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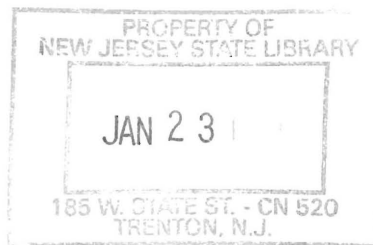
TO William Waldman
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FROM Karen Highsmith
Director



SUBJECT CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

Attached please find CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS for September 1997. Included are TANF-oriented data, the WFNJ Statistical summary and estimated TANF participation rates. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me.



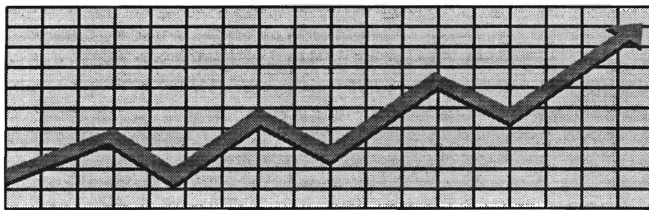
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Highlights of **CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS**

TANF

(Tables 1 and 5, Graphs 1 and 4)

As of the end of September 1997, less than 96,000 eligible families in New Jersey were receiving TANF.

- 86,400 single head of household families
- 4300 two-parent families
- 5000 Medicaid Only families

The largest number of TANF families by county: (54.0 percent of all TANF families)

- 25,073 Essex
- 15,136 Hudson
- 11,408 Camden

The number of TANF families in other counties ranged from:

- 118 families in Hunterdon County to 6,385 in Passaic County,
with seven below 1000 families

There were about 1400 fewer eligible TANF families in September 1997 than in August 1997, with a decline of 22,000, or close to 19 percent, over the number of AFDC families two years ago.

- **Single head families:** 1300 fewer were eligible in September 1997 than in August 1997 and almost 20,000 less than two years ago.
- **Two parent families:** declined from about 6600 in September 1995 to about 4300 in September 1997.
- **Medicaid Only families:** averaged nearly 5200 for 1995, and less than 4900 for the first nine months of 1997.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

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

At the end of September 1997, less than 183,000 households were participating in the Food Stamp Program.

- **TANF households:** Less than 86,000 with 272,000 persons.
- **Other low income households:** About 97,000 with less than 146,000 persons.
- **Total persons:** less than 418,000, including about 196,000 adults and 222,000 children
- **By County:** 49.5 percent of the households were in:

Essex	47,700
Hudson	24,600
Camden	18,200

The number of Food Stamp households in New Jersey remained in the 220,000 to 223,000 range from September 1995 through June 1996. Thereafter Food Stamp households declined substantially (from about 220,000 in June 1996 to less than 183,000 in September 1997).

- Fewer **AFDC/TANF(FS)** households than **Other Low Income** households received Food Stamps each month since November 1995. **Other Low Income** households averaged about **109,000** per month in 1995, peaked close to **115,000** in May 1996, and declined to about **97,000** by August and September 1997. **AFDC(FS)** households averaged **112,000** per month in 1995 and there were less than **86,000 TANF(FS)** households in September 1997.
- **Total Recipients:** in the last two years, peaked at almost **516,000** in March 1996, the level declined to less than **418,000** by September 1997, a drop of nearly **98,000** or **19 percent**.
- **Recipient Adults:** peaked at about **247,000** in February through May 1996, and declined about **52,000 (21 percent)** by September 1997.
- **Recipient Children:** declined by nearly **48,000 (18 percent)**, from over **270,000** in September 1995 to less than **222,000** in September 1997.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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

In September 1997 Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for 3,140 eligible TANF families and 260 SSI recipients in New Jersey. For TANF families this included payments for:

- **Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)** for **1069** families
- **Motel** placements for **202** families and **emergency shelter** placements for **250** families
- **All other TANF-EA** for **1619** families (including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing and food allowance, or transitional housing)
- **958** families in **Essex County**, **346** in **Bergen County**, **311** in **Passaic County**, and for **less than 300** TANF families in each of the other counties.

In the past two years, the average number of EA payments for TANF/AFDC families was 5800 in 1995, and 4800 in 1996. For the first nine months of 1997 the average was less than 3800.

- **TRA** payments declined steadily from nearly **2,000** per month in September 1995 to less than **1100** in September 1997.
- **Emergency Shelter** payments were made for an average of **369** families per month in 1995, **345** in 1996, and **315** for the first nine months of 1997.
- **Motel** payments were made for an average of **405** families per month in 1995, **320** in 1996, and **261** for the first nine months of 1997
- **Other EA** payments were made for an average of **2779** families per month in 1995, **2388** in 1996, and **1827** in the first eight months of 1997.

For 1995 there were an average of 7400 GA EA recipients, and 6800 for 1996. Of those, GA TRA payments were made to an average of 4400 recipients in 1995, and 4100 in 1996. For the first seven months of 1997 there were an average of less than 7000 GA EA payments (which is less than the comparable period in 1996), and about 4100 GA TRA payments.

ESTIMATED TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

(Table 8, Graph 8)

In September 1997 the estimated Statewide TANF participation rate was 32.3 percent. This is almost double the estimate for May. These estimates are based on the new participation rate formulation mandated by the 1996 federal welfare reform legislation establishing Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), which went into effect with the implementation of Work First New Jersey welfare reform.

- County rates were distributed as follows in September:
 - 20.0 to 29.9 percent -- Camden, Essex, Hudson, Mercer
 - 30.0 to 39.9 percent -- Monmouth, Passaic, Union
 - 40.0 to 49.9 percent -- Bergen, Ocean, Salem, Warren
 - 50.0 to 59.9 percent -- Cumberland, Gloucester
 - 60.0 to 69.9 percent -- Atlantic, Burlington, Middlesex, Somerset
 - At or near 100 percent -- Cape May, Hunterdon, Morris, Sussex

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

(Table 9, Graph 9)

There were less than 29,000 GA recipients in July 1997 (the latest available data), the lowest level in the past two years. Most of the decline has been among employable GA recipients. The GA total was 2000 below July 1996 and nearly 4000 below July 1995.

- **Employable GA** recipients reached a peak in March 1996 of more than **23,500**. There have been less than **21,000** every month since June 1996, and less than **18,000** in July 1997.
- **Unemployable GA** recipients has remained close to **11,000** over the past two years.

CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY

(Table 10)

The total distribution of collections of the Child Support and Paternity Program increased from less than \$537 million in FFY 1996 (October 1995 - September 1996) to nearly \$593 million in FFY 1997 (October 1996 - September 1997).

Table 1
TANF

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

PROGRAM**September 1997**

County	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Medicaid Only	Total TANF
ATLANTIC	199	339	2,557	70	130	2,757
BERGEN	118	168	2,121	180	72	2,373
BURLINGTON	226	285	2,039	107	226	2,372
CAMDEN	783	927	10,040	618	750	11,408
CAPE MAY	73	129	582	71	71	724
CUMBERLAND	294	343	2,728	269	228	3,225
ESSEX	1,010	1,093	23,996	482	595	25,073
GLOUCESTER	222	283	1,753	115	232	2,100
HUDSON	459	752	13,622	694	820	15,136
HUNTERDON	16	19	84	6	28	118
MERCER	357	373	3,958	155	364	4,477
MIDDLESEX	322	410	3,873	348	428	4,649
MONMOUTH	205	279	3,189	163	80	3,432
MORRIS	54	66	502	21	53	576
OCEAN	202	303	2,143	221	261	2,625
PASSAIC	386	449	5,905	395	85	6,385
SALEM	115	135	676	29	57	762
SOMERSET	100	123	630	54	59	743
SUSSEX	36	45	174	9	50	233
UNION	325	408	5,374	222	386	5,982
WARREN	40	53	400	34	39	473
NJ TOTAL	5,542	6,982	86,346	4,263	5,014	95,623

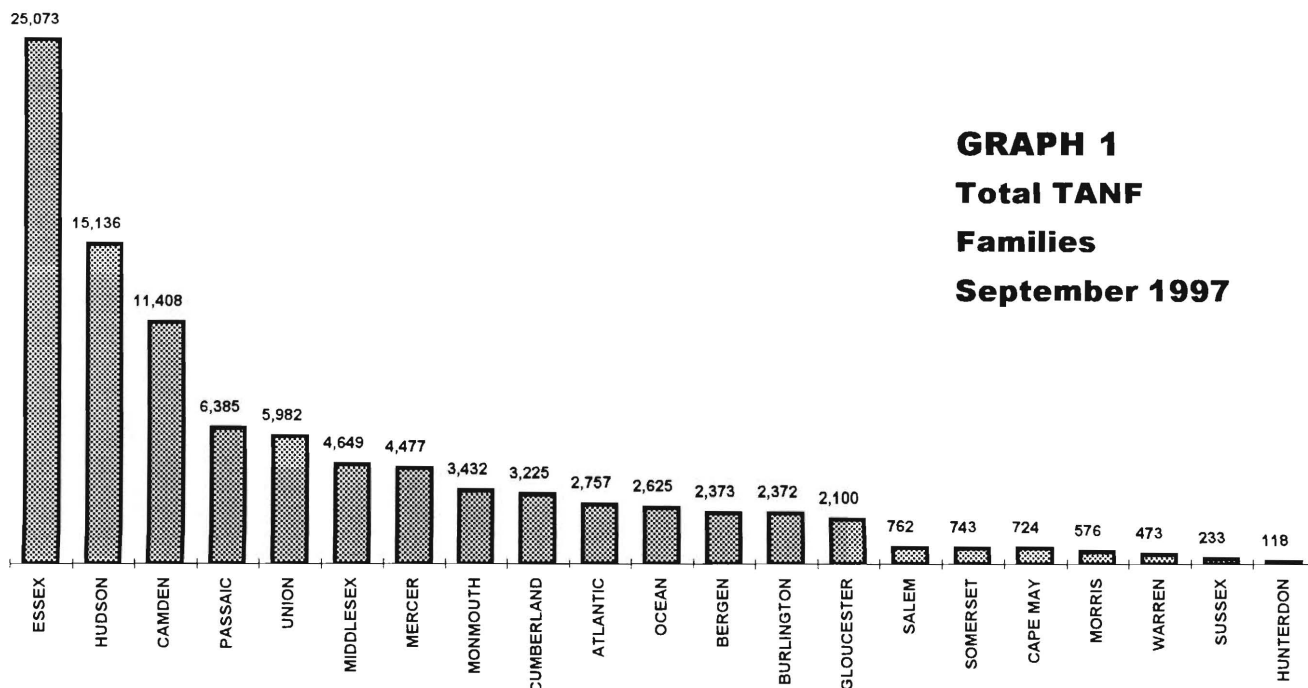
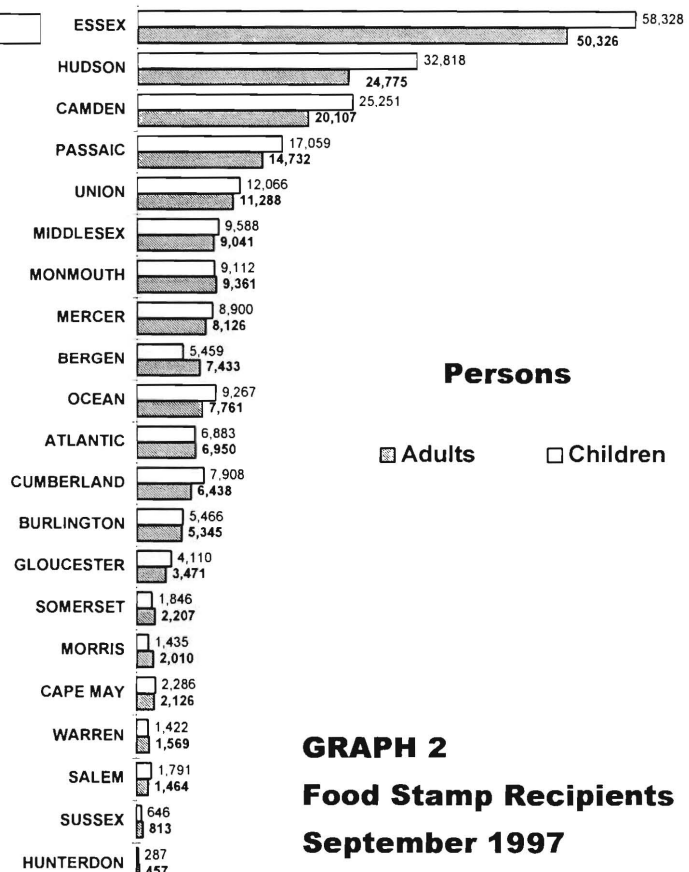
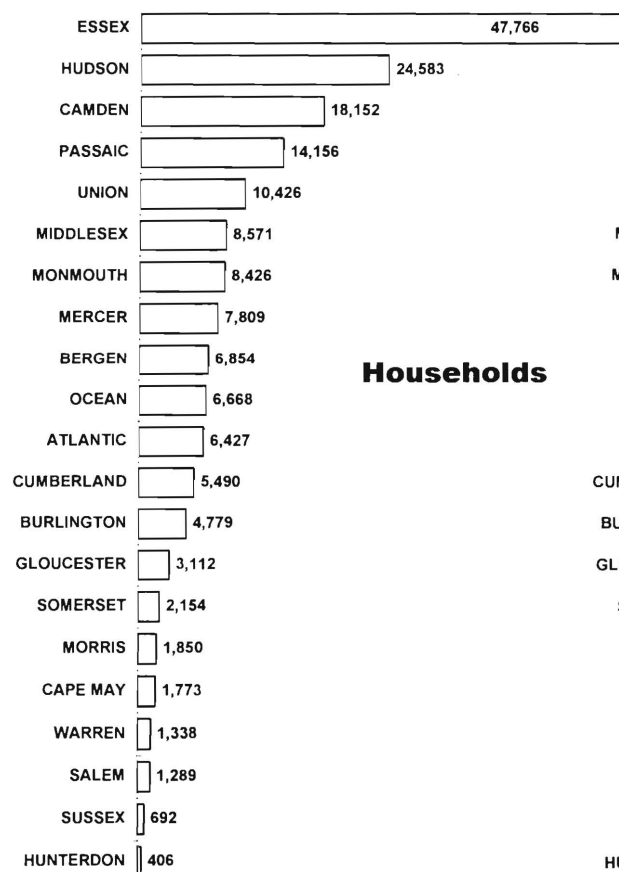


