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Director

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SUBJECT CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

Attached please find CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS for December 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 17.6%.
- Food Stamp households decreased by over 16,800 since January 1999.
- For GA, recipient figures reported are for December 1999, which are 6.4% below December 1998.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to call David Karwoski at 588-2273 or Janet Taylor at 588-2277.

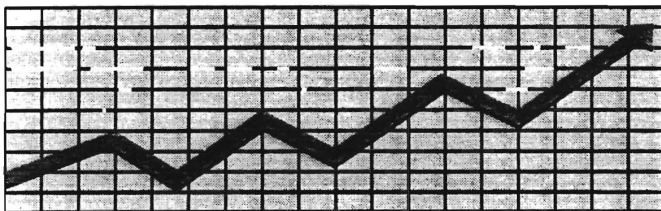
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CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS



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

CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

December 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 December 1999, **52,445 eligible families in New Jersey were receiving TANF cash assistance:**

- **51,283 single head of household families**
- **1,162 two-parent families.**

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

Essex — 17,512, Hudson — 8,776, Camden — 5,319, Passaic — 4,038, Union — 3,219

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

- **51 families in Hunterdon County to 2,234 in Mercer County,**
with ten counties below **1000 families**

There were over **32,010 fewer eligible TANF families receiving cash assistance in December 1999 than in December 1997, a decline 37.9 percent.**

- **Single head families: 29,540** below two years ago in December 1997, a drop of **36.5%.**
- **Two parent families: declined by 2,470 or 68.0 percent** from December 1997.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

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

At the end of December 1999, **142,053 households participated in the Food Stamp Program.**

- **TANF: 41,444 households with 134,288 persons.**
- **Other low income: 100,609 households with 186,053 persons.**
- **Total persons: 320,341, including 152,961 adults and 167,380 children**
- **By County: 57.7 percent of the households were in:**

Essex	34,190
Hudson	20,825
Camden	12,997
Passaic	13,995

Two years ago in December 1997, 181,733 households participated in Food Stamps in New Jersey. Over the next two years the number declined by 39,680, or 21.8 percent, to 142,053 by December 1999.

- **TANF(FS)** households steadily declined by 41,191 from about 82,635 in December 1997 to 41,444 two years later. There were 99,098 **Other Low Income** households in December 1997 and 1,151 more two years later.
- **Total FS Recipients:** were about 412,483 in December 1997, and declined to 320,341 by December 1999, a drop of 92,142, or 22.3 percent.
- **Adult FS Recipients:** declined from about 194,507 in December 1997 to 152,961 in December 1999, a drop of 41,546 (21.4 percent).
- **Recipient FS Children:** declined by 50,596 (23.2 percent), from about 217,976 in December 1997 to 167,380 in December 1999.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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

In December 1999 Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for 1,888 eligible TANF families and 113 SSI recipients in New Jersey. For TANF families this included payments for:

- **Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)** for 245 families
- **Motel** placements for 230 families and **emergency shelter** placements for 314 families
- **All other TANF-EA** for 1,099 families (including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing and food allowance, or transitional housing)
- 713 families in **Essex County**, 240 in **Passaic County**, 168 in **Mercer County**, 106 in **Hudson**.

In the past two years, the average number of EA payments for TANF families was 2,437 in 1998, and 1,861 for the twelve months of 1999. Payments were made to 37.1% fewer families in December 1999 as compared to December 1997.

- TRA payments were 13.0% of the number in December 1999.
- Motel payments were up from two years ago.; 160 to 230.

TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

(Table 8, Graph 8)

The TANF participation rate for December 1999 was 32.0% for the State as a whole. This is an decrease of 0.2 percentage points from November 1999.

Participation rates by county:

- Four counties had a participation rate greater than 40 percent, Burlington, Salem, Sussex, and Warren.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

(Table 9, Graph 9)

There were 23,895 GA recipients in December 1999, up from 23,274 in November.

- There were 14,165 Employable GA and 9,730 Unemployable GA recipients in December 1999.

CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY

(Table 10)

For FFY 2000, the total collections of the Child Support and Paternity Program was about \$365,400,000, an increase of over 9 percent over the same period for FFY 1999.

Table 1 NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS DURING REPORT MONTH, AND
TANF NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING TANF AT END OF REPORT MONTH
PROGRAM **DECEMBER 1999**

County	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF
ATLANTIC	100	117	1,096	11	1,107
BERGEN	97	121	1,034	65	1,099
BURLINGTON	143	149	964	28	992
CAMDEN	541	539	5,151	168	5,319
CAPE MAY	68	57	407	13	420
CUMBERLAND	207	196	1,254	73	1,327
ESSEX	820	1,244	17,333	179	17,512
GLOUCESTER	83	138	685	22	707
HUDSON	419	545	8,546	230	8,776
HUNTERDON	6	3	51	0	51
MERCER	185	235	2,208	26	2,234
MIDDLESEX	190	238	1,639	66	1,705
MONMOUTH	160	172	1,841	9	1,850
MORRIS	22	37	244	11	255
OCEAN	89	113	927	41	968
PASSAIC	299	408	3,889	149	4,038
SALEM	57	70	256	2	258
SOMERSET	51	59	311	15	326
SUSSEX	14	20	102	2	104
UNION	249	366	3,176	43	3,219
WARREN	15	30	169	9	178
NJ TOTAL	3,815	4,857	51,283	1,162	52,445

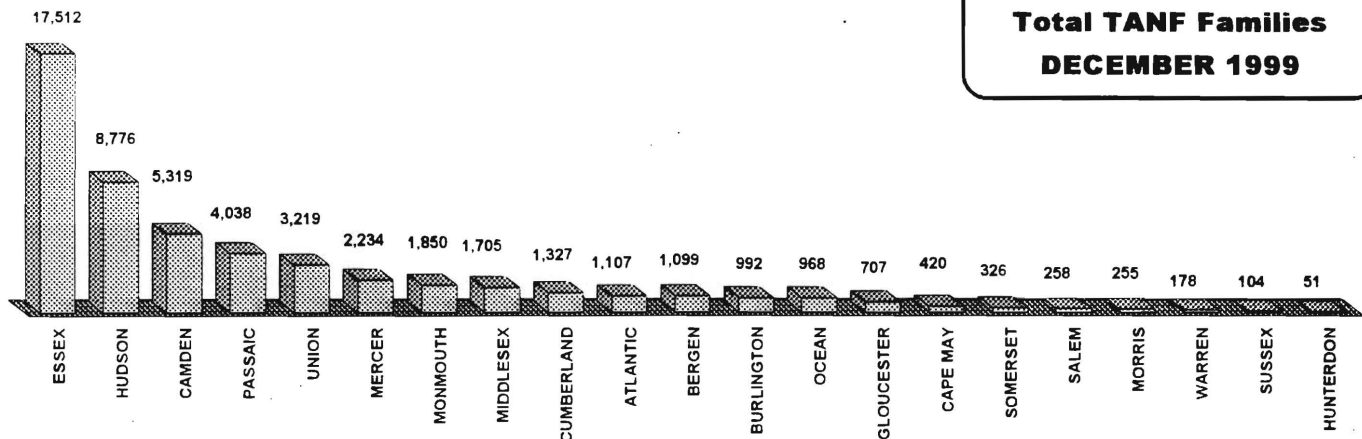
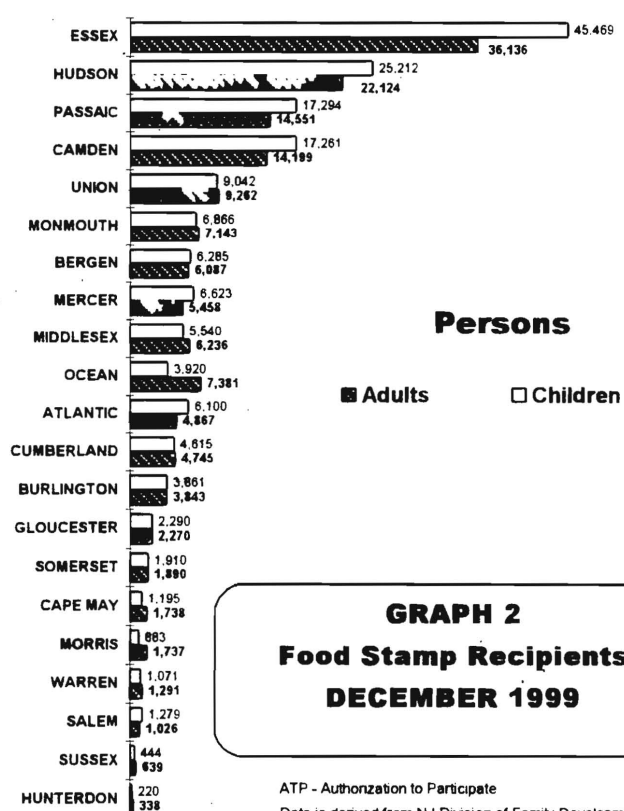
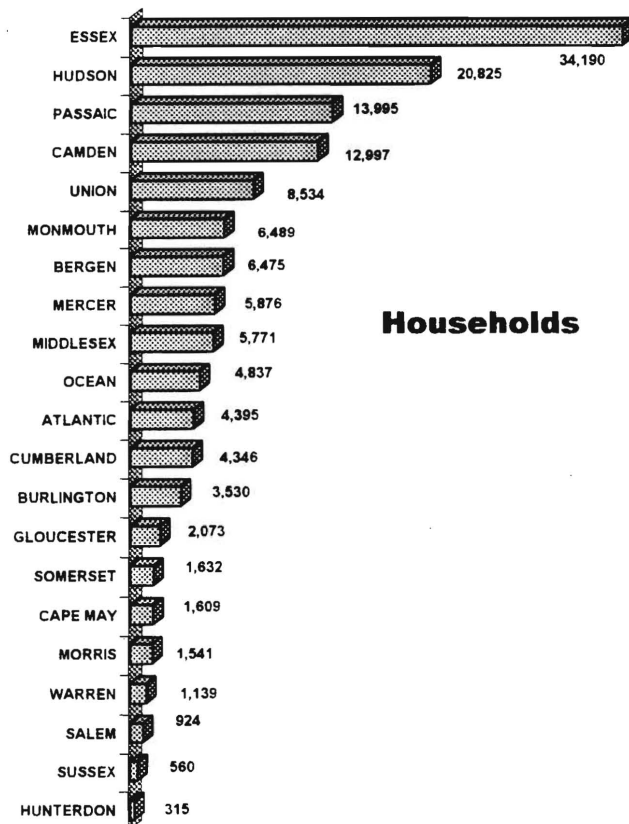


Table 2 NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

DECEMBER 1999

County	HOUSEHOLDS			TOTAL	PERSONS			
	TANF	Other low income	TOTAL		TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
ATLANTIC	672	3,723	4,395	9,360	2,223	7,137	4,745	4,615
BERGEN	786	5,689	6,475	11,301	2,362	8,939	7,381	3,920
BURLINGTON	595	2,935	3,530	7,704	1,950	5,754	3,843	3,861
CAMDEN	4,160	8,837	12,997	31,460	14,047	17,413	14,199	17,261
CAPE MAY	293	1,316	1,609	3,800	982	2,818	1,890	1,910
CUMBERLAND	1,043	3,303	4,346	10,967	3,486	7,481	4,867	6,100
ESSEX	14,954	19,236	34,190	81,605	48,356	33,249	36,136	45,469
GLOUCESTER	433	1,640	2,073	4,560	1,386	3,174	2,270	2,290
HUDSON	7,367	13,458	20,825	47,336	23,236	24,100	22,124	25,212
HUNTERDON	27	288	315	558	80	478	338	220
MERCER	1,555	4,321	5,876	12,372	4,942	7,430	6,087	6,285
MIDDLESEX	1,279	4,492	5,771	11,776	3,934	7,842	6,236	5,540
MONMOUTH	1,433	5,056	6,489	14,009	4,668	9,341	7,143	6,866
MORRIS	149	1,392	1,541	2,620	468	2,152	1,737	883
OCEAN	692	4,145	4,837	12,081	2,214	9,867	5,458	6,623
PASSAIC	3,174	10,821	13,995	31,845	10,641	21,204	14,551	17,294
SALEM	186	738	924	2,305	635	1,670	1,026	1,279
SOMERSET	213	1,419	1,632	2,933	672	2,261	1,738	1,195
SUSSEX	54	506	560	1,083	154	929	639	444
UNION	2,249	6,285	8,534	18,304	7,461	10,843	9,262	9,042
WARREN	130	1,009	1,139	2,362	391	1,971	1,291	1,071
NJ TOTAL	41,444	100,609	142,053	320,341	134,288	186,053	152,961	167,380



GRAPH 2
Food Stamp Recipients
DECEMBER 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)

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

DECEMBER 1999

TANF Families Receiving Emergency Assistance

SSI

County	TOTAL TANF-EA	Temporary Rental Assist.	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA	SSI Recipients Receiving EA*
ATLANTIC	28	0	1	0	27	0
BERGEN	130	13	25	35	57	8
BURLINGTON	21	0	0	16	5	15
CAMDEN	85	9	6	20	50	2
CAPE MAY	23	6	1	0	16	9
CUMBERLAND	9	0	0	6	3	0
ESSEX	713	152	53	150	358	10
GLOUCESTER	18	3	1	7	7	0
HUDSON	106	12	21	16	57	5
HUNTERDON	5	0	0	3	2	1
MERCER	168	26	13	6	123	14
MIDDLESEX	100	3	20	0	77	0
MONMOUTH	60	9	15	1	35	10
MORRIS	6	0	2	1	3	0
OCEAN	73	4	47	2	20	0
PASSAIC	240	0	8	25	207	6
SALEM	17	0	9	0	8	0
SOMERSET	38	0	3	16	19	27
SUSSEX	14	4	2	2	6	2
UNION	33	4	2	8	19	2
WARREN	1	0	1	0	0	2
NJ TOTAL	1,888	245	230	314	1,099	113

*SSI-EA now includes pay code 24

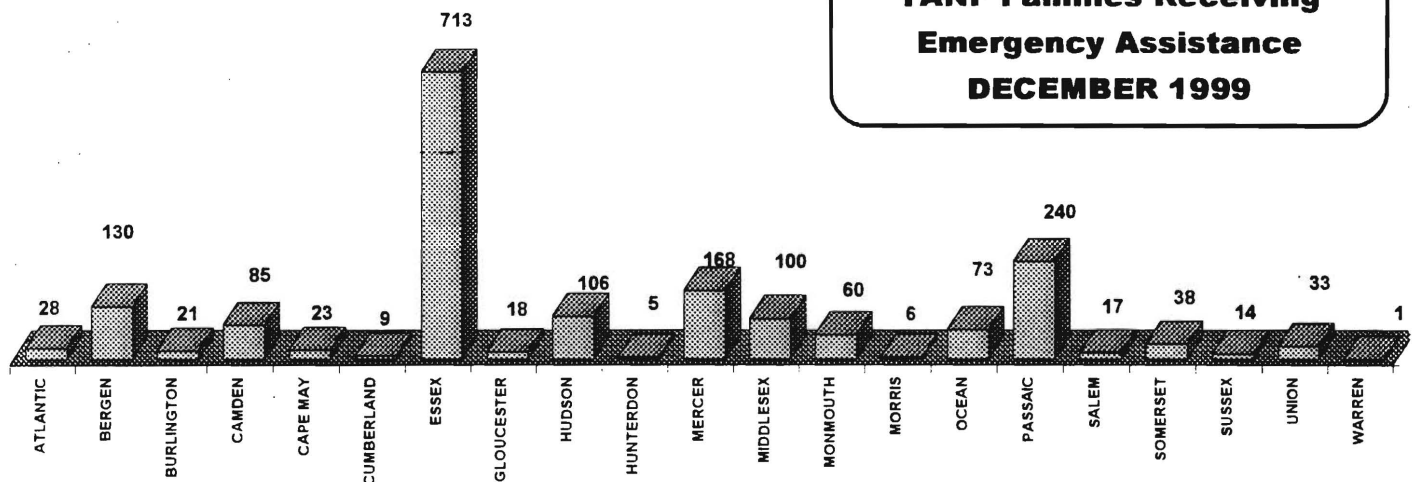


Table 4

WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY STATISTICAL SUMMARY**WFNJ****DECEMBER 1999**

COUNTY	CASES 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	490	9	92	22	62	79	18	38	335
BERGEN	621	29	222	115	233	92	142	47	188
BURLINGTON	476	116	49	127	169	81	114	46	273
CAMDEN	3,266	238	618	390	902	579	475	178	935
CAPE MAY	226	17	27	68	76	13	5	9	50
CUMBERLAND	711	5	329	249	137	103	144	62	351
ESSEX	12,693	582	4,381	1,691	2,187	1,830	2,767	163	592
GLOUCESTER	301	7	24	16	77	40	0	37	188
HUDSON	5,681	102	3,140	456	1,526	1,122	992	184	739
HUNTERDON	23	2	4	8	6	3	1	1	16
MERCER	1,259	94	155	90	355	191	115	94	359
MIDDLESEX	794	7	158	91	294	90	170	75	309
MONMOUTH	1,101	3	434	52	367	293	336	62	489
MORRIS	105	20	15	8	37	23	14	19	71
OCEAN	411	2	106	59	141	67	49	42	320
PASSAIC	2,465	58	2,019	137	470	401	611	101	310
SALEM	128	33	9	46	27	32	43	12	103
SOMERSET	175	18	47	40	52	28	28	10	84
SUSSEX	49	15	19	7	17	16	4	10	43
UNION	1,741	77	597	137	422	262	315	106	349
WARREN	114	2	40	6	25	15	2	12	34
STATE	32,830	1,436	12,485	3,815	7,582	5,360	6,345	1,308	6,138

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

**Table 5
TANF
PROGRAM**

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

DECEMBER 1997 THROUGH DECEMBER 1999

		Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF	Medicaid Only	
1997	DEC	3,735	5,113	80,823	3,632	84,455	5,728	
	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
DEC	4,812	6,105	62,921	1,755	64,676	6,684		
1998 AVERAGE		5,000	6,618	70,099	2,482	72,581	6,748	
1999	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		
	JUN	4,084	5,735	56,684	1,448	58,132		
	JUL	3,950	5,409	55,330	1,366	56,696		
	AUG	4,835	5,064	55,273	1,320	56,593		
	SEP	4,143	4,866	54,563	1,303	55,866		
	OCT	3,485	4,106	49,809	1,159	50,968		
	NOV	4,222	5,369	52,173	1,216	53,389		
	DEC	3,815	4,857	51,283	1,162	52,445		
1999 AVERAGE		4,263	5,279	56,203	1,428	57,631	6,570	

* During March FAMIS mass change approximately 6,600 cases previously identified as Medicaid only are now shown as terminated due to delinking of Medicaid and TANF.

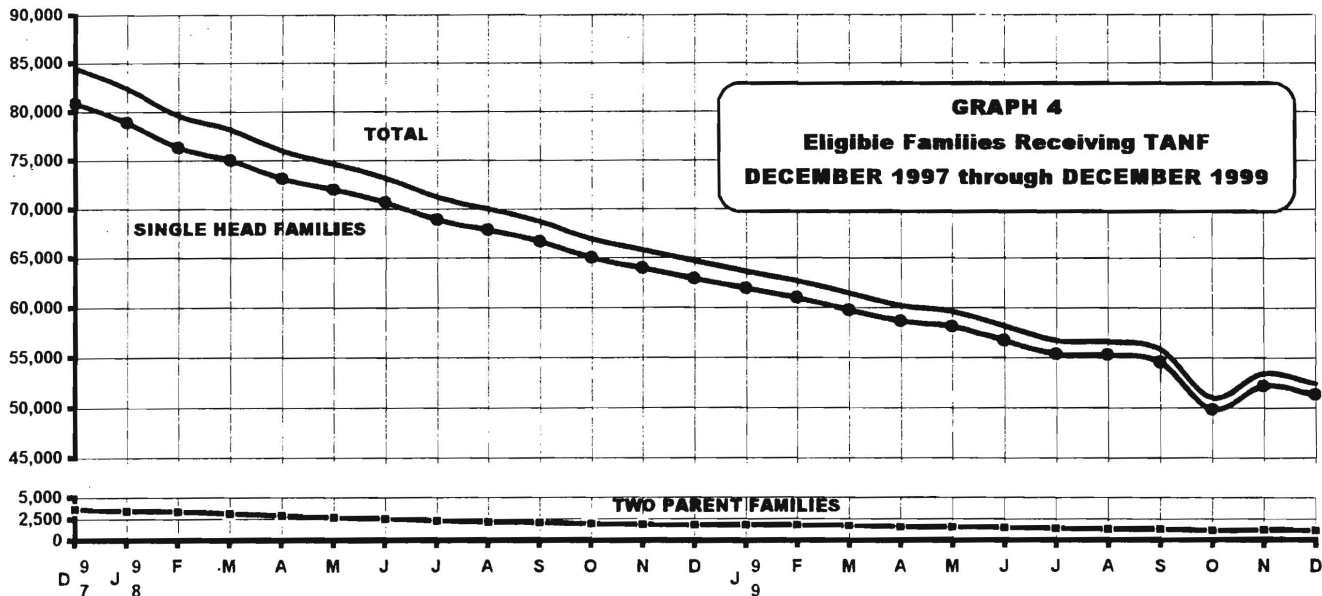
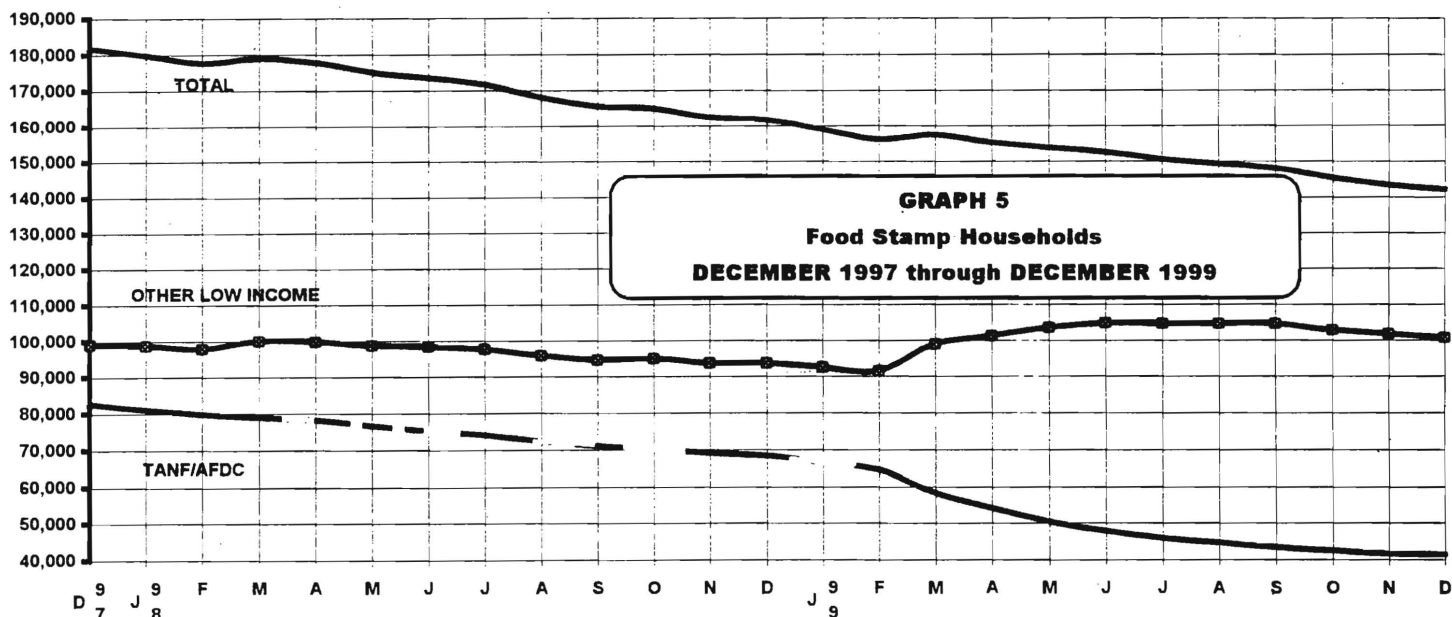


Table 6
FOOD STAMP
PROGRAM

NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS
AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH

DECEMBER 1997 THROUGH DECEMBER 1999

	HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS				
	TANF	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
1997 DEC	82,635	99,098	181,733	412,483	263,246	149,237	194,507	217,976
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
DEC	68,298	93,592	161,890	364,200	220,428	143,772	173,203	190,997
1998 AVERAGE	74,544	96,927	171,472	385,726	238,918	146,808	182,936	202,790
1999 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
JUN	47,870	104,699	152,569	342,088	154,833	187,255	164,107	177,981
JUL	45,990	104,582	150,572	337,845	149,205	188,640	162,033	175,812
AUG	44,697	104,597	149,294	334,324	144,418	189,906	160,464	173,860
SEP	43,448	104,543	147,991	330,897	140,290	190,607	158,996	171,901
OCT	42,582	102,757	145,339	326,063	137,669	188,394	156,214	169,849
NOV	41,677	101,728	143,405	322,601	135,098	187,503	154,392	168,209
DEC	41,444	100,609	142,053	320,341	134,288	186,053	152,961	167,380
1999 AVERAGE	50,121	100,926	151,047	338,794	162,234	176,560	162,409	176,385



ATP - Authorization to Participate

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

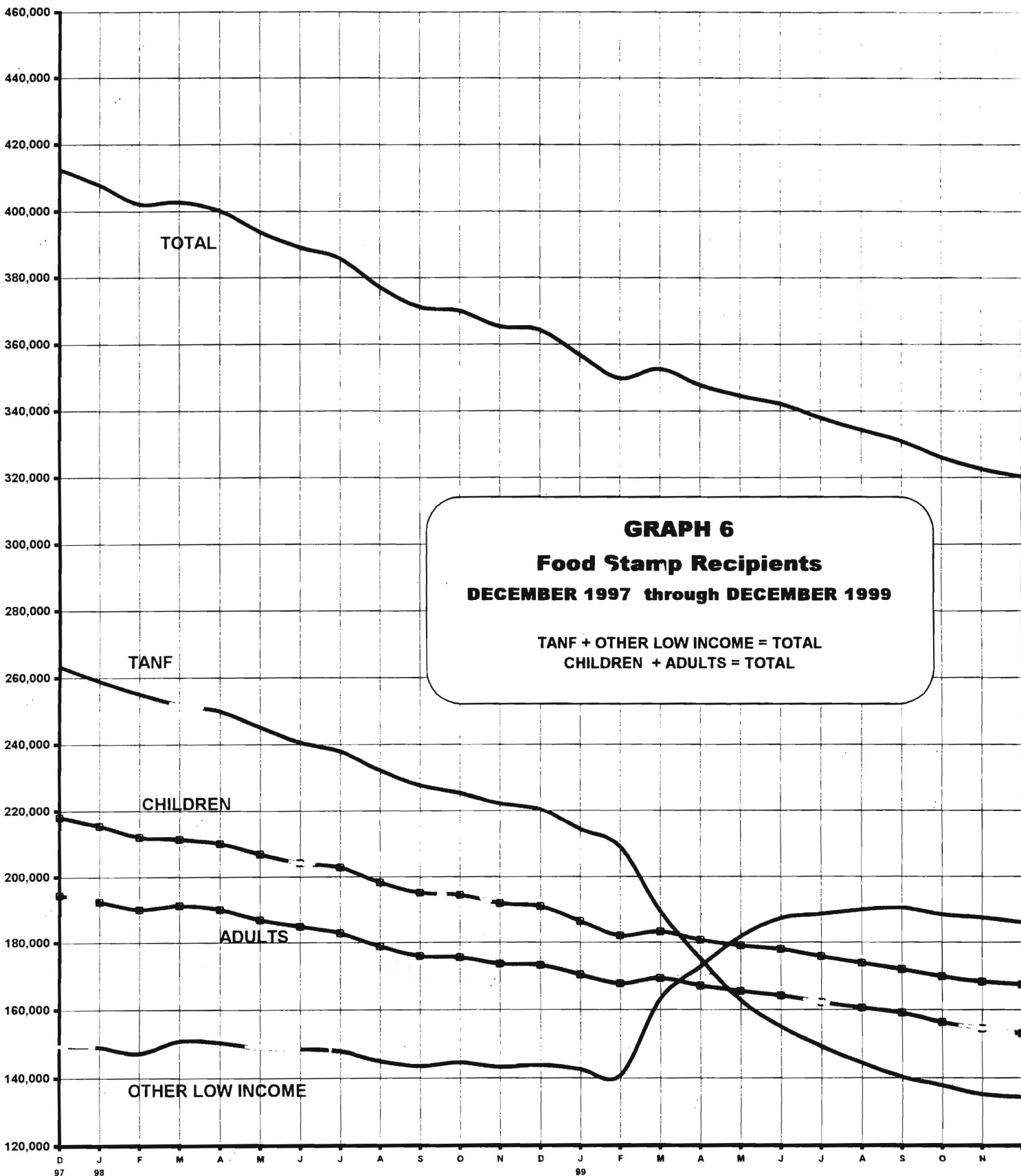


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NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

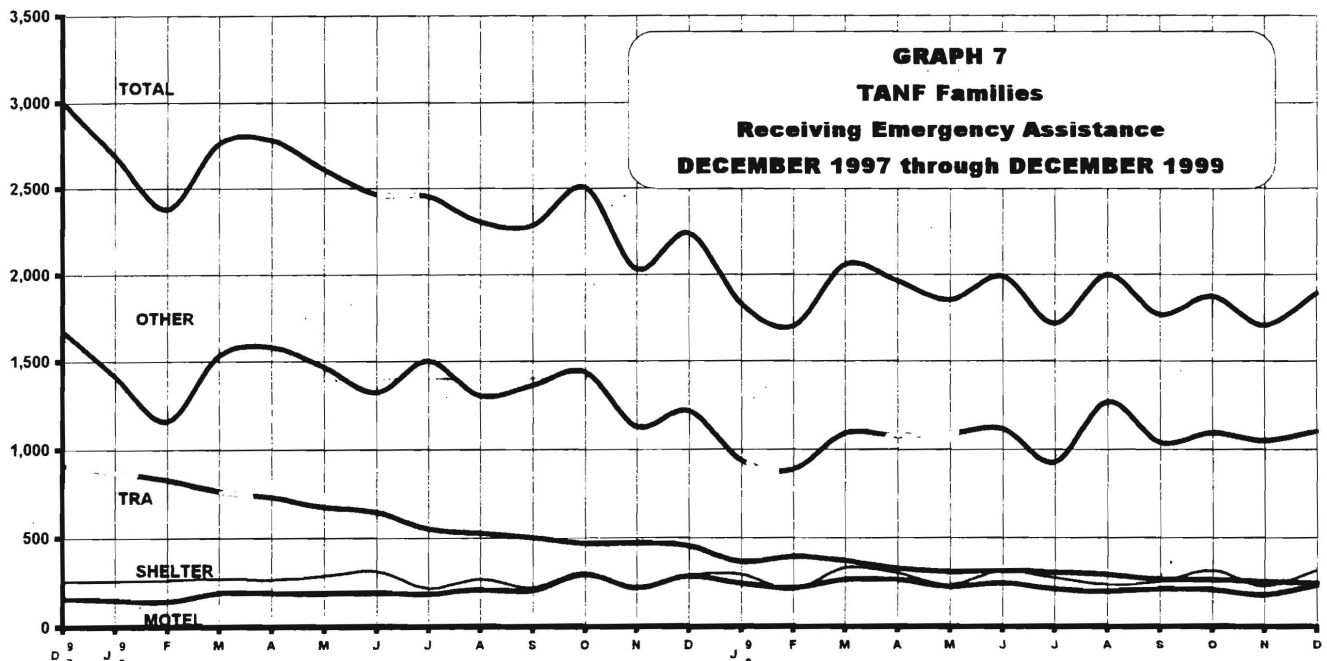
TANF

(UNDUPLICATED CASES)

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

DECEMBER 1997 THROUGH DECEMBER 1999

		Total Families Receiving EA	Temporary Rental Assistance	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA
1997	DEC	3,003	910	160	256	1,677
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
	DEC	2,237	454	281	287	1,215
1998 AVERAGE		2,437	602	209	264	1,362
1999	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
	JUN	1,989	314	245	315	1,115
	JUL	1,716	306	210	276	924
	AUG	1,995	294	195	239	1,267
	SEP	1,765	267	210	252	1,036
	OCT	1,876	263	207	315	1,091
	NOV	1,702	251	180	226	1,045
	DEC	1,888	245	230	314	1,099
1999 AVERAGE		1,861	309	224	275	1,054



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

Table 8

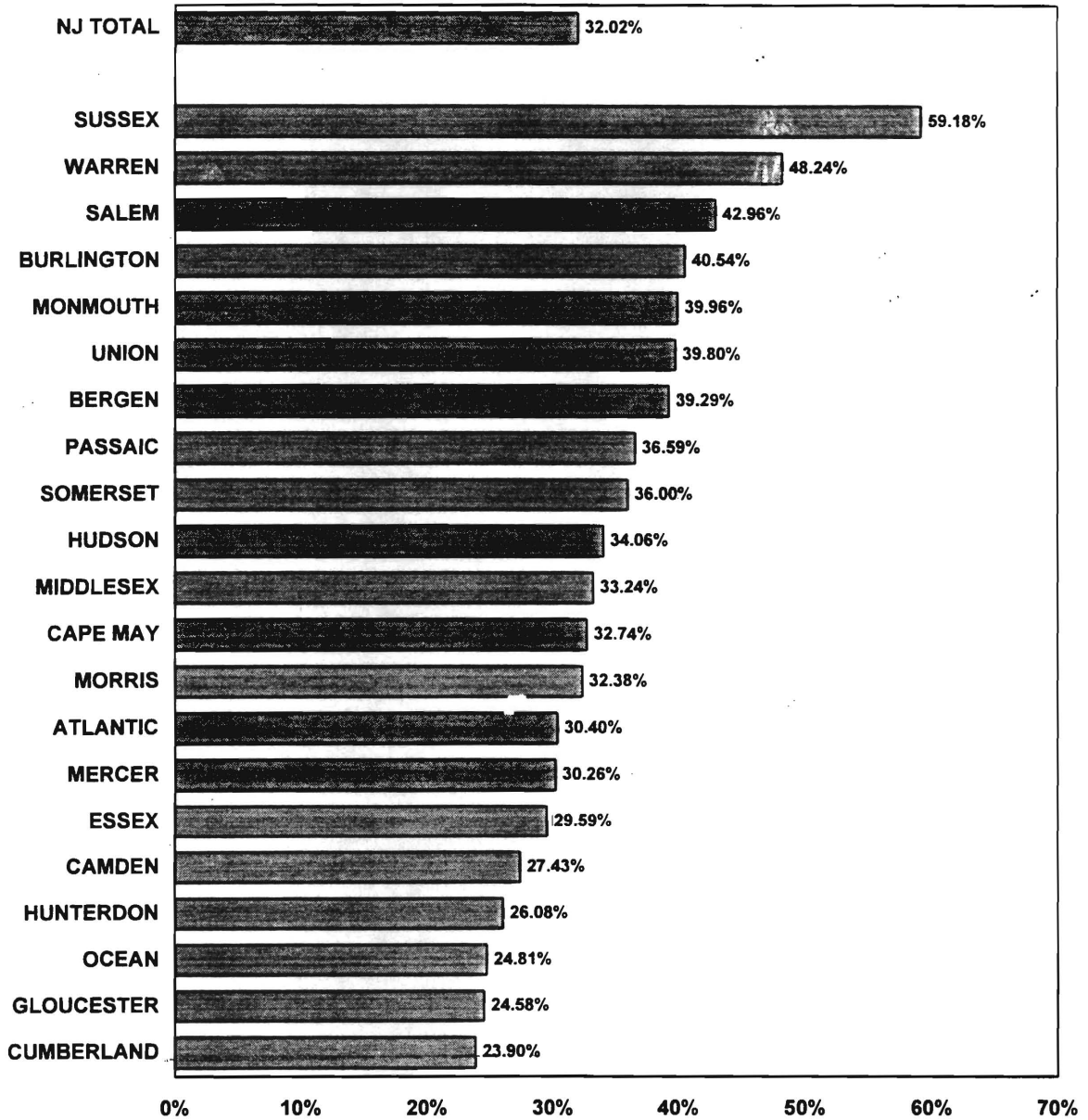
TANF PARTICIPATION RATES			
October - December 1999			
County	October	November	December
ATLANTIC	35.10%	35.39%	30.40%
BERGEN	34.47%	38.91%	39.29%
BURLINGTON	36.62%	40.53%	40.54%
CAMDEN	28.13%	30.41%	27.43%
CAPE MAY	28.32%	29.59%	32.74%
CUMBERLAND	24.60%	24.89%	23.90%
ESSEX	28.76%	28.31%	29.59%
GLOUCESTER	28.83%	32.08%	24.58%
HUDSON	31.07%	34.18%	34.06%
HUNTERDON	23.07%	16.66%	26.08%
MERCER	31.31%	32.11%	30.26%
MIDDLESEX	28.00%	33.61%	33.24%
MONMOUTH	37.04%	40.43%	39.96%
MORRIS	33.33%	37.06%	32.38%
OCEAN	25.79%	28.10%	24.81%
PASSAIC	33.79%	37.78%	36.59%
SALEM	41.00%	42.97%	42.96%
SOMERSET	36.36%	39.08%	36.00%
SUSSEX	52.94%	48.07%	59.18%
UNION	35.54%	39.23%	39.80%
WARREN	44.88%	50.42%	48.24%
NJ TOTAL	30.61%	32.24%	32.02%

The Work First New Jersey participation rate
(mandated by P.R.W.O.R.A., 1996 federal welfare reform legislation establishing TANF)
has been revised based on new Federal clarification of the formula

Graph 8

TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

DECEMBER 1999



The Work First New Jersey participation rate (mandated by PRWORA, 1996 federal welfare reform legislation establishing TANF) has been revised based on new Federal clarification of the formula

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

PROGRAM	All Persons Aided			Emergency Assistance Payments		
	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assistance	Other GA-EA	Total
1997 DEC	16,627	10,517	27,144	4,046	2,362	6,408
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
1998 AVERAGE	16,641	10,325	26,966	3,279	2,275	5,554
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
MAR	16,705	10,344	27,049	2,326	1,817	4,143
APR	16,542	10,246	26,788	2,051	1,845	3,896
MAY	15,623	10,182	25,805	1,891	2,178	4,069
JUN	15,419	9,757	25,176	1,723	1,591	3,314
JUL	15,451	9,972	25,423	1,814	1,665	3,479
AUG	15,317	9,992	25,309	1,648	1,629	3,277
SEP	14,912	9,966	24,878	1,668	1,579	3,247
OCT	14,361	9,650	24,011	1,676	1,612	3,288
NOV	13,566	9,708	23,274	1,543	1,227	2,770
DEC	14,165	9,730	23,895	1,607	1,307	2,914
1999 AVERAGE	15,313	9,988	25,301	1,872	1,673	3,545

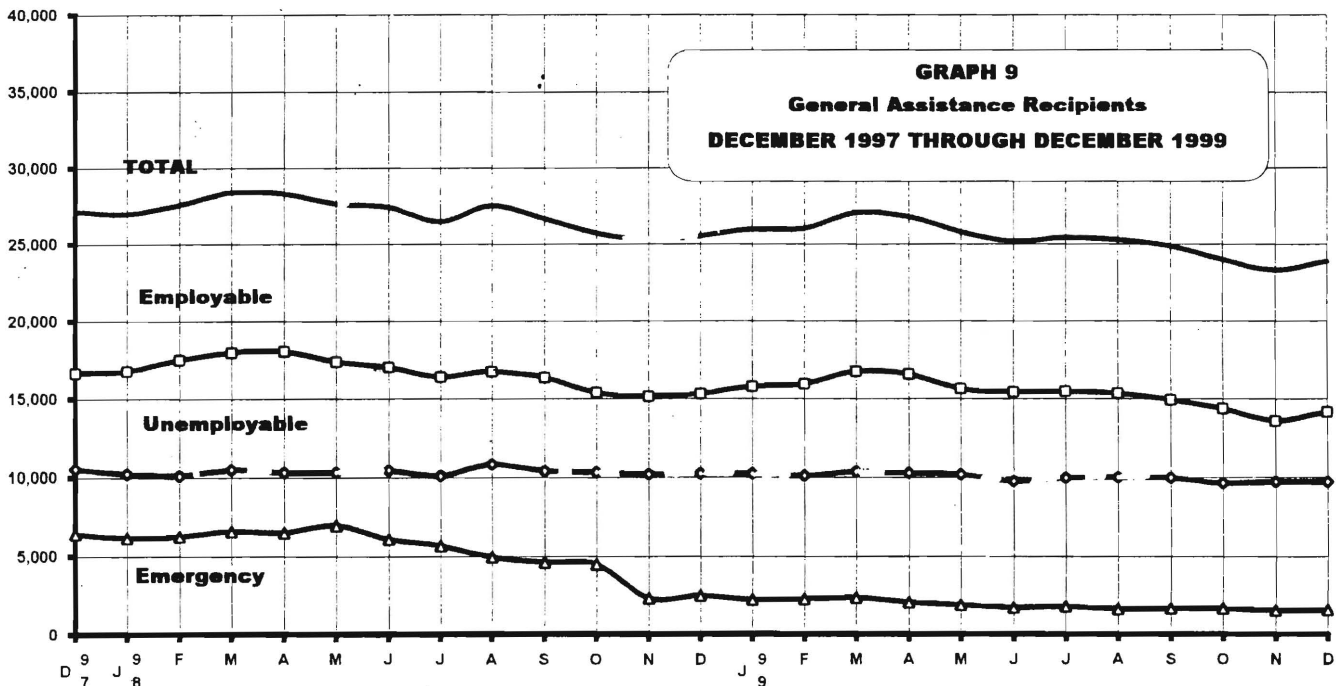


TABLE 10**CHILD SUPPORT
AND PATERNITY****CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY COLLECTIONS****State Summary****Comparison of FFY 1999 and FFY 2000**

COLLECTION SOURCE	10/98-3/99	10/99-3/00	% change
Federal Tax	\$7,450,673	\$9,312,545	24.99%
State Tax	834,846	1,130,782	35.45%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	10,294,660	10,857,285	5.47%
Income Withholding	214,977,231	242,142,045	12.64%
Other/Own Behalf	18,270,200	19,176,474	4.96%
From Other States	83,206,324	82,740,107	-0.56%
For Other States			
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$335,033,934	\$365,359,238	9.05%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION*	\$323,959,612	\$347,486,564	7.26%

* 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).

MEDICAID ONLY FAMILIES no longer receive 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****DECEMBER 1999**

<u>County</u>	Employable	<u>Total Persons Aided</u>		<u>Emergency Assistance Payments</u>		
		Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assist.	Other GA-EA	Total
ATLANTIC	794	468	1,262	52	35	87
BERGEN	241	458	699	109	44	153
BURLINGTON	243	263	506	40	70	110
CAMDEN	1,760	1,344	3,104	149	83	232
CAPE MAY	168	104	272	25	29	54
CUMBERLAND	654	187	841	2	10	12
ESSEX	3,954	1,681	5,635	302	628	930
GLOUCESTER	168	169	337	5	11	16
HUDSON	1,219	886	2,105	129	18	147
HUNTERDON	39	41	80	10	10	20
MERCER	1,044	765	1,809	47	3	50
MIDDLESEX	238	482	720	55	68	123
MONMOUTH	311	442	753	124	45	169
MORRIS	81	120	201	3	10	13
OCEAN	313	341	654	13	46	59
PASSAIC	1,441	1,058	2,499	304	90	394
SALEM	56	55	111	2	17	19
SOMERSET	59	84	143	11	26	37
SUSSEX	36	38	74	24	2	26
UNION	1,277	683	1,960	183	62	245
WARREN	69	61	130	18	0	18
TOTAL NJ	14,165	9,730	23,895	1,607	1,307	2,914

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit

TABLE 12

**CHILD SUPPORT
AND PATERNITY**

**NUMBER OF CASES REMAINING OPEN
QUARTER ENDING MARCH 2000**

	CASES WITH ORDERS			OTHER CASES (1)		TOTAL AFDC AND FOSTER CARE	TOTAL NON- AFDC	TOTAL ALL CASES
	AFDC AND FOSTER CARE	AFDC AND FOSTER CARE ARREARS (2)	NON- AFDC	AFDC AND FOSTER CARE	NON- AFDC			
Atlantic	986	4,373	8,339	1,367	3,295	6,726	11,634	18,360
Bergen	700	2,003	9,177	898	1,340	3,601	10,517	14,118
Burlington	948	3,760	10,477	1,025	2,278	5,733	12,755	18,488
Camden	4,757	13,010	18,420	4,183	4,639	21,950	23,059	45,009
Cape May	357	1,202	3,106	314	259	1,873	3,365	5,238
Cumberland	1,664	5,966	8,598	371	309	8,001	8,907	16,908
Essex	9,754	17,608	30,176	14,686	9,722	42,048	39,898	81,946
Gloucester	734	2,759	6,617	487	983	3,980	7,600	11,580
Hudson	4,567	9,029	18,835	6,237	4,777	19,833	23,612	43,445
Hunterdon	71	264	1,516	54	64	389	1,580	1,969
Mercer	2,537	6,883	10,703	2,024	1,890	11,444	12,593	24,037
Middlesex	1,326	5,833	14,628	1,707	2,358	8,866	16,986	25,852
Monmouth	1,900	5,174	10,705	1,700	1,908	8,774	12,613	21,387
Morris	264	709	4,143	271	333	1,244	4,476	5,720
Ocean	980	3,804	9,944	1,210	1,729	5,994	11,673	17,667
Passaic	3,201	6,564	14,613	3,810	4,051	13,575	18,664	32,239
Salem	497	1,871	3,210	152	166	2,520	3,376	5,896
Somerset	319	828	3,451	312	418	1,459	3,869	5,328
Sussex	172	453	1,778	110	166	735	1,944	2,679
Union	1,828	6,263	13,923	2,974	6,251	11,065	20,174	31,239
Warren	300	1,049	2,107	84	86	1,433	2,193	3,626
NJ TOTAL	37,862	99,405	204,466	43,976	47,022	181,243	251,488	432,731

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*