



WORK FIRST NJ

Quarterly Progress Update September 2008

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES**

Division of Family Development

**Jeanette Page-Hawkins
Director**



***Jon S. Corzine
Governor***

***Jennifer Velez
Commissioner***



Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) Quarterly Progress Update

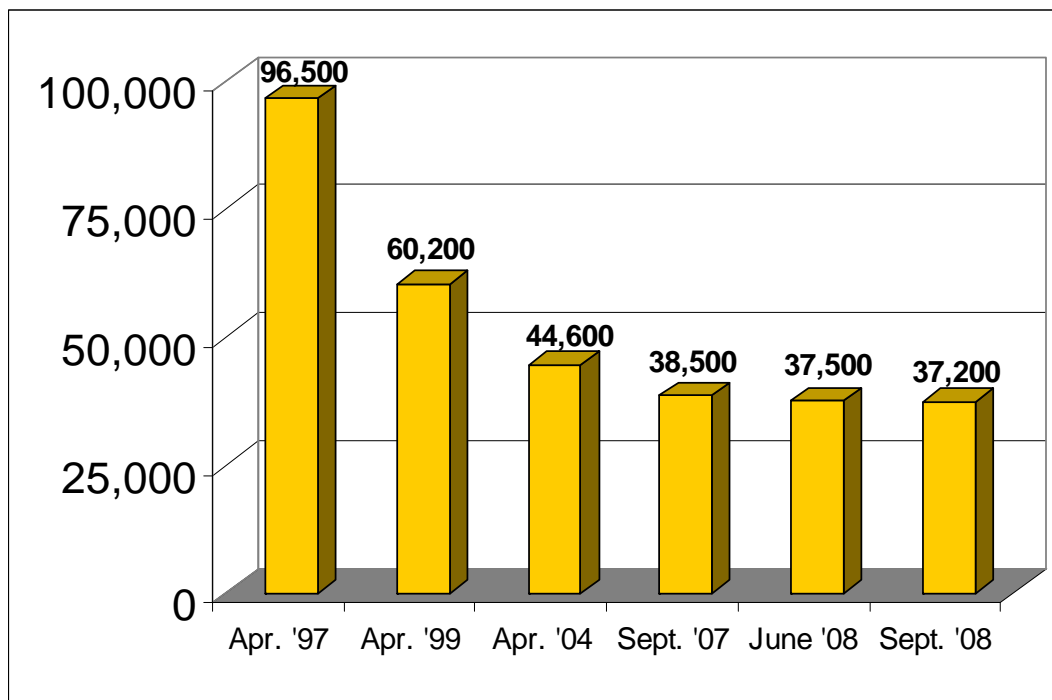
Quarter Ending September 2008

1. Work First NJ Caseload

•Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

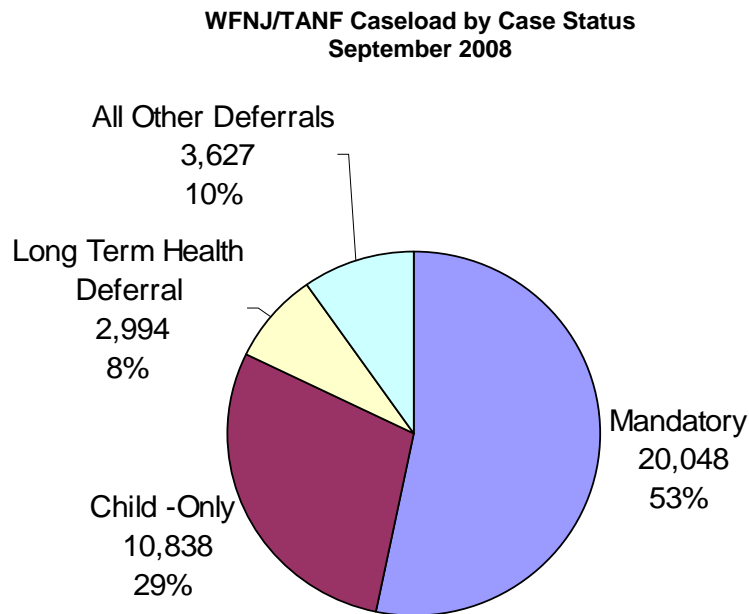
The number of families receiving WFNJ/TANF totaled approximately 37,200 as of September 2008, a slight decline from the June 2008 caseload.

WFNJ TANF Caseload



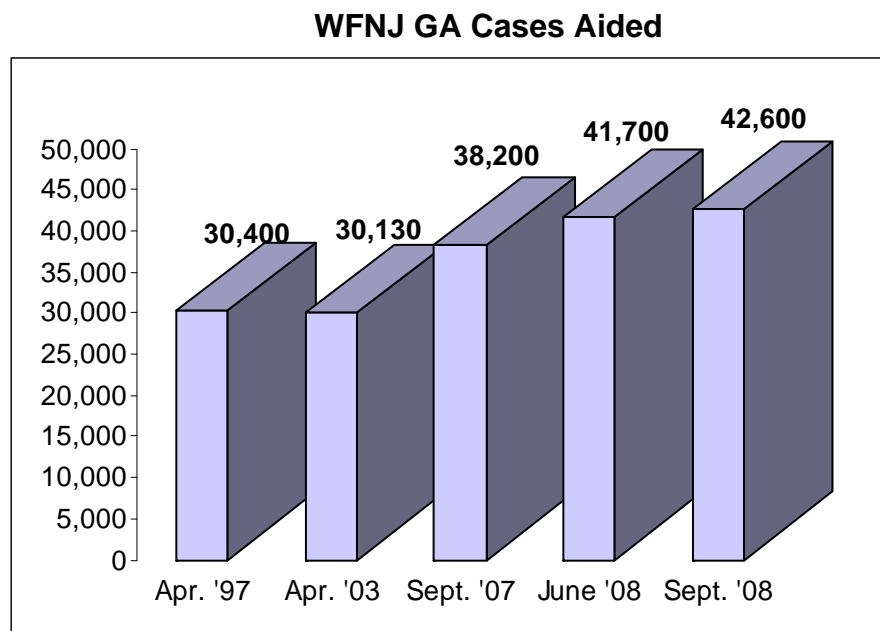
•Client Deferrals and Exemptions

Of the total TANF caseload of 37,200, about 19,800 cases (52 percent) were those with adults in the household who must comply with WFNJ work requirements.



•General Assistance (GA)

As of September 2008, there were approximately 42,600 General Assistance (GA) persons aided in New Jersey, continuing an upward trend in this program.



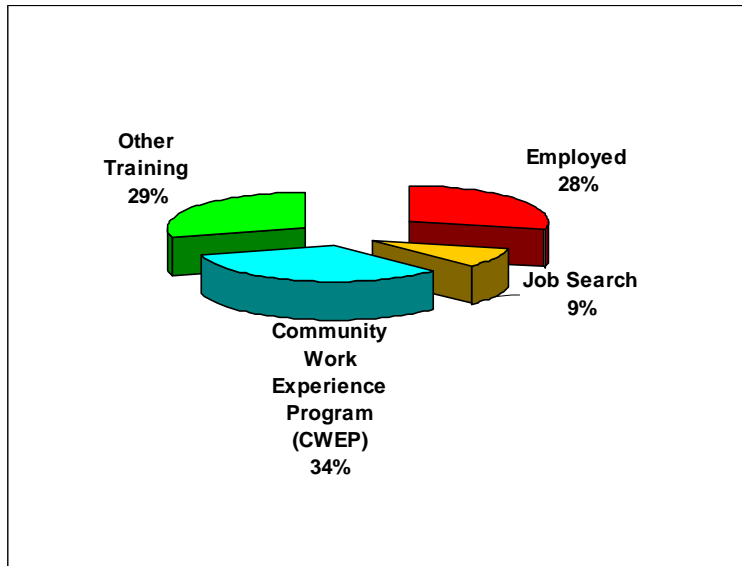
•Teenaged Welfare Recipients

About 900 (2.4 percent) of the total TANF population in September 2008 were teenaged recipients, below age 20, who were adult payees.

2. Employment & Work Preparation

•Participation of WFNJ TANF Clients in Employment-Directed Activities

For the month of September 2008, TANF clients were scheduled to be engaged in more than 16,800 work activities. About 4,800 TANF clients had begun working but were still receiving a partial cash assistance payment.



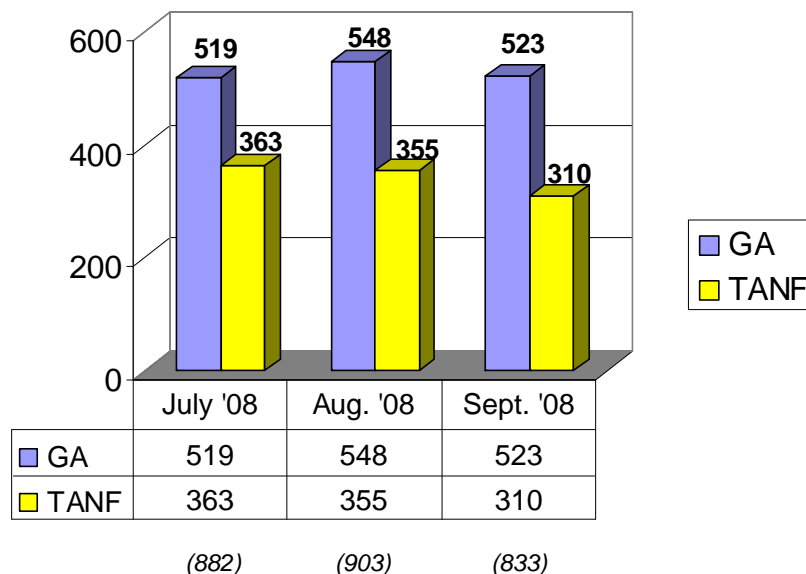
Employed	4,781
Job Search	1,492
Community Work Experience Program (CWEP)	5,618
Other Training	4,912
-Occupational Training -Education -On the Job Training (OJT)	
Total	16,803

•Cases that met the Federal Participation Requirement

Of the people scheduled to participate in the work-directed activities, 4,489 participated at levels sufficient to satisfy federal requirements.

•Cases Closed Due to Employment

During the quarter, a combined average of about 870 WFNJ TANF and GA clients left welfare for employment each month.



•Major Reasons for TANF Case Closings

July to September 2008

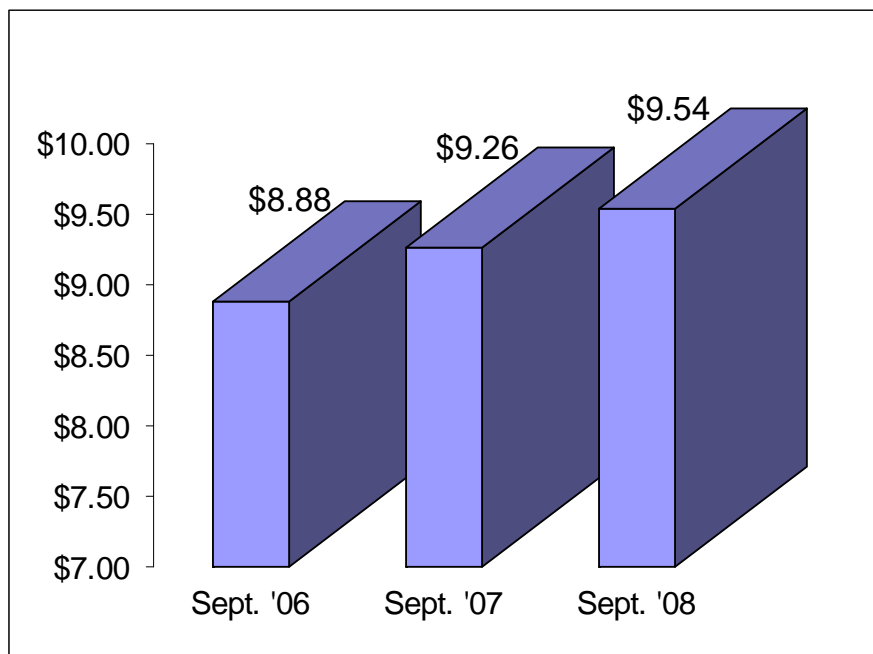
	July	Aug	Sept.	Total
Due to Employment	363	355	310	1,028
No Eligible Children	363	254	249	866
No Redetermination	378	356	387	1,121
Moved Out of State	80	118	134	332
All Other Closed	1,655	1,508	1,916	5,079
(Unemployment Ins. Benefits)	(84)	115	244	443)
(Recipient Withdrawal)	(193)	195	196	584)
(Recipient Initiative)	(71)	63	58	192)
(Moved to Another County)	(49)	63	62	174)
(Unable to Verify Residence)	(66)	91	79	236)
(Other Closed Cases)	(1192)	981	1,277	3,450)
Total Closed Cases	2,839	2,591	2,996	8,426

