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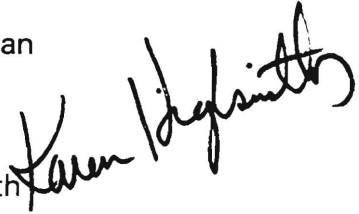
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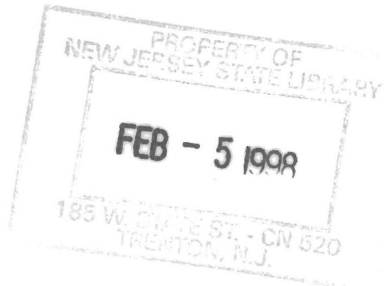
TO William Waldman
Commissioner

FROM Karen Highsmith
Director



SUBJECT CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

Attached please find CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS for October 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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**State of New Jersey
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Division of Family Development**

CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS



October 1997

Karen Highsmith, Director

CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

October 1997

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Highlights of **CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS**

TANF

(Tables 1 and 5, Graphs 1 and 4)

As of the end of October 1997, less than 94,000 eligible families in New Jersey were receiving TANF.

- 84,700 single head of household families
- 4000 two-parent families
- 5100 Medicaid Only families

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

- 24,737 Essex
- 14,878 Hudson
- 11,288 Camden

The number of TANF families in other counties ranged from:

- 118 families in Hunterdon County to 6,341 in Passaic County,
with seven below 1000 families

There were about 1800 fewer eligible TANF families in October 1997 than in September 1997, with a decline of almost 24,000, or 20 percent, over the number of AFDC families two years ago.

- **Single head families:** 1700 fewer were eligible in October 1997 than in September 1997 and more than 21,000 below two years ago.
- **Two parent families:** declined from about 6500 in October 1995 to about 4000 in October 1997.
- **Medicaid Only families:** averaged nearly 5200 for 1995, and about 4900 for the first nine months of 1997, though there was an increase of nearly 300 from August to October 1997.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

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

At the end of October 1997, about 185,000 households were participating in the Food Stamp Program.

- **TANF:** About 85,000 households with 270,000 persons.
- **Other low income:** About 100,000 households with 150,000 persons.
- **Total persons:** less than 421,000, including about 198,000 adults and 222,000 children
- **By County:** 49.5 percent of the households were in:

Essex	47,900
Hudson	25,400
Camden	18,500

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 185,000 or less in August through October 1997).

- Fewer **AFDC/TANF(FS)** households than **Other Low Income** households received Food Stamps each month since November 1995. Both categories were about even, near **111,000** in November 1995. **Other Low Income** households peaked close to **115,000** in May 1996 and declined to about **100,000** or less by October 1997, while there were only about **85,000 TANF(FS)** households by October 1997.
- **Total Recipients:** in the last two years, peaked at almost **516,000** in March 1996, and declined to less than **421,000** by October 1997, a drop of **95,000** or more than **18 percent**.
- **Recipient Adults:** peaked at about **247,000** in February through May 1996, and was down by close to **50,000 (20 percent)** by October 1997.
- **Recipient Children:** decline by more than **47,000 (nearly 18 percent)**, from close to **270,000** in October 1995 to about **222,000** in October 1997.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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

In October 1997 Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for 3,142 eligible TANF families and 249 SSI recipients in New Jersey. For TANF families this included payments for:

- **Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)** for **1009** families
- **Motel** placements for **201** families and **emergency shelter** placements for **259** families
- **All other TANF-EA** for **1673** families (including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing and food allowance, or transitional housing)
- **880** families in **Essex County**, **371** in **Passaic County**, **343** in **Bergen 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 ten months of 1997 the average was less than 3700.

- **TRA** payments declined steadily from nearly **1,900** per month in October 1995 to about **1000** in October 1997.
- **Emergency Shelter** payments were made for an average of **369** families per month in 1995, **345** in 1996, and **309** for the first ten months of 1997.
- **Motel** payments were made for an average of **405** families per month in 1995, **320** in 1996, and **255** for the first ten months of 1997
- **Other EA** payments were made for an average of **2779** families per month in 1995, **2388** in 1996, and **1811** in the first ten 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 eight months of 1997 there were an average of less than 6900 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 October 1997 the estimated Statewide TANF participation rate was 42.3 percent. This is a full 10 percentage points above September 1997. 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 October:
 - 20.0 to 29.9 percent -- Essex
 - 30.0 to 39.9 percent -- Camden, Hudson, Mercer
 - 40.0 to 49.9 percent -- Monmouth, Passaic, Union
 - 50.0 to 59.9 percent -- Bergen, Ocean
 - 60.0 to 69.9 percent -- Gloucester, Salem
 - 70.0 to 79.9 percent -- Cumberland, Warren
 - 80.0 to 89.9 percent -- Atlantic, Burlington, Middlesex, Somerset
 - 100 percent -- Cape May, Hunterdon, Morris, Sussex

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

(Table 9, Graph 9)

There were slightly more than 29,000 GA recipients in August 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 nearly 2000 below August 1996 and more than 4000 below August 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 and August 1997.
- **Unemployable GA** recipients remained close to **11,000** over the past two years.

CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY

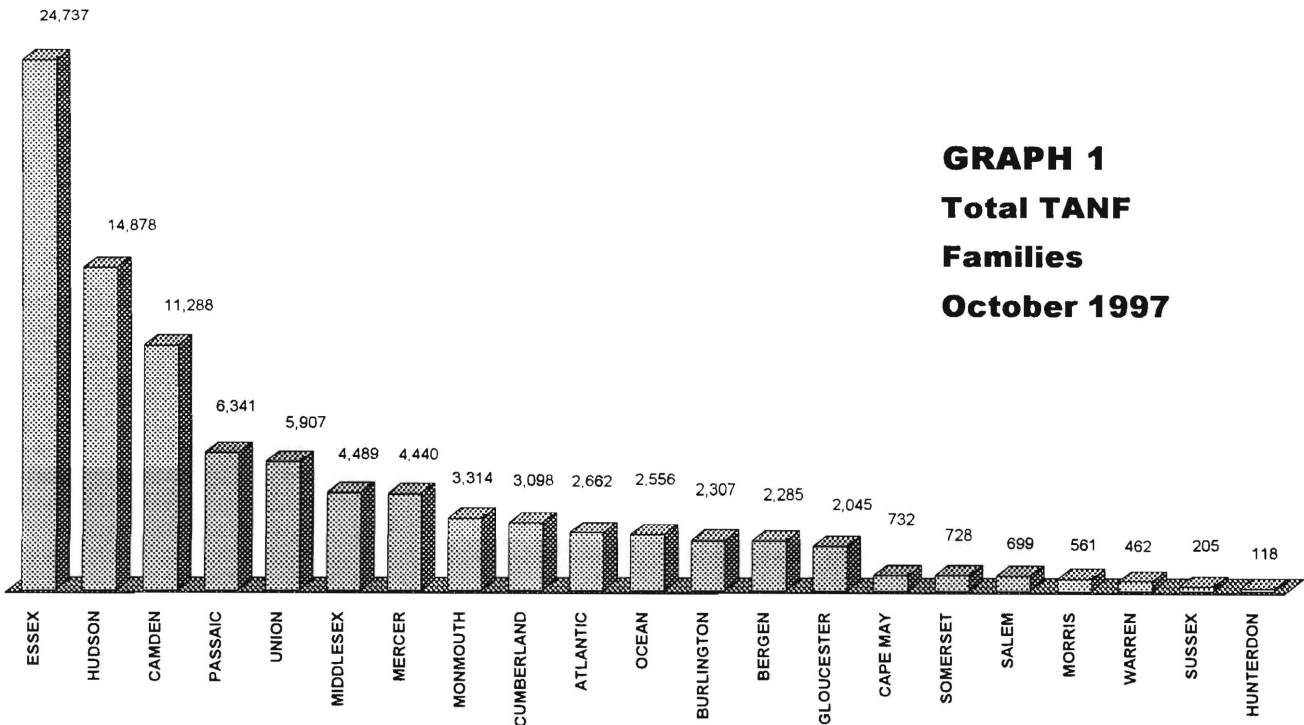
(Table 10)

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**

County	October 1997					
	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Medicaid Only	Total TANF
ATLANTIC	150	235	2,473	65	124	2,662
BERGEN	92	186	2,052	159	74	2,285
BURLINGTON	204	261	1,979	103	225	2,307
CAMDEN	651	772	9,901	619	768	11,288
CAPE MAY	51	87	593	63	76	732
CUMBERLAND	192	330	2,599	248	251	3,098
ESSEX	699	1,037	23,686	459	592	24,737
GLOUCESTER	186	254	1,709	105	231	2,045
HUDSON	411	661	13,366	671	841	14,878
HUNTERDON	15	14	85	5	28	118
MERCER	275	306	3,929	144	367	4,440
MIDDLESEX	299	466	3,731	338	420	4,489
MONMOUTH	174	289	3,074	147	93	3,314
MORRIS	45	60	488	18	55	561
OCEAN	157	227	2,085	202	269	2,556
PASSAIC	340	364	5,859	386	96	6,341
SALEM	66	136	618	24	57	699
SOMERSET	90	102	605	54	69	728
SUSSEX	23	49	141	4	60	205
UNION	326	387	5,301	200	406	5,907
WARREN	42	53	395	31	36	462
NJ TOTAL	4,488	6,276	84,669	4,045	5,138	93,852



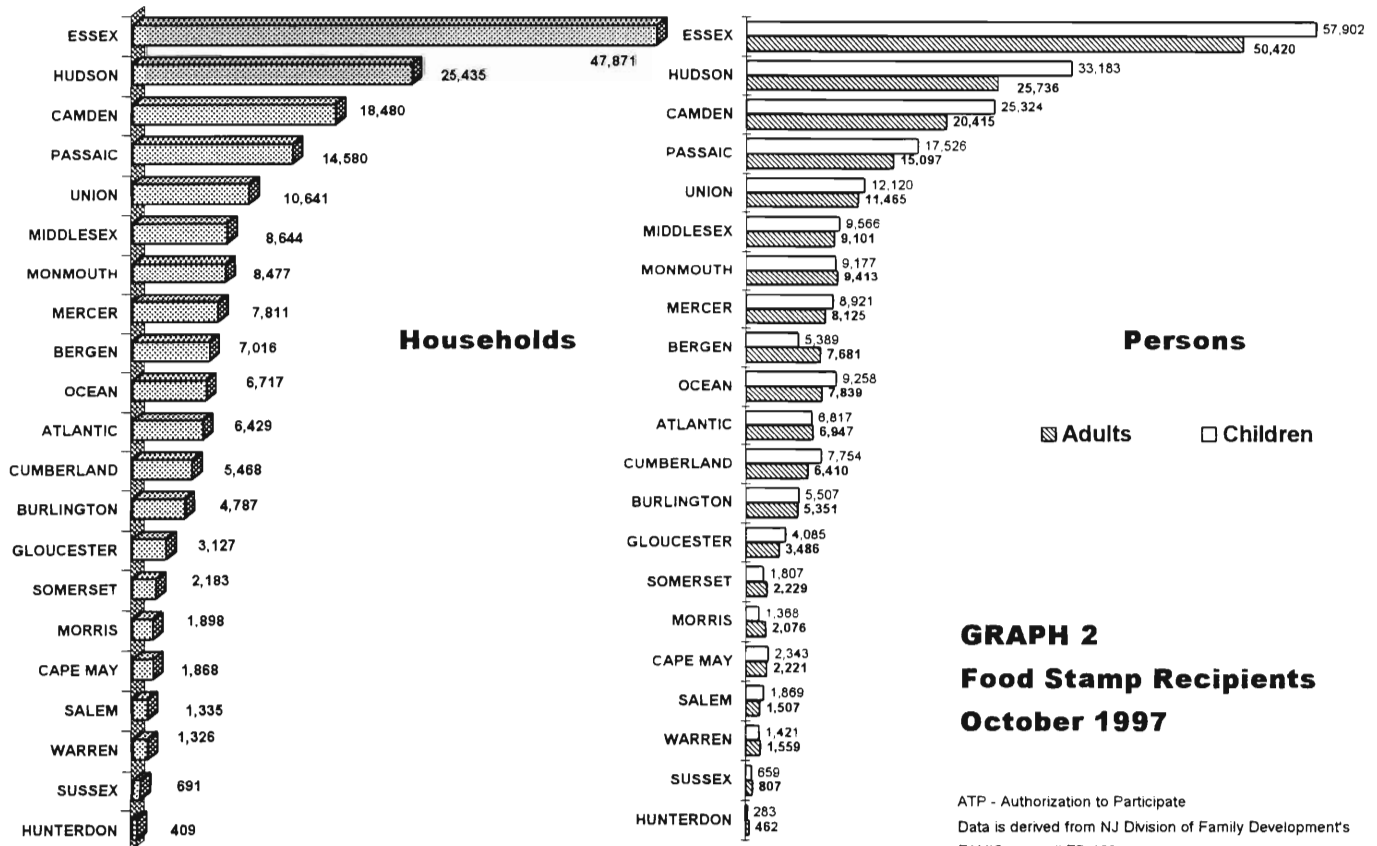
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Table 2
FOOD STAMP
PROGRAM

