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TO James W. Smith, Jr.
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FROM David C. Heins, Director
Division of Family Development

SUBJECT CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS



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Attached please find CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS for April 2001. Included are TANF-oriented data, and the WFNJ Statistical Summary. Some items of interest include:

- The TANF caseload continues to decline. Since April of 2000 there has been a decrease of 13.4%.
- Food Stamp households decreased by over 6,400 since April 2000.
- For GA, recipient figures reported are for December 2000, which are 8.5% below December 1999.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to call me at 6-2401, David Karwoski at 6-2273, or Janet Taylor at 6-2277.

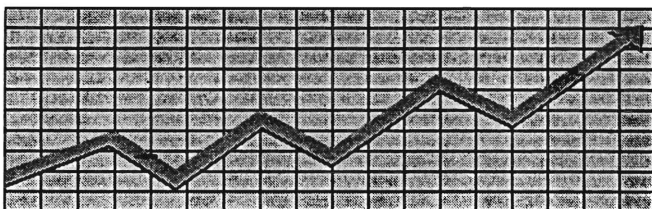
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**April 2001
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April 2001

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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 April 2001, 44,015 eligible families in New Jersey were receiving TANF cash assistance:

- 43,202 single head of household families
- 813 two-parent families.

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

Essex — 14,427, Hudson — 6,786, Camden — 4,486, Passaic — 3,229 Union — 2,631

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

- 42 families in Hunterdon County to 2,041 in Mercer County,
- with eleven counties below 1000 families

There were 16,158 fewer eligible TANF families receiving cash assistance in April 2001 than in April 1999, a decline of 26.9 percent.

- **Single head families:** 15,431 below two years ago in April 1999, a drop of 26.3%.
- **Two parent families:** declined by 727 or 47.2 percent from April 1999.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

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

At the end of April 2001, 133,407 households participated in the Food Stamp Program.

- **TANF:** 33,764 households with 107,963 persons.
- **Other low income:** 99,643 households with 180,553 persons.
- **Total persons:** 288,516, including 142,389 adults and 146,127 children
- **By County:** 56.2 percent of the households were in:

Essex	30,202
Hudson	19,379
Passaic	13,679
Camden	11,698

Two years ago in April 1999, 155,258 households participated in Food Stamps in New Jersey. Over the next two years the number declined by 21,851, or 14.1 percent, to 133,407 by April 2001.

- **TANF(FS)** households steadily declined by **20,378** from **54,142** in April 1999 to **33,764** two years later. There were **101,116 Other Low Income** households in April 1999 and **1,473 less** two years later.
- **Total FS Recipients:** were **347,743** in April 1999, and declined to **288,516** by April 2001, a drop of **59,227**, or **17.0 percent**.
- **Adult FS Recipients:** declined from **166,963** in April 1999 to **142,389** in April 2001, a drop of **24,574 (14.7 percent)**.
- **Recipient FS Children:** declined by **34,653 (19.2 percent)**, from **180,780** in April 1999 to **146,127** in April 2001.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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

In April 2001 Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for **1,843** eligible TANF families and **403** SSI recipients in New Jersey. For TANF families this included payments for:

- **Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)** for **228** families
- **Motel** placements for **325** families and **emergency shelter** placements for **270** families
- **All other TANF-EA** for **1,020** families (including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing and food allowance, or transitional housing)
- **518** families in **Essex County**, **160** in **Monmouth County**, **159** in **Middlesex County**, **152** in **Passaic**.

In the past two years, the average number of EA payments for TANF families was **1,861** in 1999 and **1,822** for 2000. Payments were made to **10.2% less families** in April 2001 as compared to March 2001.

- TRA payments were **12.4 %** of the number in April 2001.
- Motel payments were up from two years ago.; **263** to **325**.

TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

(Table 8, Graph 8)

The TANF participation rate for April 2001 was 39.34% for the State as a whole. This is an increase of 0.36 percentage points from March 2001.

Participation rates by county:

- Eleven counties had a participation rate greater than 40 percent, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Essex, Monmouth, Morris, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

(Table 9, Graph 9)

There were 21,852 GA recipients in December 2000, up from 21,837 in November.

- There were 11,284 Employable GA and 10,568 Unemployable GA recipients in December 2000.

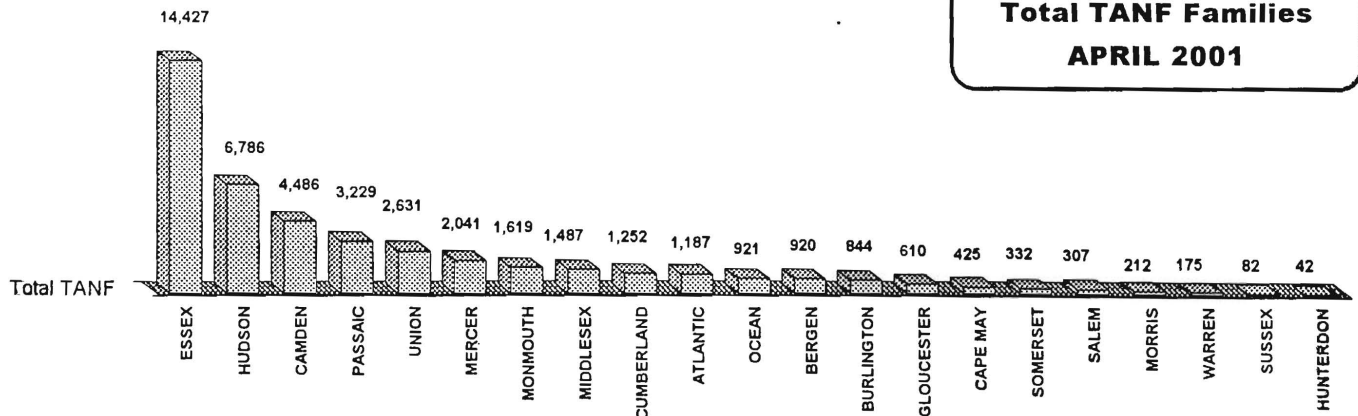
CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY

(Table 10)

For FFY 2001, the total collections of the Child Support and Paternity Program was about \$388,938,137, an increase of over 6 percent over the same period for FFY 2000.

Table 1
TANF
PROGRAM
NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS DURING REPORT MONTH, AND
NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING TANF AT END OF REPORT MONTH
APRIL 2001

County	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF
ATLANTIC	172	146	1,184	3	1,187
BERGEN	105	66	871	49	920
BURLINGTON	153	140	826	18	844
CAMDEN	546	663	4,347	139	4,486
CAPE MAY	67	65	399	26	425
CUMBERLAND	156	186	1,187	65	1,252
ESSEX	860	1,102	14,326	101	14,427
GLOUCESTER	97	111	599	11	610
HUDSON	330	452	6,663	123	6,786
HUNTERDON	7	10	41	1	42
MERCER	245	240	2,010	31	2,041
MIDDLESEX	164	204	1,450	37	1,487
MONMOUTH	176	161	1,612	7	1,619
MORRIS	17	23	206	6	212
OCEAN	123	136	879	42	921
PASSAIC	377	379	3,130	99	3,229
SALEM	74	72	303	4	307
SOMERSET	41	47	323	9	332
SUSSEX	14	20	81	1	82
UNION	207	166	2,601	30	2,631
WARREN	30	33	164	11	175
NJ TOTAL	3,961	4,422	43,202	813	44,015



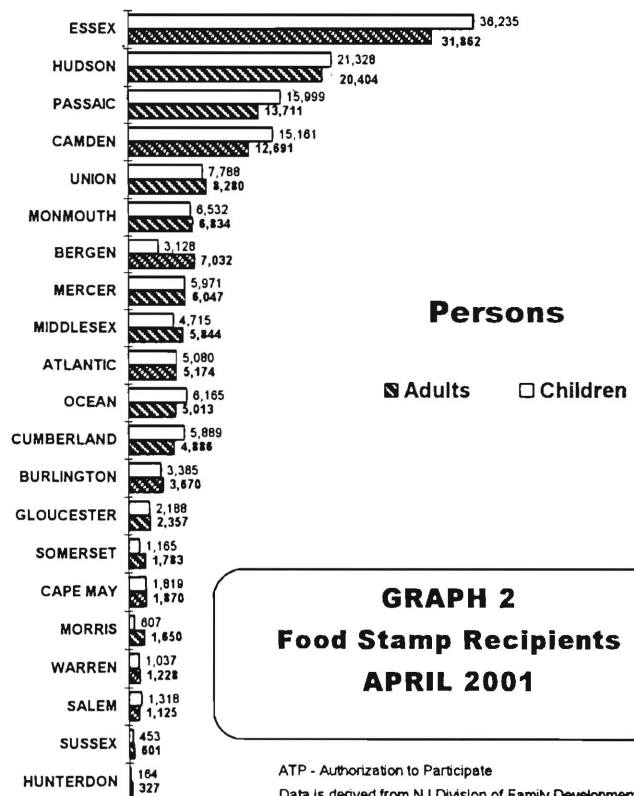
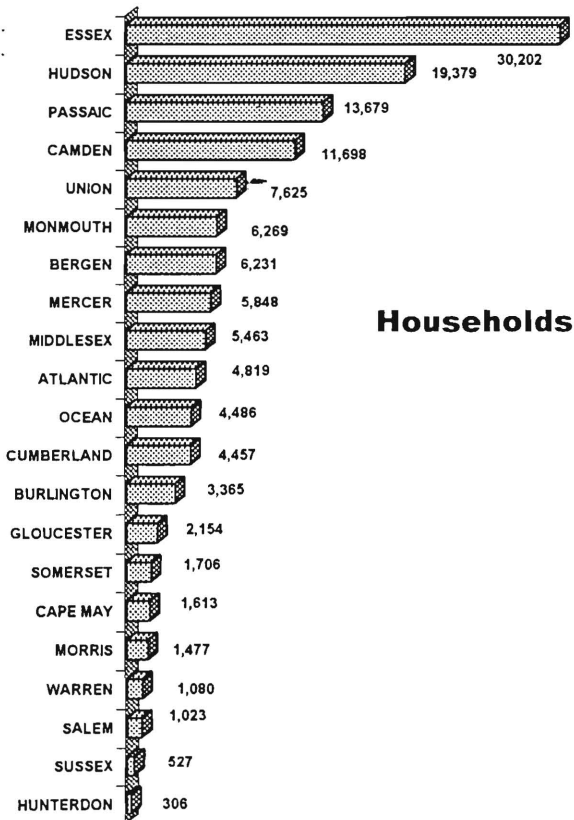
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Table 2 NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

APRIL 2001

County	HOUSEHOLDS			TOTAL	PERSONS			
	TANF	Other low income	TOTAL		TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
ATLANTIC	750	4,069	4,819	10,254	2,316	7,938	5,174	5,080
BERGEN	636	5,595	6,231	10,160	1,892	8,268	7,032	3,128
BURLINGTON	508	2,857	3,365	7,055	1,669	5,386	3,670	3,385
CAMDEN	3,425	8,273	11,698	27,852	11,361	16,491	12,691	15,161
CAPE MAY	299	1,314	1,613	3,689	984	2,705	1,870	1,819
CUMBERLAND	977	3,480	4,457	10,775	3,178	7,597	4,886	5,889
ESSEX	11,599	18,603	30,202	68,097	37,390	30,707	31,862	36,235
GLOUCESTER	430	1,724	2,154	4,545	1,303	3,242	2,357	2,188
HUDSON	5,619	13,760	19,379	41,732	17,423	24,309	20,404	21,328
HUNTERDON	21	285	306	491	69	422	327	164
MERCER	1,505	4,343	5,848	12,018	4,703	7,315	6,047	5,971
MIDDLESEX	1,066	4,397	5,463	10,559	3,187	7,372	5,844	4,715
MONMOUTH	1,221	5,048	6,269	13,366	3,990	9,376	6,834	6,532
MORRIS	111	1,366	1,477	2,257	305	1,952	1,650	607
OCEAN	613	3,873	4,486	11,178	1,906	9,272	5,013	6,165
PASSAIC	2,568	11,111	13,679	29,710	8,373	21,337	13,711	15,999
SALEM	227	796	1,023	2,443	715	1,728	1,125	1,318
SOMERSET	218	1,488	1,706	2,948	680	2,268	1,783	1,165
SUSSEX	46	481	527	1,054	147	907	601	453
UNION	1,794	5,831	7,625	16,068	5,949	10,119	8,280	7,788
WARREN	131	949	1,080	2,265	423	1,842	1,228	1,037
NJ TOTAL	33,764	99,643	133,407	288,516	107,963	180,553	142,389	146,127



GRAPH 2
Food Stamp Recipients
APRIL 2001

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 Recipients Receiving EA*
	TOTAL TANF-EA	Temporary Rental Assist.	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA	
ATLANTIC	40	1	8	10	21	8
BERGEN	133	11	28	19	75	61
BURLINGTON	21	1	2	14	4	7
CAMDEN	88	18	4	13	53	23
CAPE MAY	15	4	3	1	7	7
CUMBERLAND	14	0	0	4	10	4
ESSEX	518	88	36	98	296	41
GLOUCESTER	14	2	10	0	2	0
HUDSON	95	8	26	16	45	6
HUNTERDON	1	0	0	0	1	4
MERCER	150	53	16	1	80	31
MIDDLESEX	159	10	33	18	98	27
MONMOUTH	160	13	64	0	83	18
MORRIS	8	1	0	5	2	9
OCEAN	98	8	61	1	28	48
PASSAIC	152	1	0	22	129	56
SALEM	35	0	19	0	16	3
SOMERSET	47	1	6	22	18	24
SUSSEX	12	3	2	1	6	11
UNION	78	5	5	24	44	13
WARREN	5	0	2	1	2	2
NJ TOTAL	1,843	228	325	270	1,020	403

*SSI-EA now includes pay code 24

GRAPH 3
TANF Families Receiving
Emergency Assistance
APRIL 2001

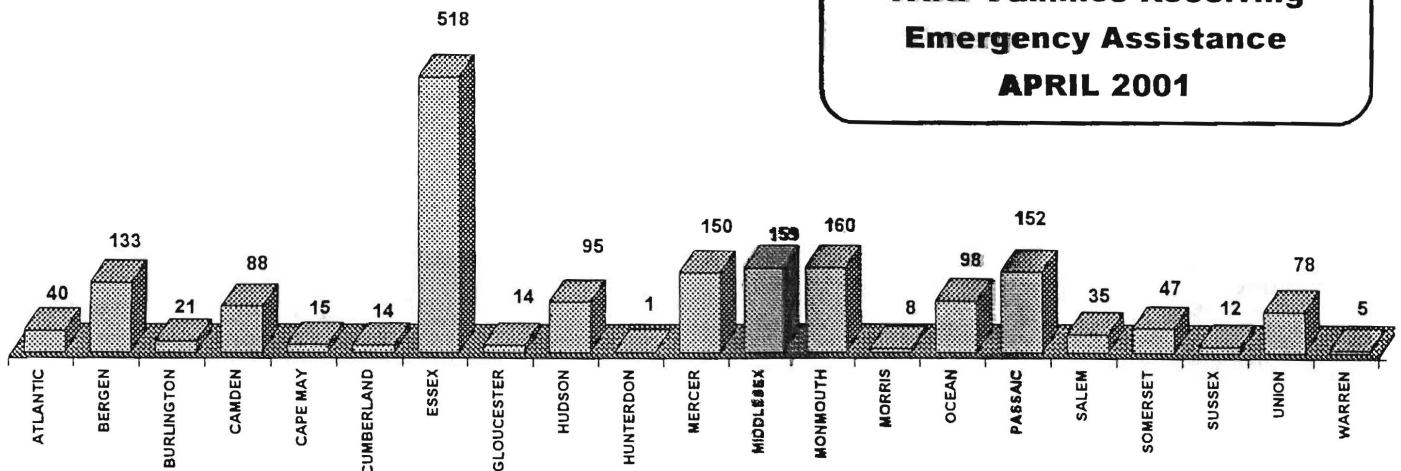


Table 4
WFNJ**WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY STATISTICAL SUMMARY****APRIL 2001**

COUNTY	CASES REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE	EMPLOYMENT DIRECTED ACTIVITIES			EMPLOYED OPEN (TANF RECIPIENT)	SUPPORT SERVICES ON ACTIVE CASE		EMPLOYED CLOSED	POST TANF CHILD CARE
		CWEP	ALL OTHER TRAINING	JOB SEARCH		CHILD CARE	TRAINING REL. EXPENSES		
ATLANTIC	451	4	152	214	35	86	168	40	277
BERGEN	460	26	171	201	126	118	105	20	185
BURLINGTON	330	46	68	111	106	68	144	29	236
CAMDEN	2,459	667	516	1,038	561	505	612	112	886
CAPE MAY	161	12	39	117	93	29	43	18	68
CUMBERLAND	613	13	344	207	110	104	138	40	275
ESSEX	9,010	447	4,068	1,058	2,244	2,023	2,133	190	800
GLOUCESTER	250	26	39	97	44	49	2	16	161
HUDSON	4,021	54	2,002	533	1,011	900	785	135	778
HUNTERDON	12	0	0	10	4	0	0	1	14
MERCER	1,052	64	522	141	285	213	140	42	414
MIDDLESEX	622	2	125	85	218	111	132	41	303
MONMOUTH	853	12	436	58	308	285	316	46	431
MORRIS	87	38	15	9	22	27	23	6	69
OCEAN	349	8	105	89	93	86	56	26	234
PASSAIC	1,856	29	1,513	78	319	331	504	63	352
SALEM	154	49	17	16	37	33	53	6	76
SOMERSET	160	12	67	52	63	47	33	9	84
SUSSEX	30	12	3	10	13	13	3	10	43
UNION	1,270	38	684	207	263	265	369	39	428
WARREN	100	1	92	2	25	11	0	8	44
STATE	24,300	1,560	10,978	4,333	5,980	5,304	5,759	897	6,158

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

Table 5 NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS DURING REPORT MONTH, AND
TANF NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING TANF AT END OF REPORT MONTH
PROGRAM APRIL 1999 THROUGH APRIL 2001

	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF		
1999	APR	4,402	11,543*	58,633	1,540	60,173	
	MAY	4,896	5,877	58,061	1,520	59,581	
	JUN	4,084	5,735	56,684	1,448	58,132	
	JUL	3,950	5,409	55,330	1,366	56,696	
	AUG	4,835	5,064	55,273	1,320	56,593	
	SEP	4,143	4,866	54,563	1,303	55,866	
	OCT	4,380	5,425	53,578	1,280	54,858	
	NOV	4,222	5,369	52,173	1,216	53,389	
	DEC	3,815	4,857	51,283	1,162	52,445	
	1999 AVERAGE	4,303	5,325	55,064	1,351	56,415	
	2000	JAN	3,847	4,543	50,810	1,121	51,931
		FEB	4,023	4,478	50,351	1,127	51,478
MAR		3,485	4,106	49,809	1,159	50,968	
APR		4,523	4,781	49,695	1,110	50,805	
MAY		3,366	4,363	48,650	1,039	49,689	
JUN		3,444	4,352	47,769	977	48,746	
JUL		4,150	5,546	46,094	930	47,024	
AUG		3,675	4,434	45,342	908	46,250	
SEP		4,848	5,247	45,219	896	46,115	
OCT		3,755	4,246	44,776	875	45,651	
NOV		4,126	4,722	44,215	828	45,043	
DEC		3,605	3,784	44,260	829	45,089	
2000 AVERAGE	3,904	4,550	47,249	983	48,232		
2001	JAN	3,505	3,554	43,959	809	44,768	
	FEB	3,767	4,135	43,718	826	44,544	
	MAR	3,581	3,597	43,517	836	44,353	
	APR	3,961	4,422	43,202	813	44,015	
2001 AVERAGE	3,704	3,927	43,599	821	44,420		

* During March FAMIS mass change approximately 6,600 cases previously identified as Medicaid only are now shown as terminated due to delinking of Medicaid and TANF.

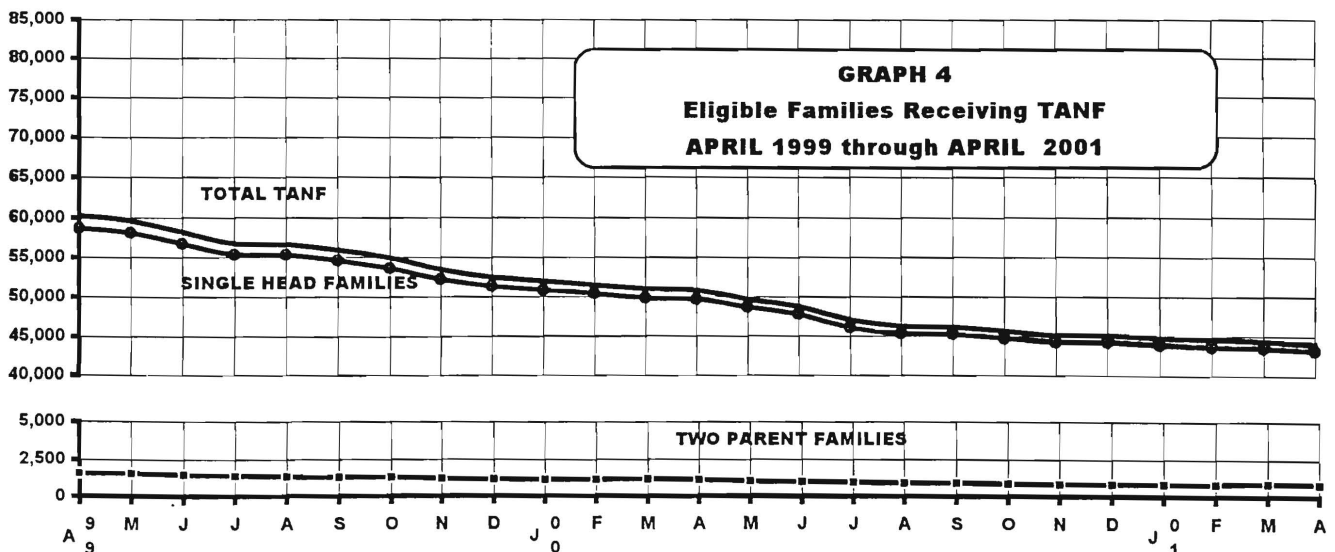
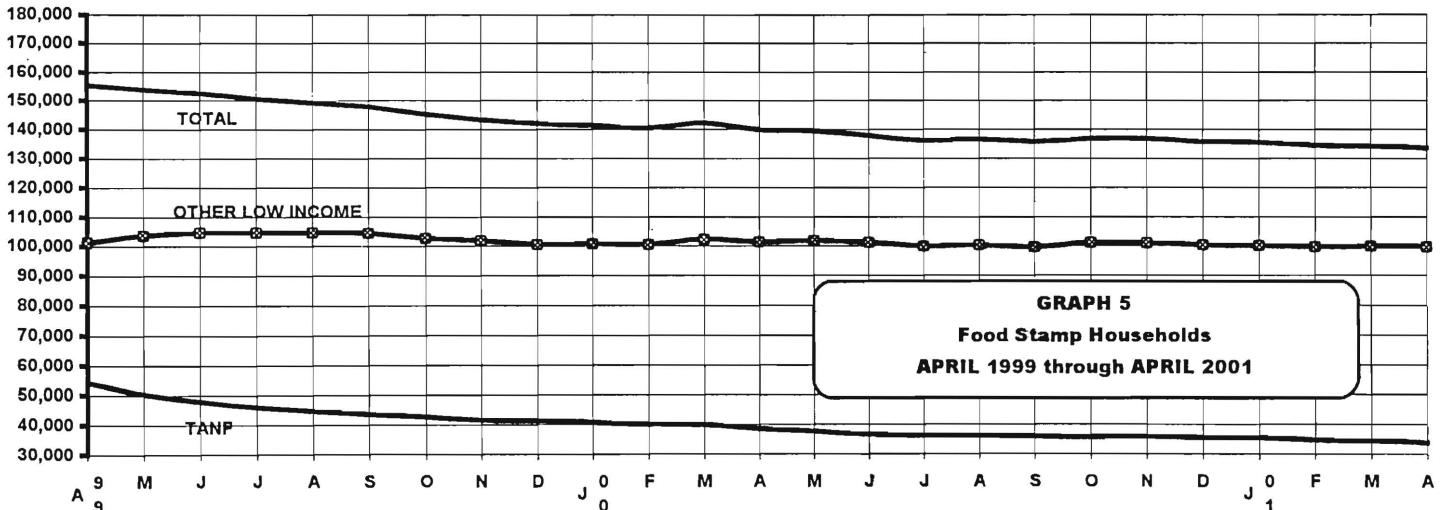


Table 6
FOOD STAMP
PROGRAM

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

APRIL 1999 THROUGH APRIL 2001

	HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS				
	TANF	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
1999 APR	54,142	101,116	155,258	347,743	175,132	172,611	166,963	180,780
MAY	50,338	103,502	153,840	344,474	162,815	181,659	165,467	179,007
JUN	47,870	104,699	152,569	342,088	154,833	187,255	164,107	177,981
JUL	45,990	104,582	150,572	337,845	149,205	188,640	162,033	175,812
AUG	44,697	104,597	149,294	334,324	144,418	189,906	160,464	173,860
SEP	43,448	104,543	147,991	330,897	140,290	190,607	158,996	171,901
OCT	42,582	102,757	145,339	326,063	137,669	188,394	156,214	169,849
NOV	41,677	101,728	143,405	322,601	135,098	187,503	154,392	168,209
DEC	41,444	100,609	142,053	320,341	134,288	186,053	152,961	167,380
1999 AVERAGE	45,799	103,126	148,925	334,042	148,194	185,848	160,177	173,864
2000 JAN	40,648	100,705	141,353	317,214	131,804	185,410	152,219	164,995
FEB	40,071	100,435	140,506	314,200	129,699	184,501	151,301	162,899
MAR	39,771	102,365	142,136	317,053	128,571	188,482	153,071	163,982
APR	38,494	101,394	139,888	311,045	124,332	186,713	150,572	160,473
MAY	37,738	101,747	139,485	309,401	122,022	187,379	149,926	159,475
JUN	36,645	101,151	137,796	305,706	118,628	187,078	148,071	157,635
JUL	36,065	99,962	136,027	301,537	116,745	184,792	146,058	155,479
AUG	36,216	100,401	136,617	302,235	117,167	185,068	146,578	155,657
SEP	35,831	99,745	135,576	299,145	115,846	183,299	145,239	153,906
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	37,361	100,854	138,215	306,275	120,723	185,552	148,420	157,856
2001 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
2001 AVERAGE	34,516	99,794	134,311	291,536	110,489	181,048	143,527	148,009



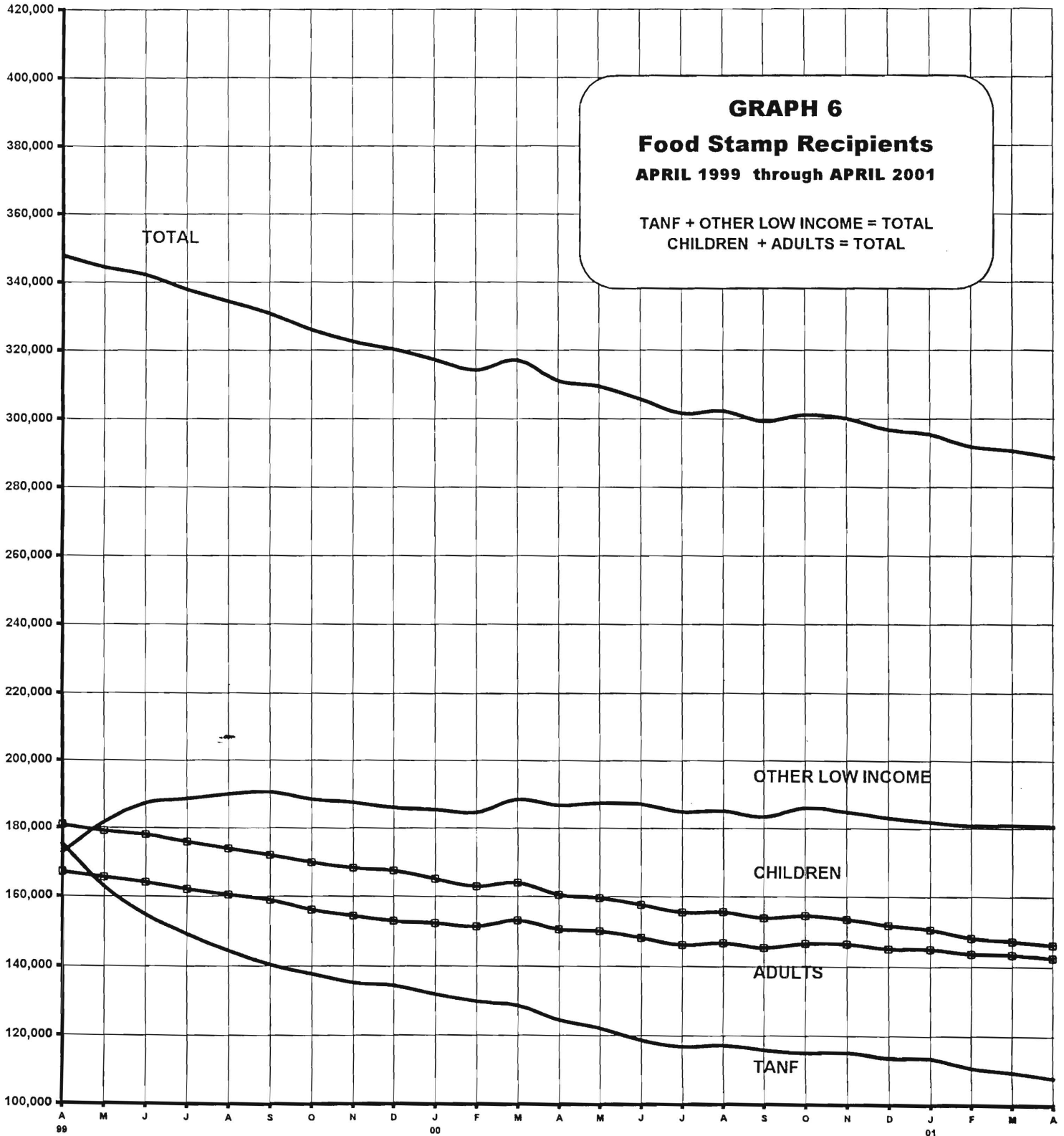
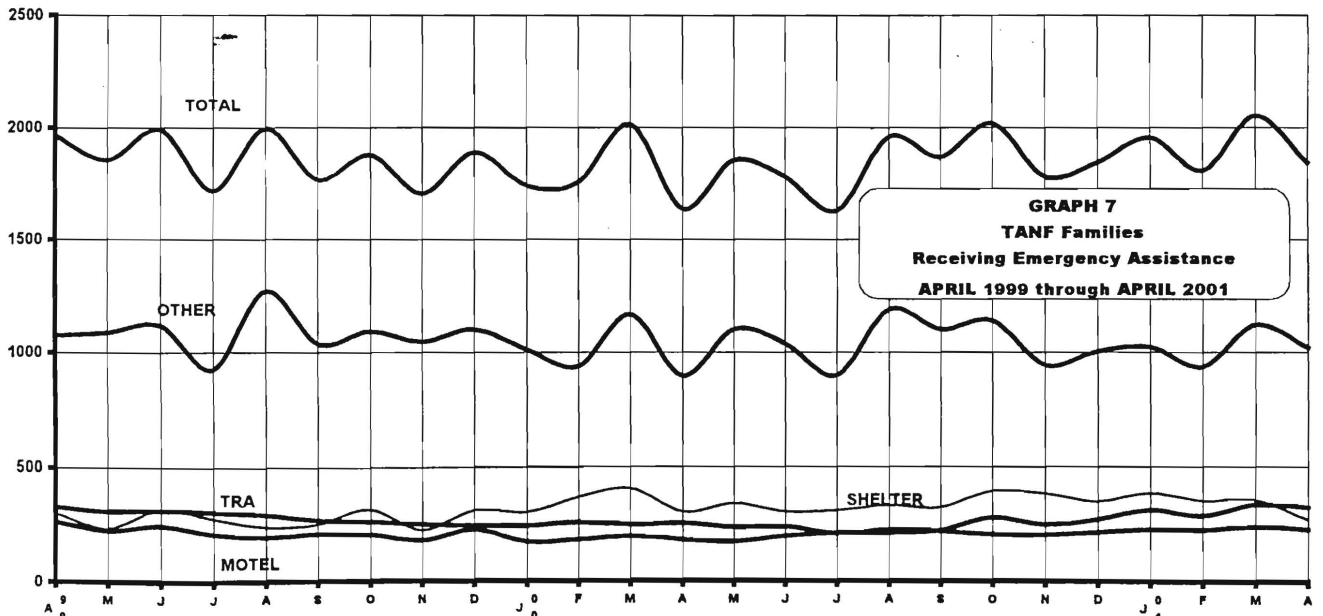


Table 7
TANF
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS
(UNDUPLICATED CASES)

APRIL 1999 THROUGH APRIL 2001

	Total Families Receiving EA	Temporary Rental Assistance	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA
1999 APR	1,963	327	263	299	1,074
MAY	1,853	309	224	235	1,085
JUN	1,989	314	245	315	1,115
JUL	1,716	306	210	276	924
AUG	1,995	294	195	239	1,267
SEP	1,765	267	210	252	1,036
OCT	1,876	263	207	315	1,091
NOV	1,702	251	180	226	1,045
DEC	1,888	245	230	314	1,099
1999 AVERAGE	1,861	286	218	275	1,082
2000 JAN	1,739	247	175	306	1,011
FEB	1,753	261	185	370	937
MAR	2,015	248	197	406	1,164
APR	1,636	255	181	304	896
MAY	1,853	237	173	343	1,100
JUN	1,781	241	199	305	1,036
JUL	1,626	208	211	310	897
AUG	1,957	225	213	332	1,187
SEP	1,867	220	223	324	1,100
OCT	2,019	205	280	395	1,139
NOV	1,779	204	249	383	943
DEC	1,841	216	272	349	1,004
2000 AVERAGE	1,822	231	213	344	1,035
2001 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
2001 AVERAGE	1,913	231	316	342	1,024



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

Table 8

TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

February - April 2001

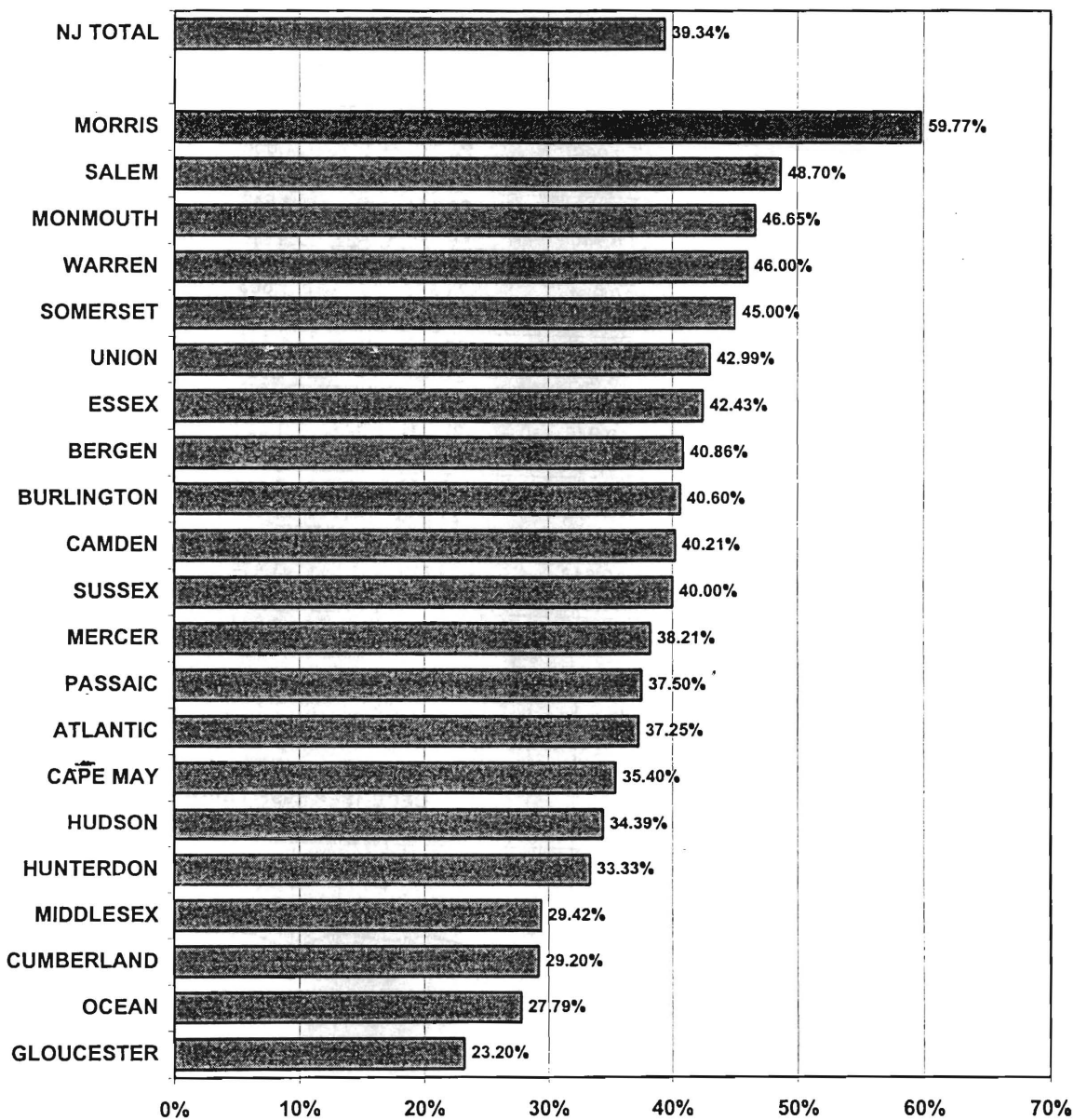
County	February	March	April
ATLANTIC	24.34%	31.08%	37.25%
BERGEN	39.31%	36.53%	40.86%
BURLINGTON	37.50%	39.19%	40.60%
CAMDEN	34.01%	36.78%	40.21%
CAPE MAY	33.14%	37.93%	35.40%
CUMBERLAND	26.47%	28.27%	29.20%
ESSEX	46.08%	44.59%	42.43%
GLOUCESTER	29.36%	21.61%	23.20%
HUDSON	32.36%	32.83%	34.39%
HUNTERDON	38.88%	23.07%	33.33%
MERCER	39.39%	37.67%	38.21%
MIDDLESEX	28.10%	28.17%	29.42%
MONMOUTH	44.12%	44.74%	46.65%
MORRIS	59.55%	63.33%	59.77%
OCEAN	24.52%	24.46%	27.79%
PASSAIC	37.93%	37.84%	37.50%
SALEM	40.41%	48.38%	48.70%
SOMERSET	50.59%	45.50%	45.00%
SUSSEX	41.93%	36.00%	40.00%
UNION	40.26%	39.84%	42.99%
WARREN	51.72%	47.31%	46.00%
NJ TOTAL	39.22%	38.98%	39.34%

The Work First New Jersey participation rate
(mandated by PRWORA, 1996 federal welfare reform legislation establishing TANF)
has been revised based on new Federal clarification of the formula

Graph 8

TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

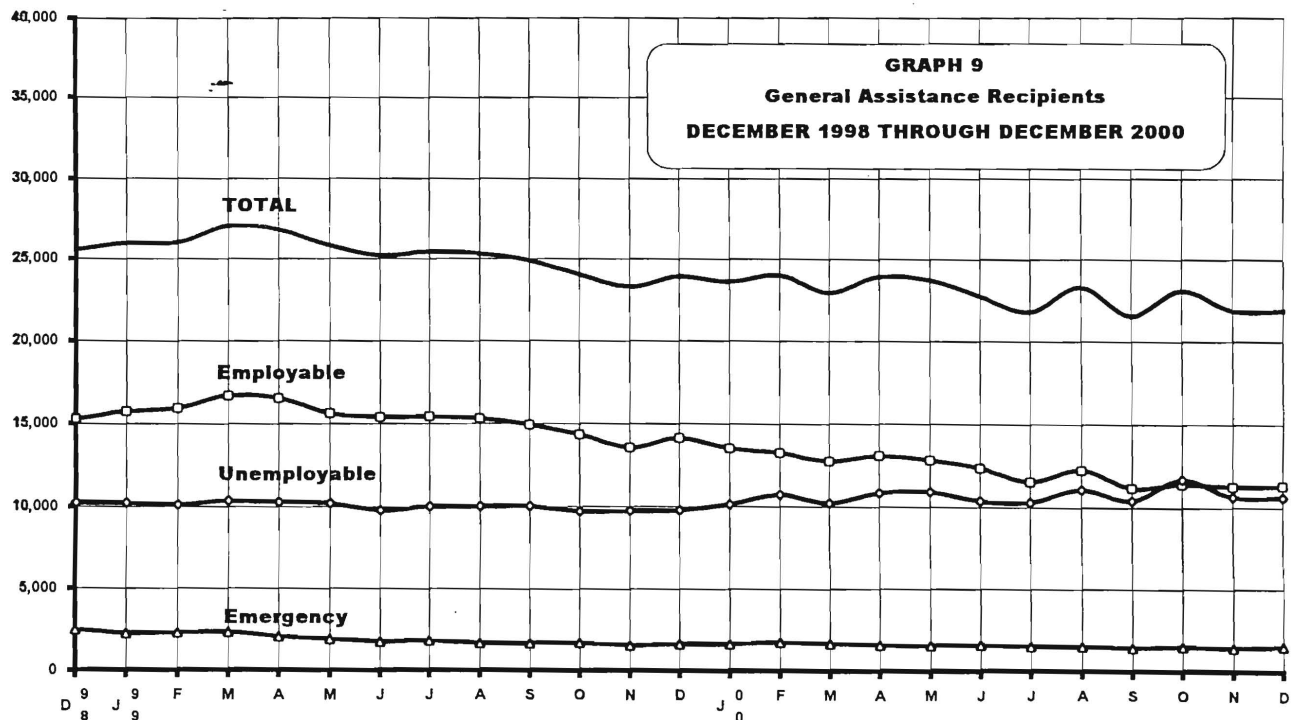
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TABLE 9 NUMBER OF EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS
GENERAL AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS DURING REPORT MONTH
ASSISTANCE **DECEMBER 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER 2000**
PROGRAM

	All Persons Aided			Emergency Assistance Payments		
	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assistance	Other GA-EA	Total
1998 DEC	15,297	10,231	25,528	2,463	1,930	4,393
1999 JAN	15,764	10,222	25,986	2,237	1,846	4,083
FEB	15,935	10,081	26,016	2,274	1,782	4,056
MAR	16,705	10,344	27,049	2,326	1,817	4,143
APR	16,542	10,246	26,788	2,051	1,845	3,896
MAY	15,623	10,182	25,805	1,891	2,178	4,069
JUN	15,419	9,757	25,176	1,723	1,591	3,314
JUL	15,451	9,972	25,423	1,814	1,665	3,479
AUG	15,317	9,992	25,309	1,648	1,629	3,277
SEP	14,912	9,966	24,878	1,668	1,579	3,247
OCT	14,361	9,650	24,011	1,676	1,612	3,288
NOV	13,566	9,708	23,274	1,543	1,227	2,770
DEC	14,165	9,730	23,895	1,607	1,307	2,914
1999 AVERAGE	15,313	9,988	25,301	1,872	1,673	3,545
2000 JAN	13,502	10,084	23,586	1,603	1,334	2,937
FEB	13,258	10,695	23,953	1,720	1,785	3,505
MAR	12,737	10,170	22,907	1,635	1,784	3,419
APR	13,074	10,824	23,898	1,553	2,005	3,558
MAY	12,807	10,897	23,704	1,526	1,883	3,409
JUN	12,356	10,345	22,701	1,558	1,987	3,545
JUL	11,530	10,252	21,782	1,506	1,765	3,271
AUG	12,218	11,041	23,259	1,501	1,995	3,496
SEP	11,170	10,366	21,536	1,404	1,617	3,021
OCT	11,383	11,687	23,070	1,509	1,425	2,934
NOV	11,219	10,618	21,837	1,414	1,589	3,003
DEC	11,284	10,568	21,852	1,515	1,701	3,216
2000 AVERAGE	12,212	10,629	22,840	1,537	1,739	3,276



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 2000 and FFY 2001**

COLLECTION SOURCE	10/99-3/00	10/00-3/01	% change
Federal Tax	\$9,312,545	\$11,741,740	26.09%
State Tax	1,130,782	1,259,332	11.37%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	10,827,285	11,666,670	7.75%
Income Withholding	242,142,045	256,499,285	5.93%
From Other States	19,176,474	20,123,969	4.94%
Other/Own Behalf	82,740,106	87,647,141	5.93%
Admin Enforce			
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$365,329,237	\$388,938,137	6.46%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION*	\$347,486,564	\$369,493,325	6.33%

* 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

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).

MEDICAID ONLY FAMILIES no longer receive TANF financial assistance but remain eligible for Medicaid under applicable provisions which extend coverage beyond the period of assistance. These are shown separately 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
PROGRAM****EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS
AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS****DECEMBER 2000**

County	Employable	Total Persons Aided		Emergency Assistance Payments		
		Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assist.	Other GA-EA	Total
ATLANTIC	516	527	1,043	64	41	105
BERGEN	264	320	584	99	40	139
BURLINGTON	189	319	508	27	45	72
CAMDEN	1,085	1,274	2,359	135	135	270
CAPE MAY	135	135	270	33	20	53
CUMBERLAND	538	345	883	1	12	13
ESSEX	3,035	1,813	4,848	326	719	1,045
GLOUCESTER	179	195	374	7	30	37
HUDSON	1,172	1,225	2,397	83	43	126
HUNTERDON	46	44	90	6	27	33
MERCER	1,069	916	1,985	88	145	233
MIDDLESEX	212	454	666	49	70	119
MONMOUTH	293	546	839	89	121	210
MORRIS	56	128	184	5	14	19
OCEAN	270	331	601	28	72	100
PASSAIC	1,075	1,037	2,112	218	66	284
SALEM	43	83	126	5	2	7
SOMERSET	49	73	122	3	20	23
SUSSEX	24	42	66	5	19	24
UNION	980	711	1,691	217	58	275
WARREN	54	50	104	27	2	29
TOTAL NJ	11,284	10,568	21,852	1,515	1,701	3,216

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit

TABLE 12

**CHILD SUPPORT
AND PATERNITY**

**NUMBER OF CASES REMAINING OPEN
QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 2000**

	CASES WITH ORDERS			OTHER CASES (1)		TOTAL TANF AND FOSTER CARE	TOTAL NON- TANF	TOTAL ALL CASES
	TANF AND FOSTER CARE	TANF AND FOSTER CARE ARREARS (2)	NON- TANF	TANF AND FOSTER CARE	NON- TANF			
Atlantic	914	3,974	8,288	1,427	2,549	6,315	10,837	17,152
Bergen	596	1,911	9,446	754	1,237	3,261	10,683	13,944
Burlington	908	3,606	10,601	971	2,122	5,485	12,723	18,208
Camden	4,296	13,222	19,525	3,857	4,413	21,375	23,938	45,313
Cape May	297	1,150	3,071	224	250	1,671	3,321	4,992
Cumberland	1,500	5,855	8,548	361	425	7,716	8,973	16,689
Essex	8,328	17,128	30,488	13,567	7,980	39,023	38,468	77,491
Gloucester	669	2,699	6,728	448	975	3,816	7,703	11,519
Hudson	3,890	8,744	19,195	4,687	4,006	17,321	23,201	40,522
Hunterdon	61	235	1,465	52	64	348	1,529	1,877
Mercer	2,370	6,348	10,827	1,859	1,992	10,577	12,819	23,396
Middlesex	1,174	5,458	14,314	1,581	2,617	8,213	16,931	25,144
Monmouth	1,728	5,071	10,848	1,435	1,931	8,234	12,779	21,013
Morris	245	656	4,069	257	371	1,158	4,440	5,598
Ocean	981	3,762	10,181	886	1,254	5,629	11,435	17,064
Passaic	2,952	6,335	14,661	3,381	3,605	12,668	18,266	30,934
Salem	477	1,795	3,111	183	206	2,455	3,317	5,772
Somerset	280	809	3,413	283	399	1,372	3,812	5,184
Sussex	166	431	1,804	76	123	673	1,927	2,600
Union	1,681	6,395	14,470	2,820	5,139	10,896	19,609	30,505
Warren	281	975	2,204	107	98	1,363	2,302	3,665
NJ TOTAL	33,794	96,559	207,257	39,216	41,756	169,569	249,013	418,582

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