About 12 percent of all TANF cases closed during the quarter were closed due to employment.

•Earnings of Former TANF Recipients

During the third quarter of 2008, WFNJ TANF recipients who were working were earning an average of \$9.54 per hour, an increase of 28 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 92,000 job openings statewide during the period of October 1, 2007 through September 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	17,648
Public Administration	11,362
Retail Trade	9,251
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	8,246
Manufacturing	7,778
Health Care & Social Assistance	7,212
Accommodation & Food Services	6,605
Transportation & Warehousing	5,841
Other Services	4,411
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	3,494
Wholesale Trade	2,242
Information	2,231
Construction	1,806
Finance & Insurance	1,332
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting	918
Educational Services	764
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	512
Utilities	473
Management of Companies & Enterprises	109
Mining	8

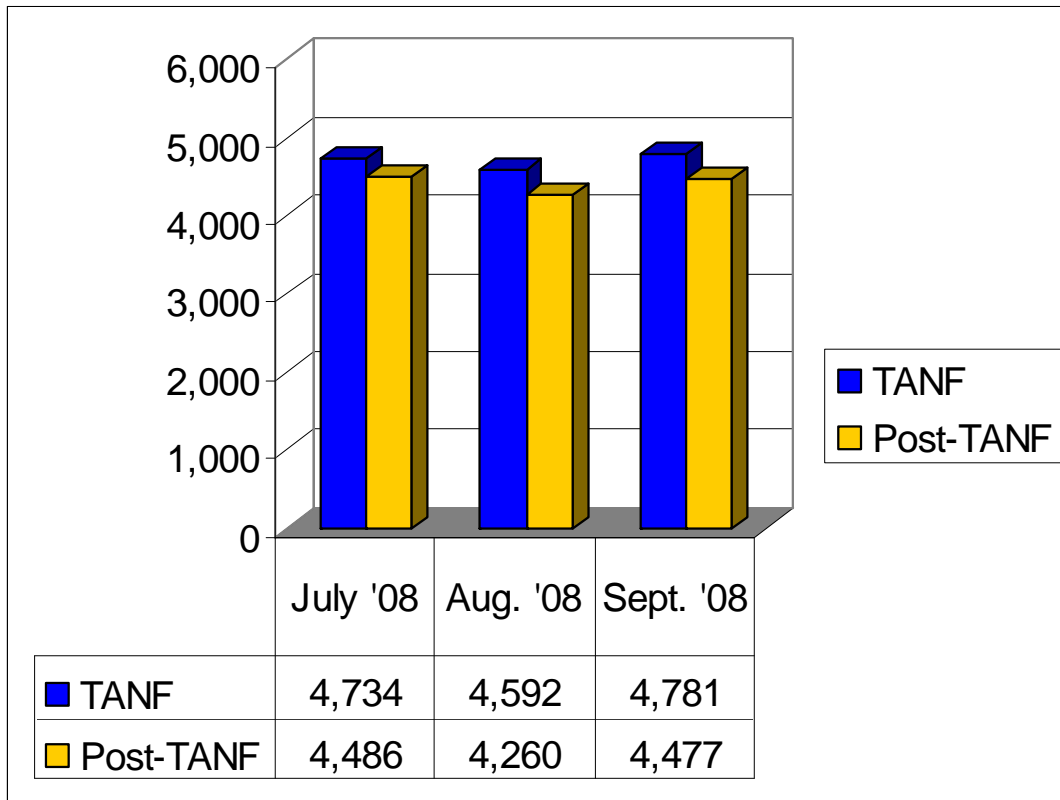
Total

92,243

3. Child Care

As of September 2008, about 4,700 WFNJ TANF clients were receiving child care benefits. Post-TANF child care benefits were issued to about 4,400 families who had become employed and were no longer receiving cash assistance.

**WFNJ TANF Cases Receiving
Child Care Benefits, September 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
JEANETTE PAGE-HAWKINS, DIRECTOR, AT 609-588-2401.**

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

	Actual Sept 30, 2007	Actual Dec 31, 2007	Actual Mar 31, 2008	Actual June 30, 2008	Estimated Sept 30, 2008	TOTAL COSTS CY 2007 1/07 - 12/07	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2008 7/07 - 6/08	TOTAL COSTS CY 2008 1/08 - 12/08	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2009 7/08 - 6/09
(A) CASE MANAGEMENT									
TANF	\$8,114,718	\$9,708,009	\$7,793,893	\$8,964,875	\$8,645,374	\$34,150,257	\$34,581,495	\$25,404,142	\$8,645,374
Food Stamps/Able Bodied Adults W/O Dependents	\$3,206,360	\$3,705,721	\$3,113,690	\$3,261,542	\$3,321,828	\$13,020,609	\$13,287,313	\$9,697,060	\$3,321,828
GA	\$2,400,049	\$2,544,304	\$2,429,101	\$2,444,896	\$2,454,587	\$9,566,838	\$9,818,350	\$7,328,584	\$2,454,587
(B) SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICE									
Special Initiative	\$1,341,395	\$1,437,401	\$1,608,632	\$1,673,732	\$1,515,290	\$6,314,114	\$6,061,160	\$4,797,654	\$1,515,290
(C) CHILD CARE	\$24,248,023	\$24,706,515	\$24,660,669	\$24,921,850	\$24,634,264	\$94,737,796	\$98,537,057	\$74,216,784	\$24,634,264
(D) TRAINING RELATED EXPENSE, PARTICIPANT ALLOWANCE AND TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT									
TANF	\$2,375,507	\$2,468,187	\$2,610,084	\$2,918,858	\$2,593,159	\$9,524,599	\$10,372,636	\$8,122,101	\$2,593,159
Food Stamps	\$613,958	\$611,149	\$710,439	\$687,454	\$655,750	\$2,481,310	\$2,622,999	\$2,053,642	\$655,750
GA	\$386,900	\$395,652	\$465,858	\$497,384	\$436,449	\$1,516,428	\$1,745,794	\$1,399,691	\$436,449
(E) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT - EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING									
TANF	\$8,791,843	\$15,378,543	\$14,040,399	\$21,144,525	\$14,838,828	\$54,816,604	\$59,355,310	\$50,023,752	\$14,838,828
Food Stamps/Able Bodied Adults W/O Dependents	\$1,987,037	\$3,339,333	\$3,129,218	\$4,320,212	\$3,193,950	\$10,832,447	\$12,775,800	\$10,643,380	\$3,193,950
GA	\$1,344,790	\$2,232,756	\$2,132,652	\$2,845,686	\$2,138,971	\$7,671,901	\$8,555,883	\$7,117,309	\$2,138,971
(F) OMEGA SYSTEM	\$459,631	\$467,044	\$468,527	\$470,010	\$466,303	\$1,823,358	\$1,865,211	\$1,404,839	\$466,303
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$55,270,210	\$66,994,614	\$63,163,161	\$74,151,024	\$64,894,752	\$246,456,262	\$259,579,009	\$202,208,937	\$64,894,752

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.