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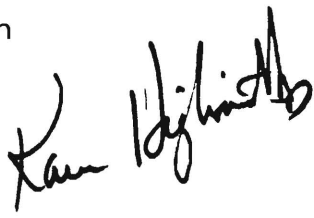
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TO William Waldman  
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FROM Karen Highsmith  
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SUBJECT CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

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



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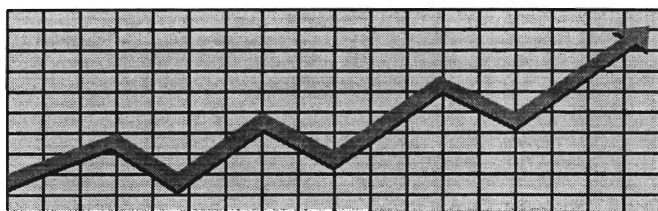
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# **CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS**



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## CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

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## Highlights of **CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS**

### **TANF**

(Tables 1 and 5, Graphs 1 and 4)

As of the end of January 1998, 82,936 eligible families in New Jersey were receiving TANF cash assistance:

- 79,500 single head of household families
- less than 3500 two-parent families.

In addition, there were more than 6300 families receiving Medicaid Only assistance.

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

(55.6 percent of all TANF families)

- 23,271 Essex
- 13,201 Hudson
- 9,665 Camden

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

- 68 families in Hunterdon County to 5,874 in Passaic County,  
with seven below 1000 families

There were about 2150 fewer eligible TANF families receiving cash assistance in January 1998 than in December 1997, with a decline close to 28,000, or 25.1 percent, over the number of AFDC families receiving cash assistance two years ago, in January 1996.

- **Single head families:** 2000 fewer were eligible in January 1998 than in December 1997 and close to 25,000 below two years ago.
- **Two parent families:** declined from more than 6300 in January 1995 to less than 3500 in January 1998.

### **FOOD STAMP PROGRAM**

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

At the end of January 1998, less than 180,000 households were participating in the Food Stamp Program.

- **TANF:** About 81,000 households with less than 259,000 persons.
- **Other low income:** nearly 99,000 households with about 149,000 persons.
- **Total persons:** Less than 408,000, including 192,400 adults and 215,400 children
- **By County:** 49.2 percent of the households were in:
 

<b>Essex</b>	<b>46,400</b>
<b>Hudson</b>	<b>24,700</b>
<b>Camden</b>	<b>17,400</b>



In the last two years, the number of Food Stamp households in New Jersey remained in the 220,000 to 223,000 range through June 1996, and declined substantially thereafter (from about 220,000 in June 1996 down to 185,000 or less in August 1997 through January 1998).

- The number of **AFDC/TANF** households has been less than the number of **Other Low Income** households for the past two years. **Other Low Income** households peaked close to **115,000** in May 1996 and declined to about **100,000** or less in August 1997 through January 1998. **TANF(FS)** households steadily declined from nearly **110,000** in January 1996 to about **81,000** two years later.
- **Total FS Recipients:** in the last two years, peaked at almost **516,000** in March 1996, and declined to less than **408,000** by January 1998, a drop of nearly **108,000**, or **21 percent**.
- **Adult FS Recipients:** peaked at close to **248,000** in March 1996, and were down by more than **55,000 (22.3 percent)** at **192,400** in January 1998.
- **Recipient FS Children:** declined by about **52,000 (19.4 percent)**, from **267,400** in January 1996 to **215,400** in January 1998.

## **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE** (TANF/EA not updated) (Tables 3, 7 and 9, Graphs 3, 7 and 9)

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In December 1997 Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for 3003 eligible TANF families and 195 SSI recipients in New Jersey. For TANF families this included payments for:

- **Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)** for **910** families
- **Motel** placements for **172** families and **emergency shelter** placements for **256** families
- **All other TANF-EA** for **1677** families (including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing and food allowance, or transitional housing)
- **1,047** families in **Essex** County, **315** in **Passaic** County, **275** in **Bergen** County, **228** in **Middlesex** 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 5800 in 1995, 4800 in 1996, and less than 3600 for 1997.

- **TRA** payments declined by more than **50 percent** from over **1,800** per month in December 1995 to about **900** in December 1997, the second consecutive month under **1000**.
- Families receiving **Emergency Shelter** payments averaged **369** per month in 1995, **345** in 1996, and **293** in 1997. Under **200** in November, they returned to the September/October levels in December 1997.
- **Motel payments** were made for an average of **405** families per month in 1995, **320** in 1996, and **240** in 1997. December 1997 was the second consecutive month under **200**.
- Families receiving **Other EA** payments averaged **2779** per month in 1995, **2388** in 1996, and **1762** in 1997. Under **1400** in November, they returned to the July-October levels in December 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 ten months of 1997 there were an average of less than 6800 GA EA payments (which is less than the comparable period in 1996), and slightly over 4000 GA TRA payments.

## TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

(Table 8, Graph 8)

In January 1998 the Statewide TANF participation rate was 48.4 percent. This is an increase of 1.5 percentage points over December 1997, and almost *three times* the rate of May 1997. These rates are based on the new formulation mandated by the 1996 federal welfare reform legislation establishing Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), which went into effect with the implementation of Work First New Jersey welfare reform.

- County rates were distributed as follows:
  - 20.0 to 29.9 percent -- Essex
  - 30.0 to 39.9 percent -- Mercer
  - 40.0 to 49.9 percent -- Hudson, Union
  - 50.0 to 59.9 percent -- Camden, Monmouth Passaic
  - 60.0 to 69.9 percent -- Bergen, Ocean, Warren
  - 70.0 to 79.9 percent -- Cumberland, Gloucester
  - 80.0 to 89.9 percent -- Atlantic, Salem
  - 99.5 to 100 percent -- Burlington, Cape May, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Morris, Somerset, Sussex

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE

(Table 9, Graph 9)

There were less than 28,000 GA recipients in October 1997, only slightly less than in September, but the lowest level in the past two years. Most of the decline has been among employable GA recipients. The GA total was 2000 below October 1996 and 5000 below October 1995.

- **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, and less than **18,000** since July 1997. The total number of Employable GA recipients, **17,441**, was identical for September and October 1997.
- **Unemployable GA** recipients remained close to **11,000** over the past two years.

## CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY

(Table 10)

In the first quarter of FFY 1998 (October 1997 - December 1997), the total distribution of collections of the Child Support and Paternity Program increased to \$145.8 million, compared to \$136.4 million in the same quarter in FFY 1997 (October 1996 - December 1996).

**Table 1**  
**TANF**  
**PROGRAM**

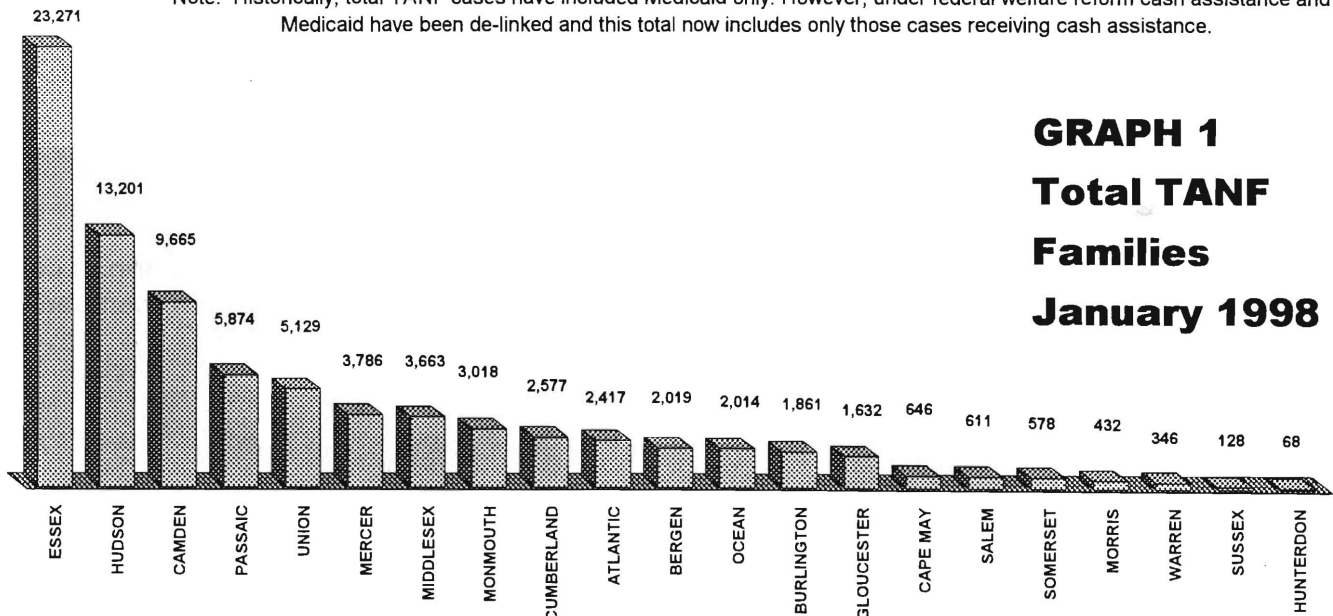
**NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS DURING REPORT MONTH, AND  
NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING TANF AT END OF REPORT MONTH**

**January 1998**

County	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF*	Medicaid Only
ATLANTIC	339	304	2,363	54	2,417	150
BERGEN	98	183	1,882	137	2,019	95
BURLINGTON	178	259	1,768	93	1,861	267
CAMDEN	743	947	9,121	544	9,665	935
CAPE MAY	109	115	577	69	646	74
CUMBERLAND	341	368	2,360	217	2,577	326
ESSEX	940	1,215	22,900	371	23,271	850
GLOUCESTER	223	306	1,557	75	1,632	295
HUDSON	503	752	12,596	605	13,201	1,027
HUNTERDON	14	20	65	3	68	33
MERCER	275	357	3,672	114	3,786	381
MIDDLESEX	356	479	3,402	261	3,663	475
MONMOUTH	225	276	2,905	113	3,018	132
MORRIS	49	60	421	11	432	95
OCEAN	207	269	1,846	168	2,014	346
PASSAIC	396	506	5,519	355	5,874	132
SALEM	86	111	591	20	611	70
SOMERSET	88	107	537	41	578	91
SUSSEX	36	36	120	8	128	61
UNION	351	468	4,977	152	5,129	441
WARREN	36	55	317	29	346	37
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>5,593</b>	<b>7,193</b>	<b>79,496</b>	<b>3,440</b>	<b>82,936</b>	<b>6,313</b>

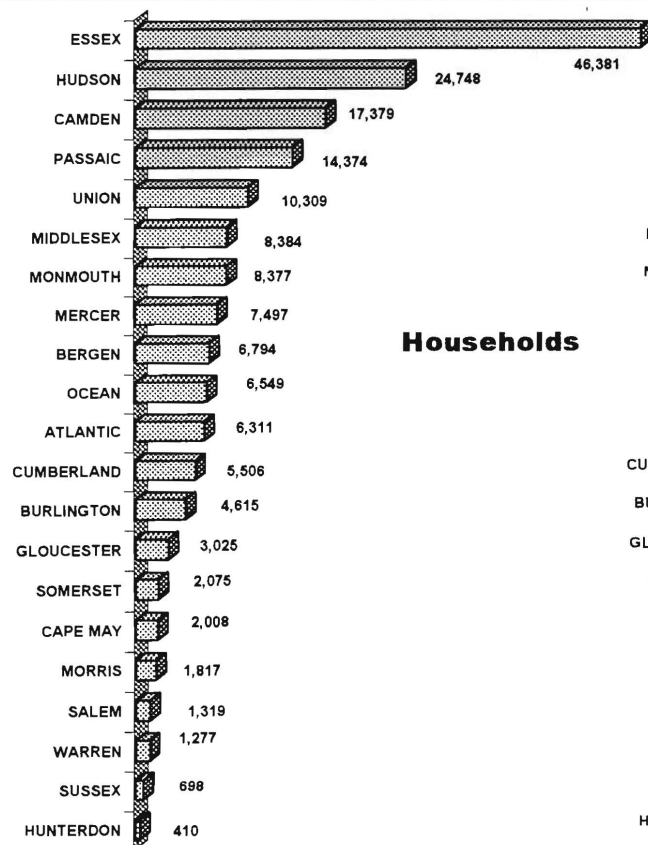
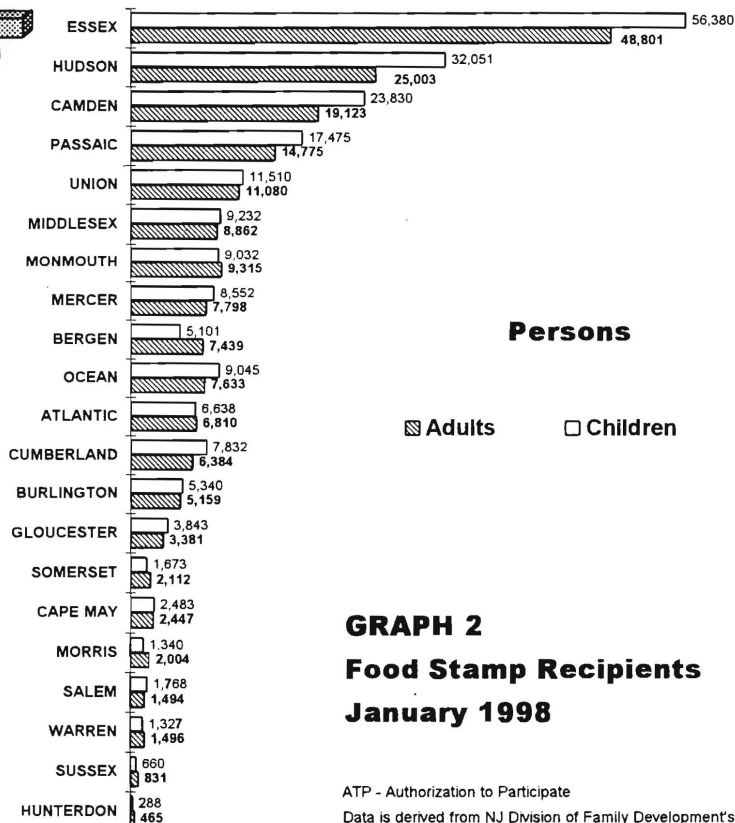
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**GRAPH 1**  
**Total TANF**  
**Families**  
**January 1998**