Table 2

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

FOOD STAMP**PROGRAM****September 1997**

County	HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS				
	TANF	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
ATLANTIC	2,296	4,131	6,427	13,833	7,670	6,163	6,950	6,883
BERGEN	1,993	4,861	6,854	12,892	5,790	7,102	7,433	5,459
BURLINGTON	1,996	2,783	4,779	10,811	6,250	4,561	5,345	5,466
CAMDEN	10,261	7,891	18,152	45,358	33,831	11,527	20,107	25,251
CAPE MAY	764	1,009	1,773	4,412	2,665	1,747	2,126	2,286
CUMBERLAND	2,980	2,510	5,490	14,346	10,261	4,085	6,438	7,908
ESSEX	23,782	23,984	47,766	108,654	74,842	33,812	50,326	58,328
GLOUCESTER	1,660	1,452	3,112	7,581	5,295	2,286	3,471	4,110
HUDSON	13,786	10,797	24,583	57,593	41,470	16,123	24,775	32,818
HUNTERDON	73	333	406	744	246	498	457	287
MERCER	3,606	4,203	7,809	17,026	11,363	5,663	8,126	8,900
MIDDLESEX	3,902	4,669	8,571	18,629	11,854	6,775	9,041	9,588
MONMOUTH	3,126	5,300	8,426	18,473	10,293	8,180	9,361	9,112
MORRIS	466	1,384	1,850	3,445	1,399	2,046	2,010	1,435
OCEAN	2,630	4,038	6,668	17,028	8,952	8,076	7,761	9,267
PASSAIC	5,689	8,467	14,156	31,791	18,574	13,217	14,732	17,059
SALEM	625	664	1,289	3,255	2,092	1,163	1,464	1,791
SOMERSET	665	1,489	2,154	4,053	2,002	2,051	2,207	1,846
SUSSEX	167	525	692	1,459	530	929	813	646
UNION	4,688	5,738	10,426	23,354	15,187	8,167	11,288	12,066
WARREN	454	884	1,338	2,991	1,477	1,514	1,569	1,422
NJ TOTAL	85,609	97,112	182,721	417,728	272,043	145,685	195,800	221,928



GRAPH 2
Food Stamp Recipients
September 1997

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 1997**

County	TANF Families Receiving Emergency Assistance					SSI
	TOTAL TANF-EA	Temporary Rental Assist.	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA	Receipts Receiving EA
ATLANTIC	47	6	13	13	15	14
BERGEN	346	160	37	31	118	22
BURLINGTON	29	0	0	18	11	1
CAMDEN	175	54	0	6	115	9
CAPE MAY	25	4	3	1	17	2
CUMBERLAND	31	0	2	7	22	3
ESSEX	958	431	15	64	448	47
GLOUCESTER	64	23	2	28	11	3
HUDSON	80	17	2	8	53	7
HUNTERDON	5	0	0	3	2	0
MERCER	224	89	20	4	111	13
MIDDLESEX	223	79	15	4	125	31
MONMOUTH	180	85	7	3	85	5
MORRIS	5	0	0	2	3	2
OCEAN	212	87	59	1	65	48
PASSAIC	311	2	1	24	284	32
SALEM	21	5	3	2	11	1
SOMERSET	54	10	3	11	30	6
SUSSEX	36	3	12	4	17	4
UNION	105	14	3	15	73	10
WARREN	9	0	5	1	3	0
NJ TOTAL	3,140	1,069	202	250	1,619	260

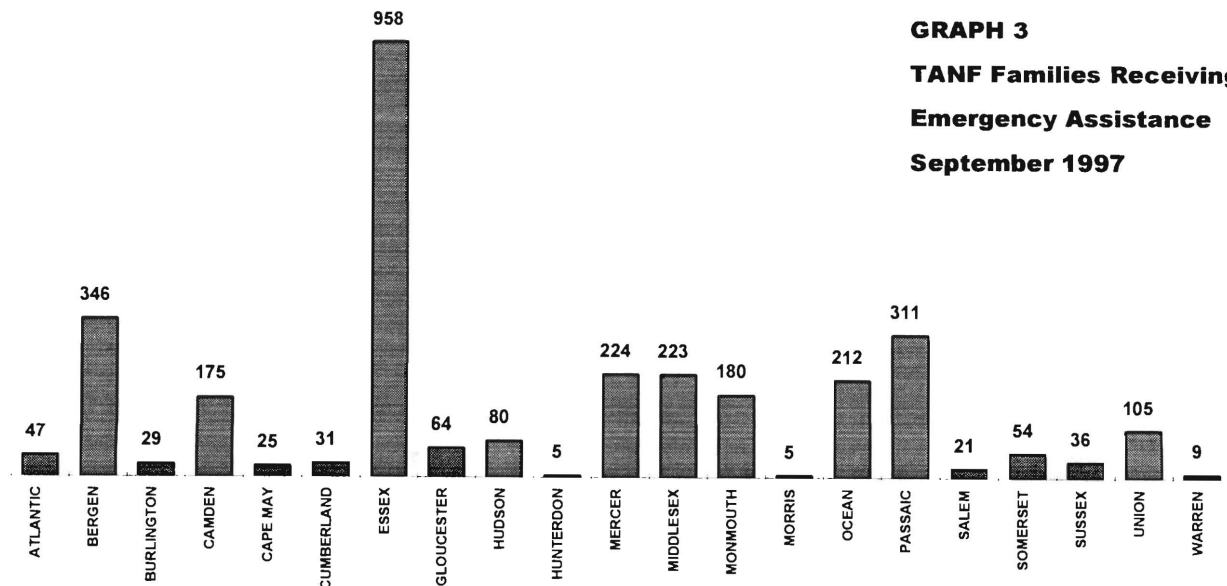
GRAPH 3
**TANF Families Receiving
Emergency Assistance
September 1997**


TABLE 4**WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY STATISTICAL SUMMARY****WFNJ****September 1997**

COUNTY	TOTAL NONEXEMPT RECIPIENTS	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	1,143	106	225	59	317	116	120	182
BERGEN	1,535	165	139	117	322	153	56	101
BURLINGTON	1,146	223	109	240	337	146	69	217
CAMDEN	7,368	300	563	898	1,114	610	211	429
CAPE MAY	383	77	24	16	137	23	50	33
CUMBERLAND	1,720	208	168	104	326	190	120	149
ESSEX	17,751	1,308	2,313	860	1,453	1,820	259	330
GLOUCESTER	886	113	91	269	173	105	44	110
HUDSON	10,022	1,198	1,650	148	919	1,204	246	499
HUNTERDON	45	5	13	15	40	7	4	11
MERCER	2,643	261	378	121	306	242	88	166
MIDDLESEX	2,169	216	324	471	651	197	108	245
MONMOUTH	2,225	136	163	109	460	332	97	221
MORRIS	221	172	82	167	107	82	18	56
OCEAN	1,279	36	152	304	218	135	107	194
PASSAIC	4,397	812	521	63	484	527	96	181
SALEM	417	38	100	16	65	50	18	37
SOMERSET	410	79	68	32	98	43	28	37
SUSSEX	70	33	17	22	84	40	13	50
UNION	3,610	668	414	216	407	272	100	132
WARREN	276	139	14	13	59	18	16	21
STATE	59,716	6,293	7,528	4,260	8,077	6,312	1,868	3,401

