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TO Michele K. Guhl
Acting Commissioner

FROM Karen Highsmith
Director



SUBJECT CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

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

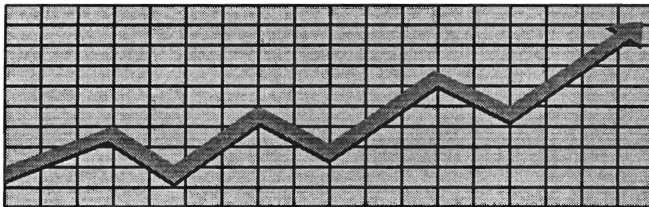
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**April 1998
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April 1998

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Highlights of **CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS**

TANF

(Tables 1 and 5, Graphs 1 and 4)

As of the end of April 1998, 76,465 eligible families in New Jersey were receiving TANF cash assistance:

- about 73,600 single head of household families
- less than 2900 two-parent families.

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

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

(56 percent of all TANF families)

- 21,922 Essex
- 12,298 Hudson
- 8,610 Camden

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

- 66 families in Hunterdon County to 5,570 in Passaic County,
with seven counties below 1000 families

There were about 2200 fewer eligible TANF families receiving cash assistance in April 1998 than in March, with a decline of more than 33,000, or 30.3 percent, over the number of AFDC families receiving cash assistance two years ago in April 1996.

- **Single head families:** 1900 fewer were eligible in April 1998 than in March and nearly 30,000 below two years ago in April 1996.
- **Two parent families:** declined by over 3500, or more than 55 percent from 6400 in April 1996.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

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

At the end of April 1998, less than 178,000 households were authorized to participate in the Food Stamp Program.

- **TANF:** About 78,000 households with less than 250,000 persons.
- **Other low income:** nearly 100,000 households with about 150,000 persons.
- **Total persons:** 400,000, including 190,000 adults and 210,000 children
- **By County:** 49 percent of the households were in:

Essex	46,000
Hudson	24,300
Camden	16,900

Two years ago in April 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 45,000, or 20 percent, to less than 178,000 by April 1998, and was below 180,000 each month in 1998.

- **TANF(FS)** households steadily declined from nearly **109,000** in April 1996 to about **78,000** 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 April 1998.
- **Total FS Recipients Authorized to Participate:** in the last two years, were nearly **515,000** in April 1996, and declined to **400,000** by April 1998, a drop of almost **115,000**, or **22 percent**.
- **Adult FS Recipients:** exceeded **247,000** in April 1996, and were down by more than **57,000 (22.8 percent)** to **190,000** in April 1998.
- **Recipient FS Children:** declined by almost **57,000 (21.3 percent)**, from about **267,000** in April 1996 to **210,000** in April 1998.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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

In April 1998 Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for 2779 eligible TANF families and 222 SSI recipients in New Jersey. For TANF families this included payments for:

- **Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)** for 730 families
- **Motel** placements for 203 families and **emergency shelter** placements for 265 families
- **All other TANF-EA** for 1581 families (including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing and food allowance, or transitional housing)
- 938 families in **Essex County**, 413 in **Passaic County**, 228 in Middlesex County, 217 in **Bergen 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 4800 in 1996, less than 3600 for 1997, and 2600 for the first four months of 1998. Payments for April 1998 were 2300 below April 1996.

- **TRA** payments declined by more than 1000, from almost 1,760 in April 1996 .
- **Motel payments** were made for an average of 320 families per month in 1996, 240 in 1997, and an average of less than 200 thus far in 1998.
- Families receiving **Emergency Shelter** payments declined by about 100, from 364 in April 1996.
- Families receiving **Other EA** payments averaged 2388 per month in 1996, 1762 in 1997, and under 1500 thus far in 1998. Payments for April 1998 were 1100 below April 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)

(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)

There were about 27,000 GA recipients in January 1998, slightly below November and December 1997, and the lowest levels in the past two years. Most of the decline has been among employable GA recipients. The GA total was 3400 below January 1997 and 6200 below January 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. January 1998 was the third consecutive month under **17,000**.
- **Unemployable GA** recipients remained in the **10,000** to **11,000** range over the past two years.

CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY

(Table 10)

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 NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING TANF AT END OF REPORT MONTH
PROGRAM April 1998

County	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF*	Medicaid Only
ATLANTIC	237	321	2,037	43	2,080	163
BERGEN	126	168	1,724	111	1,835	89
BURLINGTON	196	333	1,606	76	1,682	278
CAMDEN	758	1,170	8,201	409	8,610	1,006
CAPE MAY	123	111	608	60	668	80
CUMBERLAND	275	303	2,199	212	2,411	449
ESSEX	1,113	1,302	21,608	314	21,922	731
GLOUCESTER	217	307	1,313	55	1,368	316
HUDSON	487	930	11,766	532	12,298	1,023
HUNTERDON	13	19	64	2	66	35
MERCER	304	394	3,423	80	3,503	438
MIDDLESEX	384	536	3,084	208	3,292	469
MONMOUTH	190	256	2,732	86	2,818	164
MORRIS	49	48	384	16	400	102
OCEAN	179	279	1,609	126	1,735	475
PASSAIC	413	477	5,246	324	5,570	136
SALEM	94	127	536	18	554	81
SOMERSET	85	102	475	38	513	75
SUSSEX	19	31	116	7	123	53
UNION	338	427	4,591	112	4,703	583
WARREN	46	55	281	33	314	49
NJ TOTAL	5,646	7,696	73,603	2,862	76,465	6,795

21,922 *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.

