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SUBJECT CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

Attached please find CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS, including the FDP Statistical Summary for April 1997. Also included are explanatory notes for the various data elements. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

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# CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS



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## Highlights of Current Program Statistics

### AFDC (Tables 1 and 5, Graphs 1 and 4)

**About 102,200 eligible families in New Jersey were receiving AFDC as of the end of April 1997:**

- **92,300** single head of household families (Regular AFDC, C segment).
- Among two-parent families, about **2400** Unemployed Parent families (F Segment) and **2700** State AFDC families (N Segment).
- **4800** Medicaid Only families.
- The largest numbers of families by county: Essex with **26,100**, Hudson with **16,200**, and Camden County with **11,900**. (53 percent of all AFDC families)
- Other counties ranged from **143** families in Hunterdon to **6,663** in Passaic County, with six counties below **1000** families.

**There were about 900 fewer eligible AFDC families in April 1997 than in March 1997 and a decline of 19,000 over the past two years.**

- There were about **800** fewer eligible C segment families in April 1997 than in March 1997 and about **16,500** less than two years ago.
- F segment families declined from **3900** in April 1995 to about **2400** in April 1997.
- State AFDC (N segment) was about **3400** in April 1995, slowly declined to about **2700** by December 1996, and has remained at that level through April 1997.
- Medicaid Only families averaged nearly **5200** for 1995, less than **5100** for 1996, and **4900** for the first four months of 1997. There were about **200** less Medicaid Only families in April 1997 than a year earlier.

### FOOD STAMP PROGRAM (Tables 2 and 6, Graphs 2, 5, and 6)

**At the end of April 1997, 200,900 households were participating in the Food Stamp Program:**

- Less than **94,000** AFDC households with **300,000** persons.
- About **107,000** Other Low Income households with **162,000** persons.
- With a total of nearly **462,000** persons, including less than **222,000** adults and about **241,000** children
- **49 percent** of the households were in Essex (**50,700**), Hudson (**28,200**) and Camden (**19,500**) Counties.
- The number of adults exceeded the number of children in Food Stamp households in seven counties (Bergen, Hunterdon, Monmouth, Morris, Somerset, Sussex, and Warren).



**The number of Food Stamp households in New Jersey remained in the 220,000 to 223,000 range From April 1995 through June 1996. Thereafter Food Stamp households declined substantially (from about 220,000 in June 1996 to less than 201,000 in April 1997).**

- The number of AFDC(FS) households has been less than Other Low Income households since November 1995, with a difference of more than **13,000** in April 1997. The number of Other Low Income households receiving Food Stamps averaged about **109,000** in 1995, peaked at close to **115,000** in May 1996, then fell to **107,000** by April 1997. There were nearly **114,000** AFDC(FS) households in April 1995 and less than **94,000** in April 1997.
- With **524,000** Total Recipients in April 1995, the number has since been moving downward. Near **515,000** from July 1995 through May 1996, the level dropped substantially and was about **462,000** by April 1997. This is a total two-year decline of close to **62,000** or **11.8 percent**, of which **10 percentage points** occurred in the last 12 months.
- The number of Recipient Adults averaged **246,000** for 1995 through the first five months of 1996. From May 1996 through April 1997 the number declined by more than **25,000** from about **247,000** to less than **222,000**.
- With **277,000** Recipient Children in April 1995, the number has since been moving downward. By April 1997 the level was down **13 percent** to **241,000**.

## **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE** (Tables 3, 7 and 9, Graphs 3, 7 and 9)

**In April 1997 Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for 4440 eligible AFDC families and 337 SSI recipients in New Jersey. For AFDC families this included payments for:**

- **1447** families with Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)
- **309** motel placements and **342** emergency shelter placements
- **2342** families accounted for all other AFDC-EA payments, including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing and food allowance, or transitional housing.
- EA payments were made for **1349** AFDC families in Essex County, **511** in Passaic and **501** in Middlesex. All other counties accounted for between **1** and **385** AFDC-EA payments, with eleven counties **below 100**.

**In the past two years, the average number of EA payments for AFDC families was 5800 in 1995, and 4800 in 1996. For the first quarter of 1997 the average was below 4100. Though there was a substantial upturn from March to April 1997 from 3900 to 4400, most of this occurred in the "Other AFDC-EA" category which are generally one-time payments.**

- The number of TRA payments provided for AFDC families each month has declined steadily from **2400** in April 1995 to less than **1500** in the first four months of 1997.
- Emergency Shelter payments have been provided for **around 300 to 400** families each month in the last two years. Payments for Motel Housing declined from an average of **400** in early 1995 to under **300** in the first four months of 1997.
- Other EA payments were made for an average of nearly **2800** families in 1995, **2400** in 1996, and less than **2000** in the first four months of 1997. There was a jump from about **1800** to **2300** between March and April 1997, but these payments often fluctuate widely month to month.

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 about 4100 in 1996. For the first two months of 1997 there were an average of 7000 GA EA payments (which is slightly less than the comparable period in 1996), and about 4100 GA TRA payments.

## **JOBS/FDP PARTICIPATION RATES** (Table 8, Graph 8)

(Table 8 and graph 8 have been temporarily removed pending replacement with the new Work First New Jersey participation rate formulation mandated by the PRWORA, 1996 federal welfare reform legislation. It will be available at a later date.)

## **GENERAL ASSISTANCE** (Table 9, Graph 9)

In the two year period ending February 1997 (the latest available data) the number of GA recipients remained close to 34,000 through May 1996, then dropped to and remained below 31,000 through February 1997.

- The number of employable GA recipients has closely mirrored the changes in total GA recipients. There were an average of more than **22,000** through May 1996, and near or slightly over **20,000** through February 1997.
- Over the two year period the number of Unemployable GA recipients remained within a relatively narrow range. The level was around **11,000 to 12,000** from February 1995 through October 1995. It declined to about **10,000** from November 1995 through January 1996, and remained between **10,000 and 11,000** through February 1997.

## **CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY** (Table 10)

The total distribution of collections of the Child Support and Paternity Program increased by 14 percent from more than \$247 million in the first six months of FFY 1996 (October 1995 - March 1996) to nearly \$282 million in the first six months of FFY 1997 (October 1996 - March 1997).

