

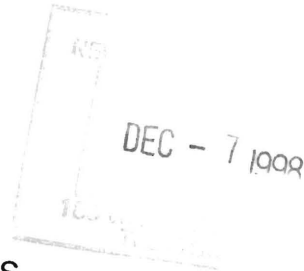
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Acting Director



SUBJECT CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

Attached please find CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS for September 1998. Included are TANF-oriented data, and the WFNJ Statistical Summary. Some items of interest include:

- The TANF caseload continues to decline. Since January of this year there has been a decrease of 16.6%.
- Food Stamp households also continue to decline. Since January of this year there has been an 8% decrease.
- Due to manual reporting from a number of municipalities, General Assistance caseload numbers are not as current as TANF and Food Stamp data. The most current caseload data, May 1998, shows an increase of 2.5% from January of this year.
- The TANF work participation rate was nearly 28.7% in September, an increase of 1.5 percentage points over August.

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

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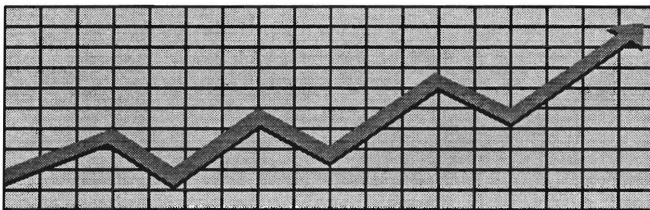
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# **CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS**



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**September 1998  
David C. Heins, Acting Director**

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## Highlights of **CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS**

### **TANF**

(Tables 1 and 5, Graphs 1 and 4)

[This series has been newly revised. 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. This is a more accurate reflection of case types for participation requirements than is subtracting companion cases from two-parent families as was done under the previous revision in June 1998. Total cases remain the same as in the prior revision.]

**As of the end of September 1998, 68,669 eligible families in New Jersey were receiving TANF cash assistance:**

- **66,649 single head of household families**
- **2,020 two-parent families.**

**In addition, there were about 6800 families receiving Medicaid Only assistance.**

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

**Essex — 21,199, Hudson — 11,346, Camden — 7,416, Passaic — 5,134, Union — 4,250**

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

- **59 families in Hunterdon County to 3,180 in Mercer County,**  
with seven counties below **1000 families**

**Over 1300 fewer eligible TANF families were receiving cash assistance in September 1998 than in August, with a decline of more than 34,500, or 33.5 percent, compared to the number of AFDC families receiving cash assistance two years ago in September 1996.**

- **Single head families: 1200 fewer were eligible in September 1998 than in August, and almost 31,000 below two years ago in September 1996, a drop of almost 32 percent.**
- **Two parent families: declined by 3400 or 62.6 percent from about 5400 in September 1996.**

### **FOOD STAMP PROGRAM**

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

**At the end of September 1998, about 165,500 households were authorized to participate in the Food Stamp Program.**

- **TANF:** about **71,000** households with less than **228,000** persons.
- **Other low income:** about **94.500** households with less than **143,500** persons.
- **Total persons:** less than **371,000**, including **176,000** adults and **195,000** children
- **By County:** almost **50 percent** of the households were in:
 

<b>Essex</b>	<b>43,500</b>
<b>Hudson</b>	<b>22,900</b>
<b>Camden</b>	<b>15,700</b>

Two years ago in September 1996, 212,300 households were authorized to participate in Food Stamps in New Jersey. Over the next two years the number declined by nearly 47,000, or 22 percent, to 165,500 by September 1998, the second consecutive month below 170,000 this year.

- **TANF(FS)** households steadily declined from about **103,000** in September 1996 to about **71,000** two years later. There were more than **109,000 Other Low Income** households in September 1996 and less than **95,000** two years later.
- **Total FS Recipients Authorized to Participate:** were nearly **489,000** in September 1996, and declined to **371,000** by September 1998, a drop of almost **118,000, or 24 percent**.
- **Adult FS Recipients:** were close to **234,500** in September 1996, and were down by **58,500 (25 percent)** to **176,000** in September 1998.
- **Recipient FS Children:** also declined by about **59,000 (23 percent)**, from about **254,300** in September 1996 to **195,100** in September 1998.

## **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

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

In September 1998 Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for 2283 eligible TANF families and 240 SSI recipients in New Jersey. For TANF families this included payments for:

- **Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)** for **502** families
- **Motel** placements for **201** families and **emergency shelter** placements for **220** families
- **All other TANF-EA** for **1360** families (including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing and food allowance, or transitional housing)
- **793** families in **Essex** County, **312** in **Passaic** County, and **less than 200** TANF families in each of the other counties.

In the past two years, the average number of EA payments for TANF/AFDC families was about 4750 in 1996, 3550 for 1997, and 2500 for the first nine months of 1998. Payments were made for less than half as many families in September 1998 as in September 1996.

- TRA payments were less than **one third** of the number in September 1996.
- Motel payments declined by **40 percent** from 337 in September 1996.
- Emergency Shelter payments declined by nearly **40 percent** from 362 in September 1996.
- Other TANF-EA payments declined by **40 percent** from 2276 in September 1996.

For 1996 there were an average of 6800 GA EA recipients, 6700 for 1997, and 6500 for the first five months of 1998. Of those, GA TRA payments were made to an average of 4100 recipients in 1996, and 4000 in both 1997 and the first five months of 1998.

## TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

(Table 8, Graph 8)

[Participation rates are based on new Federal clarification of the formula for their calculation]

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 27,652 GA recipients in May 1998, a decline of almost 700 from April 1998. The GA total was about 2000 below May 1997 and about 6000 below May 1996.

- **Employable GA** recipients reached a peak in March 1996 of more than **23,500**. They remained around **20,000** from June 1996 through April 1997, and less than **18,000** since July 1997.
- **Unemployable GA** recipients remained in the **10,000 to 11,000** range over the past two years.

## CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY

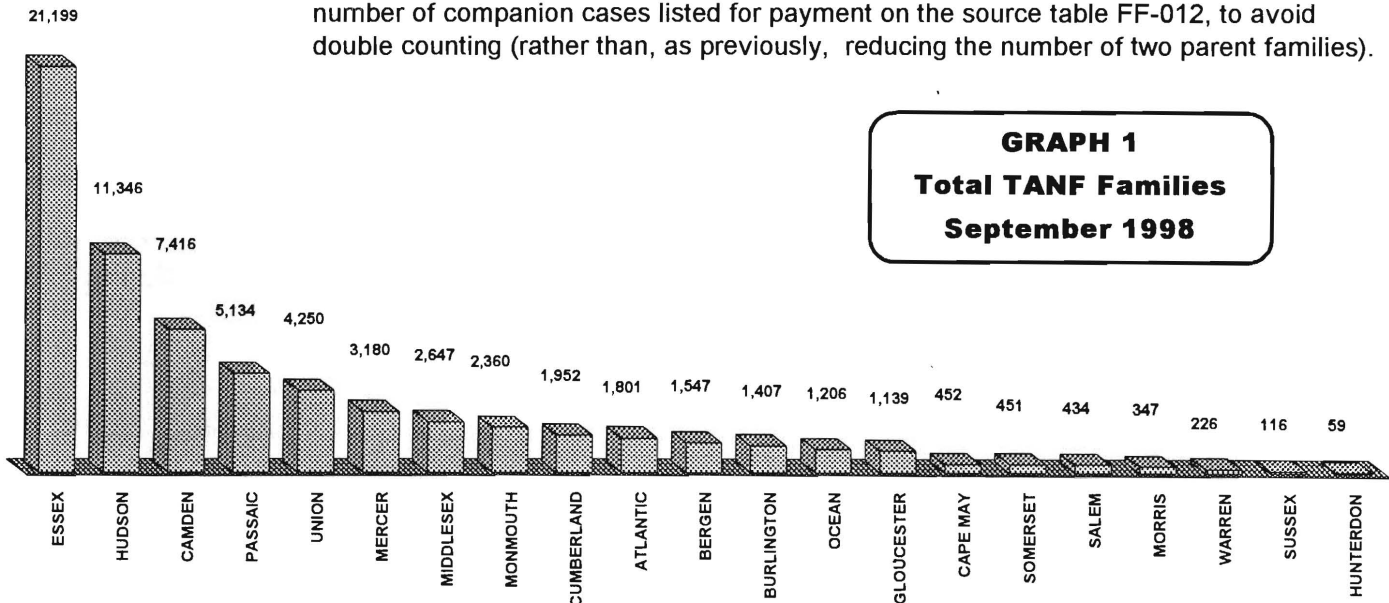
(Table 10)

In FFY 1998, October 1997 - September 1998, the total distribution of collections of the Child Support and Paternity Program was \$621.6 million, compared to less than \$593 million in FFY 1997, October 1996 - September 1997.

**Table 1** NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS DURING REPORT MONTH, AND TANF PROGRAM NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING TANF AT END OF REPORT MONTH **SEPTEMBER 1998**

County	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families*	Two Parent Families*	Total TANF	Medicaid Only
ATLANTIC	156	222	1,765	36	1,801	175
BERGEN	120	189	1,451	96	1,547	88
BURLINGTON	188	247	1,365	42	1,407	241
CAMDEN	607	805	7,118	298	7,416	970
CAPE MAY	66	101	423	29	452	83
CUMBERLAND	260	291	1,829	123	1,952	556
ESSEX	830	1,070	20,988	211	21,199	808
GLOUCESTER	192	249	1,106	33	1,139	316
HUDSON	451	645	10,895	451	11,346	1,057
HUNTERDON	21	20	58	1	59	28
MERCER	299	354	3,108	72	3,180	477
MIDDLESEX	319	435	2,535	112	2,647	489
MONMOUTH	178	247	2,309	51	2,360	186
MORRIS	53	51	332	15	347	59
OCEAN	176	245	1,150	56	1,206	417
PASSAIC	352	391	4,864	270	5,134	138
SALEM	82	108	426	8	434	70
SOMERSET	90	90	430	21	451	87
SUSSEX	34	43	113	3	116	44
UNION	312	412	4,167	83	4,250	508
WARREN	33	56	217	9	226	22
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>4,819</b>	<b>6,271</b>	<b>66,649</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>68,669</b>	<b>6,819</b>

\*Note: Using new methodology, with the number of *single* parent families reduced by the number of companion cases listed for payment on the source table FF-012, to avoid double counting (rather than, as previously, reducing the number of two parent families).

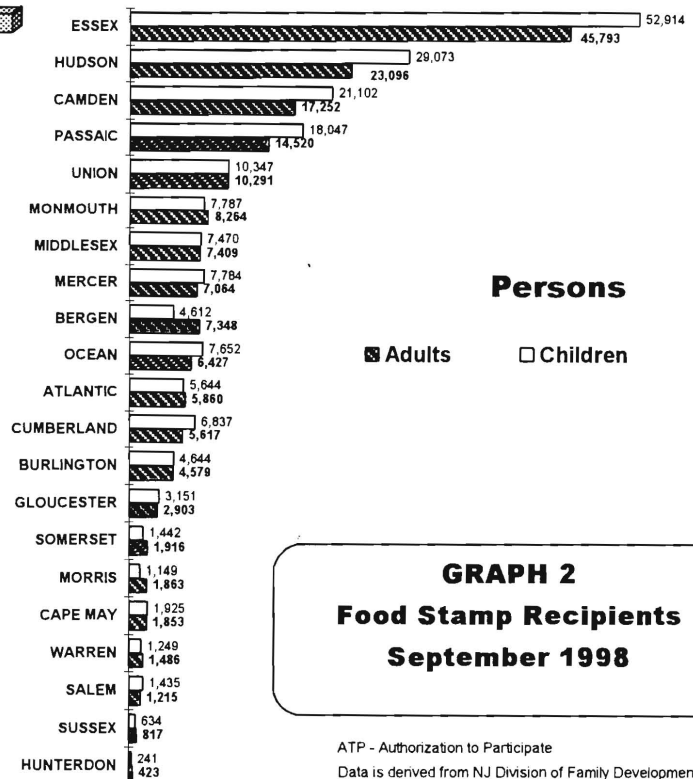
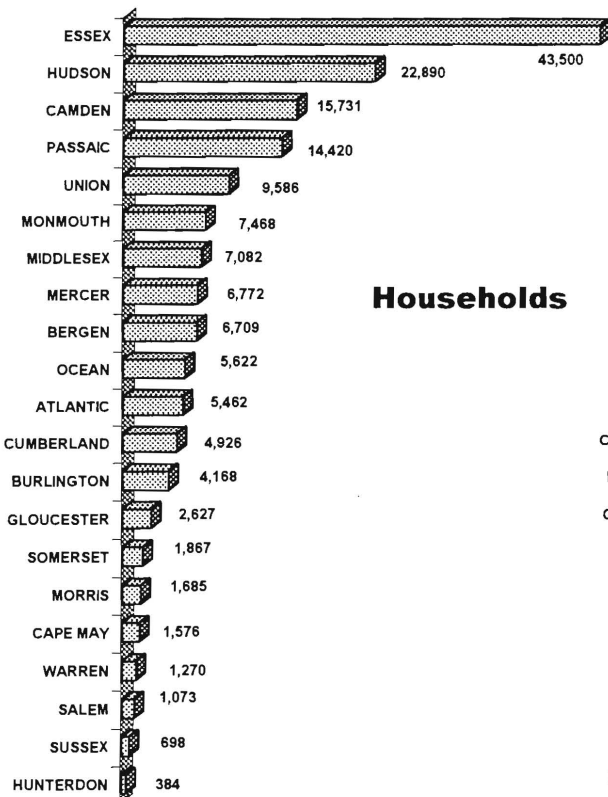


