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TO Gwendolyn L. Harris
Commissioner

FROM Pearl Elias, Acting Director
Division of Family Development 

SUBJECT CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

Attached please find *Current Program Statistics* for November 2002. Included are TANF-oriented and Food Stamps data, General Assistance data, and the WFNJ Statistical Summary.

Some items of interest include:

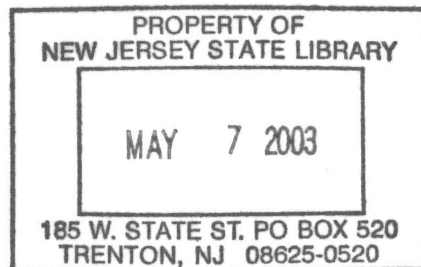
- The TANF caseload continues to decline. Since November of 2001 there has been a decrease of 4.8%.
- Food Stamp households increased by 6,533 since November 2001.
- For GA, recipient figures reported are for November 2002, which are 13.7% above November 2001.

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

November 2002

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Highlights of **CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS**

WFNJ/TANF

(Tables 1 and 5, Graphs 1 and 4)

As of November 2002, 41,928 eligible families in New Jersey were receiving WFNJ/TANF cash assistance:

- 40,412 single head of household families
- 1,516 two-parent families.

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

Essex — 11,995, Hudson — 5,883, Camden — 4,547, Passaic — 3,232, Union — 2,534

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

- 37 families in Hunterdon County to 2,349 in Mercer County,
with ten counties below 1000 families

There were 6,237 fewer eligible WFNJ/TANF families receiving cash assistance in November 2002 than in November 2000, a decline of 12.9 percent.

- **Single head families:** 6,229 below two years ago in November 2000, a drop of 13.4%.
- **Two parent families:** decreased by 8 or 0.5 percent from November 2000.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

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

As of report month of November 2002, 141,864 households participated in the Food Stamp Program.

- **TANF:** 30,941 households with 95,829 persons.
- **Other low income:** 110,923 households with 205,812 persons.
- **Total persons:** 301,641, including 147,684 adults and 153,957 children
- **By County:** 44.8 percent of the households were in:

Essex	29,322
Hudson	20,297
Passaic	15,156
Camden	12,471

Two years ago in November 2000, 136,784 households participated in Food Stamps in New Jersey. Over the next two years the number increased by 5,080 or 3.7 percent, to 141,864 by November 2002.

- TANF(FS) households steadily declined by 4,890 from 35,831 in November 2000 to 30,941 two years later. There were 100,953 Other Low Income households in November 2000 and 9,970 more two years later.
- Total FS Recipients: were 299,959 in November 2000, and increased to 301,641 by November 2002, an increase of 1,682, or 0.6 percent.
- Adult FS Recipients: increased from 146,432 in November 2000 to 147,684 in November 2002, an increase of 1,252 (8.6 percent).
- Recipient FS Children: increased by 430 (0.3 percent), from 153,527 in November 2000 to 153,957 in November 2002.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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

In November 2002 Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for 3,008 eligible TANF families and 573 SSI recipients in New Jersey. For TANF families this included payments for:

- Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA) for 389 families
- Motel placements for 482 families and emergency shelter placements for 422 families
- All other TANF-EA for 1,715 families (including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing and food allowance, or transitional housing)
- 749 families in Essex County, 441 in Mercer County, 231 in Monmouth County, 209 in Passaic.

In the past two years, the number of EA payments for TANF families increased from 1,779 in November 2000 to 3,008 in November 2002.

- TRA payments were 12.9 % of the total EA Families in November 2002.
- Motel payments were up from two years ago.; 249 to 482.

TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

(Table 8, Graph 8)

The TANF participation rate for November 2002 was 34.70% for the State as a whole. This is an increase of .34 percentage points from October 2002.

Participation rates by county:

- Seven counties had a participation rate greater than 40 percent: Mercer, Monmouth, Morris, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, and Warren.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

(Table 9, Graph 9)

There were 26,211 GA recipients in November 2002, up from 23,059 in November 2001.

- There were 13,880 Employable GA and 12,331 Unemployable GA recipients in November 2002.

CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY

(Table 10)

For FFY 2002, the total collection of the Child Support and Paternity Program was \$853,118,959, an increase of over 5 percent over the same period for FFY 2001.

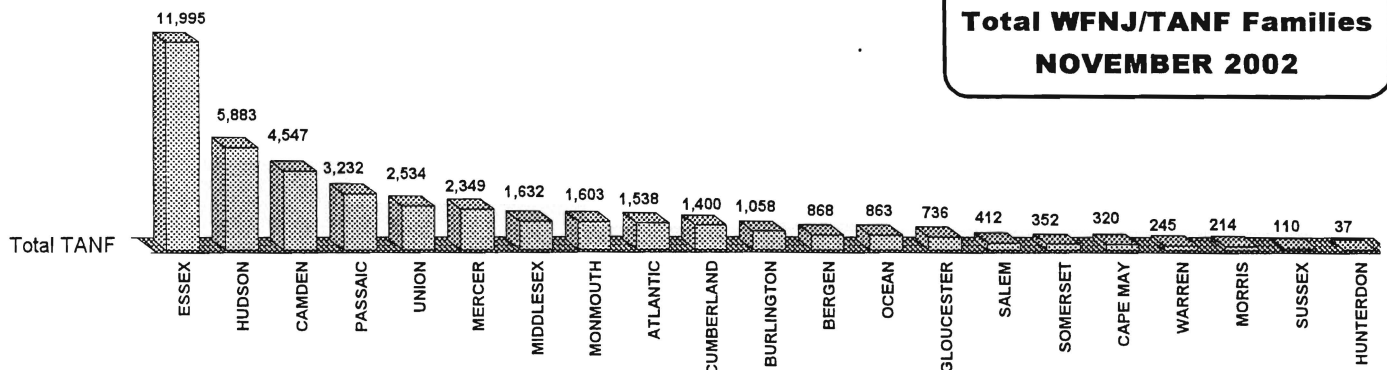
Table 1
WFNJ/TANF
PROGRAM

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

NOVEMBER 2002

County	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total WFNJ/TANF
ATLANTIC	213	136	1,483	55	1,538
BERGEN	104	68	802	66	868
BURLINGTON	182	85	1,015	43	1,058
CAMDEN	545	222	4,355	192	4,547
CAPE MAY	64	29	295	25	320
CUMBERLAND	210	142	1,312	88	1,400
ESSEX	1,362	727	11,697	298	11,995
GLOUCESTER	102	53	695	41	736
HUDSON	450	363	5,674	209	5,883
HUNTERDON	11	3	34	3	37
MERCER	261	187	2,268	81	2,349
MIDDLESEX	240	134	1,579	53	1,632
MONMOUTH	215	109	1,546	57	1,603
MORRIS	30	24	200	14	214
OCEAN	113	80	822	41	863
PASSAIC	307	227	3,117	115	3,232
SALEM	79	33	395	17	412
SOMERSET	40	44	341	11	352
SUSSEX	19	13	108	2	110
UNION	265	175	2,448	86	2,534
WARREN	43	27	226	19	245
NJ TOTAL	4,855	2,881	40,412	1,516	41,928

GRAPH 1
Total WFNJ/TANF Families
NOVEMBER 2002



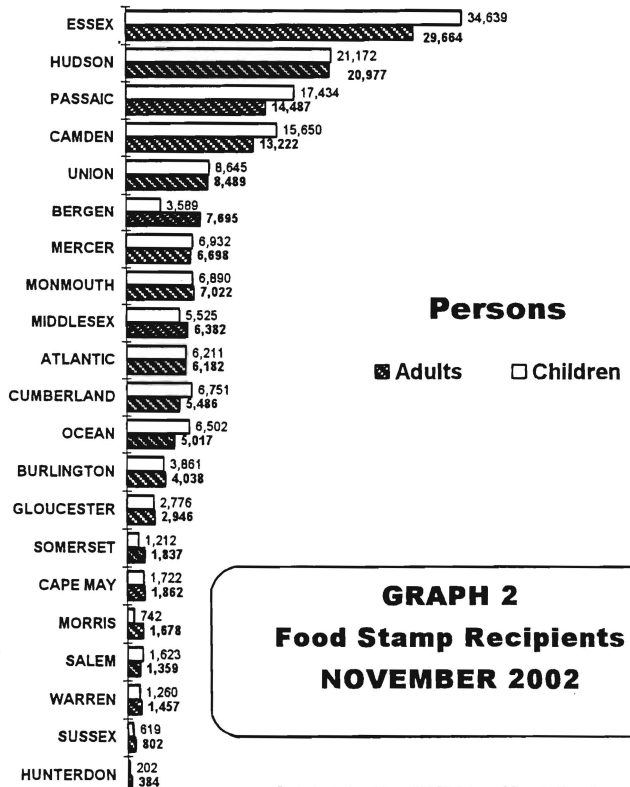
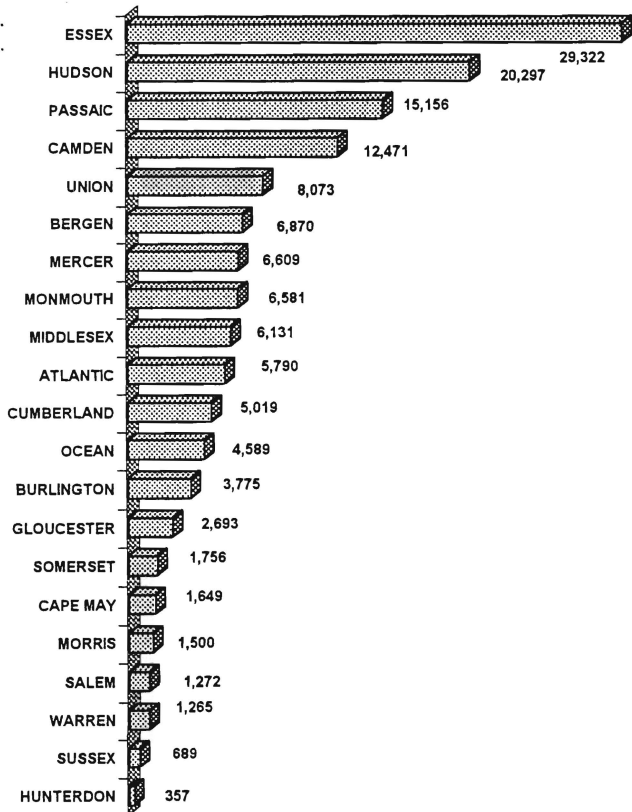
Applications Approved are derived from NJ DFD FAMIS report #FF-012 and Terminations are derived from NJ DFD FAMIS report #0037US, while Single Head Families and Two Parent Families are derived from NJ DFD Ad Hoc Group Special Reports

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

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 2002

County	HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS				
	WFNJ/TANF	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	WFNJ/TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
ATLANTIC	1,049	4,741	5,790	12,393	3,302	9,091	6,182	6,211
BERGEN	604	6,266	6,870	11,284	1,706	9,578	7,695	3,589
BURLINGTON	627	3,148	3,775	7,899	1,951	5,948	4,038	3,861
CAMDEN	3,202	9,269	12,471	28,872	10,350	18,522	13,222	15,650
CAPE MAY	231	1,418	1,649	3,584	718	2,866	1,862	1,722
CUMBERLAND	1,020	3,999	5,019	12,237	3,355	8,882	5,486	6,751
ESSEX	9,318	20,004	29,322	64,303	28,797	35,506	29,664	34,639
GLOUCESTER	492	2,201	2,693	5,722	1,517	4,205	2,946	2,776
HUDSON	4,656	15,641	20,297	42,149	13,999	28,150	20,977	21,172
HUNTERDON	21	336	357	586	63	523	384	202
MERCER	1,696	4,913	6,609	13,630	5,255	8,375	6,698	6,932
MIDDLESEX	1,183	4,948	6,131	11,907	3,388	8,519	6,382	5,525
MONMOUTH	1,239	5,342	6,581	13,912	3,943	9,969	7,022	6,890
MORRIS	115	1,385	1,500	2,420	345	2,075	1,678	742
OCEAN	558	4,031	4,589	11,519	1,719	9,800	5,017	6,502
PASSAIC	2,452	12,704	15,156	31,921	7,597	24,324	14,487	17,434
SALEM	290	982	1,272	2,982	908	2,074	1,359	1,623
SOMERSET	204	1,552	1,756	3,049	624	2,425	1,837	1,212
SUSSEX	68	621	689	1,421	201	1,220	802	619
UNION	1,725	6,348	8,073	17,134	5,478	11,656	8,489	8,645
WARREN	191	1,074	1,265	2,717	613	2,104	1,457	1,260
NJ TOTAL	30,941	110,923	141,864	301,641	95,829	205,812	147,684	153,957



GRAPH 2
Food Stamp Recipients
NOVEMBER 2002

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

Table 4

WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY STATISTICAL SUMMARY

WFNJ

NOVEMBER 2002

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	681	1	145	44	136	100	95	54	235
BERGEN	420	41	188	165	107	107	122	24	137
BURLINGTON	468	75	57	160	108	92	105	34	214
CAMDEN	2,360	463	483	64	542	498	642	85	707
CAPE MAY	151	3	26	31	45	15	18	11	68
CUMBERLAND	668	2	251	199	109	70	111	62	211
ESSEX	7,107	166	2,600	918	1,625	1,665	1,664	150	890
GLOUCESTER	333	31	31	27	53	51	3	17	133
HUDSON	3,198	33	1,930	367	716	670	614	157	650
HUNTERDON	11	0	0	11	6	1	0	2	12
MERCER	1,294	94	879	215	260	248	337	81	267
MIDDLESEX	772	0	139	112	230	88	128	33	188
MONMOUTH	876	26	416	107	264	225	336	50	270
MORRIS	83	23	21	19	22	26	22	10	45
OCEAN	336	23	50	90	75	64	36	20	191
PASSAIC	1,807	54	1,014	226	308	282	449	65	302
SALEM	196	69	28	38	37	37	81	12	72
SOMERSET	179	26	38	73	71	36	46	16	70
SUSSEX	53	19	0	28	15	16	6	6	45
UNION	1,246	12	730	162	169	214	326	49	267
WARREN	153	1	105	6	42	17	15	10	22
STATE	22,392	1,162	9,131	3,062	4,940	4,522	5,156	948	4,996

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

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

County	WFNJ/TANF Families Receiving Emergency Assistance					SSI Recipients Receiving EA*
	TOTAL WFNJ/TANF-EA	Temporary Rental Assist.	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other WFNJ/TANF-EA	
ATLANTIC	109	1	39	3	66	31
BERGEN	143	13	31	16	83	78
BURLINGTON	24	0	3	5	16	13
CAMDEN	150	22	26	23	79	22
CAPE MAY	30	4	5	0	21	20
CUMBERLAND	37	2	2	8	25	11
ESSEX	749	93	73	217	366	79
GLOUCESTER	55	6	10	7	32	7
HUDSON	279	35	62	29	153	12
HUNTERDON	0	0	0	0	0	3
MERCER	441	143	28	0	270	83
MIDDLESEX	169	4	19	36	110	51
MONMOUTH	231	42	88	0	101	15
MORRIS	13	0	1	5	7	12
OCEAN	79	7	36	3	33	21
PASSAIC	209	0	10	22	177	52
SALEM	70	2	18	0	50	4
SOMERSET	51	0	4	20	27	26
SUSSEX	22	3	3	2	14	13
UNION	142	12	22	26	82	16
WARREN	5	0	2	0	3	4
NJ TOTAL	3,008	389	482	422	1,715	573

*SSI-EA now includes pay code 24

GRAPH 3
WFNJ/TANF Families Receiving
Emergency Assistance
NOVEMBER 2002

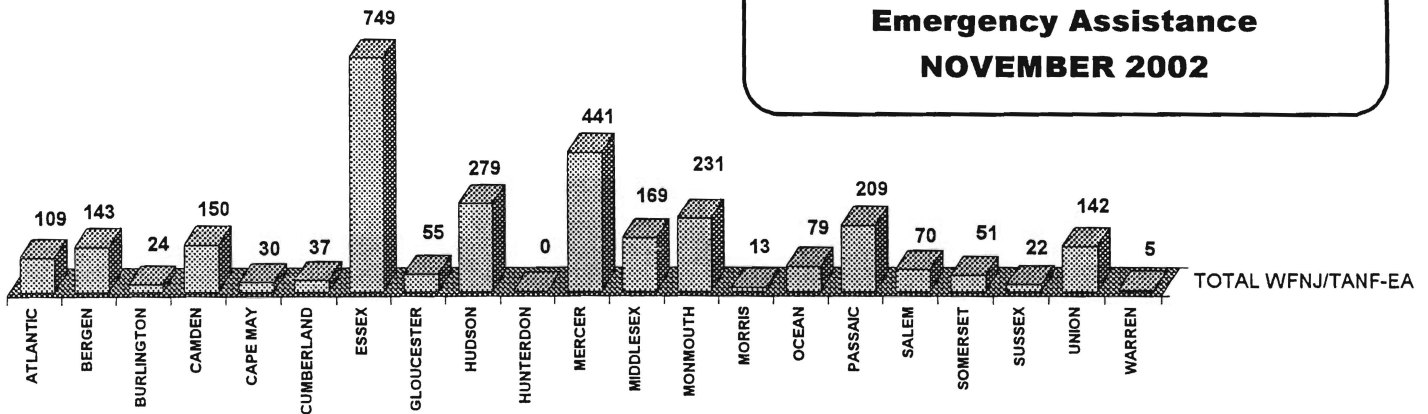
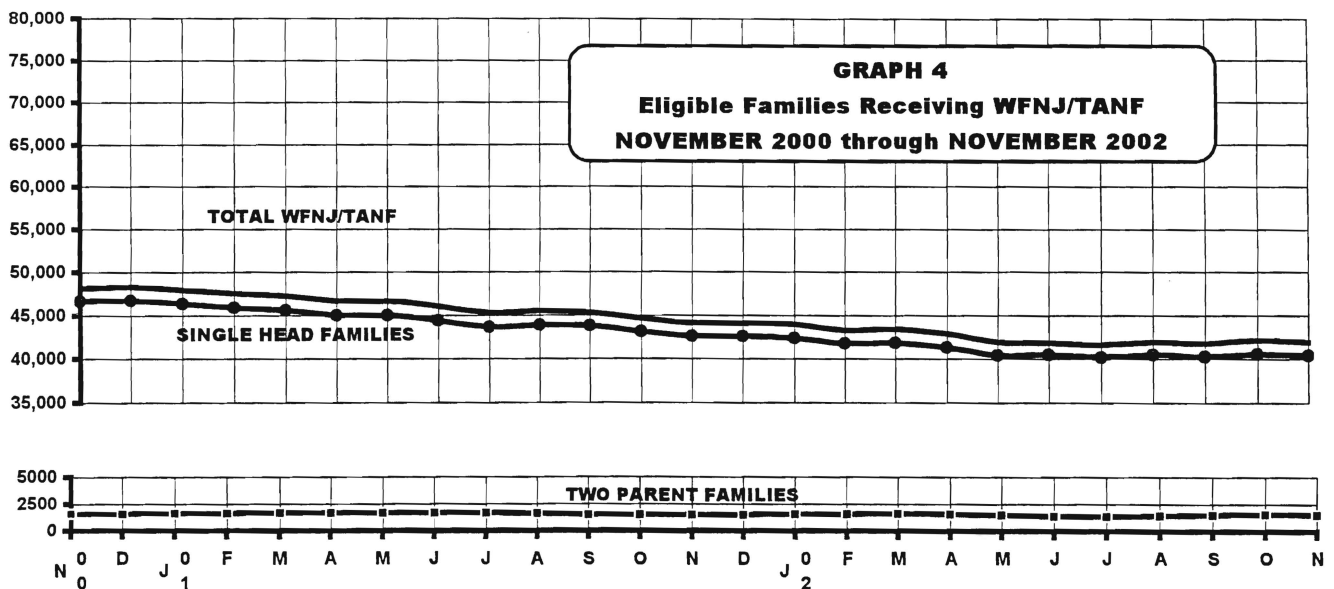


Table 5
WFNJ/TANF
PROGRAM

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

NOVEMBER 2000 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2002

	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total WFNJ/TANF
2000 NOV	3,605	3,784	46,641	1,524	48,165
DEC	3,505	3,554	46,719	1,577	48,296
2000 AVERAGE	3,555	3,669	46,680	1,551	48,231
2001 JAN	3,767	4,135	46,340	1,578	47,918
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
2001 AVERAGE	3,842	4,160	44,274	1,582	45,856
2002 JAN	4,210	4,872	42,369	1,547	43,916
FEB	3,979	4,061	41,749	1,545	43,294
MAR	4,737	4,976	41,822	1,587	43,409
APR	3,746	4,251	41,339	1,566	42,905
MAY	3,809	3,005	40,400	1,478	41,878
JUN	4,210	2,824	40,469	1,373	41,842
JUL	3,754	3,345	40,212	1,371	41,583
AUG	4,983	2,720	40,479	1,428	41,907
SEP	3,863	3,230	40,263	1,471	41,734
OCT	4,215	2,786	40,585	1,526	42,111
NOV	4,855	2,881	40,412	1,516	41,928
2002 AVERAGE	4,215	3,541	40,918	1,492	42,410

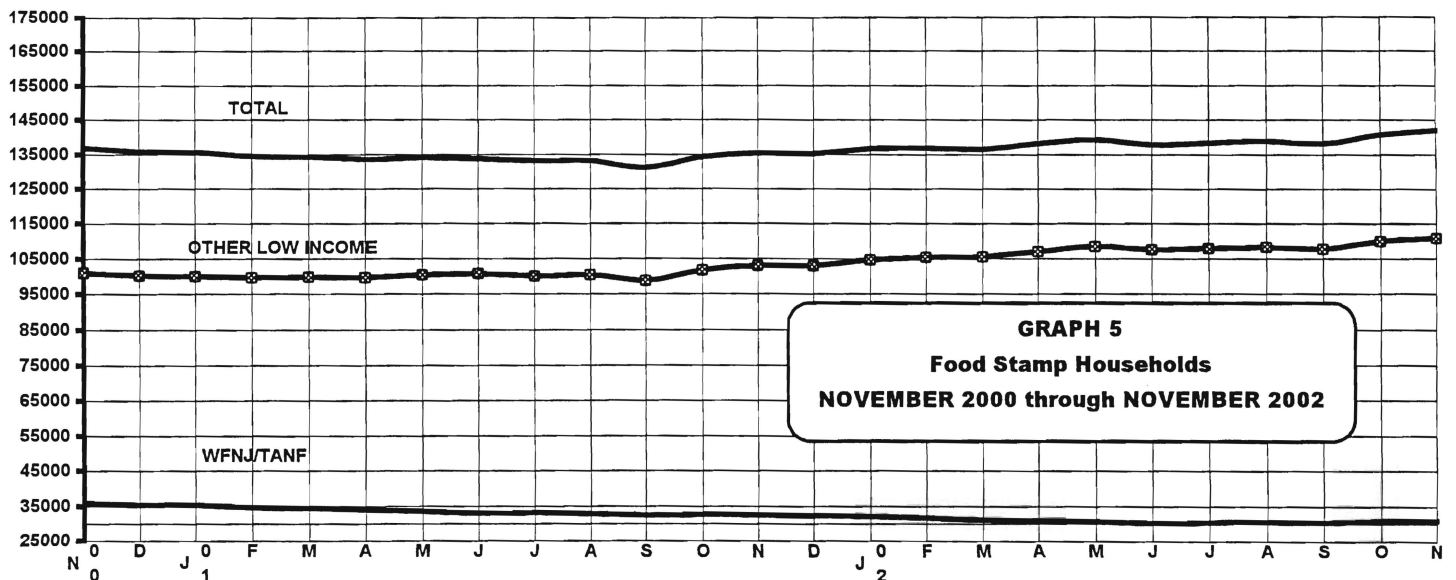


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Table 6
FOOD STAMP
PROGRAM

NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS
AND CHILDREN FOR THE REPORT MONTH
NOVEMBER 2000 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2002

	HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS				
	WFNJ/TANF	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	WFNJ/TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
2000 NOV	35,831	100,953	136,784	299,959	115,179	184,780	146,432	153,527
DEC	35,365	100,218	135,583	296,742	113,712	183,030	145,037	151,705
2000 AVERAGE	35,598	100,586	136,184	298,351	114,446	183,905	145,735	152,616
2001 JAN	35,356	100,076	135,432	295,371	113,478	181,893	144,826	150,545
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
2001 AVERAGE	33,302	100,581	133,883	290,102	106,339	183,763	142,675	147,427
2002 JAN	31,916	104,672	136,588	294,255	100,609	193,646	144,352	149,903
FEB	31,545	105,266	136,811	293,013	99,154	193,859	144,150	148,863
MAR	30,992	105,455	136,447	290,969	97,107	193,862	143,514	147,455
APR	30,963	106,998	137,961	293,635	96,674	196,961	144,741	148,894
MAY	30,714	108,426	139,140	296,627	95,727	200,900	145,815	150,812
JUN	30,154	107,564	137,718	293,857	93,996	199,861	144,132	149,725
JUL	30,361	107,961	138,322	295,127	94,561	200,566	144,609	150,518
AUG	30,502	108,327	138,829	295,977	94,794	201,183	144,878	151,099
SEP	30,353	107,774	138,127	293,409	94,073	199,336	143,850	149,559
OCT	30,819	109,875	140,694	298,991	95,413	203,578	146,413	152,578
NOV	30,941	110,923	141,864	301,641	95,829	205,812	147,684	153,957
2002 AVERAGE	30,842	107,567	138,409	295,227	96,176	199,051	144,922	150,306