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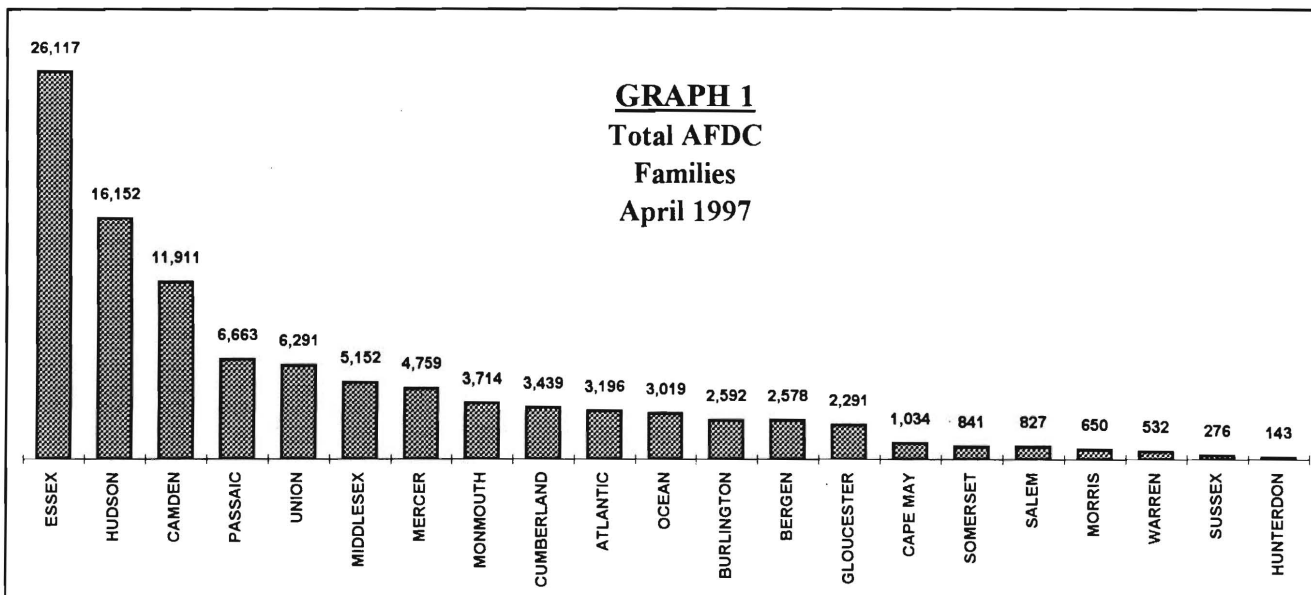
**Table 1****AFDC Program**

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

**April 1997**

County	Applications Approved	Terminations	Regular AFDC (C Segment)	Unemployed Parents(F)	State AFDC(N)	Medicaid Only	Total AFDC
ATLANTIC	218	188	2,946	65	47	138	3,196
BERGEN	130	155	2,303	101	97	77	2,578
BURLINGTON	185	253	2,250	63	76	203	2,592
CAMDEN	649	751	10,437	406	341	727	11,911
CAPE MAY	112	95	838	68	59	69	1,034
CUMBERLAND	252	275	2,923	130	188	198	3,439
ESSEX	822	1,088	24,952	321	204	640	26,117
GLOUCESTER	187	214	1,944	80	65	202	2,291
HUDSON	480	683	14,514	234	549	855	16,152
HUNTERDON	20	21	101	8	4	30	143
MERCER	373	236	4,231	81	94	353	4,759
MIDDLESEX	312	469	4,317	194	230	411	5,152
MONMOUTH	221	227	3,456	81	116	61	3,714
MORRIS	49	43	590	16	15	29	650
OCEAN	205	268	2,519	150	128	222	3,019
PASSAIC	303	357	6,175	205	204	79	6,663
SALEM	69	86	740	11	24	52	827
SOMERSET	106	118	707	33	32	69	841
SUSSEX	36	34	221	3	2	50	276
UNION	404	435	5,696	97	165	333	6,291
WARREN	39	38	440	31	31	30	532
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>5,172</b>	<b>6,034</b>	<b>92,300</b>	<b>2,378</b>	<b>2,671</b>	<b>4,828</b>	<b>102,177</b>

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



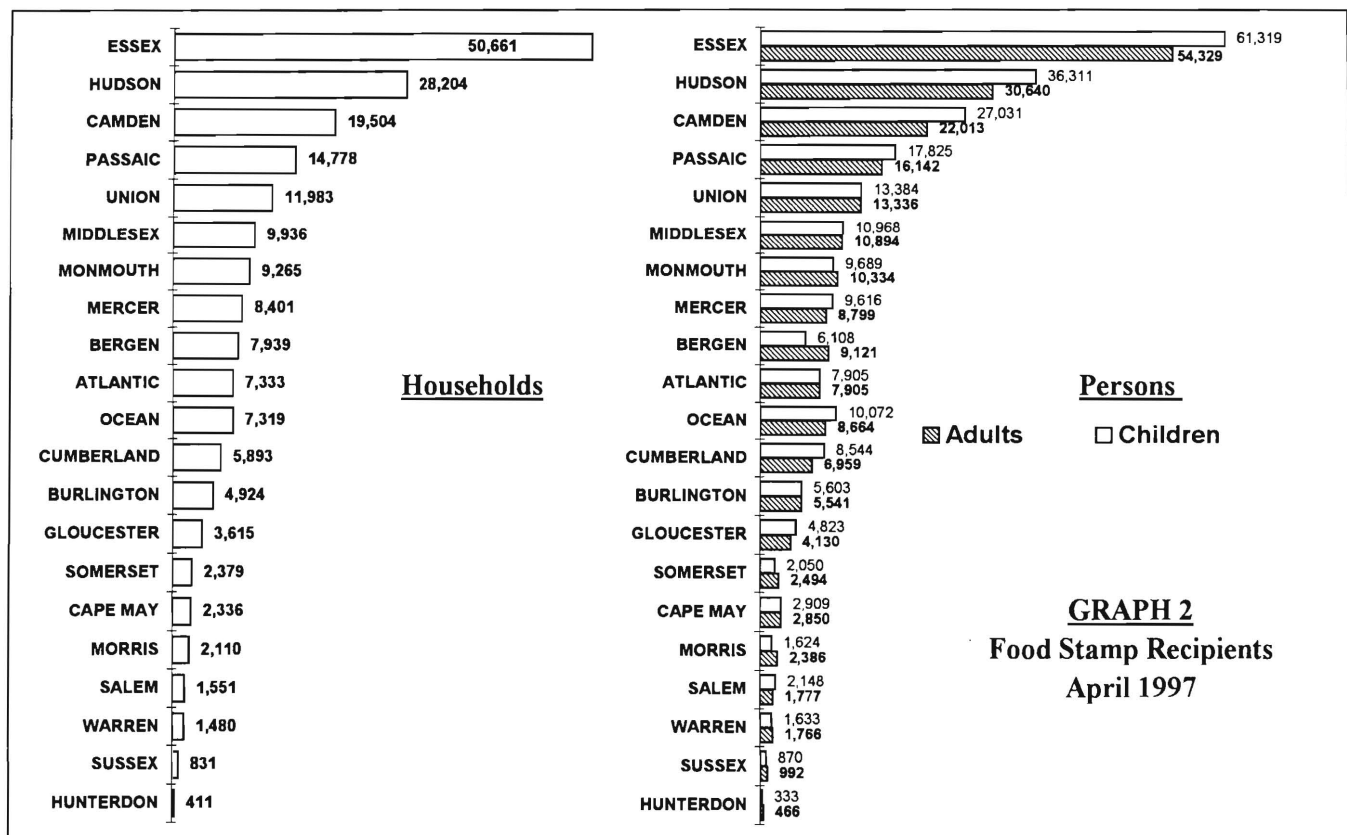
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**Table 2**  
**FOOD STAMP Program**  
**NUMBER OF ATP'S ISSUED TO HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS**  
**AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH**  
**April 1997**

County	HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS				
	AFDC	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	AFDC	Other low income	Adults	Children
ATLANTIC	2,828	4,505	7,333	15,810	9,215	6,595	7,905	7,905
BERGEN	2,258	5,681	7,939	15,229	6,766	8,463	9,121	6,108
BURLINGTON	2,160	2,764	4,924	11,144	6,766	4,378	5,541	5,603
CAMDEN	11,008	8,496	19,504	49,044	36,716	12,328	22,013	27,031
CAPE MAY	1,058	1,278	2,336	5,759	3,587	2,172	2,850	2,909
CUMBERLAND	3,284	2,609	5,893	15,503	11,257	4,246	6,959	8,544
ESSEX	25,146	25,515	50,661	115,648	79,185	36,463	54,329	61,319
GLOUCESTER	2,007	1,608	3,615	8,953	6,417	2,536	4,130	4,823
HUDSON	15,033	13,171	28,204	66,951	46,449	20,502	30,640	36,311
HUNTERDON	102	309	411	799	324	475	466	333
MERCER	3,925	4,476	8,401	18,415	12,399	6,016	8,799	9,616
MIDDLESEX	4,500	5,436	9,936	21,862	13,738	8,124	10,894	10,968
MONMOUTH	3,464	5,801	9,265	20,023	11,226	8,797	10,334	9,689
MORRIS	545	1,565	2,110	4,010	1,662	2,348	2,386	1,624
OCEAN	3,035	4,284	7,319	18,736	10,260	8,476	8,664	10,072
PASSAIC	5,954	8,824	14,778	33,967	19,856	14,111	16,142	17,825
SALEM	807	744	1,551	3,925	2,668	1,257	1,777	2,148
SOMERSET	749	1,630	2,379	4,544	2,237	2,307	2,494	2,050
SUSSEX	242	589	831	1,862	758	1,104	992	870
UNION	5,236	6,747	11,983	26,720	16,969	9,751	13,336	13,384
WARREN	504	976	1,480	3,399	1,618	1,781	1,766	1,633
NJ TOTAL	93,845	107,008	200,853	462,303	300,073	162,230	221,538	240,765

ATP - Authorization to Participate

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



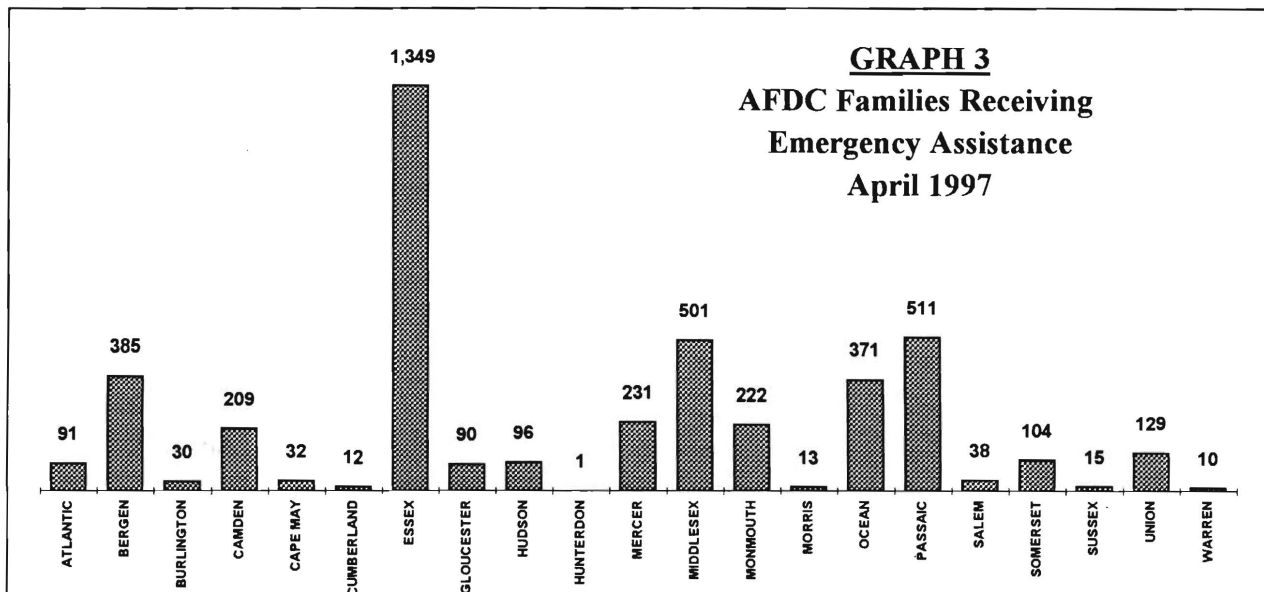
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**Table 3**  
**AFDC/SSI EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**  
**NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS**  
**(UNDUPLICATED CASES)**

April 1997

County	TOTAL AFDC-EA	AFDC Families Receiving Emergency Assistance				SSI Recipients Receiving EA
		Temporary Rental Assist.	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other AFDC-EA	
ATLANTIC	91	30	16	14	31	29
BERGEN	385	192	37	29	127	17
BURLINGTON	30	1	2	20	7	2
CAMDEN	209	69	3	12	125	17
CAPE MAY	32	10	2	1	19	7
CUMBERLAND	12	0	1	3	8	1
ESSEX	1,349	469	45	107	728	47
GLOUCESTER	90	47	2	25	16	4
HUDSON	96	19	1	16	60	9
HUNTERDON	1	0	0	0	1	0
MERCER	231	104	13	6	108	7
MIDDLESEX	501	240	33	38	190	28
MONMOUTH	222	115	13	4	90	1
MORRIS	13	1	0	3	9	6
OCEAN	371	112	112	1	146	77
PASSAIC	511	3	2	17	489	67
SALEM	38	8	4	0	26	1
SOMERSET	104	13	10	22	59	3
SUSSEX	15	1	4	6	4	2
UNION	129	13	4	18	94	12
WARREN	10	0	5	0	5	0
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>4,440</b>	<b>1,447</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>2,342</b>	<b>337</b>

Derived from NJ Division of Family Development FAMIS Reports #FM457 and #FM430-03A



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**TABLE 4**  
**FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**  
**STATISTICAL SUMMARY**

COUNTY	SNAPSHOT OF ACTIVITY AS OF APRIL 1997				ACTIVITY FOR MONTH OF APRIL 1997					
	TOTAL NONEXMT JOBS/FDP RECI- PIENTS	EMPLOYMENT DIRECTED ACTIVITIES(1)			PARTIC IN EDAs & RECEIVE SUPPORT SERVICES		PARTIC W/ 1st C M INTV	# EMPL THIS MONTH & STILL REC AFDC	# CLSD ON FAMIS RE: EARNINGS (2)	POST AFDC & REC CHILD CARE
		TRAIN- ING	EDUCA- TION	JOB SEARCH	TREs	CHILD CARE				
ATLANTIC	1,003	281	118	146	290	176	174	61	58	173
BERGEN	1,598	285	102	35	229	146	44	25	47	93
BURLINGTON	1,144	293	63	138	286	162	72	79	74	181
CAMDEN	8,025	625	516	149	797	604	649	178	168	280
CAPE MAY	542	89	14	65	44	21	96	20	39	12
CUMBERLAND	1,411	356	115	223	480	209	176	67	83	133
ESSEX	16,280	1,664	989	609	2,295	1,717	523	125	242	290
GLOUCESTER	942	179	39	177	286	91	30	17	44	77
HUDSON	10,024	1,394	970	369	2,114	1,161	240	109	202	362
HUNTERDON	76	8	7	13	4	7	11	7	5	11
MERCER	2,895	425	224	34	279	281	25	33	82	143
MIDDLESEX	2,649	400	141	242	428	206	220	147	118	236
MONMOUTH	2,320	323	153	241	451	298	158	52	64	179
MORRIS	287	197	29	61	63	73	49	10	20	56
OCEAN	1,654	165	62	123	106	73	256	44	80	155
PASSAIC	3,486	711	284	332	962	367	178	53	80	166
SALEM	361	72	84	17	104	62	2	8	25	45
SOMERSET	460	71	63	29	71	59	19	12	18	48
SUSSEX	137	32	18	48	34	26	19	5	10	41
UNION	3,674	646	156	321	444	192	170	35	74	136
WARREN	340	57	34	31	17	19	15	7	23	15
STATE	59,308	8,273	4,181	3,403	9,784	5,950	3,126	1,094	1,556	2,832

(1) - The number of participants receiving support services may occasionally exceed the number actively participating in EDAs. This can result from extended assessment or evaluation activities, or the issuance of bridge payments.

(2) - FAMIS file date 4/19/97

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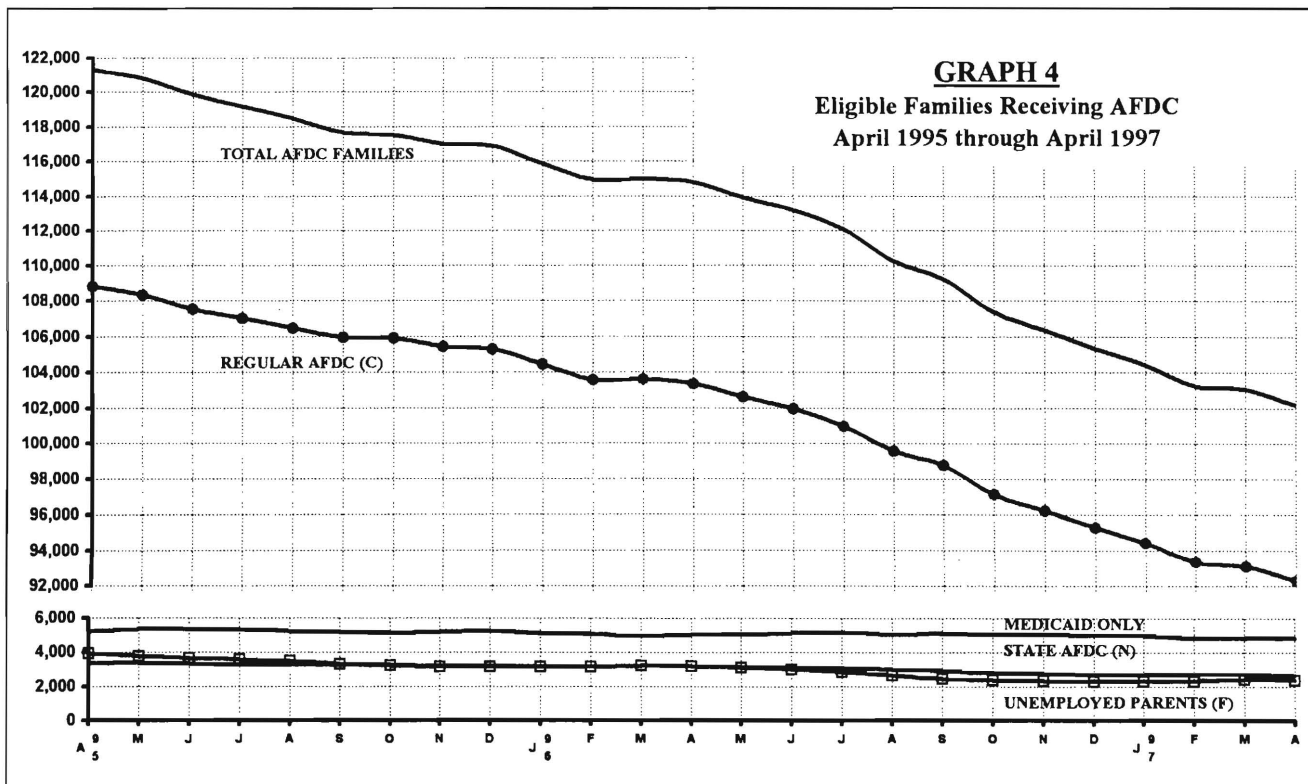
**Table 5****AFDC Program**

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

April 1995 through April 1997

	Applications Approved	Terminations	Regular AFDC (C Segment)	Unemployed Parents(F)	State AFDC(N)	Medicaid Only	Total AFDC
1995 APR	7,096	7,086	108,822	3,907	3,365	5,209	121,303
MAY	5,288	5,784	108,343	3,773	3,369	5,328	120,813
JUN	5,558	6,458	107,541	3,639	3,336	5,358	119,874
JUL	5,977	6,781	107,028	3,574	3,286	5,293	119,181
AUG	5,547	6,294	106,475	3,489	3,260	5,239	118,463
SEP	5,922	6,647	105,943	3,303	3,260	5,175	117,681
OCT	7,062	7,359	105,917	3,224	3,257	5,110	117,508
NOV	6,083	6,660	105,445	3,164	3,199	5,189	116,997
DEC	5,582	5,775	105,287	3,165	3,189	5,258	116,899
AVERAGE (12 mos.)	5,956	6,460	107,376	3,575	3,288	5,192	119,430
1996 JAN	5,332	6,236	104,430	3,139	3,173	5,113	115,855
FEB	5,217	6,283	103,561	3,161	3,170	5,060	114,952
MAR	6,317	6,302	103,598	3,230	3,217	4,956	115,001
APR	6,896	7,241	103,352	3,192	3,211	5,040	114,795
MAY	5,335	6,152	102,600	3,112	3,163	5,038	113,913
JUN	5,319	6,121	101,947	2,999	3,117	5,116	113,179
JUL	5,874	7,027	100,968	2,843	3,073	5,200	112,084
AUG	5,014	6,789	99,567	2,638	2,993	5,053	110,251
SEP	6,311	7,440	98,744	2,462	2,933	5,097	109,236
OCT	5,213	7,015	97,152	2,368	2,822	5,026	107,368
NOV	5,374	6,549	96,238	2,329	2,752	5,034	106,353
DEC	5,018	6,137	95,322	2,308	2,708	4,992	105,330
AVERAGE	5,602	6,608	100,623	2,815	3,028	5,060	111,526
1997 JAN	5,933	6,803	94,429	2,290	2,692	4,994	104,405
FEB	4,410	5,728	93,359	2,310	2,700	4,862	103,231
MAR	6,184	6,416	93,104	2,412	2,713	4,835	103,064
APR	5,172	6,034	92,300	2,378	2,671	4,828	102,177
AVERAGE	5,425	6,245	93,298	2,348	2,694	4,880	103,219

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**TABLE 6**

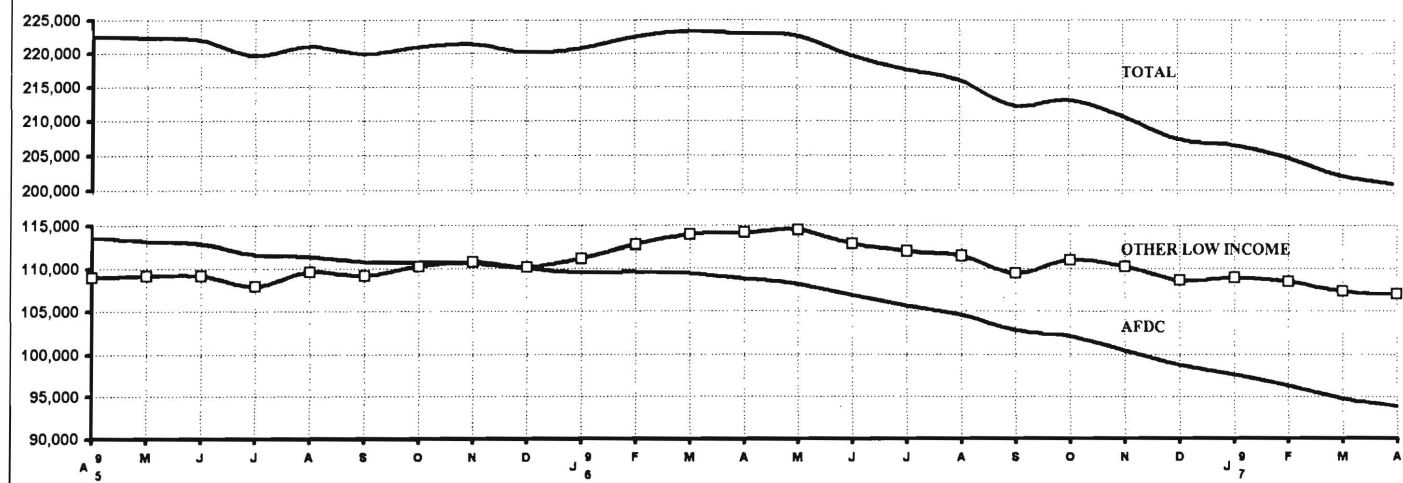
**FOOD STAMP Program State Summary**  
**NUMBER OF ATP'S ISSUED TO HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS**  
**ADULTS AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH**  
**April 1995 through April 1997**

	<u>HOUSEHOLDS</u>			<u>PERSONS</u>				
	AFDC	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	AFDC	Other low income	Adults	Children
1995 APR	113,588	108,991	222,579	524,102	356,717	167,385	247,367	276,735
MAY	113,125	109,171	222,296	522,173	355,099	167,074	246,949	275,224
JUN	112,827	109,198	222,025	521,084	354,211	166,873	246,557	274,527
JUL	111,635	107,978	219,613	515,478	350,378	165,100	243,727	271,751
AUG	111,415	109,603	221,018	516,618	349,372	167,246	245,110	271,508
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
AVERAGE	95,617	107,941	203,557	468,793	305,133	163,660	225,018	243,775

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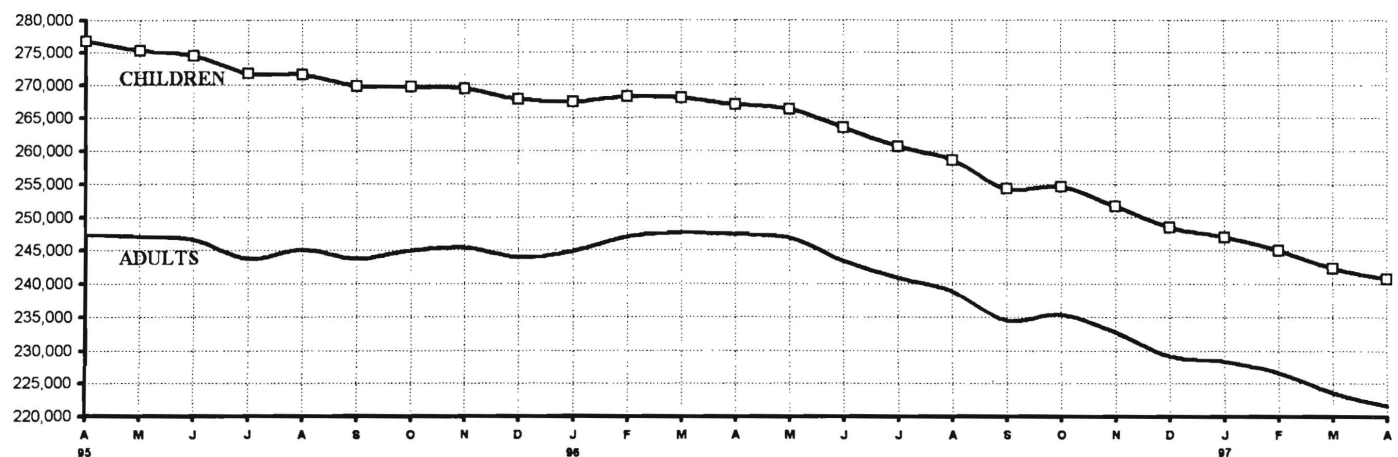
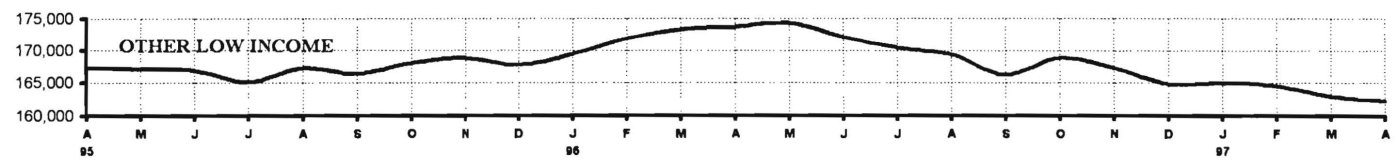
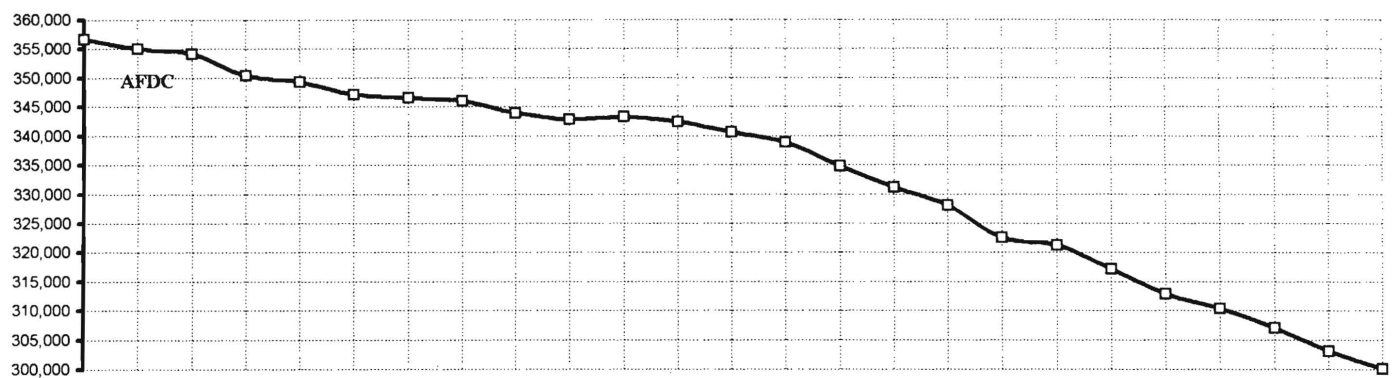
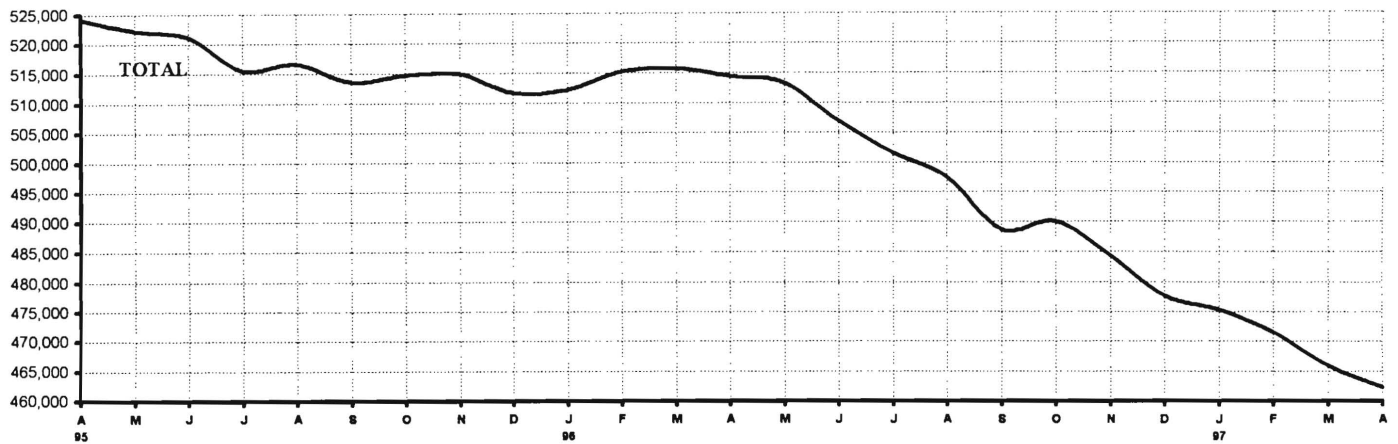
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**GRAPH 5**  
**Food Stamp Households**  
**April 1995 through April 1997**





**GRAPH 6**  
**Food Stamp Recipients**  
 April 1995 through April 1997



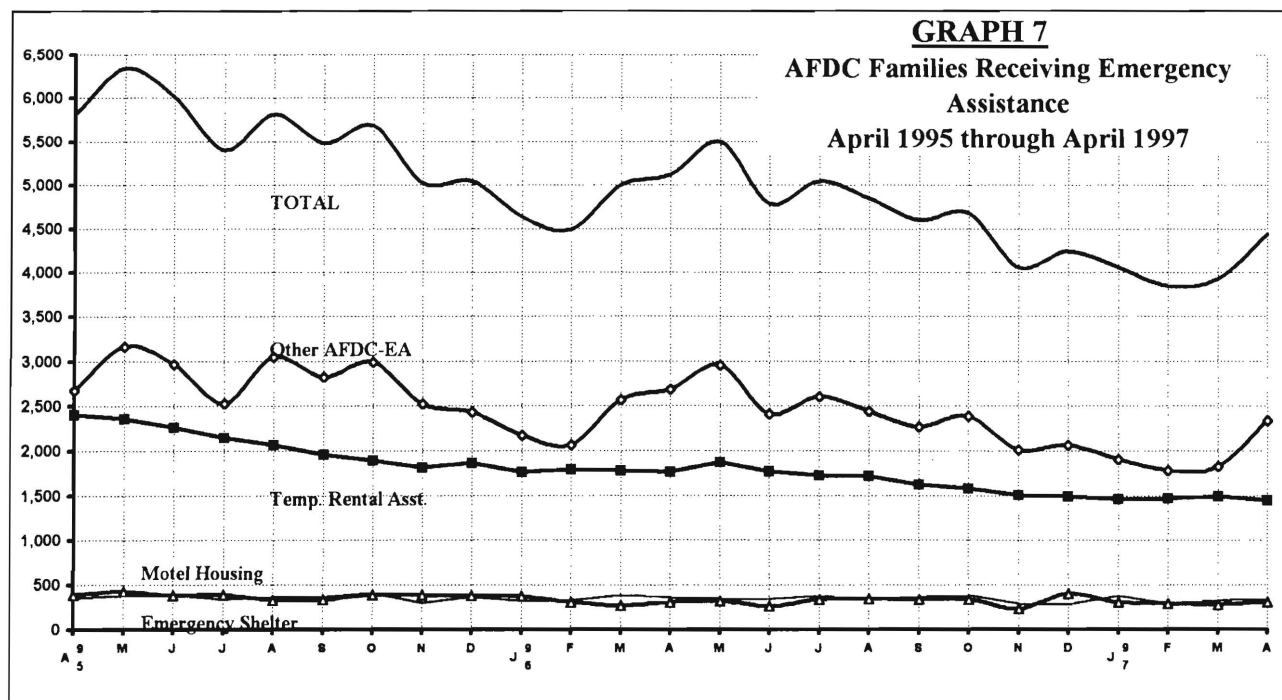
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**TABLE 7**

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE Program for AFDC Recipients, State Summary**  
**NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS**  
**(UNDUPLICATED CASES)**  
**April 1995 through April 1997**

	Total families receiving EA	Temporary rental assistance	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other AFDC-EA
1995 APR	5,815	2,402	387	351	2,675
MAY	6,338	2,364	427	381	3,166
JUN	6,007	2,268	382	387	2,970
JUL	5,402	2,149	389	334	2,530
AUG	5,813	2,068	331	362	3,052
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
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
AVERAGE	4,068	1,469	298	336	1,965

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



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**TABLE 8  
JOBS/FDP PARTICIPATION RATES BY MONTH  
(PERCENT)**

[Temporarily removed pending replacement with new Work First New Jersey participation rate formulation mandated by the PRWORA, 1996 federal welfare reform legislation. It will be available at a later date.]

**GRAPH 8**  
**JOBS/FDP PARTICIPATION RATES (%)**

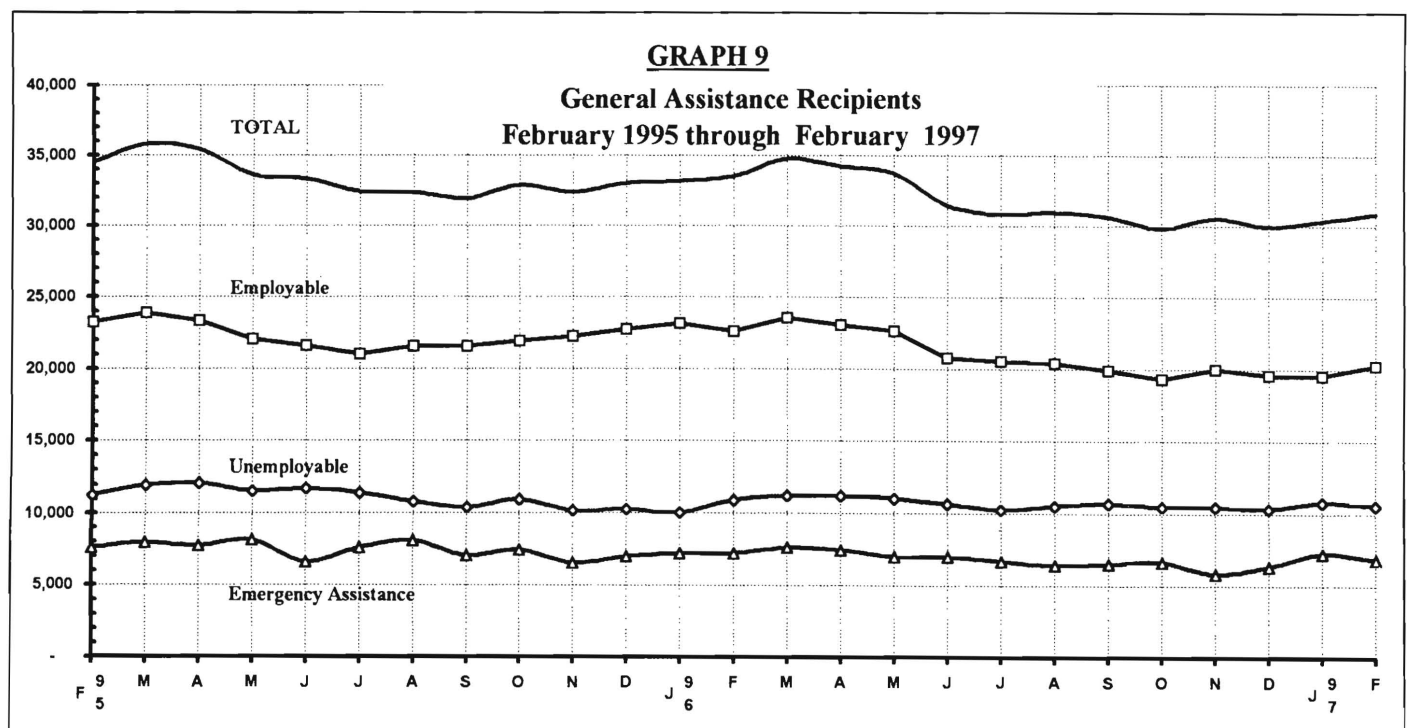
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**TABLE 9**  
**GENERAL ASSISTANCE Program, State Summary**  
**NUMBER OF EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS**  
**AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS DURING REPORT MONTH**  
**February 1995 through February 1997**

	<u>All Persons Aided</u>			<u>Emergency Assistance Payments</u>		
	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assistance	Other GA-EA	Total
1995 FEB	23,219	11,264	34,483	4,851	2,748	7,599
MAR	23,855	11,976	35,831	5,036	2,909	7,945
APR	23,337	12,082	35,419	4,833	2,887	7,720
MAY	22,046	11,527	33,573	4,995	3,135	8,130
JUN	21,575	11,738	33,313	4,423	2,146	6,569
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.)	22,267	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
AVERAGE	19,918	10,708	30,626	4,088	2,918	7,006

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



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

COLLECTION SOURCE	Comparison of FFY 1996 and FFY 1997		
	10/95-3/96	10/96-3/97	% change
<b>AFDC &amp; FOSTER CARE</b>			
Federal Tax	\$6,749,595	\$7,707,660	14.2%
State Tax	922,379	822,971	-10.8%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	2,689,648	3,001,801	11.6%
Income Withholding	21,225,922	20,941,264	-1.3%
Other/Own Behalf	7,375,710	9,416,070	27.7%
From Other States	1,647,114	1,939,279	17.7%
For Other States	3,724,723	4,263,356	14.5%
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$44,335,091</b>	<b>\$48,092,401</b>	<b>8.5%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$41,715,983</b>	<b>\$42,340,975</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
<b>NON- AFDC</b>			
Federal Tax	\$3,493,942	\$3,273,498	-6.3%
State Tax	1,167,698	1,220,099	4.5%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	9,762,722	9,161,811	-6.2%
Income Withholding	121,661,041	136,703,876	12.4%
Other/Own Behalf	60,072,125	66,727,469	11.1%
From Other States	10,053,246	11,462,625	14.0%
For Other States	13,978,147	15,158,974	8.4%
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$220,188,921</b>	<b>\$243,708,352</b>	<b>10.7%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$205,669,155</b>	<b>\$239,627,999</b>	<b>16.5%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			
Federal Tax	\$10,243,537	\$10,981,158	7.2%
State Tax	\$2,090,077	\$2,043,070	-2.2%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	\$12,452,370	\$12,163,612	-2.3%
Income Withholding	\$142,886,963	\$157,645,140	10.3%
Other/Own Behalf	\$67,447,835	\$76,143,539	12.9%
From Other States	\$11,700,360	\$13,401,904	14.5%
For Other States	\$17,702,870	\$19,422,330	9.7%
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$264,524,012</b>	<b>\$291,800,753</b>	<b>10.3%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$247,385,138</b>	<b>\$281,968,974</b>	<b>14.0%</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.

**AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN (AFDC)** - 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 AFDC, Supplemental Security Income or General Assistance, 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.

## **JOBS/FDP**

**JOB OPPORTUNITY AND BASIC SKILLS PROGRAM (JOBS)** - Federally mandated work/training program for recipients of AFDC established by the Family Support Act of 1988 under Part F of Title IV of the Social Security Act.

**FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (FDP)** - Reform legislation enacted by the State Legislature in January 1992 to: build, strengthen, and support the family unit; encourage family formation; reduce the long-term aspects of welfare dependency; look to the needs of the family unit as a whole; emphasize education and training for all family members; maximize use of educational, training and employment resources; and develop genuine private sector job opportunities.

**SNAPSHOT OF ACTIVITY AT POINT IN TIME** - Status of activities as of the end of the month:

**Total Non-Exempt JOBS/FDP Recipients** - Calculation of the number of mandatory IV-F individuals (FAMIS report # FB304).

**Employment Directed Activities (EDA)** - From Activities Summary Report (OMEGA report # RM064). Unduplicated count of persons participating in **Training, Education, or Job Search**.

**Participants in EDA, Receiving Support Services** - From Issuance Disbursement Summary (OMEGA report # RM703). Total number of active participants who show receipt of **Training Related Expenses** or **Child Care**.

**Participation Rate (JOBS/FDP)** - Federally mandated calculation method, dividing the number of participants whose combined and averaged weekly hours of participation in qualifying activities equals or exceeds 20 hours per week by the total number of non-exempt IV-F recipients. As of the end of the month.

**ACTIVITY FOR THE MONTH** - Number of participants with the indicated activity during the month:

**Participants with First Case Management Interview** - From Activities Summary Report (OMEGA report # RM064).

**Number of Persons Employed This Month, Still Receiving AFDC** - From Activities Summary Report (OMEGA report # RM064).

**Number of Persons Closed on FAMIS Due to Earnings** - From FAMIS report # FM463.

**Post AFDC and Receiving Child Care** - Persons no longer in receipt of AFDC, but still receiving child care. From Issuance Disbursement Summary (OMEGA report # RM703).



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**TABLE 11a****GENERAL ASSISTANCE Program**

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

January 1997

County/ Municipality	Total Persons Aided			Emergency Assistance Payments		
	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assist.	Other GA-EA	Total
ATLANTIC	1,024	580	1,604	61	25	86
BERGEN	510	447	957	231	77	308
BURLINGTON	396	361	757	130	107	237
CAMDEN	1,902	1,034	2,936	221	474	695
CAPE MAY	147	93	240	17	13	30
CUMBERLAND	343	171	514	6	24	30
ESSEX	6,481	2,534	9,015	1,131	1,356	2,487
GLOUCESTER	144	160	304	13	14	27
HUDSON	894	1,159	2,053	137	19	156
HUNTERDON	41	47	88	15	15	30
MERCER	1,441	715	2,156	293	303	596
MIDDLESEX	472	515	987	66	38	104
MONMOUTH	632	628	1,260	278	61	339
MORRIS	106	178	284	40	24	64
OCEAN	626	392	1,018	315	174	489
PASSAIC	2,339	722	3,061	460	154	614
SALEM	150	47	197	13	21	34
SOMERSET	92	94	186	44	14	58
SUSSEX	34	48	82	31	8	39
UNION	1,731	822	2,553	652	107	759
WARREN	57	62	119	28	1	29
<b>TOTAL NJ</b>	<b>19,562</b>	<b>10,809</b>	<b>30,371</b>	<b>4,182</b>	<b>3,029</b>	<b>7,211</b>

Atlantic City	863	348	1,211	52	23	75
Mount Holly	132	67	199	46	84	130
Camden	1,629	670	2,299	146	439	585
Vineland	176	94	270	4	14	18
East Orange	429	348	777	196	13	209
Irvington	316	111	427	53	7	60
Montclair	123	65	188	32	9	41
Newark	5,154	1,780	6,934	778	1,322	2,100
Orange	341	68	409	45	0	45
Bayonne	111	63	174	6	0	6
Hoboken	122	107	229	20	0	20
Jersey City	511	513	1,024	70	9	79
Trenton	1,348	615	1,963	258	291	549
Perth Amboy	100	106	206	9	5	14
Asbury Park	182	110	292	87	0	87
Long Branch	151	110	261	53	3	56
Lakewood	280	124	404	160	38	198
Passaic	510	276	786	185	27	212
Paterson	1,747	325	2,072	228	111	339
Elizabeth	1,113	402	1,515	503	66	569
Plainfield	254	148	402	32	2	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,592</b>	<b>6,450</b>	<b>22,042</b>	<b>2,963</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>5,426</b>

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit

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**TABLE 11b****GENERAL ASSISTANCE Program**

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

February 1997

County/ Municipality	Total Persons Aided			Emergency Assistance Payments		
	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assist.	Other GA-EA	Total
ATLANTIC	1,083	575	1,658	65	12	77
BERGEN	518	459	977	235	77	312
BURLINGTON	426	372	798	133	84	217
CAMDEN	2,053	1,014	3,067	243	338	581
CAPE MAY	159	97	256	22	7	29
CUMBERLAND	357	182	539	5	18	23
ESSEX	6,917	2,144	9,061	901	1,389	2,290
GLOUCESTER	168	151	319	10	14	24
HUDSON	852	1,172	2,024	141	27	168
HUNTERDON	53	52	105	20	15	35
MERCER	1,436	824	2,260	300	291	591
MIDDLESEX	495	544	1,039	69	38	107
MONMOUTH	652	627	1,279	278	53	331
MORRIS	124	173	297	34	30	64
OCEAN	659	400	1,059	341	168	509
PASSAIC	2,222	745	2,967	425	120	545
SALEM	152	47	199	12	16	28
SOMERSET	75	76	151	35	10	45
SUSSEX	46	47	93	28	7	35
UNION	1,775	841	2,616	673	89	762
WARREN	52	65	117	24	4	28
<b>TOTAL NJ</b>	<b>20,274</b>	<b>10,607</b>	<b>30,881</b>	<b>3,994</b>	<b>2,807</b>	<b>6,801</b>

Atlantic City	906	353	1,259	54	8	62
Mount Holly	145	64	209	43	56	99
Camden	1,804	652	2,456	171	284	455
Vineland	179	95	274	4	15	19
East Orange	480	354	834	205	30	235
Irvington	308	121	429	51	9	60
Montclair	133	62	195	28	18	46
Newark	5,476	1,370	6,846	545	1,320	1,865
Orange	386	61	447	43	1	44
Bayonne	116	68	184	6	0	6
Hoboken	112	120	232	18	1	19
Jersey City	478	514	992	68	18	86
Trenton	1,337	719	2,056	254	281	535
Perth Amboy	120	115	235	8	3	11
Asbury Park	183	90	273	79	1	80
Long Branch	173	115	288	58	3	61
Lakewood	303	127	430	173	39	212
Passaic	468	292	760	181	20	201
Paterson	1,677	329	2,006	201	86	287
Elizabeth	1,127	404	1,531	517	41	558
Plainfield	268	148	416	45	4	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,179</b>	<b>6,173</b>	<b>22,352</b>	<b>2,752</b>	<b>2,238</b>	<b>4,990</b>

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit

