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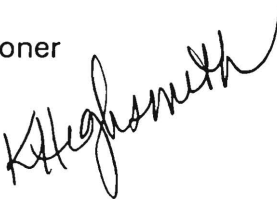
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DATE August 7, 1998

TO Michele K. Guhl  
Acting Commissioner

FROM Karen Highsmith  
Director



SUBJECT CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

Attached please find CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS for May 1998. Included are TANF-oriented data, and the WFNJ Statistical summary. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

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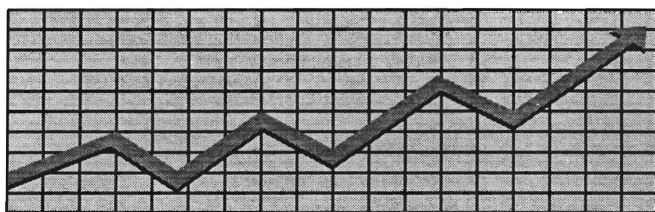
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# **CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS**



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**May 1998**  
**Karen Highsmith, Director**

**CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS**

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## Highlights of **CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS**

### **TANF**

(Tables 1 and 5, Graphs 1 and 4)

As of the end of May 1998, 75,052 eligible families in New Jersey were receiving TANF cash assistance:

- about 72,400 single head of household families
- about 2600 two-parent families.

In addition, there were more than 6800 families receiving Medicaid Only assistance.

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

(56.4 percent of all TANF families)

- 21,906 Essex
- 12,070 Hudson
- 8,325 Camden

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

- 65 families in Hunterdon County to 5,463 in Passaic County,  
with seven counties below 1000 families

There were about 1400 fewer eligible TANF families receiving cash assistance in May 1998 than in April, with a decline of close to 34,000, or 31 percent, over the number of AFDC families receiving cash assistance two years ago in May 1996.

- **Single head families:** 1200 fewer were eligible in May 1998 than in April and more than 30,000 below two years ago in May 1996.
- **Two parent families:** declined by over 3600, or almost 58 percent from 6300 in May 1996.

### **FOOD STAMP PROGRAM**

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

At the end of May 1998, about 175,000 households were authorized to participate in the Food Stamp Program.

- **TANF:** Less than 77,000 households with 245,000 persons.
- **Other low income:** less than 99,000 households with less than 149,000 persons.
- **Total persons:** under 394,000, including 187,000 adults and 207,000 children
- **By County:** 49 percent of the households were in:
 

<b>Essex</b>	<b>45,500</b>
<b>Hudson</b>	<b>24,000</b>
<b>Camden</b>	<b>16,700</b>

Two years ago in May 1996, nearly 223,000 households were authorized to participate in Food Stamps in New Jersey. Over the next two years the number declined by over 47,000, or 21.3 percent, to less than 178,000 by May 1998, and was below 180,000 each month in 1998.

- **TANF(FS)** households steadily declined from about **108,000** in May 1996 to about **76,500** two years later. **Other Low Income** households peaked close to **115,000** in May 1996 and declined to about **100,000** or less in August 1997 through May 1998.
- **Total FS Recipients Authorized to Participate:** in the last two years, were about **513,000** in May 1996, and declined to **394,000** by May 1998, a drop of almost **120,000**, or **23.3 percent**.
- **Adult FS Recipients:** were about **247,000** in May 1996, and were down by **60,000 (24.3 percent)** to **187,000** in May 1998.
- **Recipient FS Children:** also declined by close to **60,000 (22.3 percent)**, from about **266,300** in May 1996 to **206,800** in May 1998.

## **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

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

In May 1998 Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for 2646 eligible TANF families and 225 SSI recipients in New Jersey. For TANF families this included payments for:

- **Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)** for **676** families
- **Motel** placements for **184** families and **emergency shelter** placements for **284** families
- **All other TANF-EA** for **1502** families (including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing and food allowance, or transitional housing)
- **952** families in **Essex** County, **342** in **Passaic** County, **206** in **Middlesex** County, and for **less than 200** TANF families in each of the other counties.

In the past two years, the average number of EA payments for TANF/AFDC families was 4750 in 1996, less than 3550 for 1997, and 2640 for the first five months of 1998. Less than half as many payments were made for families in May 1998 than in May 1996.

- **TRA** payments were about one third of the number in May 1996 .
- **Motel payments** were made for an average of **320** families per month in 1996, **240** in 1997, and an average of **180** thus far in 1998.
- Families receiving **Emergency Shelter** payments averaged **345** in 1996, and **less than 300** in 1997 and the first five months of 1998.
- Families receiving **Other EA** payments averaged under **2400** per month in 1996, under **1800** in 1997, and under **1500** thus far in 1998. About half as many Other EA payments were made for families in May 1998 as in May 1996.

For 1995 there were an average of 7400 GA EA recipients, 6800 for 1996, and 6700 for 1997 . Of those, GA TRA payments were made to an average of 4400 recipients in 1995, 4100 in 1996 and 4000 in 1997.

## **TANF PARTICIPATION RATES**

(Table 8, Graph 8)

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(Because of new Federal clarification of the participation rate formula, participation rates are being recalculated and are currently unavailable.)

## **GENERAL ASSISTANCE**

(Table 9, Graph 9)

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There were 27,562 GA recipients in February 1998, about 600 more than January 1998, but only slightly higher than the end of 1997. The recent increase was among employable GA recipients. The GA total was about 3000 below February 1997 and 6000 below February 1996.

- **Employable GA** recipients reached a peak in March 1996 of more than **23,500**. They remained around **20,000** from June 1996 through April 1997, and less than **18,000** since July 1997.
- **Unemployable GA** recipients remained in the **10,000** to **11,000** range over the past two years.

## **CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY**

(Table 10)

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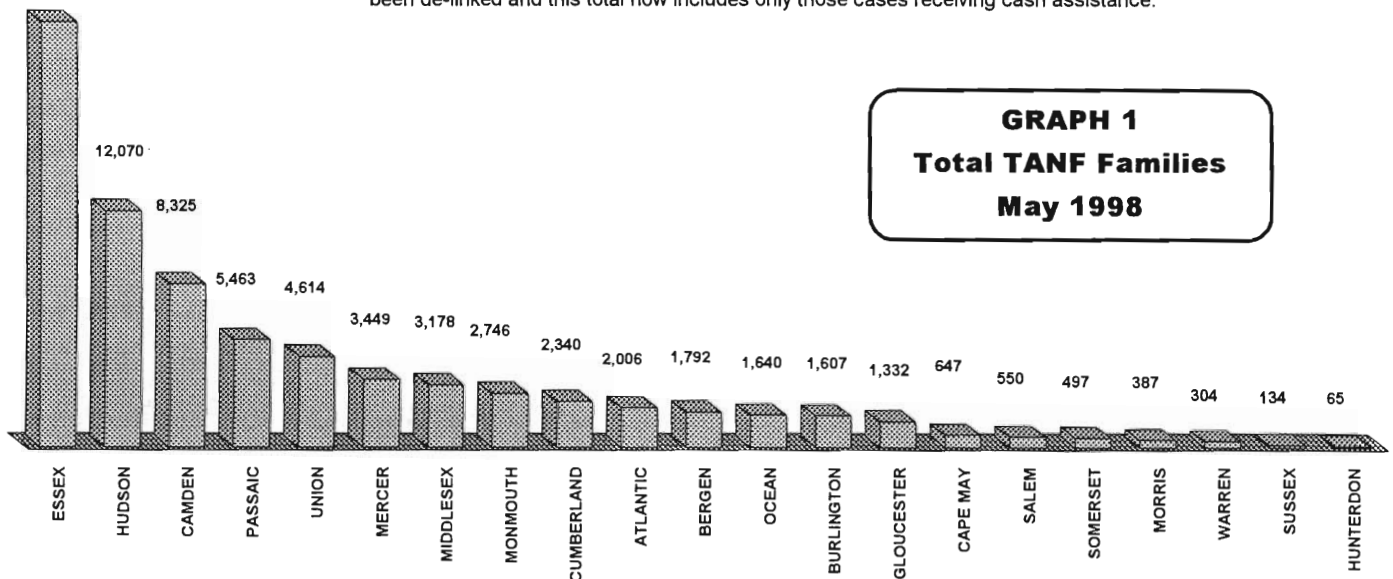
In the first half of FFY 1998 (October 1997 - March 1998), the total distribution of collections of the Child Support and Paternity Program increased to \$297 million, compared to \$282 million in the first half of FFY 1997 (October 1996 - March 1998).

**Table 1** NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS DURING REPORT MONTH, AND TANF PROGRAM NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING TANF AT END OF REPORT MONTH  
**MAY 1998**

County	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF*	Medicaid Only
ATLANTIC	185	207	1,962	44	2,006	166
BERGEN	100	149	1,684	108	1,792	89
BURLINGTON	170	253	1,542	65	1,607	274
CAMDEN	667	968	7,957	368	8,325	985
CAPE MAY	86	66	590	57	647	102
CUMBERLAND	225	278	2,143	197	2,340	464
ESSEX	929	953	21,634	272	21,906	724
GLOUCESTER	166	200	1,279	53	1,332	329
HUDSON	405	639	11,557	513	12,070	1,013
HUNTERDON	11	16	63	2	65	31
MERCER	239	293	3,367	82	3,449	441
MIDDLESEX	275	374	2,996	182	3,178	491
MONMOUTH	158	239	2,672	74	2,746	152
MORRIS	34	40	371	16	387	103
OCEAN	153	231	1,527	113	1,640	486
PASSAIC	307	398	5,157	306	5,463	151
SALEM	61	91	529	21	550	77
SOMERSET	69	86	465	32	497	72
SUSSEX	24	20	127	7	134	53
UNION	262	338	4,513	101	4,614	600
WARREN	29	43	276	28	304	42
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>4,555</b>	<b>5,882</b>	<b>72,411</b>	<b>2,641</b>	<b>75,052</b>	<b>6,845</b>

21,906 \*Note: Historically, total TANF cases have included Medicaid only. However, under federal welfare reform cash assistance and Medicaid have been de-linked and this total now includes only those cases receiving cash assistance.

**GRAPH 1**  
**Total TANF Families**  
**May 1998**

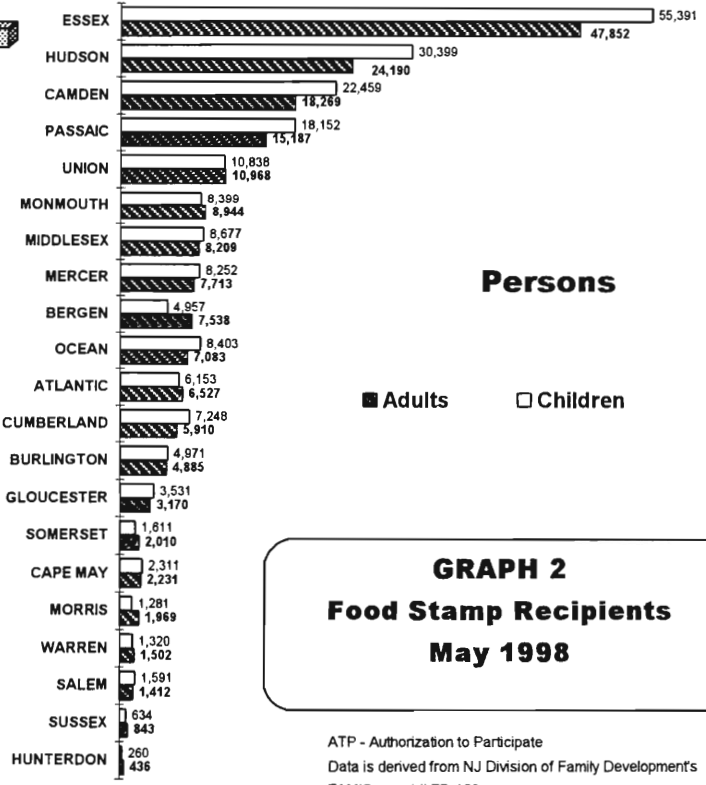
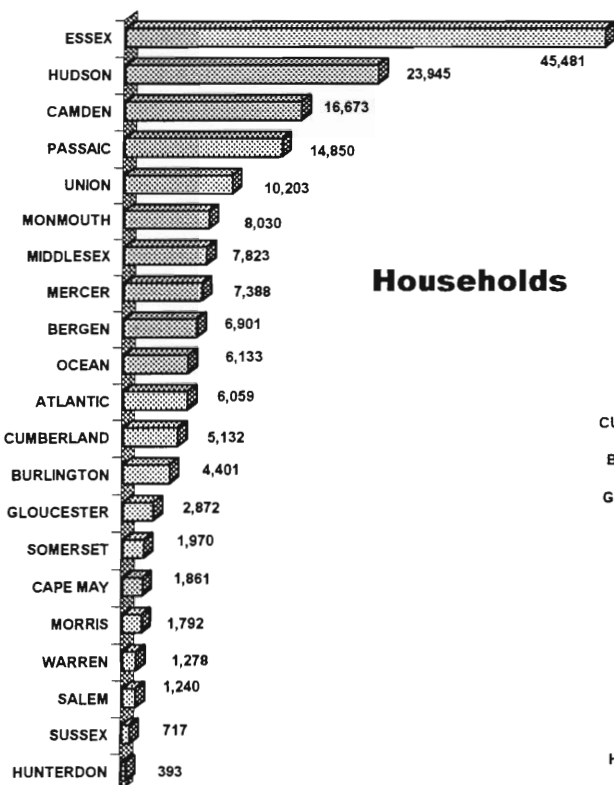