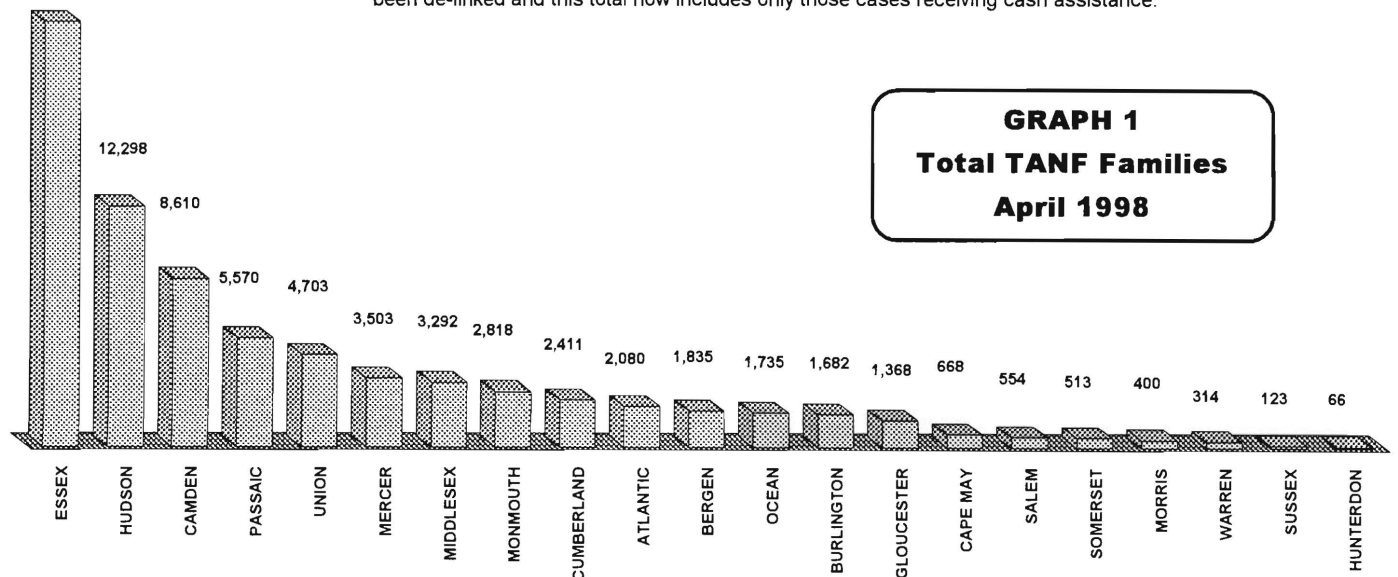
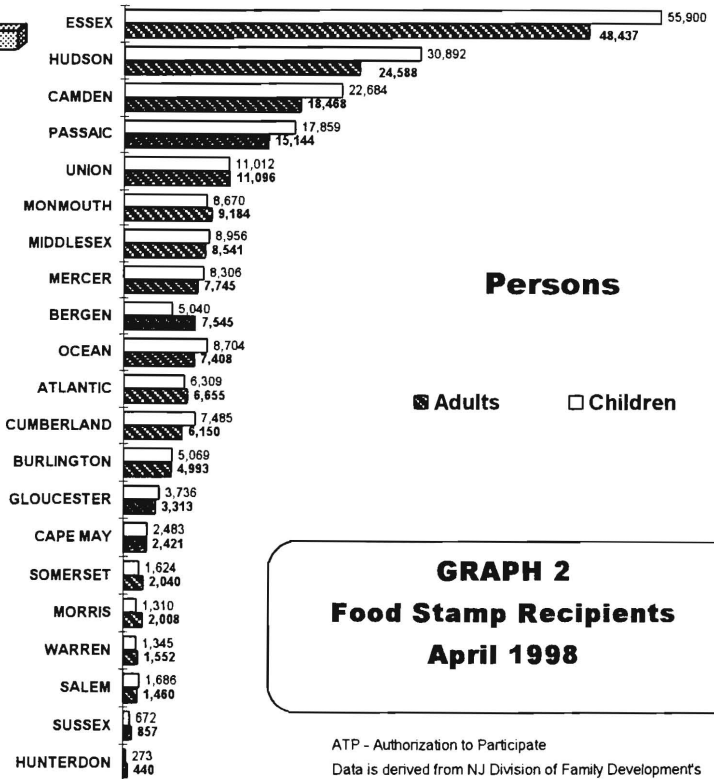
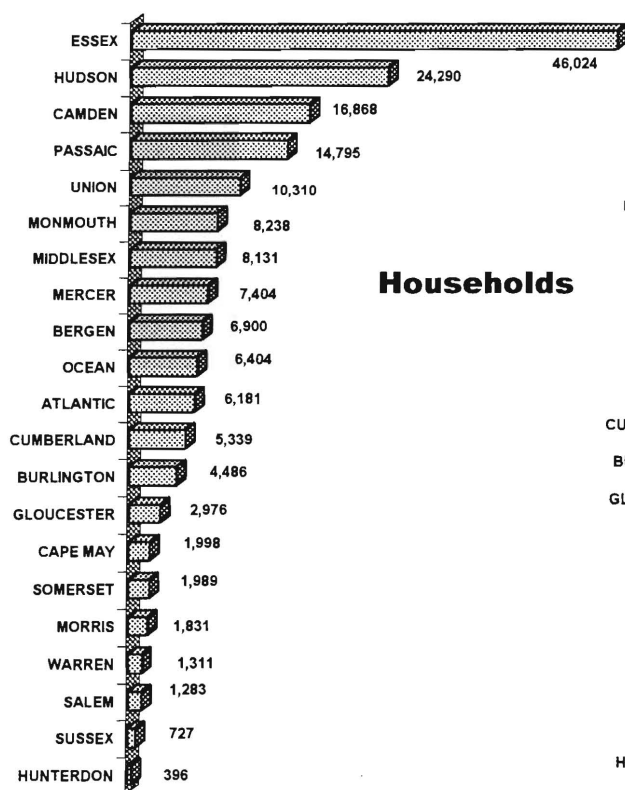


Table 2 NUMBER OF ATP'S ISSUED TO HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

April 1998

County	HOUSEHOLDS			TOTAL	PERSONS			
	TANF	Other low income	TOTAL		TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
ATLANTIC	2,070	4,111	6,181	12,964	6,915	6,049	6,655	6,309
BERGEN	1,708	5,192	6,900	12,585	5,085	7,500	7,545	5,040
BURLINGTON	1,756	2,730	4,486	10,062	5,543	4,519	4,993	5,069
CAMDEN	8,867	8,001	16,868	41,152	29,471	11,681	18,468	22,684
CAPE MAY	802	1,196	1,998	4,904	2,785	2,119	2,421	2,483
CUMBERLAND	2,810	2,529	5,339	13,635	9,478	4,157	6,150	7,485
ESSEX	22,374	23,650	46,024	104,337	70,804	33,533	48,437	55,900
GLOUCESTER	1,502	1,474	2,976	7,049	4,777	2,272	3,313	3,736
HUDSON	12,572	11,718	24,290	55,480	38,129	17,351	24,588	30,892
HUNTERDON	73	323	396	713	226	487	440	273
MERCER	3,288	4,116	7,404	16,051	10,462	5,589	7,745	8,306
MIDDLESEX	3,553	4,578	8,131	17,497	10,875	6,622	8,541	8,956
MONMOUTH	2,799	5,439	8,238	17,854	9,279	8,575	9,184	8,670
MORRIS	411	1,420	1,831	3,318	1,249	2,069	2,008	1,310
OCEAN	2,224	4,180	6,404	16,112	7,736	8,376	7,408	8,704
PASSAIC	5,454	9,341	14,795	33,003	17,983	15,020	15,144	17,859
SALEM	617	666	1,283	3,146	2,055	1,091	1,460	1,686
SOMERSET	529	1,460	1,989	3,664	1,603	2,061	2,040	1,624
SUSSEX	159	568	727	1,529	507	1,022	857	672
UNION	4,165	6,145	10,310	22,108	13,511	8,597	11,096	11,012
WARREN	398	913	1,311	2,897	1,327	1,570	1,552	1,345
NJ TOTAL	78,131	99,750	177,881	400,060	249,800	150,260	190,045	210,015



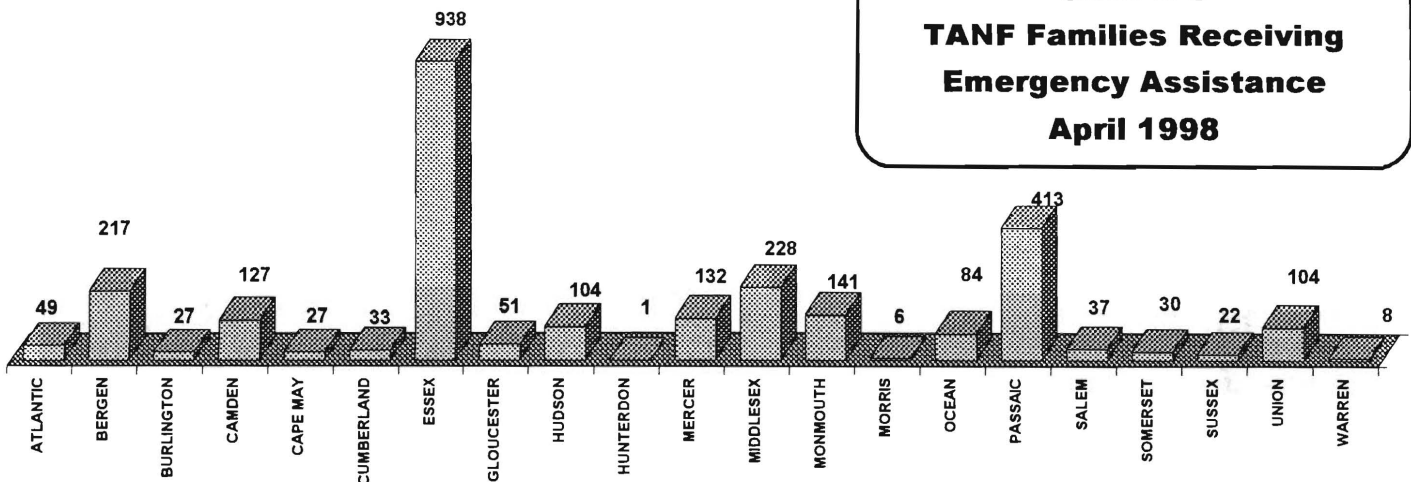
GRAPH 2
Food Stamp Recipients
April 1998

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)

County	TANF Families Receiving Emergency Assistance					SSI Recipients Receiving EA
	TOTAL TANF-EA	Temporary Rental Assist.	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA	
ATLANTIC	49	15	5	14	15	9
BERGEN	217	99	32	29	57	13
BURLINGTON	27	0	0	19	8	3
CAMDEN	127	27	1	15	84	17
CAPE MAY	27	9	5	0	13	5
CUMBERLAND	33	0	0	13	20	4
ESSEX	938	373	23	71	471	22
GLOUCESTER	51	20	3	16	12	8
HUDSON	104	21	6	14	63	10
HUNTERDON	1	0	0	0	1	1
MERCER	132	58	17	5	52	8
MIDDLESEX	228	24	31	14	159	27
MONMOUTH	141	48	17	8	68	1
MORRIS	6	0	0	3	3	7
OCEAN	84	13	30	3	38	26
PASSAIC	413	1	4	17	391	48
SALEM	37	6	14	0	17	1
SOMERSET	30	4	2	1	23	3
SUSSEX	22	3	10	3	6	3
UNION	104	9	0	19	76	6
WARREN	8	0	3	1	4	0
NJ TOTAL	2,779	730	203	265	1,581	222

GRAPH 3
TANF Families Receiving
Emergency Assistance
April 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****April 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	1,126	116	281	190	406	160	67	171
BERGEN	1,224	137	117	43	344	157	51	114
BURLINGTON	858	343	77	417	356	138	67	249
CAMDEN	5,441	902	755	1,800	1,957	803	216	553
CAPE MAY	425	27	51	89	158	31	22	31
CUMBERLAND	1,428	112	545	901	380	192	88	180
ESSEX	16,628	1,179	2,291	752	1,453	1,606	231	322
GLOUCESTER	678	96	56	296	245	61	57	129
HUDSON	8,731	1,161	2,231	84	1,107	1,279	192	537
HUNTERDON	41	7	3	10	19	9	5	12
MERCER	2,130	139	264	144	274	291	89	229
MIDDLESEX	1,753	8	435	631	800	229	105	241
MONMOUTH	1,857	175	122	192	573	426	73	302
MORRIS	214	101	42	176	64	46	12	60
OCEAN	938	38	166	165	374	143	100	220
PASSAIC	3,686	495	837	396	444	473	78	203
SALEM	290	32	132	40	109	82	22	50
SOMERSET	288	27	83	26	108	54	21	68
SUSSEX	65	28	16	24	35	21	9	50
UNION	2,762	142	1,532	330	460	368	97	177
WARREN	214	45	10	70	55	25	35	28
STATE	50,777	5,310	10,046	6,776	9,721	6,594	1,637	3,926

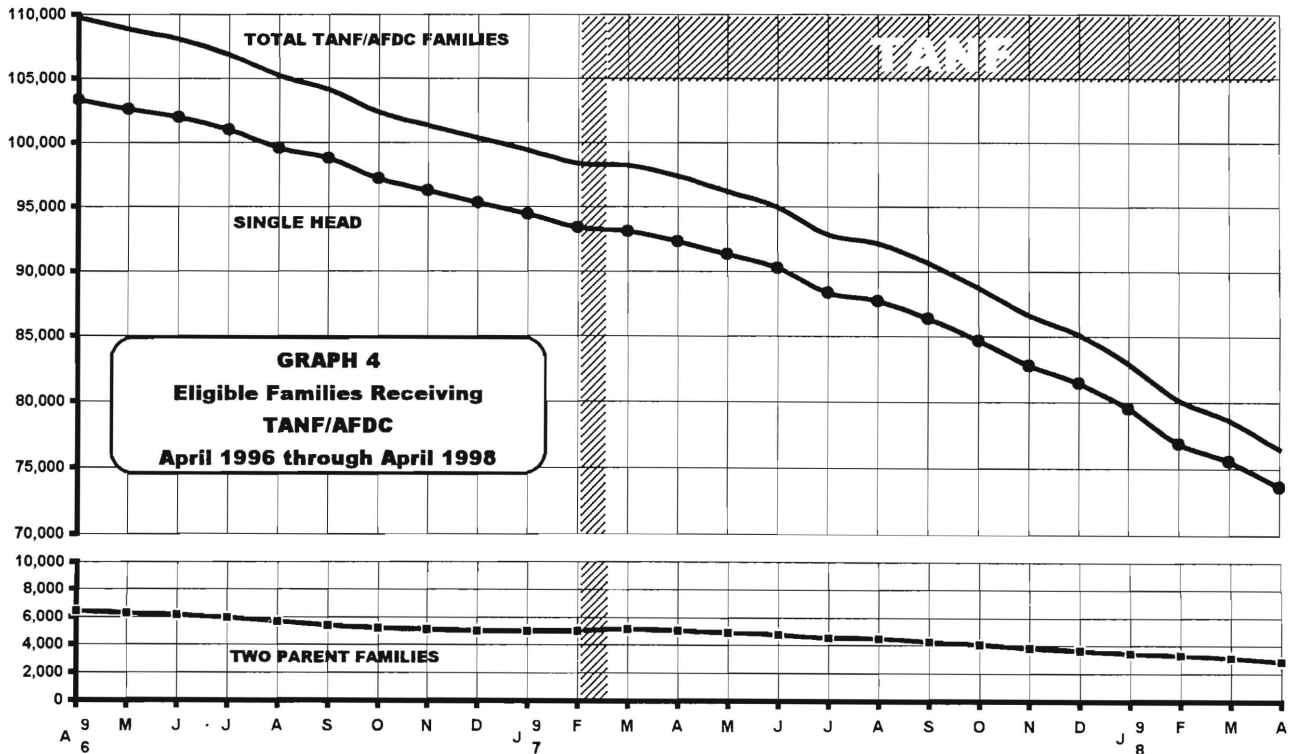
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**Table 5
TANF/AFDC
PROGRAM**

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

April 1996 through April 1998

	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF/AFDC*	Medicaid Only
AFDC 1996 APR	6,896	7,241	103,352	6,403	109,755	5,040
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
AVERAGE (12 mos.)	5,602	6,608	100,623	5,843	106,466	5,060
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
AVERAGE	5,042	6,279	88,826	4,548	93,374	5,028
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
AVERAGE	5,106	7,017	76,367	3,183	79,550	6,580



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

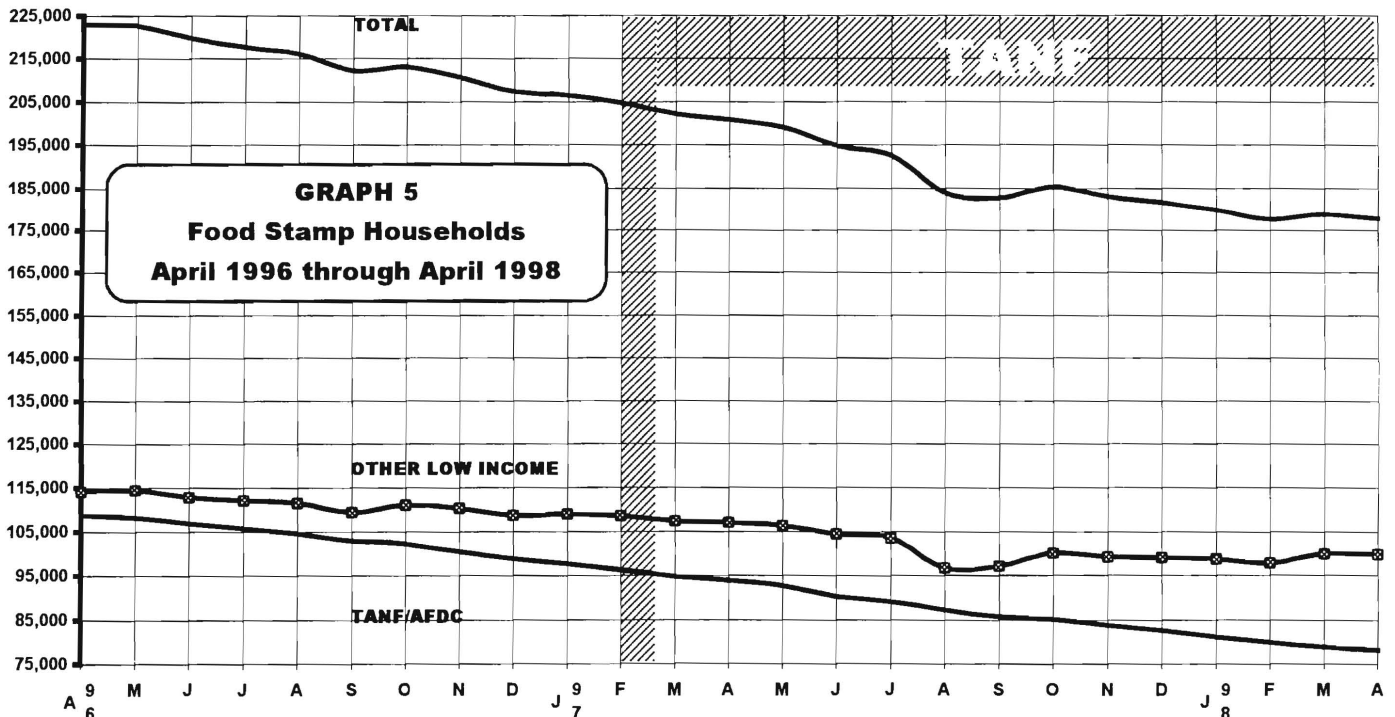
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Table 6
FOOD STAMP
PROGRAM

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

April 1996 through April 1998

	HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS				
	TANF/AFDC	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF/AFDC	Other low income	Adults	Children
1996 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 (12 mos.)	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
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
AVERAGE	89,886	103,185	193,071	442,475	286,617	155,858	210,406	232,069
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
AVERAGE	79,493	99,055	178,548	403,121	253,884	149,237	190,924	212,197



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

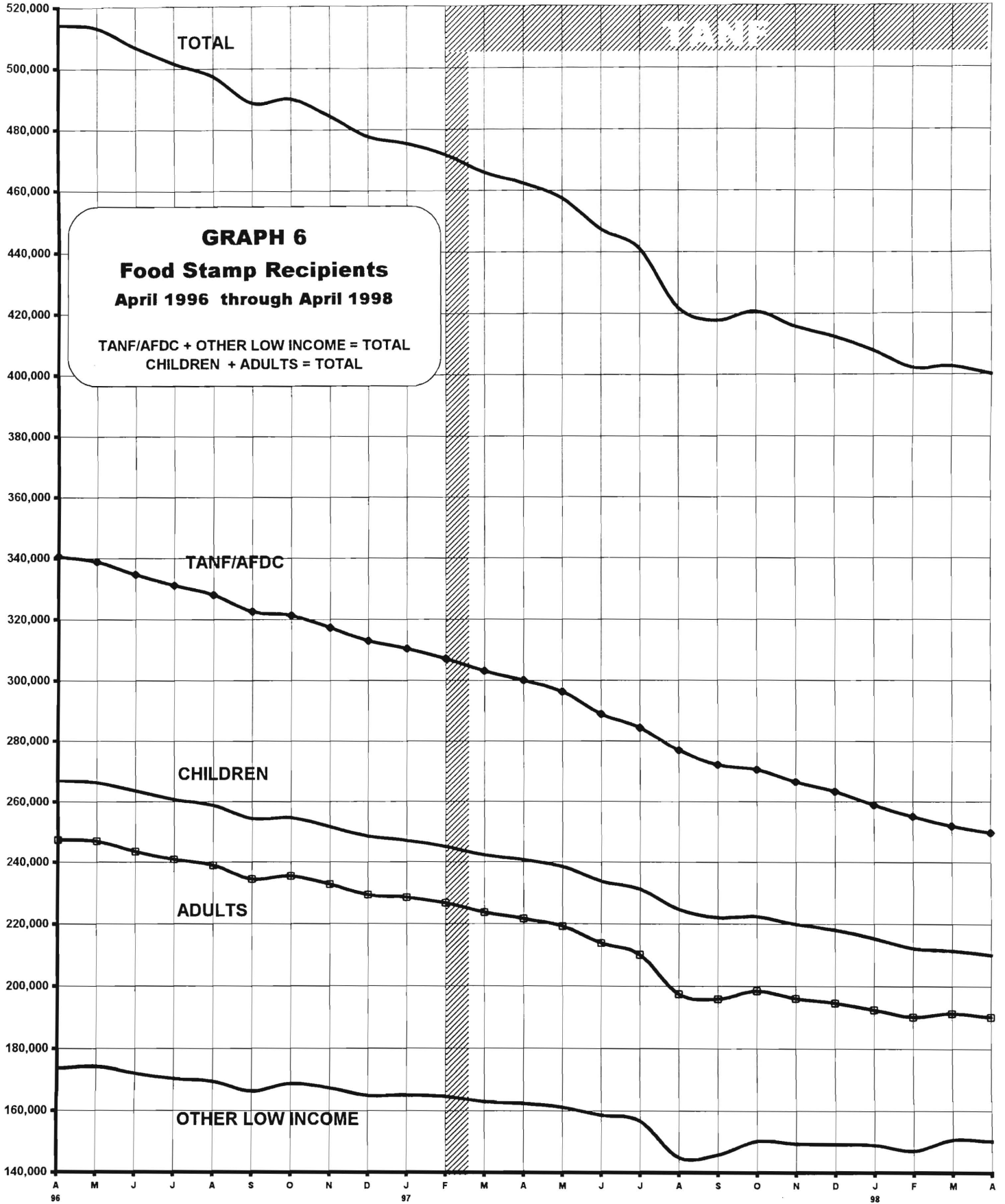


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NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

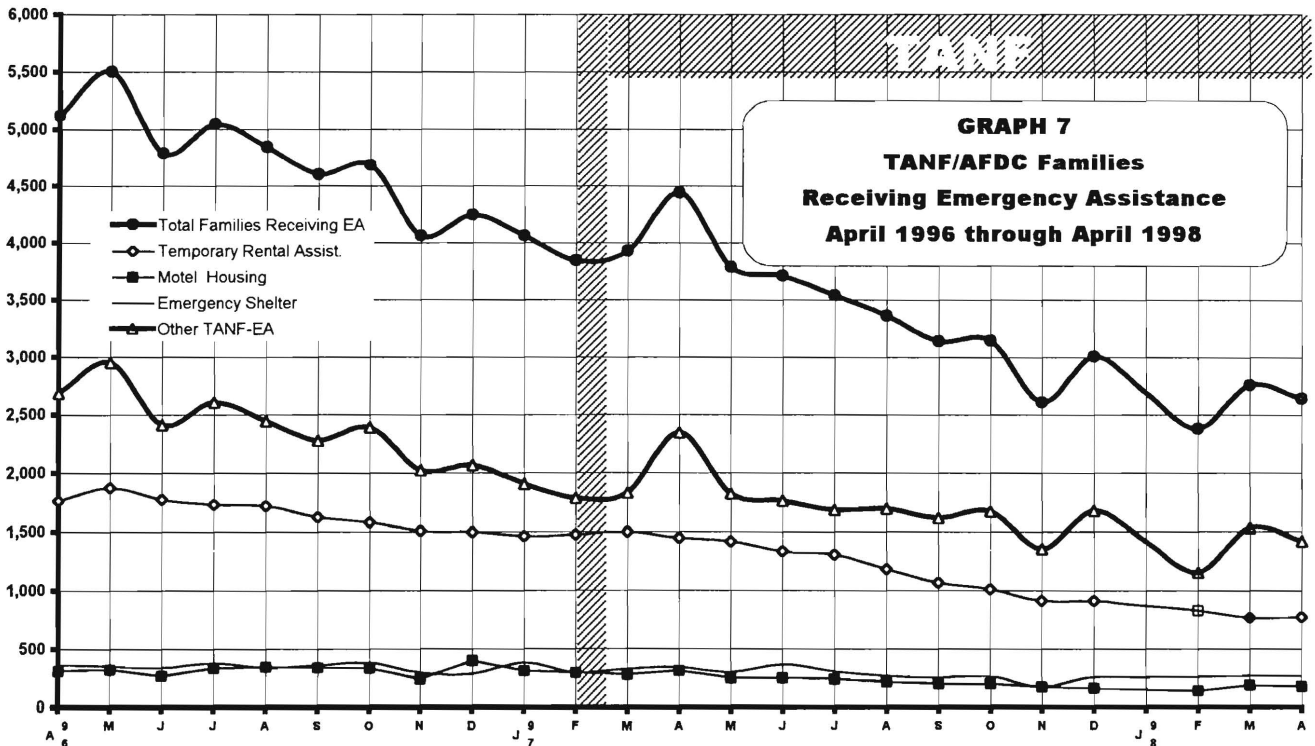
TANF/AFDC

(UNDUPLICATED CASES)

April 1996 through April 1998

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

		Total Families Receiving EA	Temporary Rental Assistance	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF/AFDC-EA
AFDC 1996	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 (12 mos.)		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
	NOV	2,606	909	172	171	1,354
	DEC	3,003	910	160	256	1,677
	AVERAGE		3,547	1,251	240	293
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
AVERAGE		2,638	774	178	265	1,422



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

Table 8

TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

Rates Are Currently Unavailable

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

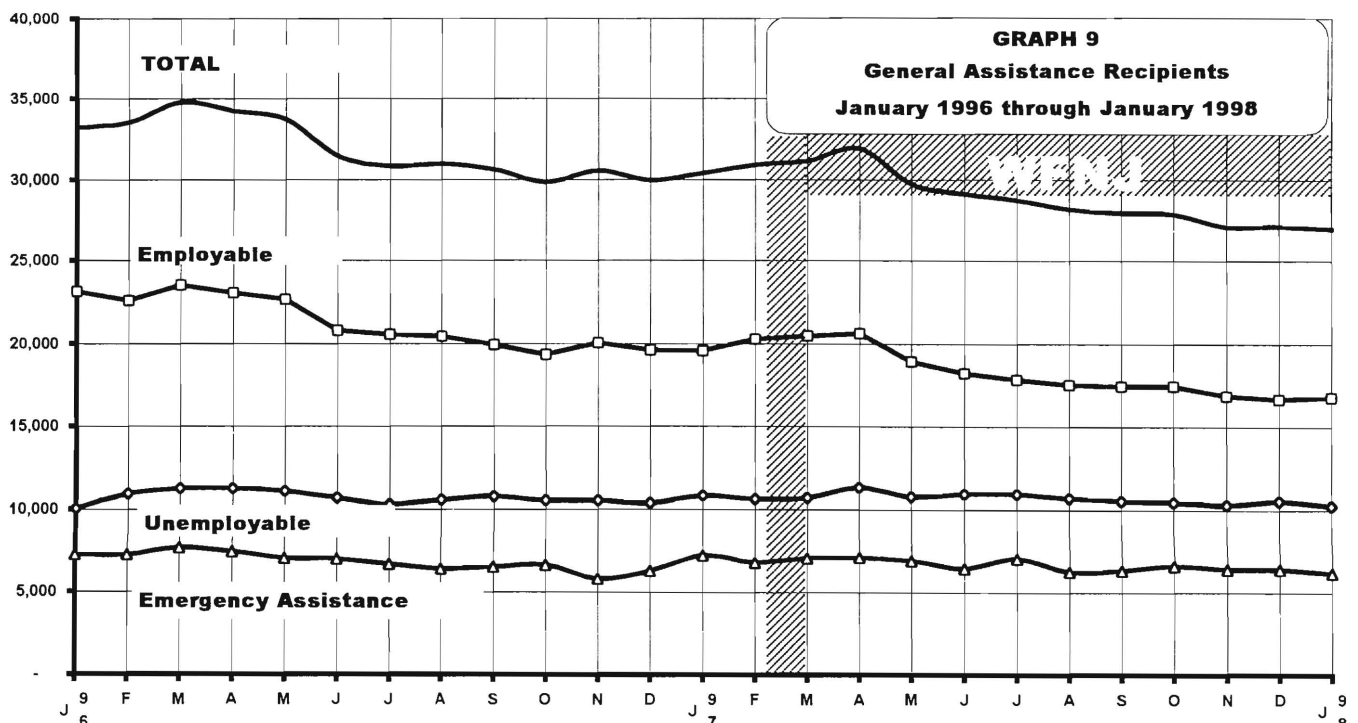
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TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

Currently Unavailable Pending Revision of Participation Rates

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

PROGRAM	All Persons Aided			Emergency Assistance Payments		
	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assistance	Other GA-EA	Total
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
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
AVERAGE	18,478	10,700	29,178	4,022	2,694	6,716
1998 JAN	16,749	10,226	26,975	3,951	2,219	6,170



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

COLLECTION SOURCE	10/96-3/97	10/97-3/98	% change
AFDC & FOSTER CARE			
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%
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$48,092,401	\$38,448,265	-20.05%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	\$42,340,975	\$38,040,630	-10.16%
NON- AFDC			
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%
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$243,708,352	\$261,420,299	7.27%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	\$239,627,999	\$258,993,219	8.08%
TOTAL			
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%
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$291,800,753	\$299,868,564	2.76%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	\$281,968,974	\$297,033,849	5.34%

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****January 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	869	508	1,377	58	44	102
BERGEN	412	466	878	220	108	328
BURLINGTON	293	399	692	120	80	200
CAMDEN	1,592	1,295	2,887	246	63	309
CAPE MAY	171	98	269	18	13	31
CUMBERLAND	317	133	450	3	11	14
ESSEX	5,930	2,146	8,076	1,150	1,177	2,327
GLOUCESTER	146	161	307	6	18	24
HUDSON	716	989	1,705	144	25	169
HUNTERDON	43	55	98	22	12	34
MERCER	1,264	750	2,014	227	254	481
MIDDLESEX	309	456	765	64	30	94
MONMOUTH	513	555	1,068	224	39	263
MORRIS	76	144	220	33	5	38
OCEAN	439	309	748	261	103	364
PASSAIC	1,677	700	2,377	329	161	490
SALEM	137	65	202	12	16	28
SOMERSET	51	49	100	24	0	24
SUSSEX	40	50	90	26	6	32
UNION	1,715	827	2,542	753	54	807
WARREN	39	71	110	11	0	11
TOTAL NJ	16,749	10,226	26,975	3,951	2,219	6,170

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit

TABLE 12**CHILD SUPPORT
AND PATERNITY****NUMBER OF CASES REMAINING OPEN****QUARTER ENDING MARCH 1998 (revised)**

	CASES WITH ORDERS			OTHER CASES (1)		TOTAL AFDC AND FOSTER CARE	TOTAL NON- AFDC	TOTAL ALL CASES
	AFDC AND FOSTER CARE	AFDC AND FOSTER CARE ARREARS (2)	NON- AFDC	AFDC AND FOSTER CARE	NON- AFDC			
Atlantic	1,673	4,570	9,941	2,409	3,924	8,652	13,865	22,517
Bergen	1,070	1,986	9,083	1,178	1,109	4,234	10,192	14,426
Burlington	1,476	3,416	10,969	1,822	2,339	6,714	13,308	20,022
Camden	7,211	11,436	22,217	5,867	4,925	24,514	27,142	51,656
Cape May	554	3,462	554	1,281	277	5,297	831	6,128
Cumberland	2,745	5,380	10,255	629	334	8,754	10,589	19,343
Essex	13,029	17,379	35,218	20,103	11,989	50,511	47,207	97,718
Gloucester	1,193	2,516	6,543	879	1,204	4,588	7,747	12,335
Hudson	6,251	8,265	19,705	7,406	7,571	21,922	27,276	49,198
Hunterdon	103	1,616	103	322	45	2,041	148	2,189
Mercer	3,669	6,206	12,533	2,744	2,405	12,619	14,938	27,557
Middlesex	2,220	5,468	15,245	2,458	2,457	10,146	17,702	27,848
Monmouth	2,895	5,029	12,675	1,906	2,121	9,830	14,796	24,626
Morris	312	596	4,109	473	571	1,381	4,680	6,061
Ocean	1,307	3,454	10,155	1,635	1,559	6,396	11,714	18,110
Passaic	4,435	6,020	15,813	4,914	4,963	15,369	20,776	36,145
Salem	802	1,498	3,349	259	151	2,559	3,500	6,059
Somerset	394	705	3,342	467	648	1,566	3,990	5,556
Sussex	193	442	1,911	170	213	805	2,124	2,929
Union	2,728	5,287	13,546	3,865	4,197	11,880	17,743	29,623
Warren	388	1,035	2,718	130	103	1,553	2,821	4,374
NJ TOTAL	54,648	95,766	219,984	60,917	53,105	211,331	273,089	484,420

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