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SUBJECT CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

Attached please find CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS for June 1997. Also included are explanatory notes for the various data elements. Estimated TANF participation rates are included for May and June 1997. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me.



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Highlights of Current Program Statistics

AFDC (Tables 1 and 5, Graphs 1 and 4)

About 100,000 eligible families in New Jersey were receiving AFDC as of the end of June 1997:

- **90,200** single head of household families (Regular AFDC, C segment).
- Among two-parent families, about **2200** Unemployed Parent families (F Segment) and **2500** State AFDC families (N Segment).
- Less than **4900** Medicaid Only families.
- The largest numbers of families by county: Essex with **25,700**, Hudson with **15,800**, and Camden County with less than **11,800**. (53.2 percent of all AFDC families)
- Other counties ranged from **129** families in Hunterdon to less than **6,500** in Passaic County, with seven counties below **1000** families.

There were about 1200 fewer eligible AFDC families in June 1997 than in May 1997 and a total decline of 20,000 (from 120,000 to 100,000), close to 17 percent, over the past two years.

- There were **1000** fewer eligible C segment families in June 1997 than in May 1997 and **17,000** less than two years ago.
- F segment families declined from about **3600** in June 1995 to about **2200** in June 1997.
- State AFDC (N segment) was about **3300** in June 1995, slowly declined to about **2700** by December 1996 and remained at that level through April 1997, then declined to about **2500** through June.
- Medicaid Only families averaged nearly **5200** for 1995, less than **5100** for 1996, and **4900** for the first five months of 1997. There were **260** less Medicaid Only families in June 1997 than a year earlier.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM (Tables 2 and 6, Graphs 2, 5, and 6)

At the end of June 1997, less than 195,000 households were participating in the Food Stamp Program:

- About **90,000** AFDC households with **289,000** persons.
- About **104,000** Other Low Income households with **158,000** persons.
- With a total of more than **447,000** persons, including **214,000** adults and **234,000** children
- **49.4 percent** of the households were in Essex (**49,600**), Hudson (**27,500**) and Camden (**19,000**) Counties.
- The number of adults exceeded the number of children in Food Stamp households in **eight** counties (Atlantic, Bergen, Hunterdon, Monmouth, Morris, Somerset, Sussex, and Warren). In **four** others the number of adults and children are nearly equal (Burlington, Cape May, Middlesex and Union).

The number of Food Stamp households in New Jersey remained in the 220,000 to 223,000 range From June 1995 through June 1996. Thereafter Food Stamp households declined substantially (from about 220,000 in June 1996 to less than 195,000 in June 1997).

- The number of AFDC(FS) households has been less than Other Low Income households since November 1995, with a difference of more than **14,000** in June 1997. The number of Other Low Income households receiving Food Stamps averaged about **109,000** in 1995, peaked at close to **115,000** in May 1996, then fell below **105,000** by June 1997. There were nearly **113,000** AFDC(FS) households in June 1995 and only about **90,000** in June 1997.
- With **521,000** Total Recipients in June 1995, the number has since been moving downward. Near **515,000** from July 1995 through May 1996, the level dropped substantially and was about **447,000** by June 1997. This is a total two-year decline of close to **74,000** or **14.1 percent**, of which **11.4 percentage points** occurred in the last 12 months.
- The number of Recipient Adults remained between **243,000** and **246,000** from June 1995 through June 1996. From June 1996 through June 1997 the number declined by **30,000 (12.2 percent)** from **243,500** to **213,700**.
- The number of Recipient Children declined by more than **40,000**, from close to **275,000** in June 1995 to less than **234,000** in June 1997 (nearly **15 percent**).

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

In June 1997 Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for 3711 eligible AFDC families and 311 SSI recipients in New Jersey. For AFDC families this included payments for:

- **1336** families with Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)
- **251** motel placements and **365** emergency shelter placements
- **1759** families accounted for all other AFDC-EA payments, including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing and food allowance, or transitional housing.
- EA payments were made for **1087** AFDC families in Essex County, and for **less than 400** AFDC families in each of the other counties.

In the past two years, the average number of EA payments for AFDC families was 5800 in 1995, and 4800 in 1996. For the first half of 1997 the average was about 4000.

- The number of TRA payments provided for AFDC families each month has declined steadily from nearly **2300** in June 1995 to slightly more than **1300** in May 1997.
- Emergency Shelter payments have been provided for **around 300 to 400** families each month in the last two years.
- Payments for Motel Housing declined from an average of **405** in 1995 to **282** in the first half of 1997.
- Other EA payments were made for an average of nearly **2800** families in 1995, **2400** in 1996, and about **1900** in the first half 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 four months of 1997 there were an average of 7000 GA EA payments (which is slightly less than the comparable period in 1996), and about 4100 GA TRA payments.

ESTIMATED TANF PARTICIPATION RATES (Table 8, Graph 8)

In June 1997 the estimated Statewide TANF participation rate was 22.5 percent. This is more than six percentage points higher than the estimate for May. 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 goes into effect with the implementation of Work First New Jersey welfare reform.

- County rates were distributed as follows:

10 to 19 percent -- Camden, Essex, Mercer, Ocean, Salem

20 to 29 percent -- Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Hudson, Monmouth, Passaic, Union, Warren

30 to 39 percent -- Burlington, Cumberland, Gloucester, Somerset

40 to 49 percent -- Middlesex

50 percent and over -- Hunterdon, Morris, Sussex

GENERAL ASSISTANCE (Table 9, Graph 9)

There were almost 32,000 GA recipients in April 1997 (the latest available data), the fourth consecutive month of increase since December 1996 when there were less than 30,000. This was an increase of about 800 over March 1997, with most of that among unemployable GA recipients. There were 3500 less GA recipients than April 1995 and 2300 less than April 1996.

- The number of 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.
- The number of Unemployable GA recipients exceeded 12,000 in April 1995 and declined to about 10,000 by January 1996. They since remained between 10,000 and 11,000, with the exceptions of March and April 1996 and April 1997 which exceeded 11,000.

CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY (Table 10)

The total distribution of collections of the Child Support and Paternity Program increased from nearly \$395 million in the first nine months of FFY 1996 (October 1995 - June 1996) to nearly \$445 million in the first nine months of FFY 1997 (October 1996 - June 1997).

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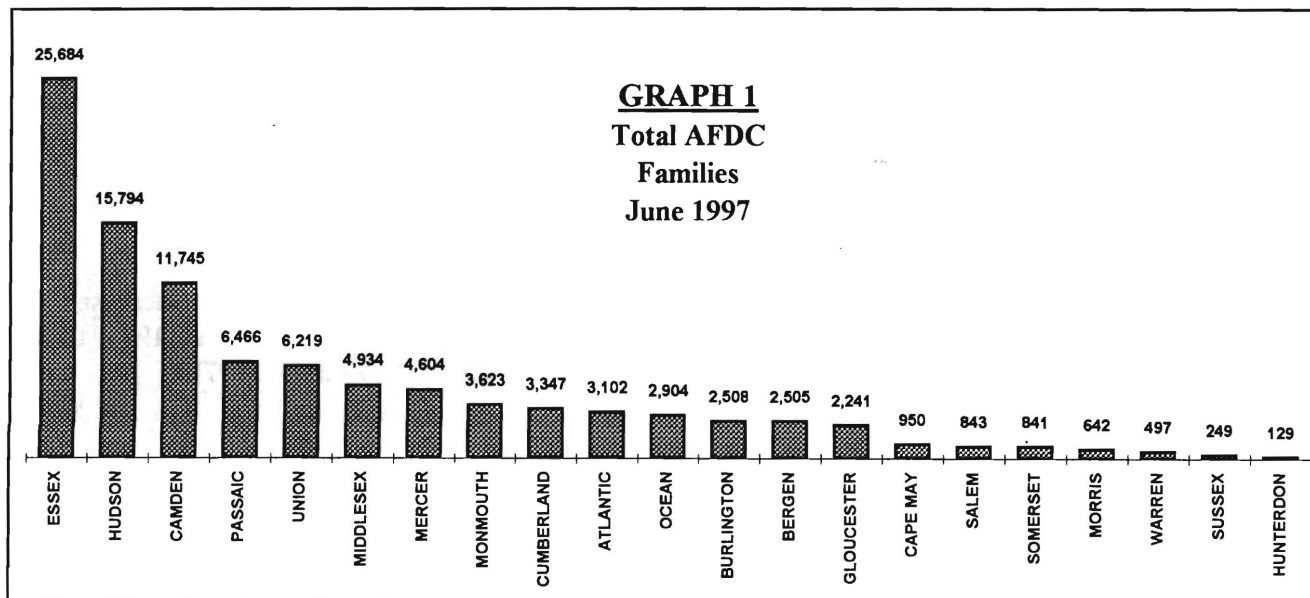
Table 1**AFDC Program**