**Table 2** NUMBER OF ATP'S ISSUED TO HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH

**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM**

**MAY 1998**

County	HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS				
	TANF	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
ATLANTIC	2,006	4,053	6,059	12,680	6,687	5,993	6,527	6,153
BERGEN	1,678	5,223	6,901	12,495	4,980	7,515	7,538	4,957
BURLINGTON	1,700	2,701	4,401	9,856	5,364	4,492	4,885	4,971
CAMDEN	8,759	7,914	16,673	40,728	29,181	11,547	18,269	22,459
CAPE MAY	738	1,123	1,861	4,542	2,543	1,999	2,231	2,311
CUMBERLAND	2,720	2,412	5,132	13,158	9,201	3,957	5,910	7,248
ESSEX	22,060	23,421	45,481	103,243	69,875	33,368	47,852	55,391
GLOUCESTER	1,426	1,446	2,872	6,701	4,502	2,199	3,170	3,531
HUDSON	12,335	11,610	23,945	54,589	37,485	17,104	24,190	30,399
HUNTERDON	70	323	393	696	219	477	436	260
MERCER	3,255	4,133	7,388	15,965	10,363	5,602	7,713	8,252
MIDDLESEX	3,402	4,421	7,823	16,886	10,464	6,422	8,209	8,677
MONMOUTH	2,718	5,312	8,030	17,343	8,998	8,345	8,944	8,399
MORRIS	396	1,396	1,792	3,250	1,217	2,033	1,969	1,281
OCEAN	2,102	4,031	6,133	15,486	7,373	8,113	7,083	8,403
PASSAIC	5,450	9,400	14,850	33,339	18,055	15,284	15,187	18,152
SALEM	568	672	1,240	3,003	1,892	1,111	1,412	1,591
SOMERSET	529	1,441	1,970	3,621	1,613	2,008	2,010	1,611
SUSSEX	157	560	717	1,477	472	1,005	843	634
UNION	4,057	6,146	10,203	21,806	13,182	8,624	10,968	10,838
WARREN	396	882	1,278	2,822	1,325	1,497	1,502	1,320
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>76,522</b>	<b>98,620</b>	<b>175,142</b>	<b>393,686</b>	<b>244,991</b>	<b>148,695</b>	<b>186,848</b>	<b>206,838</b>



**GRAPH 2**  
**Food Stamp Recipients**  
**May 1998**

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**

**MAY 1998**

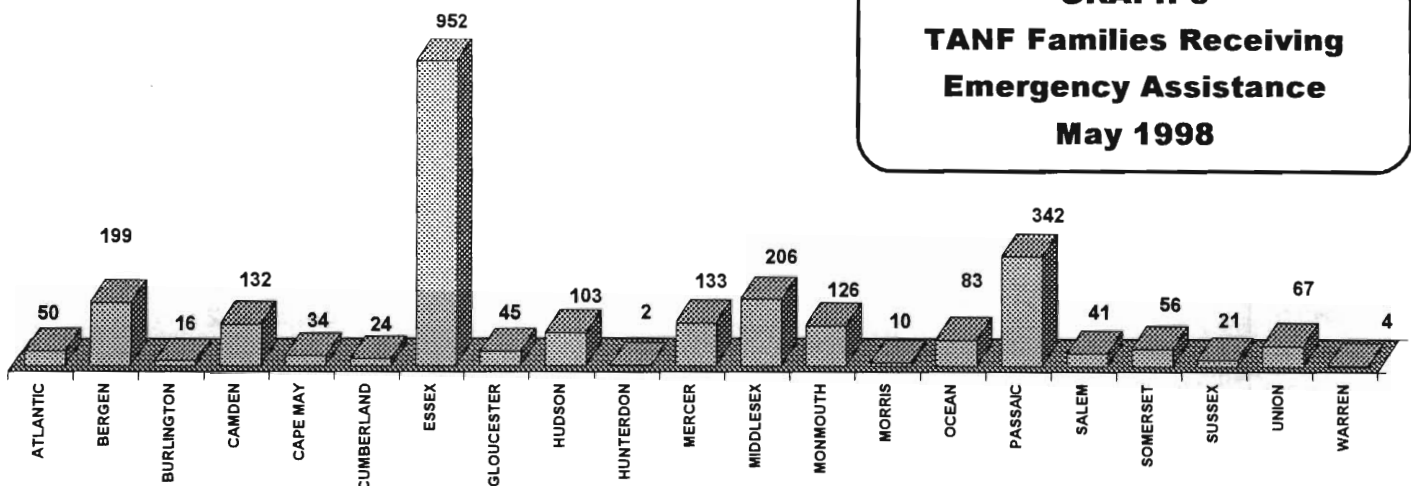
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**TANF Families Receiving Emergency Assistance**