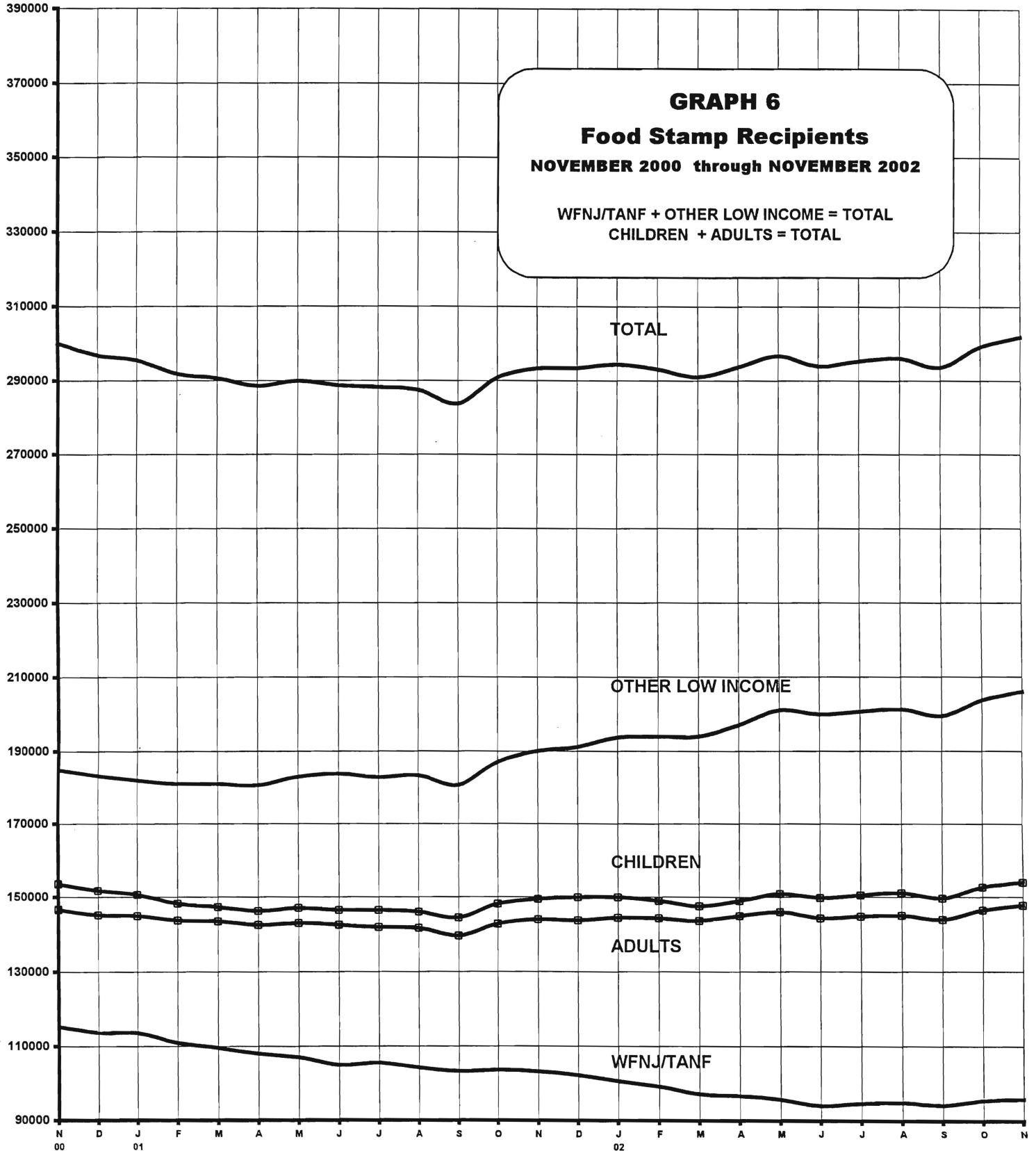


Table 7
TANF
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS
(UNDUPLICATED CASES)

		NOVEMBER 2000 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2002				
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE		Total Families Receiving EA	Temporary Rental Assistance	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA
2000	NOV	1,779	204	249	383	943
	DEC	1,841	216	272	349	1,004
	2000 AVERAGE	1,810	210	261	366	974
2001	JAN	1,954	229	314	387	1,024
	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	368	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
2001 AVERAGE	2,175	247	354	400	1,174	
2002	JAN	2,651	282	542	410	1,417
	FEB	2,265	311	366	338	1,250
	MAR	2,595	296	544	402	1,353
	APR	2,812	330	548	426	1,508
	MAY	2,769	342	419	417	1,591
	JUN	2,615	347	516	406	1,346
	JUL	2,779	351	459	519	1,450
	AUG	2,889	353	515	505	1,516
	SEP	3,030	348	587	466	1,629
	OCT	3,324	380	633	494	1,817
	NOV	3,008	389	482	422	1,715
	2002 AVERAGE	2,794	339	510	437	1,508

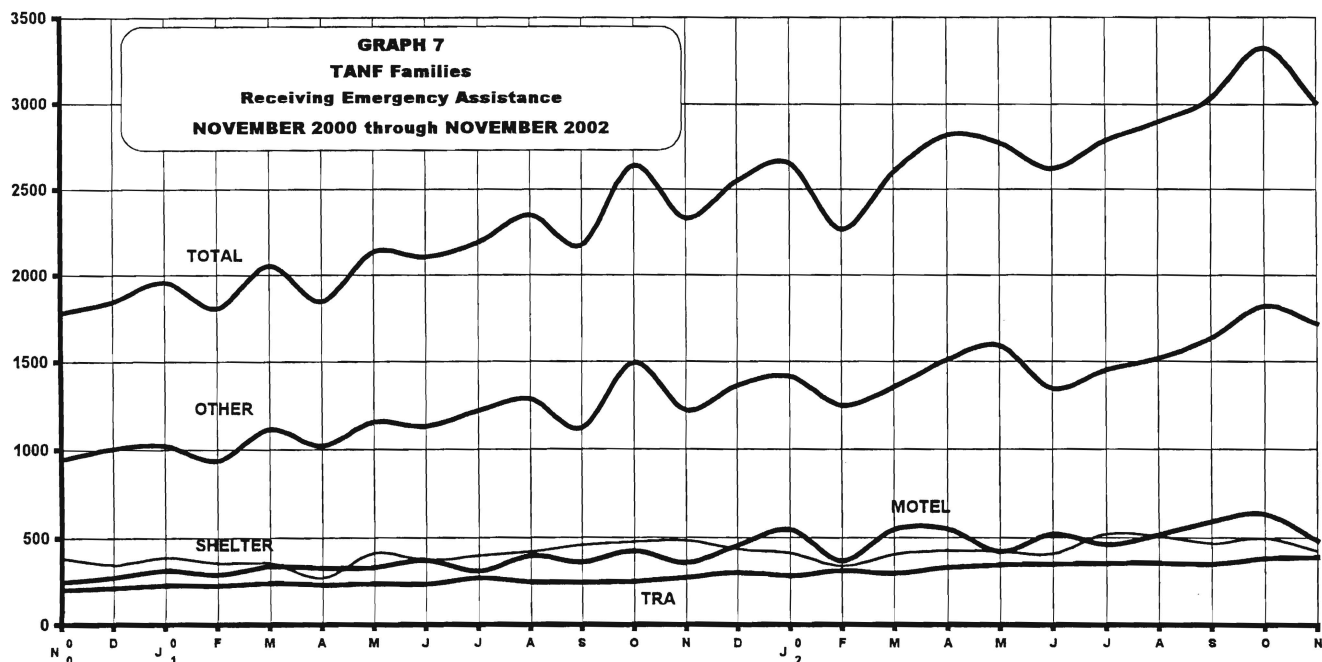


Table 8

TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2002

County	September	October	November
ATLANTIC	28.61%	27.59%	26.43%
BERGEN	41.07%	39.67%	39.28%
BURLINGTON	34.61%	34.81%	35.68%
CAMDEN	36.07%	37.05%	35.63%
CAPE MAY	31.81%	29.10%	33.77%
CUMBERLAND	24.15%	22.76%	21.85%
ESSEX	31.64%	33.92%	34.07%
GLOUCESTER	30.18%	25.21%	20.72%
HUDSON	32.55%	36.83%	35.70%
HUNTERDON	27.27%	20.00%	36.36%
MERCER	43.95%	42.46%	44.59%
MIDDLESEX	27.71%	26.73%	27.07%
MONMOUTH	46.90%	47.70%	42.23%
MORRIS	51.08%	54.54%	54.21%
OCEAN	26.11%	26.06%	28.27%
PASSAIC	30.45%	30.53%	29.05%
SALEM	42.92%	44.00%	47.95%
SOMERSET	51.02%	48.69%	50.83%
SUSSEX	41.17%	35.29%	41.50%
UNION	40.13%	37.64%	38.12%
WARREN	49.66%	40.64%	52.94%
NJ TOTAL	34.08%	35.04%	34.70%

Graph 8

TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

NOVEMBER 2002

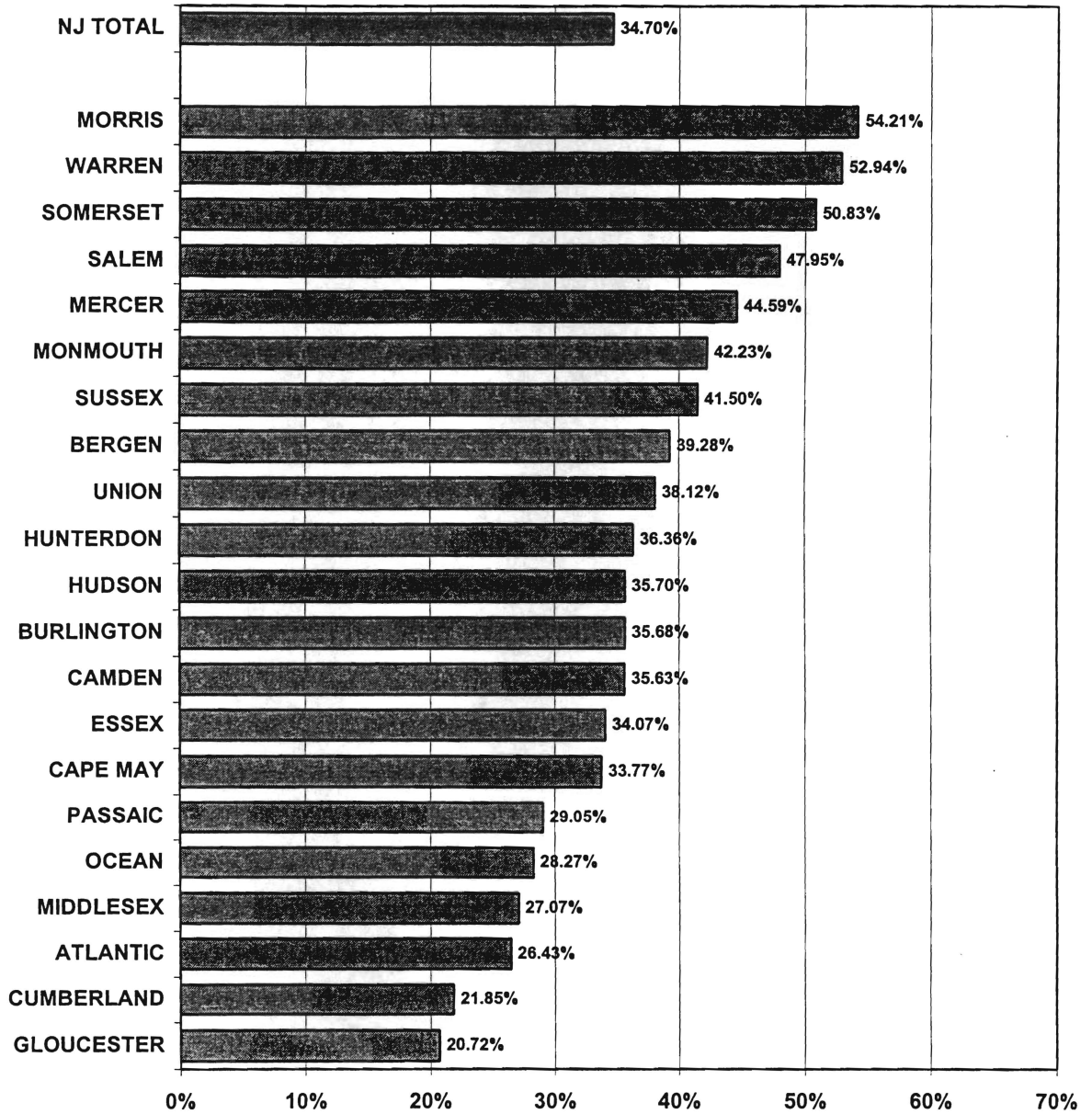


TABLE 9 NUMBER OF EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS
GENERAL AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS DURING REPORT MONTH
ASSISTANCE NOVEMBER 2000 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2002
PROGRAM

	All Persons Aided			Emergency Assistance Payments		
	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assistance	Other GA-EA	Total
2000 NOV	11,219	10,618	21,837	1,414	1,589	3,003
DEC	11,284	10,568	21,852	1,515	1,701	3,216
2000 AVERAGE	11,252	10,593	21,845	1,465	1,645	3,110
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
2002 AVERAGE	13,785	11,862	25,646	1,519	2,111	3,631

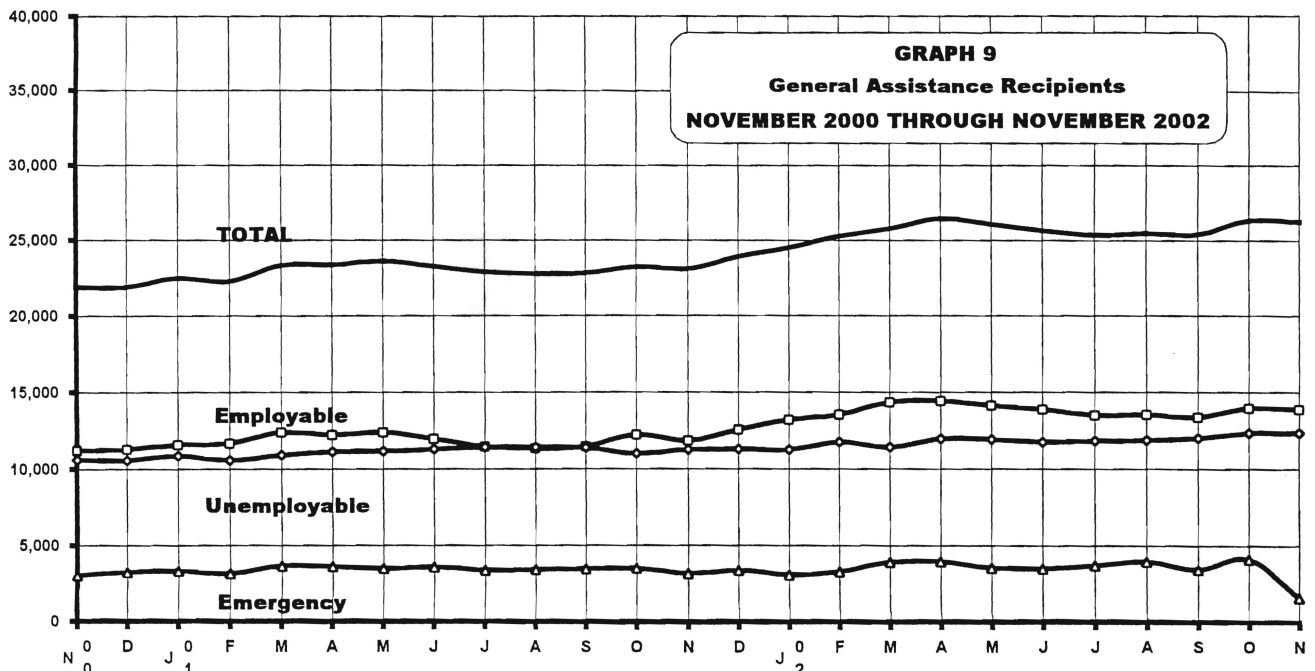


TABLE 10**CHILD SUPPORT
AND PATERNITY****CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY COLLECTIONS****State Summary****Comparison of FFY 2001 and FFY 2002**

COLLECTION SOURCE	10/00-9/01	10/01-9/02	% change
Federal Tax	\$36,662,310	\$29,056,797	-20.74%
State Tax	5,424,523	7,291,804	34.42%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	23,427,553	37,923,740	61.88%
Income Withholding	524,518,725	554,940,301	5.80%
From Other States	40,519,670	41,757,486	3.05%
Other/Own Behalf	178,453,581	182,148,831	2.07%
Admin Enforce			
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$809,006,362	\$853,118,959	5.45%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION*	\$768,167,858	\$820,202,871	6.77%

* 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****EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS****ASSISTANCE****AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS****PROGRAM****NOVEMBER 2002**

County	Employable	Total Persons Aided		Emergency Assistance Payments		
		Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assist.	Other GA-EA	Total
ATLANTIC	652	618	1,270	63	54	117
BERGEN	396	562	958	96	73	169
BURLINGTON	296	425	721	20	75	95
CAMDEN	1,341	1,293	2,634	107	152	259
CAPE MAY	153	146	299	29	16	45
CUMBERLAND	609	544	1,153	0	47	47
ESSEX	3,282	1,717	4,999	287	678	965
GLOUCESTER	271	323	594	3	36	39
HUDSON	1,665	1,504	3,169	209	114	323
HUNTERDON	45	69	114	8	15	23
MERCER	1,344	974	2,318	181	67	248
MIDDLESEX	324	514	838	59	110	169
MONMOUTH	382	582	964	122	187	309
MORRIS	85	158	243	7	15	22
OCEAN	225	402	627	13	13	26
PASSAIC	1,444	1,171	2,615	217	80	297
SALEM	138	194	332	2	52	54
SOMERSET	94	140	234	29	56	85
SUSSEX	62	73	135	15	33	48
UNION	945	842	1,787	89	51	140
WARREN	127	80	207	39	11	50
TOTAL NJ	13,880	12,331	26,211	1,595	1,935	3,530

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit

TABLE 12
CHILD SUPPORT
AND PATERNITY **NUMBER OF CASES REMAINING OPEN**
QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 2002

	<u>CASES WITH ORDERS</u>			<u>OTHER CASES (1)</u>		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
NJ TOTAL	30,371	90,915	213,170	35,802	38,199	157,088	251,369	408,457

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*