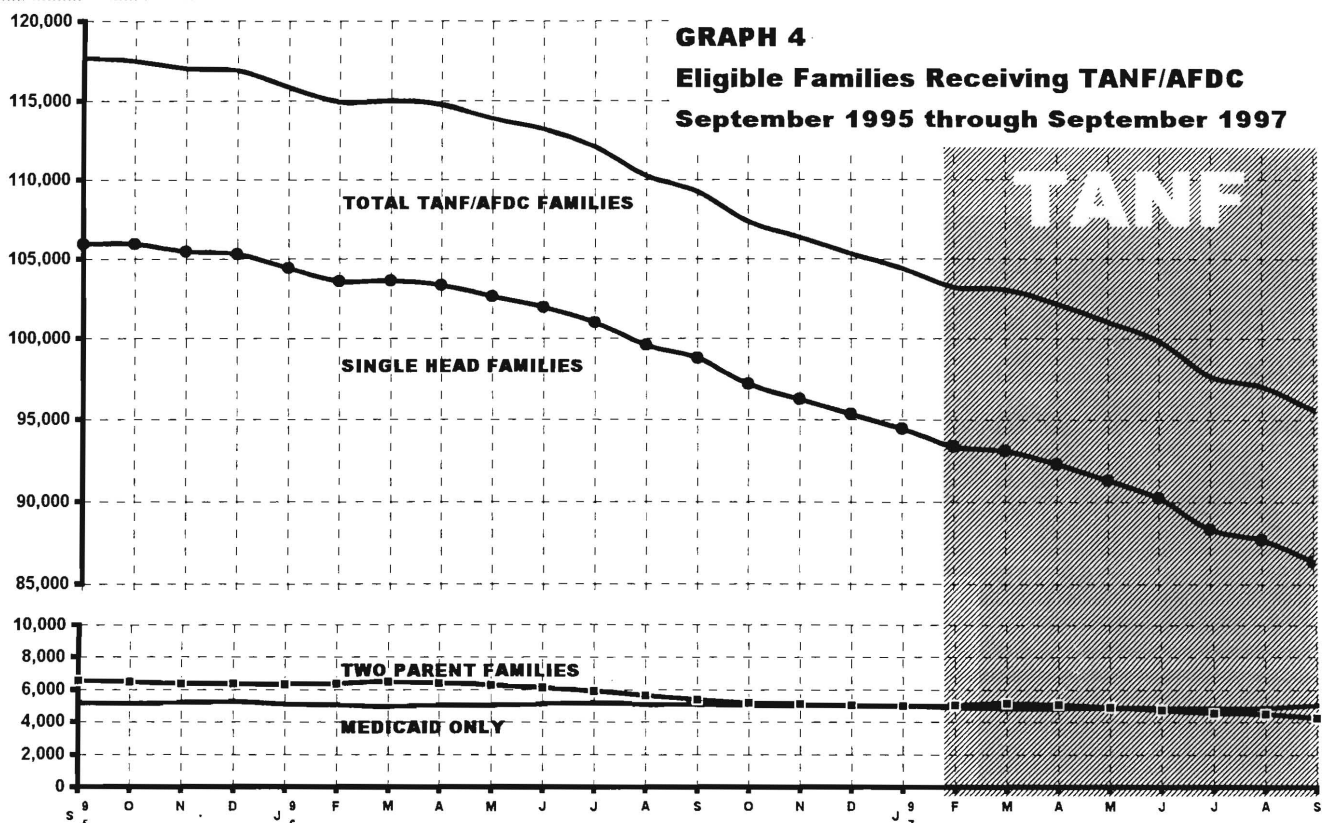
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Table 5
TANF/AFDC
PROGRAM

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

September 1995 through September 1997

AFDC	Applications Approved	Terminations	Regular AFDC (C Segment)	Unemployed Parents(F)	State AFDC(N)	Two Parents (F+N)	Medicaid Only	Total AFDC
1995 SEP	5,922	6,647	105,943	3,303	3,260	6,563	5,175	117,681
OCT	7,062	7,359	105,917	3,224	3,257	6,481	5,110	117,508
NOV	6,083	6,660	105,445	3,164	3,199	6,363	5,189	116,997
DEC	5,582	5,775	105,287	3,165	3,189	6,354	5,258	116,899
AVERAGE (12 mos.)	5,956	6,460	107,376	3,575	3,288	6,863	5,192	119,430
1996 JAN	5,332	6,236	104,430	3,139	3,173	6,312	5,113	115,855
FEB	5,217	6,283	103,561	3,161	3,170	6,331	5,060	114,952
MAR	6,317	6,302	103,598	3,230	3,217	6,447	4,956	115,001
APR	6,896	7,241	103,352	3,192	3,211	6,403	5,040	114,795
MAY	5,335	6,152	102,600	3,112	3,163	6,275	5,038	113,913
JUN	5,319	6,121	101,947	2,999	3,117	6,116	5,116	113,179
JUL	5,874	7,027	100,968	2,843	3,073	5,916	5,200	112,084
AUG	5,014	6,789	99,567	2,638	2,993	5,631	5,053	110,251
SEP	6,311	7,440	98,744	2,462	2,933	5,395	5,097	109,236
OCT	5,213	7,015	97,152	2,368	2,822	5,190	5,026	107,368
NOV	5,374	6,549	96,238	2,329	2,752	5,081	5,034	106,353
DEC	5,018	6,137	95,322	2,308	2,708	5,016	4,992	105,330
AVERAGE	5,602	6,608	100,623	2,815	3,028	5,843	5,060	111,526
1997 JAN	5,933	6,803	94,429	2,290	2,692	4,982	4,994	104,405
TANF	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families			Two Parent Families	Medicaid Only	Total TANF
FEB	4,410	5,728	93,359			5,010	4,862	103,231
MAR	6,184	6,416	93,104			5,125	4,835	103,064
APR	5,172	6,034	92,300			5,049	4,828	102,177
MAY	4,882	6,121	91,290			4,893	4,851	101,034
JUN	4,620	5,760	90,223			4,748	4,856	99,827
JUL	5,240	7,344	88,306			4,522	4,811	97,639
AUG	4,637	5,388	87,670			4,484	4,860	97,014
SEP	5,542	6,982	86,346			4,263	5,014	95,623
AVERAGE (incl. JAN)	5,180	6,286	90,781			4,786	4,879	100,446



Data is derived from NJ Division of Family Development's FAMIS report #FF-012

Table 6
FOOD STAMP
PROGRAM

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

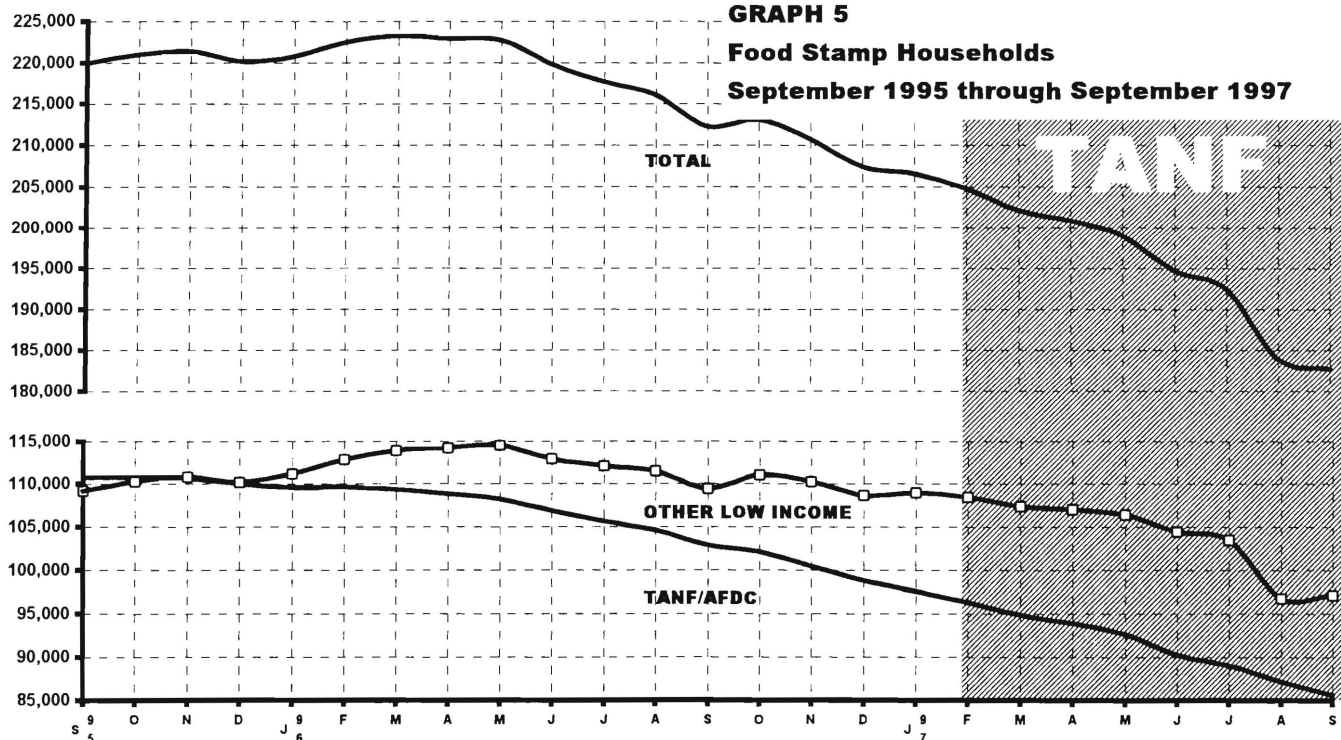
September 1995 through September 1997

		HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS				
		TANF/AFDC	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF/AFDC	Other low income	Adults	Children
AFDC 1995	SEP	110,760	109,154	219,914	513,517	347,126	166,391	243,723	269,794
	OCT	110,697	110,268	220,965	514,598	346,519	168,079	244,911	269,687
	NOV	110,630	110,763	221,393	514,823	346,034	168,789	245,455	269,368
	DEC	109,992	110,155	220,147	511,727	343,955	167,772	243,965	267,762
AVERAGE (12 mos.)		112,211	109,290	221,500	519,170	351,916	167,254	245,892	273,279
1996	JAN	109,554	111,166	220,720	512,165	342,778	169,387	244,801	267,364
	FEB	109,649	112,813	222,462	515,181	343,314	171,867	246,961	268,220
	MAR	109,364	113,895	223,259	515,676	342,361	173,315	247,695	267,981
	APR	108,787	114,163	222,950	514,375	340,597	173,778	247,380	266,995
	MAY	108,205	114,458	222,663	513,213	338,891	174,322	246,918	266,295
	JUN	106,875	112,888	219,763	506,926	334,762	172,164	243,422	263,504
	JUL	105,653	112,023	217,676	501,575	331,157	170,418	240,840	260,735
	AUG	104,568	111,473	216,041	497,436	328,055	169,381	238,804	258,632
	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
AVERAGE		105,559	111,850	217,409	501,448	331,312	170,136	240,718	260,730
1997	JAN	97,555	108,961	206,516	475,374	310,342	165,032	228,388	246,986
	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
	AVERAGE	92,684	105,342	198,026	455,380	295,912	159,468	217,527	237,854

GRAPH 5

Food Stamp Households

September 1995 through September 1997



ATP - Authorization to Participate

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GRAPH 6
Food Stamp Recipients
September 1995 through September 1997

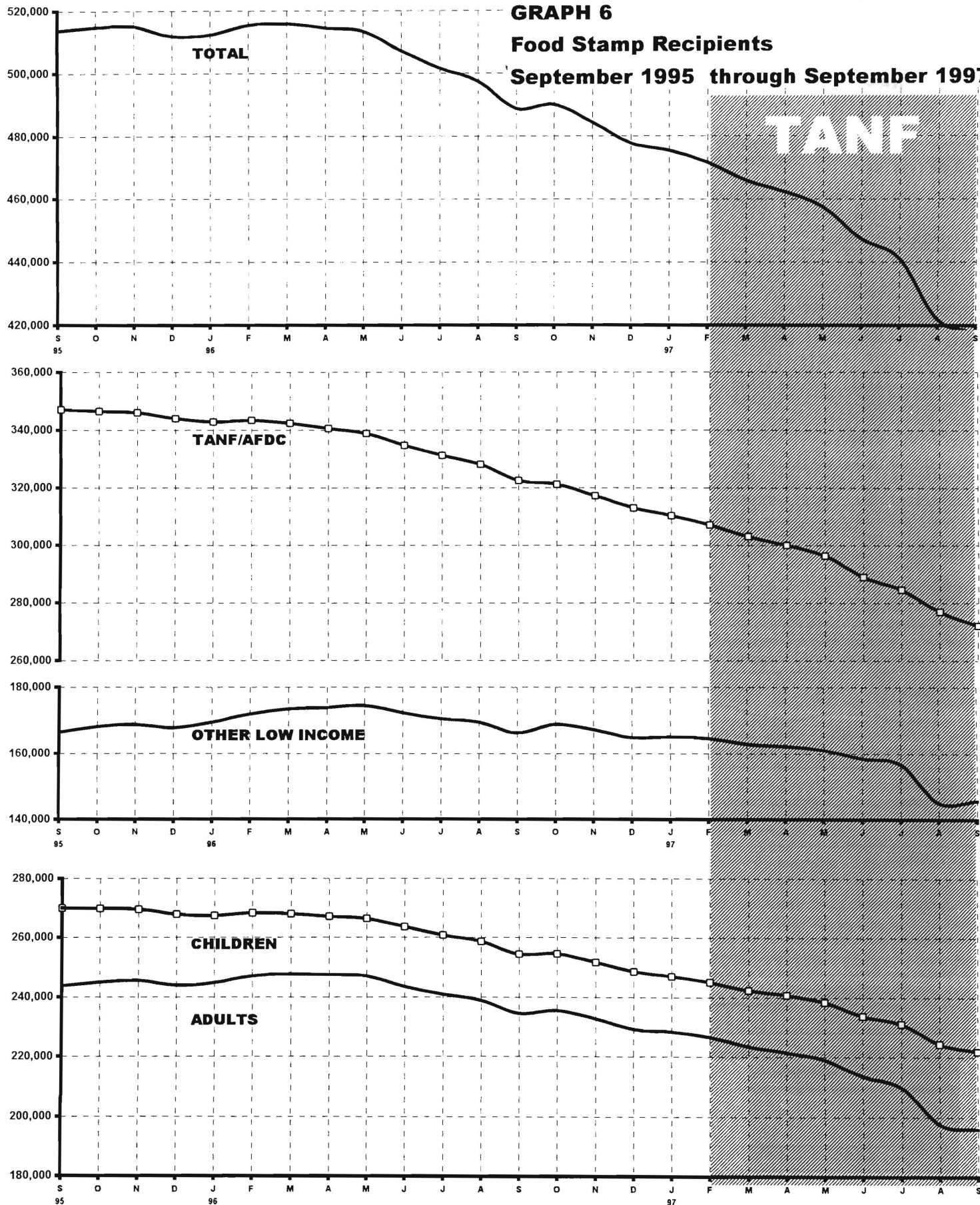
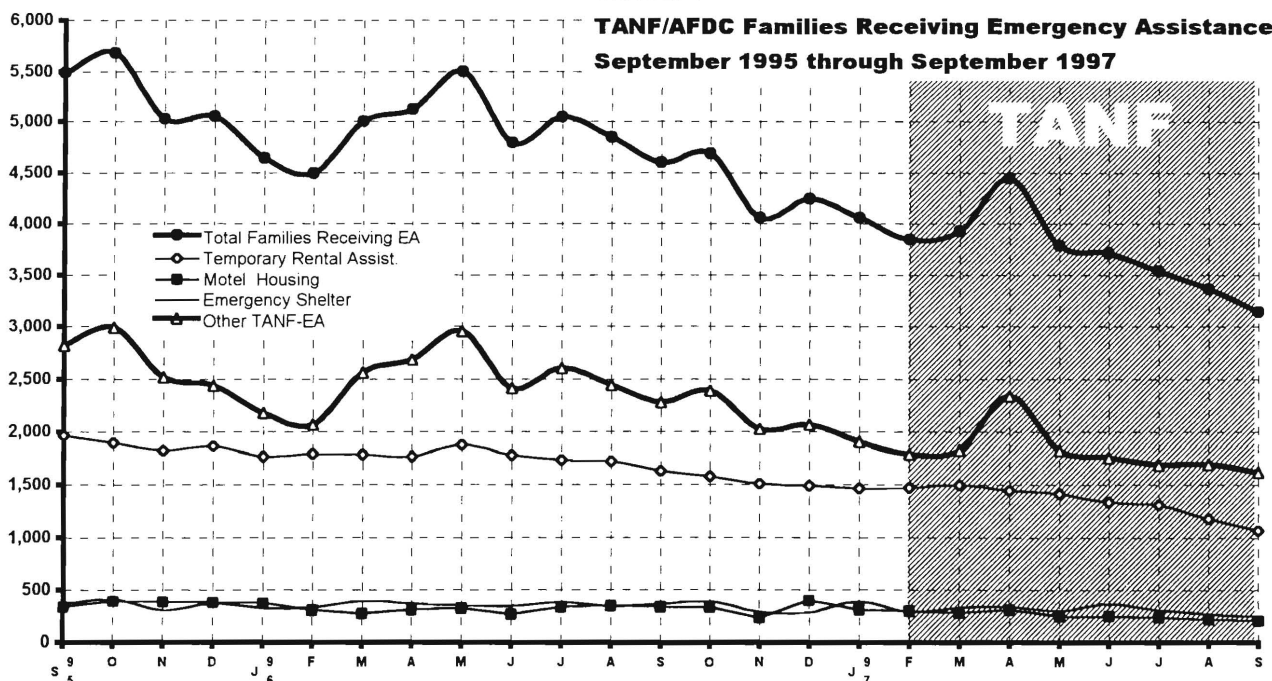


Table 7
**NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS
(UNDUPLICATED CASES)**
TANF/AFDC**EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE****September 1995 through September 1997**

		Total Families Receiving EA	Temporary Rental Assistance	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF/AFDC-EA
AFDC 1995	SEP	5,482	1,958	336	364	2,824
	OCT	5,678	1,891	388	410	2,989
	NOV	5,024	1,816	384	302	2,522
	DEC	5,048	1,864	377	369	2,438
AVERAGE (12 mos.)		5,755	2,201	405	369	2,779
1996	JAN	4,639	1,761	374	325	2,179
	FEB	4,490	1,788	305	330	2,067
	MAR	5,001	1,779	270	388	2,564
	APR	5,118	1,760	309	364	2,685
	MAY	5,498	1,873	323	350	2,952
	JUN	4,791	1,772	266	341	2,412
	JUL	5,044	1,729	335	377	2,603
	AUG	4,845	1,716	346	339	2,444
	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
AVERAGE		4,751	1,698	320	345	2,388
TANF 1997	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
	AVERAGE	3,757	1,354	261	315	1,827

GRAPH 7
**TANF/AFDC Families Receiving Emergency Assistance
September 1995 through September 1997**


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

Table 8**ESTIMATED TANF PARTICIPATION RATES****May 1997 - September 1997**

County	May	June	July	August	September
ATLANTIC	21.9%	28.8%	52.1%	64.5%	66.9%
BERGEN	17.3%	20.5%	29.6%	36.3%	41.6%
BURLINGTON	23.6%	30.7%	45.4%	54.6%	61.0%
CAMDEN	9.3%	13.9%	15.8%	20.8%	25.0%
CAPE MAY	14.4%	27.2%	71.0%	99.7%	99.2%
CUMBERLAND	14.6%	30.0%	38.1%	44.7%	51.2%
ESSEX	13.9%	19.0%	17.9%	18.8%	20.1%
GLOUCESTER	26.1%	34.1%	44.3%	50.2%	52.3%
HUDSON	16.2%	21.7%	22.1%	25.1%	28.3%
HUNTERDON	18.4%	61.7%	88.4%	84.0%	100.0%
MERCER	13.6%	18.4%	21.7%	23.7%	27.8%
MIDDLESEX	28.2%	40.7%	52.8%	61.6%	68.6%
MONMOUTH	22.7%	27.4%	29.1%	29.7%	35.6%
MORRIS	48.7%	53.8%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
OCEAN	12.6%	17.9%	30.5%	36.3%	42.5%
PASSAIC	19.4%	25.1%	22.7%	28.6%	31.7%
SALEM	11.7%	16.9%	29.6%	39.0%	45.8%
SOMERSET	21.3%	33.3%	41.0%	51.2%	61.0%
SUSSEX	30.5%	57.5%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
UNION	15.7%	23.5%	22.3%	29.6%	32.9%
WARREN	17.9%	29.3%	40.9%	42.8%	48.9%
NJ TOTAL	16.3%	22.5%	25.1%	29.0%	32.3%

The new Work First New Jersey participation rate formulation
mandated by PRWORA, 1996 federal welfare reform legislation
establishing Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

Graph 8

ESTIMATED TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

May 1997 - September 1997

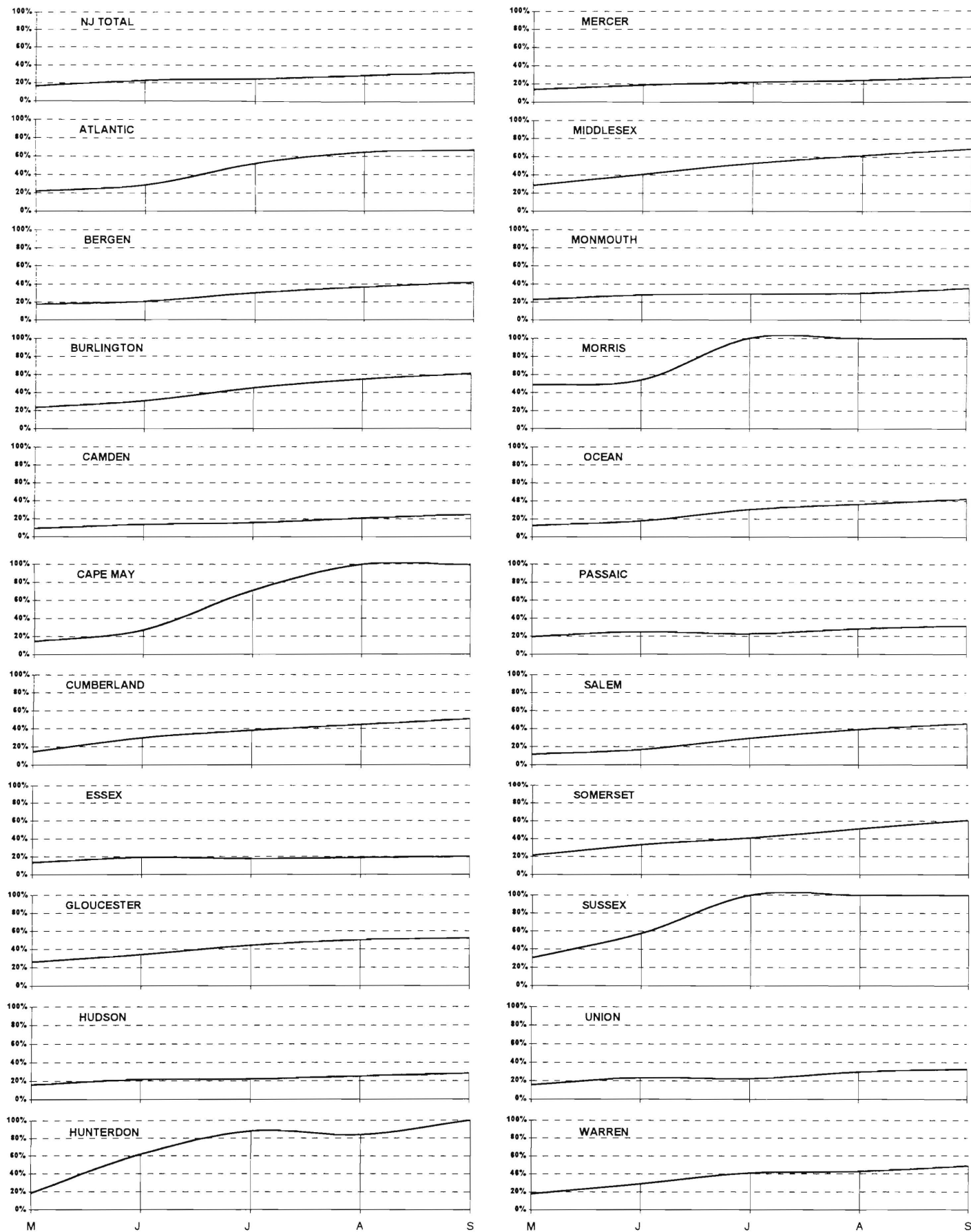


TABLE 9
GENERAL
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM

NUMBER OF EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS
AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS DURING REPORT MONTH
July 1995 through July 1997

	All Persons Aided			Emergency Assistance Payments		
	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assistance	Other GA-EA	Total
1995 JUL	21,000	11,391	32,391	4,048	3,526	7,574
AUG	21,526	10,829	32,355	4,174	3,909	8,083
SEP	21,525	10,389	31,914	4,110	2,945	7,055
OCT	21,913	10,959	32,872	3,939	3,497	7,436
NOV	22,206	10,171	32,377	4,141	2,422	6,563
DEC	22,732	10,268	33,000	4,086	2,902	6,988
AVERAGE (12 mos.)	21,817	11,178	33,611	4,420	2,947	7,368
1996 JAN	23,140	10,054	33,194	4,421	2,803	7,224
FEB	22,584	10,927	33,511	4,567	2,651	7,218
MAR	23,528	11,243	34,771	4,472	3,185	7,657
APR	23,028	11,221	34,249	4,490	2,944	7,434
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
AVERAGE	21,291	10,678	31,969	4,100	2,723	6,823
1997 JAN	19,562	10,809	30,371	4,182	3,029	7,211
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
AVERAGE	19,413	10,854	30,267	4,098	2,845	6,943

GRAPH 9

General Assistance Recipients
July 1995 through July 1997

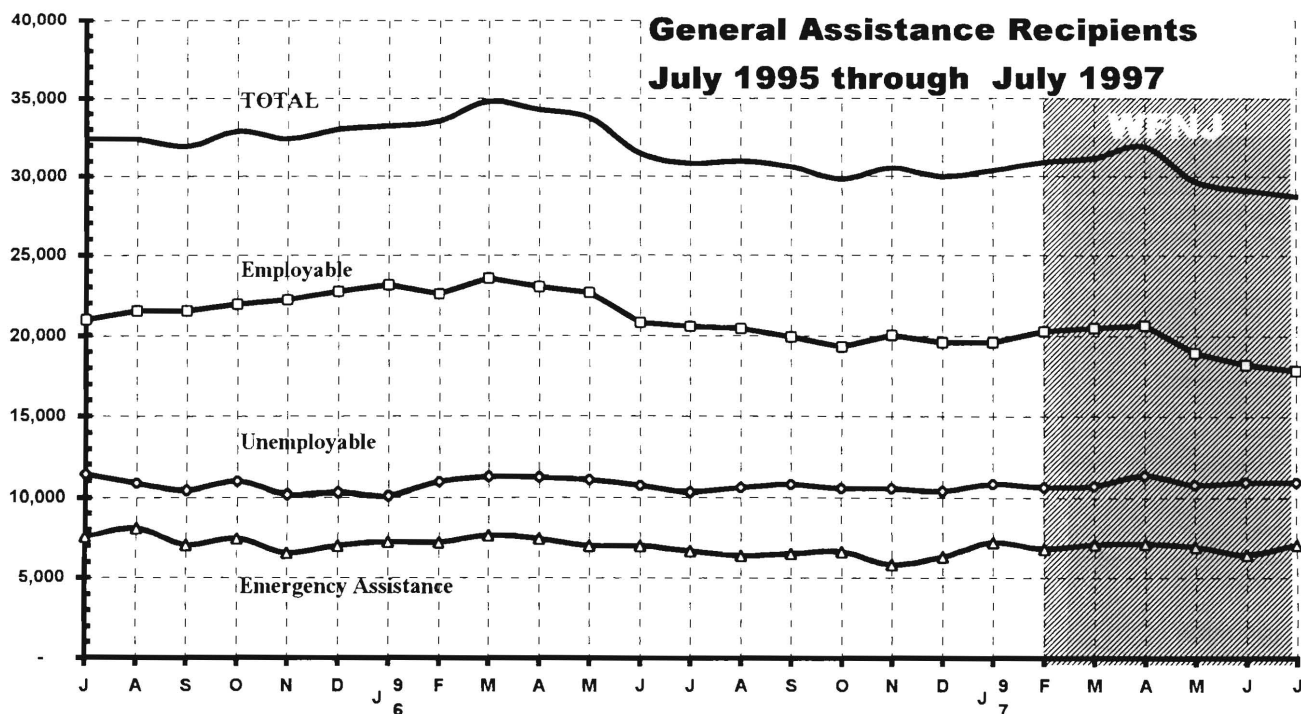


TABLE 10**CHILD SUPPORT
AND PATERNITY****CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY COLLECTIONS****State Summary**

COLLECTION SOURCE	Comparison of FFY 1996 and FFY 1997		% change
	10/95-9/96	10/96-9/97	
AFDC & FOSTER CARE			
Federal Tax	\$19,253,881	\$20,252,293	5.2%
State Tax	2,037,298	1,962,763	-3.7%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	5,647,498	5,084,812	-10.0%
Income Withholding	41,036,144	40,435,581	-1.5%
Other/Own Behalf	15,389,845	18,604,657	20.9%
From Other States	3,370,657	4,361,823	29.4%
For Other States	7,787,022	8,606,406	10.5%
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$94,522,345	\$99,308,335	5.1%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	\$98,430,665	\$96,755,293	-1.7%
NON- AFDC			
Federal Tax	\$9,330,910	\$9,221,626	-1.2%
State Tax	2,428,451	2,674,331	10.1%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	20,116,878	16,729,188	-16.8%
Income Withholding	253,066,788	282,857,360	11.8%
Other/Own Behalf	127,874,018	136,196,479	6.5%
From Other States	20,988,792	26,587,382	26.7%
For Other States	28,705,761	30,639,036	6.7%
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$462,511,598	\$504,905,402	9.2%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	\$438,219,256	\$496,203,144	13.2%
TOTAL			
Federal Tax	\$28,584,791	\$29,473,919	3.1%
State Tax	\$4,465,749	\$4,637,094	3.8%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	\$25,764,376	\$21,814,000	-15.3%
Income Withholding	\$294,102,932	\$323,292,941	9.9%
Other/Own Behalf	\$143,263,863	\$154,801,136	8.1%
From Other States	\$24,359,449	\$30,949,205	27.1%
For Other States	\$36,492,783	\$39,245,442	7.5%
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$557,033,943	\$604,213,737	8.5%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	\$536,649,921	\$592,958,437	10.5%

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. 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)

Total Non-Exempt Recipients - Calculation of the number of mandatory individuals (FAMIS report # FB304).

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.

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 receiving AFDC financial assistance but remaining eligible for Medicaid under applicable provisions which extend coverage beyond period of AFDC assistance.

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
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PROGRAM

EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS
AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS
COUNTIES AND 21 LARGEST MUNICIPALITIES

July 1997

County/ Municipality	Total Persons Aided			Emergency Assistance Payments		
	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assist.	Other GA-EA	Total
ATLANTIC	772	506	1,278	58	29	87
BERGEN	392	429	821	240	78	318
BURLINGTON	291	407	698	122	120	242
CAMDEN	1,958	1,232	3,190	266	299	565
CAPE MAY	42	96	138	11	14	25
CUMBERLAND	296	187	483	5	20	25
ESSEX	6,331	2,389	8,720	1,187	1,386	2,573
GLOUCESTER	128	141	269	16	13	29
HUDSON	797	1,138	1,935	138	43	181
HUNTERDON	37	56	93	20	21	41
MERCER	1,292	861	2,153	240	271	511
MIDDLESEX	365	543	908	71	60	131
MONMOUTH	500	588	1,088	241	44	285
MORRIS	78	174	252	33	18	51
OCEAN	419	357	776	271	149	420
PASSAIC	2,103	673	2,776	439	157	596
SALEM	112	59	171	12	15	27
SOMERSET	84	82	166	48	9	57
SUSSEX	30	40	70	19	6	25
UNION	1,761	879	2,640	714	119	833
WARREN	35	71	106	23	1	24
TOTAL NJ	17,823	10,908	28,731	4,174	2,872	7,046
Atlantic City	669	296	965	45	24	69
Mount Holly	104	91	195	44	77	121
Camden	1,746	883	2,629	208	263	471
Vineland	151	98	249	2	16	18
East Orange	466	363	829	204	31	235
Irvington	352	135	487	57	5	62
Montclair	99	62	161	27	6	33
Newark	4,982	1,581	6,563	817	1,337	2,154
Orange	317	73	390	50	0	50
Bayonne	108	72	180	5	0	5
Hoboken	99	130	229	15	1	16
Jersey City	471	504	975	81	38	119
Trenton	1,194	753	1,947	210	256	466
Perth Amboy	75	101	176	7	2	9
Asbury Park	130	78	208	54	0	54
Long Branch	150	112	262	41	0	41
Lakewood	226	115	341	149	42	191
Passaic	418	236	654	165	27	192
Paterson	1,625	314	1,939	238	109	347
Elizabeth	1,164	441	1,605	554	70	624
Plainfield	256	147	403	45	2	47
Total	14,802	6,585	21,387	3,018	2,306	5,324

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit

TABLE 12**CHILD SUPPORT
AND PATERNITY****NUMBER OF CASES REMAINING OPEN****QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1997**

	<u>CASES WITH ORDERS</u>			<u>OTHER CASES (1)</u>		TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
	AFDC AND FOSTER CARE	AFDC AND FOSTER CARE ARREARS (2)	NON- AFDC	AFDC AND FOSTER CARE	NON- AFDC	AFDC AND FOSTER CARE	NON- AFDC	ALL CASES
Atlantic	1,817	4,424	9,948	2,390	3,823	8,631	13,771	22,402
Bergen	1,199	1,903	8,882	1,275	1,026	4,377	9,908	14,285
Burlington	1,668	3,130	10,697	1,820	2,113	6,618	12,810	19,428
Camden	7,757	10,678	22,058	5,643	4,831	24,078	26,889	50,967
Cape May	532	1,157	3,489	363	360	2,052	3,849	5,901
Cumberland	2,959	5,022	10,244	575	310	8,556	10,554	19,110
Essex	13,419	17,265	37,059	20,139	13,229	50,823	50,288	101,111
Gloucester	1,415	2,346	6,357	944	1,101	4,705	7,458	12,163
Hudson	6,317	7,777	19,268	8,017	8,201	22,111	27,469	49,580
Hunterdon	114	267	1,596	63	77	444	1,673	2,117
Mercer	3,697	5,789	12,314	2,753	3,164	12,239	15,478	27,717
Middlesex	2,434	5,022	14,838	2,604	2,201	10,060	17,039	27,099
Monmouth	2,931	4,864	12,633	1,865	2,021	9,660	14,654	24,314
Morris	344	535	3,934	503	640	1,382	4,574	5,956
Ocean	1,434	3,197	9,872	1,672	2,075	6,303	11,947	18,250
Passaic	4,543	5,668	15,647	4,653	5,253	14,864	20,900	35,764
Salem	810	1,416	3,232	257	167	2,483	3,399	5,882
Somerset	442	634	3,215	482	672	1,558	3,887	5,445
Sussex	218	465	2,024	192	246	875	2,270	3,145
Union	2,872	4,926	13,268	4,002	3,761	11,800	17,029	28,829
Warren	472	980	2,789	153	103	1,605	2,892	4,497
NJ TOTAL	57,394	87,465	223,364	60,365	55,374	205,224	278,738	483,962

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