

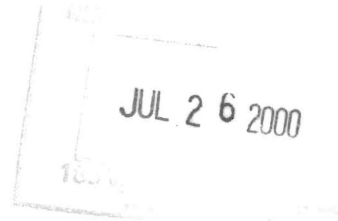
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TO Michele K. Guhl
Commissioner

FROM David C. Heins
Director



SUBJECT CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

Attached please find CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS for January 2000. Included are TANF-oriented data, and the WFNJ Statistical Summary. Some items of interest include:

- The TANF caseload continues to decline. Since January of 1999 there has been a decrease of 18.4%.
- Food Stamp households decreased by over 17,500 since January 1999.
- For GA, recipient figures reported are for December 1999, which are 6.4% below December 1998.
- In Table 5, TANF Historical, October 1999 was previously reported incorrectly. In this edition the numbers have been corrected.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to call David Karwoski at 588-2273 or Janet Taylor at 588-2277.

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Highlights of **CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS**

TANF

(Tables 1 and 5, Graphs 1 and 4)

[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.]

As of the end of January 2000, 51,931 eligible families in New Jersey were receiving TANF cash assistance:

- 50,810 single head of household families
- 1,121 two-parent families.

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

Essex — 17,470, Hudson — 8,612, Camden — 5,322, Passaic — 3,959 Union — 3,195

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

- 49 families in Hunterdon County to 2,171 in Mercer County,
with ten counties below 1000 families

There were over 30,407 fewer eligible TANF families receiving cash assistance in January 2000 than in January 1998, a decline 36.9 percent.

- **Single head families:** 28,088 below two years ago in January 1998, a drop of 35.6%.
- **Two parent families:** declined by 2,319 or 67.4 percent from January 1998.
- **October 1999 TANF Statistics in Table 5 have been corrected. The Total TANF caseload was 54,858.**

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

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

At the end of January 2000, 141,353 households participated in the Food Stamp Program.

- **TANF:** 40,648 households with 131,804 persons.
- **Other low income:** 100,705 households with 185,410 persons.
- **Total persons:** 317,214, including 152,219 adults and 164,995 children
- **By County:** 58.0 percent of the households were in:

Essex	34,439
Hudson	20,674
Camden	13,072
Passaic	13,761

Two years ago in January 1998, 179,853 households participated in Food Stamps in New Jersey. Over the next two years the number declined by 38,500, or 21.4 percent, to 141,353 by January 2000.

- **TANF(FS)** households steadily declined by **40,489** from **81,137** in January 1998 to **40,648** two years later. There were **98,716 Other Low Income** households in January 1998 and **1,989 more** two years later.
- **Total FS Recipients:** were about **407,812** in January 1998, and declined to **317,214** by January 2000, a drop of **90,598, or 22.2 percent**.
- **Adult FS Recipients:** declined from **192,412** in January 1998 to **152,219** in January 2000, a drop of **40,193 (20.9 percent)**.
- **Recipient FS Children:** declined by **50,405 (23.4 percent)**, from **215,400** in January 1998 to **164,995** in January 2000.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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

In January 2000 Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for 1,739 eligible TANF families and 245 SSI recipients in New Jersey. For TANF families this included payments for:

- **Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)** for **247** families
- **Motel** placements for **175** families and **emergency shelter** placements for **306** families
- **All other TANF-EA** for **1,011** families (including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing and food allowance, or transitional housing)
- **598** families in **Essex County**, **200** in **Passaic County**, **160** in **Middlesex County**, **120** in **Bergen**.

In the past two years, the average number of EA payments for TANF families was 2,437 in 1998, and 1,861 for the twelve months of 1999. Payments were made to 14.9% fewer families in January 2000 as compared to December 1999.

- TRA payments were **14.2%** of the number in January 2000.
- Motel payments were up from two years ago.; **140** to **175**.

TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

(Table 8, Graph 8)

The TANF participation rate for January 2000 was 30.1% for the State as a whole. This is an decrease of 1.9 percentage points from December 1999.

Participation rates by county:

- Five counties had a participation rate greater than 40 percent, Monmouth, Morris, Sussex, Union, and Warren.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

(Table 9, Graph 9)

There were 23,895 GA recipients in December 1999, up from 23,274 in November.

- There were 14,165 Employable GA and 9,730 Unemployable GA recipients in December 1999.

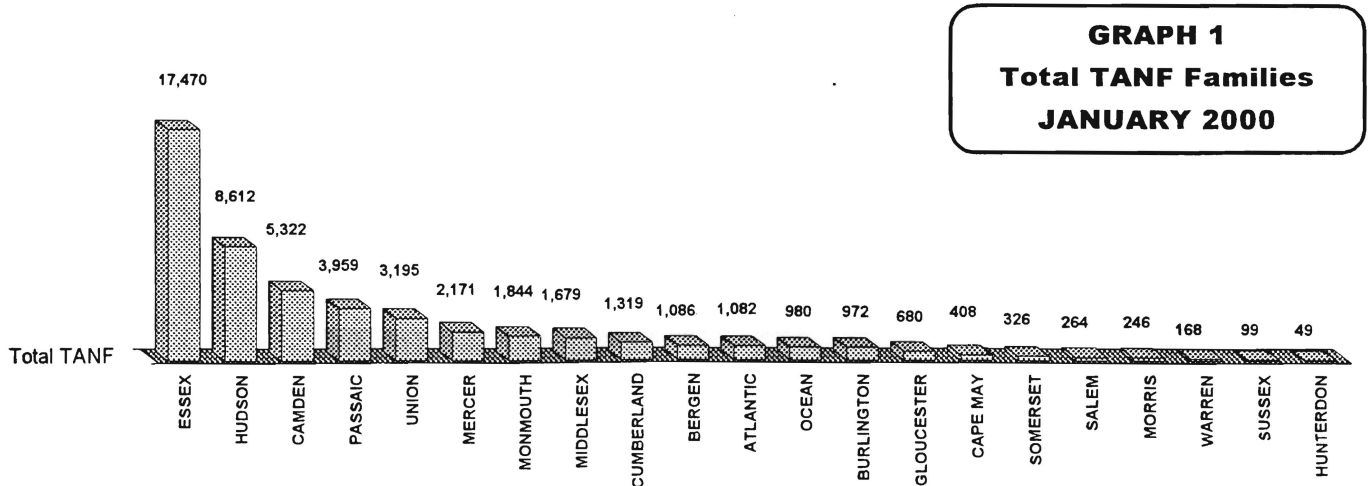
CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY

(Table 10)

For FFY 2000, the total collections of the Child Support and Paternity Program was about \$365,400,000, an increase of over 9 percent over the same period for FFY 1999.

Table 1
TANF
PROGRAM
NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS DURING REPORT MONTH, AND
NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING TANF AT END OF REPORT MONTH
JANUARY 2000

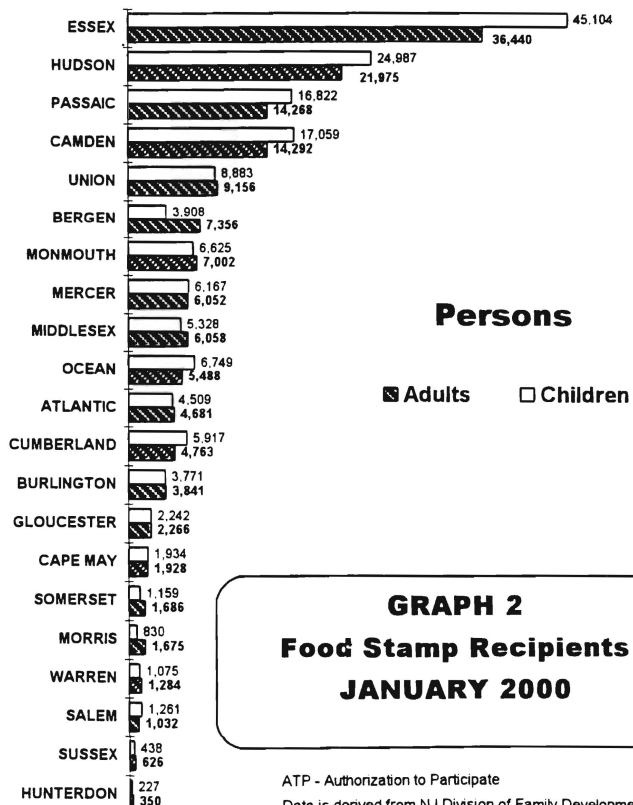
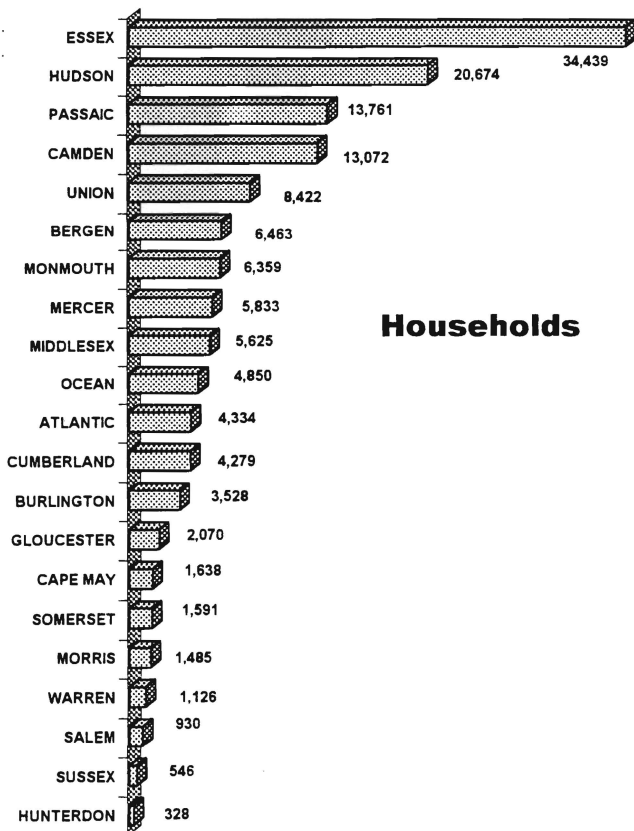
County	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF
ATLANTIC	117	136	1,070	12	1,082
BERGEN	85	97	1,023	63	1,086
BURLINGTON	114	145	940	32	972
CAMDEN	505	504	5,157	165	5,322
CAPE MAY	71	83	396	12	408
CUMBERLAND	190	206	1,251	68	1,319
ESSEX	843	1,063	17,300	170	17,470
GLOUCESTER	111	137	666	14	680
HUDSON	370	528	8,389	223	8,612
HUNTERDON	8	10	49	0	49
MERCER	193	265	2,145	26	2,171
MIDDLESEX	193	221	1,626	53	1,679
MONMOUTH	159	164	1,835	9	1,844
MORRIS	24	28	234	12	246
OCEAN	151	137	930	50	980
PASSAIC	287	371	3,808	151	3,959
SALEM	69	61	263	1	264
SOMERSET	57	56	313	13	326
SUSSEX	19	13	98	1	99
UNION	258	280	3,155	40	3,195
WARREN	23	38	162	6	168
NJ TOTAL	3,847	4,543	50,810	1,121	51,931



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

Table 2 NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH
FOOD STAMP PROGRAM JANUARY 2000

County	HOUSEHOLDS			TOTAL	PERSONS			
	TANF	Other low income	TOTAL		TOTAL	TANF	Other low income	Adults
ATLANTIC	629	3,705	4,334	9,190	2,047	7,143	4,681	4,509
BERGEN	770	5,693	6,463	11,264	2,335	8,929	7,356	3,908
BURLINGTON	574	2,954	3,528	7,612	1,857	5,755	3,841	3,771
CAMDEN	4,020	9,052	13,072	31,351	13,605	17,746	14,292	17,059
CAPE MAY	310	1,328	1,638	3,862	1,052	2,810	1,928	1,934
CUMBERLAND	1,030	3,249	4,279	10,680	3,393	7,287	4,763	5,917
ESSEX	14,916	19,523	34,439	81,544	48,335	33,209	36,440	45,104
GLOUCESTER	420	1,650	2,070	4,508	1,356	3,152	2,266	2,242
HUDSON	7,204	13,470	20,674	46,962	22,730	24,232	21,975	24,987
HUNTERDON	27	301	328	577	77	500	350	227
MERCER	1,497	4,336	5,833	12,219	4,784	7,435	6,052	6,167
MIDDLESEX	1,240	4,385	5,625	11,386	3,766	7,620	6,058	5,328
MONMOUTH	1,391	4,968	6,359	13,627	4,526	9,101	7,002	6,625
MORRIS	148	1,337	1,485	2,505	454	2,051	1,675	830
OCEAN	690	4,160	4,850	12,237	2,206	10,031	5,488	6,749
PASSAIC	3,075	10,686	13,761	31,090	10,299	20,791	14,268	16,822
SALEM	171	759	930	2,293	588	1,705	1,032	1,261
SOMERSET	198	1,393	1,591	2,845	631	2,214	1,686	1,159
SUSSEX	55	491	546	1,064	149	915	626	438
UNION	2,138	6,284	8,422	18,039	7,157	10,882	9,156	8,883
WARREN	145	981	1,126	2,359	457	1,902	1,284	1,075
NJ TOTAL	40,648	100,705	141,353	317,214	131,804	185,410	152,219	164,995



GRAPH 2
Food Stamp Recipients
JANUARY 2000

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)

County	TANF Families Receiving Emergency Assistance					SSI Receipts Receiving EA*
	TOTAL TANF-EA	Temporary Rental Assist.	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA	
ATLANTIC	18	0	2	4	12	13
BERGEN	120	15	19	35	51	36
BURLINGTON	21	0	0	14	7	10
CAMDEN	94	12	6	13	63	11
CAPE MAY	14	6	2	0	6	4
CUMBERLAND	12	0	2	6	4	5
ESSEX	598	148	9	145	296	13
GLOUCESTER	9	2	0	4	3	1
HUDSON	80	7	13	16	44	4
HUNTERDON	0	0	0	0	0	2
MERCER	100	29	8	4	59	13
MIDDLESEX	160	4	32	21	103	21
MONMOUTH	139	14	49	2	74	17
MORRIS	6	0	2	1	3	4
OCEAN	48	3	15	1	29	9
PASSAIC	200	0	5	23	172	32
SALEM	4	0	0	0	4	0
SOMERSET	38	0	4	0	34	26
SUSSEX	6	3	1	1	1	13
UNION	69	4	4	16	45	8
WARREN	3	0	2	0	1	3
NJ TOTAL	1,739	247	175	306	1,011	245

*SSI-EA now includes pay code 24

GRAPH 3
TANF Families Receiving
Emergency Assistance
JANUARY 2000