**SSI**

County	TOTAL TANF-EA	Temporary Rental Assist.	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA	Receipts Receiving EA
ATLANTIC	50	15	7	14	14	13
BERGEN	199	91	19	28	61	21
BURLINGTON	16	0	1	12	3	1
CAMDEN	132	26	1	14	91	16
CAPE MAY	34	9	4	0	21	1
CUMBERLAND	24	0	2	10	12	4
ESSEX	952	353	18	88	493	26
GLOUCESTER	45	18	0	11	16	8
HUDSON	103	23	6	7	67	6
HUNTERDON	2	0	0	1	1	0
MERCER	133	53	14	6	60	3
MIDDLESEX	206	20	24	23	139	34
MONMOUTH	126	36	12	4	74	1
MORRIS	10	0	0	0	10	7
OCEAN	83	8	44	5	26	26
PASSAIC	342	3	5	26	308	31
SALEM	41	5	13	2	21	3
SOMERSET	56	4	2	17	33	4
SUSSEX	21	4	8	3	6	0
UNION	67	8	2	12	45	18
WARREN	4	0	2	1	1	2
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>2,646</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>1,502</b>	<b>225</b>

**GRAPH 3  
TANF Families Receiving  
Emergency Assistance  
May 1998**



\*January 1998 data not currently available, will be included with February Current Program Statistics  
Derived from NJ Division of Family Development FAMIS Reports #FM457 and #FM430-03A

**Table 4****WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY STATISTICAL SUMMARY****WFNJ****May 1998**

COUNTY	RECIPIENTS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE	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	1,099	58	296	217	401	167	58	174
BERGEN	1,199	119	153	64	335	154	45	128
BURLINGTON	805	218	75	319	315	140	64	251
CAMDEN	5,264	723	819	1,680	1,930	780	189	564
CAPE MAY	388	20	44	79	223	32	20	36
CUMBERLAND	1,360	91	686	1,518	371	204	83	189
ESSEX	16,525	825	3,788	1,837	1,421	1,647	167	327
GLOUCESTER	644	102	52	263	238	65	54	121
HUDSON	8,559	1,113	2,463	174	1,138	1,269	168	569
HUNTERDON	42	4	5	19	14	5	5	14
MERCER	1,993	94	147	260	284	278	70	244
MIDDLESEX	1,686	3	396	597	763	279	101	270
MONMOUTH	1,749	158	41	211	614	431	96	326
MORRIS	208	100	49	167	50	46	15	63
OCEAN	858	13	169	53	358	159	87	270
PASSAIC	3,644	548	1,075	703	464	497	69	227
SALEM	286	69	134	101	112	80	27	52
SOMERSET	280	19	88	45	116	51	22	78
SUSSEX	62	23	25	20	49	27	8	50
UNION	2,671	98	997	501	481	354	87	179
WARREN	205	32	9	67	69	19	24	34
<b>STATE</b>	<b>49,527</b>	<b>4,430</b>	<b>11,511</b>	<b>8,895</b>	<b>9,746</b>	<b>6,684</b>	<b>1,459</b>	<b>4,166</b>

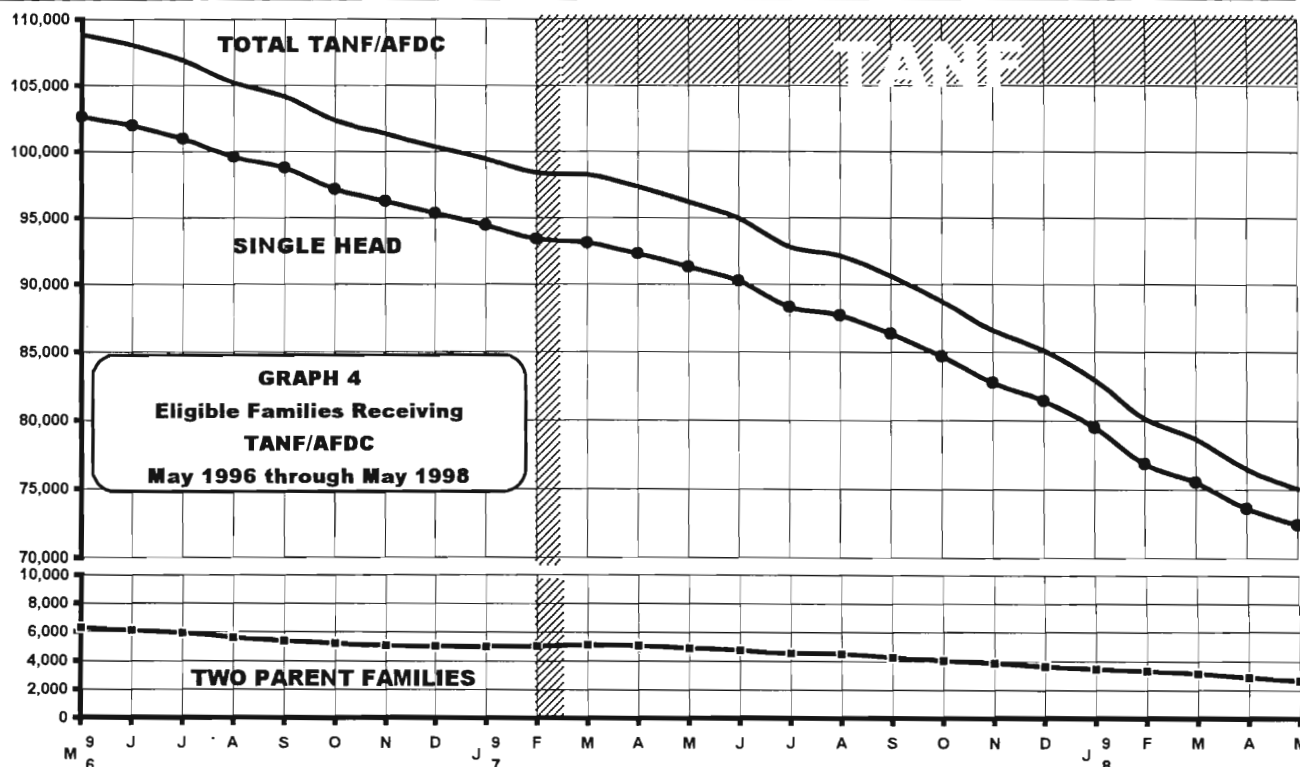
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**Table 5  
TANF/AFDC  
PROGRAM**