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

June 1997

| County | Applications Approved | Terminations | Regular AFDC (C Segment) | Unemployed Parents(F) | State AFDC(N) | Medicaid Only | Total AFDC |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| ATLANTIC | 212 | 190 | 2,873 | 61 | 37 | 131 | 3,102 |
| BERGEN | 113 | 154 | 2,238 | 109 | 84 | 74 | 2,505 |
| BURLINGTON | 215 | 262 | 2,166 | 56 | 69 | 217 | 2,508 |
| CAMDEN | 656 | 704 | 10,298 | 376 | 323 | 748 | 11,745 |
| CAPE MAY | 67 | 140 | 781 | 44 | 57 | 68 | 950 |
| CUMBERLAND | 233 | 256 | 2,893 | 115 | 153 | 186 | 3,347 |
| ESSEX | 770 | 998 | 24,531 | 324 | 197 | 632 | 25,684 |
| GLOUCESTER | 205 | 229 | 1,875 | 82 | 63 | 221 | 2,241 |
| HUDSON | 432 | 600 | 14,204 | 209 | 512 | 869 | 15,794 |
| HUNTERDON | 12 | 29 | 88 | 4 | 5 | 32 | 129 |
| MERCER | 219 | 298 | 4,102 | 66 | 103 | 333 | 4,604 |
| MIDDLESEX | 284 | 407 | 4,128 | 175 | 215 | 416 | 4,934 |
| MONMOUTH | 203 | 255 | 3,373 | 70 | 111 | 69 | 3,623 |
| MORRIS | 36 | 43 | 570 | 18 | 13 | 41 | 642 |
| OCEAN | 187 | 246 | 2,415 | 143 | 125 | 221 | 2,904 |
| PASSAIC | 269 | 365 | 5,992 | 199 | 201 | 74 | 6,466 |
| SALEM | 57 | 62 | 744 | 12 | 28 | 59 | 843 |
| SOMERSET | 101 | 96 | 717 | 42 | 27 | 55 | 841 |
| SUSSEX | 28 | 42 | 191 | 12 | 3 | 43 | 249 |
| UNION | 298 | 332 | 5,629 | 98 | 158 | 334 | 6,219 |
| WARREN | 23 | 52 | 415 | 21 | 28 | 33 | 497 |
| NJ TOTAL | 4,620 | 5,760 | 90,223 | 2,236 | 2,512 | 4,856 | 99,827 |

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



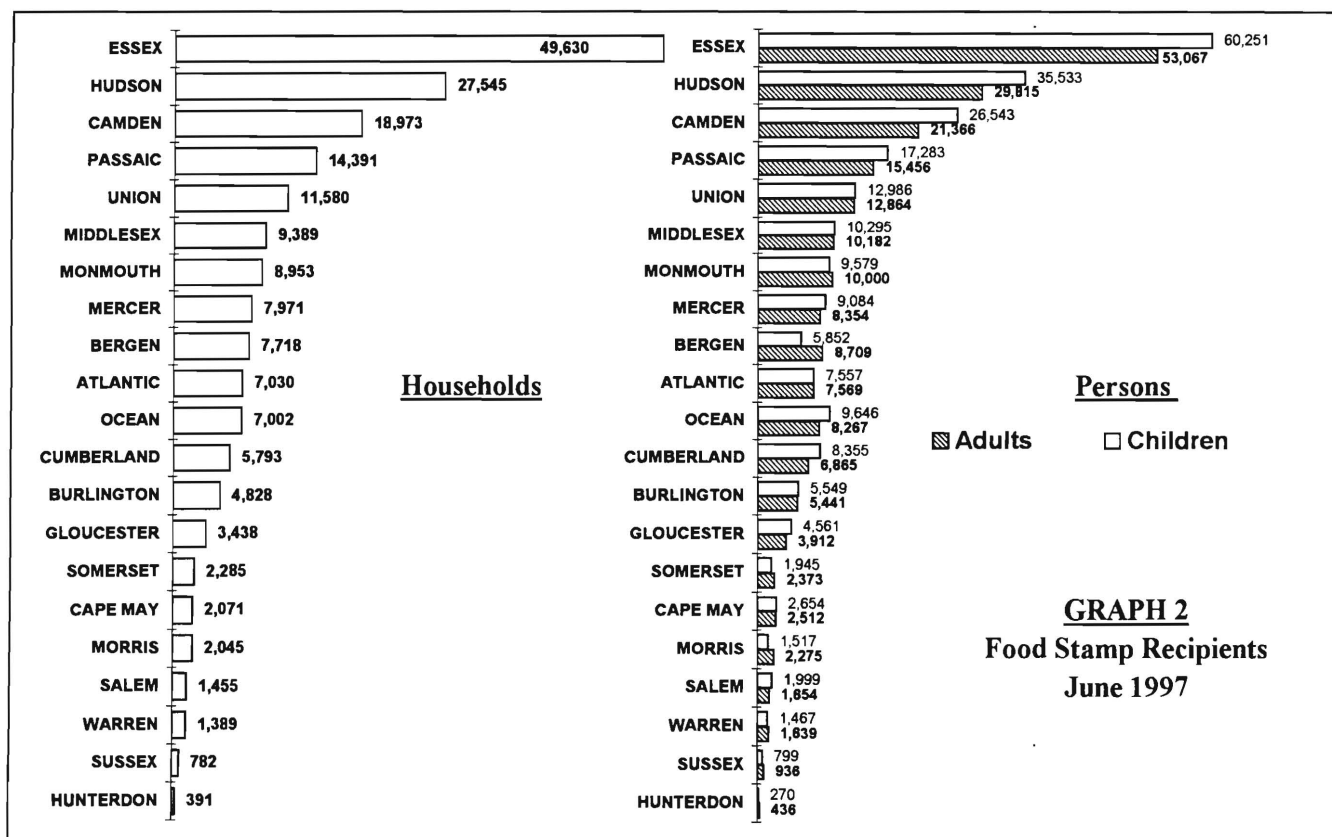
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Table 2
FOOD STAMP Program
NUMBER OF ATP'S ISSUED TO HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS
AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH
June 1997

| County | HOUSEHOLDS | | | PERSONS | | | | |
|------------|------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|----------|
| | AFDC | Other low income | TOTAL | TOTAL | AFDC | Other low income | Adults | Children |
| ATLANTIC | 2,633 | 4,397 | 7,030 | 15,126 | 8,682 | 6,444 | 7,569 | 7,557 |
| BERGEN | 2,166 | 5,552 | 7,718 | 14,561 | 6,403 | 8,158 | 8,709 | 5,852 |
| BURLINGTON | 2,071 | 2,757 | 4,828 | 10,990 | 6,548 | 4,442 | 5,441 | 5,549 |
| CAMDEN | 10,761 | 8,212 | 18,973 | 47,909 | 35,736 | 12,173 | 21,366 | 26,543 |
| CAPE MAY | 926 | 1,145 | 2,071 | 5,166 | 3,184 | 1,982 | 2,512 | 2,654 |
| CUMBERLAND | 3,192 | 2,601 | 5,793 | 15,220 | 10,977 | 4,243 | 6,865 | 8,355 |
| ESSEX | 24,449 | 25,181 | 49,630 | 113,318 | 77,230 | 36,088 | 53,067 | 60,251 |
| GLOUCESTER | 1,893 | 1,545 | 3,438 | 8,473 | 6,060 | 2,413 | 3,912 | 4,561 |
| HUDSON | 14,560 | 12,985 | 27,545 | 65,348 | 45,091 | 20,257 | 29,815 | 35,533 |
| HUNTERDON | 87 | 304 | 391 | 706 | 270 | 436 | 436 | 270 |
| MERCER | 3,634 | 4,337 | 7,971 | 17,438 | 11,611 | 5,827 | 8,354 | 9,084 |
| MIDDLESEX | 4,242 | 5,147 | 9,389 | 20,477 | 12,930 | 7,547 | 10,182 | 10,295 |
| MONMOUTH | 3,343 | 5,610 | 8,953 | 19,579 | 10,913 | 8,666 | 10,000 | 9,579 |
| MORRIS | 497 | 1,548 | 2,045 | 3,792 | 1,486 | 2,306 | 2,275 | 1,517 |
| OCEAN | 2,864 | 4,138 | 7,002 | 17,913 | 9,711 | 8,202 | 8,267 | 9,646 |
| PASSAIC | 5,737 | 8,654 | 14,391 | 32,739 | 19,028 | 13,711 | 15,456 | 17,283 |
| SALEM | 750 | 705 | 1,455 | 3,653 | 2,462 | 1,191 | 1,654 | 1,999 |
| SOMERSET | 696 | 1,589 | 2,285 | 4,318 | 2,078 | 2,240 | 2,373 | 1,945 |
| SUSSEX | 222 | 560 | 782 | 1,735 | 690 | 1,045 | 936 | 799 |
| UNION | 5,029 | 6,551 | 11,580 | 25,850 | 16,362 | 9,488 | 12,864 | 12,986 |
| WARREN | 466 | 923 | 1,389 | 3,106 | 1,505 | 1,601 | 1,639 | 1,467 |
| NJ TOTAL | 90,218 | 104,441 | 194,659 | 447,417 | 288,957 | 158,460 | 213,692 | 233,725 |

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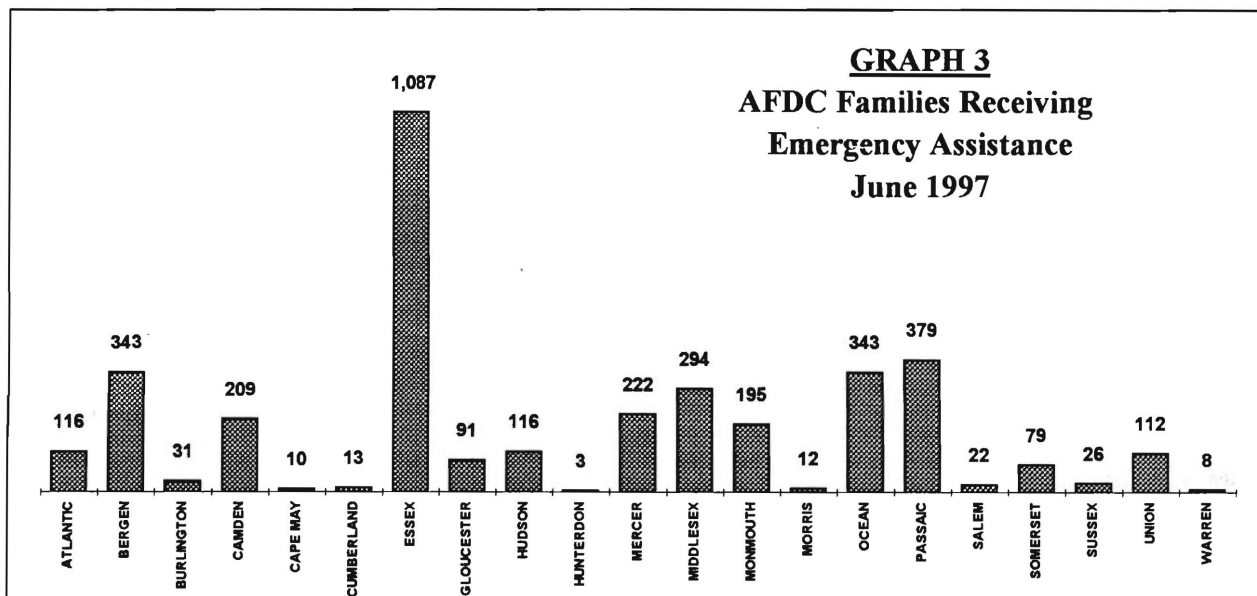
Table 3
AFDC/SSI EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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

June 1997

| County | TOTAL AFDC-EA | AFDC Families Receiving Emergency Assistance | | | Other AFDC-EA | SSI Recipients Receiving EA |
|------------|------------------|--|------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | Temporary Rental Assist. | Motel Housing | Emergency Shelter | | |
| ATLANTIC | 116 | 31 | 23 | 10 | 52 | 31 |
| BERGEN | 343 | 182 | 32 | 29 | 100 | 9 |
| BURLINGTON | 31 | 2 | 0 | 23 | 6 | 0 |
| CAMDEN | 209 | 64 | 6 | 8 | 131 | 15 |
| CAPE MAY | 10 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| CUMBERLAND | 13 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 4 |
| ESSEX | 1,087 | 481 | 0 | 158 | 448 | 39 |
| GLOUCESTER | 91 | 43 | 5 | 33 | 10 | 7 |
| HUDSON | 116 | 24 | 2 | 25 | 65 | 9 |
| HUNTERDON | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| MERCER | 222 | 102 | 16 | 1 | 103 | 19 |
| MIDDLESEX | 294 | 150 | 14 | 7 | 123 | 28 |
| MONMOUTH | 195 | 99 | 16 | 3 | 77 | 5 |
| MORRIS | 12 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 4 |
| OCEAN | 343 | 120 | 102 | 3 | 118 | 70 |
| PASSAIC | 379 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 362 | 45 |
| SALEM | 22 | 9 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 1 |
| SOMERSET | 79 | 8 | 5 | 24 | 42 | 6 |
| SUSSEX | 26 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 11 | 5 |
| UNION | 112 | 9 | 6 | 13 | 84 | 7 |
| WARREN | 8 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| NJ TOTAL | 3,711 | 1,336 | 251 | 365 | 1,759 | 311 |

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TABLE 4

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

This table is under revision for presentation at a future date to
reflect Work First New Jersey Statistics

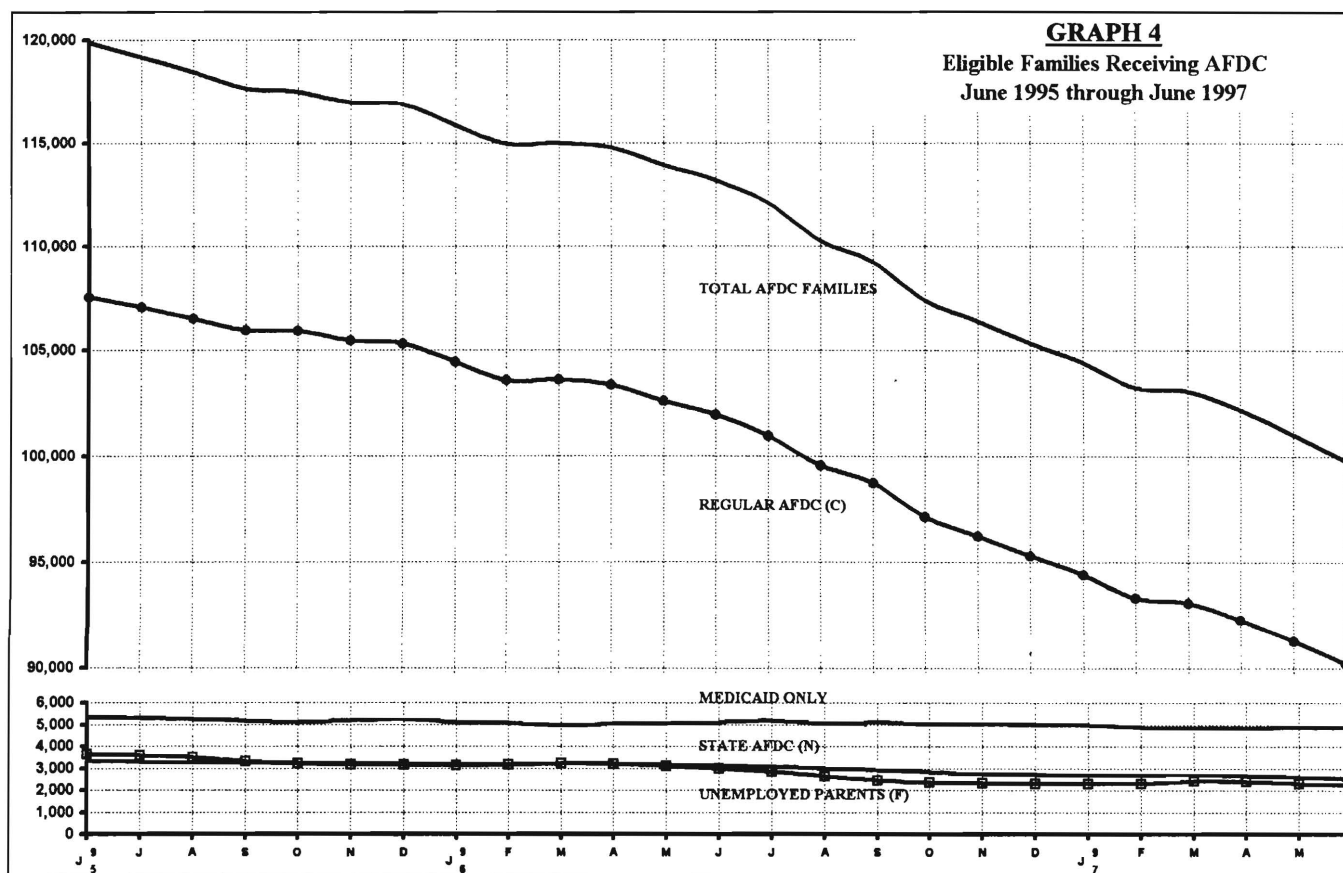
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Table 5**AFDC Program**

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS DURING REPORT MONTH, AND
NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING AFDC AT END OF REPORT MONTH
June 1995 through June 1997

| | Applications Approved | Terminations | Regular AFDC (C Segment) | Unemployed Parents(F) | State AFDC(N) | Medicaid Only | Total AFDC |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1995 JUN | 5,558 | 6,458 | 107,541 | 3,639 | 3,336 | 5,358 | 119,874 |
| JUL | 5,977 | 6,781 | 107,028 | 3,574 | 3,286 | 5,293 | 119,181 |
| AUG | 5,547 | 6,294 | 106,475 | 3,489 | 3,260 | 5,239 | 118,463 |
| SEP | 5,922 | 6,647 | 105,943 | 3,303 | 3,260 | 5,175 | 117,681 |
| OCT | 7,062 | 7,359 | 105,917 | 3,224 | 3,257 | 5,110 | 117,508 |
| NOV | 6,083 | 6,660 | 105,445 | 3,164 | 3,199 | 5,189 | 116,997 |
| DEC | 5,582 | 5,775 | 105,287 | 3,165 | 3,189 | 5,258 | 116,899 |
| AVERAGE (12 mos.) | 5,956 | 6,460 | 107,376 | 3,575 | 3,288 | 5,192 | 119,430 |
| 1996 JAN | 5,332 | 6,236 | 104,430 | 3,139 | 3,173 | 5,113 | 115,855 |
| FEB | 5,217 | 6,283 | 103,561 | 3,161 | 3,170 | 5,060 | 114,952 |
| MAR | 6,317 | 6,302 | 103,598 | 3,230 | 3,217 | 4,956 | 115,001 |
| APR | 6,896 | 7,241 | 103,352 | 3,192 | 3,211 | 5,040 | 114,795 |
| MAY | 5,335 | 6,152 | 102,600 | 3,112 | 3,163 | 5,038 | 113,913 |
| JUN | 5,319 | 6,121 | 101,947 | 2,999 | 3,117 | 5,116 | 113,179 |
| JUL | 5,874 | 7,027 | 100,968 | 2,843 | 3,073 | 5,200 | 112,084 |
| AUG | 5,014 | 6,789 | 99,567 | 2,638 | 2,993 | 5,053 | 110,251 |
| SEP | 6,311 | 7,440 | 98,744 | 2,462 | 2,933 | 5,097 | 109,236 |
| OCT | 5,213 | 7,015 | 97,152 | 2,368 | 2,822 | 5,026 | 107,368 |
| NOV | 5,374 | 6,549 | 96,238 | 2,329 | 2,752 | 5,034 | 106,353 |
| DEC | 5,018 | 6,137 | 95,322 | 2,308 | 2,708 | 4,992 | 105,330 |
| AVERAGE | 5,602 | 6,608 | 100,623 | 2,815 | 3,028 | 5,060 | 111,526 |
| 1997 JAN | 5,933 | 6,803 | 94,429 | 2,290 | 2,692 | 4,994 | 104,405 |
| FEB | 4,410 | 5,728 | 93,359 | 2,310 | 2,700 | 4,862 | 103,231 |
| MAR | 6,184 | 6,416 | 93,104 | 2,412 | 2,713 | 4,835 | 103,064 |
| APR | 5,172 | 6,034 | 92,300 | 2,378 | 2,671 | 4,828 | 102,177 |
| MAY | 4,882 | 6,121 | 91,290 | 2,305 | 2,588 | 4,851 | 101,034 |
| JUN | 4,620 | 5,760 | 90,223 | 2,236 | 2,512 | 4,856 | 99,827 |
| AVERAGE | 5,200 | 6,144 | 92,451 | 2,322 | 2,646 | 4,871 | 102,290 |

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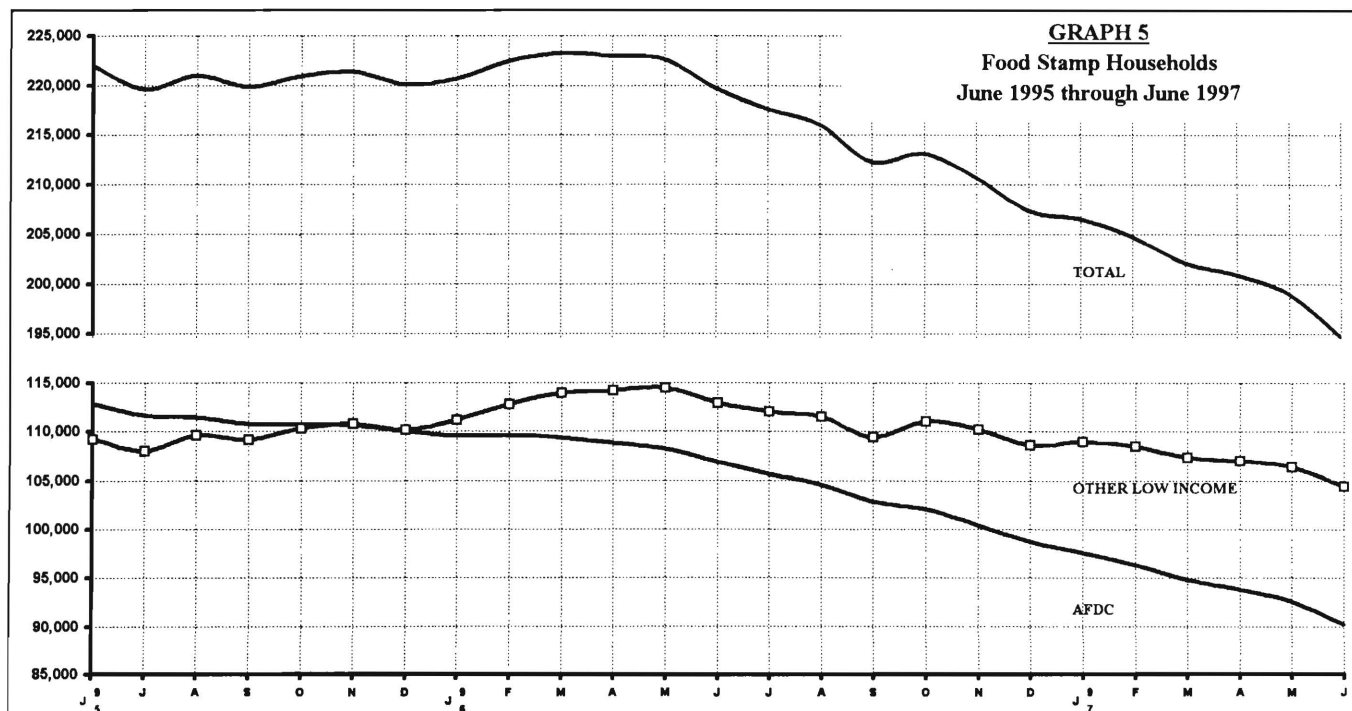
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FOOD STAMP Program State Summary
NUMBER OF ATP'S ISSUED TO HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS
ADULTS AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH
June 1995 through June 1997

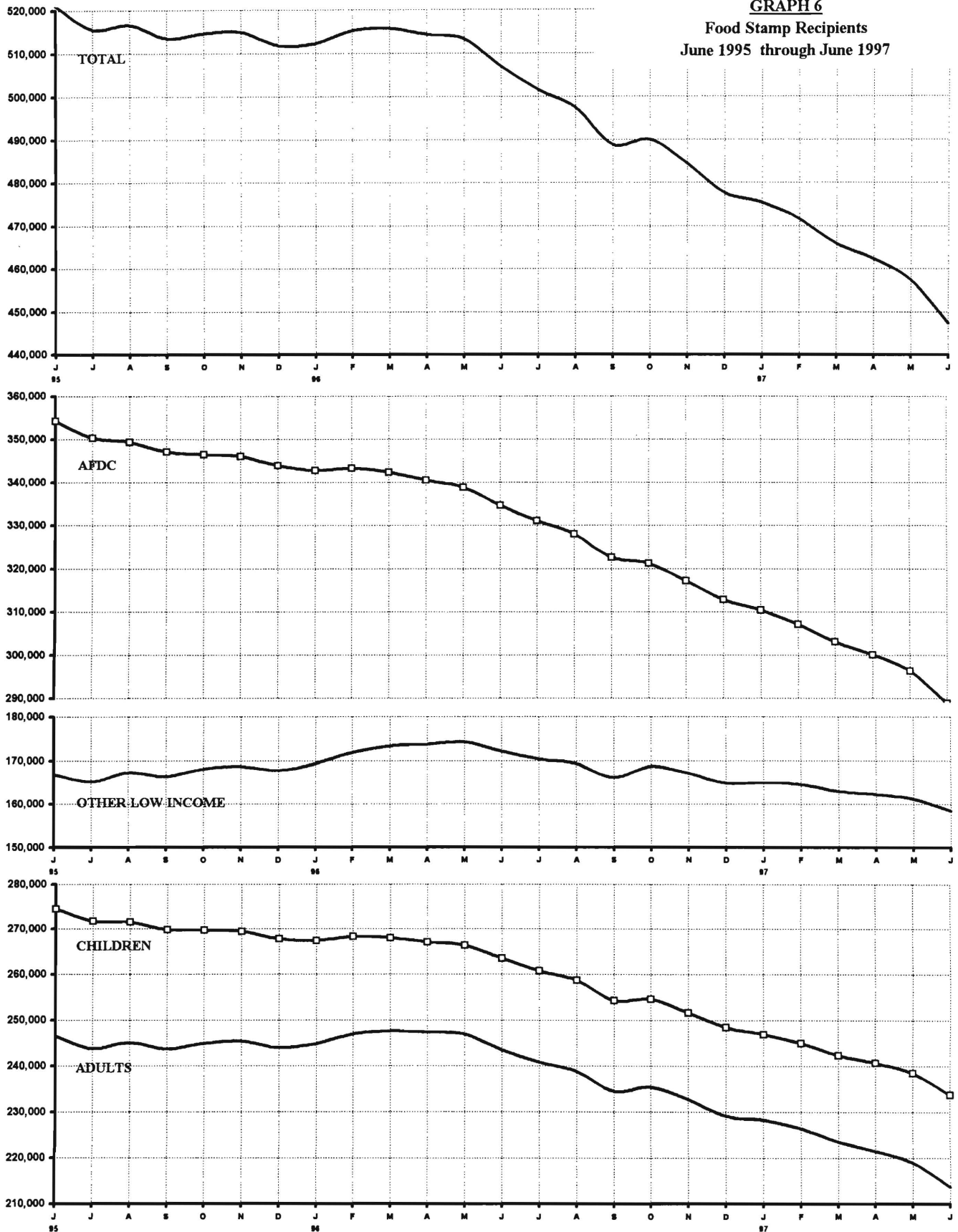
| | HOUSEHOLDS | | | PERSONS | | | | |
|-------------------|------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|----------|
| | AFDC | Other low income | TOTAL | TOTAL | AFDC | Other low income | Adults | Children |
| 1995 JUN | 112,827 | 109,198 | 222,025 | 521,084 | 354,211 | 166,873 | 246,557 | 274,527 |
| JUL | 111,635 | 107,978 | 219,613 | 515,478 | 350,378 | 165,100 | 243,727 | 271,751 |
| AUG | 111,415 | 109,603 | 221,018 | 516,618 | 349,372 | 167,246 | 245,110 | 271,508 |
| SEP | 110,760 | 109,154 | 219,914 | 513,517 | 347,126 | 166,391 | 243,723 | 269,794 |
| 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 |
| AVERAGE | 94,213 | 107,095 | 201,308 | 463,337 | 300,970 | 162,367 | 222,128 | 241,209 |

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GRAPH 6
Food Stamp Recipients
June 1995 through June 1997



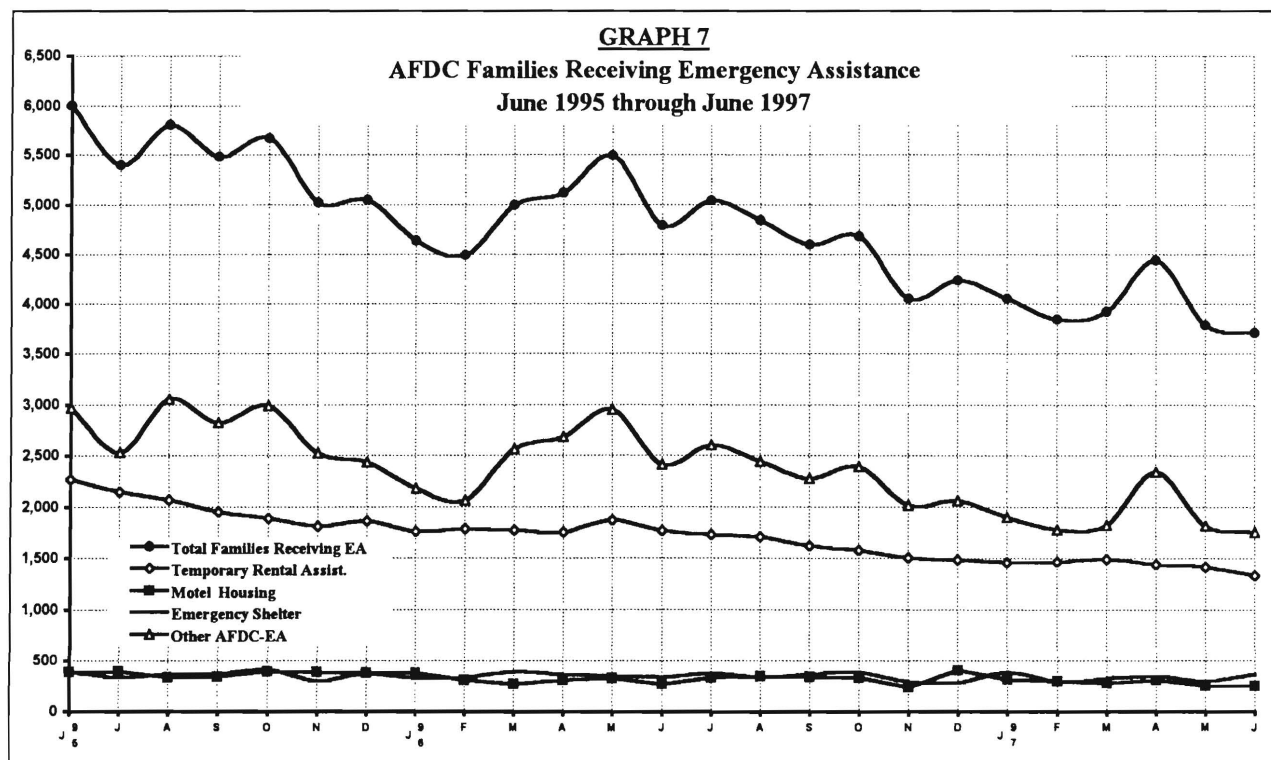
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TABLE 7

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE Program for AFDC Recipients, State Summary
NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS
(UNDUPLICATED CASES)
June 1995 through June 1997

| | Total Families Receiving EA | Temporary Rental Assistance | Motel Housing | Emergency Shelter | Other AFDC-EA |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 1995 JUN | 6,007 | 2,268 | 382 | 387 | 2,970 |
| JUL | 5,402 | 2,149 | 389 | 334 | 2,530 |
| AUG | 5,813 | 2,068 | 331 | 362 | 3,052 |
| SEP | 5,482 | 1,958 | 336 | 364 | 2,824 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| AVERAGE | 3,962 | 1,438 | 282 | 334 | 1,907 |

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



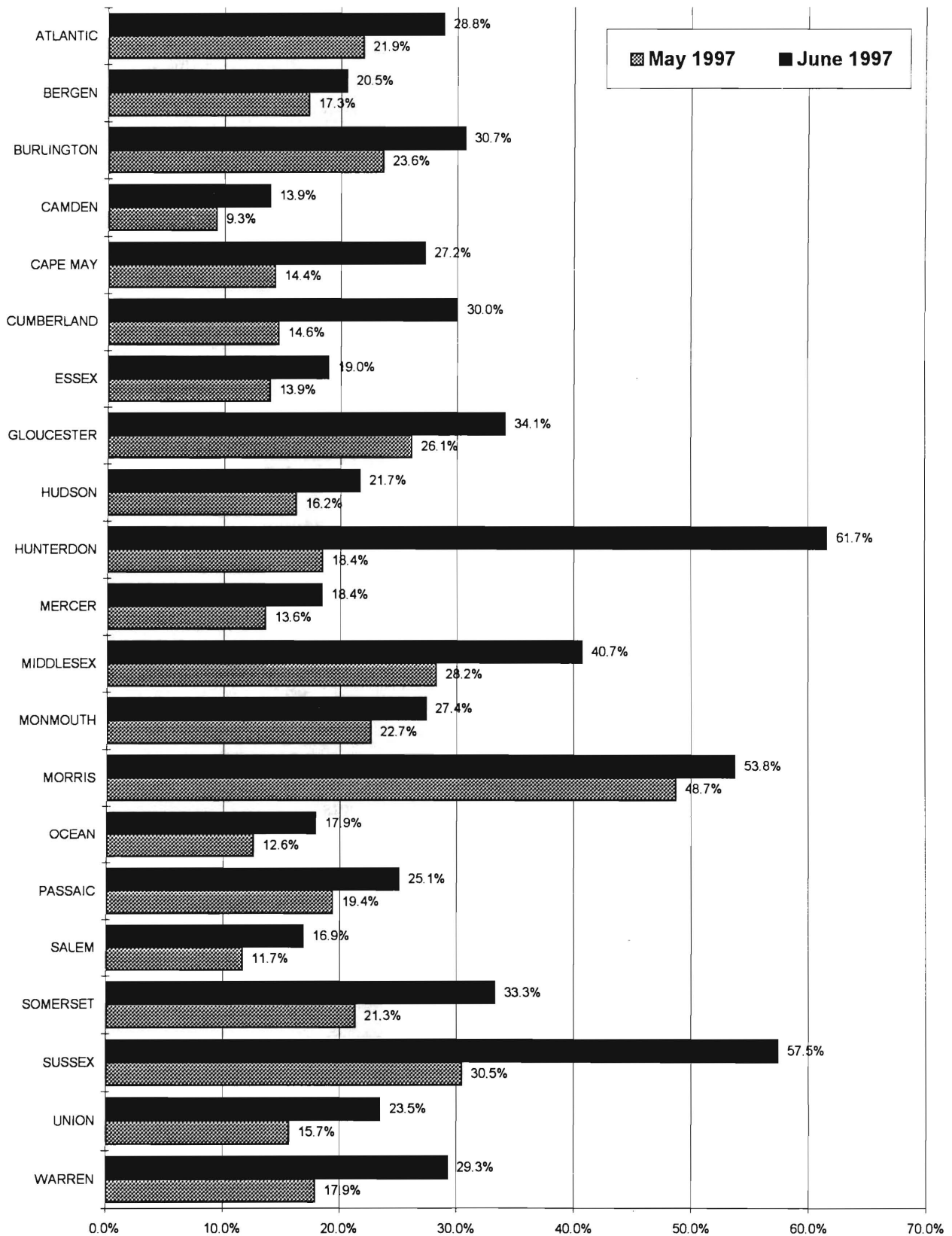
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Table 8
ESTIMATED TANF PARTICIPATION RATES
May 1997 - June 1997

| County | ESTIMATED TANF PARTICIPATION RATE | |
|------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| | May-97 | Jun-97 |
| ATLANTIC | 21.9% | 28.8% |
| BERGEN | 17.3% | 20.5% |
| BURLINGTON | 23.6% | 30.7% |
| CAMDEN | 9.3% | 13.9% |
| CAPE MAY | 14.4% | 27.2% |
| CUMBERLAND | 14.6% | 30.0% |
| ESSEX | 13.9% | 19.0% |
| GLOUCESTER | 26.1% | 34.1% |
| HUDSON | 16.2% | 21.7% |
| HUNTERDON | 18.4% | 61.7% |
| MERCER | 13.6% | 18.4% |
| MIDDLESEX | 28.2% | 40.7% |
| MONMOUTH | 22.7% | 27.4% |
| MORRIS | 48.7% | 53.8% |
| OCEAN | 12.6% | 17.9% |
| PASSAIC | 19.4% | 25.1% |
| SALEM | 11.7% | 16.9% |
| SOMERSET | 21.3% | 33.3% |
| SUSSEX | 30.5% | 57.5% |
| UNION | 15.7% | 23.5% |
| WARREN | 17.9% | 29.3% |
| | | |
| NJ TOTAL | 16.3% | 22.5% |

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 - June 1997



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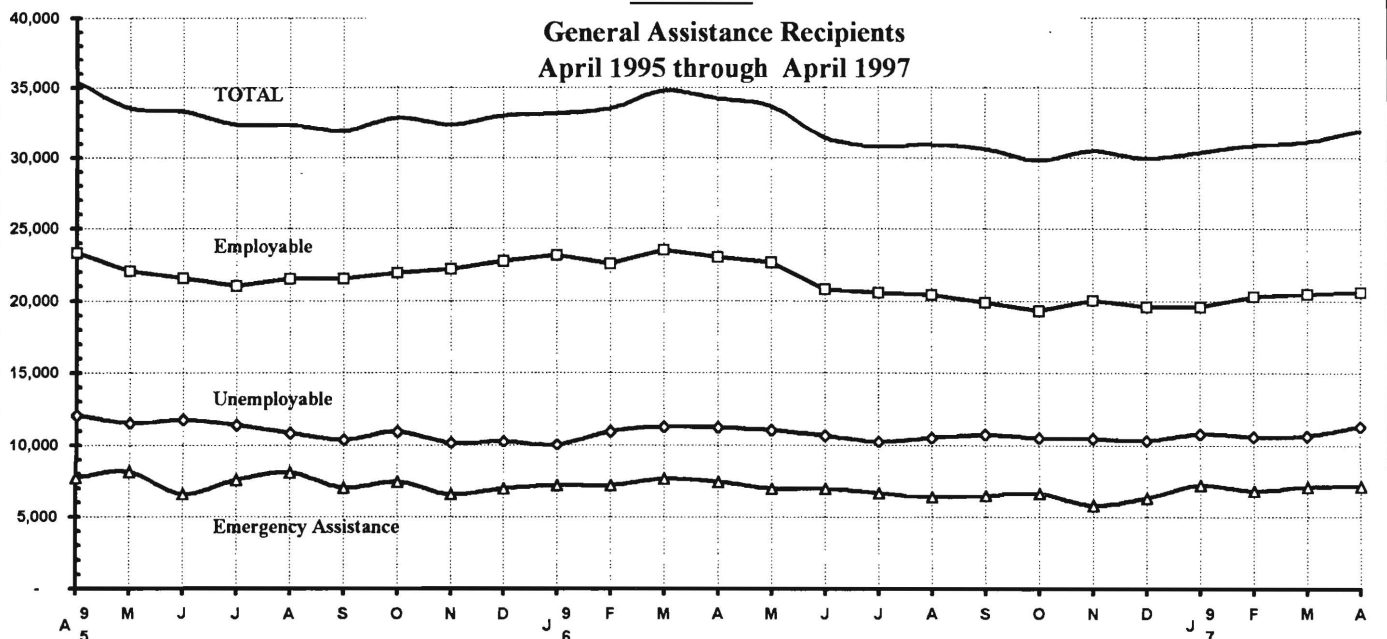
TABLE 9
GENERAL ASSISTANCE Program, State Summary
NUMBER OF EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS
AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS DURING REPORT MONTH
April 1995 through April 1997

| | <u>All Persons Aided</u> | | | <u>Emergency Assistance Payments</u> | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------|
| | Employable | Unemployable | Total | Temporary Rental Assistance | Other GA-EA | Total |
| 1995 APR | 23,337 | 12,082 | 35,419 | 4,833 | 2,887 | 7,720 |
| MAY | 22,046 | 11,527 | 33,573 | 4,995 | 3,135 | 8,130 |
| JUN | 21,575 | 11,738 | 33,313 | 4,423 | 2,146 | 6,569 |
| JUL | 21,000 | 11,391 | 32,391 | 4,048 | 3,526 | 7,574 |
| 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.) | 21,984 | 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 |
| 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 |
| AVERAGE | 20,229 | 10,850 | 31,079 | 4,132 | 2,918 | 7,050 |

Data Sources: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit

GRAPH 9

General Assistance Recipients
April 1995 through April 1997



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TABLE 10
CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY COLLECTIONS
State Summary

| COLLECTION SOURCE | Comparison of FFY 1996 and FFY 1997 | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| | 10/95-6/96 | 10/96-6/97 | % change |
| AFDC & FOSTER CARE | | | |
| Federal Tax | \$17,847,912 | \$18,992,137 | 6.4% |
| State Tax | 1,130,512 | 1,113,887 | -1.5% |
| Unempl. Ins. Ben. | 4,094,622 | 4,167,256 | 1.8% |
| Income Withholding | 31,131,463 | 30,830,260 | -1.0% |
| Other/Own Behalf | 11,298,413 | 14,238,422 | 26.0% |
| From Other States | 2,519,417 | 3,192,076 | 26.7% |
| For Other States | 5,663,118 | 6,484,438 | 14.5% |
| TOTAL COLLECTION | \$73,685,457 | \$79,018,476 | 7.2% |
| TOTAL DISTRIBUTION | \$74,508,010 | \$76,849,532 | 3.1% |
| NON- AFDC | | | |
| Federal Tax | \$8,534,024 | \$8,533,287 | 0.0% |
| State Tax | 1,397,851 | 1,582,807 | 13.2% |
| Unempl. Ins. Ben. | 14,402,749 | 13,331,787 | -7.4% |
| Income Withholding | 186,275,192 | 208,719,286 | 12.0% |
| Other/Own Behalf | 93,132,352 | 101,154,836 | 8.6% |
| From Other States | 15,406,629 | 18,846,181 | 22.3% |
| For Other States | 21,130,050 | 22,679,339 | 7.3% |
| TOTAL COLLECTION | \$340,278,847 | \$374,847,523 | 10.2% |
| TOTAL DISTRIBUTION | \$320,312,347 | \$367,805,594 | 14.8% |
| TOTAL | | | |
| Federal Tax | \$26,381,936 | \$27,525,424 | 4.3% |
| State Tax | \$2,528,363 | \$2,696,694 | 6.7% |
| Unempl. Ins. Ben. | \$18,497,371 | \$17,499,043 | -5.4% |
| Income Withholding | \$217,406,655 | \$239,549,546 | 10.2% |
| Other/Own Behalf | \$104,430,765 | \$115,393,258 | 10.5% |
| From Other States | \$17,926,046 | \$22,038,257 | 22.9% |
| For Other States | \$26,793,168 | \$29,163,777 | 8.8% |
| TOTAL COLLECTION | \$413,964,304 | \$453,865,999 | 9.6% |
| TOTAL DISTRIBUTION | \$394,820,357 | \$444,655,126 | 12.6% |

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.

AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN (AFDC) - Financial assistance for dependent children and their natural or adoptive parents, or certain other relatives recognized as taking the place of a parent. (Replaced by WFNJ/TANF July 1, 1997).

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.

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Division of Family Development

TABLE 11**GENERAL ASSISTANCE Program**

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

April 1997

| County/ Municipality | Total Persons Aided | | | Emergency Assistance Payments | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Employable | Unemployable | Total | Temporary Rental Assist. | Other GA-EA | Total |
| ATLANTIC | 1,028 | 539 | 1,567 | 73 | 22 | 95 |
| BERGEN | 478 | 458 | 936 | 224 | 91 | 315 |
| BURLINGTON | 359 | 390 | 749 | 128 | 91 | 219 |
| CAMDEN | 2,121 | 1,069 | 3,190 | 172 | 199 | 371 |
| CAPE MAY | 131 | 117 | 248 | 24 | 17 | 41 |
| CUMBERLAND | 350 | 178 | 528 | 7 | 14 | 21 |
| ESSEX | 7,452 | 2,780 | 10,232 | 1,069 | 1,496 | 2,565 |
| GLOUCESTER | 131 | 154 | 285 | 12 | 11 | 23 |
| HUDSON | 882 | 1,169 | 2,051 | 145 | 17 | 162 |
| HUNTERDON | 36 | 57 | 93 | 31 | 9 | 40 |
| MERCER | 1,405 | 778 | 2,183 | 282 | 269 | 551 |
| MIDDLESEX | 438 | 534 | 972 | 83 | 41 | 124 |
| MONMOUTH | 660 | 662 | 1,322 | 303 | 68 | 371 |
| MORRIS | 109 | 181 | 290 | 37 | 19 | 56 |
| OCEAN | 639 | 401 | 1,040 | 320 | 252 | 572 |
| PASSAIC | 2,258 | 732 | 2,990 | 460 | 173 | 633 |
| SALEM | 134 | 51 | 185 | 17 | 21 | 38 |
| SOMERSET | 84 | 94 | 178 | 40 | 8 | 48 |
| SUSSEX | 38 | 45 | 83 | 29 | 5 | 34 |
| UNION | 1,836 | 848 | 2,684 | 702 | 104 | 806 |
| WARREN | 43 | 68 | 111 | 26 | 3 | 29 |
| TOTAL NJ | 20,612 | 11,305 | 31,917 | 4,184 | 2,930 | 7,114 |

| | | | | | | |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Atlantic City | 848 | 328 | 1,176 | 60 | 19 | 79 |
| Mount Holly | 118 | 81 | 199 | 35 | 48 | 83 |
| Camden | 1,878 | 709 | 2,587 | 111 | 151 | 262 |
| Vineland | 166 | 91 | 257 | 4 | 9 | 13 |
| East Orange | 497 | 356 | 853 | 201 | 16 | 217 |
| Irvington | 329 | 127 | 456 | 60 | 6 | 66 |
| Montclair | 127 | 71 | 198 | 34 | 10 | 44 |
| Newark | 5,964 | 2,002 | 7,966 | 695 | 1,456 | 2,151 |
| Orange | 402 | 57 | 459 | 48 | 0 | 48 |
| Bayonne | 124 | 61 | 185 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Hoboken | 113 | 126 | 239 | 17 | 1 | 18 |
| Jersey City | 508 | 530 | 1,038 | 78 | 11 | 89 |
| Trenton | 1,302 | 668 | 1,970 | 241 | 258 | 499 |
| Perth Amboy | 103 | 112 | 215 | 12 | 5 | 17 |
| Asbury Park | 168 | 88 | 256 | 88 | 5 | 93 |
| Long Branch | 179 | 118 | 297 | 61 | 1 | 62 |
| Lakewood | 332 | 127 | 459 | 163 | 103 | 266 |
| Passaic | 442 | 272 | 714 | 180 | 42 | 222 |
| Paterson | 1,722 | 328 | 2,050 | 230 | 112 | 342 |
| Elizabeth | 1,186 | 428 | 1,614 | 546 | 45 | 591 |
| Plainfield | 273 | 138 | 411 | 43 | 2 | 45 |
| Total | 16,781 | 6,818 | 23,599 | 2,913 | 2,300 | 5,213 |

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit

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Division of Family Development

TABLE 12
CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY
NUMBER OF CASES REMAINING OPEN, QUARTER ENDING JUNE 1997

| | <u>CASES WITH ORDERS</u> | | | <u>OTHER CASES (1)</u> | | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------|--------------------------|--|----------|-------------------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | AFDC AND FOSTER CARE | AFDC AND FOSTER CARE ARREARS (2) | NON-AFDC | AFDC AND FOSTER CARE | NON-AFDC | AFDC AND FOSTER CARE | NON-AFDC | ALL CASES |
| Atlantic | 2,216 | 4,217 | 10,300 | 2,956 | 4,465 | 9,389 | 14,765 | 24,154 |
| Bergen | 1,440 | 1,793 | 8,958 | 1,353 | 1,284 | 4,586 | 10,242 | 14,828 |
| Burlington | 1,901 | 2,949 | 10,794 | 1,999 | 2,453 | 6,849 | 13,247 | 20,096 |
| Camden | 8,949 | 10,033 | 23,017 | 6,701 | 5,592 | 25,683 | 28,609 | 54,292 |
| Cape May | 722 | 1,045 | 3,510 | 384 | 363 | 2,151 | 3,873 | 6,024 |
| Cumberland | 3,604 | 4,714 | 10,733 | 602 | 435 | 8,920 | 11,168 | 20,088 |
| Essex | 15,855 | 16,125 | 38,092 | 24,265 | 15,211 | 56,245 | 53,303 | 109,548 |
| Gloucester | 1,610 | 2,228 | 6,613 | 1,141 | 1,377 | 4,979 | 7,990 | 12,969 |
| Hudson | 7,582 | 7,280 | 19,575 | 10,669 | 8,526 | 25,531 | 28,101 | 53,632 |
| Hunterdon | 132 | 262 | 1,616 | 75 | 97 | 469 | 1,713 | 2,182 |
| Mercer | 4,335 | 5,379 | 12,849 | 3,445 | 3,838 | 13,159 | 16,687 | 29,846 |
| Middlesex | 2,900 | 4,821 | 15,191 | 3,004 | 2,599 | 10,725 | 17,790 | 28,515 |
| Monmouth | 3,455 | 4,533 | 13,164 | 2,097 | 2,230 | 10,085 | 15,394 | 25,479 |
| Morris | 378 | 518 | 3,910 | 578 | 759 | 1,474 | 4,669 | 6,143 |
| Ocean | 1,717 | 3,003 | 10,012 | 2,064 | 2,497 | 6,784 | 12,509 | 19,293 |
| Passaic | 5,254 | 5,523 | 16,205 | 5,590 | 5,943 | 16,367 | 22,148 | 38,515 |
| Salem | 968 | 1,319 | 3,347 | 284 | 232 | 2,571 | 3,579 | 6,150 |
| Somerset | 497 | 602 | 3,258 | 600 | 734 | 1,699 | 3,992 | 5,691 |
| Sussex | 260 | 454 | 2,065 | 227 | 211 | 941 | 2,276 | 3,217 |
| Union | 3,548 | 4,517 | 13,366 | 4,675 | 4,130 | 12,740 | 17,496 | 30,236 |
| Warren | 524 | 962 | 2,907 | 159 | 148 | 1,645 | 3,055 | 4,700 |
| NJ TOTAL | 67,847 | 82,277 | 229,482 | 72,868 | 63,124 | 222,992 | 292,606 | 515,598 |

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*