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

October 1997

County	HOUSEHOLDS			TOTAL	PERSONS			
	TANF	Other low income	TOTAL		TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
ATLANTIC	2,297	4,132	6,429	13,764	7,642	6,122	6,947	6,817
BERGEN	1,980	5,036	7,016	13,070	5,750	7,320	7,681	5,389
BURLINGTON	2,014	2,773	4,787	10,858	6,284	4,574	5,351	5,507
CAMDEN	10,233	8,247	18,480	45,739	33,711	12,028	20,415	25,324
CAPE MAY	790	1,078	1,868	4,564	2,714	1,850	2,221	2,343
CUMBERLAND	2,905	2,563	5,468	14,164	9,992	4,172	6,410	7,754
ESSEX	23,514	24,357	47,871	108,322	73,972	34,350	50,420	57,902
GLOUCESTER	1,653	1,474	3,127	7,571	5,253	2,318	3,486	4,085
HUDSON	13,671	11,764	25,435	58,919	41,226	17,693	25,736	33,183
HUNTERDON	69	340	409	745	229	516	462	283
MERCER	3,602	4,209	7,811	17,046	11,338	5,708	8,125	8,921
MIDDLESEX	3,854	4,790	8,644	18,667	11,724	6,943	9,101	9,566
MONMOUTH	3,135	5,342	8,477	18,590	10,311	8,279	9,413	9,177
MORRIS	452	1,446	1,898	3,444	1,345	2,099	2,076	1,368
OCEAN	2,580	4,137	6,717	17,097	8,802	8,295	7,839	9,258
PASSAIC	5,758	8,822	14,580	32,623	18,808	13,815	15,097	17,526
SALEM	669	666	1,335	3,376	2,227	1,149	1,507	1,869
SOMERSET	654	1,529	2,183	4,036	1,954	2,082	2,229	1,807
SUSSEX	159	532	691	1,466	514	952	807	659
UNION	4,685	5,956	10,641	23,585	15,143	8,442	11,465	12,120
WARREN	442	884	1,326	2,980	1,437	1,543	1,559	1,421
NJ TOTAL	85,116	100,077	185,193	420,626	270,376	150,250	198,347	222,279



GRAPH 2
Food Stamp Recipients
October 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

October 1997

**EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE**

County	TANF Families Receiving Emergency Assistance					SSI Recipients Receiving EA
	TOTAL TANF-EA	Temporary Rental Assist.	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA	
ATLANTIC	52	26	3	8	15	10
BERGEN	343	144	36	35	128	22
BURLINGTON	32	0	2	21	9	0
CAMDEN	159	49	3	11	96	25
CAPE MAY	26	10	4	1	11	5
CUMBERLAND	18	0	0	7	11	2
ESSEX	880	412	25	51	392	38
GLOUCESTER	75	15	3	27	30	8
HUDSON	95	16	4	21	54	6
HUNTERDON	2	0	1	0	1	2
MERCER	189	88	14	6	81	14
MIDDLESEX	262	61	24	10	167	21
MONMOUTH	133	75	3	1	54	2
MORRIS	3	0	0	0	3	1
OCEAN	221	80	62	2	77	47
PASSAIC	371	2	2	16	351	34
SALEM	27	5	3	2	17	2
SOMERSET	63	6	1	14	42	5
SUSSEX	25	5	5	5	10	0
UNION	156	15	3	19	119	5
WARREN	10	0	3	2	5	0
NJ TOTAL	3,142	1,009	201	259	1,673	249

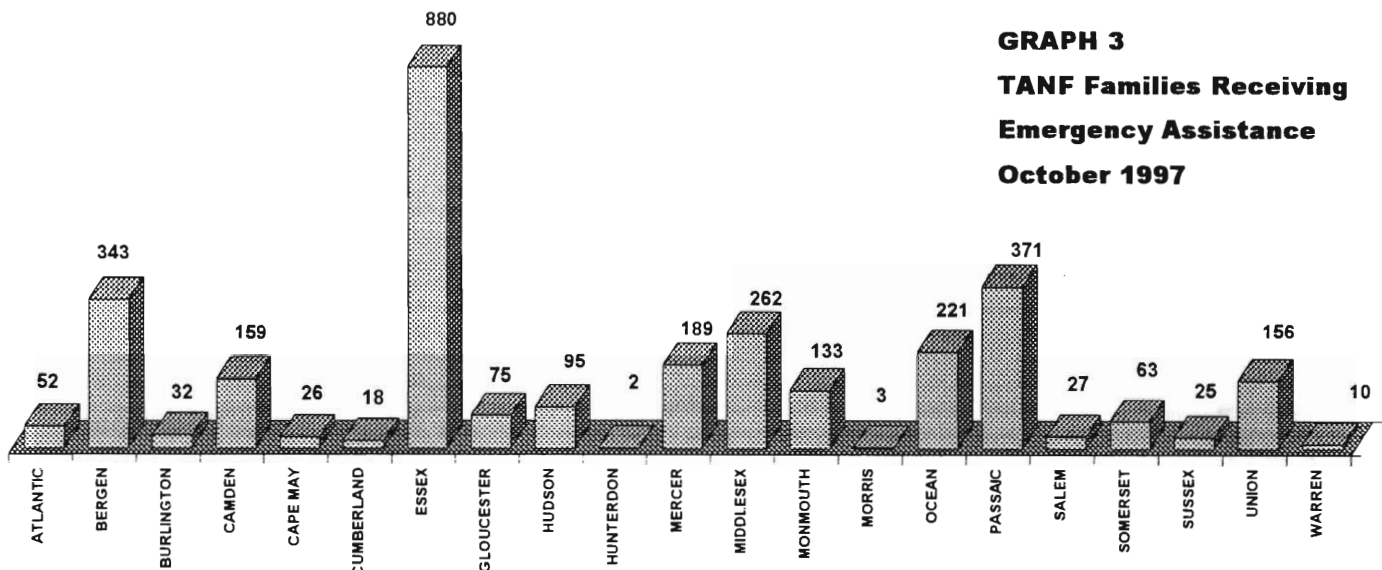


TABLE 4**WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY STATISTICAL SUMMARY****WFNJ****October 1997**

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	1,221	133	301	144	370	95	58	171
BERGEN	1,368	181	153	94	307	125	62	87
BURLINGTON	989	322	113	293	331	136	89	206
CAMDEN	6,744	316	457	702	1,316	568	216	391
CAPE MAY	341	55	32	41	156	29	20	37
CUMBERLAND	1,455	179	166	216	333	187	123	153
ESSEX	15,737	1,294	2,137	945	1,431	1,397	257	243
GLOUCESTER	856	118	94	244	161	92	51	91
HUDSON	9,404	1,251	1,732	202	1,012	946	207	414
HUNTERDON	28	3	12	6	28	7	7	9
MERCER	2,284	268	387	129	288	244	96	167
MIDDLESEX	2,146	133	379	542	714	165	136	211
MONMOUTH	1,987	163	182	85	488	334	88	226
MORRIS	174	121	67	200	94	75	21	33
OCEAN	1,080	37	124	193	213	105	83	173
PASSAIC	3,991	563	444	265	464	419	74	142
SALEM	379	42	112	40	68	76	15	41
SOMERSET	343	65	67	29	112	51	18	44
SUSSEX	54	30	15	10	69	26	18	54
UNION	3,165	646	490	461	399	243	102	124
WARREN	228	120	18	15	70	24	22	22
STATE	53,974	6,040	7,482	4,856	8,424	5,344	1,763	3,039

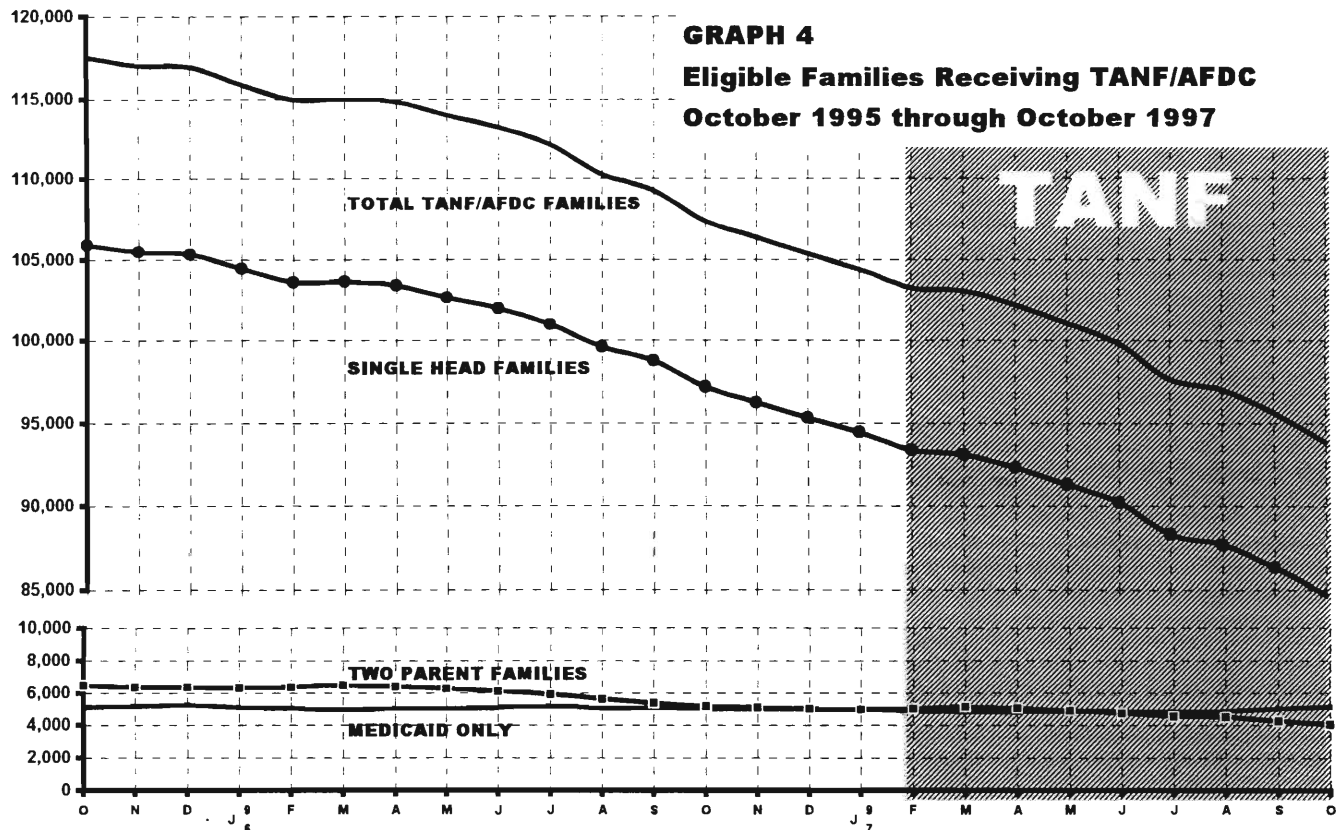
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**Table 5
TANF/AFDC
PROGRAM**

**NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS DURING REPORT MONTH, AND
NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING TANF/AFDC AT END OF REPORT MONTH
October 1995 through October 1997**

AFDC	Applications Approved	Terminations	Regular AFDC (C Segment)	Unemployed Parents(F)	State AFDC(N)	Two Parents (F+N)	Medicaid Only	Total AFDC
1995 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
OCT	4,488	6,276	84,669	4,045	5,138	93,852
AVERAGE (incl. JAN)	5,111	6,285	90,170	4,712	4,905	99,787



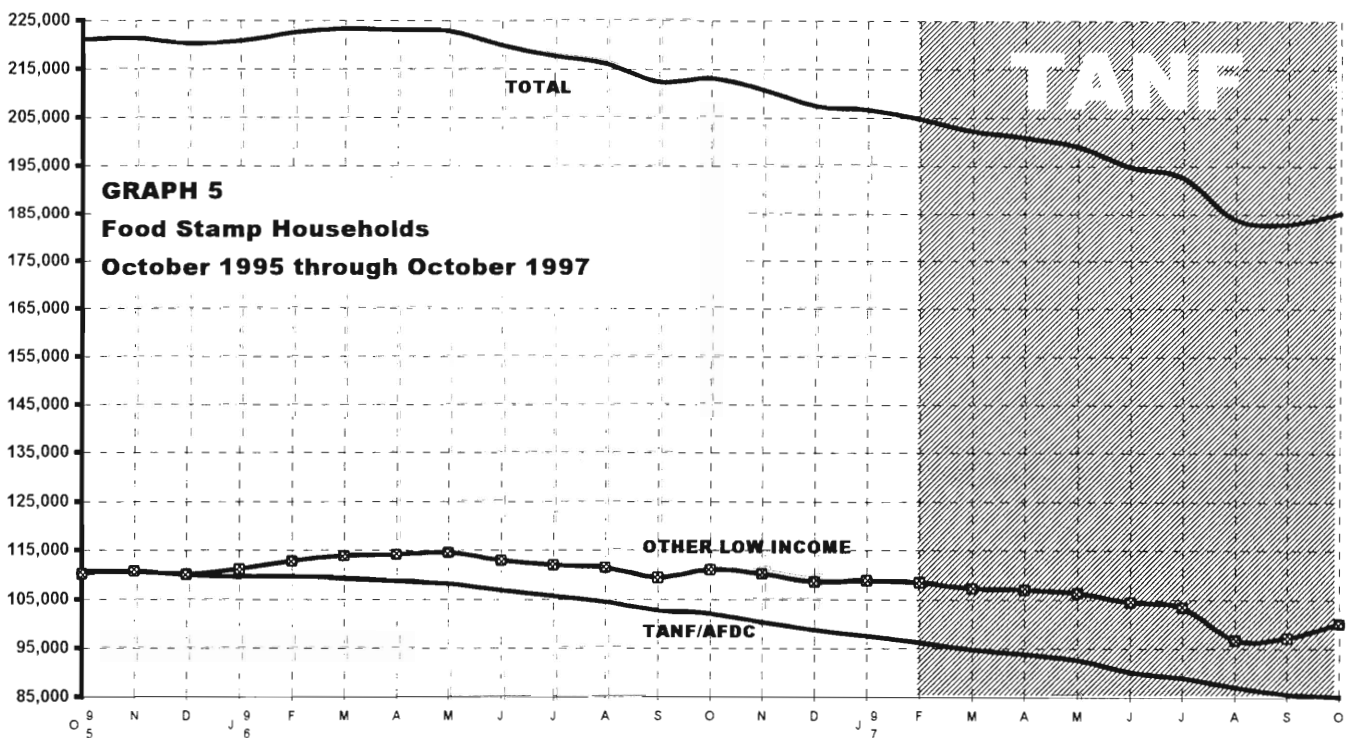
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**Table 6
FOOD STAMP
PROGRAM**

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

October 1995 through October 1997

		HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS					
		TANF/AFDC	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF/AFDC	Other low income	Adults	Children	
AFDC 1995	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	
	OCT	85,116	100,077	185,193	420,626	270,376	150,250	198,347	222,279	
	AVERAGE		91,220	103,992	195,212	448,140	290,972	157,168	213,436	234,704



GRAPH 6
Food Stamp Recipients
October 1995 through October 1997

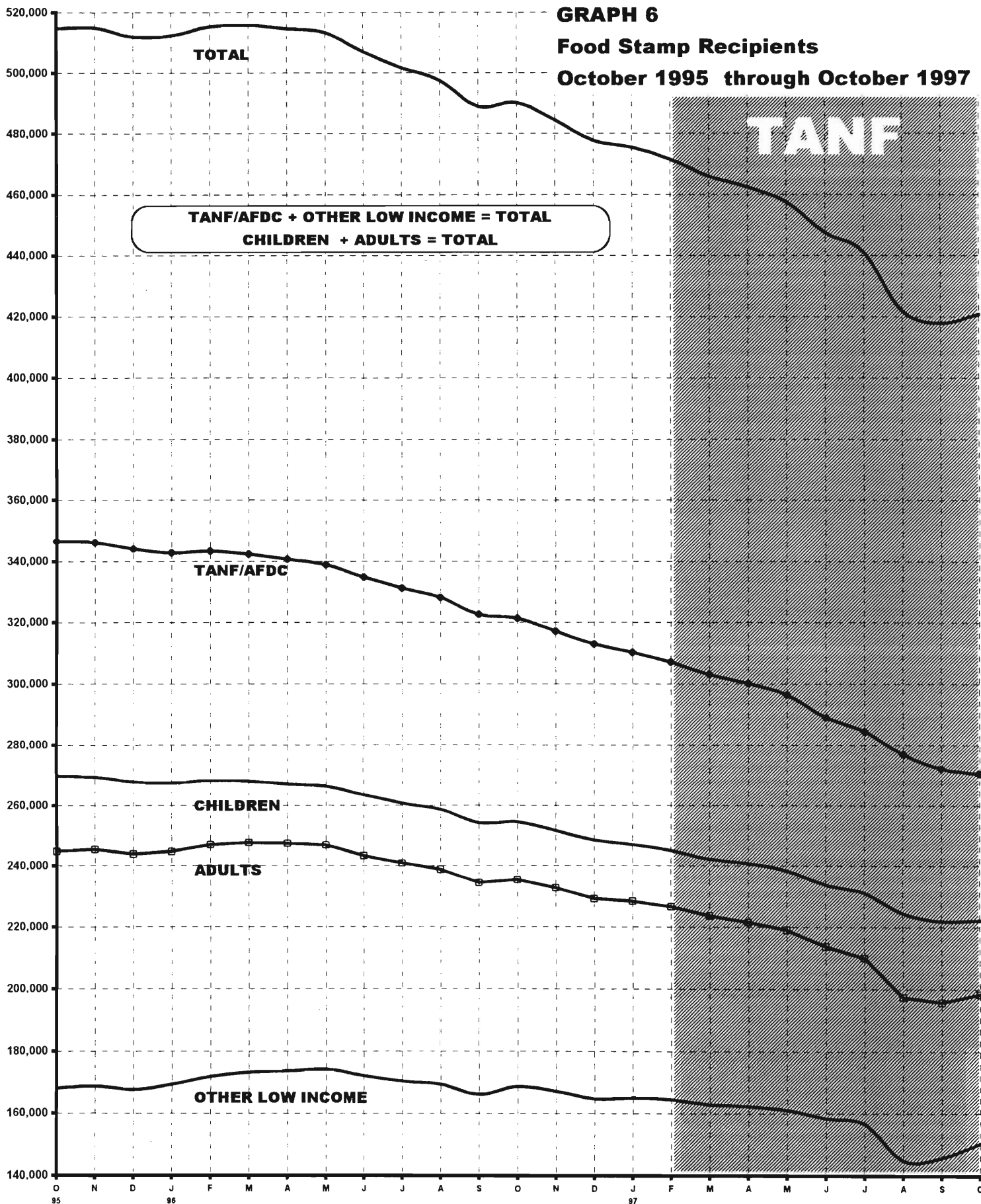


Table 7

NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

(UNDUPLICATED CASES)

October 1995 through October 1997

**TANF/AFDC
EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE**

	Total Families Receiving EA	Temporary Rental Assistance	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF/AFDC-EA
AFDC 1995 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
TANF 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
AVERAGE	3,695	1,320	255	309	1,811

GRAPH 7

**TANF/AFDC Families Receiving Emergency Assistance
October 1995 through October 1997**

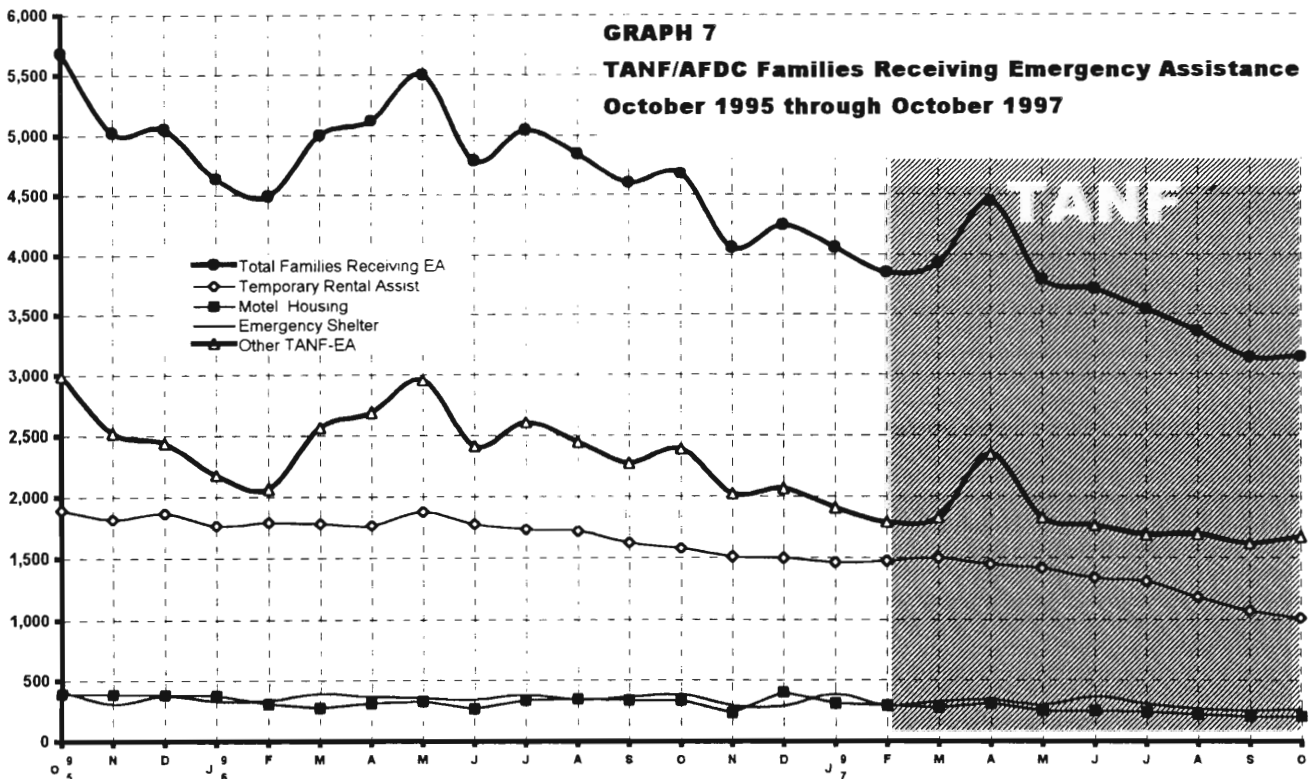


Table 8**ESTIMATED TANF PARTICIPATION RATES****May 1997 - October 1997**

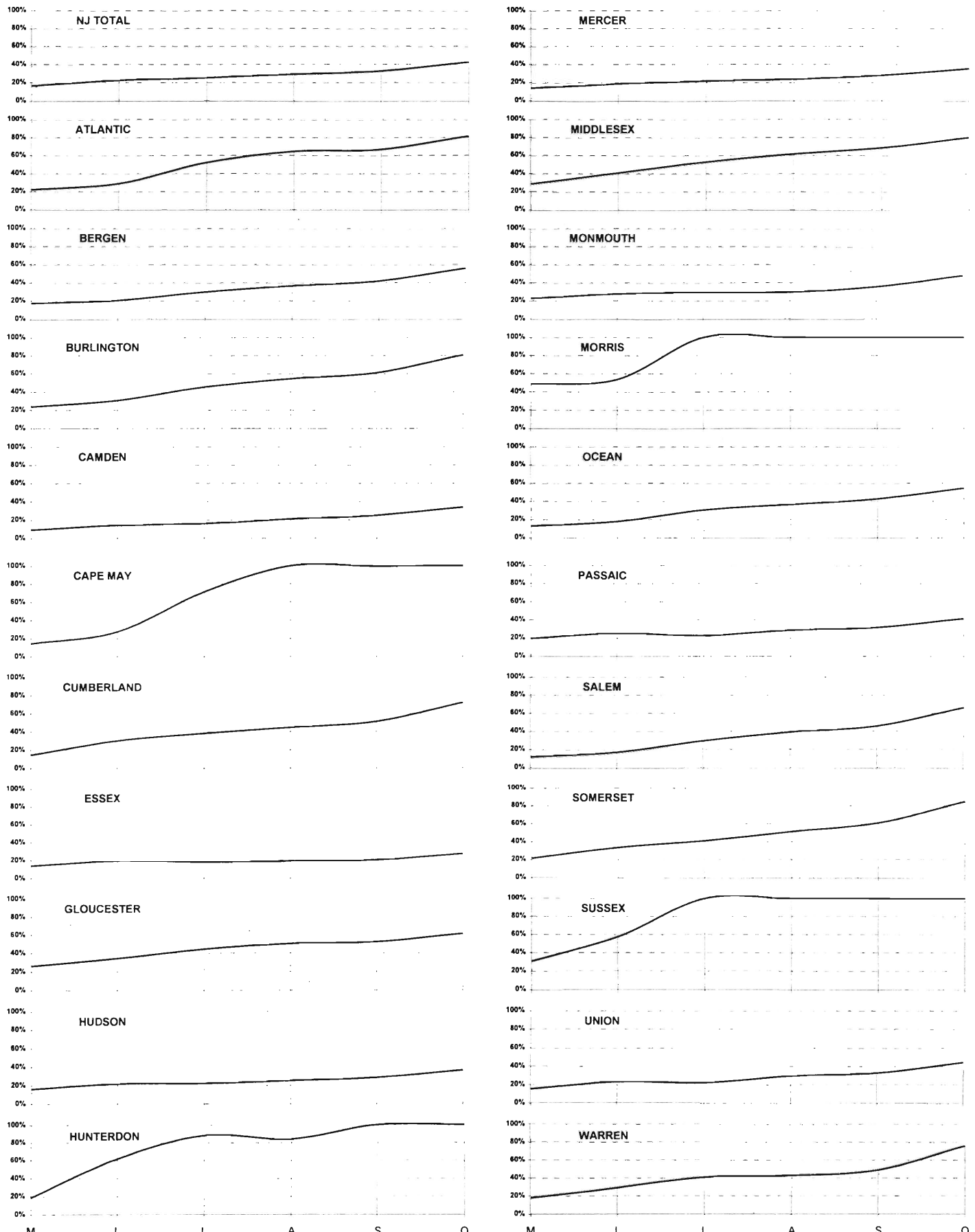
County	May	June	July	August	September	October
ATLANTIC	21.9%	28.8%	52.1%	64.5%	66.9%	81.4%
BERGEN	17.3%	20.5%	29.6%	36.3%	41.6%	55.6%
BURLINGTON	23.6%	30.7%	45.4%	54.6%	61.0%	80.6%
CAMDEN	9.3%	13.9%	15.8%	20.8%	25.0%	33.6%
CAPE MAY	14.4%	27.2%	71.0%	99.7%	99.2%	100.0%
CUMBERLAND	14.6%	30.0%	38.1%	44.7%	51.2%	72.0%
ESSEX	13.9%	19.0%	17.9%	18.8%	20.1%	26.8%
GLOUCESTER	26.1%	34.1%	44.3%	50.2%	52.3%	61.3%
HUDSON	16.2%	21.7%	22.1%	25.1%	28.3%	36.0%
HUNTERDON	18.4%	61.7%	88.4%	84.0%	100.0%	100.0%
MERCER	13.6%	18.4%	21.7%	23.7%	27.8%	35.3%
MIDDLESEX	28.2%	40.7%	52.8%	61.6%	68.6%	80.1%
MONMOUTH	22.7%	27.4%	29.1%	29.7%	35.6%	47.8%
MORRIS	48.7%	53.8%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
OCEAN	12.6%	17.9%	30.5%	36.3%	42.5%	54.5%
PASSAIC	19.4%	25.1%	22.7%	28.6%	31.7%	41.3%
SALEM	11.7%	16.9%	29.6%	39.0%	45.8%	66.0%
SOMERSET	21.3%	33.3%	41.0%	51.2%	61.0%	84.8%
SUSSEX	30.5%	57.5%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
UNION	15.7%	23.5%	22.3%	29.6%	32.9%	44.5%
WARREN	17.9%	29.3%	40.9%	42.8%	48.9%	75.9%
NJ TOTAL	16.3%	22.5%	25.1%	29.0%	32.3%	42.3%

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

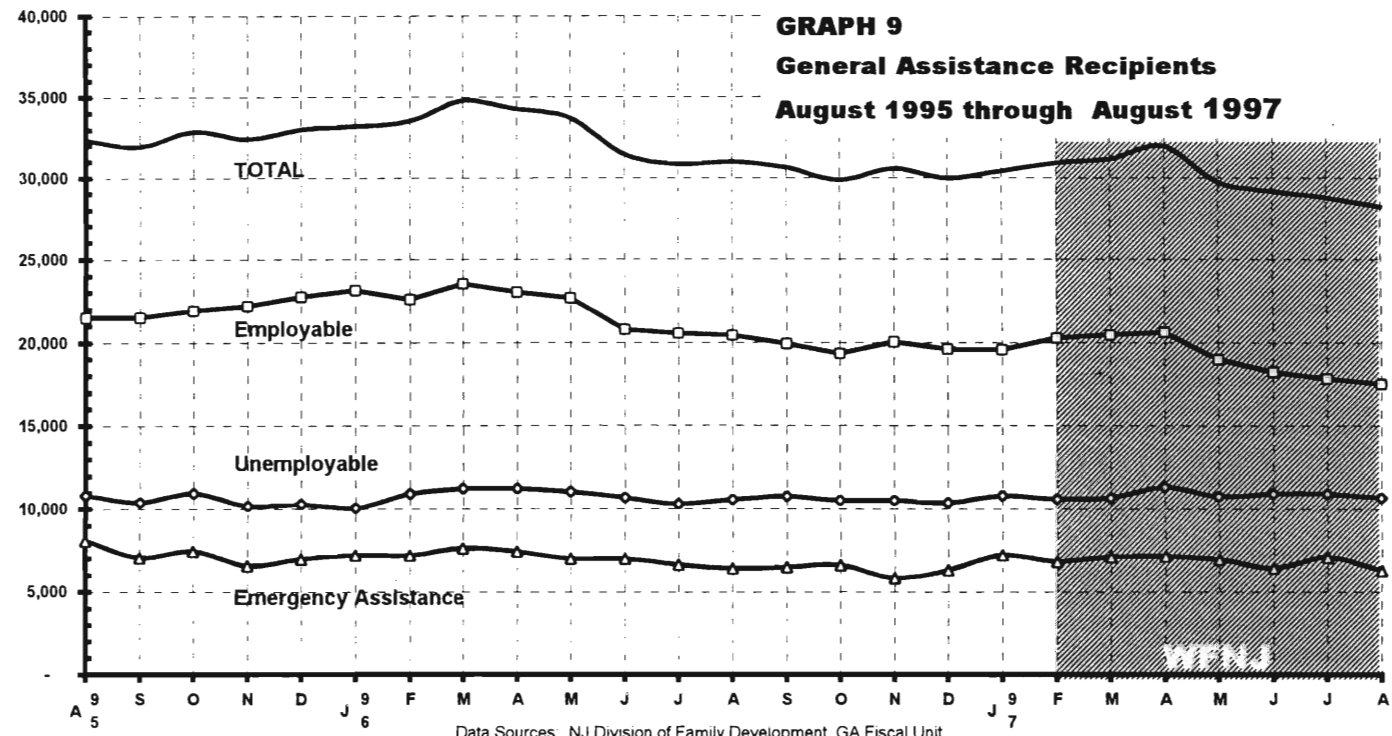
May 1997 - October 1997



**TABLE 9
GENERAL
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM**

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

PROGRAM	All Persons Aided			Emergency Assistance Payments		
	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assistance	Other GA-EA	Total
1995 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.)	21,980	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
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
AVERAGE	19,175	10,833	30,008	4,072	2,786	6,858



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 1996 and FFY 1997**

COLLECTION SOURCE	10/95-9/96	10/96-9/97	% change
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
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM

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

August 1997

County/ Municipality	Total Persons Aided			Emergency Assistance Payments		
	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assist.	Other GA-EA	Total
ATLANTIC	800	493	1,293	53	26	79
BERGEN	385	424	809	241	92	333
BURLINGTON	286	409	695	121	93	214
CAMDEN	1,874	1,207	3,081	184	61	245
CAPE MAY	27	91	118	11	12	23
CUMBERLAND	296	147	443	2	14	16
ESSEX	6,297	2,301	8,598	990	1,278	2,268
GLOUCESTER	132	160	292	17	17	34
HUDSON	768	1,126	1,894	150	28	178
HUNTERDON	45	67	112	26	14	40
MERCER	1,256	842	2,098	233	226	459
MIDDLESEX	359	501	860	83	34	117
MONMOUTH	405	557	962	221	60	281
MORRIS	68	177	245	32	18	50
OCEAN	411	340	751	266	130	396
PASSAIC	2,133	679	2,812	454	129	583
SALEM	114	62	176	9	28	37
SOMERSET	91	84	175	40	13	53
SUSSEX	30	58	88	20	5	25
UNION	1,694	889	2,583	707	98	805
WARREN	34	71	105	24	1	25
TOTAL NJ	17,505	10,685	28,190	3,884	2,377	6,261
Atlantic City	709	298	1,007	40	20	60
Mount Holly	103	99	202	43	58	101
Camden	1,660	855	2,515	124	19	143
Vineland	166	66	232	1	11	12
East Orange	441	362	803	200	24	224
Irvington	361	149	510	58	9	67
Montclair	100	64	164	28	9	37
Newark	4,972	1,482	6,454	621	1,221	1,842
Orange	301	76	377	50	1	51
Bayonne	98	67	165	3	0	3
Hoboken	92	136	228	22	1	23
Jersey City	462	497	959	85	16	101
Trenton	1,169	744	1,913	206	215	421
Perth Amboy	82	86	168	12	4	16
Asbury Park	109	79	188	47	7	54
Long Branch	68	93	161	28	2	30
Lakewood	218	113	331	146	33	179
Passaic	457	222	679	167	33	200
Paterson	1,607	319	1,926	249	83	332
Elizabeth	1,144	437	1,581	545	43	588
Plainfield	238	157	395	46	9	55
Total	14,557	6,401	20,958	2,721	1,818	4,539

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit