



WORK FIRST NJ

Quarterly Progress Update June 2008

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Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) Quarterly Progress Update

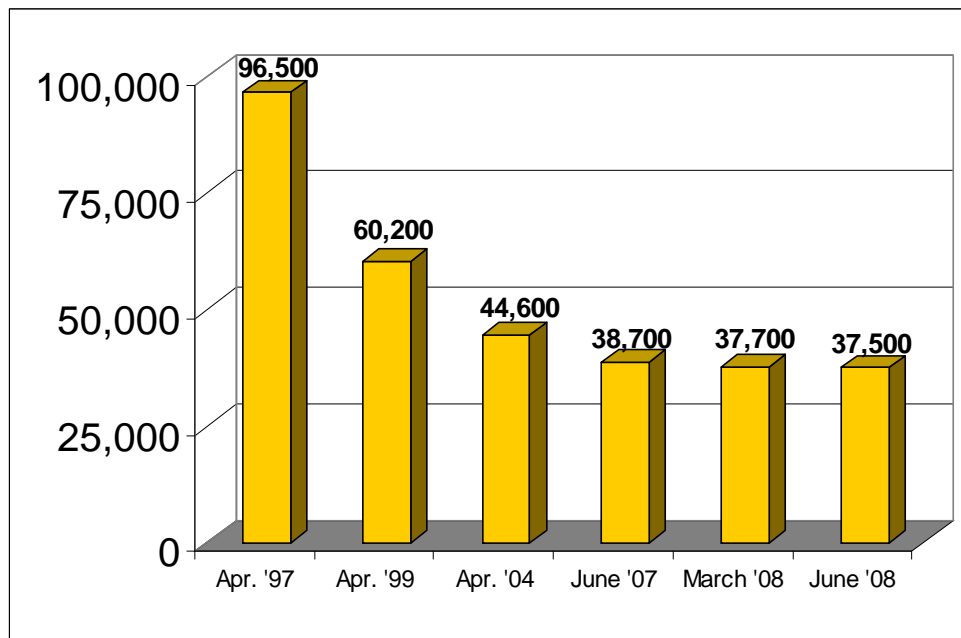
Quarter Ending June 2008

1. Work First NJ Caseload

•Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

The number of families receiving WFNJ/TANF totaled approximately 37,500 as of June 2008, a slight decline from the March 2008 caseload.

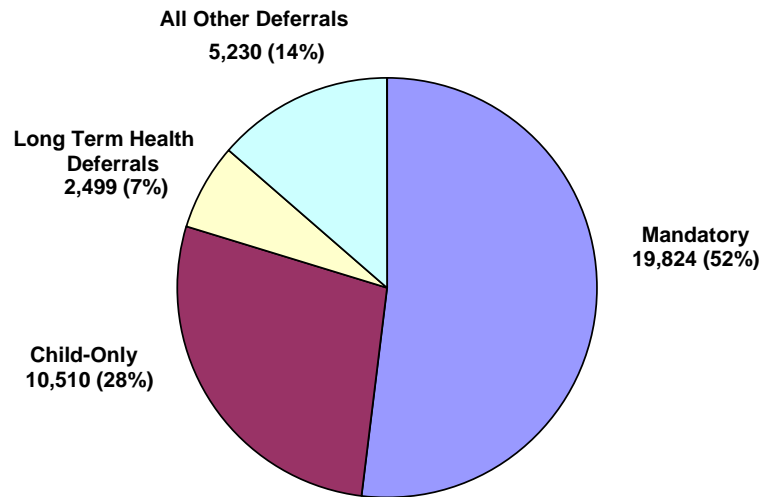
WFNJ TANF Caseload



•Client Deferrals and Exemptions

Of the total TANF caseload of 37,500, about 19,800 cases (52 percent) were those with adults in the household who must comply with WFNJ work requirements.

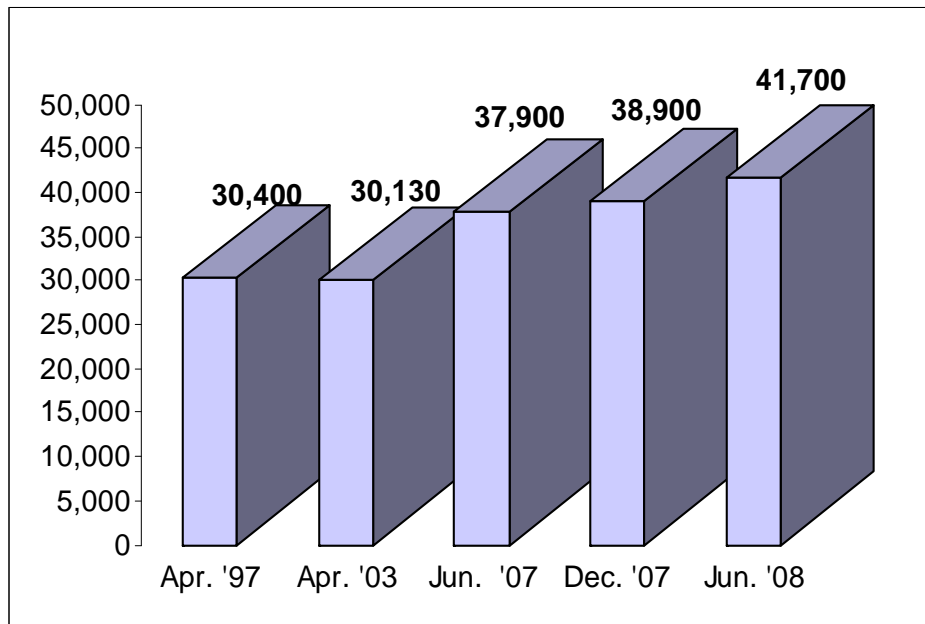
WFNJ/TANF Caseload by Case Status
June 2008



•General Assistance (GA)

As of June 2008, there were approximately 41,700 General Assistance (GA) persons aided in New Jersey.

WFNJ GA Cases Aided



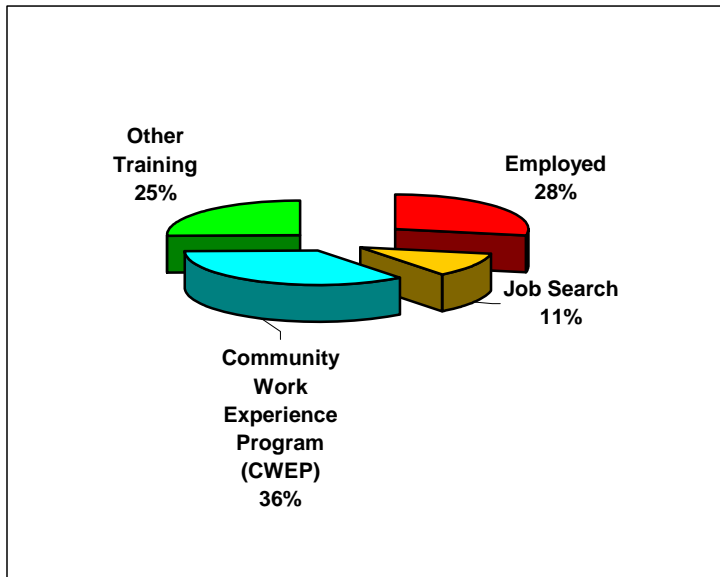
•Teenaged Welfare Recipients

About 1,000 (2.8 percent) of the total TANF population in June 2008 were teenaged recipients, aged 18 and 19, who were adult payees.

2. Employment & Work Preparation

•Participation of WFNJ TANF Clients in Employment-Directed Activities

For the month of June 2008, TANF clients were scheduled to be engaged in over 17,000 work activities. About 4,800 TANF clients had begun working but were still receiving a partial cash assistance payment.



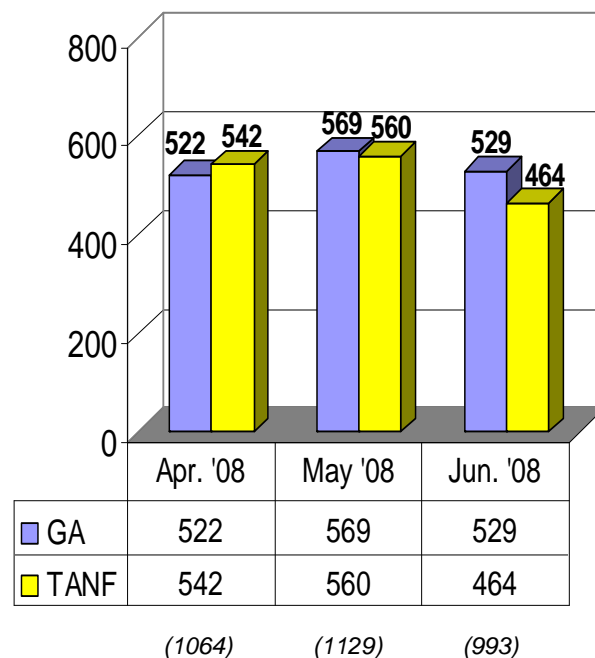
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| Employed | 4,795 |
| Job Search | 1,917 |
| Community Work Experience Program (CWEP) | 6,032 |
| Other Training | 4,310 |
| -Occupational Training | |
| -Education | |
| -On the Job Training (OJT) | |
| Total | 17,054 |

•Cases that met the Federal Participation Requirement

Of the people scheduled to participate in the work-directed activities, 4,378 participated at levels sufficient to satisfy federal requirements.

•Cases Closed Due to Employment

During the quarter, a combined average of about 1,000 WFNJ TANF and GA clients left welfare for employment each month.



•Major Reasons for TANF Case Closings

April to June 2008

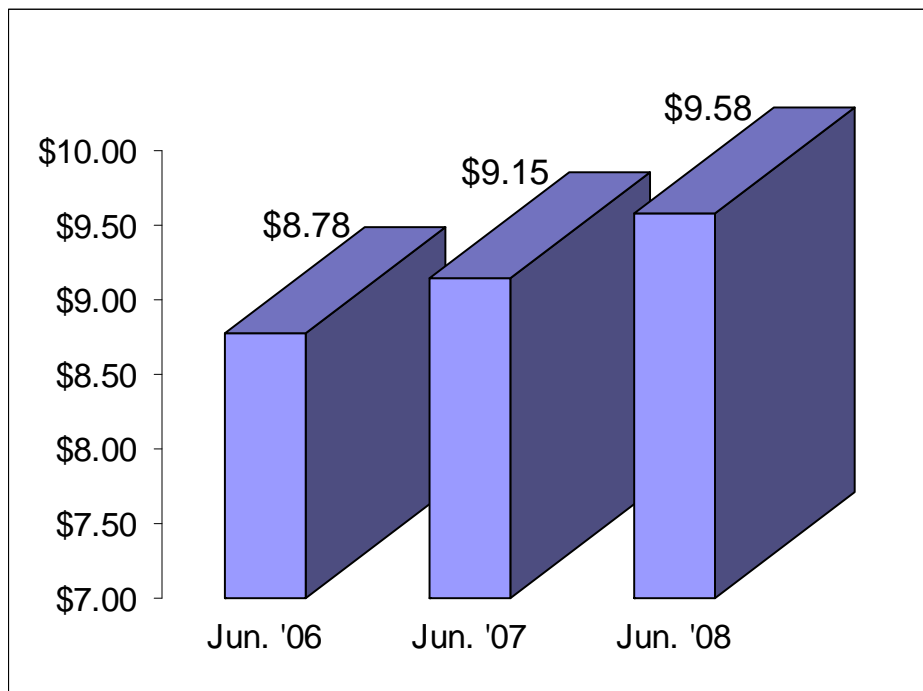
| | April | May | June | Total |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Due to Employment | 542 | 560 | 448 | 1,550 |
| No Eligible Children | 185 | 198 | 216 | 599 |
| No Redetermination | 381 | 301 | 347 | 1,029 |
| Moved Out of State | 95 | 77 | 77 | 249 |
| All Other Closed | 1,460 | 1,596 | 1,839 | 4,895 |
| (Unemployment Ins. Benefits) | (103) | 86 | 90 | 279) |
| (Recipient Withdrawal) | (194) | 214 | 176 | 584) |
| (Recipient Initiative) | (66) | 66 | 79 | 211) |
| (Moved to Another County) | (54) | 54 | 66 | 174) |
| (Unable to Verify Residence) | (76) | 85 | 78 | 239) |
| (Other Closed Cases) | (967) | 1,091 | 1,350 | 3,408) |
| Total Closed Cases | 2,663 | 2,732 | 2,927 | 8,322 |

About 19 percent of all TANF cases closed during the quarter were closed due to employment.

•Earnings of Former TANF Recipients

During the second quarter of 2008, WFNJ TANF recipients who were working were earning an average of \$9.58 per hour, an increase of 43 cents per hour over the average wage for the same quarter in 2007.

Average Hourly Wages of Former TANF Recipients



•Statewide Job Openings

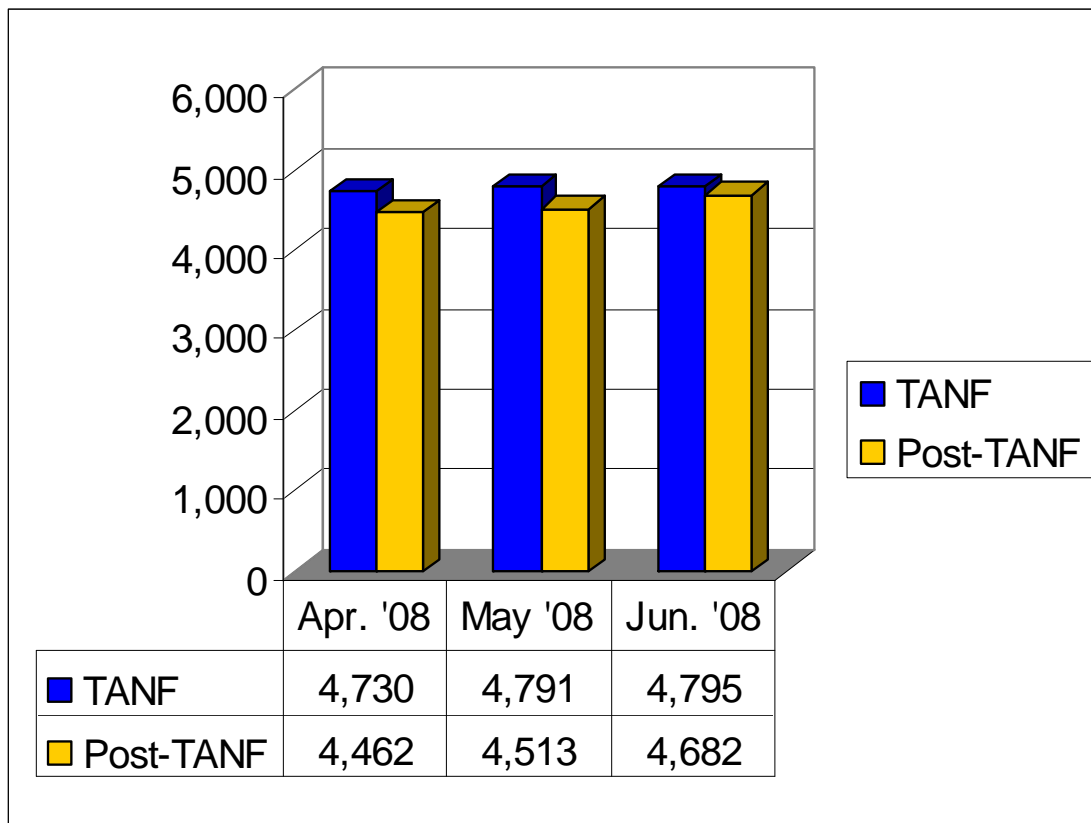
According to the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development, there were more than 97,000 job openings statewide during the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. The majority of positions available were in the Administration and Support, Waste Management and Remediation category, followed by the Public Administration and Professional, Scientific and Technical Services fields.

| LWD statewide job openings | |
|---|-----------------|
| Occupation | Openings |
| Admin. & Support, Waste Mgt. & Remediation | 18,600 |
| Public Administration | 11,172 |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical Services | 9,771 |
| Retail Trade | 9,148 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 8,270 |
| Manufacturing | 8,141 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 6,740 |
| Transportation & Warehousing | 6,510 |
| Other Services | 4,122 |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 3,160 |
| Information | 2,716 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2,456 |
| Construction | 1,983 |
| Finance & Insurance | 1,891 |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting | 824 |
| Educational Services | 794 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 493 |
| Utilities | 420 |
| Management of Companies & Enterprises | 96 |
| Mining | 35 |
| Total | 97,342 |

3. Child Care

As of June 2008, about 4,800 WFNJ TANF clients were receiving child care benefits. Post-TANF child care benefits were issued to about 4,700 families who had become employed and were no longer receiving cash assistance.

**WFNJ TANF Cases Receiving
Child Care Benefits, June 2008**



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
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**THE DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY (WFNJ) EXPENDITURES
Quarter Ending June 30, 2008**

| | Actual June 30, 2007 | Actual Sept 30, 2007 | Actual Dec 31, 2007 | Actual Mar 31, 2008 | Estimated June 30, 2008 | TOTAL COSTS SFY 2007 7/06 - 6/07 | TOTAL COSTS CY 2007 1/07 - 12/07 | TOTAL COSTS SFY 2008 7/07 - 6/08 | TOTAL COSTS CY 2008 1/08 - 12/08 |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| (A) CASE MANAGEMENT | | | | | | | | | |
| TANF | \$8,466,410 | \$8,013,470 | \$9,708,009 | \$7,793,893 | \$8,495,445 | \$32,490,027 | \$34,049,009 | \$34,010,817 | \$16,289,338 |
| Food Stamps/Able Bodied Adults W/O Dependents | \$3,079,491 | \$3,394,426 | \$3,705,721 | \$3,113,690 | \$3,323,332 | \$12,305,850 | \$13,208,675 | \$13,537,169 | \$6,437,022 |
| GA | \$2,297,765 | \$2,442,429 | \$2,544,304 | \$2,429,101 | \$2,428,400 | \$9,438,351 | \$9,609,219 | \$9,844,234 | \$4,857,500 |
| (B) SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICE | | | | | | | | | |
| Special Initiative | \$1,871,453 | \$1,341,395 | \$1,437,401 | \$1,608,632 | \$1,564,720 | \$6,989,117 | \$6,314,114 | \$5,952,148 | \$3,173,352 |
| (C) CHILD CARE | \$22,871,688 | \$24,248,023 | \$24,706,515 | \$24,660,669 | \$24,121,724 | \$93,237,185 | \$94,737,796 | \$97,736,931 | \$48,782,393 |
| (D) TRAINING RELATED EXPENSE, PARTICIPANT ALLOWANCE AND TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT | | | | | | | | | |
| TANF | \$2,277,515 | \$2,381,179 | \$2,466,867 | \$2,609,204 | \$2,433,691 | \$9,287,783 | \$9,528,952 | \$9,890,941 | \$5,042,895 |
| Food Stamps | \$672,230 | \$605,706 | \$611,149 | \$710,439 | \$649,881 | \$2,397,478 | \$2,473,058 | \$2,577,174 | \$1,360,319 |
| GA | \$377,200 | \$386,900 | \$395,652 | \$465,858 | \$406,403 | \$1,502,703 | \$1,516,428 | \$1,654,813 | \$872,261 |
| (E) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT - EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING | | | | | | | | | |
| TANF | \$17,037,153 | \$8,791,843 | \$15,378,543 | \$14,040,399 | \$17,577,139 | \$51,154,956 | \$54,816,604 | \$55,787,924 | \$31,617,538 |
| Food Stamps/Able Bodied Adults W/O Dependents | \$2,603,387 | \$1,987,037 | \$3,339,333 | \$3,129,218 | \$2,806,558 | \$9,760,093 | \$10,832,447 | \$11,262,146 | \$5,935,776 |
| GA | \$1,935,896 | \$1,344,790 | \$2,232,756 | \$2,132,652 | \$1,912,750 | \$7,108,255 | \$7,671,901 | \$7,622,947 | \$4,045,401 |
| (F) OMEGA SYSTEM | \$447,634 | \$459,631 | \$459,631 | \$468,527 | \$458,856 | \$1,709,854 | \$1,815,945 | \$1,846,644 | \$927,383 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$63,937,821 | \$55,396,828 | \$66,985,881 | \$63,162,281 | \$66,178,897 | \$237,381,652 | \$246,574,147 | \$251,723,887 | \$129,341,178 |

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.