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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE January 22, 2003

TO Gwendolyn L. Harris Commissioner

FROM Pearl Elias, Acting Director Division of Family Development

SUBJECT CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

Attached please find *Current Program Statistics* for October 2002. Included are TANForiented and Food Stamps data, General Assistance data, and the WFNJ Statistical Summary.

Some items of interest include:

- The TANF caseload continues to decline. Since October of 2001 there has been a decrease of 5.7%.
- Food Stamp households increased by 6,558 since October 2001.
- For GA, recipient figures reported are for October 2002, which are 13.3% above October 2001.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to call me at 6-2000, David Karwoski at 6-2273, or Janet Taylor at 6-2277.

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Highlights of CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

WFNJ/TANF

(Tables 1 and 5, Graphs 1 and 4)

As of October 2002, 42,111 eligible families in New Jersey were receiving WFNJ/TANF cash assistance:

• 40,585 single head of household families

• 1,526 two-parent families.

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

Essex — 12,082, Hudson — 5,941, Camden — 4,408, Passaic — 3,295 Union — 2,559

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

- 34 families in Hunterdon County to 2,423 in Mercer County,
 - with ten counties below 1000 families

There were 7,030 fewer eligible WFNJ/TANF families receiving cash assistance in October 2002 than in October 2000, a decline of 14.3 percent.

- Single head families: 6,975 below two years ago in October 2000, a drop of 14.7%.
- Two parent families: decreased by 55 or 3.5 percent from October 2000.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

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

As of report month of October 2002, 140,694 households participated in the Food Stamp Program.

- TANF: 30,819 households with 95,413 persons.
- Other low income: 109,875 households with 203,578 persons.
- Total persons: 298,991, including 146,413 adults and 152,578 children
- By County: 54.4 percent of the households were in: Essex 29,258
 - Hudson 19,786 Passaic 15,173 Camden 12,388

Two years ago in October 2000, 136,827 households participated in Food Stamps in New Jersey. Over the next two years the number increased by 3,867 or 2.8 percent, to 140,694 by October 2002.

- TANF(FS) households steadily declined by 4,836 from 35,655 in October 2000 to 30,819 two years later. There were 101,172 Other Low Income households in October 2000 and 8,703 more two years later.
- Total FS Recipients: were 301,067 in October 2000, and declined to 298,991
- by October 2002, a drop of 2,076, or 0.7 percent.
- Adult FS Recipients: declined from 146,531 in October 2000 to 146,413 in October 2002, a drop of 118 (0.1 percent).
- Recipient FS Children: declined by 1,958 (1.3 percent), from 154,536 in October 2000 to 152,578 in October 2002.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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

In October 2002 Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for 3,324 eligible TANF families and 693 SSI recipients in New Jersey. For TANF families this included payments for:

- Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA) for 380 families
- Motel placements for 633 families and emergency shelter placements for 494 families
- All other TANF-EA for 1,817 families (including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing and food allowance, or transitional housing)
- 790 families in Essex County, 417 in Mercer County, 321 in Monmouth County, 270 in Passaic.

In the past two years, the number of EA payments for TANF families increased from 2,019 in October 2000 to 3,324 in October 2002.

- TRA payments were **11.4 %** of the total EA Families in October 2002.
- Motel payments were up from two years ago.; 280 to 633.

(Table 8, Graph 8)

(Table 9, Graph 9)

(Table 10)

TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

The TANF participation rate for October 2002 was 35.04% for the State as a whole. This is an increase of .96 percentage points from September 2002.

Participation rates by county:

- Six counties had a participation rate greater than 40 percent: Mercer, Monmouth,
- Morris, Salem, Somerset, and Warren.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

There were 26,284 GA recipients in October 2002, up from 23,197 in October 2001.

There were 13,952 Employable GA and 12,332 Unemployable GA recipients in October 2002.

CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY

For **FFY 2002**, the **total collection** of the Child Support and Paternity Program was **\$853,118,959**, an increase of over **5 percent** over the same period for **FFY 2001**.

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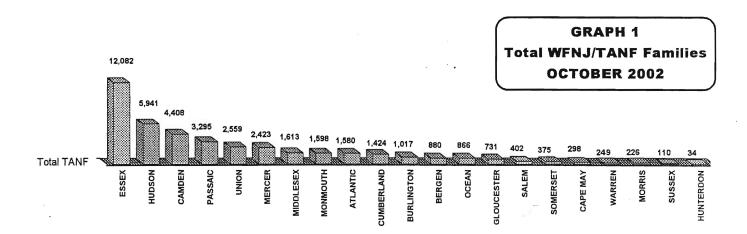
WFNJ/TANF

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS DURING REPORT MONTH, AND

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NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING WFNJ/TANF FOR THE REPORT MONTH

PROGRAM	OCTOBER 2002						
	Applications	Terminations	Single Head	Two Parent	Total		
County	Approved		Families	Families	WFNJ/TANF		
ATLANTIC	165	135	1,527	53	1,580		
BERGEN	82	64	816	64	880		
BURLINGTON	146	99	979	38	1,017		
CAMDEN	401	308	4,224	184	4,408		
CAPE MAY	52	33	280	18	298		
CUMBERLAND	206	131	1,326	98	1,424		
ESSEX	1,145	657	11,785	297	12,082		
GLOUCESTER	91	74	695	36	731		
HUDSON	397	272	5,720	221	5,941		
HUNTERDON	4	4	33	1	34		
MERCER	233	162	2,334	89	2,423		
MIDDLESEX	198	128	1,561	52	1,613		
MONMOUTH	198	96	1,550	48	1,598		
MORRIS	26	26	211	15	226		
OCEAN	100	84	827	39	866		
PASSAIC	328	207	3,166	129	3,295		
SALEM	70	34	383	19	402		
SOMERSET	55	41	363	12	375		
SUSSEX	15	21	107	3	110		
UNION	273	182	2,468	91	2,559		
WARREN	30	28	230	19	249		
NJ TOTAL	4,215	2,786	40,585	1,526	42,111		



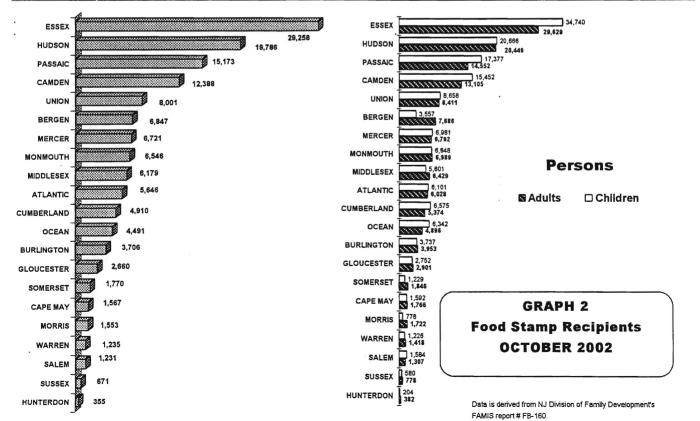
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Table 2

FOOD STAMP

NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS AND CHILDREN FOR THE REPORT MONTH

PROGRAM	OCTOBER 2002							
	HOUSEHOLDS							
		Other				Other		
County	WFNJ/TANF	low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	WFNJ/TANF	low income	Adults	Children
ATLANTIC	1,035	4,611	5,646	12,129	3,265	8,864 💈	6,028	6,101
BERGEN	607	6,240	6,847	11,243	1,722	9,521	7,686	3,557
BURLINGTON	568	3,138	3,706	7,690	1,750	5,940	3,953	3,737
CAMDEN	3,129	9,259	12,388	28,557	10,105	18,452 🛔	13,105	15,452
CAPE MAY	222	1,345	1,567	3,358	698	2,660	1,766	1,592
CUMBERLAND	1,001	3,909	4,910	11,949	3,321	8,628	5,374	6,575
ESSEX	9,392	19,866	29,258	64,369	29,153	35,216	29,629	34,740
GLOUCESTER	483	2,177	2,660	5,653	1,498	4,155	2,901	2,752
HUDSON	4,610	15,176	19,786	41,115	13,858	27,257	20,449	20,666
HUNTERDON	21	334	355	586	67	519	382	204
MERCER	1,710	5,011	6,721	13,773	5,188	8,585	6,792	6,981
MIDDLESEX	1,205	4,974	6,179	12,030	3,437	8,593	6,429	5,601
MONMOUTH	1,220	5,326	6,546	13,837	3,898	9,939 🕴	6,989	6,848
MORRIS	123	1,430	1,553	2,498	362	2,136	1,722	776
OCEAN	521	3,970	4,491	11,238	1,574	9,664	4,896	6,342
PASSAIC	2,483	12,690	15,173	31,929	7,709	24,220	14,552	17,377
SALEM	281	950	1,231	2,891	858	2,033	1,307	1,584
SOMERSET	217	1,553	1,770	3,075	657	2,418 🛔	1,846	1,229
SUSSEX	65	606	671	1,358	192	1,166	778	580
UNION	1,731	6,270	8,001	17,069	5,496	11,573	8,411	8,658
WARREN	195	1,040	1,235	2,644	605	2,039	1,418	1,226
NJ TOTAL	30,819	109,875	140,694	298,991	95,413	203,578	146,413	152,578



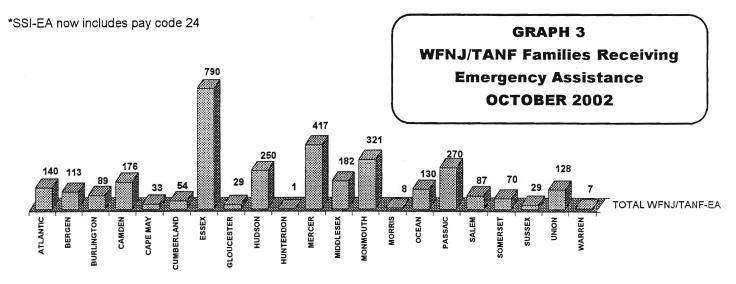
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EMERGENCY	***************************************	OCTOBER 2002							
ASSISTANCE	WFNJ	TANF Families	Receiving En	nergency Assi	stance	SSI			
	TOTAL	Temporary	Motel	Emergency	Other	Receipients			
County	WFNJ/TANF-EA	Rental Assist.	Housing	Shelter	WFNJ/TANF-EA	Receiving EA*			
ATLANTIC	140	1	60	3	76	18			
BERGEN	113	11	25	22	55	87			
BURLINGTON	89	0	14	31	44	21			
CAMDEN	176	17	48	28	83	24			
CAPE MAY	33	0	16	0	17	20			
CUMBERLAND	54	3	3	12	36	10			
ESSEX	790	103	86	223	378	112			
GLOUCESTER	29	2	5	10	12	3			
HUDSON	250	20	37	24	169	21			
HUNTERDON	1	0	0	0	. 1	7			
MERCER	417	138	40	0	239	81			
MIDDLESEX	182	8	24	36	114	65			
MONMOUTH	321	45	149	0	127	29			
MORRIS	8	1	0	2	5	6			
OCEAN	130	12	62	2	54	40			
PASSAIC	270	3	4	43	220	76			
SALEM	87	3	26	2	56	14			
SOMERSET	70	0	14	16	40	27			
SUSSEX	29	2	3	10	14	13			
UNION	128	11	16	29	72	15			
WARREN	7	0	1	1	5	4			
NJ TOTAL	3,324	380	633	494	1,817	693			

NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS



Derived from NJ Division of Family Development FAMIS Reports #FM456, #FM457 and #FM430-03A

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WFNJ		OCTOBER 2002							
	CASES REQUIRED	EMPLOYM CWEP	ENT DIRECTED A	JOB	EMPLOYED OPEN	ON ACT		EMPLOYED CLOSED	POST
COUNTY	TO PARTICIPATE		OTHER TRAINING	SEARCH	(WFNJ RECIPIENT)	CHILD CARE	TRAINING REL. EXPENSES		CHILD CARE
ATLANTIC	685	1	163	16	134	96	111	60	237
BERGEN	431	49	229	193	100	108	121	25	125
BURLINGTON	451	80	53	128	111	75	127	31	202
CAMDEN	2,286	577	536	78	507	452	716	90	691
CAPE MAY	134	1	24	30	61	16	25	10.	78
CUMBERLAND	681	4	342	157	112	74	93	51	209
ESSEX	7,174	202	2,769	587	1,645	1,668	1,811	115	834
GLOUCESTER	341	28	31	33	62	38	4	15	136
HUDSON	3,209	32	1,946	453	751	718	983	81	664
HUNTERDON	10	0	0	11	2	3	0	1	16
MERCER	1,281	82	863	146	306	279	335	55	273
MIDDLESEX	733	0	153	129	206	78	141	32	170
MONMOUTH	895	24	478	86	275	195	361	35	229
MORRIS	88	25	22	18	20	25	18	7	46
OCEAN	330	16	42	99	85	61	41	20	193
PASSAIC	1,847	38	969	165	323	275	407	50.	289
SALEM	200	95	22	31	29	35	92	10	69
SOMERSET	191	33	40	113	68	33	55	9	77
SUSSEX	51	16	0	24	16	12	5	8	46
UNION	1,238	9	704	127	202	222	331	41	258
WARREN	155	1	135	5	46	17	13	9	25
STATE	22,411	1,313	9,521	2,629	5,061	4,480	5,790	755	4,867

Data is derived from NJ Division of Family Development's FAMIS reports

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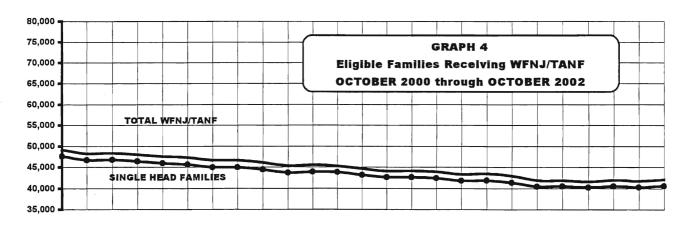
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FANF	NUMBE	R OF ELIGIBLE FAM	ILIES RECEIVING	G WFNJ/TANF FO	R THE REPORT	MONTH			
AM	OCTOBER 2000 THROUGH OCTOBER 2002								
		Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total WFNJ/TANF			
2000	ост	4,126	4,722	47,560	1,581	49,141			
	NOV	3,605	3,784	46,641	1,524	48,165			
	DEC	3,505	3,554	46,719	1,577	48,296			
2000	0 AVERAGE	3,745	4,020	46,973	1,561	48,534			
	JAN	3,767	4,135	46,340	1,578	47,918			
	FEB	3,581	3,597	45,912	1,614	47,526			
	MAR	3,961	4,422	45,581	1,665	47,246			
	APR	3,545	4,099	44,958	1,657	46,615			
	MAY	3,588	4,017	44,960	1,659	46,619			
	JUN	4,239	4,887	44,426	1,644	46,070			
	JUL	3,568	3,862	43,676	1,642	45,318			
	AUG	4,674	4,618	43,898	1,604	45,502			
	SEP	3,575	4,096	43,207	1,459	44,666			
	ост	4,118	4,515	43,147	1,496	44,643			
	NOV	3,692	3,694	42,572	1,482	44,054			
	DEC	3,792	3,982	42,615	1,483	44,098			
2001	1 AVERAGE	3,842	4,160	44,274	1,582	45,856			
	JAN	4,210	4,872	42,369	1,547	43,916			
	FEB	3,979	4,061	41,749	1,545	43,294			
	MAR	4,737	4,976	41,822	1,587	43,409			
	APR	3,746	4,251	41,339	1,566	42,905			
	MAY	3,809	3,005	40,400	1,478	41,878			
	JUN	4,210	2,824	40,469	1,373	41,842			
	JUL	3,754	3,345	40,212	1,371	41,583			
	AUG	4,983	2,720	40,479	1,428	41,907			
	SEP	3,863	3,230	40,263	1,471	41,734			
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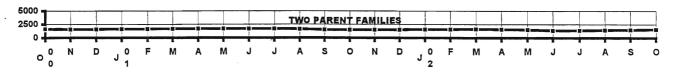
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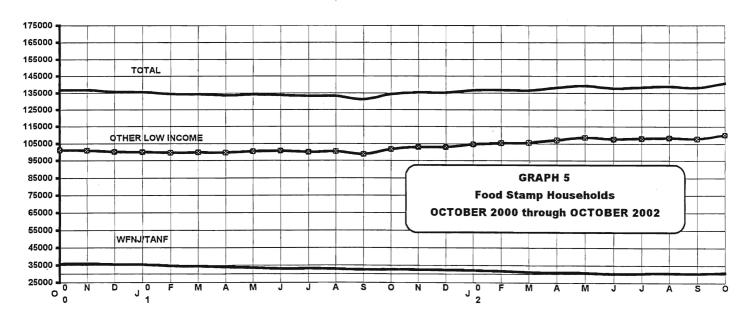
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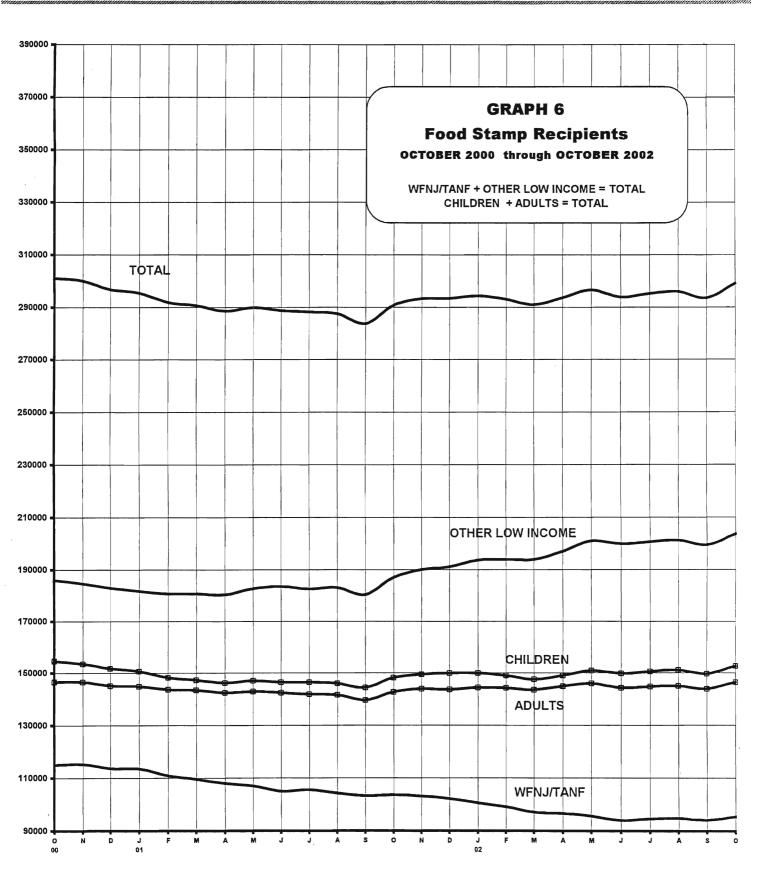
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OCTOBER 2000 THROUGH OCTOBER 2002 ----

		HOUSEHOLDS		PERSONS				
		Other low		Other low				
	WFNJ/TANF	income	TOTAL	TOTAL	WFNJ/TANF	income	Adults	Children
OCT	35,655	101,172	136,827	301,067	114,971	186,096	146,531	154,536
NOV	35,831	100,953	136,784	299,959	115,179	184,780	146,432	153,527
DEC	35,365	100,218	135,583	296,742	113,712	183,030	145,037	151,705
2000 AVERAGE	35,617	100,781	136,398	299,256	114,621	184,635	146,000	153,256
JAN	35,356	100,076	135,432	295,371	113,478	181,893	144,826	150,545
FEB	34,645	99,641	134,286	291,739	110,908	180,831	143,600	148,139
MAR	34,300	99,817	134,117	290,519	109,606	180,913	143,294	147,225
APR	33,764	99,643	133,407	288,516	107,963	180,553	142,389	146,127
MAY	33,526	100,398	133,924	289,820	107,006	182,814	142,858	146,962
JUN	32,870	100,720	133,590	288,667	104,982	183,685	142,368	146,299
JUL	33,035	100,080	133,115	288,205	105,542	182,663	141,811	146,394
AUG	32,635	100,437	133,072	287,409	104,260	183,149	141,585	145,824
SEP	32,318	98,729	131,047	283,732	103,226	180,506	139,427	144,305
OCT	32,548	101,588	134,136	290,663	103,684	186,979	142,571	148,092
NOV	32,429	102,902	135,331	293,219	103,209	190,010	143,806	149,413
DEC	32,202	102,938	135,140	293,365	102,203	191,162	143,566	149,799
2001 AVERAGE	33,302	100,581	133,883	290,102	106,339	183,763	142,675	147,427
JAN	31,916	104,672	136,588	294,255	100,609	193,646	144,352	149,903
FEB	31,545	105,266	136,811	293,013	99,154	193,859	144,150	148,863
MAR	30,992	105,455	136,447	290,969	97,107	193,862	143,514	147,455
APR	30,963	106,998	137,961	293,635	96,674	196,961	144,741	148,894
MAY	30,714	108,426	139,140	296,627	95,727	200,900	145,815	150,812
JUN	30,154	107,564	137,718	293,857	93,996	199,861 🛔	144,132	149,725
JUL	30,361	107,961	138,322	295,127	94,561	200,566	144,609	150,518
AUG	30,502	108,327	138,829	295,977	94,794	201,183	144,878	151,099
SEP	30,353	107,774	138,127	293,409	94,073	199,336	143,850	149,559
OCT	30,819	109,875	140,694	298,991	95,413	203,578	146,413	152,578
2002 AVERAGE	30,832	107,232	138,064	294,586	96,211	198,375	144,645	149,941

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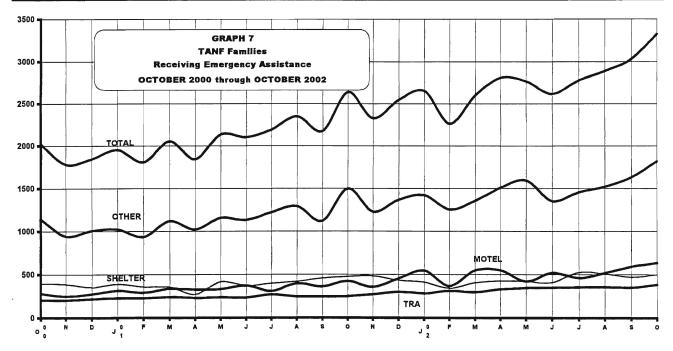


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Table	7
TANF	

NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS (UNDUPLICATED CASES)

EMERGENCY	***************************************	OCTOBE		GH OCTOBER 2002	
ASSISTANCE	Total Families	Temporary	Motel	Emergency	Other
	Receiving EA	Rental Assistance	Housing	Shelter	TANF-EA
CCT	2,019	205	280	395	1,139
NOV	1,779	204	249	383	943
DEC	1,841	216	272	349	1,004
2000 AVERAGE	1,880	208	267	376	1,029
JAN	1,954	229	314	387	1,024
FEB	1,804	226	289	354	935
MAR	2,052	241	337	356	1,118
APR	1,843	228	325	270	1,020
MAY	2,133	236	328	412	1,157
JUN	2,102	232	368	371	1,131
JUL	2,188	269	305	394	1,220
AUG	2,347	245	396	418	1,288
SEP	2,174	244	357	454	1,119
OCT	2,636	246	422	474	1,494
NOV	2,327	268	356	479	1,224
DEC	2,543	298	452	432	1,361
2001 AVERAGE	2,175	247	354	400	1,174
2002 JAN	2,651	282	542	410	1,417
FEB	2,265	311	366	338	1,250
MAR	2,595	296	544	402	1,353
APR	2,812	330	548	426	1,508
MAY	2,769	342	419	417	1,591
JUN	2,615	347	516	406	1,346
JUL	2,779	351	459	519	1,450
AUG	2,889	353	515	505	1,516
SEP	3,030	348	587	466	1,629
OCT	3,324	380	633	494	1,817
2002 AVERAGE	2,773	334	513	438	1,488



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TANF PARTICIPATION RATES							
AUGUST - OCTOBER 2002							
County	August	September	October				
ATLANTIC	25.90%	28.61%	27.59%				
BERGEN	41.81%	41.07%	39.67%				
BURLINGTON	36.52%	34.61%	34.81%				
CAMDEN	36.39%	36.07%	37.05%				
CAPE MAY	33.94%	31.81%	29.10%				
CUMBERLAND	22.17%	24.15%	22.76%				
ESSEX	32.28%	31.64%	33.92%				
GLOUCESTER	27.69%	30.18%	25.21%				
HUDSON	33.42%	32.55%	36.83%				
HUNTERDON	25.00%	27.27%	20.00%				
MERCER	41.14%	43.95%	42.46%				
MIDDLESEX	28.61%	27.71%	26.73%				
MONMOUTH	44.85%	46.90%	47.70%				
MORRIS	53.93%	51.08%	54.54%				
OCEAN	26.99%	26.11%	26.06%				
PASSAIC	31.89%	30.45%	30.53%				
SALEM	41.88%	42.92%	44.00%				
SOMERSET	40.00%	51.02%	48.69%				
SUSSEX	49.15%	41.17%	35.29%				
UNION	38.43%	40.13%	37.64%				
WARREN	58.78%	49.66%	40.64%				
NJ TOTAL	34.12%	34.08%	35.04%				

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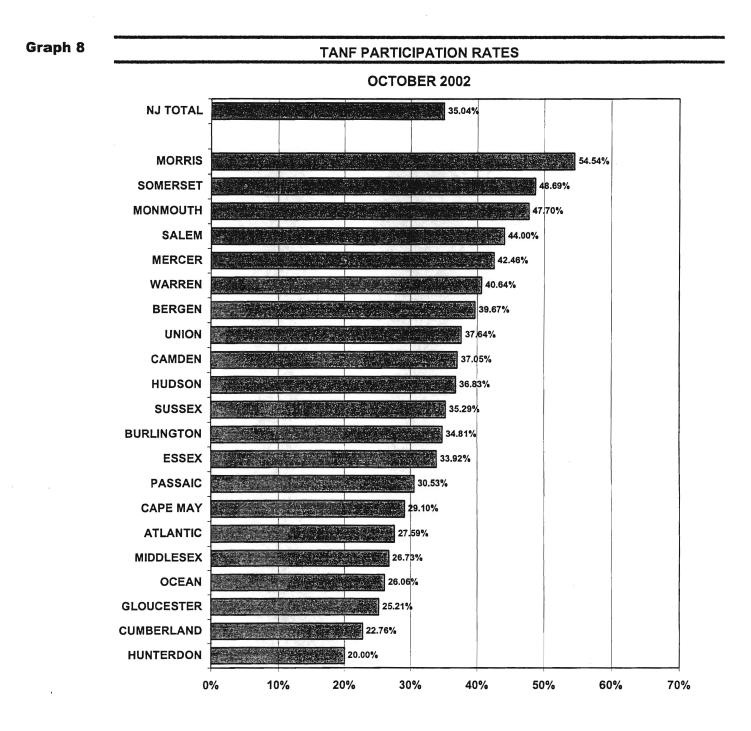
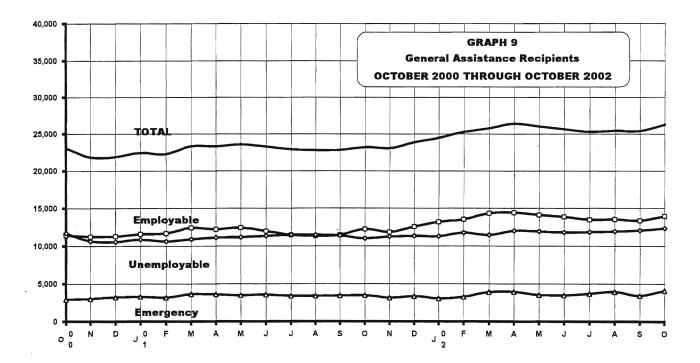


TABLE 9

GENERAL

NUMBER OF EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS DURING REPORT MONTH

ASSISTANCE **OCTOBER 2000 THROUGH OCTOBER 2002** PROGRAM All Persons Aided **Emergency Assistance Payments** Temporary Other Employable Unemployable **Rental Assistance** GA-EA Total Total 2000 OCT 2,934 11,383 11,687 23,070 1,509 1,425 11,219 NOV 10,618 21,837 1.414 1.589 3,003 11,284 10,568 1,515 DEC 21,852 1,701 3,216 3,051 2000 AVERAGE 11,295 10,958 22,253 1,479 1,572 10,851 2001 JAN 11,572 22,423 1,426 1,881 3,307 FEB 11.664 10,573 22,237 1,472 3,160 1.688 1,589 MAR 12,395 10,891 23,286 2,076 3,665 APR 12,216 11,107 23,323 1,506 2.098 3,604 MAY 12,404 11,165 23,569 1,472 1,996 3,468 JUN 11,948 11,294 23,242 1,535 2,027 3,562 1,949 JUL 11,436 11,428 22,864 1,421 3,370 1,397 11,320 11.427 22.747 3.386 AUG 1.989 SEP 11.444 11.354 22.798 1,365 2.084 3.449 OCT 12,218 10,979 23,197 1,360 2,118 3,478 3,126 NOV 11,823 11,236 1.363 1.763 23,059 DEC 12.561 11,300 23,861 1.217 2.136 3,353 2001 AVERAGE 11,917 11,134 23,051 1,427 1,984 3,411 13,197 11,261 24,458 1,428 3,038 2002 JAN 1,610 11,734 25,248 FEB 13,514 1,464 1.805 3,269 11,430 1,479 MAR 14,322 2,433 3.912 25,752 APR 14,425 11,982 26,407 1,607 2,348 3,955 MAY 14,115 11,909 26,024 1,548 1,987 3,535 11,766 JUN 13,858 25,624 1,495 1,995 3,490 11.820 25,303 1.499 2.208 3,707 JUL 13,483 25,431 1,517 3,932 AUG 13,533 11,898 2,415 12,016 1,536 SEP 13,352 25,368 1,912 3,448 OCT 13,952 12,332 26,284 1,545 2,575 4,120 2002 AVERAGE 13.775 11,815 25,590 1,512 2,129 3,641



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TABLE 10

CHILD SUPPORT

COLLECTION SOURCE

CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY COLLECTIONS State Summary Comparison of FFY 2001 and FFY 2002 10/00-9/01 10/01-9/02 % change

TOTAL DISTRIBUTION*	\$768,167,858	\$820,202,871	6.77%
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$809,006,362	\$853,118,959	5.45%
Admin Enforce			
Other/Own Behalf	178,453,581	182,148,831	2.07%
From Other States	40,519,670	41,757,486	3.05%
Income Withholding	524,518,725	554,940,301	5.80%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	23,427,553	37,923,740	61.88%
State Tax	5,424,523	7,291,804	34.42%
Federal Tax	\$36,662,310	\$29,056,797	-20.74%

* Includes money sent to other states

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

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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

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 – Individuals with open "empl" activity on OMEGA. Ad hoc report.

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).

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

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PROGRAM	OCTOBER 2002							
		Total Persons Aided		Emergency Assistance Payments				
County	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary	Other	Total		
				Rental Assist.	GA-EA			
ATLANTIC	652	601	1,253	64	56	120		
BERGEN	375	570	945	96	64	160		
BURLINGTON	301	438	739	16	65	81		
CAMDEN	1,344	1,299	2,643	112	183	295		
CAPE MAY	142	148	290	25	33	58		
CUMBERLAND	601	531	1,132	0	39	39		
ESSEX	3,247	1,724	4,971	283	985	1,268		
GLOUCESTER	278	312	590	6	52	58		
HUDSON	1,622	1,503	3,125	197	151	348		
HUNTERDON	56	71	127	10	23	33		
MERCER	1,399	. 961	2,360	163	191	354		
MIDDLESEX	306	510	816	56	94	150		
MONMOUTH	377	607	984	118	262	380		
MORRIS	95	. 144	239	6	17	23		
OCEAN	238	396	634	13	57	70		
PASSAIC	1,591	1,186	2,777	218	105	323		
SALEM	149	191	340	0	57	57		
SOMERSET	90	137	227	24	64	88		
SUSSEX	58	67	125	11	21	32		
UNION	911	854	1,765	88	48	136		
WARREN	120	82	202	39	8	47		
TOTAL NJ	13,952	12,332	26,284	1,545	2,575	4,120		

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit

TABLE 12

CHILD SUPPORT

NUMBER OF CASES REMAINING OPEN

AND PATERNITY		QUARTER ENDING JUNE 2002						
	<u>C</u>	ASES WITH ORDE	<u>RS</u>	OTHER C	CASES (1)	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
	TANF AND	TANF AND	NON-	TANF AND	NON-	TANF AND	NON-	ALL
	FOSTER	FOSTER CARE	TANF	FOSTER	TANF	FOSTER	TANF	CASES
	CARE	ARREARS (2)		CARE		CARE		
Atlantic	1,056	3,382	8,323	1,318	1,497	5,756	9,820	15,576
Bergen	490	1,654	9,313	572	1,116	2,716	10,429	13,145
Burlington	817	3,199	10,660	782	1,485	4,798	12,145	16,943
Camden	4,110	13,176	20,401	3,295	4,445	20,581	24,846	45,427
Cape May	246	1,027	2,914	166	170	1,439	3,084	4,523
Cumberland	1,562	5,722	8,912	348	364	7,632	9,276	16,908
Essex	6,483	15,965	30,536	13,051	5,885	35,499	36,421	71,920
Gloucester	603	2,480	6,704	356	875	3,439	7,579	11,018
Hudson	3,170	8,298	19,335	4,165	4,445	15,633	23,780	39,413
Hunterdon	56	219	1,355	39	65	314	1,420	1,734
Mercer	2,354	5,985	11,080	2,055	1,594	10,394	12,674	23,068
Middlesex	1,173	4,636	13,807	1,469	2,209	7,278	16,016	23,294
Monmouth	1,715	4,895	11,268	1,115	1,777	7,725	13,045	20,770
Morris	237	635	4,579	150	339	1,022	4,918	5,940
Ocean	965	3,654	10,491	901	1,194	5,520	11,685	17,205
Passaic	2,679	5,919	14,945	3,029	3,062	11,627	18,007	29,634
Salem	493	1,683	2,909	179	160	2,355	3,069	5,424
Somerset	336	845	4,249	241	395	1,422	4,644	6,066
Sussex	176	366	1,860	70	161	612	2,021	2,633
Union	1,690	6,427	15,927	2,883	4,731	11,000	20,658	31,658
Warren	249	904	2,295	107	121	1,260	2,416	3,676
NJ TOTAL	30,660	91,071	211,863	36,291	36,090	158,022	247,953	405,975

Data Sources: Automated Child Support Enforcement System #CS199-3

(1) - Needing location, paternity, or other services to establish an obligation

(2) - Cases with arrears only