**Table 2** NUMBER OF ATP'S ISSUED TO HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH

**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM**

**SEPTEMBER 1998**

County	HOUSEHOLDS			TOTAL	PERSONS			
	TANF	Other low income	TOTAL		TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
ATLANTIC	1,742	3,720	5,462	11,504	5,910	5,594	5,860	5,644
BERGEN	1,524	5,185	6,709	11,960	4,520	7,440	7,348	4,612
BURLINGTON	1,572	2,596	4,168	9,223	4,934	4,289	4,579	4,644
CAMDEN	8,023	7,708	15,731	38,354	26,933	11,421	17,252	21,102
CAPE MAY	578	998	1,576	3,778	2,007	1,771	1,853	1,925
CUMBERLAND	2,540	2,386	4,926	12,454	8,560	3,894	5,617	6,837
ESSEX	20,923	22,577	43,500	98,707	66,397	32,310	45,793	52,914
GLOUCESTER	1,235	1,392	2,627	6,054	3,982	2,072	2,903	3,151
HUDSON	11,618	11,272	22,890	52,169	35,458	16,711	23,096	29,073
HUNTERDON	58	326	384	664	179	485	423	241
MERCER	3,047	3,725	6,772	14,848	9,732	5,116	7,064	7,784
MIDDLESEX	2,942	4,140	7,082	14,879	9,079	5,800	7,409	7,470
MONMOUTH	2,453	5,015	7,468	16,051	8,119	7,932	8,264	7,787
MORRIS	357	1,328	1,685	3,012	1,086	1,926	1,863	1,149
OCEAN	1,840	3,782	5,622	14,079	6,458	7,621	6,427	7,652
PASSAIC	5,183	9,237	14,420	32,567	17,149	15,418	14,520	18,047
SALEM	475	598	1,073	2,650	1,615	1,035	1,215	1,435
SOMERSET	466	1,401	1,867	3,358	1,435	1,923	1,916	1,442
SUSSEX	159	539	698	1,451	493	958	817	634
UNION	3,881	5,705	9,586	20,638	12,524	8,114	10,291	10,347
WARREN	345	925	1,270	2,735	1,148	1,587	1,486	1,249
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>70,961</b>	<b>94,555</b>	<b>165,516</b>	<b>371,135</b>	<b>227,718</b>	<b>143,417</b>	<b>175,996</b>	<b>195,139</b>



**GRAPH 2**  
**Food Stamp Recipients**  
**September 1998**

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

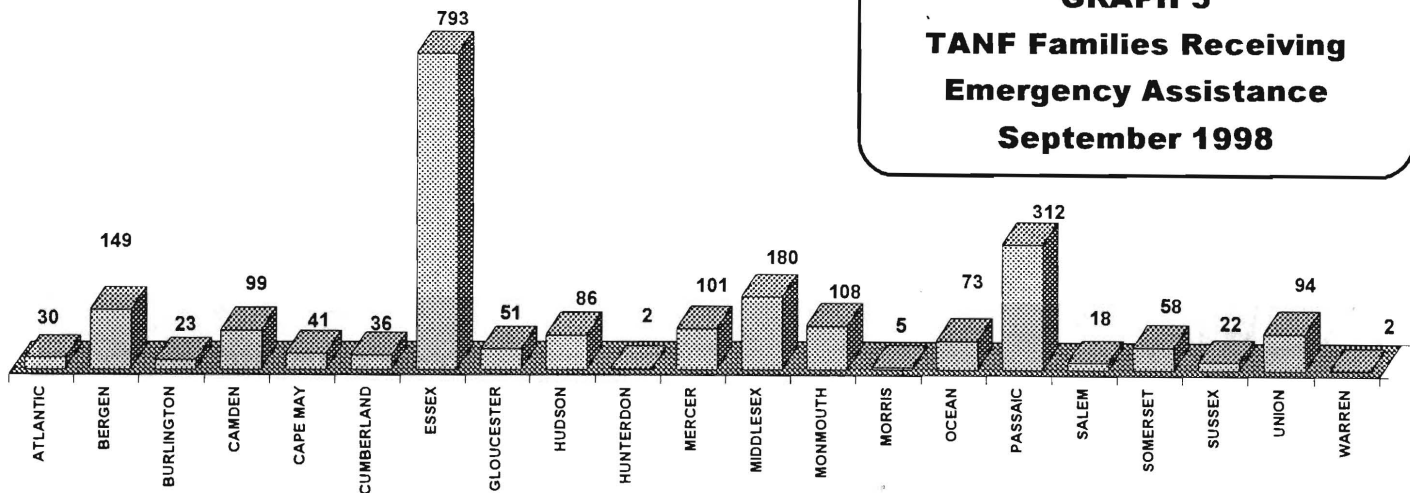
**Table 3** NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS (UNDUPLICATED CASES)

**TANF/SSI**  
**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

SEPTEMBER 1998

County	TANF Families Receiving Emergency Assistance					SSI Recipients Receiving EA
	TOTAL TANF-EA	Temporary Rental Assist.	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA	
ATLANTIC	30	1	5	0	24	10
BERGEN	149	42	14	41	52	26
BURLINGTON	23	2	0	11	10	2
CAMDEN	99	21	3	16	59	15
CAPE MAY	41	5	5	0	31	7
CUMBERLAND	36	1	1	8	26	5
ESSEX	793	313	74	42	364	10
GLOUCESTER	51	11	2	19	19	9
HUDSON	86	14	3	10	59	7
HUNTERDON	2	0	0	1	1	6
MERCER	101	38	11	2	50	8
MIDDLESEX	180	16	19	8	137	39
MONMOUTH	108	18	8	0	82	0
MORRIS	5	0	0	1	4	5
OCEAN	73	3	32	4	34	30
PASSAIC	312	2	3	19	288	45
SALEM	18	2	5	0	11	2
SOMERSET	58	5	1	17	35	2
SUSSEX	22	3	6	4	9	2
UNION	94	5	8	17	64	10
WARREN	2	0	1	0	1	0
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>2,283</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>240</b>

**GRAPH 3**  
**TANF Families Receiving**  
**Emergency Assistance**  
**September 1998**



**Table 4** **WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY STATISTICAL SUMMARY**  
**WFNJ** **September 1998**

COUNTY	RECIPIENTS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE	EMPLOYMENT DIRECTED ACTIVITIES			EMPLOYED OPEN (TANF RECIPIENT)	CHILD CARE ON ACTIVE CASE	EMPLOYED CLOSED	POST TANF CHILD CARE
		CWEP	ALL OTHER TRAINING	JOB SEARCH				
ATLANTIC	1,092	0	336	141	376	148	88	255
BERGEN	1,053	53	287	148	340	150	51	157
BURLINGTON	851	225	133	194	304	122	59	274
CAMDEN	5,259	346	670	811	1,992	517	210	611
CAPE MAY	325	7	28	82	147	19	26	67
CUMBERLAND	1,312	29	721	770	433	177	87	260
ESSEX	16,248	267	3,364	4,272	1,947	1,465	246	416
GLOUCESTER	673	51	38	208	186	63	52	147
HUDSON	8,313	841	2,321	796	1,373	1,115	198	634
HUNTERDON	38	1	2	14	22	6	3	11
MERCER	2,018	73	166	369	399	260	81	263
MIDDLESEX	1,590	0	286	345	751	222	99	341
MONMOUTH	1,587	100	698	225	641	393	83	375
MORRIS	208	52	32	71	59	32	21	72
OCEAN	631	8	88	86	249	109	78	348
PASSAIC	3,540	368	1,654	1,333	578	485	98	277
SALEM	285	66	68	105	99	63	15	77
SOMERSET	285	20	63	41	118	52	21	84
SUSSEX	86	11	16	14	56	25	10	56
UNION	2,729	87	635	339	478	360	79	233
WARREN	165	32	23	87	50	15	12	35
<b>STATE</b>	<b>48,288</b>	<b>2,637</b>	<b>11,629</b>	<b>10,451</b>	<b>10,598</b>	<b>5,798</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>4,993</b>

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

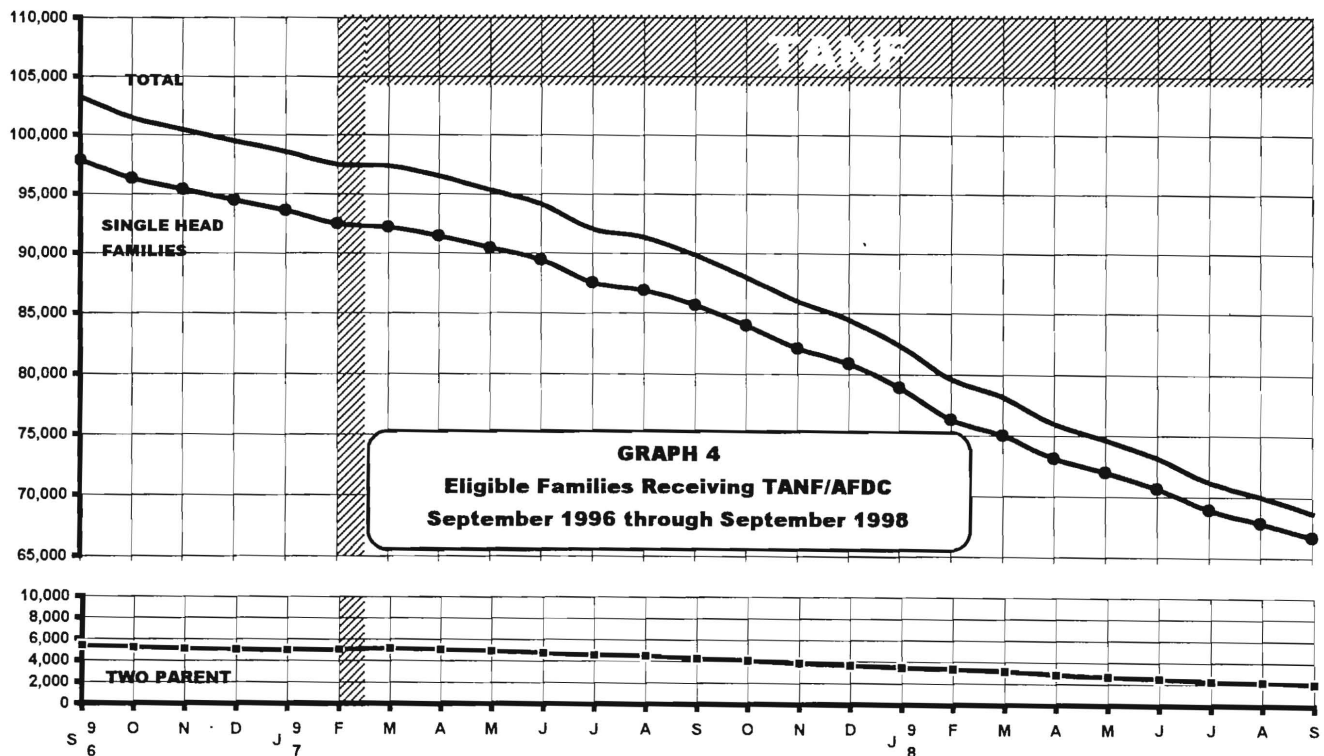
\* Currently unavailable pending recalculation of participation rates based on new Federal clarification

**Table 5  
TANF/AFDC  
PROGRAM**

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

**September 1996 through September 1998**

	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families* (revised)	Two Parent Families* (revised)	Total TANF/AFDC	Medicaid Only
AFDC 1996 SEP	6,311	7,440	97,838	5,395	103,233	5,097
OCT	5,213	7,015	96,295	5,190	101,485	5,026
NOV	5,374	6,549	95,387	5,081	100,468	5,034
DEC	5,018	6,137	94,463	5,016	99,479	4,992
<b>AVERAGE (12 mos.)</b>	<b>5,602</b>	<b>6,608</b>	<b>99,673</b>	<b>5,843</b>	<b>105,516</b>	<b>5,060</b>
1997 JAN	5,933	6,803	93,595	4,982	98,577	4,994
<b>TANF</b> FEB	4,410	5,728	92,490	5,010	97,500	4,862
MAR	6,184	6,416	92,243	5,125	97,368	4,835
APR	5,172	6,034	91,451	5,049	96,500	4,828
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>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>
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
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>5,031</b>	<b>6,698</b>	<b>72,148</b>	<b>2,699</b>	<b>74,846</b>	<b>6,755</b>



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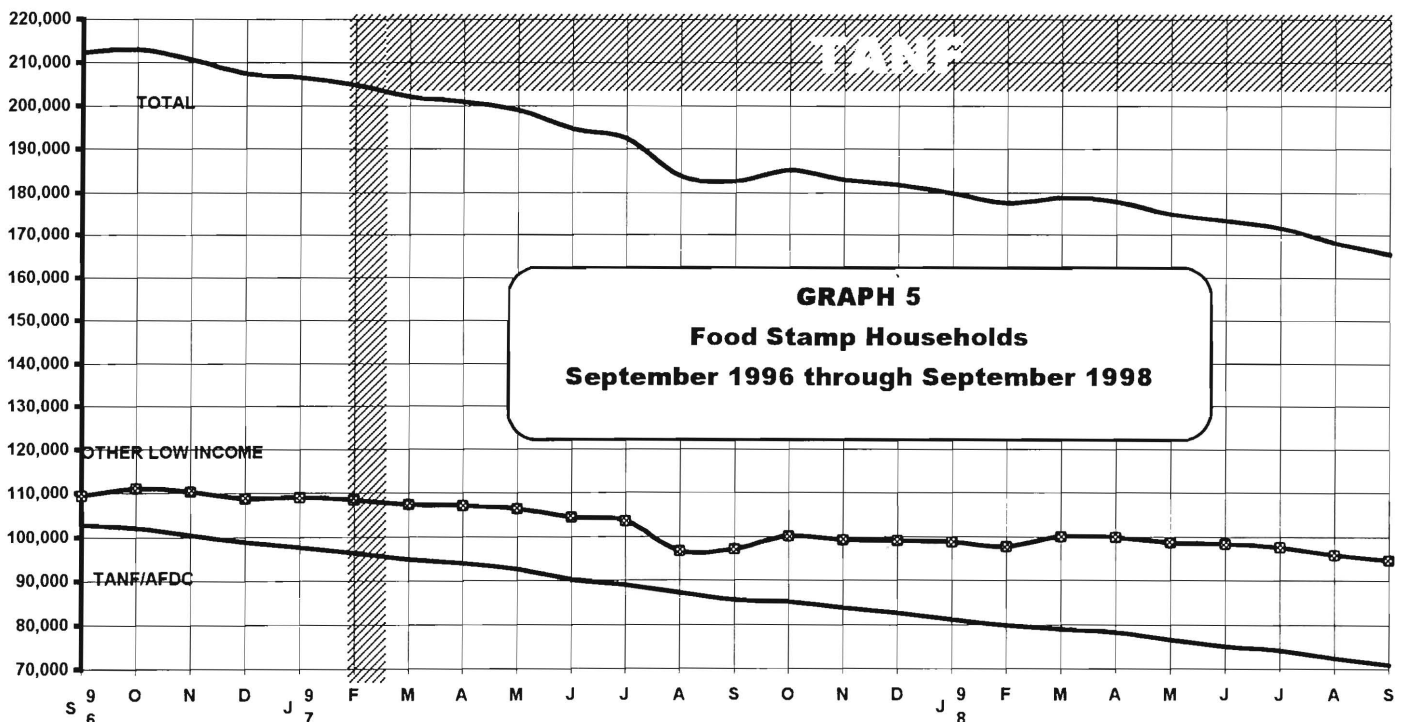
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**Table 6**  
**FOOD STAMP**  
**PROGRAM**

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

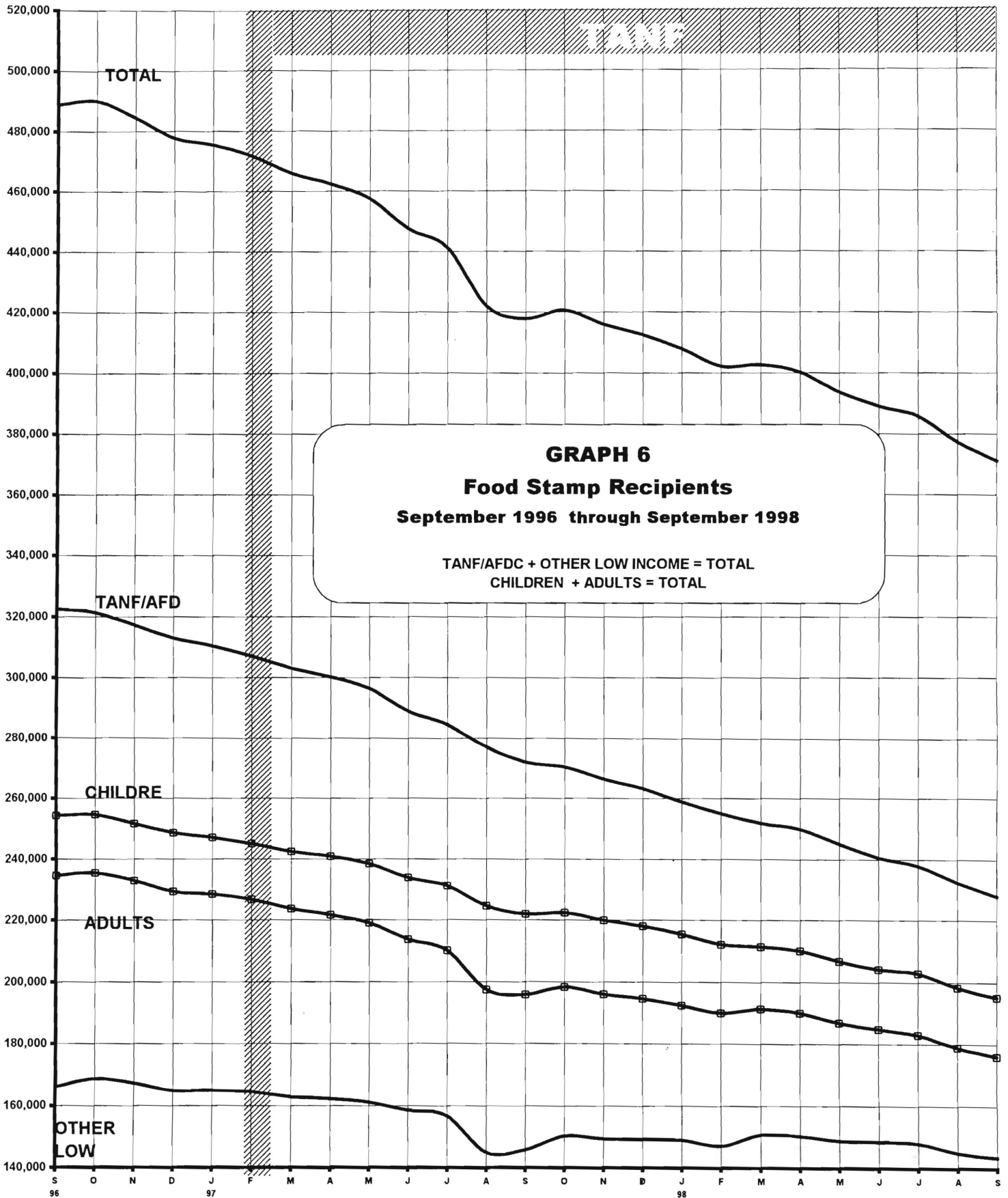
**September 1996 through September 1998**

	HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS				
	TANF/AFDC	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF/AFDC	Other low income	Adults	Children
1996 SEP	102,827	109,441	212,268	488,765	322,572	166,193	234,442	254,323
OCT	102,088	111,008	213,096	489,991	321,226	168,765	235,401	254,590
NOV	100,411	110,254	210,665	484,378	317,163	167,215	232,756	251,622
DEC	98,729	108,617	207,346	477,693	312,869	164,824	229,191	248,502
<b>AVERAGE (12 mos.)</b>	<b>105,559</b>	<b>111,850</b>	<b>217,409</b>	<b>501,448</b>	<b>331,312</b>	<b>170,136</b>	<b>240,718</b>	<b>260,730</b>
1997 JAN	97,555	108,961	206,516	475,374	310,342	165,032	228,388	246,986
TANF FEB	96,279	108,462	204,741	471,576	307,066	164,510	226,570	245,006
MAR	94,787	107,331	202,118	465,920	303,052	162,868	223,576	242,344
APR	93,845	107,008	200,853	462,303	300,073	162,230	221,538	240,765
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
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>89,886</b>	<b>103,185</b>	<b>193,071</b>	<b>442,475</b>	<b>286,617</b>	<b>155,858</b>	<b>210,406</b>	<b>232,069</b>
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
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>76,338</b>	<b>97,903</b>	<b>174,241</b>	<b>392,134</b>	<b>244,323</b>	<b>147,811</b>	<b>185,896</b>	<b>206,238</b>



ATP - Authorization to Participate

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

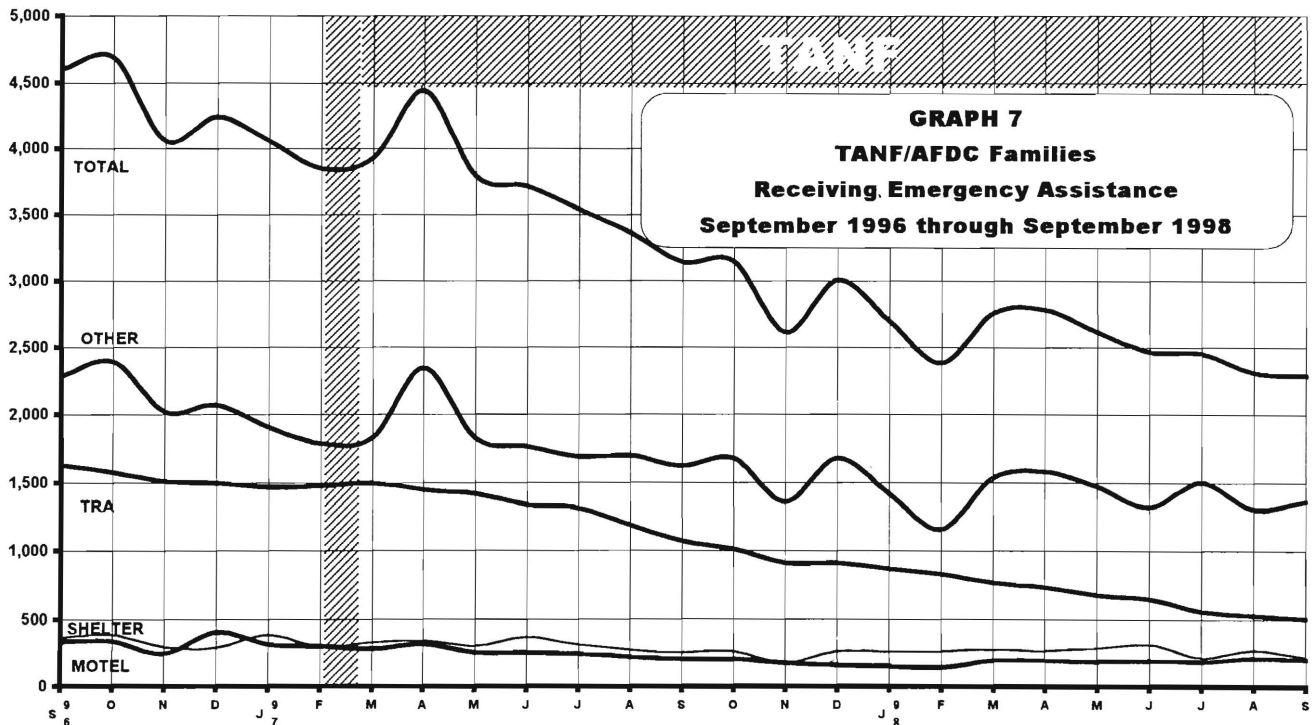


**Table 7** NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS  
(UNDUPLICATED CASES)

**TANF/AFDC**  
**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

September 1996 through September 1998

	Total Families Receiving EA	Temporary Rental Assistance	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF/AFDC-EA
SEP	4,600	1,625	337	362	2,276
OCT	4,683	1,576	334	385	2,388
NOV	4,059	1,507	237	294	2,021
DEC	4,244	1,492	400	286	2,066
<b>AVERAGE (12 mos.)</b>	<b>4,751</b>	<b>1,698</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>2,388</b>
<b>1997</b>					
JAN	4,059	1,462	310	382	1,905
FEB	3,847	1,473	296	292	1,786
MAR	3,926	1,494	278	327	1,827
APR	4,440	1,447	309	342	2,342
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>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
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>2,504</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>1,401</b>



