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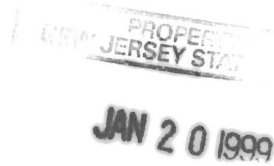
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FROM David C. Heins
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SUBJECT CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

Attached please find CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS for October 1998. Included are TANF-oriented data, and the WFNJ Statistical Summary. Some items of interest include:

- The TANF caseload continues to decline. Since January of this year there has been a decrease of 18.7%.
- Food Stamp households also continue to decline. Since January of this year there has been an 8.3% decrease.
- Due to manual reporting from a number of municipalities, General Assistance caseload numbers are not as current as TANF and Food Stamp data. The most current caseload data, June 1998, shows an increase of 1.7% from January of this year.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to call me.

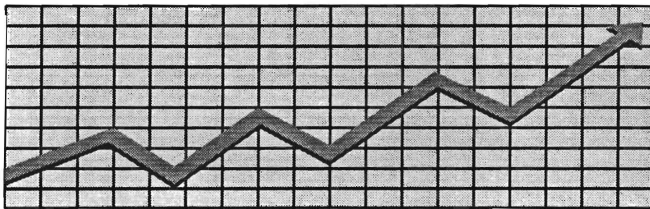
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CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS



**October 1998
David C. Heins, Acting Director**

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October 1998

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Highlights of **CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS**

TANF

(Tables 1 and 5, Graphs 1 and 4)

[The number of single parent families is reduced by the number of companion cases listed for payment on the source table FF-012, to avoid double counting.]

As of the end of October 1998, 66,910 eligible families in New Jersey were receiving TANF cash assistance:

- 64,988 single head of household families
- 1,922 two-parent families.

In addition, there were about 6700 families receiving Medicaid Only assistance.

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

Essex — 20,756, Hudson — 11,071, Camden — 7,198, Passaic — 4,978, Union — 4,208

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

- 50 families in Hunterdon County to 3,089 in Mercer County,
with seven counties below 1000 families

Nearly 1800 fewer eligible TANF families were receiving cash assistance in October 1998 than in September, with a decline of more than 34,500, or 34 percent, compared to the number of AFDC families receiving cash assistance two years ago in October 1996.

- **Single head families:** almost 1700 fewer were eligible in October 1998 than in September, and 31,300 below two years ago in October 1996, a drop of 32.5 percent.
- **Two parent families:** declined by 3300 or 63 percent from about 5200 in October 1996.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

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

At the end of October 1998, 165,000 households were authorized to participate in the Food Stamp Program.

- **TANF:** about 70,000 households with 225,500 persons.
- **Other low income:** close to 95,000 households with 144,500 persons.
- **Total persons:** about 370,000, including 175,500 adults and 194,500 children
- **By County:** almost 50 percent of the households were in:

Essex	43,400
Hudson	22,800
Camden	15,700

Two years ago in October 1996, 213,100 households were authorized to participate in Food Stamps in New Jersey. Over the next two years the number declined by more than 48,000, or 22.6 percent, to 165,000 by October 1998, the third consecutive month below 170,000 this year.

- **TANF(FS)** households steadily declined from about **102,000** in October 1996 to about **70,000** two years later. There were **111,000 Other Low Income** households in October 1996 and less than **95,000** two years later.
- **Total FS Recipients Authorized to Participate:** were **490,000** in October 1996, and declined to **370,000** by October 1998, a drop of **120,000, or 24.5 percent**.
- **Adult FS Recipients:** declined from about **235,500** in October 1996 to **175,500** in October 1998, a drop of nearly **60,000 (25.5 percent)**.
- **Recipient FS Children:** also declined by about **60,000 (23.6 percent)**, from about **254,500** in October 1996 to **194,500** in October 1998.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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

In October 1998 Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for 2505 eligible TANF families and 258 SSI recipients in New Jersey. For TANF families this included payments for:

- **Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)** for **466** families
- **Motel** placements for **295** families and **emergency shelter** placements for **306** families
- **All other TANF-EA** for **1438** families (including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing and food allowance, or transitional housing)
- **875** families in **Essex** County, **363** in **Passaic** County, and **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 about 4750 in 1996, 3550 for 1997, and 2500 for the first ten months of 1998. Payments were made for slightly more than half as many families in October 1998 as in October 1996.

- TRA payments were less than **one third** of the number in October 1996 .
- Motel payments declined by **12 percent** from **334** in October 1996.
- Emergency Shelter payments declined by about **20 percent** from **385** in October 1996.
- Other TANF-EA payments declined by **40 percent** from **2388** in October 1996.

For 1996 there were an average of 6800 GA EA recipients, 6700 for 1997, and 6400 for the first half of 1998 . Of those, GA TRA payments were made to an average of 4100 recipients in 1996, and 4000 in 1997 and 3900 in the first half of 1998.

TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

(Table 8, Graph 8)

(Not updated)

The TANF participation rate for September 1998 was 28.67% for the State as a whole. This is an increase of about 1.5 percentage points from August 1998.

Participation rates by county:

- Three counties, **Essex, Gloucester, and Mercer**, were between **22** and **25** percent.
- Eight counties, **Atlantic, Camden, Cape may, Hudson, Hunterdon, Ocean, Union and Warren**, were clustered between **28** and **32** percent.
- Six counties, **Bergen, Burlington, Cumberland, Middlesex, Morris, and Passaic**, were between **33** and **36** percent.
- The four highest counties were **Monmouth, Salem, Somerset and Sussex**, which ranged from **41** to **45** percent.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

(Table 9, Graph 9)

There were 27,446 GA recipients in June 1998, almost unchanged from May 1998. The GA total was about 1700 below June 1997 and about 4000 below June 1996.

- There were **17,000 Employable GA** recipients in June 1998. The level remained around **20,000** from June 1996 through April 1997, and less than **18,000** since July 1997.
- With about **10,400** in June 1998, **Unemployable GA** recipients remained in the **10,000 to 11,000** range over the past two years.

CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY

(Table 10)

In FFY 1998, October 1997 - September 1998, the total distribution of collections of the Child Support and Paternity Program was \$621.6 million, compared to less than \$593 million in FFY 1997, October 1996 - September 1997.

