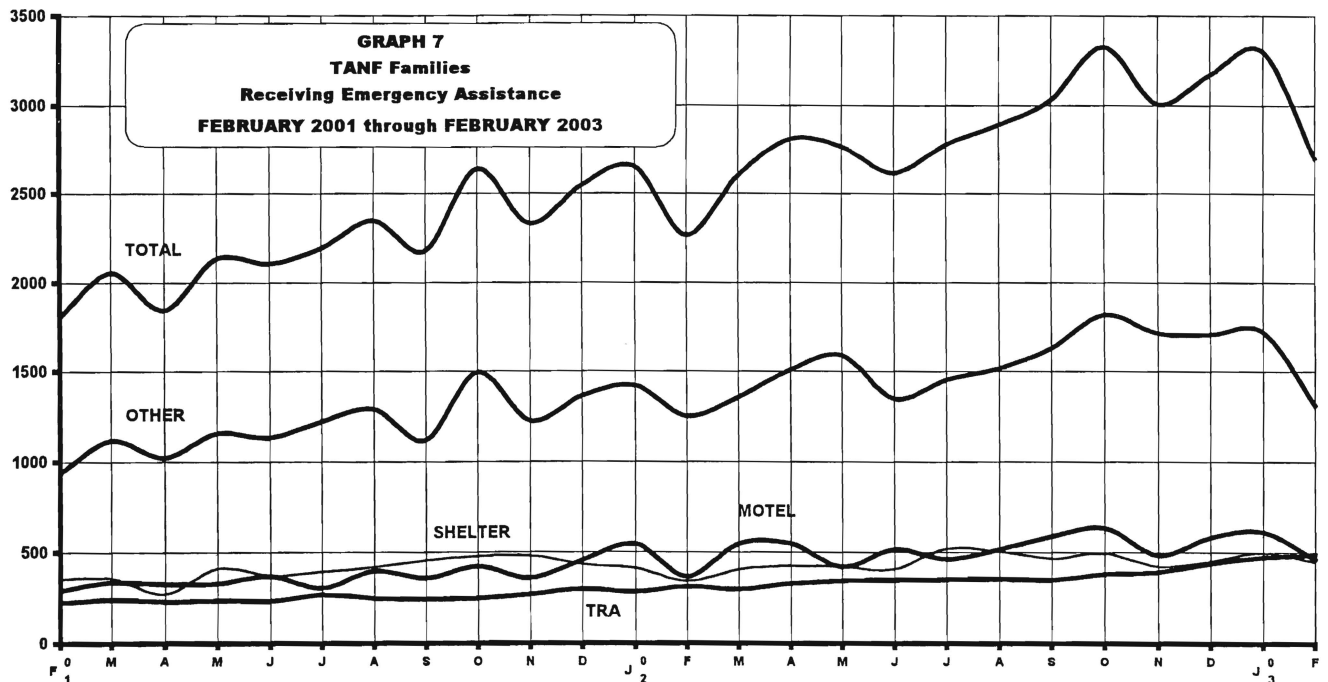


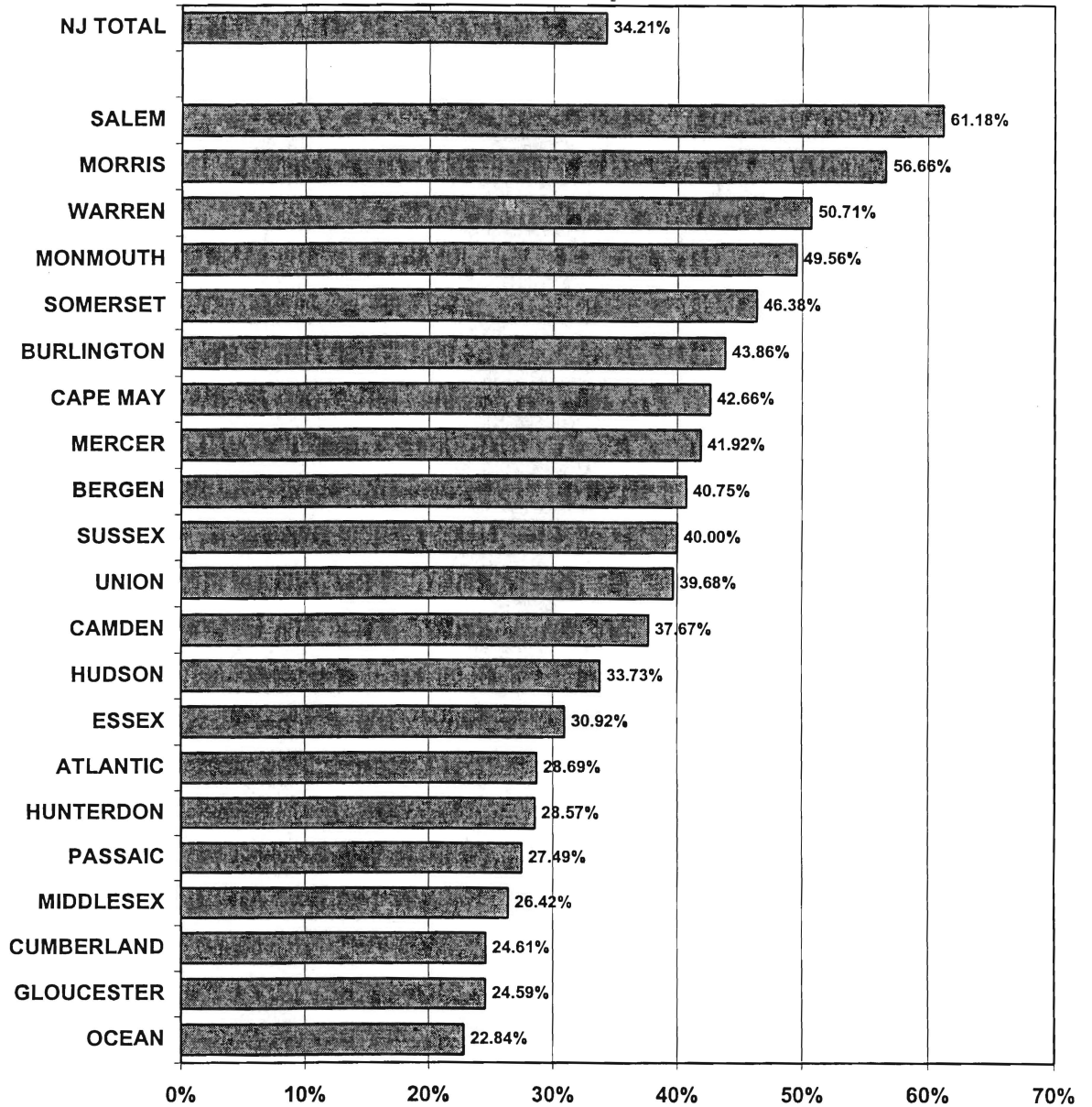
Table 8

<b>TANF PARTICIPATION RATES</b>			
<b>DECEMBER 2002 - FEBRUARY 2003</b>			
County	December	January	February
ATLANTIC	25.76%	27.60%	28.69%
BERGEN	33.81%	37.56%	40.75%
BURLINGTON	33.05%	34.76%	43.86%
CAMDEN	35.97%	34.47%	37.67%
CAPE MAY	35.76%	40.13%	42.66%
CUMBERLAND	20.86%	23.03%	24.61%
ESSEX	32.79%	28.83%	30.92%
GLOUCESTER	20.23%	20.39%	24.59%
HUDSON	34.52%	34.64%	33.73%
HUNTERDON	25.00%	12.50%	28.57%
MERCER	44.00%	42.09%	41.92%
MIDDLESEX	24.17%	22.36%	26.42%
MONMOUTH	40.56%	45.49%	49.56%
MORRIS	55.95%	54.65%	56.66%
OCEAN	22.25%	21.56%	22.84%
PASSAIC	28.16%	30.93%	27.49%
SALEM	49.75%	50.67%	61.18%
SOMERSET	42.59%	49.38%	46.38%
SUSSEX	50.00%	43.13%	40.00%
UNION	34.89%	35.99%	39.68%
WARREN	48.64%	47.68%	50.71%
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>33.32%</b>	<b>32.51%</b>	<b>34.21%</b>

Graph 8

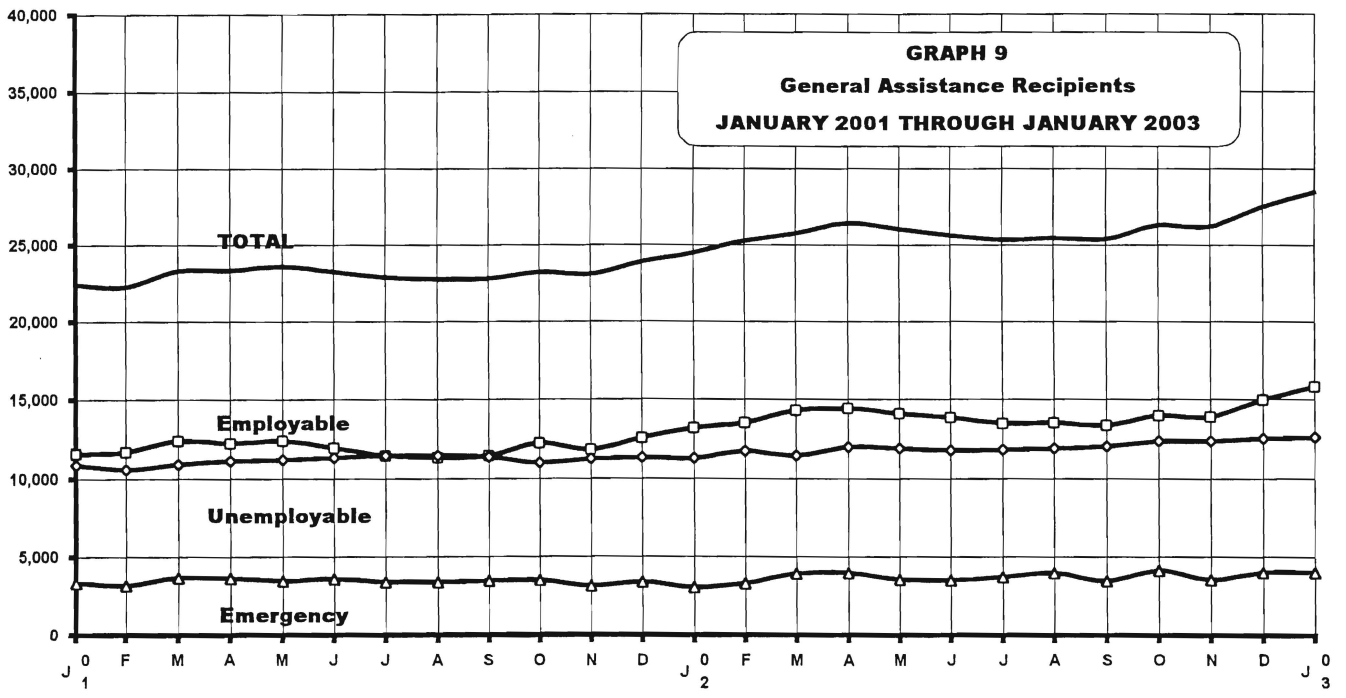
TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

FEBRUARY 2003



**TABLE 9** NUMBER OF EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS  
**GENERAL** AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS DURING REPORT MONTH  
**ASSISTANCE** JANUARY 2001 THROUGH JANUARY 2003  
**PROGRAM**

	All Persons Aided			Emergency Assistance Payments		
	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assistance	Other GA-EA	Total
2001 JAN	11,572	10,851	22,423	1,426	1,881	3,307
FEB	11,664	10,573	22,237	1,472	1,688	3,160
MAR	12,395	10,891	23,286	1,589	2,076	3,665
APR	12,216	11,107	23,323	1,506	2,098	3,604
MAY	12,404	11,165	23,569	1,472	1,996	3,468
JUN	11,948	11,294	23,242	1,535	2,027	3,562
JUL	11,436	11,428	22,864	1,421	1,949	3,370
AUG	11,320	11,427	22,747	1,397	1,989	3,386
SEP	11,444	11,354	22,798	1,365	2,084	3,449
OCT	12,218	10,979	23,197	1,360	2,118	3,478
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	12,331	26,211	1,595	1,935	3,530
DEC	14,963	12,510	27,473	1,645	2,363	4,008
2002 AVERAGE	13,883	11,916	25,799	1,530	2,132	3,662
2003 JAN	15,818	12,614	28,432	1,712	2,293	4,005



**TABLE 10****CHILD SUPPORT  
AND PATERNITY****CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY COLLECTIONS****State Summary****Comparison of FFY 2002 and FFY 2003**

<b>COLLECTION SOURCE</b>	<b>10/01-12/01</b>	<b>10/02-12/02</b>	<b>% change</b>
Federal Tax	\$2,129,651	\$1,028,175	-51.72%
State Tax	2,646,111	1,893,977	-28.42%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	6,044,612	9,935,747	64.37%
Income Withholding	129,809,780	145,592,934	12.16%
From Other States	9,556,191	10,946,477	14.55%
Other/Own Behalf	44,192,719	46,618,594	5.49%
Admin Enforce			
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$194,379,064</b>	<b>\$216,015,904</b>	<b>11.13%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION*</b>	<b>\$187,321,329</b>	<b>\$207,260,594</b>	<b>10.64%</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).

**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****JANUARY 2003**

County	Employable	Total Persons Aided		Emergency Assistance Payments		
		Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assist.	Other GA-EA	Total
ATLANTIC	762	633	1,395	72	37	109
BERGEN	428	584	1,012	107	70	177
BURLINGTON	319	407	726	24	76	100
CAMDEN	1,370	1,392	2,762	120	182	302
CAPE MAY	209	151	360	36	48	84
CUMBERLAND	792	531	1,323	0	36	36
ESSEX	3,919	1,725	5,644	290	602	892
GLOUCESTER	304	333	637	4	58	62
HUDSON	1,872	1,526	3,398	233	178	411
HUNTERDON	68	72	140	8	31	39
MERCER	1,407	1,015	2,422	173	309	482
MIDDLESEX	382	549	931	61	108	169
MONMOUTH	462	580	1,042	141	169	310
MORRIS	110	167	277	8	19	27
OCEAN	311	435	746	30	30	60
PASSAIC	1,592	1,192	2,784	219	107	326
SALEM	174	193	367	6	63	69
SOMERSET	129	120	249	32	41	73
SUSSEX	64	78	142	16	37	53
UNION	1,022	846	1,868	85	73	158
WARREN	122	85	207	47	19	66
TOTAL NJ	15,818	12,614	28,432	1,712	2,293	4,005

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit

**TABLE 12**

**CHILD SUPPORT  
AND PATERNITY**

**NUMBER OF CASES REMAINING OPEN  
QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 2002**

	CASES WITH ORDERS			OTHER CASES (1)		TOTAL TANF AND FOSTER CARE	TOTAL NON- TANF	TOTAL ALL CASES
	TANF AND FOSTER CARE	TANF AND FOSTER CARE ARREARS (2)	NON- TANF	TANF AND FOSTER CARE	NON- TANF			
Atlantic	1,085	3,327	8,365	1,313	1,519	5,725	9,884	15,609
Bergen	534	1,616	9,300	524	972	2,674	10,272	12,946
Burlington	839	3,169	10,785	803	1,519	4,811	12,304	17,115
Camden	4,129	13,141	20,187	3,275	4,652	20,545	24,839	45,384
Cape May	226	1,008	2,900	138	177	1,372	3,077	4,449
Cumberland	1,546	5,718	8,932	325	487	7,589	9,419	17,008
Essex	6,297	15,936	30,697	13,012	6,840	35,245	37,537	72,782
Gloucester	587	2,470	6,745	360	814	3,417	7,559	10,976
Hudson	3,054	8,344	19,793	4,216	5,175	15,614	24,968	40,582
Hunterdon	54	216	1,366	36	69	306	1,435	1,741
Mercer	2,359	5,976	11,117	2,053	1,785	10,388	12,902	23,290
Middlesex	1,177	4,589	13,802	1,488	2,291	7,254	16,093	23,347
Monmouth	1,700	4,924	11,323	1,165	1,944	7,789	13,267	21,056
Morris	223	644	4,620	147	312	1,014	4,932	5,946
Ocean	919	3,653	10,544	856	1,339	5,428	11,883	17,311
Passaic	2,634	5,888	15,103	2,743	2,942	11,265	18,045	29,310
Salem	512	1,670	2,889	179	148	2,361	3,037	5,398
Somerset	335	852	4,208	247	317	1,434	4,525	5,959
Sussex	177	363	1,882	76	147	616	2,029	2,645
Union	1,714	6,512	16,262	2,727	4,642	10,953	20,904	31,857
Warren	270	899	2,350	119	108	1,288	2,458	3,746
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>30,371</b>	<b>90,915</b>	<b>213,170</b>	<b>35,802</b>	<b>38,199</b>	<b>157,088</b>	<b>251,369</b>	<b>408,457</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*