



WORK FIRST NJ

Quarterly Progress Update June 2014

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HUMAN SERVICES**

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Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) Quarterly Progress Update

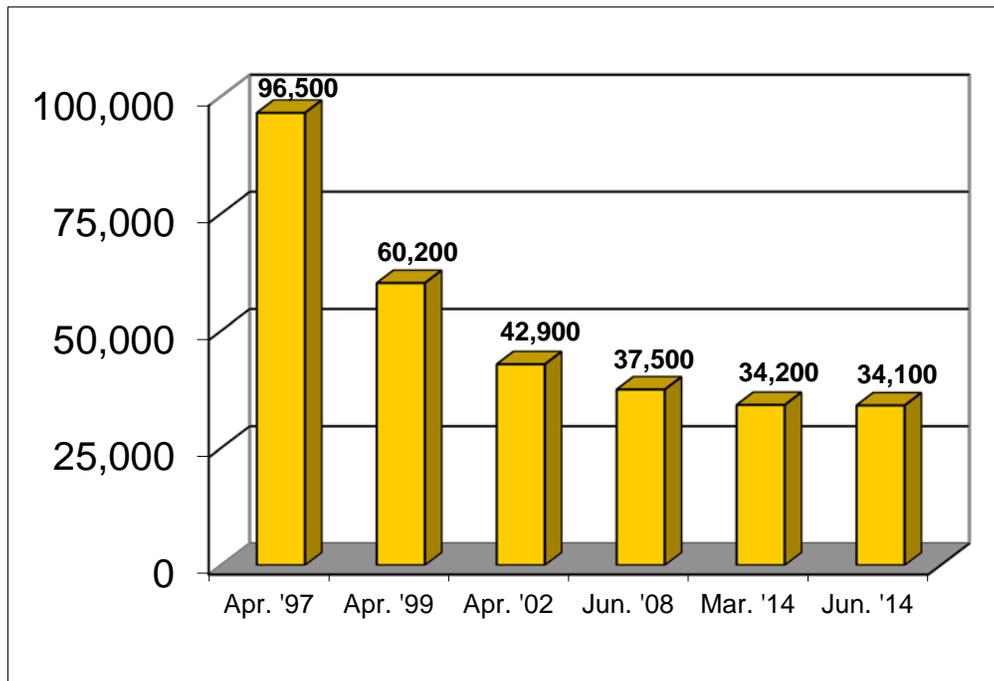
Quarter Ending June 2014

1. Work First NJ Caseload

•Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

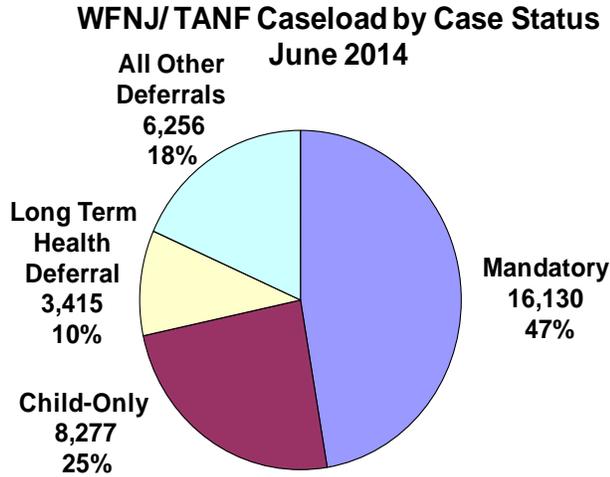
The number of families receiving WFNJ/TANF totaled approximately 34,100 as of June 2014, a slight decline from the March 2014 caseload.

WFNJ TANF Caseload



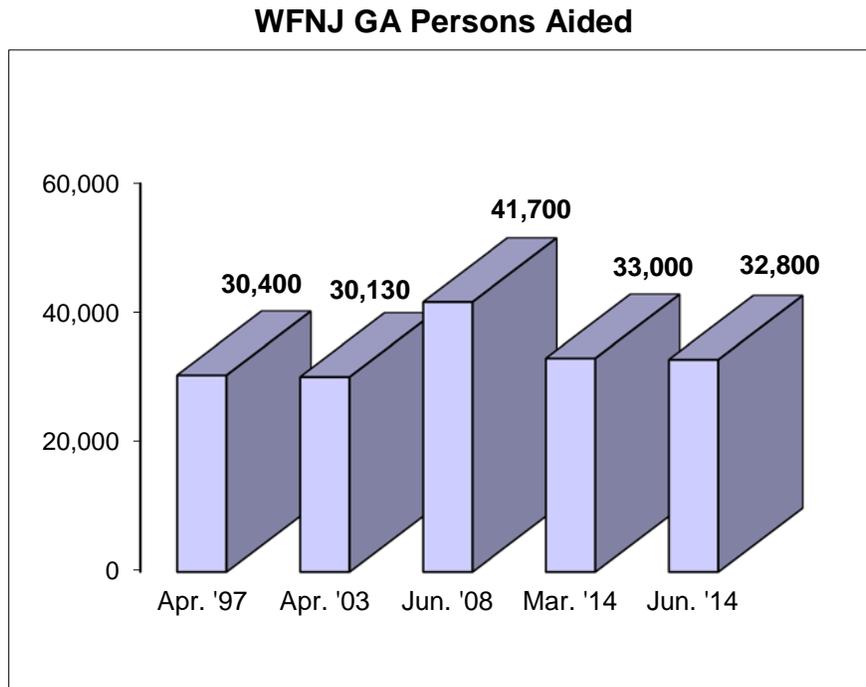
•Client Deferrals and Exemptions

Of the total TANF caseload of 34,100, about 16,100 cases (47 percent) were those with adults in the household who must comply with WFNJ/TANF work requirements.



•General Assistance (GA)

As of June 2014, there were approximately 32,800 General Assistance (GA) persons aided in New Jersey.



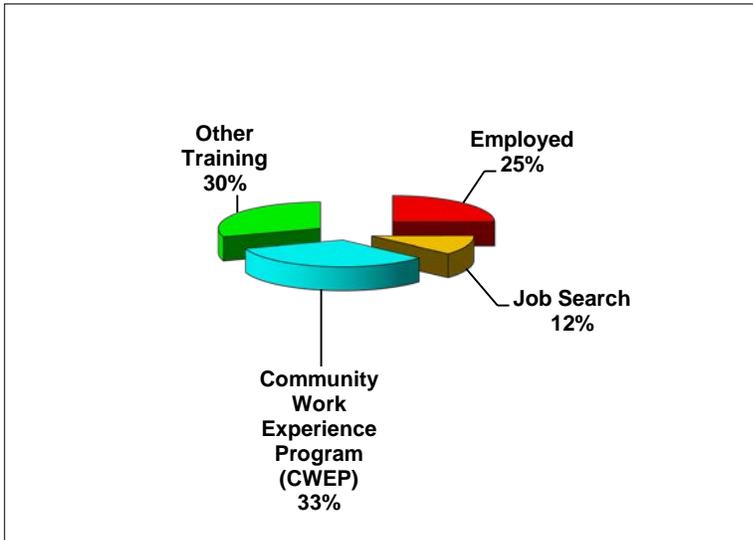
•Teenaged Welfare Recipients

Of the WFNJ/TANF population of 34,100 in June 2014, about 810 (2.4%) were teenaged recipients, aged 18 and 19, who were heads of their households.

2. Employment & Work Preparation

•Participation of WFNJ TANF Clients in Employment-Directed Activities

For the month of June 2014, over 15,600 TANF clients were engaged in work activities. About 3,900 (25 percent) of these individuals had begun working but were still receiving a partial cash assistance payment, due to income disregards.



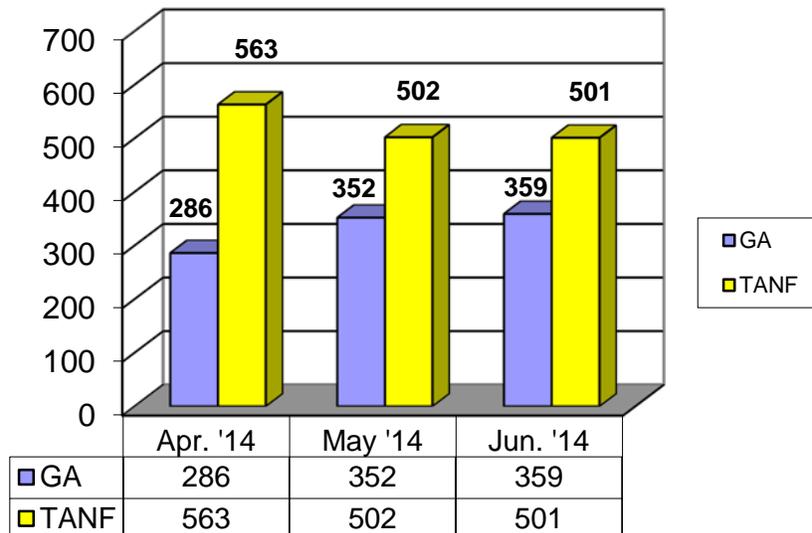
Employed	3,895
Job Search	1,815
Community Work Experience Program (CWEP)	5,196
Other Training -Occupational Training -Education -On the Job Training (OJT)	4,700
Total	15,606

•Cases that met the Federal Participation Requirement

Of the people scheduled to participate in the work-directed activities, 4,659 participated at levels sufficient to satisfy federal requirements.

•Cases Closed Due to Employment

During the quarter, an average of about 854 WFNJ TANF and GA clients left welfare for employment each month.



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•Major Reasons for TANF Case Closings

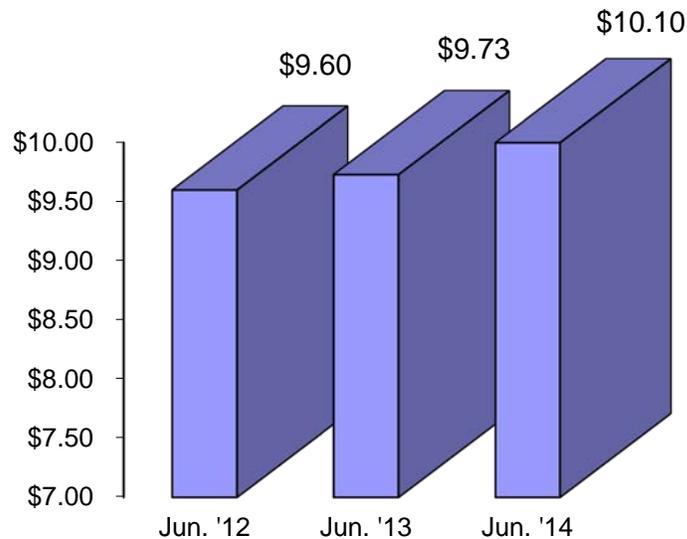
April to June 2014				
	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Due to Employment	563	502	501	1,566
No Eligible Children	192	141	135	468
No Redetermination	100	124	106	330
Moved Out of State	95	73	73	241
All Other Closed	1,680	1,381	1,278	4,339
<i>(Unemployment Ins. Benefits)</i>	64	41	37	142
<i>(Recipient Withdrawal)</i>	212	153	149	514
<i>(Recipient Initiative)</i>	37	48	46	131
<i>(Moved to Another County)</i>	44	52	50	146
<i>(Unable to Verify Residence)</i>	61	51	49	161
<i>(Other Closed Cases)</i>	1,262	1,036	947	3,245
Total Closed Cases	2,630	2,221	2,093	6,944

About 25 percent of all TANF cases closed during the quarter were closed due to employment.

•Earnings of Former TANF Recipients

During the second quarter of 2014, WFNJ TANF recipients who were working were earning an average of \$10.10 per hour.

Average Hourly Wages of Former TANF Recipients



•Statewide Job Openings

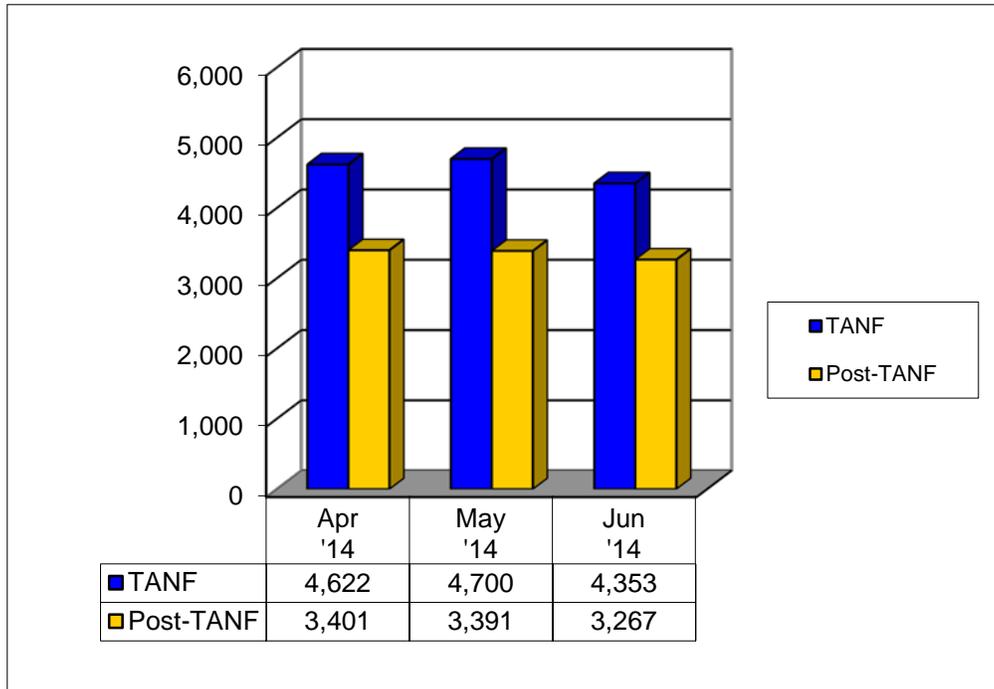
According to the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development, there were 164,655 job openings statewide during the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The majority of positions available were in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services category, followed by the Finance and Insurance and Health Care and Social Assistance.

LWD statewide job openings	
Occupation	Openings
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	42,151
Finance and Insurance	24,730
Health Care & Social Assistance	22,521
Admin. & Support, Waste Mgt. & Remediation Services	20,885
Transportation and Warehousing	7,672
Information	7,384
Other Services	6,891
Manufacturing	6,836
Retail Trade	5,713
Wholesale Trade	4,114
Educational Services	3,624
Construction	3,167
Accommodation and Food Services	2,911
Public Administration	1,629
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,113
Management of Companies and Enterprises	965
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	958
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	845
Utilities	474
Mining	72
Total	164,655

3. Child Care

As of June 2014, over 4,300 WFNJ TANF clients received child care benefits. Post-TANF child care benefits were issued to nearly 3,300 families who had become employed and were no longer receiving cash assistance.

WFNJ TANF Cases Receiving Child Care Benefits, June 2014



4. WFNJ Program Expenditures

The attached Appendix provides a summary of WFNJ program expenditures for the quarter.

NOTE: ALL CHARTS AND GRAPHS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED BY THE DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING CHARTS AND GRAPHS OR PROGRAM EXPENDITURES, PLEASE CONTACT JEANETTE PAGE-HAWKINS, DIRECTOR, AT 609-588-2401.

**THE DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY (WFNJ) EXPENDITURES
Quarter Ending June 30, 2014**

	Actual June 30, 2013	Actual Sept. 30, 2013	Actual Dec. 31, 2013	Actual 31-Mar-14	Estimated June 30, 2014	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2013 7/12 – 6/13	TOTAL COSTS CY 2013 1/13 – 12/13	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2014 7/13 – 6/14	TOTAL COSTS CY 2014 1/14 – 6/14
(A) CASE MANAGEMENT									
TANF	\$8,878,743	\$11,253,147	\$10,089,537	\$8,900,058	\$9,780,371	\$38,097,407	\$38,711,224	\$40,023,114	\$18,680,430
SNAP/Able Bodied Adults w/o Dependents	\$3,994,024	\$4,096,135	\$4,863,674	\$3,831,631	\$4,196,366	\$17,610,493	\$16,594,391	\$16,987,807	\$8,027,997
GA	\$1,708,097	\$1,435,468	\$1,656,817	\$1,279,783	\$1,520,042	\$6,815,300	\$6,313,916	\$5,892,110	\$2,799,825
(B) SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICE									
Special Initiative	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(C) CHILD CARE	\$21,982,409	\$22,360,533	\$22,559,330	\$19,298,085	\$21,550,089	\$81,757,140	\$88,024,557	\$85,768,038	\$40,848,174
(D) TRAINING RELATED EXPENSE, PARTICIPANT ALLOWANCE AND TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT									
TANF	\$2,200,446	\$2,837,070	\$2,470,762	\$2,427,391	\$2,483,917	\$10,331,195	\$10,408,227	\$10,219,141	\$4,911,309
SNAP	\$1,328,589	\$1,298,461	\$1,246,050	\$1,059,259	\$1,233,090	\$4,992,566	\$5,172,326	\$4,836,859	\$2,292,348
GA	\$135,173	\$137,807	\$113,910	\$123,990	\$127,720	\$569,591	\$549,673	\$503,427	\$251,710
(E) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT - EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING									
TANF	\$14,408,195	\$8,793,703	\$10,710,350	\$10,871,795	\$11,196,011	\$44,398,219	\$46,529,388	\$41,571,859	\$22,067,806
SNAP/Able Bodied Adults w/o Dependents	\$6,282,117	\$4,295,330	\$5,131,072	\$4,487,054	\$5,048,893	\$21,018,475	\$20,746,252	\$18,962,349	\$9,535,947
GA	\$2,224,556	\$1,363,746	\$1,533,841	\$1,181,935	\$1,576,020	\$8,020,095	\$6,981,281	\$5,655,542	\$2,757,955
(F) OMEGA SYSTEM	\$490,121	\$490,607	\$112,527	\$149,019	\$310,568	\$1,957,569	\$1,582,890	\$1,062,721	\$459,587
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$63,632,470	\$58,362,008	\$60,487,871	\$53,610,000	\$59,023,087	\$235,568,050	\$241,614,125	\$231,482,967	\$112,633,088

FOOTNOTES:

ACTUAL expenditures are subject to subsequent adjustment and reconciliation to be reflected on future reports.

ACTUAL expenditures for OMEGA SYSTEM have been revised to reflect actual expenditures.