Table 1 NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS DURING REPORT MONTH, AND
TANF NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING TANF AT END OF REPORT MONTH
PROGRAM **OCTOBER 1998**

County	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF	Medicaid Only
ATLANTIC	136	227	1,704	37	1,741	172
BERGEN	119	169	1,408	92	1,500	88
BURLINGTON	226	265	1,305	46	1,351	260
CAMDEN	557	812	6,917	281	7,198	924
CAPE MAY	54	93	395	27	422	68
CUMBERLAND	242	295	1,789	119	1,908	547
ESSEX	770	1,230	20,554	202	20,756	798
GLOUCESTER	168	228	1,047	35	1,082	320
HUDSON	417	713	10,645	426	11,071	1,035
HUNTERDON	7	16	49	1	50	28
MERCER	229	333	3,020	69	3,089	466
MIDDLESEX	293	398	2,448	107	2,555	485
MONMOUTH	145	240	2,222	47	2,269	184
MORRIS	39	56	340	16	356	46
OCEAN	150	193	1,135	52	1,187	395
PASSAIC	290	452	4,730	248	4,978	130
SALEM	69	98	389	13	402	67
SOMERSET	70	82	426	17	443	84
SUSSEX	35	32	122	2	124	46
UNION	286	310	4,134	74	4,208	549
WARREN	35	40	209	11	220	22
NJ TOTAL	4,337	6,282	64,988	1,922	66,910	6,714

Note: The number of single parent families is reduced by the number of companion cases listed for payment on the source table FF-012, to avoid double counting.

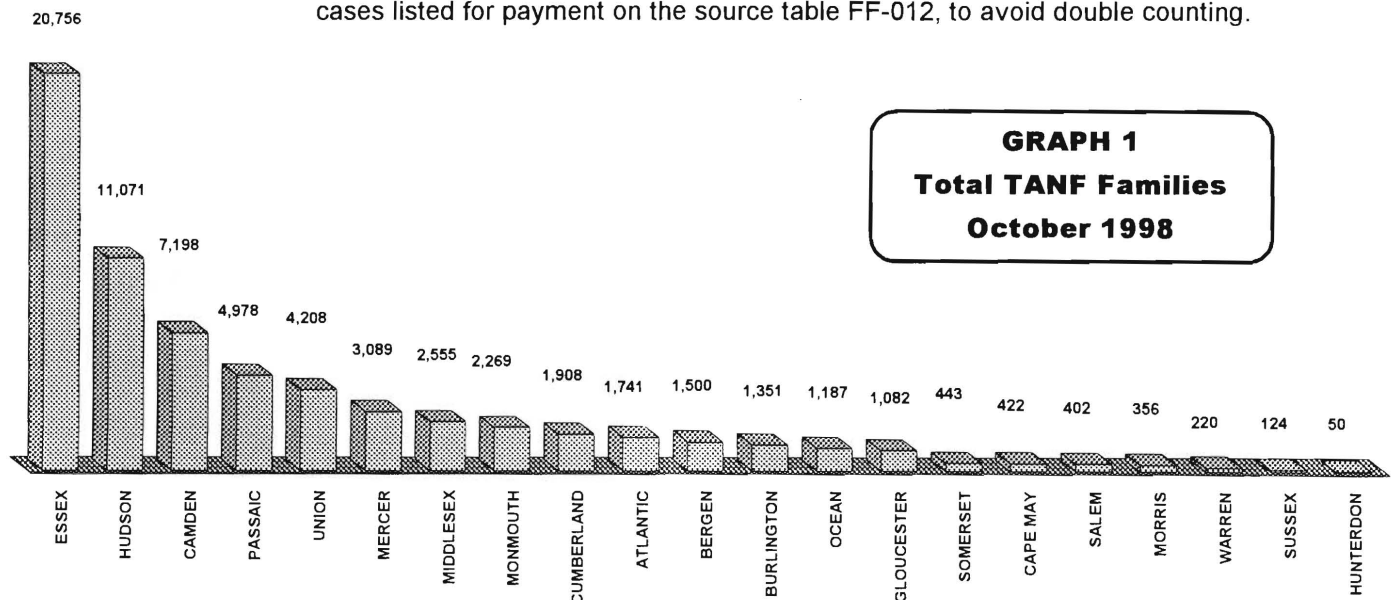
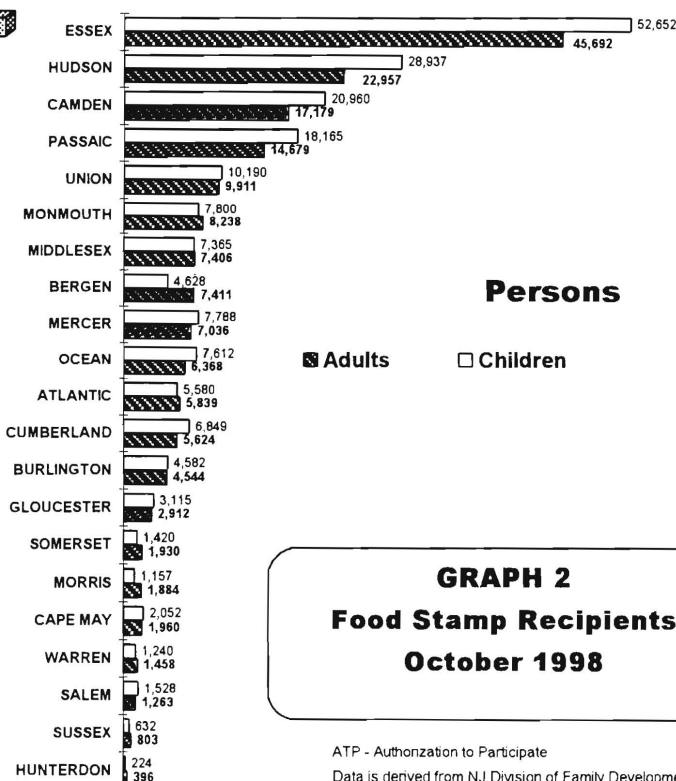
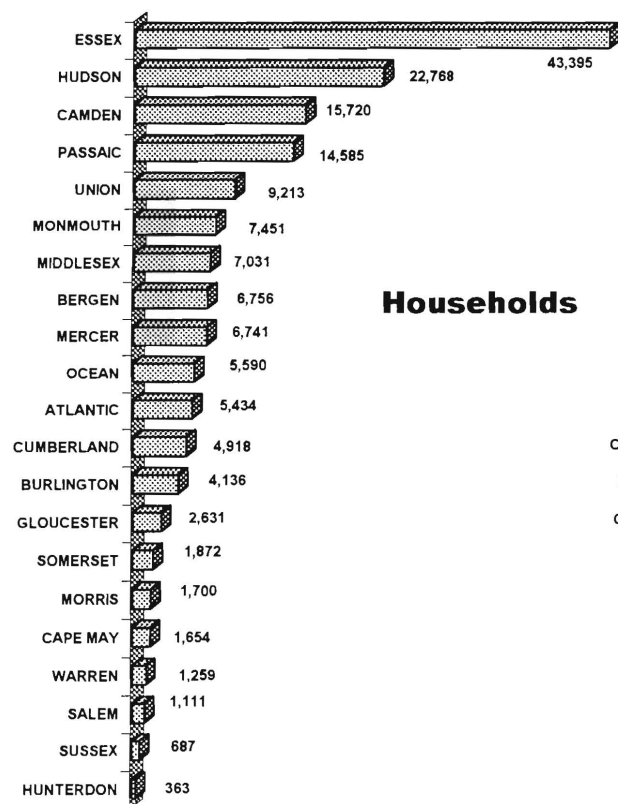


Table 2 **NUMBER OF ATP'S ISSUED TO HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH**

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

OCTOBER 1998

County	HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS				
	TANF	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
ATLANTIC	1,730	3,704	5,434	11,419	5,848	5,571	5,839	5,580
BERGEN	1,508	5,248	6,756	12,039	4,464	7,575	7,411	4,628
BURLINGTON	1,555	2,581	4,136	9,126	4,876	4,250	4,544	4,582
CAMDEN	7,929	7,791	15,720	38,139	26,580	11,559	17,179	20,960
CAPE MAY	627	1,027	1,654	4,012	2,191	1,821	1,960	2,052
CUMBERLAND	2,499	2,419	4,918	12,473	8,467	4,006	5,624	6,849
ESSEX	20,749	22,646	43,395	98,344	65,708	32,636	45,692	52,652
GLOUCESTER	1,218	1,413	2,631	6,027	3,899	2,128	2,912	3,115
HUDSON	11,512	11,256	22,768	51,894	35,155	16,739	22,957	28,937
HUNTERDON	54	309	363	620	167	453	396	224
MERCER	3,030	3,711	6,741	14,824	9,708	5,116	7,036	7,788
MIDDLESEX	2,864	4,167	7,031	14,771	8,924	5,847	7,406	7,365
MONMOUTH	2,470	4,981	7,451	16,038	8,161	7,877	8,238	7,800
MORRIS	337	1,363	1,700	3,041	1,038	2,003	1,884	1,157
OCEAN	1,790	3,800	5,590	13,980	6,348	7,632	6,368	7,612
PASSAIC	5,121	9,464	14,585	32,844	16,990	15,854	14,679	18,165
SALEM	504	607	1,111	2,791	1,700	1,091	1,263	1,528
SOMERSET	457	1,415	1,872	3,350	1,391	1,959	1,930	1,420
SUSSEX	157	530	687	1,435	480	955	803	632
UNION	3,762	5,451	9,213	20,101	12,286	7,815	9,911	10,190
WARREN	325	934	1,259	2,698	1,069	1,629	1,458	1,240
NJ TOTAL	70,198	94,817	165,015	369,966	225,450	144,516	175,490	194,476



GRAPH 2
Food Stamp Recipients
October 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)

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

OCTOBER 1998

County	TANF Families Receiving Emergency Assistance					SSI
	TOTAL TANF-EA	Temporary Rental Assist.	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA	Receipts Receiving EA
ATLANTIC	22	0	4	2	16	6
BERGEN	165	38	18	34	75	30
BURLINGTON	47	2	0	30	15	1
CAMDEN	106	20	2	20	64	19
CAPE MAY	25	4	0	0	21	5
CUMBERLAND	53	1	2	7	43	4
ESSEX	875	293	155	91	336	15
GLOUCESTER	50	15	2	14	19	8
HUDSON	103	14	8	12	69	10
HUNTERDON	6	0	1	1	4	2
MERCER	124	35	15	1	73	8
MIDDLESEX	198	12	25	24	137	49
MONMOUTH	77	13	2	6	56	1
MORRIS	5	0	0	1	4	7
OCEAN	60	2	36	1	21	24
PASSAIC	363	1	5	19	338	48
SALEM	20	2	5	1	12	2
SOMERSET	74	3	1	20	50	9
SUSSEX	23	5	7	2	9	6
UNION	98	6	3	17	72	3
WARREN	11	0	4	3	4	1
NJ TOTAL	2,505	466	295	306	1,438	258

GRAPH 3
TANF Families Receiving
Emergency Assistance
October 1998

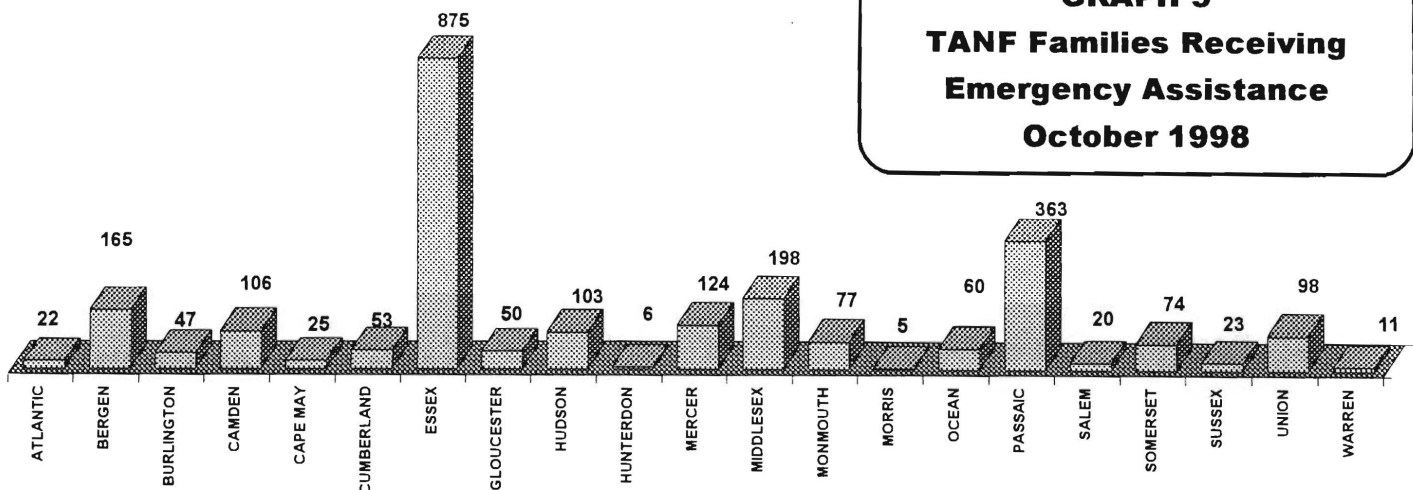


Table 4**WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY STATISTICAL SUMMARY****WFNJ****October 1998**

COUNTY	RECIPIENTS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE	EMPLOYMENT DIRECTED ACTIVITIES			EMPLOYED OPEN (TANF RECIPIENT)	SUPPORT SERVICES ON ACTIVE CASE		EMPLOYED CLOSED	POST TANF CHILD CARE
		CWEP	ALL OTHER TRAINING	JOB SEARCH		CHILD CARE	TRAINING REL. EXPENSES		
ATLANTIC	*	2	262	148	357	142	94	72	238
BERGEN	*	36	287	171	372	133	105	52	159
BURLINGTON	*	198	117	187	299	105	188	80	256
CAMDEN	*	309	585	662	1,871	464	569	210	626
CAPE MAY	*	15	39	53	124	9	8	27	48
CUMBERLAND	*	21	656	736	361	183	343	103	277
ESSEX	*	339	3,248	4,022	1,998	1,468	2,711	206	403
GLOUCESTER	*	50	28	123	190	59	9	47	137
HUDSON	*	787	2,241	786	1,421	1,022	1,557	180	659
HUNTERDON	*	1	3	14	22	4	0	6	11
MERCER	*	72	199	576	410	275	166	91	294
MIDDLESEX	*	0	252	299	729	201	217	100	360
MONMOUTH	*	69	620	236	638	385	455	99	396
MORRIS	*	36	33	54	76	33	48	19	68
OCEAN	*	4	89	53	218	103	34	64	322
PASSAIC	*	256	2,129	1,017	597	471	792	100	272
SALEM	*	64	81	116	117	57	89	19	75
SOMERSET	*	12	52	36	97	55	51	22	89
SUSSEX	*	14	23	21	42	20	13	12	49
UNION	*	65	750	456	550	309	431	73	234
WARREN	*	19	24	54	71	19	8	15	33
STATE	*	2,369	11,718	9,820	10,560	5,517	7,888	1,597	5,006

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

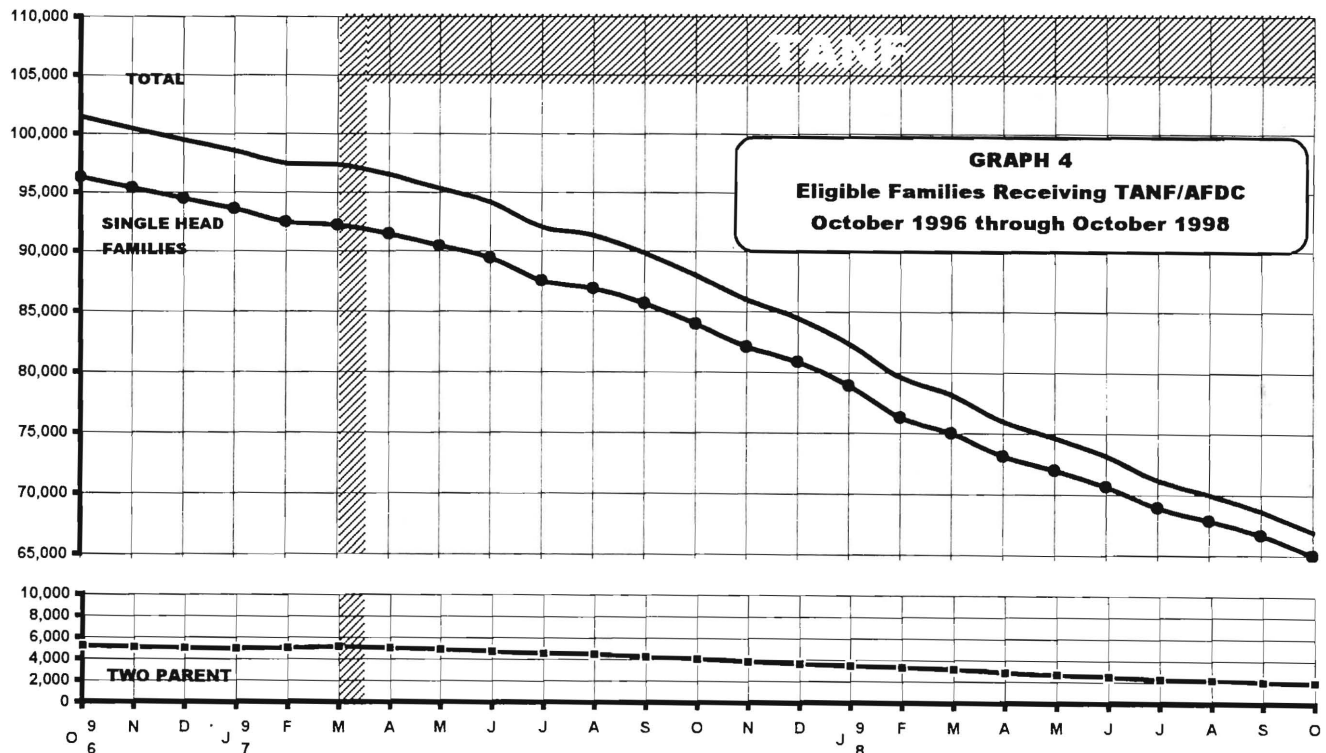
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Table 5
TANF/AFDC
PROGRAM

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

October 1996 through October 1998

		Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families* (revised)	Two Parent Families* (revised)	Total TANF/AFDC	Medicaid Only
AFDC 1996	OCT	5,213	7,015	96,295	5,190	101,485	5,026
	NOV	5,374	6,549	95,387	5,081	100,468	5,034
	DEC	5,018	6,137	94,463	5,016	99,479	4,992
	AVERAGE (12 mos.)	5,602	6,608	99,673	5,843	105,516	5,060
TANF 1997	JAN	5,933	6,803	93,595	4,982	98,577	4,994
	FEB	4,410	5,728	92,490	5,010	97,500	4,862
	MAR	6,184	6,416	92,243	5,125	97,368	4,835
	APR	5,172	6,034	91,451	5,049	96,500	4,828
	MAY	4,882	6,121	90,445	4,893	95,338	4,851
	JUN	4,620	5,760	89,409	4,748	94,157	4,856
	JUL	5,240	7,344	87,517	4,522	92,039	4,811
	AUG	4,637	5,388	86,880	4,484	91,364	4,860
	SEP	5,542	6,982	85,605	4,263	89,868	5,014
	OCT	4,488	6,276	83,957	4,045	88,002	5,138
	NOV	5,655	7,385	82,097	3,825	85,922	5,554
	DEC	3,735	5,113	80,823	3,632	84,455	5,728
	AVERAGE	5,042	6,279	88,043	4,548	92,591	5,028
TANF 1998	JAN	5,593	7,193	78,898	3,440	82,338	6,313
	FEB	4,311	6,924	76,295	3,304	79,599	6,561
	MAR	4,875	6,255	75,007	3,127	78,134	6,649
	APR	5,646	7,696	73,118	2,862	75,980	6,795
	MAY	4,555	5,882	71,955	2,641	74,596	6,845
	JUN	4,815	6,156	70,658	2,480	73,138	6,893
	JUL	5,403	7,372	68,904	2,261	71,165	6,955
	AUG	5,262	6,536	67,846	2,153	69,999	6,969
	SEP	4,819	6,271	66,649	2,020	68,669	6,819
	OCT	4,337	6,282	64,988	1,922	66,910	6,714
	AVERAGE	4,962	6,657	71,432	2,621	74,053	6,751



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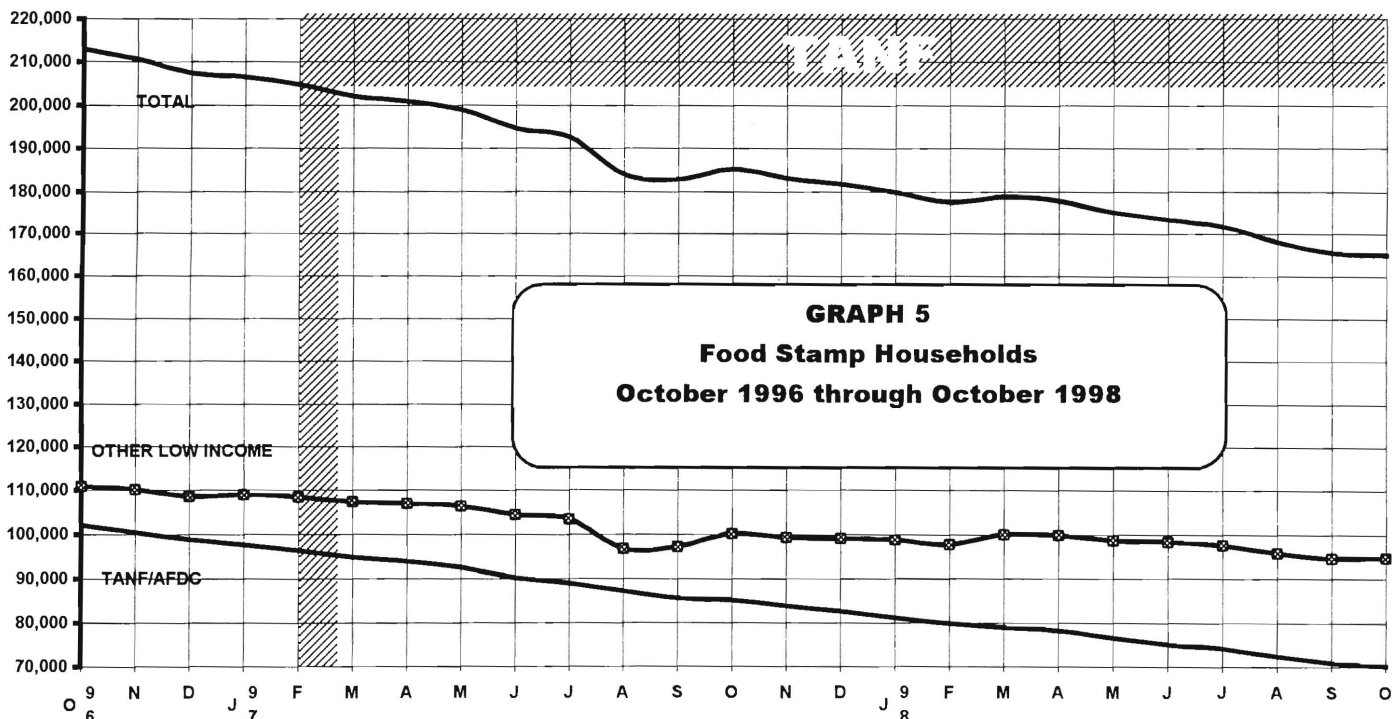
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Table 6
FOOD STAMP
PROGRAM

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

October 1996 through October 1998

HOUSEHOLDS				PERSONS					
		TANF/AFDC	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF/AFDC	Other low income	Adults	Children
1996	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
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
	MAY	76,522	98,620	175,142	393,686	244,991	148,695	186,848	206,838
	JUN	75,111	98,356	173,467	388,980	240,547	148,433	184,800	204,180
	JUL	74,135	97,604	171,739	385,732	237,835	147,897	182,874	202,858
	AUG	72,345	95,767	168,112	377,191	232,284	144,907	178,851	198,340
	SEP	70,961	94,555	165,516	371,135	227,718	143,417	175,996	195,139
	OCT	70,198	94,817	165,015	369,966	225,450	144,516	175,490	194,476
AVERAGE		75,724	97,594	173,318	389,917	242,436	147,481	184,855	205,062



ATP - Authorization to Participate

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

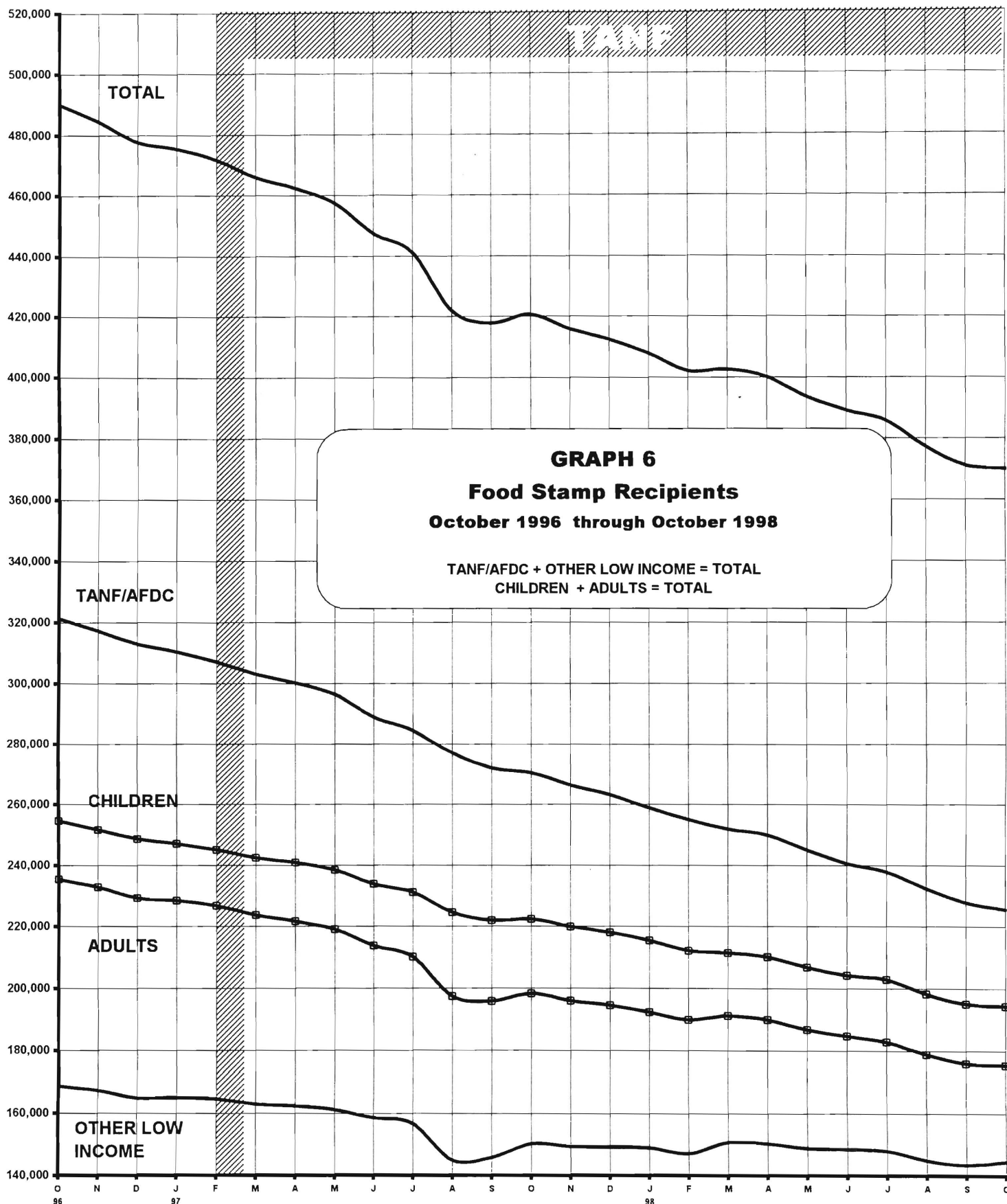


Table 7**NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS****TANF/AFDC**

(UNDUPLICATED CASES)

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**October 1996 through October 1998**

		Total Families Receiving EA	Temporary Rental Assistance	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF/AFDC-EA
TANF	1996 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
	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
AFDC	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
	MAY	2,611	676	184	284	1,467
	JUN	2,464	644	191	313	1,316
	JUL	2,452	554	183	215	1,500
	AUG	2,305	528	209	268	1,300
	SEP	2,283	502	201	220	1,360
	OCT	2,505	466	295	306	1,438
	AVERAGE	2,504	632	200	267	1,405

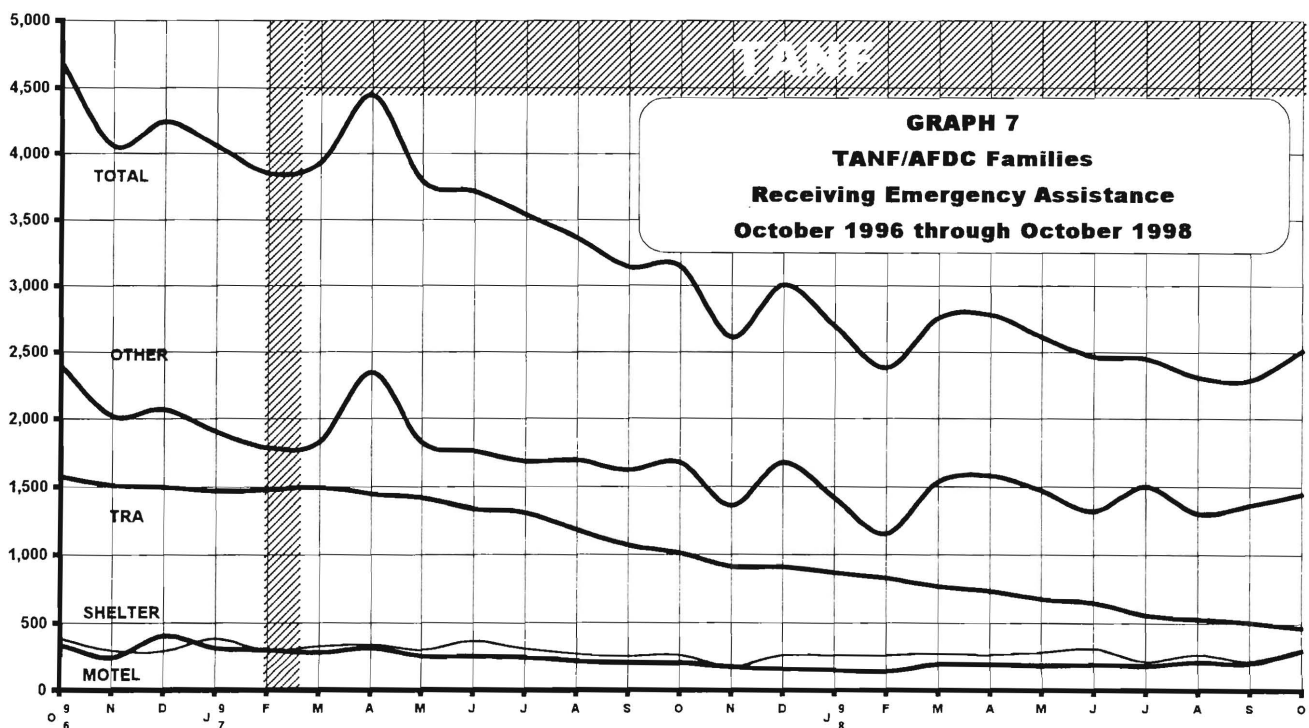


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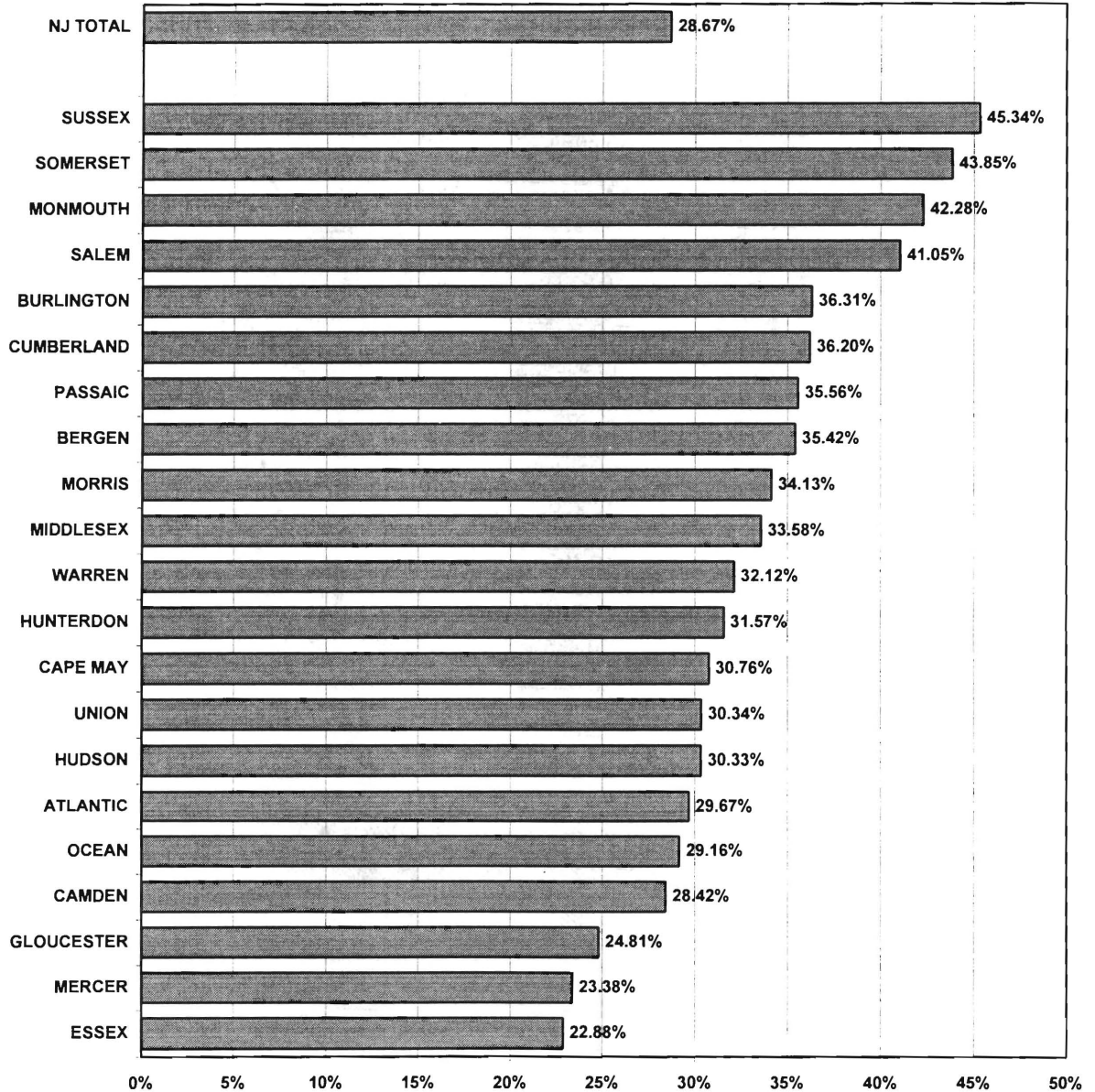
TANF PARTICIPATION RATES			
July - September 1998			
County	July	August	September
ATLANTIC	28.48%	26.45%	29.67%
BERGEN	32.26%	33.54%	35.42%
BURLINGTON	35.37%	31.16%	36.31%
CAMDEN	29.86%	27.16%	28.42%
CAPE MAY	30.21%	33.71%	30.76%
CUMBERLAND	34.15%	34.13%	36.20%
ESSEX	20.41%	21.70%	22.88%
GLOUCESTER	28.40%	26.48%	24.81%
HUDSON	29.64%	29.20%	30.33%
HUNTERDON	38.23%	34.21%	31.57%
MERCER	20.96%	20.49%	23.38%
MIDDLESEX	31.22%	30.40%	33.58%
MONMOUTH	40.38%	38.59%	42.28%
MORRIS	42.59%	39.82%	34.13%
OCEAN	32.56%	29.88%	29.16%
PASSAIC	34.13%	36.09%	35.56%
SALEM	38.78%	38.09%	41.05%
SOMERSET	40.34%	36.11%	43.85%
SUSSEX	38.75%	38.35%	45.34%
UNION	29.57%	27.24%	30.34%
WARREN	21.34%	21.73%	32.12%
NJ TOTAL	27.43%	27.20%	28.67%

The Work First New Jersey participation rate
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Graph 8

TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

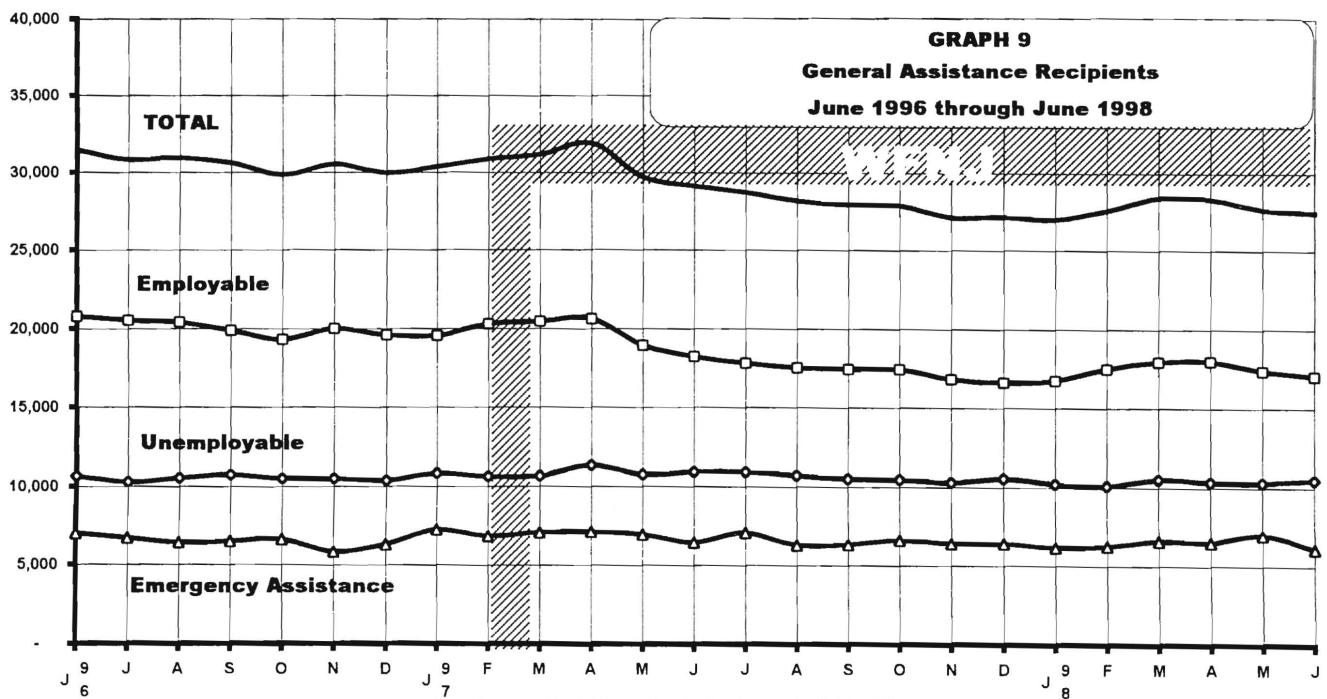
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TABLE 9 **NUMBER OF EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS**
GENERAL **AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS DURING REPORT MONTH**
ASSISTANCE **June 1996 through June 1998**
PROGRAM

		All Persons Aided			Emergency Assistance Payments		
		Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assistance	Other GA-EA	Total
1996	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
	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
	FEB	17,460	10,102	27,562	3,936	2,295	6,231
	MAR	17,914	10,492	28,406	4,009	2,581	6,590
	APR	17,990	10,322	28,312	3,925	2,583	6,508
	MAY	17,346	10,306	27,652	3,942	3,003	6,945
	JUN	17,010	10,436	27,446	3,755	2,310	6,065
	AVERAGE	17,412	10,314	27,726	3,920	2,499	6,418



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	10/96-9/97	10/97-9/98	% change
AFDC & FOSTER CARE			
Federal Tax	\$20,252,293	\$19,231,741	-5.04%
State Tax	1,962,763	1,088,932	-44.52%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	5,084,812	3,931,214	-22.69%
Income Withholding	40,435,580	34,670,634	-14.26%
Other/Own Behalf	18,604,658	16,716,661	-10.15%
From Other States	4,361,823	3,997,391	-8.36%
For Other States	8,606,408	7,522,309	-12.60%
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$99,308,337	\$87,158,882	-12.23%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	\$96,755,294	\$85,041,982	-12.11%
NON- AFDC			
Federal Tax	\$9,221,626	\$9,631,316	4.44%
State Tax	2,674,331	2,347,298	-12.23%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	16,729,188	15,479,837	-7.47%
Income Withholding	282,857,360	312,506,943	10.48%
Other/Own Behalf	136,196,480	141,157,347	3.64%
From Other States	26,587,382	31,355,975	17.94%
For Other States	30,639,036	32,195,282	5.08%
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$504,905,403	\$544,673,998	7.88%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	\$496,203,144	\$536,577,215	8.14%
TOTAL			
Federal Tax	\$29,473,919	\$28,863,057	-2.07%
State Tax	\$4,637,094	\$3,436,230	-25.90%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	\$21,814,000	\$19,411,051	-11.02%
Income Withholding	\$323,292,940	\$347,177,577	7.39%
Other/Own Behalf	\$154,801,138	\$157,874,008	1.99%
From Other States	\$30,949,205	\$35,353,366	14.23%
For Other States	\$39,245,444	\$39,717,591	1.20%
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$604,213,740	\$631,832,880	4.57%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	\$592,958,438	\$621,619,197	4.83%

Distributed amount represents collections reported and recognized by the Federal Office of
 Child Support Enforcement for calculating incentives and annual report to Congress
 Source: DFD Office of Child Support and Paternity Programs

Explanatory Notes

The Department of Human Services Division of Family Development provides basic income and an opportunity to achieve self-sufficiency for individuals and families served by the Division's programs. The Division provides leadership, direction and supervision to those public agencies responsible for administering those programs and plans for and develops policies to promote self-sufficiency.

WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY (WFNJ) - Fully implemented July 1, 1997, this is New Jersey's welfare reform program which responds to the requirements of the Federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996. PRWORA establishes Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (**TANF**) as the replacement for AFDC cash assistance. WFNJ includes two segments, WFNJ/TANF for families with children, and WFNJ/GA (General Assistance) for single adults and couples without dependent children. The emphasis is on achieving self-sufficiency and limits lifetime receipt of financial assistance to a total of five years.

WFNJ Statistical Summary (Table 4)

Recipients Required to Participate - Calculation of the number of mandatory individuals

Employment Directed Activities (EDA) - From Activities Summary Report (OMEGA report # RM064). Unduplicated count of persons participating in Community Work Experience Program (**CWEP**), **All Other Training, or Job Search**.

Number of Persons Employed This Month, Still Receiving TANF - 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 no longer receive AFDC/TANF financial assistance but remain eligible for Medicaid under applicable provisions which extend coverage beyond the period of assistance. These are shown separately in these tables because cash assistance and Medicaid have been de-linked.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM (FS) - Authorized by Congress as a nutritional supplement program to provide low income households with more food of greater variety and better nutrition. Program eligibility is based on household income, resources, and expenses for medical, shelter, and dependent care. CWA staff refer certain recipients to the New Jersey Department of Labor for participation in the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (EA) - Payments to those eligible for WFNJ/TANF or WFNJ/GA, authorized during the 30 consecutive days immediately following the emergency (defined as a substantial loss of shelter, food, clothing, or household furnishings by fire, flood or other similar disaster) or if the eligible individual or family is in an imminent or actual state of homelessness.

TABLE 11**GENERAL
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM****EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS
AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS****June 1998**

County	Employable	Total Persons Aided		Emergency Assistance Payments		
		Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assist.	Other GA-EA	Total
ATLANTIC	856	525	1,381	75	43	118
BERGEN	338	501	839	212	62	274
BURLINGTON	278	396	674	110	90	200
CAMDEN	1,372	1,399	2,771	189	46	235
CAPE MAY	132	94	226	15	16	31
CUMBERLAND	429	142	571	8	18	26
ESSEX	5,499	2,013	7,512	898	1,256	2,154
GLOUCESTER	136	171	307	5	31	36
HUDSON	712	912	1,624	94	19	113
HUNTERDON	40	59	99	15	15	30
MERCER	1,035	910	1,945	223	235	458
MIDDLESEX	355	436	791	52	25	77
MONMOUTH	425	450	875	215	43	258
MORRIS	67	170	237	34	9	43
OCEAN	373	330	703	183	80	263
PASSAIC	2,542	841	3,383	614	175	789
SALEM	90	78	168	12	12	24
SOMERSET	78	94	172	22	21	43
SUSSEX	37	48	85	25	9	34
UNION	2,137	798	2,935	741	105	846
WARREN	79	69	148	13	0	13
TOTAL NJ	17,010	10,436	27,446	3,755	2,310	6,065

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit