



WORK FIRST NJ

Quarterly Progress Update September 2006

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
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Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) Quarterly Progress Update

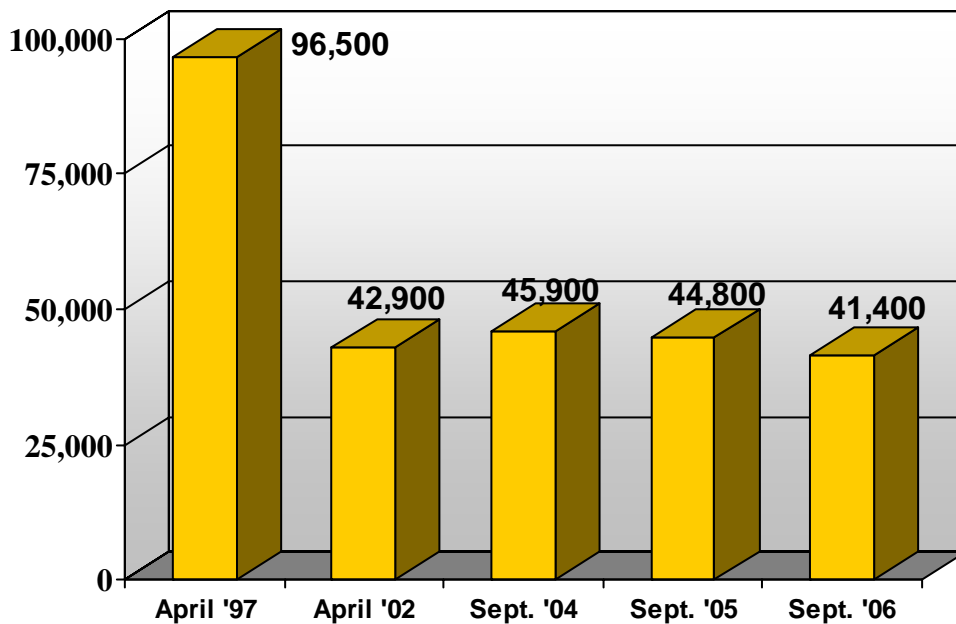
Quarter Ending September 2006

1. Work First NJ Caseload

•Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

The number of families receiving WFNJ/TANF totaled approximately 41,400 as of September 2006.

WFNJ TANF Caseload



Client Deferrals and Exemptions

A total of about 20,300 TANF cases were exempt or deferred from participating in a work activity:

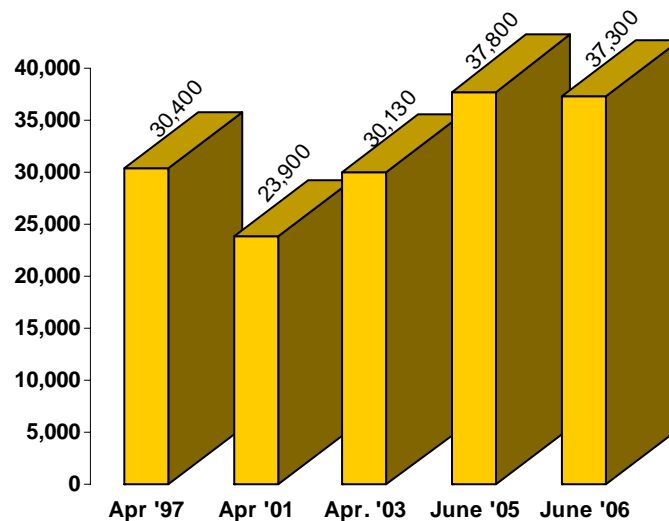
- ⇒ About 5,300 TANF cases were granted a temporary deferral from the requirement to participate in a work activity.
- ⇒ About 11,500 cases had no work requirement because they were designated as “child-only” cases.
- ⇒ An additional 3,500 cases were exempt (permanently disabled or over the age of 60) from participating in a work activity.

Therefore, of the total TANF caseload of 41,400, about 21,100 cases (51 percent) were those with adults in the household who must comply with WFNJ work requirements.

General Assistance (GA)

As of September 2006, there were approximately 37,300 General Assistance (GA) cases in New Jersey.

WFNJ GA Caseload



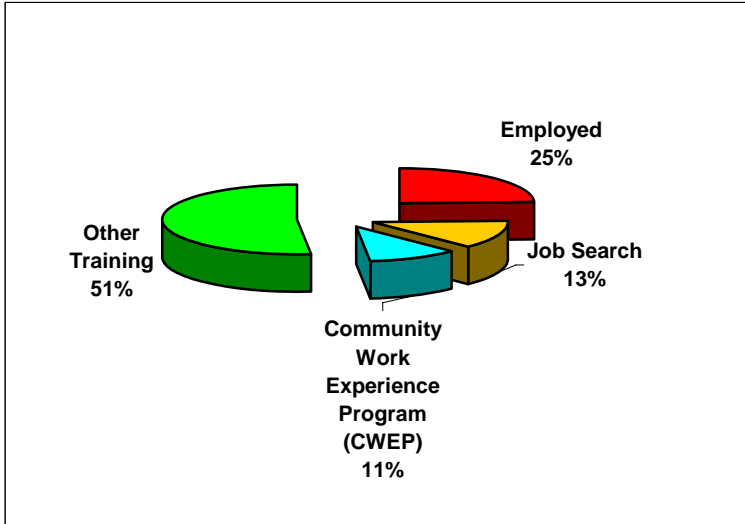
Teenaged Welfare Recipients

About 1,507 (3.9%) of the TANF population in September 2006 were teenaged recipients, aged 18 and 19, who were heads of their households.

2. Employment & Work Preparation

•Participation of WFNJ TANF Clients in Employment-Directed Activities

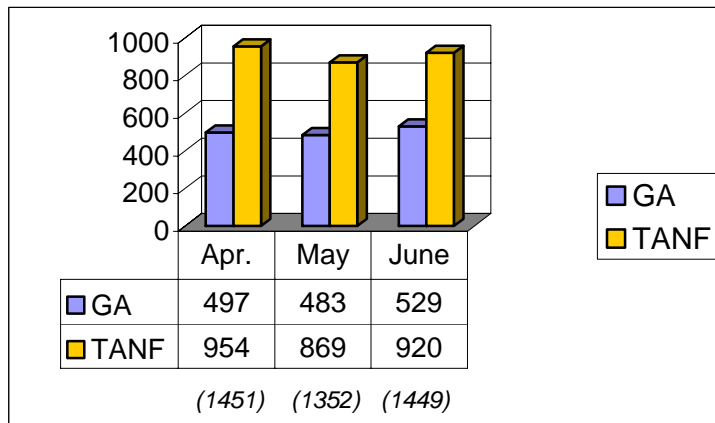
As of September 2006, TANF clients were engaged in nearly 17,300 work activities. About 4,300 (25 percent) of these individuals had begun working but were still receiving a partial cash assistance payment, due to lower levels of income.



Employed	4,250
Job Search	2,224
Community Work Experience Program (CWEP)	1,868
Other Training	8,950
-Alternative Work Experience (AWEP) -Occupational Training -Education -On the Job Training (OJT)	
Total	17,292

•Cases Closed Due to Employment

During the quarter, a combined average of about 1,400 WFNJ TANF and GA clients left welfare for employment each month.



•Major Reasons for TANF Case Closings

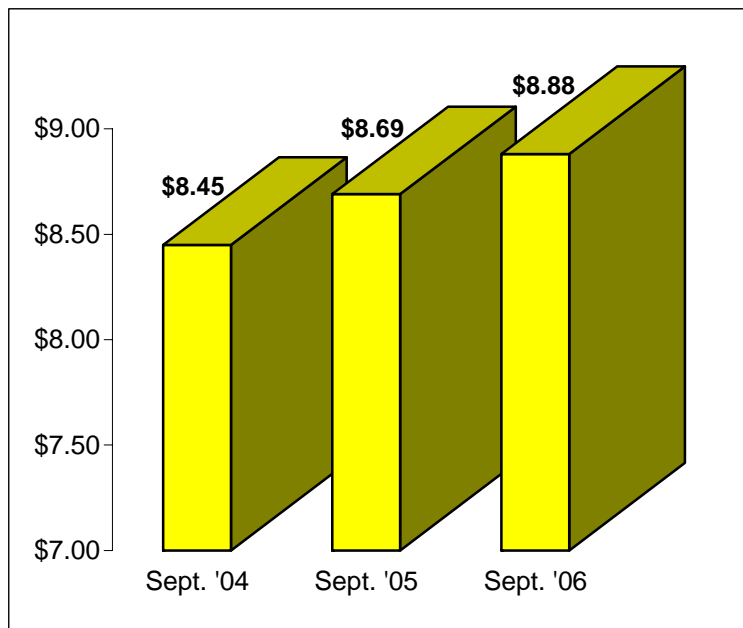
July to September 2006

	July	August	Sept.	Total
Due to Employment	1,024	910	993	2,927
No Eligible Children	391	259	296	946
No Redetermination	411	352	374	1,137
Moved Out of State	96	122	153	371
All Other Closed (see details below)	1,484	1,314	1,412	4,210
<i>Unemployment Ins. Benefits</i>	112	107	120	339
<i>Recipient Withdrawal</i>	185	160	185	530
<i>Recipient Initiative</i>	77	88	63	228
<i>Moved to Another County</i>	65	54	76	195
<i>Unable to Verify Residence</i>	79	109	107	295
<i>Other Closed Cases</i>	966	796	861	2,623
Total Closed Cases	3,406	2,957	3,228	9,591

Nearly 30 percent of all TANF cases closed during the quarter were closed due to employment.

•Earnings of Former TANF Recipients

During the second quarter of 2006, former WFNJ TANF recipients who were working were earning an average of \$8.78 per hour.



•Statewide Job Openings

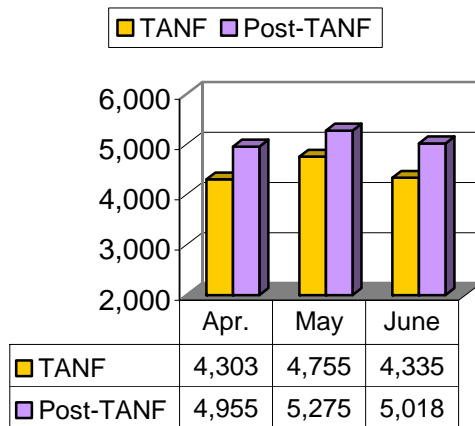
According to the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development, there were about 176,400 job openings statewide during the period of June 30, 2005 through June 30, 2006. The majority of positions available were in the Professional, Scientific & Technical Services fields, followed by the Administration and Support, Waste Management and Remediation category and the Retail Trade fields.

LWD statewide job openings	
Occupation	Openings
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	40,104
Admin. & Support, Waste Mgt. & Remediation	30,092
Retail Trade	22,771
Transportation & Warehousing	12,982
Manufacturing	12,329
Public Administration	10,902
Health Care & Social Assistance	9,773
Accommodation & Food Services	9,410
Finance & Insurance	4,734
Information	4,668
Construction	4,431
Other Services	3,796
Wholesale Trade	3,787
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,555
Educational Services	1,791
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	903
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting	678
Utilities	329
Management of Companies & Enterprises	285
Mining	90
Total	176,410

3. Child Care

As of September 2006, about 5,000 WFNJ TANF clients were receiving child care benefits. Post-TANF child care benefits were issued to about 5,000 families who had become employed and were no longer receiving cash assistance.

**WFNJ TANF Cases Receiving
Child Care Benefits, Sept. 2006**



4. WFNJ Program Expenditures

The attached Appendix provides a summary of WFNJ program expenditures for the quarter.

**NOTE: ALL CHARTS AND GRAPHS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED BY
THE DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING CHARTS AND GRAPHS
OR PROGRAM EXPENDITURES, PLEASE CONTACT
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**THE DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY (WFNJ) EXPENDITURES
Quarter Ending September 30, 2006**

	Actual Sep 30, 2005	Actual Dec 31, 2005	Actual Mar 31, 2006	Actual Jun 30, 2006	Estimated Sep 30, 2006	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2005 7/04 - 6/05	TOTAL COSTS CY 2005 1/05 - 12/05	TOTAL COSTS CY 2006 To Date 1/06 - 9/06	12 MONTH RUNNING TOTAL To Date 10/05 - 9/06
(A) CASE MANAGEMENT									
TANF	\$7,761,197	\$8,100,367	\$6,963,905	\$8,131,568	\$7,739,259	\$30,855,542	\$30,826,434	\$22,834,732	\$30,935,099
Food Stamps/Able Bodied Adults W/O Dependents	\$2,885,283	\$3,031,581	\$2,437,019	\$2,857,066	\$2,802,737	\$9,660,109	\$10,677,138	\$8,096,821	\$11,128,402
GA	\$2,286,152	\$2,540,427	\$1,978,996	\$2,108,968	\$2,228,636	\$9,115,985	\$9,038,969	\$6,316,600	\$8,857,027
(B) SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	\$2,432,954	\$1,791,434	\$1,884,063	\$2,383,058	\$2,122,877	\$7,502,143	\$8,569,270	\$6,389,998	\$8,181,432
(C) CHILD CARE	\$24,316,888	\$23,072,708	\$23,454,796	\$23,824,650	\$23,667,260	\$91,643,314	\$93,744,043	\$70,946,706	\$94,019,414
(D) TRAINING RELATED EXPENSE, PARTICIPANT ALLOWANCE AND TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT									
TANF	\$2,554,459	\$2,450,998	\$2,054,493	\$2,435,228	\$2,373,795	\$9,860,946	\$9,889,076	\$6,863,516	\$9,314,514
Food Stamps	\$709,678	\$657,507	\$689,878	\$641,620	\$674,671	\$3,267,169	\$3,003,954	\$2,006,170	\$2,663,676
GA	\$346,294	\$364,709	\$328,979	\$387,384	\$356,842	\$1,424,282	\$1,461,642	\$1,073,205	\$1,437,914
(E) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING									
TANF	\$9,319,204	\$10,876,780	\$10,747,941	\$11,645,661	\$10,647,397	\$39,536,473	\$38,638,015	\$33,040,999	\$43,917,779
Food Stamps/Able Bodied Adults W/O Dependents	\$1,927,828	\$2,501,505	\$2,488,184	\$3,203,962	\$2,530,370	\$11,431,668	\$9,496,434	\$8,222,515	\$10,724,020
GA	\$1,455,362	\$1,750,450	\$1,773,965	\$2,380,919	\$1,840,174	\$5,662,940	\$5,295,806	\$5,995,058	\$7,745,508
(F) OMEGA SYSTEM	\$382,714	\$370,067	\$403,686	\$385,489	\$385,489	\$2,236,405	\$1,913,986	\$1,174,664	\$1,544,731
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$56,378,012	\$57,508,534	\$55,205,905	\$60,385,573	\$57,369,506	\$222,196,975	\$222,554,767	\$172,960,984	\$230,469,518

FOOTNOTES:

ACTUAL expenditures are subject to subsequent adjustment and reconciliation to be reflected on future reports.