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

**May 1996 through May 1998**

	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF/AFDC*	Medicaid Only
AFDC 1996 MAY	5,335	6,152	102,600	6,275	108,875	5,038
JUN	5,319	6,121	101,947	6,116	108,063	5,116
JUL	5,874	7,027	100,968	5,916	106,884	5,200
AUG	5,014	6,789	99,567	5,631	105,198	5,053
SEP	6,311	7,440	98,744	5,395	104,139	5,097
OCT	5,213	7,015	97,152	5,190	102,342	5,026
NOV	5,374	6,549	96,238	5,081	101,319	5,034
DEC	5,018	6,137	95,322	5,016	100,338	4,992
<b>AVERAGE (12 mos.)</b>	<b>5,602</b>	<b>6,608</b>	<b>100,623</b>	<b>5,843</b>	<b>106,466</b>	<b>5,060</b>
1997 JAN	5,933	6,803	94,429	4,982	99,411	4,994
TANF FEB	4,410	5,728	93,359	5,010	98,369	4,862
MAR	6,184	6,416	93,104	5,125	98,229	4,835
APR	5,172	6,034	92,300	5,049	97,349	4,828
MAY	4,882	6,121	91,290	4,893	96,183	4,851
JUN	4,620	5,760	90,223	4,748	94,971	4,856
JUL	5,240	7,344	88,306	4,522	92,828	4,811
AUG	4,637	5,388	87,670	4,484	92,154	4,860
SEP	5,542	6,982	86,346	4,263	90,609	5,014
OCT	4,488	6,276	84,669	4,045	88,714	5,138
NOV	5,655	7,385	82,764	3,825	86,589	5,554
DEC	3,735	5,113	81,452	3,632	85,084	5,728
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>5,042</b>	<b>6,279</b>	<b>88,826</b>	<b>4,548</b>	<b>93,374</b>	<b>5,028</b>
1998 JAN	5,593	7,193	79,496	3,440	82,936	6,313
FEB	4,311	6,924	76,845	3,304	80,149	6,561
MAR	4,875	6,255	75,523	3,127	78,650	6,649
APR	5,646	7,696	73,603	2,862	76,465	6,795
MAY	4,555	5,882	72,411	2,641	75,052	6,845
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>4,996</b>	<b>6,790</b>	<b>75,576</b>	<b>3,075</b>	<b>78,650</b>	<b>6,633</b>



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

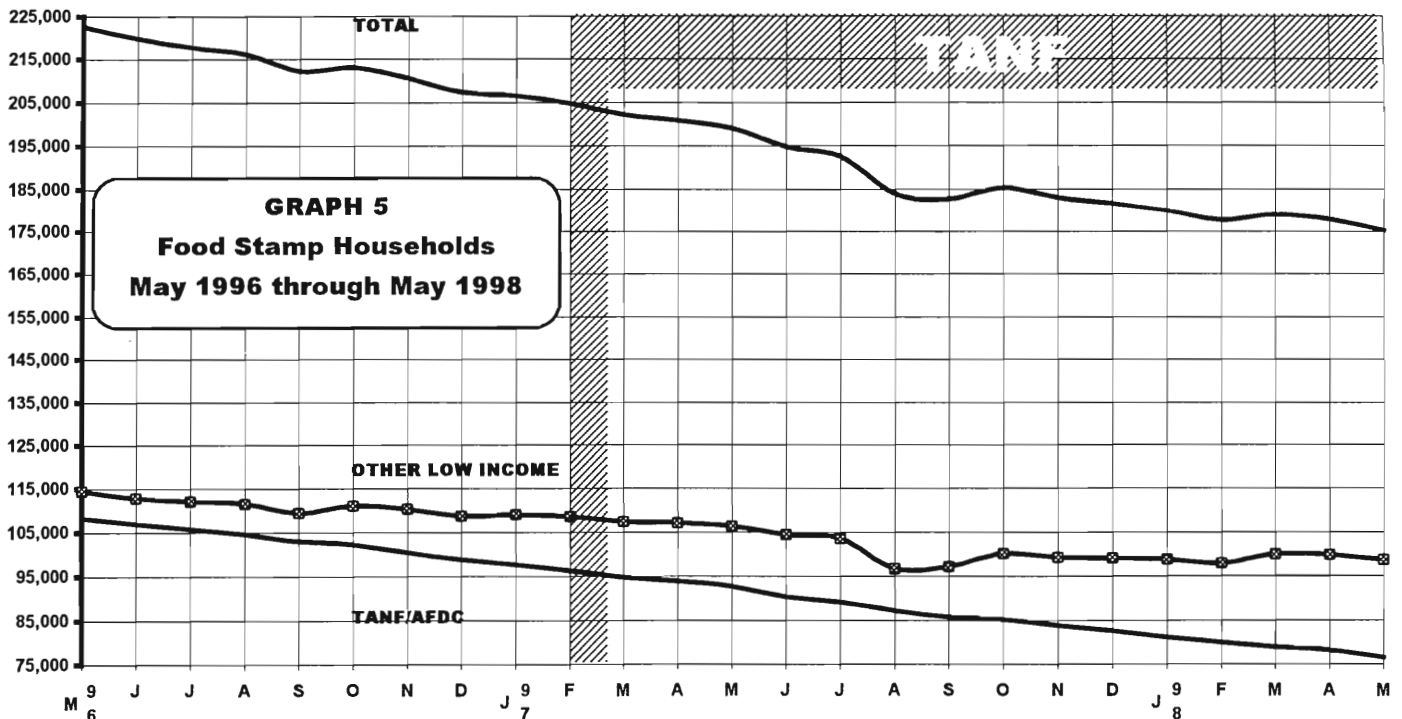
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**Table 6**  
**FOOD STAMP**  
**PROGRAM**

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

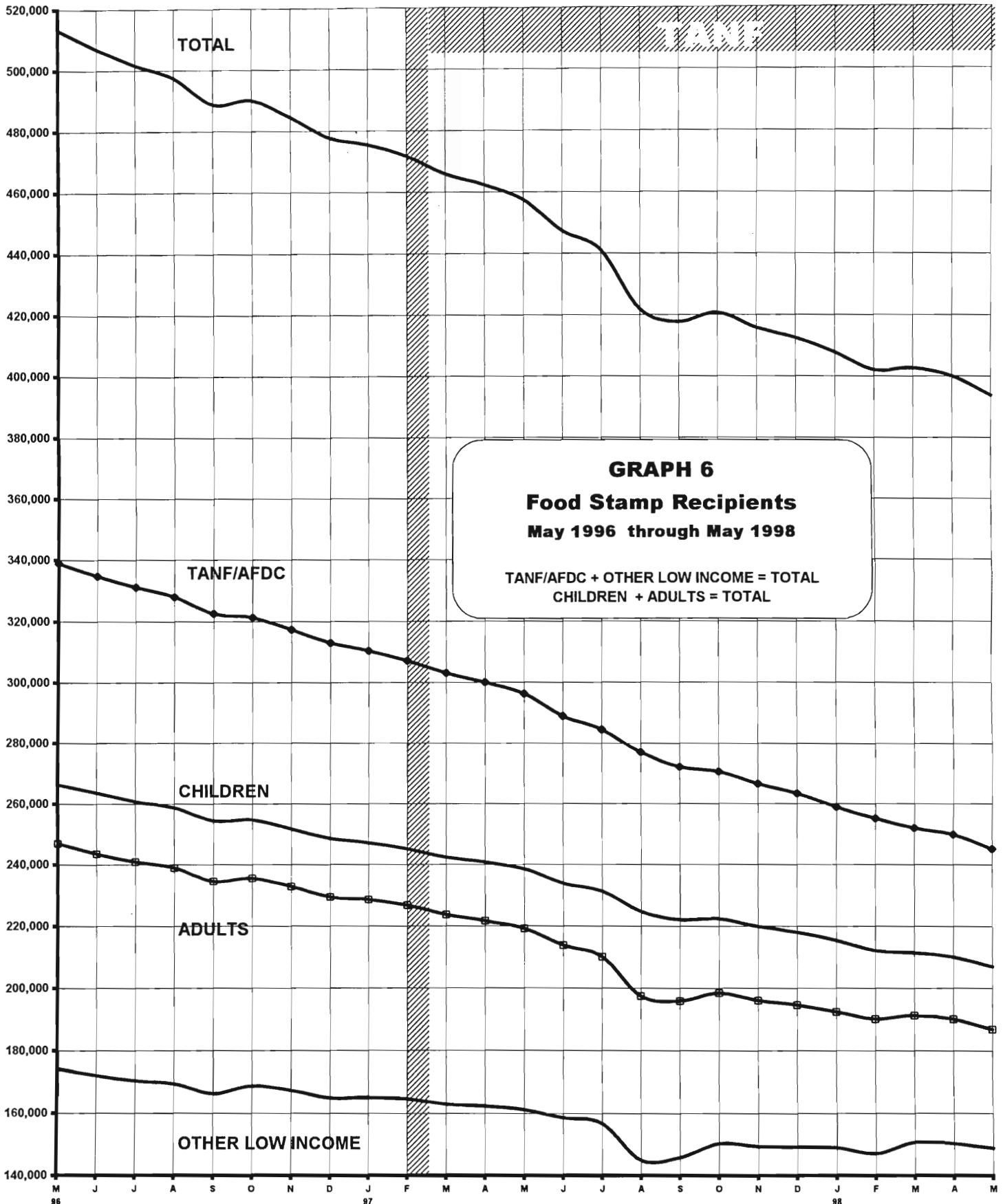
**May 1996 through May 1998**

	HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS				
	TANF/AFDC	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF/AFDC	Other low income	Adults	Children
1996 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
<b>AVERAGE (12 mos.)</b>	<b>105,559</b>	<b>111,850</b>	<b>217,409</b>	<b>501,448</b>	<b>331,312</b>	<b>170,136</b>	<b>240,718</b>	<b>260,730</b>
1997 JAN	97,555	108,961	206,516	475,374	310,342	165,032	228,388	246,986
TANF 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
OCT	85,116	100,077	185,193	420,626	270,376	150,250	198,347	222,279
NOV	83,803	99,197	183,000	415,821	266,436	149,385	196,009	219,812
DEC	82,635	99,098	181,733	412,483	263,246	149,237	194,507	217,976
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>89,886</b>	<b>103,185</b>	<b>193,071</b>	<b>442,475</b>	<b>286,617</b>	<b>155,858</b>	<b>210,406</b>	<b>232,069</b>
1998 JAN	81,137	98,716	179,853	407,812	258,851	148,961	192,412	215,400
FEB	79,846	97,788	177,634	402,068	255,022	147,046	190,032	212,036
MAR	78,857	99,967	178,824	402,543	251,862	150,681	191,205	211,338
APR	78,131	99,750	177,881	400,060	249,800	150,260	190,045	210,015
MAY	76,522	98,620	175,142	393,686	244,991	148,695	186,848	206,838
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>78,899</b>	<b>98,968</b>	<b>177,867</b>	<b>401,234</b>	<b>252,105</b>	<b>149,129</b>	<b>190,108</b>	<b>211,125</b>



ATP - Authorization to Participate

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



**Table 7** NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

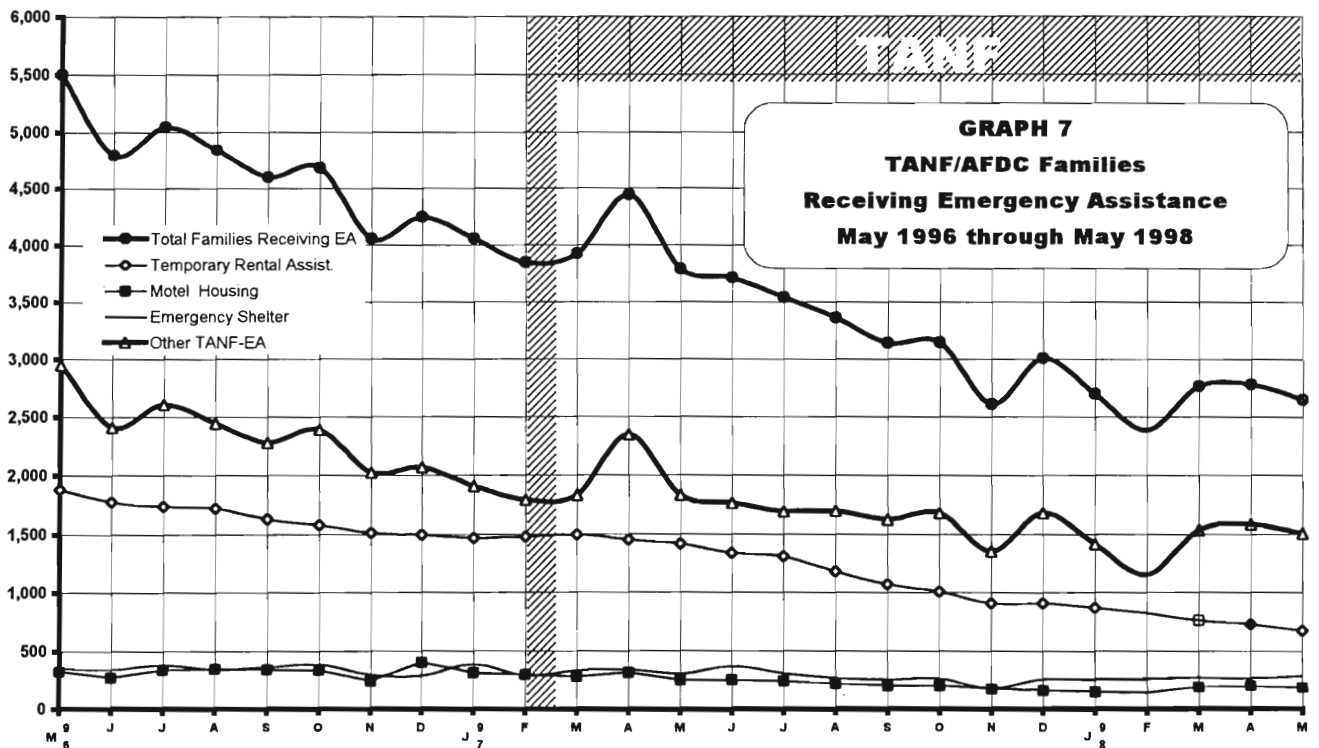
**TANF/AFDC**

(UNDUPLICATED CASES)

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

May 1996 through May 1998

		Total Families Receiving EA	Temporary Rental Assistance	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF/AFDC-EA
AFDC 1996	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
<b>AVERAGE (12 mos.)</b>		<b>4,751</b>	<b>1,698</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>2,388</b>
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
	OCT	3,142	1,009	201	259	1,673
	NOV	2,606	909	172	171	1,354
	DEC	3,003	910	160	256	1,677
	<b>AVERAGE</b>		<b>3,547</b>	<b>1,251</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>293</b>
1998	JAN			Not Available		
	FEB	2,378	826	140	259	1,153
	MAR	2,758	765	191	271	1,531
	APR	2,779	730	203	265	1,581
	MAY	2,646	676	184	284	1,502
	<b>AVERAGE</b>		<b>2,640</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>270</b>



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

**Table 8**

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**TANF PARTICIPATION RATES**

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**Rates Are Currently Unavailable**

Participation rates are being recalculated based on new Federal clarification of the formula to be utilized.

**Graph 8**

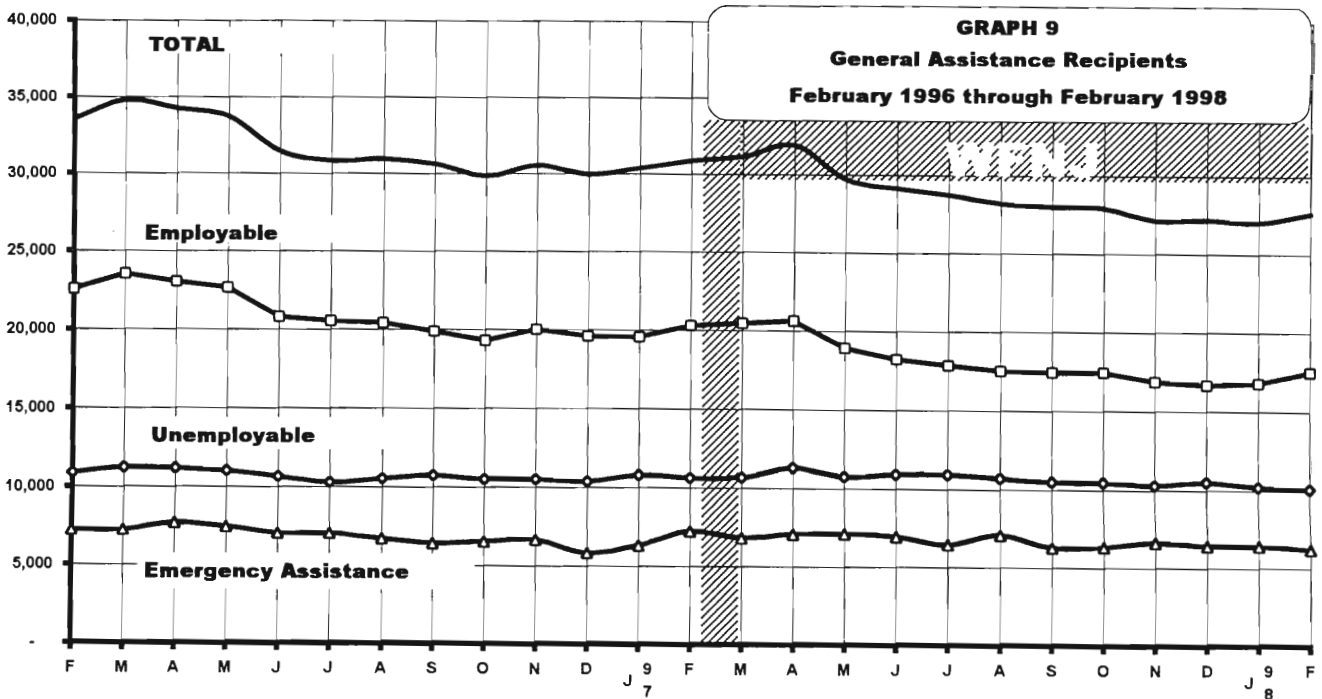
**TANF PARTICIPATION RATES**

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Currently Unavailable Pending Revision of Participation Rates

**TABLE 9** NUMBER OF EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS  
**GENERAL** AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS DURING REPORT MONTH  
**ASSISTANCE** February 1996 through February 1998  
**PROGRAM**

		All Persons Aided			Emergency Assistance Payments		
		Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assistance	Other GA-EA	Total
1996	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
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>21,291</b>	<b>10,678</b>	<b>31,969</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>2,723</b>	<b>6,823</b>
1997	JAN	19,562	10,809	30,371	4,182	3,029	7,211
WFNJ	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
	AUG	17,505	10,685	28,190	3,884	2,377	6,261
	SEP	17,441	10,506	27,947	3,906	2,415	6,321
	OCT	17,441	10,442	27,883	3,889	2,722	6,611
	NOV	16,827	10,272	27,099	3,851	2,535	6,386
	DEC	16,627	10,517	27,144	4,046	2,362	6,408
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>18,478</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>29,178</b>	<b>4,022</b>	<b>2,694</b>	<b>6,716</b>
1998	JAN	16,749	10,226	26,975	3,951	2,219	6,170
	FEB	17,460	10,102	27,562	3,936	2,295	6,231
	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>17,105</b>	<b>10,164</b>	<b>27,269</b>	<b>3,944</b>	<b>2,257</b>	<b>6,201</b>



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

**TABLE 10****CHILD SUPPORT  
AND PATERNITY****CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY COLLECTIONS****State Summary****Comparison of FFY 1997 and FFY 1998**

<b>COLLECTION SOURCE</b>	<b>10/96-3/97</b>	<b>10/97-3/98</b>	<b>% change</b>
<b>AFDC &amp; FOSTER CARE</b>			
Federal Tax	\$7,707,660	\$4,105,407	-46.74%
State Tax	822,971	453,114	-44.94%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	3,001,801	2,098,058	-30.11%
Income Withholding	20,941,264	17,494,231	-16.46%
Other/Own Behalf	9,416,070	8,643,443	-8.21%
From Other States	1,939,279	2,033,604	4.86%
For Other States	4,263,356	3,620,408	-15.08%
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$48,092,401</b>	<b>\$38,448,265</b>	<b>-20.05%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$42,340,975</b>	<b>\$38,040,630</b>	<b>-10.16%</b>
<b>NON- AFDC</b>			
Federal Tax	\$3,273,498	\$1,923,984	-41.23%
State Tax	1,220,099	775,123	-36.47%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	9,161,811	8,225,787	-10.22%
Income Withholding	136,703,876	150,000,627	9.73%
Other/Own Behalf	66,727,469	69,293,869	3.85%
From Other States	11,462,625	15,354,154	33.95%
For Other States	15,158,974	15,846,755	4.54%
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$243,708,352</b>	<b>\$261,420,299</b>	<b>7.27%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$239,627,999</b>	<b>\$258,993,219</b>	<b>8.08%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			
Federal Tax	\$10,981,158	\$6,029,391	-45.09%
State Tax	\$2,043,070	\$1,228,237	-39.88%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	\$12,163,612	\$10,323,845	-15.13%
Income Withholding	\$157,645,140	\$167,494,858	6.25%
Other/Own Behalf	\$76,143,539	\$77,937,312	2.36%
From Other States	\$13,401,904	\$17,387,758	29.74%
For Other States	\$19,422,330	\$19,467,163	0.23%
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$291,800,753</b>	<b>\$299,868,564</b>	<b>2.76%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$281,968,974</b>	<b>\$297,033,849</b>	<b>5.34%</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.

**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 cash assistance. 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)**

**Recipients Required to Participate** - 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.

**Two-parent Families:**

**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, who had no longer received AFDC financial assistance but remained eligible for Medicaid under applicable provisions which extended coverage beyond the period of AFDC assistance, are no longer shown in these tables because cash assistance and Medicaid have been de-linked.]**

**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  
ASSISTANCE****EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS  
AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS****PROGRAM****February 1998**

<u>County/ Municipality</u>	<u>Total Persons Aided</u>			<u>Emergency Assistance Payments</u>		
	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assist.	Other GA-EA	Total
ATLANTIC	832	473	<b>1,305</b>	62	36	98
BERGEN	338	490	<b>828</b>	221	71	292
BURLINGTON	308	431	<b>739</b>	131	93	224
CAMDEN	1,587	1,309	<b>2,896</b>	237	197	434
CAPE MAY	205	91	<b>296</b>	24	31	55
CUMBERLAND	349	140	<b>489</b>	3	14	17
ESSEX	5,698	2,128	<b>7,826</b>	930	1,280	2,210
GLOUCESTER	157	173	<b>330</b>	16	42	58
HUDSON	716	998	<b>1,714</b>	123	7	130
HUNTERDON	51	55	<b>106</b>	14	14	28
MERCER	1,123	770	<b>1,893</b>	227	153	380
MIDDLESEX	332	461	<b>793</b>	68	36	104
MONMOUTH	523	547	<b>1,070</b>	246	40	286
MORRIS	79	157	<b>236</b>	31	13	44
OCEAN	447	312	<b>759</b>	207	93	300
PASSAIC	2,365	725	<b>3,090</b>	510	105	615
SALEM	147	83	<b>230</b>	13	19	32
SOMERSET	100	112	<b>212</b>	45	9	54
SUSSEX	38	52	<b>90</b>	32	6	38
UNION	2,009	519	<b>2,528</b>	765	36	801
WARREN	56	76	<b>132</b>	31	0	31
TOTAL NJ	17,460	10,102	<b>27,562</b>	3,936	2,295	6,231

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit