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

Table 8

## TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

July - September 1998

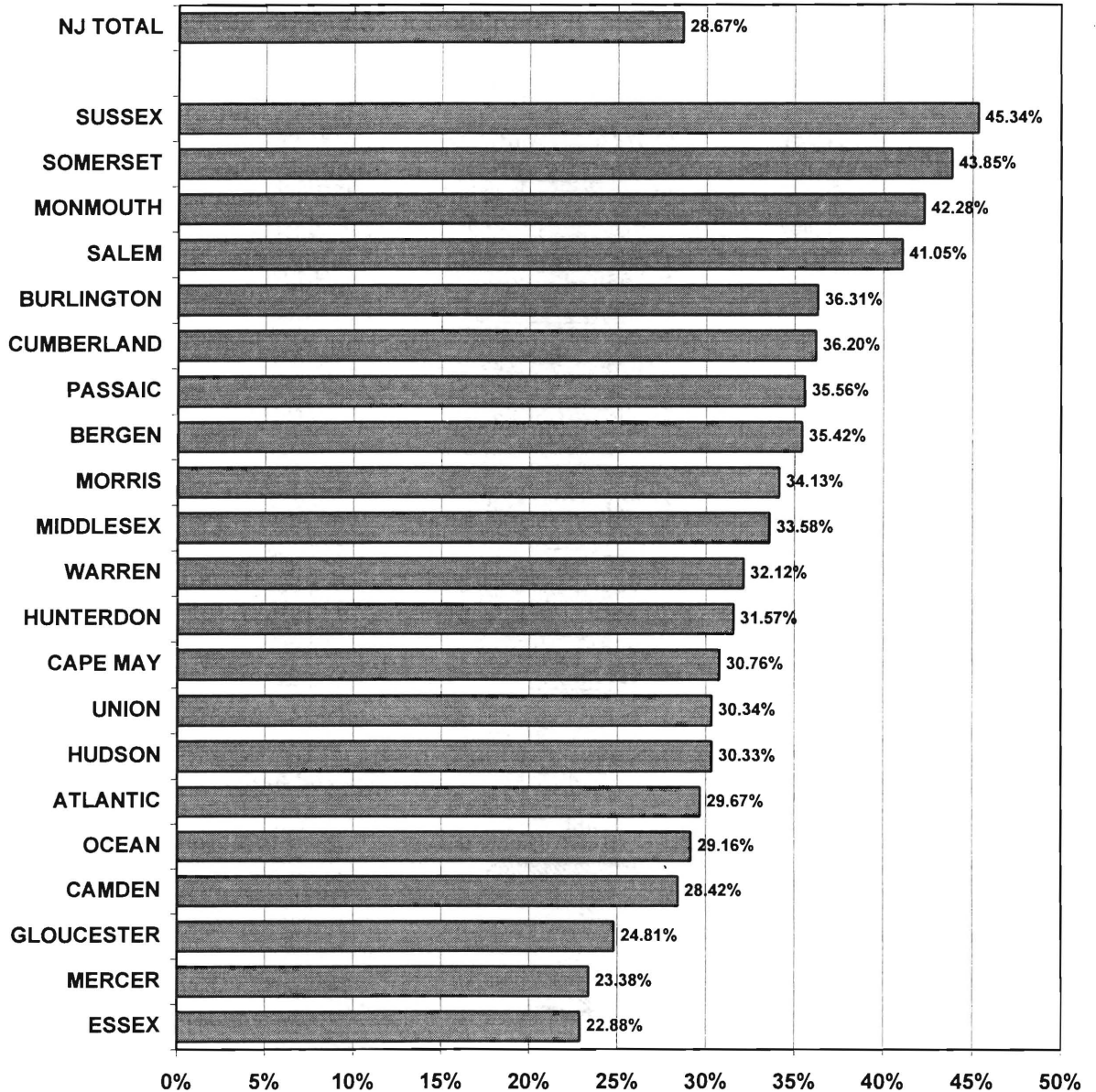
County	July	August	September
ATLANTIC	28.48%	26.45%	29.67%
BERGEN	32.26%	33.54%	35.42%
BURLINGTON	35.37%	31.16%	36.31%
CAMDEN	29.86%	27.16%	28.42%
CAPE MAY	30.21%	33.71%	30.76%
CUMBERLAND	34.15%	34.13%	36.20%
ESSEX	20.41%	21.70%	22.88%
GLOUCESTER	28.40%	26.48%	24.81%
HUDSON	29.64%	29.20%	30.33%
HUNTERDON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

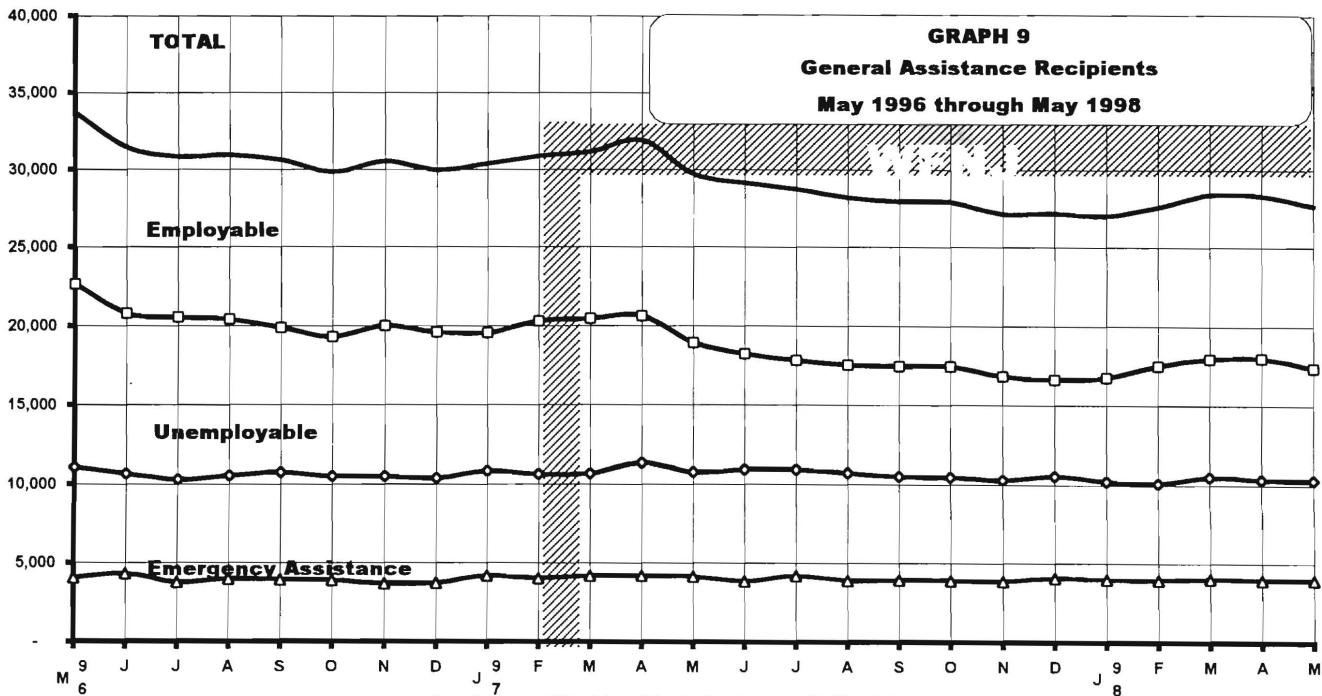
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**TABLE 9** NUMBER OF EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS DURING REPORT MONTH  
**GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** May 1996 through May 1998

PROGRAM	All Persons Aided			Emergency Assistance Payments		
	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assistance	Other GA-EA	Total
1996 MAY	22,657	11,054	33,711	4,064	2,947	7,011
JUN	20,785	10,667	31,452	4,283	2,716	6,999
JUL	20,546	10,282	30,828	3,754	2,922	6,676
AUG	20,416	10,552	30,968	3,958	2,448	6,406
SEP	19,895	10,741	30,636	3,905	2,597	6,502
OCT	19,310	10,514	29,824	3,894	2,728	6,622
NOV	20,019	10,508	30,527	3,662	2,166	5,828
DEC	19,582	10,369	29,951	3,725	2,574	6,299
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>21,291</b>	<b>10,678</b>	<b>31,969</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>2,723</b>	<b>6,823</b>
1997 JAN	19,562	10,809	30,371	4,182	3,029	7,211
WPNJ 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
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>17,492</b>	<b>10,290</b>	<b>27,781</b>	<b>3,953</b>	<b>2,536</b>	<b>6,489</b>



Data Sources: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit

**TABLE 10****CHILD SUPPORT  
AND PATERNITY****CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY COLLECTIONS****State Summary**

Comparison of FFY 1997 and FFY 1998

COLLECTION SOURCE	10/96-9/97	10/97-9/98	% change
<b>AFDC &amp; FOSTER CARE</b>			
Federal Tax	\$20,252,293	\$19,231,741	-5.04%
State Tax	1,962,763	1,088,932	-44.52%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	5,084,812	3,931,214	-22.69%
Income Withholding	40,435,580	34,670,634	-14.26%
Other/Own Behalf	18,604,658	16,716,661	-10.15%
From Other States	4,361,823	3,997,391	-8.36%
For Other States	8,606,408	7,522,309	-12.60%
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$99,308,337</b>	<b>\$87,158,882</b>	<b>-12.23%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$96,755,294</b>	<b>\$85,041,982</b>	<b>-12.11%</b>
<b>NON- AFDC</b>			
Federal Tax	\$9,221,626	\$9,631,316	4.44%
State Tax	2,674,331	2,347,298	-12.23%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	16,729,188	15,479,837	-7.47%
Income Withholding	282,857,360	312,506,943	10.48%
Other/Own Behalf	136,196,480	141,157,347	3.64%
From Other States	26,587,382	31,355,975	17.94%
For Other States	30,639,036	32,195,282	5.08%
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$504,905,403</b>	<b>\$544,673,998</b>	<b>7.88%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$496,203,144</b>	<b>\$536,577,215</b>	<b>8.14%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			
Federal Tax	\$29,473,919	\$28,863,057	-2.07%
State Tax	\$4,637,094	\$3,436,230	-25.90%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	\$21,814,000	\$19,411,051	-11.02%
Income Withholding	\$323,292,940	\$347,177,577	7.39%
Other/Own Behalf	\$154,801,138	\$157,874,008	1.99%
From Other States	\$30,949,205	\$35,353,366	14.23%
For Other States	\$39,245,444	\$39,717,591	1.20%
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$604,213,740</b>	<b>\$631,832,880</b>	<b>4.57%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$592,958,438</b>	<b>\$621,619,197</b>	<b>4.83%</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****May 1998**

County	Employable	Total Persons Aided		Emergency Assistance Payments		Total
		Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assist.	Other GA-EA	
ATLANTIC	885	525	<b>1,410</b>	75	55	130
BERGEN	358	497	<b>855</b>	207	75	282
BURLINGTON	249	424	<b>673</b>	115	95	210
CAMDEN	1,422	1,312	<b>2,734</b>	212	658	870
CAPE MAY	142	89	<b>231</b>	30	12	42
CUMBERLAND	412	137	<b>549</b>	3	15	18
ESSEX	5,719	2,069	<b>7,788</b>	932	1,405	2,337
GLOUCESTER	158	183	<b>341</b>	20	26	46
HUDSON	709	923	<b>1,632</b>	97	24	121
HUNTERDON	47	58	<b>105</b>	17	12	29
MERCER	1,079	805	<b>1,884</b>	258	211	469
MIDDLESEX	365	443	<b>808</b>	66	17	83
MONMOUTH	318	462	<b>780</b>	173	33	206
MORRIS	76	163	<b>239</b>	32	8	40
OCEAN	436	326	<b>762</b>	203	84	287
PASSAIC	2,583	819	<b>3,402</b>	641	191	832
SALEM	93	68	<b>161</b>	14	16	30
SOMERSET	81	95	<b>176</b>	31	18	49
SUSSEX	35	52	<b>87</b>	26	7	33
UNION	2,095	785	<b>2,880</b>	777	28	805
WARREN	84	71	<b>155</b>	13	13	26
TOTAL NJ	17,346	10,306	<b>27,652</b>	3,942	3,003	6,945

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit

**TABLE 12****CHILD SUPPORT  
AND PATERNITY****NUMBER OF CASES REMAINING OPEN****QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1998**

	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	1,469	4,588	10,265	2,085	3,955	8,142	14,220	22,362
Bergen	921	2,017	9,278	1,065	1,235	4,003	10,513	14,516
Burlington	1,303	3,526	11,439	1,531	2,281	6,360	13,720	20,080
Camden	6,100	12,166	23,315	5,171	5,540	23,437	28,855	52,292
Cape May	400	1,241	3,558	390	376	2,031	3,934	5,965
Cumberland	2,376	5,701	10,654	443	400	8,520	11,054	19,574
Essex	12,383	17,789	36,041	18,841	13,003	49,013	49,044	98,057
Gloucester	922	2,588	6,844	757	1,163	4,267	8,007	12,274
Hudson	5,851	8,630	20,347	7,031	7,339	21,512	27,686	49,198
Hunterdon	82	279	1,724	39	54	400	1,778	2,178
Mercer	3,403	6,496	13,040	2,403	2,508	12,302	15,548	27,850
Middlesex	1,861	5,789	15,960	2,048	2,590	9,698	18,550	28,248
Monmouth	2,529	5,223	12,954	1,664	1,966	9,416	14,920	24,336
Morris	287	621	4,229	367	431	1,275	4,660	5,935
Ocean	1,048	3,636	10,671	1,350	1,582	6,034	12,253	18,287
Passaic	4,026	6,200	15,971	4,771	5,113	14,997	21,084	36,081
Salem	671	1,630	3,494	217	175	2,518	3,669	6,187
Somerset	366	742	3,449	429	645	1,537	4,094	5,631
Sussex	188	433	1,940	151	220	772	2,160	2,932
Union	2,443	5,534	14,681	3,814	4,825	11,791	19,506	31,297
Warren	332	1,047	2,672	130	107	1,509	2,779	4,288
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>48,961</b>	<b>95,876</b>	<b>232,526</b>	<b>54,697</b>	<b>55,508</b>	<b>199,534</b>	<b>288,034</b>	<b>487,568</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*