**Table 2****NUMBER OF ATP'S ISSUED TO HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS****FOOD STAMP****AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH****PROGRAM****January 1998**

County	HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS				
	TANF	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
ATLANTIC	2,223	4,088	6,311	13,448	7,422	6,026	6,810	6,638
BERGEN	1,812	4,982	6,794	12,540	5,333	7,207	7,439	5,101
BURLINGTON	1,909	2,706	4,615	10,499	6,015	4,484	5,159	5,340
CAMDEN	9,371	8,008	17,379	42,953	31,113	11,840	19,123	23,830
CAPE MAY	806	1,202	2,008	4,930	2,826	2,104	2,447	2,483
CUMBERLAND	2,912	2,594	5,506	14,216	9,913	4,303	6,384	7,832
ESSEX	22,649	23,732	46,381	105,181	71,553	33,628	48,801	56,380
GLOUCESTER	1,553	1,472	3,025	7,224	4,890	2,334	3,381	3,843
HUDSON	13,116	11,632	24,748	57,054	39,661	17,393	25,003	32,051
HUNTERDON	69	341	410	753	222	531	465	288
MERCER	3,419	4,078	7,497	16,350	10,854	5,496	7,798	8,552
MIDDLESEX	3,681	4,703	8,384	18,094	11,241	6,853	8,862	9,232
MONMOUTH	2,990	5,387	8,377	18,347	9,859	8,488	9,315	9,032
MORRIS	432	1,385	1,817	3,344	1,327	2,017	2,004	1,340
OCEAN	2,419	4,130	6,549	16,678	8,296	8,382	7,633	9,045
PASSAIC	5,542	8,832	14,374	32,250	18,269	13,981	14,775	17,475
SALEM	644	675	1,319	3,262	2,146	1,116	1,494	1,768
SOMERSET	595	1,480	2,075	3,785	1,770	2,015	2,112	1,673
SUSSEX	156	542	698	1,491	504	987	831	660
UNION	4,434	5,875	10,309	22,590	14,311	8,279	11,080	11,510
WARREN	405	872	1,277	2,823	1,326	1,497	1,496	1,327
NJ TOTAL	81,137	98,716	179,853	407,812	258,851	148,961	192,412	215,400

**Households****Persons**

☒ Adults
 ☐ Children

**GRAPH 2****Food Stamp Recipients****January 1998**

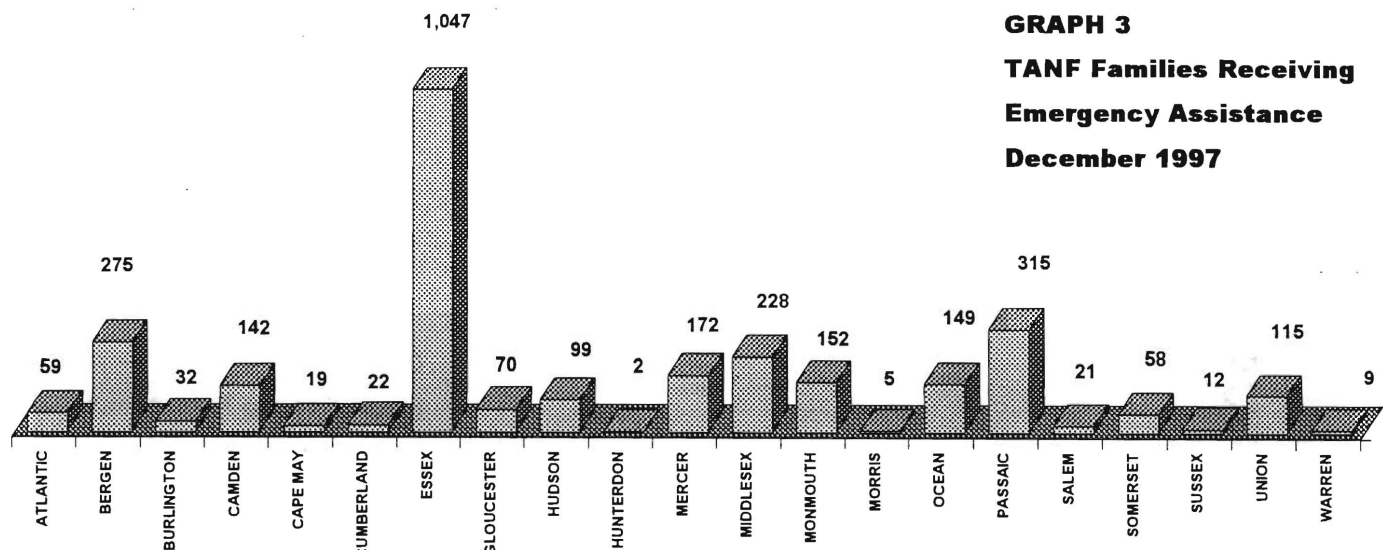
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**Table 3****TANF/SSI****EMERGENCY  
ASSISTANCE****NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS  
(UNDUPLICATED CASES)****December 1997\***

County	TANF Families Receiving Emergency Assistance					SSI
	TOTAL TANF-EA	Temporary Rental Assist.	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA	Recipients Receiving EA
ATLANTIC	59	21	18	8	12	24
BERGEN	275	124	28	41	82	14
BURLINGTON	32	1	0	18	13	0
CAMDEN	142	45	10	13	74	12
CAPE MAY	19	6	0	1	12	2
CUMBERLAND	22	0	0	3	19	0
ESSEX	1,047	412	6	70	559	31
GLOUCESTER	70	24	0	26	20	3
HUDSON	99	24	6	3	66	4
HUNTERDON	2	0	1	0	1	2
MERCER	172	78	16	0	78	2
MIDDLESEX	228	36	18	8	166	31
MONMOUTH	152	61	5	5	81	1
MORRIS	5	0	0	2	3	4
OCEAN	149	51	35	1	62	28
PASSAIC	315	2	5	26	282	18
SALEM	21	6	1	0	14	1
SOMERSET	58	5	4	16	33	7
SUSSEX	12	4	3	0	5	2
UNION	115	10	2	11	92	8
WARREN	9	0	2	4	3	1
<b>NJ TOTAL</b>	<b>3,003</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>1,677</b>	<b>195</b>



\*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****January 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	1,110	160	271	159	325	117	70	157
BERGEN	1,222	169	111	53	325	154	53	103
BURLINGTON	847	323	91	345	306	124	71	225
CAMDEN	5,497	575	652	1,416	1,643	629	247	472
CAPE MAY	358	85	26	45	106	30	21	38
CUMBERLAND	1,424	232	262	433	266	154	86	179
ESSEX	15,512	1,328	2,152	692	1,444	1,735	276	345
GLOUCESTER	721	113	56	283	191	98	56	109
HUDSON	8,769	1,234	1,748	298	1,042	1,119	252	460
HUNTERDON	25	0	5	6	11	4	2	12
MERCER	2,168	223	336	37	265	276	92	222
MIDDLESEX	1,767	56	389	575	622	167	106	207
MONMOUTH	1,863	169	245	148	503	333	90	247
MORRIS	182	72	69	194	83	46	20	58
OCEAN	931	73	101	316	175	122	99	197
PASSAIC	3,639	654	681	195	434	422	126	179
SALEM	311	65	126	47	101	80	16	40
SOMERSET	288	59	115	17	128	58	28	59
SUSSEX	48	24	18	11	35	23	9	48
UNION	2,865	126	1,410	336	352	299	87	153
WARREN	215	59	13	21	44	21	23	18
STATE	49,762	5,799	8,877	5,627	8,401	6,011	1,830	3,528

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Table 5

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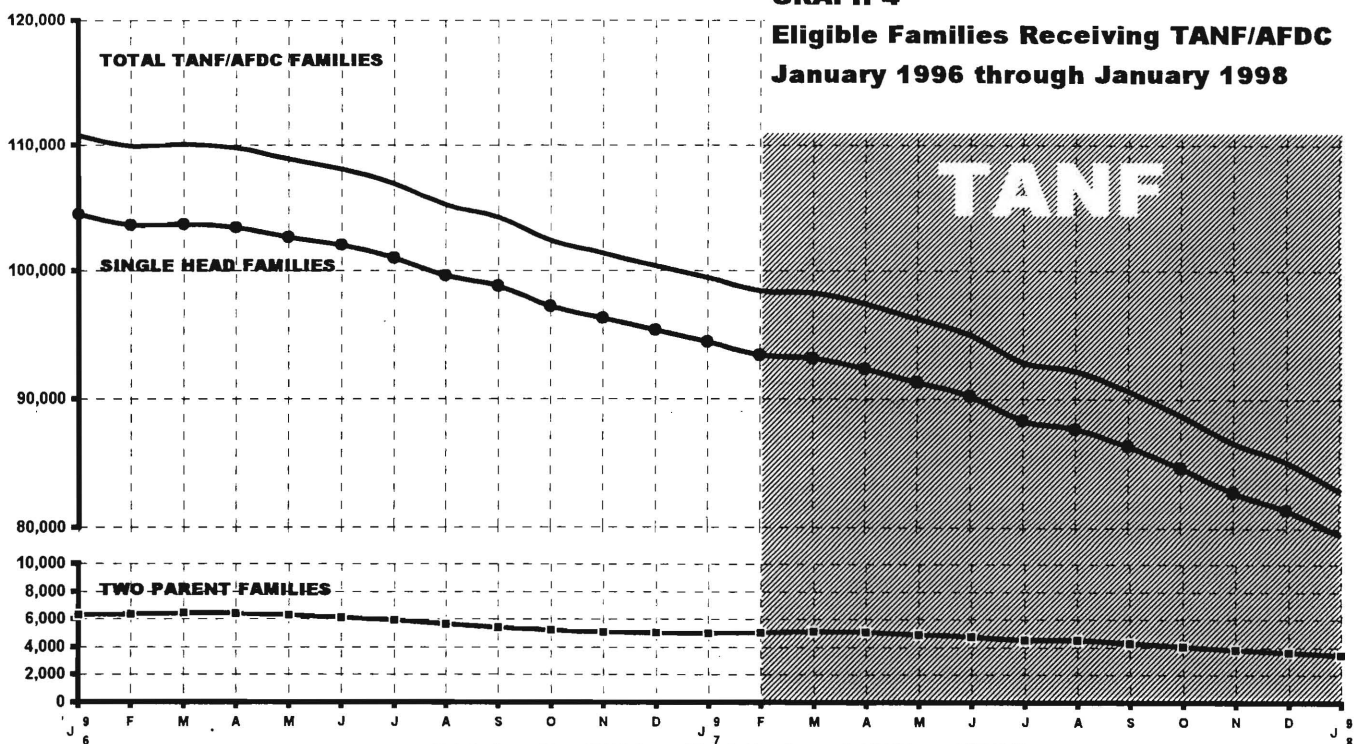
NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS DURING REPORT MONTH, AND  
NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING TANF AT END OF REPORT MONTH

**January 1996 through January 1998**

	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF/AFDC*	Medicaid Only
AFDC 1996 JAN	5,332	6,236	104,430	6,312	110,742	5,113
FEB	5,217	6,283	103,561	6,331	109,892	5,060
MAR	6,317	6,302	103,598	6,447	110,045	4,956
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	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

**GRAPH 4**

**Eligible Families Receiving TANF/AFDC  
January 1996 through January 1998**



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

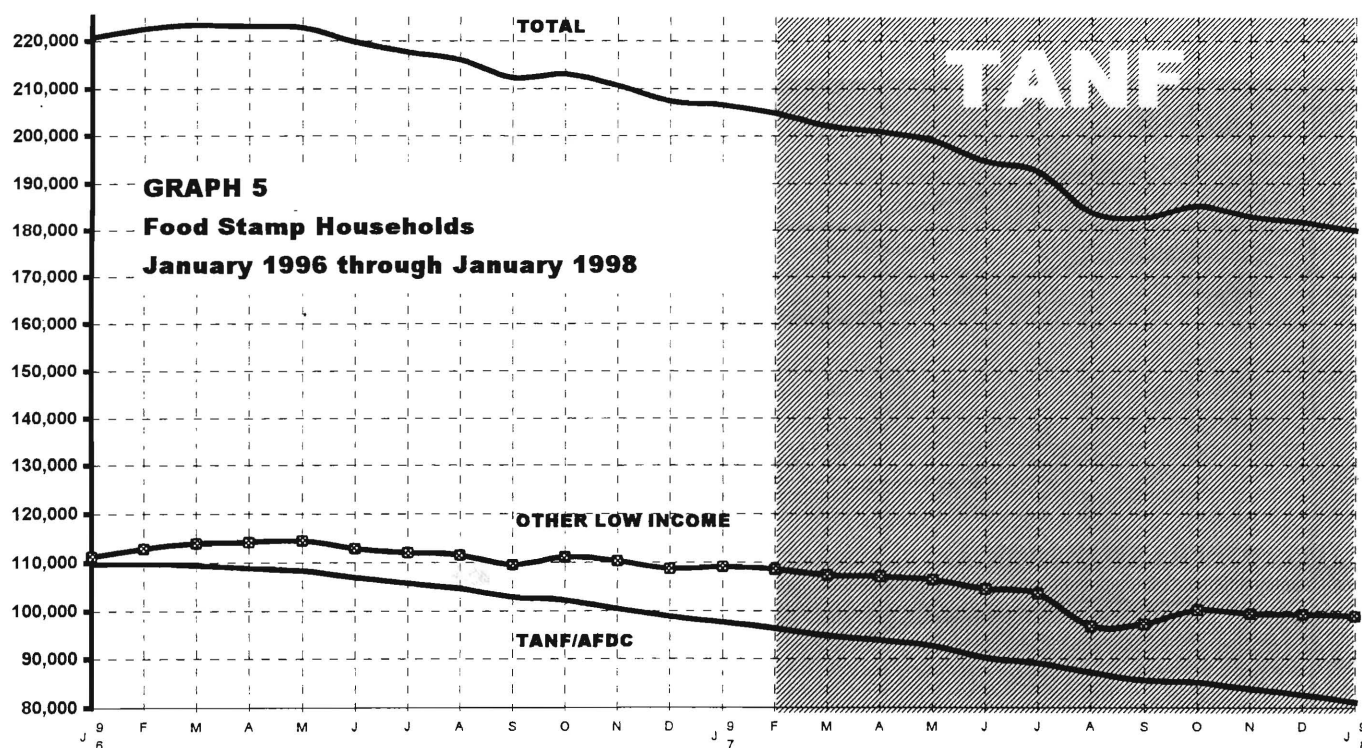
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**Table 6**  
**FOOD STAMP**  
**PROGRAM**

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

**January 1996 through January 1998**

		HOUSEHOLDS				PERSONS			
		TANF/AFDC	Other low income	TOTAL		TANF/AFDC	Other low income	Adults	Children
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
	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



ATP - Authorization to Participate

Data is derived from NJ Division of Family Development's FAMIS report # FB-160



**GRAPH 6**  
**Food Stamp Recipients**  
**January 1996 through January 1998**

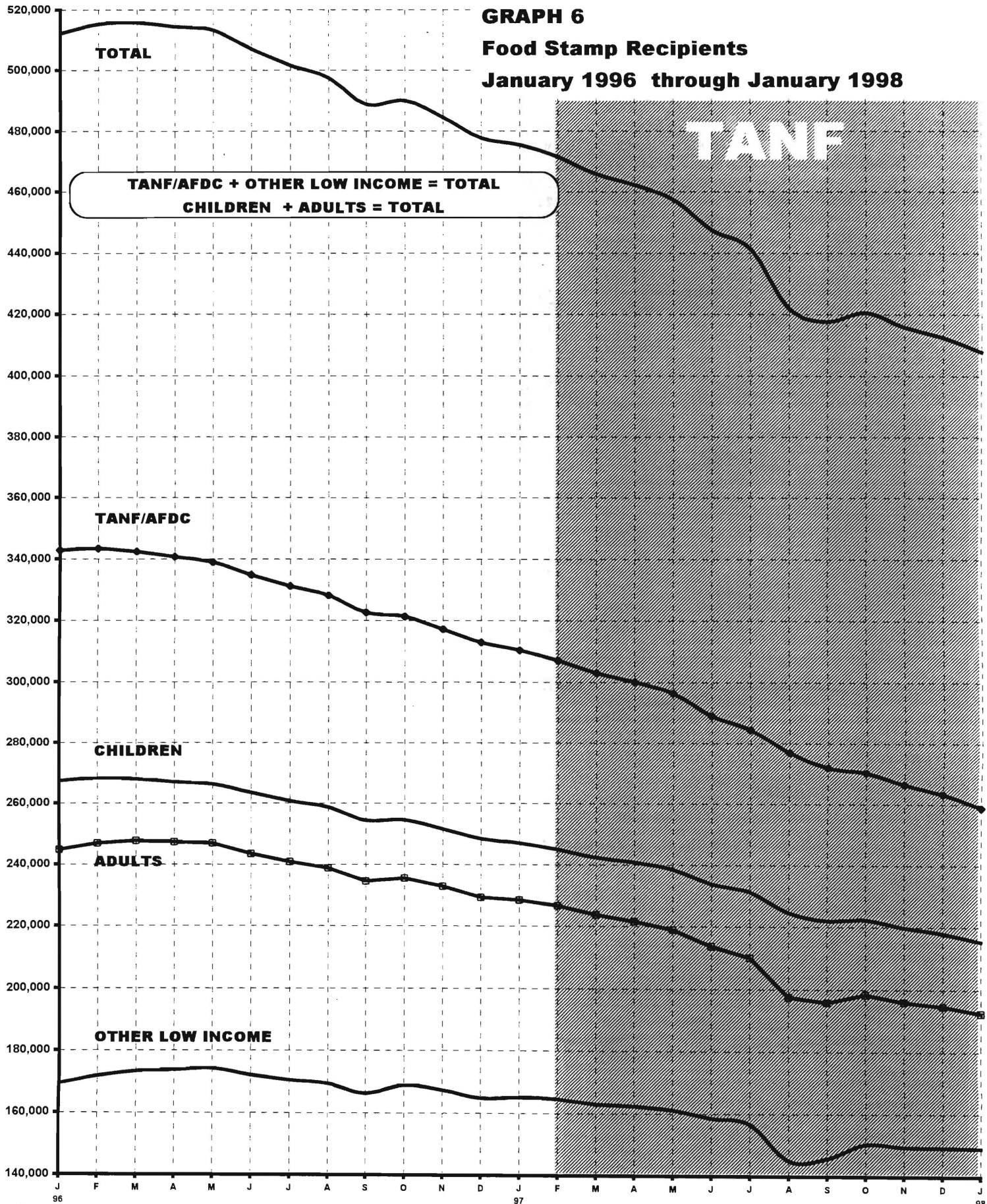


Table 7

## NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

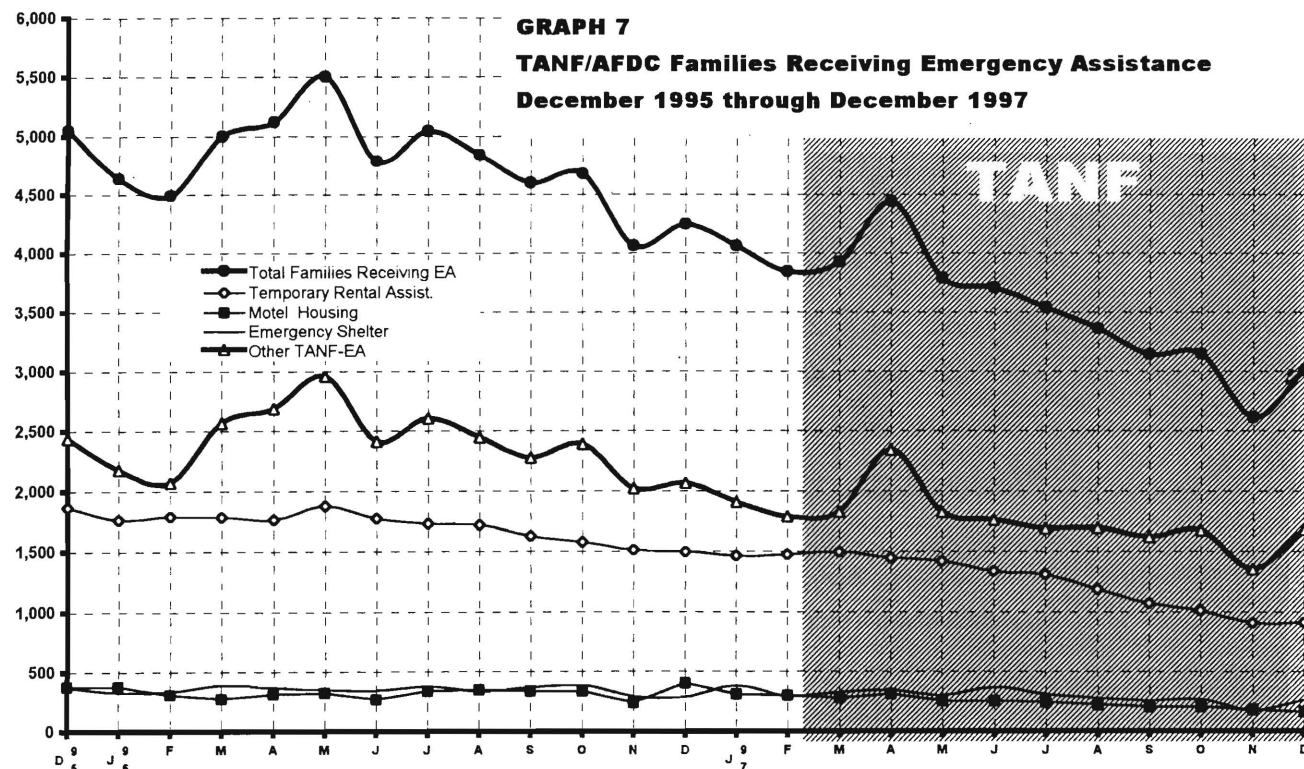
TANF/AFDC

(UNDUPLICATED CASES)

## EMERGENCY

December 1995 through December 1997

ASSISTANCE	Total Families Receiving EA	Temporary Rental Assistance	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF/AFDC-EA
AFDC 1995 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
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	1,762



**Table 8****TANF PARTICIPATION RATES****May 1997 - January 1998**

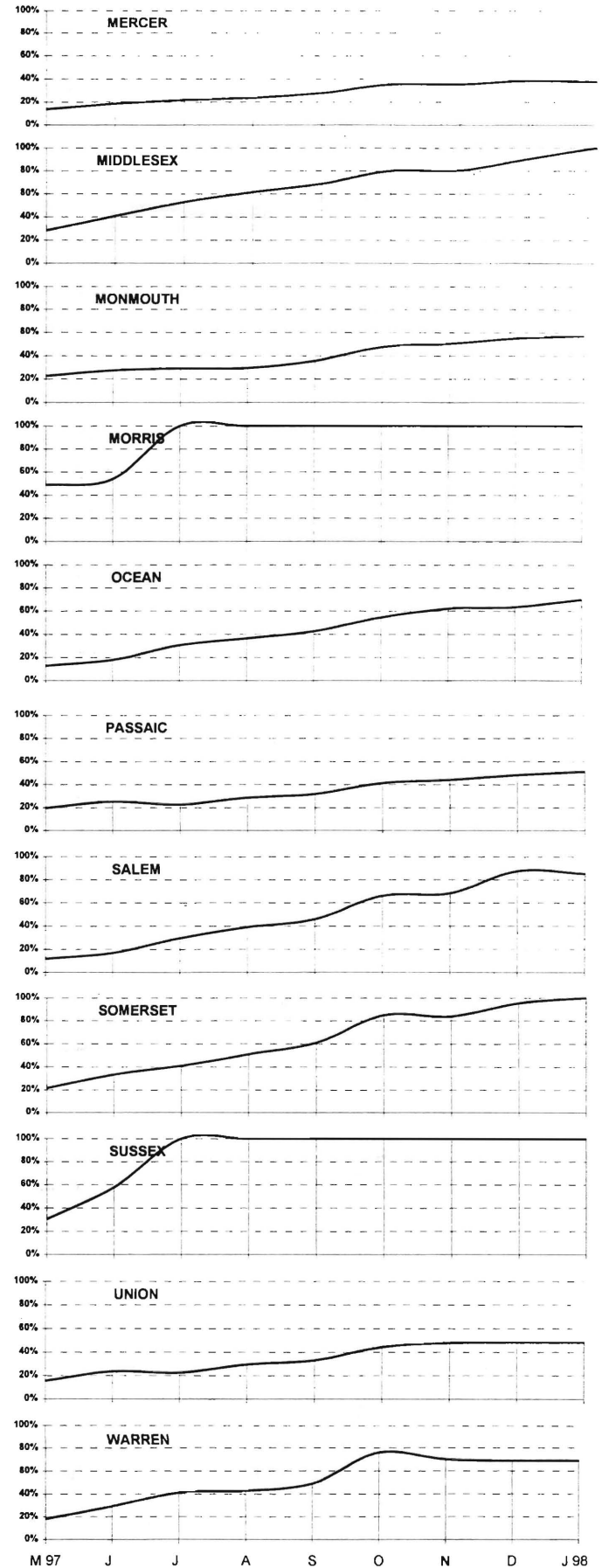
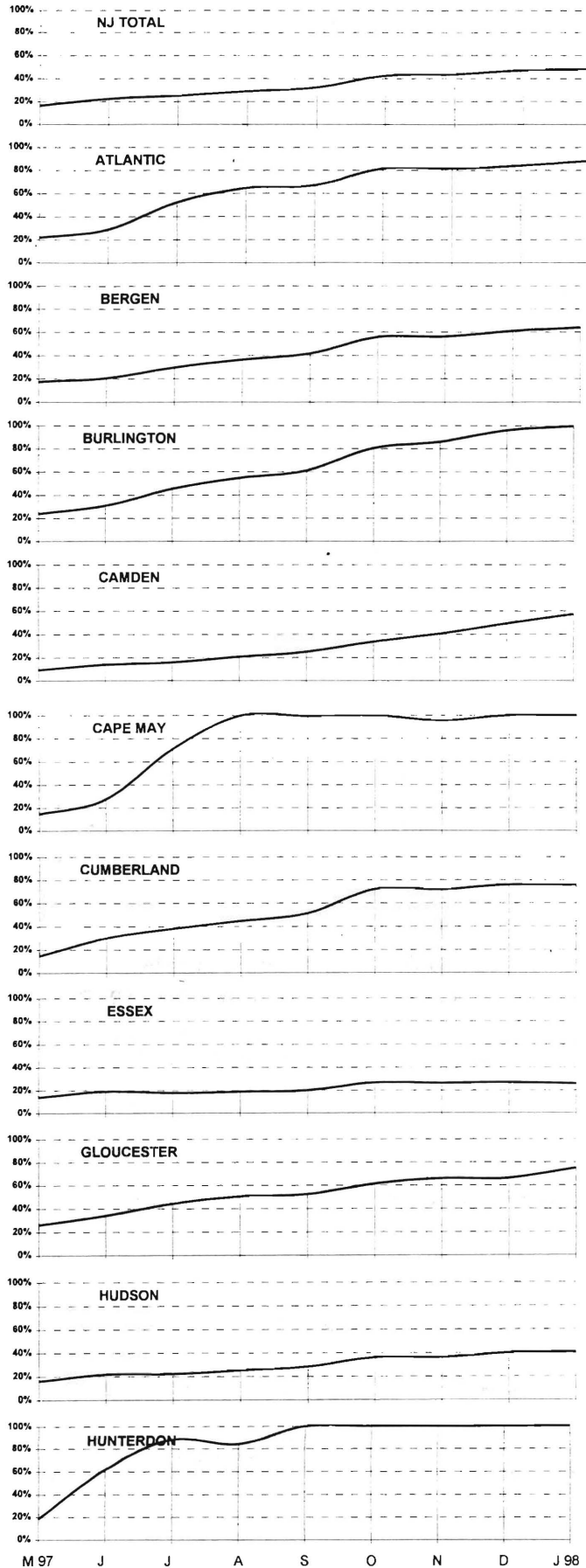
County	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January
ATLANTIC	21.9%	28.8%	52.1%	64.5%	66.9%	81.4%	81.6%	84.1%	88.4%
BERGEN	17.3%	20.5%	29.6%	36.3%	41.6%	55.6%	56.1%	61.1%	63.9%
BURLINGTON	23.6%	30.7%	45.4%	54.6%	61.0%	80.6%	85.9%	95.8%	99.5%
CAMDEN	9.3%	13.9%	15.8%	20.8%	25.0%	33.6%	40.4%	49.0%	57.0%
CAPE MAY	14.4%	27.2%	71.0%	99.7%	99.2%	100.0%	95.7%	100.0%	100.0%
CUMBERLAND	14.6%	30.0%	38.1%	44.7%	51.2%	72.0%	71.6%	75.9%	75.6%
ESSEX	13.9%	19.0%	17.9%	18.8%	20.1%	26.8%	26.3%	27.0%	25.9%
GLOUCESTER	26.1%	34.1%	44.3%	50.2%	52.3%	61.3%	65.9%	66.2%	74.9%
HUDSON	16.2%	21.7%	22.1%	25.1%	28.3%	36.0%	36.4%	40.1%	40.8%
HUNTERDON	18.4%	61.7%	88.4%	84.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
MERCER	13.6%	18.4%	21.7%	23.7%	27.8%	35.3%	35.2%	38.5%	37.4%
MIDDLESEX	28.2%	40.7%	52.8%	61.6%	68.6%	80.1%	80.6%	90.4%	100.0%
MONMOUTH	22.7%	27.4%	29.1%	29.7%	35.6%	47.8%	50.6%	54.9%	57.2%
MORRIS	48.7%	53.8%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
OCEAN	12.6%	17.9%	30.5%	36.3%	42.5%	54.5%	61.9%	63.5%	69.7%
PASSAIC	19.4%	25.1%	22.7%	28.6%	31.7%	41.3%	44.2%	48.2%	51.1%
SALEM	11.7%	16.9%	29.6%	39.0%	45.8%	66.0%	68.3%	87.6%	85.2%
SOMERSET	21.3%	33.3%	41.0%	51.2%	61.0%	84.8%	83.8%	95.4%	100.0%
SUSSEX	30.5%	57.5%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
UNION	15.7%	23.5%	22.3%	29.6%	32.9%	44.5%	47.9%	48.4%	48.3%
WARREN	17.9%	29.3%	40.9%	42.8%	48.9%	75.9%	69.9%	68.8%	68.8%
NJ TOTAL	16.3%	22.5%	25.1%	29.0%	32.3%	42.3%	43.5%	46.9%	48.4%

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

## TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

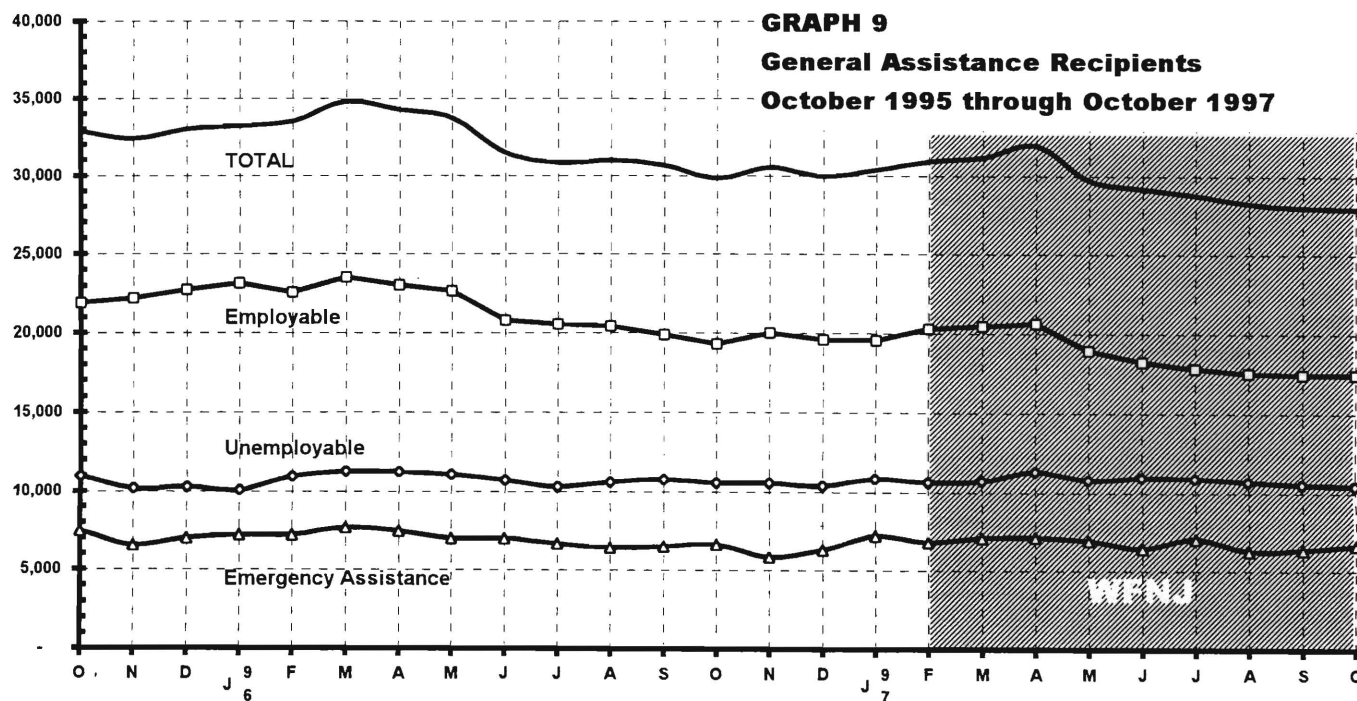
May 1997 - January 1998





**TABLE 9****GENERAL****ASSISTANCE****PROGRAM**
**NUMBER OF EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS  
AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS DURING REPORT MONTH**
**October 1995 through October 1997**

	All Persons Aided			Emergency Assistance Payments		
	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assistance	Other GA-EA	Total
1995 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.)	22,284	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
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
AVERAGE	18,828	10,761	29,589	4,037	2,743	6,780



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	10/96-12/96	10/97-12/97	% change
<b>AFDC &amp; FOSTER CARE</b>			
Federal Tax	\$534,028	\$592,657	10.98%
State Tax	645,410	427,767	-33.72%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	1,294,894	767,166	-40.75%
Income Withholding	10,452,329	8,945,453	-14.42%
Other/Own Behalf	4,692,441	4,379,858	-6.66%
From Other States	911,344	1,020,369	11.96%
For Other States	2,068,445	1,781,489	-13.87%
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$20,598,891</b>	<b>\$17,914,759</b>	<b>-13.03%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$20,357,302</b>	<b>\$17,416,994</b>	<b>-14.44%</b>
<b>NON- AFDC</b>			
Federal Tax	\$385,727	\$461,917	19.75%
State Tax	1,021,419	636,782	-37.66%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	4,084,081	3,432,030	-15.97%
Income Withholding	66,165,214	74,094,161	11.98%
Other/Own Behalf	32,498,148	34,545,056	6.30%
From Other States	5,271,997	7,464,049	41.58%
For Other States	7,492,064	7,842,161	4.67%
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$116,918,650</b>	<b>\$128,476,156</b>	<b>9.89%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$116,006,072</b>	<b>\$127,391,462</b>	<b>9.81%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			
Federal Tax	\$919,755	\$1,054,574	14.66%
State Tax	\$1,666,829	\$1,064,549	-36.13%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	\$5,378,975	\$4,199,196	-21.93%
Income Withholding	\$76,617,543	\$83,039,614	8.38%
Other/Own Behalf	\$37,190,589	\$38,924,914	4.66%
From Other States	\$6,183,341	\$8,484,418	37.21%
For Other States	\$9,560,509	\$9,623,650	0.66%
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$137,517,541</b>	<b>\$146,390,915</b>	<b>6.45%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$136,363,374</b>	<b>\$144,808,456</b>	<b>6.19%</b>

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)**

**Total Non-Exempt Recipients** - 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.

**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**  
**PROGRAM**

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

**October 1997**

County/ Municipality	Total Persons Aided			Emergency Assistance Payments		
	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assist.	Other GA-EA	Total
ATLANTIC	882	472	1,354	54	22	76
BERGEN	439	468	907	230	99	329
BURLINGTON	261	395	656	112	94	206
CAMDEN	1,834	1,101	2,935	164	208	372
CAPE MAY	83	100	183	15	9	24
CUMBERLAND	258	128	386	3	8	11
ESSEX	6,189	2,294	8,483	1,014	1,508	2,522
GLOUCESTER	92	134	226	9	15	24
HUDSON	757	1,048	1,805	147	26	173
HUNTERDON	38	65	103	25	28	53
MERCER	1,354	752	2,106	243	265	508
MIDDLESEX	360	498	858	74	15	89
MONMOUTH	425	587	1,012	233	38	271
MORRIS	71	181	252	34	21	55
OCEAN	433	332	765	251	86	337
PASSAIC	2,033	737	2,770	464	140	604
SALEM	107	67	174	9	18	27
SOMERSET	81	74	155	45	6	51
SUSSEX	33	48	81	22	9	31
UNION	1,678	898	2,576	717	106	823
WARREN	33	63	96	24	1	25
<b>TOTAL NJ</b>	<b>17,441</b>	<b>10,442</b>	<b>27,883</b>	<b>3,889</b>	<b>2,722</b>	<b>6,611</b>
Atlantic City	762	256	1,018	38	19	57
Mount Holly	110	106	216	40	67	107
Camden	1,622	775	2,397	106	160	266
Vineland	131	64	195	1	5	6
East Orange	401	366	767	200	31	231
Irvington	382	128	510	63	11	74
Montclair	100	63	163	24	17	41
Newark	4,849	1,504	6,353	634	1,442	2,076
Orange	336	75	411	61	4	65
Bayonne	99	61	160	3	1	4
Hoboken	96	121	217	18	3	21
Jersey City	444	478	922	91	18	109
Trenton	1,256	651	1,907	207	254	461
Perth Amboy	74	95	169	7	0	7
Asbury Park	146	86	232	50	1	51
Long Branch	65	108	173	34	1	35
Lakewood	216	117	333	157	16	173
Passaic	463	235	698	176	32	208
Paterson	1,518	347	1,865	249	82	331
Elizabeth	1,134	451	1,585	556	57	613
Plainfield	211	155	366	53	13	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,415</b>	<b>6,242</b>	<b>20,657</b>	<b>2,768</b>	<b>2,234</b>	<b>5,002</b>

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit