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TO Michele K. Guhl  
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Director



SUBJECT CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

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

- The TANF caseload continues to decline. Since January of 1999 there has been a decrease of 6.4%.
- Food Stamp households decreased approximately 1,400 from April 1999.
- Due to manual reporting from a number of municipalities, General Assistance recipient numbers are not as current as TANF and Food Stamp data. Recipient figures reported are for February 1999.

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

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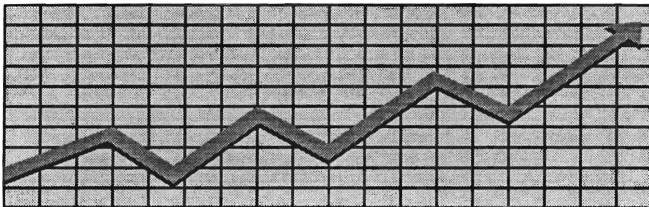
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# **CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS**



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

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May 1999

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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 May 1999, 59,581 eligible families in New Jersey were receiving TANF cash assistance:**

- **58,061 single head of household families**
- **1,520 two-parent families.**

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

**Essex — 18,745, Hudson — 10,120, Camden — 6,170, Passaic — 4,557, Union — 3,732**

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

- **35 families in Hunterdon County to 2,595 in Mercer County,**  
with eight counties below 1000 families

**Almost 600 fewer eligible TANF families were receiving cash assistance in May 1999 than in April 1999, with a decline of approximately 35,800, or 37 percent, compared to the number of families receiving cash assistance two years ago in May 1997.**

- **Single head families:** Approximately 600 fewer were eligible in May 1999 than in April 1999, and 32,400 below two years ago in May 1997, a drop of 36%.
- **Two parent families:** declined by nearly 3,400 or 69 percent from about 5,000 in May 1997.

### **FOOD STAMP PROGRAM**

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

**At the end of May 1999, over 154,000 households were authorized to participate in the Food Stamp Program.**

- **TANF:** about 50,300 households with 162,800 persons.
- **Other low income:** approximately 103,500 households with 181,700 persons.
- **Total persons 344,500,** including 165,500 adults and 179,000 children
- **By County: 58 percent of the households were in:**

<b>Essex</b>	<b>39,000</b>
<b>Hudson</b>	<b>21,900</b>
<b>Camden</b>	<b>14,400</b>
<b>Passaic</b>	<b>14,400</b>

Two years ago in May 1997, 198,962 households were authorized to participate in Food Stamps in New Jersey. Over the next two years the number declined by over 45,100, or 23 percent, to 153,840 by May 1999.

- **TANF(FS)** households steadily declined by almost **42,300** from about **92,600** in May 1997 to **50,300** two years later. There were approximately **106,400 Other Low Income** households in May 1997 and approximately **2,900** less two years later.
- **Total FS Recipients Authorized to Participate:** were **457,430** in May 1997, and declined to **344,474** by May 1999, a drop of **112,956, or 24.7 percent**.
- **Adult FS Recipients:** declined from about **219,000** in May 1997 to **165,500** in May 1999, a drop of **53,500 (24.4 percent)**.
- **Recipient FS Children:** declined by **59,400 (24.9 percent)**, from about **238,400** in May 1997 to **179,000** in May 1999.

## **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

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

In May 1999 Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for 1,853 eligible TANF families and 208 SSI recipients in New Jersey. For TANF families this included payments for:

- **Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)** for 309 families
- **Motel** placements for **224** families and **emergency shelter** placements for **235** families
- **All other TANF-EA** for **1,085** families (including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing and food allowance, or transitional housing)
- **629** families in **Essex** County, **265** in **Passaic** County, **155** in **Middlesex** County and **less than 150** TANF families in each of the other eighteen counties.

In the past two years, the average number of EA payments for TANF families was 3,547 in 1997 and 2,437 for 1998. Payments were made to 51% fewer families in May 1999 as compared to May 1997.

- TRA payments were **approximately 22%** of the number in May 1997 .
- Motel payments were **approximately equal to 90%** of the number two years ago.
- Emergency Shelter payments were **approximately equal to 79%** the number in May 1997.
- Other TANF-EA payments declined by approximately **40 percent** from **1,824** in May 1997.

For 1997 there were an average of 6,700 GA EA recipients, 5,600 for 1998 and 4,100 for the first two months of 1999. Of those, GA TRA payments were made to an average of 4,000 recipients in 1997, 3,300 in 1998 and 2,300 for the first two months of 1999.

## 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 26,016 GA recipients in February 1999. Total recipients were 30,881 in February 1997 and 27,562 in February 1998.

- There were **15,935 Employable GA** recipients in February 1999.
- With about **10,100** in February 1999, **Unemployable GA** recipients remained in the **10,000** to **11,000** range over the past two years.

## CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY

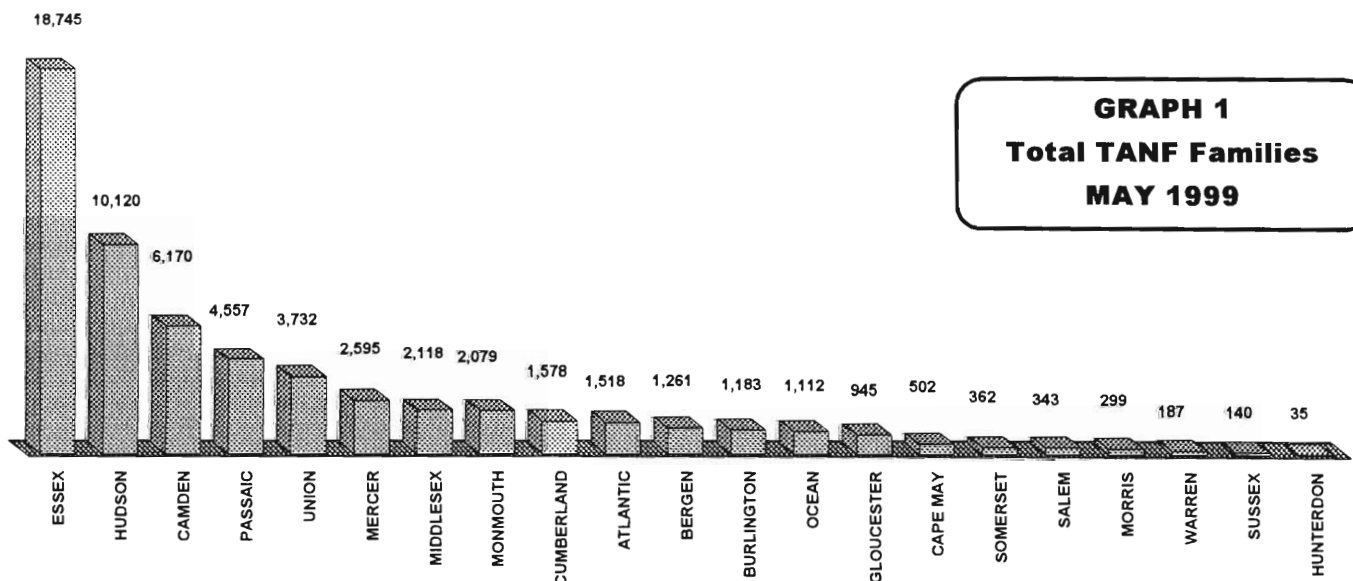
(Table 10)

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During FFY 1999, the total distribution of collections of the Child Support and Paternity Program was \$324 million, an increase of 9.1 percent over FFY 1998.

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

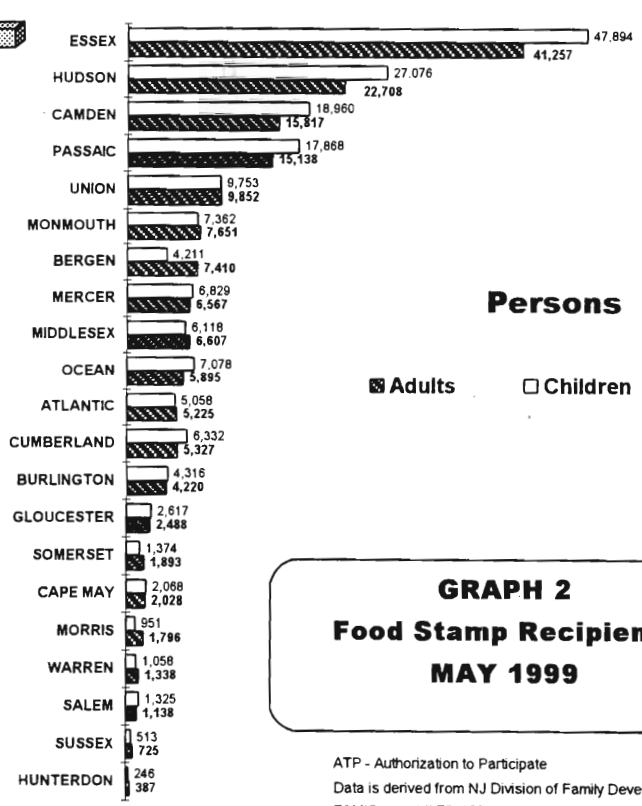
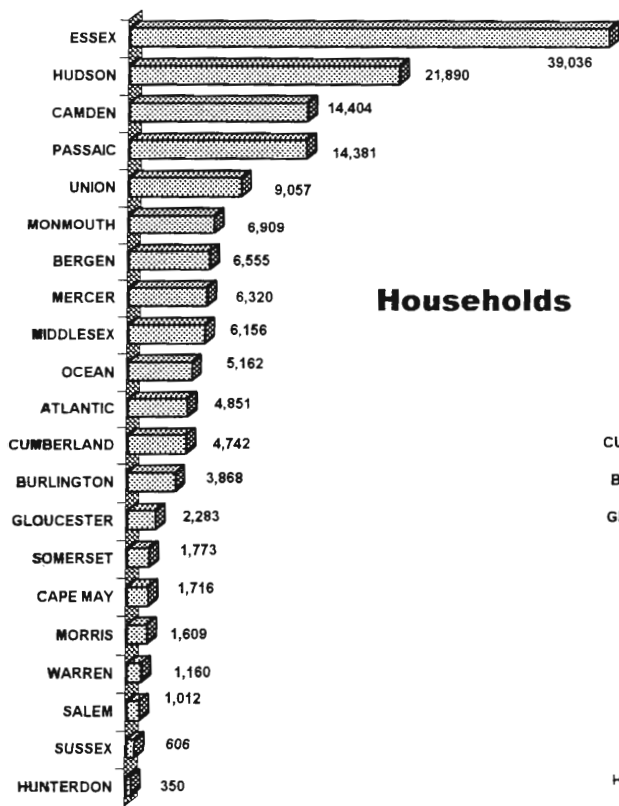
PROGRAM County	MAY 1999				
	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF
ATLANTIC	176	184	1,500	18	1,518
BERGEN	108	123	1,194	67	1,261
BURLINGTON	171	225	1,159	24	1,183
CAMDEN	561	751	5,963	207	6,170
CAPE MAY	67	104	456	46	502
CUMBERLAND	218	288	1,488	90	1,578
ESSEX	1,135	1,206	18,554	191	18,745
GLOUCESTER	132	177	912	33	945
HUDSON	549	697	9,792	328	10,120
HUNTERDON	7	10	34	1	35
MERCER	243	341	2,548	47	2,595
MIDDLESEX	241	317	2,030	88	2,118
MONMOUTH	161	210	2,044	35	2,079
MORRIS	31	46	293	6	299
OCEAN	152	167	1,045	67	1,112
PASSAIC	437	440	4,361	196	4,557
SALEM	81	92	339	4	343
SOMERSET	64	83	349	13	362
SUSSEX	27	11	138	2	140
UNION	311	362	3,686	46	3,732
WARREN	24	43	176	11	187
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>4,896</b>	<b>5,877</b>	<b>58,061</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>59,581</b>



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

**Table 2** NUMBER OF ATP'S ISSUED TO HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH  
**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM** MAY 1999

County	HOUSEHOLDS			TOTAL	PERSONS			
	TANF	Other low income	TOTAL		TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
ATLANTIC	1,062	3,789	4,851	10,283	3,612	6,671	5,225	5,058
BERGEN	1,070	5,485	6,555	11,621	3,204	8,417	7,410	4,211
BURLINGTON	860	3,008	3,868	8,536	2,755	5,781	4,220	4,316
CAMDEN	5,185	9,219	14,404	34,777	17,657	17,120	15,817	18,960
CAPE MAY	364	1,352	1,716	4,096	1,213	2,883	2,028	2,068
CUMBERLAND	1,358	3,384	4,742	11,659	4,545	7,114	5,327	6,332
ESSEX	16,468	22,568	39,036	89,151	52,876	36,275	41,257	47,894
GLOUCESTER	631	1,652	2,283	5,105	1,989	3,116	2,488	2,617
HUDSON	9,382	12,508	21,890	49,784	29,327	20,457	22,708	27,076
HUNTERDON	30	320	350	633	98	535	387	246
MERCER	1,990	4,330	6,320	13,396	6,319	7,077	6,567	6,829
MIDDLESEX	1,646	4,510	6,156	12,725	5,196	7,529	6,607	6,118
MONMOUTH	1,660	5,249	6,909	15,013	5,423	9,590	7,651	7,362
MORRIS	189	1,420	1,609	2,747	590	2,157	1,796	951
OCEAN	832	4,330	5,162	12,973	2,706	10,267	5,895	7,078
PASSAIC	3,956	10,425	14,381	33,006	13,285	19,721	15,138	17,868
SALEM	259	753	1,012	2,463	851	1,612	1,138	1,325
SOMERSET	294	1,479	1,773	3,267	936	2,331	1,893	1,374
SUSSEX	78	528	606	1,238	232	1,006	725	513
UNION	2,859	6,198	9,057	19,605	9,456	10,149	9,852	9,753
WARREN	165	995	1,160	2,396	545	1,851	1,338	1,058
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NJ TOTAL	50,338	103,502	153,840	344,474	162,815	181,659	165,467	179,007



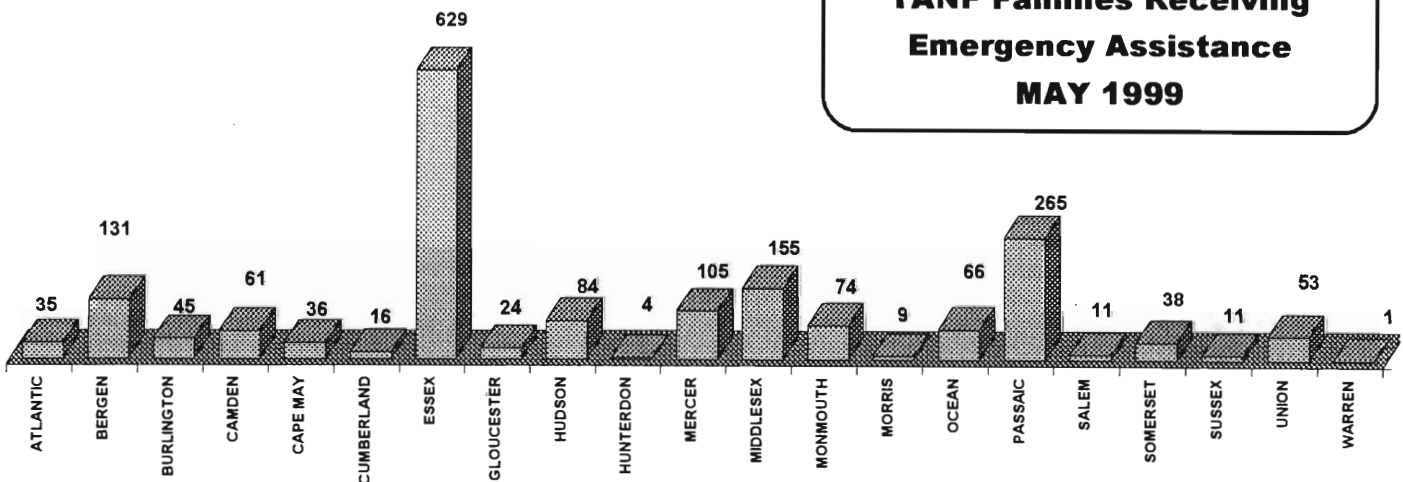
**GRAPH 2**  
**Food Stamp Recipients**  
**MAY 1999**

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

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

County	TANF Families Receiving Emergency Assistance					SSl Receipts Receiving EA
	TOTAL TANF-EA	Temporary Rental Assist.	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA	
ATLANTIC	35	1	0	6	28	7
BERGEN	131	23	24	33	51	26
BURLINGTON	45	1	0	26	18	4
CAMDEN	61	15	1	5	40	12
CAPE MAY	36	16	3	0	17	7
CUMBERLAND	16	0	1	5	10	6
ESSEX	629	186	89	71	283	9
GLOUCESTER	24	7	0	10	7	4
HUDSON	84	13	12	8	51	4
HUNTERDON	4	0	0	2	2	4
MERCER	105	28	11	2	64	19
MIDDLESEX	155	3	28	23	101	29
MONMOUTH	74	5	3	0	66	1
MORRIS	9	0	3	0	6	3
OCEAN	66	5	38	3	20	19
PASSAIC	265	0	1	12	252	43
SALEM	11	0	5	0	6	2
SOMERSET	38	0	1	13	24	3
SUSSEX	11	4	2	2	3	4
UNION	53	2	2	14	35	2
WARREN	1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>1,853</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>208</b>

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



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

**Table 4**  
**WFNJ****WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY STATISTICAL SUMMARY****MAY 1999**

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	*	1	190	71	**	168	176	66	313
BERGEN	*	15	290	121	**	150	142	32	226
BURLINGTON	*	149	147	233	**	156	185	63	358
CAMDEN	*	224	729	515	**	630	597	161	978
CAPE MAY	*	13	35	72	**	32	11	23	66
CUMBERLAND	*	3	572	632	**	196	266	77	340
ESSEX	*	601	4,317	2,859	**	1,880	3,485	165	642
GLOUCESTER	*	23	45	23	**	72	1	39	210
HUDSON	*	308	2,794	1,028	**	1,295	1,550	224	865
HUNTERDON	*	3	1	14	**	2	0	3	17
MERCER	*	55	235	557	**	327	218	88	442
MIDDLESEX	*	9	256	173	**	177	273	77	441
MONMOUTH	*	21	455	123	**	413	401	75	497
MORRIS	*	17	20	3	**	31	20	13	85
OCEAN	*	5	100	60	**	97	68	36	358
PASSAIC	*	110	2,108	246	**	538	842	81	340
SALEM	*	64	26	103	**	49	48	26	112
SOMERSET	*	24	28	51	**	46	45	21	112
SUSSEX	*	17	18	19	**	23	15	2	60
UNION	*	176	769	294	**	345	351	76	389
WARREN	*	24	61	3	**	16	5	16	35
STATE	*	1,862	13,196	7,200	**	6,643	8,699	1,364	6,886

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

\* Not yet updated \*\* Not available -- under revision

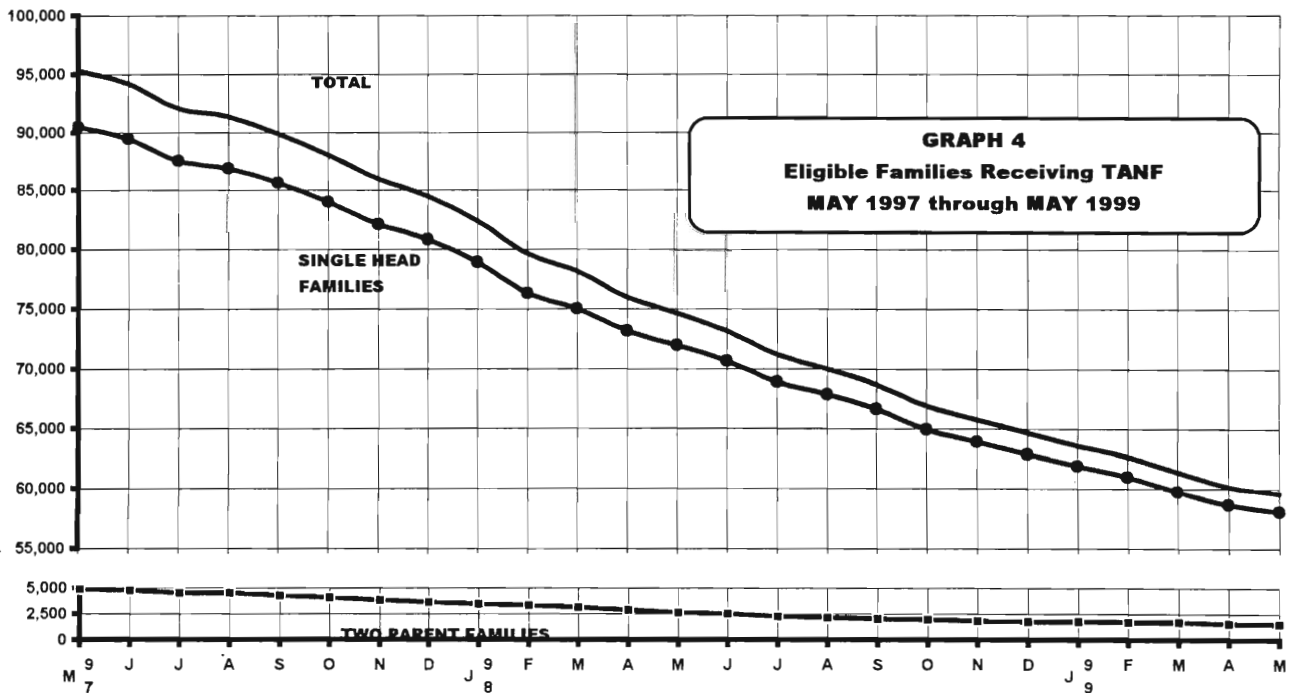
**Table 5  
TANF  
PROGRAM**

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

**MAY 1997 THROUGH MAY 1999**

	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF	Medicaid Only		
<b>1997</b>	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	
	<b>12 Mo AVERAGE</b>	<b>5,042</b>	<b>6,279</b>	<b>88,043</b>	<b>4,548</b>	<b>92,591</b>	<b>5,028</b>	
	<b>1998</b>	JAN	5,593	7,193	78,898	3,440	82,338	6,313
		FEB	4,311	6,924	76,295	3,304	79,599	6,561
		MAR	4,875	6,255	75,007	3,127	78,134	6,649
APR		5,646	7,696	73,118	2,862	75,980	6,795	
MAY		4,555	5,882	71,955	2,641	74,596	6,845	
JUN		4,815	6,156	70,658	2,480	73,138	6,893	
JUL		5,403	7,372	68,904	2,261	71,165	6,955	
AUG		5,262	6,536	67,846	2,153	69,999	6,969	
SEP		4,819	6,271	66,649	2,020	68,669	6,819	
OCT		4,337	6,282	64,988	1,922	66,910	6,714	
NOV		5,577	6,749	63,944	1,824	65,768	6,773	
DEC		4,812	6,105	62,921	1,755	64,676	6,684	
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>6,618</b>	<b>70,099</b>	<b>2,482</b>	<b>72,581</b>	<b>6,748</b>		
<b>1999</b>	JAN	4,697	5,832	61,894	1,732	63,626	6,583	
	FEB	4,369	5,497	60,974	1,711	62,685	6,484	
	MAR	4,254	5,454	59,760	1,659	61,419	6,642	
	APR	4,402	11,543*	58,633	1,540	60,173		
	MAY	4,896	5,877	58,061	1,520	59,581		
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>4,524</b>	<b>5,665</b>	<b>59,864</b>	<b>1,632</b>	<b>61,497</b>	<b>6,570</b>	

\* During March FAMIS mass change 6600 cases previously identified as Medicaid only are now shown as terminated due to delinking of Medicaid and TANF.

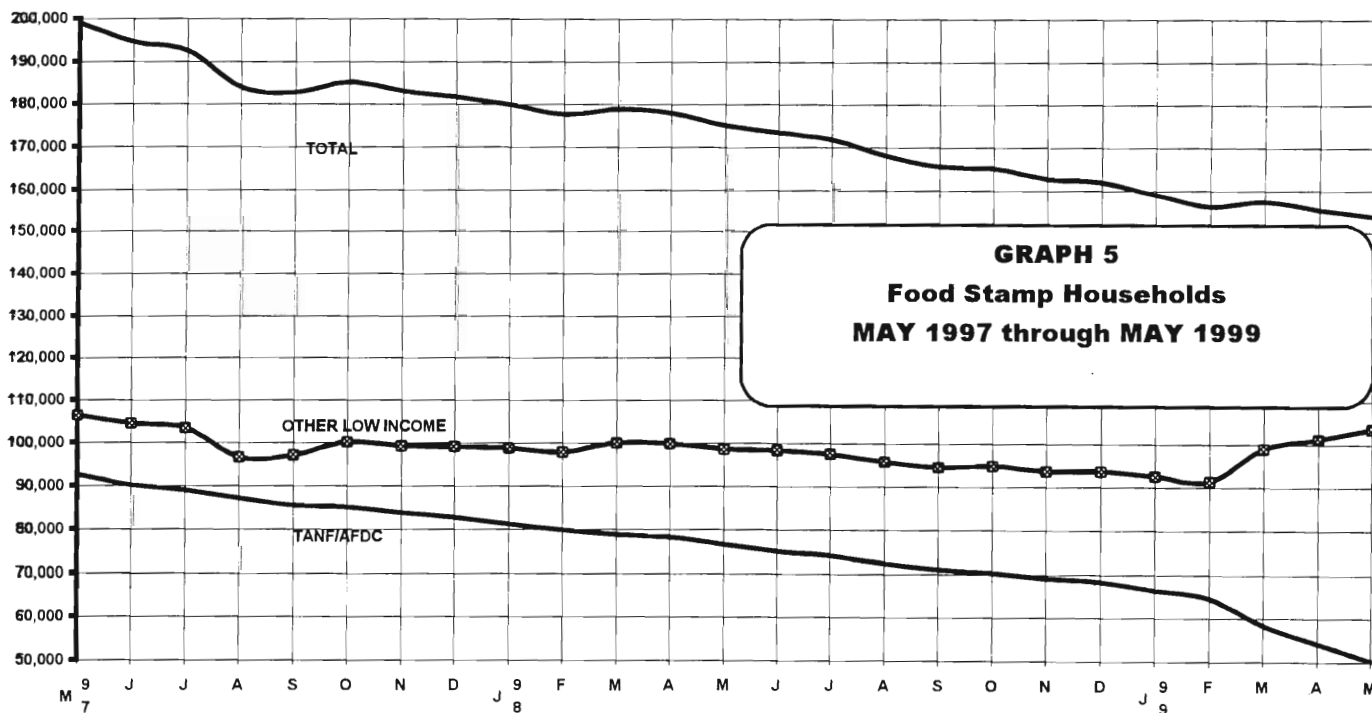


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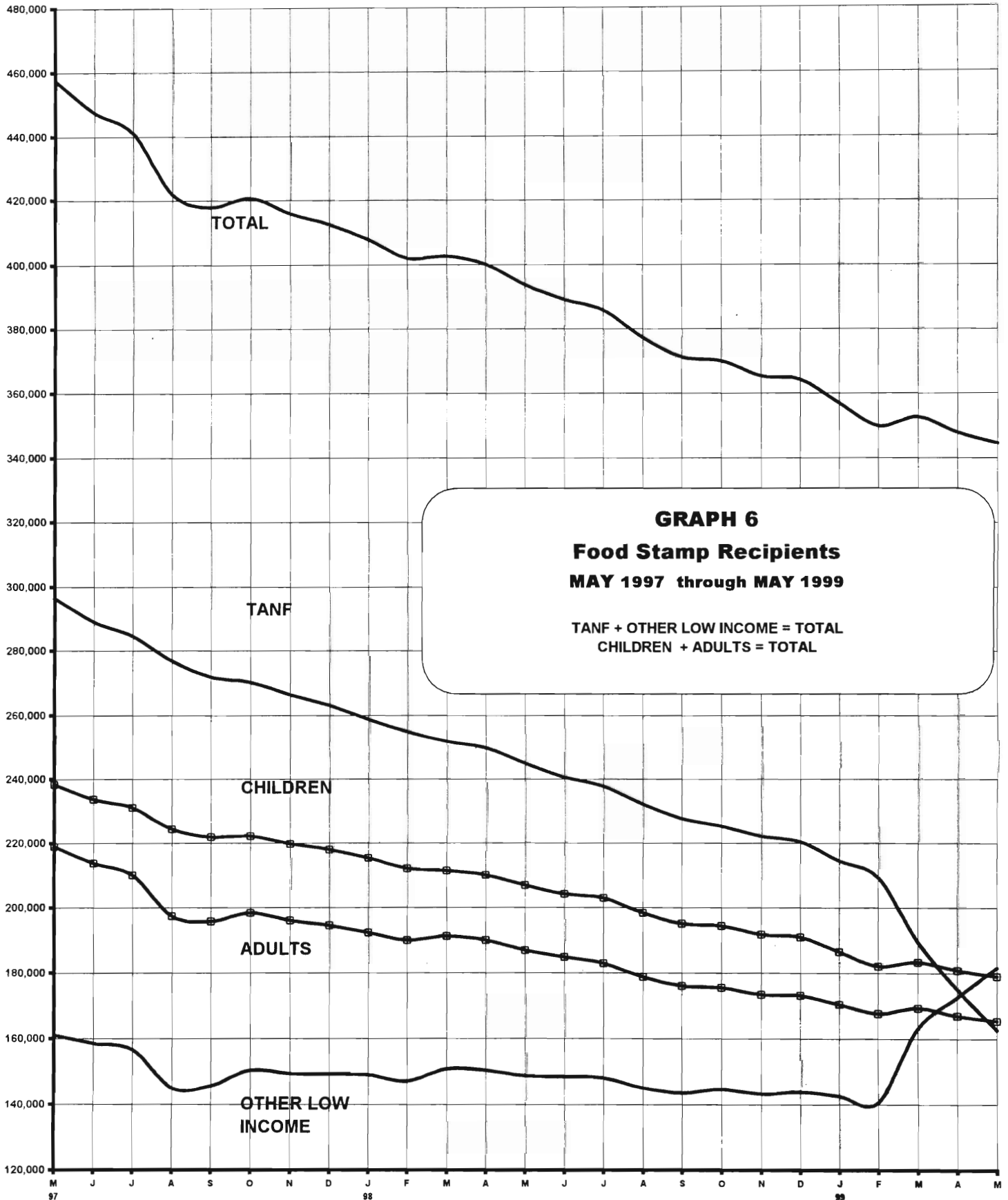
**Table 6**  
**FOOD STAMP**  
**PROGRAM**

**NUMBER OF ATP'S ISSUED TO HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS**  
**AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH**  
**MAY 1997 THROUGH MAY 1999**

	HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS				
	TANF	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
<b>1997</b>								
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
12 MO AVERAGE	89,886	103,185	193,071	442,475	286,617	155,858	210,406	232,069
<b>1998</b>								
JAN	81,137	98,716	179,853	407,812	258,851	148,961	192,412	215,400
FEB	79,846	97,788	177,634	402,068	255,022	147,046	190,032	212,036
MAR	78,857	99,967	178,824	402,543	251,862	150,681	191,205	211,338
APR	78,131	99,750	177,881	400,060	249,800	150,260	190,045	210,015
MAY	76,522	98,620	175,142	393,686	244,991	148,695	186,848	206,838
JUN	75,111	98,356	173,467	388,980	240,547	148,433	184,800	204,180
JUL	74,135	97,604	171,739	385,732	237,835	147,897	182,874	202,858
AUG	72,345	95,767	168,112	377,191	232,284	144,907	178,851	198,340
SEP	70,961	94,555	165,516	371,135	227,718	143,417	175,996	195,139
OCT	70,198	94,817	165,015	369,966	225,450	144,516	175,490	194,476
NOV	68,990	93,595	162,585	365,339	222,224	143,115	173,472	191,867
DEC	68,298	93,592	161,890	364,200	220,428	143,772	173,203	190,997
AVERAGE	74,544	96,927	171,472	385,726	238,918	146,808	182,936	202,790
<b>1999</b>								
JAN	66,293	92,638	158,931	356,851	214,394	142,457	170,388	186,463
FEB	64,593	91,435	156,028	349,747	209,154	140,593	167,648	182,099
MAR	58,380	98,903	157,283	352,558	189,514	163,044	169,279	183,279
APR	54,142	101,116	155,258	347,743	175,132	172,611	166,963	180,780
MAY	50,338	103,502	153,840	344,474	162,815	181,659	165,467	179,007
AVERAGE	58,749	97,519	156,268	350,275	190,202	160,073	167,949	182,326



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



**Table 7**

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

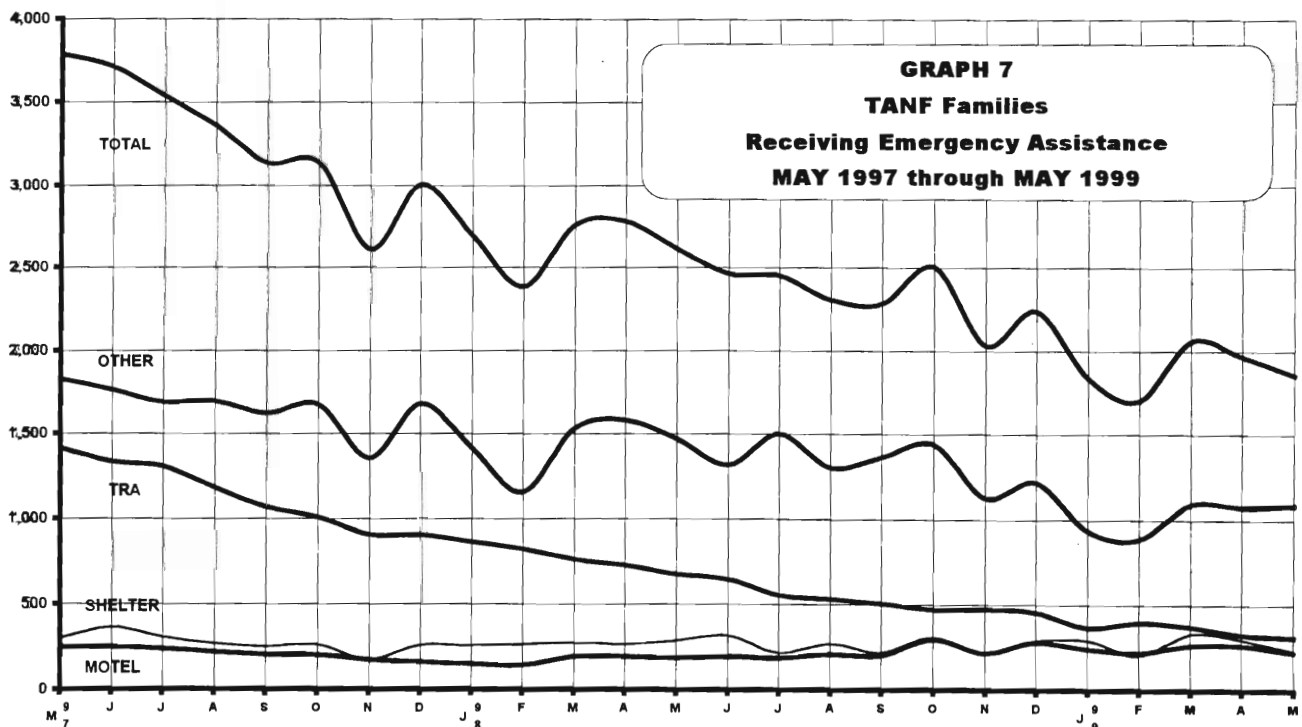
**TANF**

(UNDUPLICATED CASES)

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

**MAY 1997 THROUGH MAY 1999**

	Total Families Receiving EA	Temporary Rental Assistance	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA
<b>1997</b> 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
<b>12 MO AVERAGE</b>	<b>3,547</b>	<b>1,251</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>1,762</b>
<b>1998</b> JAN	Not Available				
FEB	2,378	826	140	259	1,153
MAR	2,758	765	191	271	1,531
APR	2,779	730	203	265	1,581
MAY	2,611	676	184	284	1,467
JUN	2,464	644	191	313	1,316
JUL	2,452	554	183	215	1,500
AUG	2,305	528	209	268	1,300
SEP	2,283	502	201	220	1,360
OCT	2,505	466	295	306	1,438
NOV	2,030	473	216	216	1,125
DEC	2,237	454	281	287	1,215
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>2,437</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>1,362</b>
<b>1999</b> JAN	1,834	363	241	293	937
FEB	1,699	394	217	203	885
MAR	2,055	372	265	329	1,089
APR	1,963	327	263	299	1,074
MAY	1,853	309	224	235	1,085
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>1,881</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>1,014</b>



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

Table 8

## TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

July - September 1998

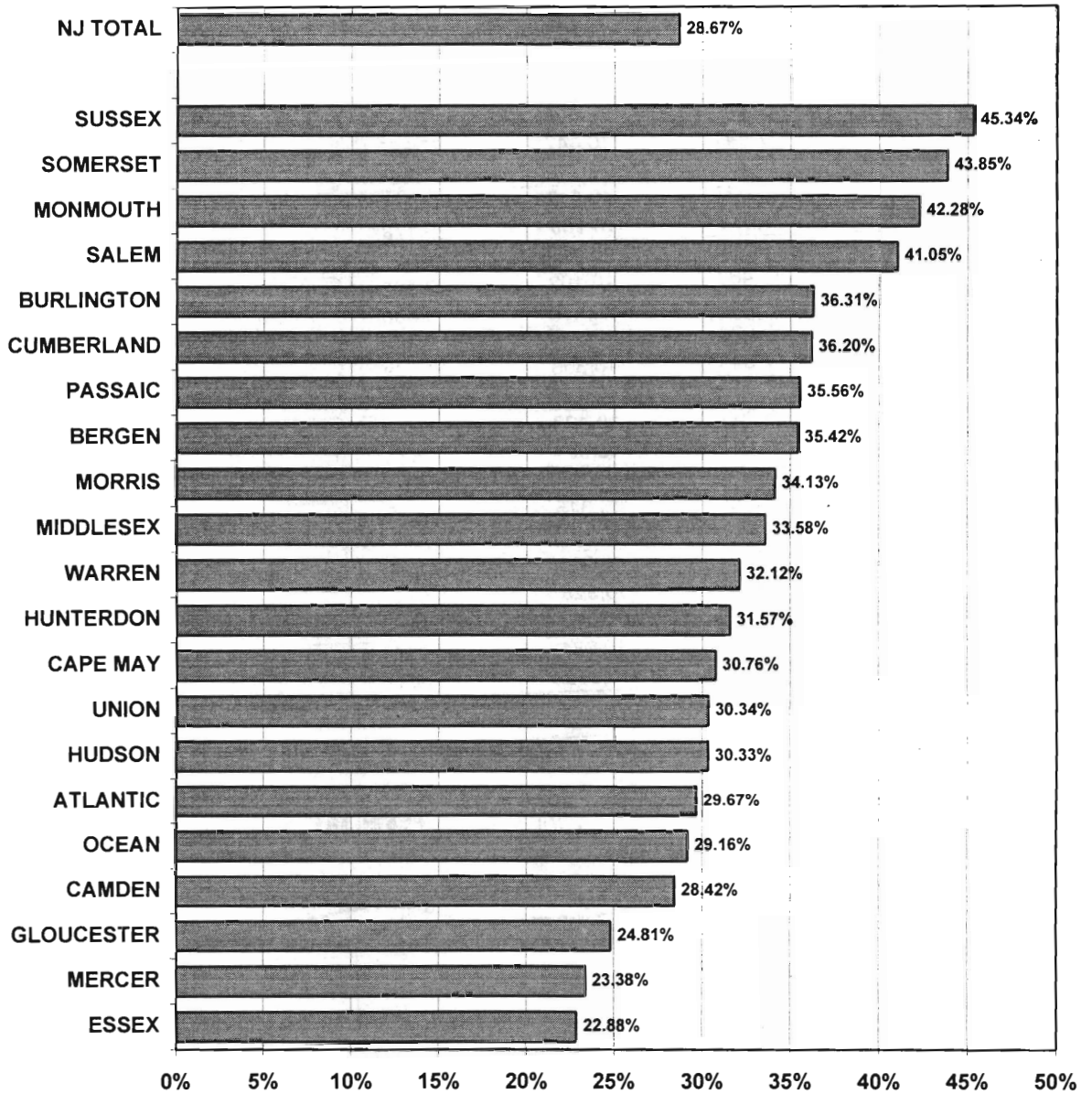
County	July	August	September
ATLANTIC	28.48%	26.45%	29.67%
BERGEN	32.26%	33.54%	35.42%
BURLINGTON	35.37%	31.16%	36.31%
CAMDEN	29.86%	27.16%	28.42%
CAPE MAY	30.21%	33.71%	30.76%
CUMBERLAND	34.15%	34.13%	36.20%
ESSEX	20.41%	21.70%	22.88%
GLOUCESTER	28.40%	26.48%	24.81%
HUDSON	29.64%	29.20%	30.33%
HUNTERDON	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%
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>27.43%</b>	<b>27.20%</b>	<b>28.67%</b>

The Work First New Jersey participation rate  
(mandated by PRWORA, 1996 federal welfare reform legislation establishing TANF)  
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Graph 8

TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

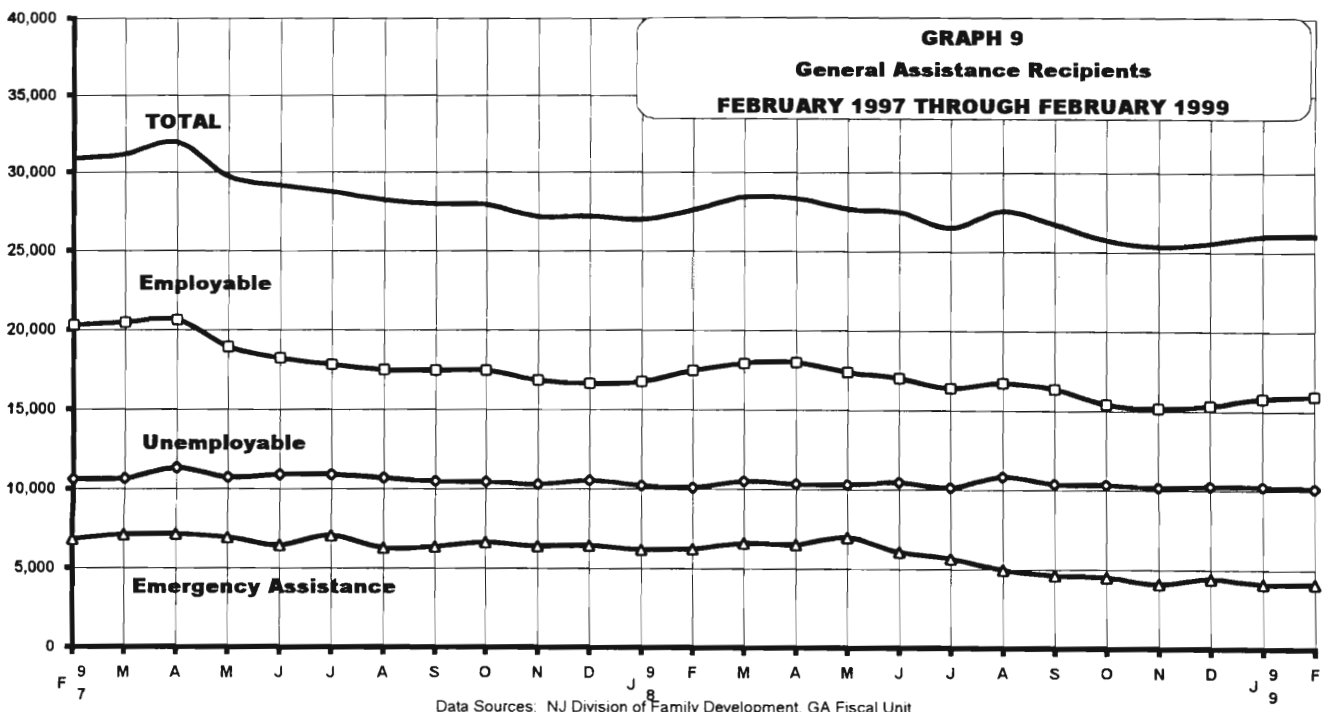
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**TABLE 9** NUMBER OF EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS  
**GENERAL** AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS DURING REPORT MONTH  
**ASSISTANCE** FEBRUARY 1997 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1999  
**PROGRAM**

	All Persons Aided			Emergency Assistance Payments		
	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assistance	Other GA-EA	Total
1997 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
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>18,478</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>29,178</b>	<b>4,022</b>	<b>2,694</b>	<b>6,716</b>
1998 JAN	16,749	10,226	26,975	3,951	2,219	6,170
FEB	17,460	10,102	27,562	3,936	2,295	6,231
MAR	17,914	10,492	28,406	4,009	2,581	6,590
APR	17,990	10,322	28,312	3,925	2,583	6,508
MAY	17,346	10,306	27,652	3,942	3,003	6,945
JUN	17,010	10,436	27,446	3,755	2,310	6,065
JUL	16,369	10,103	26,472	3,185	2,460	5,645
AUG	16,714	10,821	27,535	2,758	2,194	4,952
SEP	16,321	10,367	26,688	2,572	2,027	4,599
OCT	15,390	10,315	25,705	2,558	1,908	4,466
NOV	15,131	10,184	25,315	2,298	1,787	4,085
DEC	15,297	10,231	25,528	2,463	1,930	4,393
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>16,641</b>	<b>10,325</b>	<b>26,966</b>	<b>3,279</b>	<b>2,275</b>	<b>5,554</b>
1999 JAN	15,764	10,222	25,986	2,237	1,846	4,083
FEB	15,935	10,081	26,016	2,274	1,782	4,056
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>15,850</b>	<b>10,152</b>	<b>26,001</b>	<b>2,256</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>4,070</b>



**TABLE 10****CHILD SUPPORT  
AND PATERNITY****CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY COLLECTIONS****State Summary****Comparison of FFY 1998 and FFY 1999**

<b>COLLECTION SOURCE</b>	<b>10/97-3/98</b>	<b>10/98-3/99</b>	<b>% change</b>
Federal Tax	\$6,030,572	\$7,450,673	23.55%
State Tax	1,228,925	834,846	-32.07%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	10,335,387	10,294,660	-0.39%
Income Withholding	167,697,793	214,977,231	28.19%
Other/Own Behalf	17,405,771	18,270,200	4.97%
From Other States	78,017,553	83,206,324	6.65%
For Other States	19,467,163	20,005,735	2.77%
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$300,183,164</b>	<b>\$355,039,669</b>	<b>18.27%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$297,033,849</b>	<b>\$323,959,612</b>	<b>9.06%</b>

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****FEBRUARY 1999**

County	Employable	Total Persons Aided		Emergency Assistance Payments		
		Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assist.	Other GA-EA	Total
ATLANTIC	940	491	1,431	44	95	139
BERGEN	341	484	825	157	85	242
BURLINGTON	323	350	673	94	42	136
CAMDEN	1,346	1,405	2,751	195	180	375
CAPE MAY	214	111	325	46	12	58
CUMBERLAND	717	180	897	4	25	29
ESSEX	4,804	1,775	6,579	425	846	1,271
GLOUCESTER	147	151	298	4	14	18
HUDSON	635	760	1,395	60	6	66
HUNTERDON	45	48	93	13	17	30
MERCER	1,262	933	2,195	178	87	265
MIDDLESEX	366	491	857	50	53	103
MONMOUTH	369	533	902	166	22	188
MORRIS	89	157	246	23	8	31
OCEAN	381	281	662	64	46	110
PASSAIC	1,555	1,027	2,582	362	136	498
SALEM	101	72	173	5	5	10
SOMERSET	71	67	138	15	13	28
SUSSEX	32	45	77	26	1	27
UNION	2,095	643	2,738	319	89	408
WARREN	102	77	179	24	0	24
TOTAL NJ	15,935	10,081	26,016	2,274	1,782	4,056

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit