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SUBJECT CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

Attached please find CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS for December 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 1998 there has been a decrease of 21.5%.
- Food Stamp households also continue to decline. Since January of 1998 there has been a 10% 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, August 1998, shows an increase of 2% from January of 1998.

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

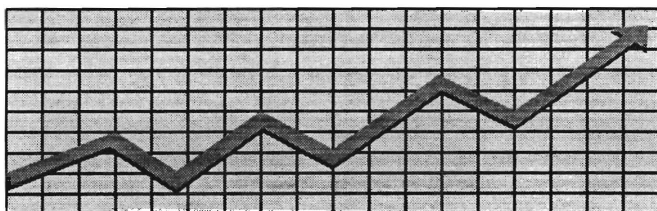
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CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS



**December 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 December 1998, 64,676 eligible families in New Jersey were receiving TANF cash assistance:

- 62,921 single head of household families
- 1,755 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 — 20,306, Hudson — 10,711, Camden — 6,791, Passaic — 4,762, Union — 4,064

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

- 49 families in Hunterdon County to 2,922 in Mercer County,
- with seven counties below 1000 families

Nearly 1100 fewer eligible TANF families were receiving cash assistance in December 1998 than in November, with a decline of more than 34,800, or 35 percent, compared to the number of AFDC families receiving cash assistance two years ago in December 1996.

- **Single head families:** about 1000 fewer were eligible in December 1998 than in November, and 31,500 below two years ago in December 1996, a drop of one third.
- **Two parent families:** declined by nearly 3300 or 65 percent from about 5000 in December 1996.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

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

At the end of December 1998, less than 162,000 households were authorized to participate in the Food Stamp Program.

- **TANF:** about 68,300 households with 220,400 persons.
- **Other low income:** nearly 93,600 households with 143,800 persons.
- **Total persons:** 364,200, including 173,200 adults and 191,000 children
- **By County:** more than 49 percent of the households were in:

Essex	42,100
Hudson	22,300
Camden	15,500

Two years ago in December 1996, 207,300 households were authorized to participate in Food Stamps in New Jersey. Over the next two years the number declined by more than 45,000, or 22 percent, to 161,900 by December 1998, the second consecutive month below 165,000 this year.

- **TANF(FS)** households steadily declined by more than **30,000** from about **98,700** in December 1996 to **68,300** two years later. There were **108,600 Other Low Income** households in December 1996 and **15,000** less two years later.
- **Total FS Recipients Authorized to Participate:** were **477,700** in December 1996, and declined to **364,200** by December 1998, a drop of **113,500, or 23.8 percent**.
- **Adult FS Recipients:** declined from about **229,200** in December 1996 to **173,200** in December 1998, a drop of nearly **56,000 (24.4 percent)**.
- **Recipient FS Children:** declined by **57,500 (23.1 percent)**, from about **248,500** in December 1996 to **191,000** in December 1998.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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

In December 1998 Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for 2237 eligible TANF families and 212 SSI recipients in New Jersey. For TANF families this included payments for:

- **Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA)** for **454** families
- **Motel** placements for **281** families and **emergency shelter** placements for **287** families
- **All other TANF-EA** for **1215** families (including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing and food allowance, or transitional housing)
- **726** families in **Essex** County, **295** 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 2440 for 1998. Payments were made for slightly more than half as many families in December 1998 as in December 1996.

- TRA payments were less than **one third** of the number in December 1996 .
- Motel payments declined by **30 percent** from **400** in December 1996.
- Emergency Shelter payments were virtually unchanged from December 1996.
- Other TANF-EA payments declined by more than **40 percent** from **2066** in December 1996.

For 1996 there were an average of 6800 GA EA recipients, 6700 for 1997, and 6100 for the first eight months of 1998 . Of those, GA TRA payments were made to an average of 4100 recipients in 1996, and 4000 in 1997 and 3700 in the first eight months 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 27,535 GA recipients in August 1998, up from July, but unchanged from May and June 1998. The GA total was about 700 below August 1997 and about 3500 below August 1996.

- There were **16,700 Employable GA** recipients in August 1998. The level remained around **20,000** from June 1996 through April 1997, and less than **18,000** since July 1997.
- With about **10,800** in August 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 the quarter October 1998 - December 1998, the total distribution of collections of the Child Support and Paternity Program was \$157.2 million, an increase of 8.5 percent over the quarter ending December 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 **DECEMBER 1998**

County	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF	Medicaid Only
ATLANTIC	158	189	1,664	31	1,695	171
BERGEN	121	151	1,351	79	1,430	95
BURLINGTON	168	228	1,303	38	1,341	232
CAMDEN	621	805	6,540	251	6,791	918
CAPE MAY	86	84	452	31	483	71
CUMBERLAND	268	286	1,665	116	1,781	558
ESSEX	987	1,284	20,131	175	20,306	876
GLOUCESTER	171	194	1,027	39	1,066	303
HUDSON	493	696	10,336	375	10,711	1,026
HUNTERDON	18	19	48	1	49	28
MERCER	249	298	2,871	51	2,922	519
MIDDLESEX	249	332	2,309	100	2,409	448
MONMOUTH	158	257	2,134	45	2,179	131
MORRIS	22	51	314	10	324	50
OCEAN	179	166	1,126	55	1,181	384
PASSAIC	309	457	4,520	242	4,762	129
SALEM	88	82	416	16	432	72
SOMERSET	66	76	401	16	417	81
SUSSEX	23	31	116	5	121	44
UNION	347	374	3,992	72	4,064	525
WARREN	31	45	205	7	212	23
NJ TOTAL	4,812	6,105	62,921	1,755	64,676	6,684

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.

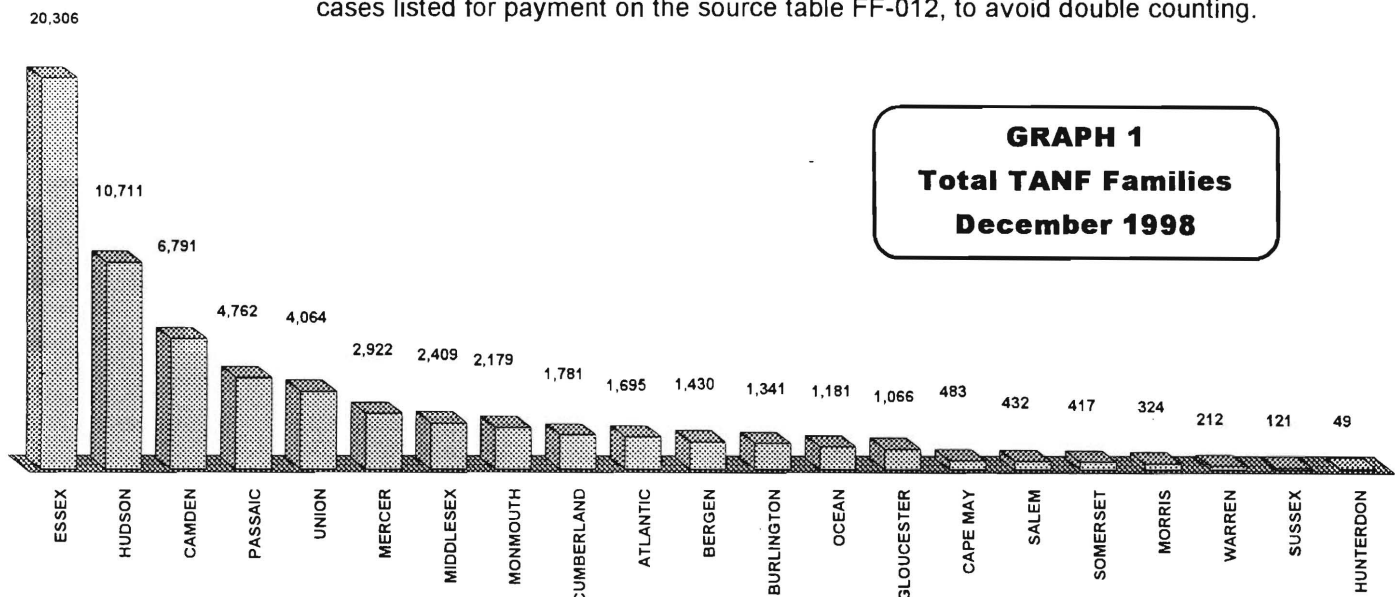


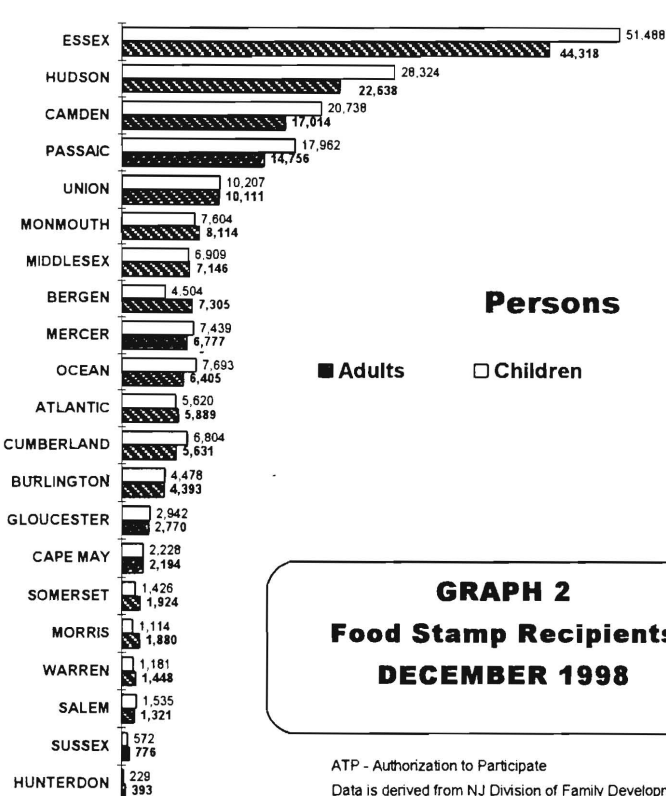
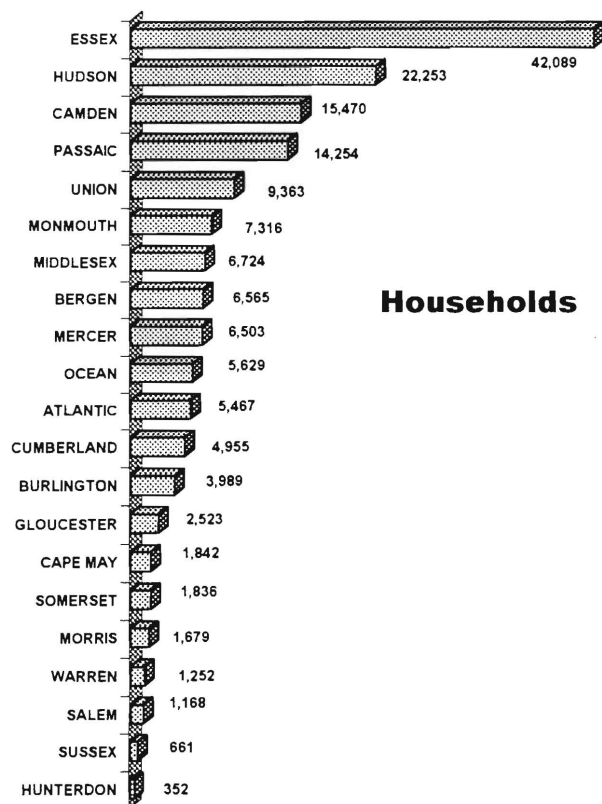
Table 2 NUMBER OF ATP'S ISSUED TO HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH

FOOD STAMP

PROGRAM

DECEMBER 1998

County	HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS				
	TANF	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF	Other low income	Adults	Children
ATLANTIC	1,716	3,751	5,467	11,509	5,769	5,740	5,889	5,620
BERGEN	1,451	5,114	6,565	11,809	4,352	7,457	7,305	4,504
BURLINGTON	1,530	2,459	3,989	8,871	4,833	4,038	4,393	4,478
CAMDEN	7,783	7,687	15,470	37,752	26,277	11,475	17,014	20,738
CAPE MAY	693	1,149	1,842	4,422	2,392	2,030	2,194	2,228
CUMBERLAND	2,466	2,489	4,955	12,435	8,342	4,093	5,631	6,804
ESSEX	20,145	21,944	42,089	95,806	63,996	31,810	44,318	51,488
GLOUCESTER	1,149	1,374	2,523	5,712	3,663	2,049	2,770	2,942
HUDSON	11,257	10,996	22,253	50,962	34,653	16,309	22,638	28,324
HUNTERDON	46	306	352	622	150	472	393	229
MERCER	2,869	3,634	6,503	14,216	9,187	5,029	6,777	7,439
MIDDLESEX	2,672	4,052	6,724	14,055	8,373	5,682	7,146	6,909
MONMOUTH	2,379	4,937	7,316	15,718	7,870	7,848	8,114	7,604
MORRIS	304	1,375	1,679	2,994	939	2,055	1,880	1,114
OCEAN	1,762	3,867	5,629	14,098	6,292	7,806	6,405	7,693
PASSAIC	4,984	9,270	14,254	32,718	16,701	16,017	14,756	17,962
SALEM	513	655	1,168	2,856	1,694	1,162	1,321	1,535
SOMERSET	437	1,399	1,836	3,350	1,364	1,986	1,924	1,426
SUSSEX	135	526	661	1,348	410	938	776	572
UNION	3,706	5,657	9,363	20,318	12,163	8,155	10,111	10,207
WARREN	301	951	1,252	2,629	1,008	1,621	1,448	1,181
NJ TOTAL	68,298	93,592	161,890	364,200	220,428	143,772	173,203	190,997



GRAPH 2
Food Stamp Recipients
DECEMBER 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**
TANF/SSI **(UNDUPLICATED CASES)**

County	TANF Families Receiving Emergency Assistance					SSI Recipients Receiving EA
	TOTAL TANF-EA	Temporary Rental Assist.	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA	
ATLANTIC	32	2	5	4	21	8
BERGEN	149	24	26	34	65	32
BURLINGTON	38	1	3	19	15	3
CAMDEN	75	20	0	10	45	11
CAPE MAY	48	16	4	0	28	1
CUMBERLAND	22	1	1	8	12	6
ESSEX	726	273	115	83	255	14
GLOUCESTER	28	10	1	8	9	7
HUDSON	83	15	9	21	38	6
HUNTERDON	3	0	0	0	3	1
MERCER	198	40	27	6	125	14
MIDDLESEX	194	13	30	14	137	25
MONMOUTH	61	11	6	4	40	1
MORRIS	9	0	2	1	6	6
OCEAN	91	9	34	2	46	20
PASSAIC	295	1	2	19	273	41
SALEM	21	0	8	4	9	1
SOMERSET	59	2	1	25	31	5
SUSSEX	17	7	3	0	7	7
UNION	84	9	2	24	49	2
WARREN	4	0	2	1	1	1
NJ TOTAL	2,237	454	281	287	1,215	212

GRAPH 3
TANF Families Receiving
Emergency Assistance
December 1998

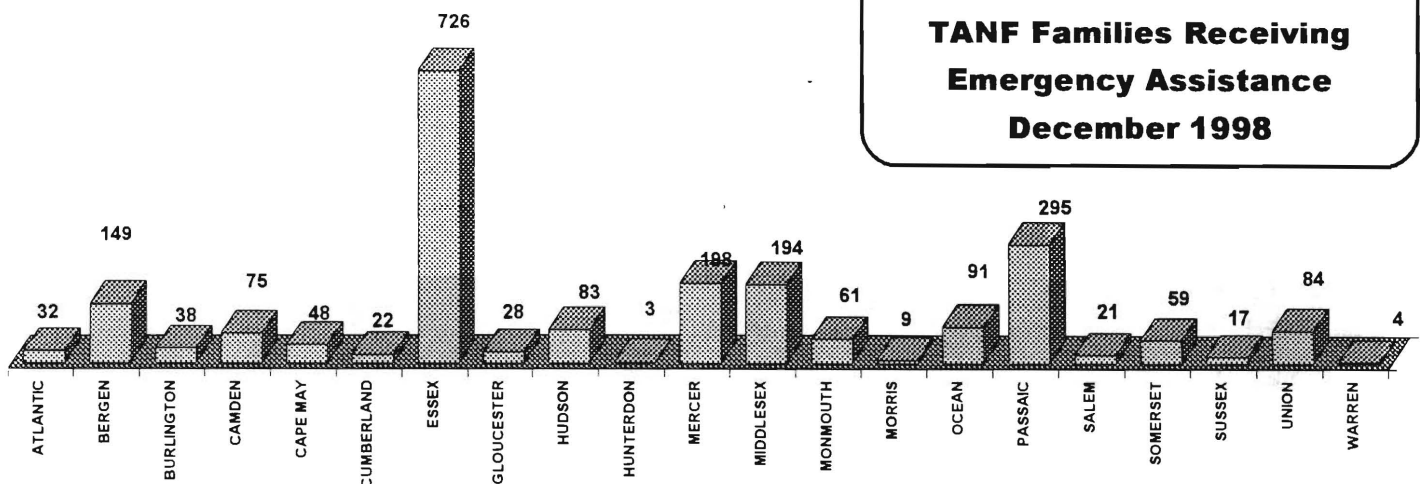


Table 4**WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY STATISTICAL SUMMARY****WFNJ****December 1998**

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	957	9	213	106	306	148	114	50	275
BERGEN	942	28	247	77	324	124	81	52	169
BURLINGTON	805	150	97	215	285	134	154	56	282
CAMDEN	4,794	259	504	276	1,600	528	553	243	705
CAPE MAY	410	22	37	73	105	17	12	20	41
CUMBERLAND	1,186	12	705	534	321	208	310	93	305
ESSEX	15,089	420	3,087	3,916	2,075	1,873	3,030	293	534
GLOUCESTER	554	40	26	58	167	72	4	68	184
HUDSON	7,866	585	2,158	631	1,298	1,105	1,298	231	725
HUNTERDON	33	6	3	14	18	10	0	5	18
MERCER	1,828	71	230	583	401	306	180	102	324
MIDDLESEX	1,398	1	258	202	620	185	261	84	382
MONMOUTH	1,451	42	480	134	539	373	405	94	415
MORRIS	152	27	25	17	44	34	33	17	64
OCEAN	589	10	72	116	184	82	35	55	307
PASSAIC	3,284	165	1,701	179	512	450	633	106	289
SALEM	273	94	44	119	113	63	76	32	93
SOMERSET	252	8	41	38	87	48	33	20	95
SUSSEX	69	21	16	255	38	22	14	1	51
UNION	2,593	45	692	36	490	310	453	89	271
WARREN	145	24	24	0	47	18	8	25	30
STATE	44,670	2,039	10,660	7,579	9,574	6,110	7,687	1,736	5,559

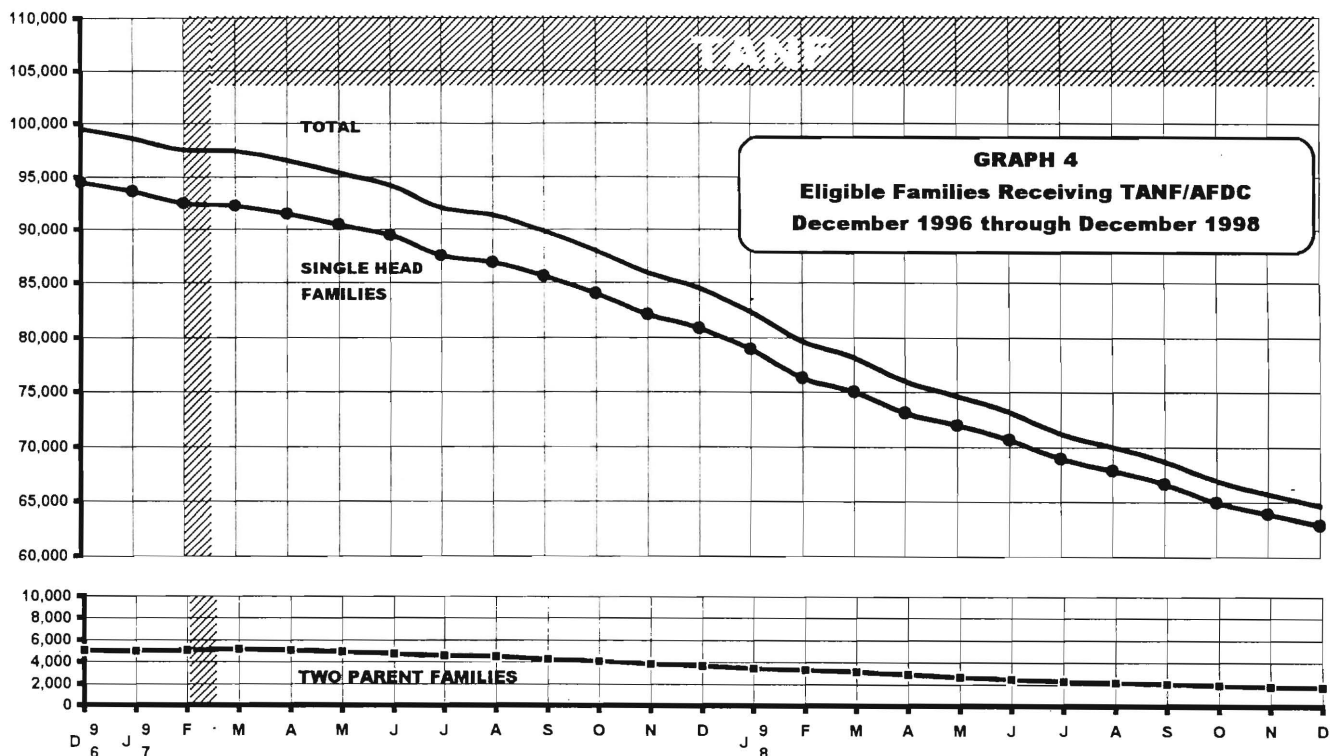
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Table 5
TANF/AFDC
PROGRAM

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

December 1996 through December 1998

		Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families* (revised)	Two Parent Families* (revised)	Total TANF/AFDC	Medicaid Only
AFDC 1996	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
1997	JAN	5,933	6,803	93,595	4,982	98,577	4,994
TANF	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
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
	NOV	5,577	6,749	63,944	1,824	65,768	6,773
	DEC	4,812	6,105	62,921	1,755	64,676	6,684
	AVERAGE	5,000	6,618	70,099	2,482	72,581	6,748



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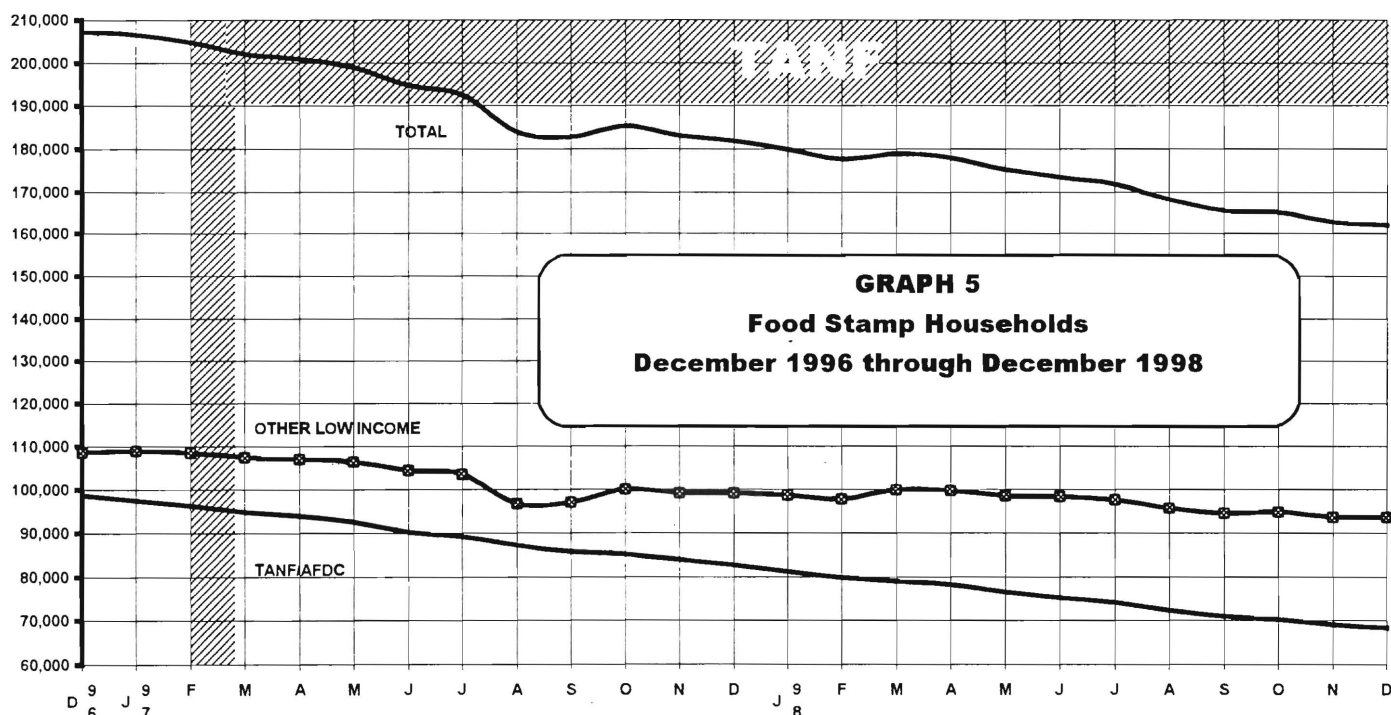
*Note: Revised through current month with the number of *single* parent families reduced by the number of companion cases listed for payment

Table 6
FOOD STAMP
PROGRAM

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

December 1996 through December 1998

	HOUSEHOLDS			PERSONS				
	TANF/AFDC	Other low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF/AFDC	Other low income	Adults	Children
1996 DEC	98,729	108,617	207,346	477,693	312,869	164,824	229,191	248,502
AVERAGE (12 mos.)	105,559	111,850	217,409	501,448	331,312	170,136	240,718	260,730
1997 JAN	97,555	108,961	206,516	475,374	310,342	165,032	228,388	246,986
TANF FEB	96,279	108,462	204,741	471,576	307,066	164,510	226,570	245,006
MAR	94,787	107,331	202,118	465,920	303,052	162,868	223,576	242,344
APR	93,845	107,008	200,853	462,303	300,073	162,230	221,538	240,765
MAY	92,593	106,369	198,962	457,430	296,327	161,103	219,003	238,427
JUN	90,218	104,441	194,659	447,417	288,957	158,460	213,692	233,725
JUL	89,029	103,449	192,478	441,141	284,541	156,600	210,029	231,112
AUG	87,165	96,714	183,879	421,881	276,940	144,941	197,418	224,463
SEP	85,609	97,112	182,721	417,728	272,043	145,685	195,800	221,928
OCT	85,116	100,077	185,193	420,626	270,376	150,250	198,347	222,279
NOV	83,803	99,197	183,000	415,821	266,436	149,385	196,009	219,812
DEC	82,635	99,098	181,733	412,483	263,246	149,237	194,507	217,976
AVERAGE	89,886	103,185	193,071	442,475	286,617	155,858	210,406	232,069
1998 JAN	81,137	98,716	179,853	407,812	258,851	148,961	192,412	215,400
FEB	79,846	97,788	177,634	402,068	255,022	147,046	190,032	212,036
MAR	78,857	99,967	178,824	402,543	251,862	150,681	191,205	211,338
APR	78,131	99,750	177,881	400,060	249,800	150,260	190,045	210,015
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
NOV	68,990	93,595	162,585	365,339	222,224	143,115	173,472	191,867
DEC	68,298	93,592	161,890	364,200	220,428	143,772	173,203	190,997
AVERAGE	74,544	96,927	171,472	385,726	238,918	146,808	182,936	202,790



ATP - Authorization to Participate

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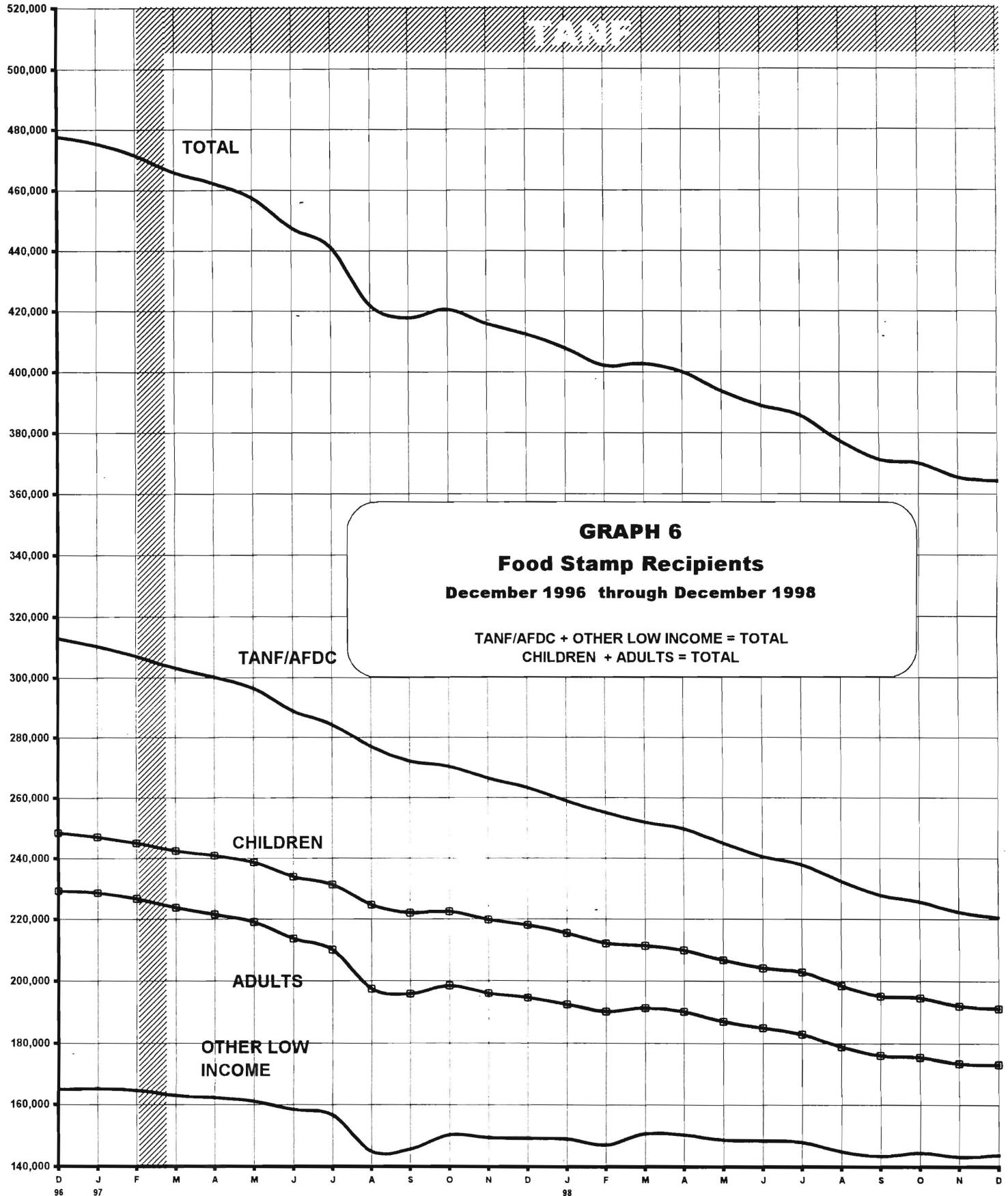
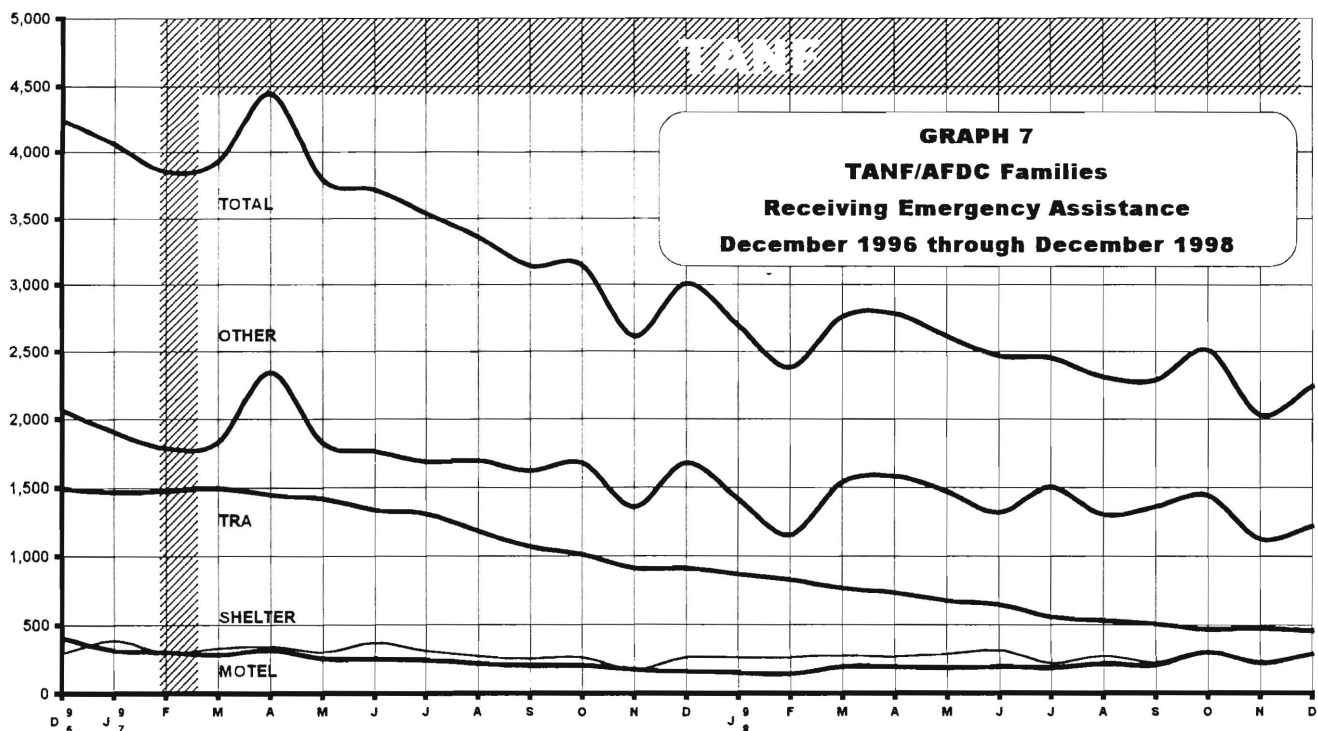


Table 7**NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS****TANF/AFDC****(UNDUPLICATED CASES)****EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE****December 1996 through December 1998**

		Total Families Receiving EA	Temporary Rental Assistance	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF/AFDC-EA
1996	DEC	4,244	1,492	400	286	2,066
AVERAGE (12 mos.)		4,751	1,698	320	345	2,388
1997	JAN	4,059	1,462	310	382	1,905
TANF	FEB	3,847	1,473	296	292	1,786
	MAR	3,926	1,494	278	327	1,827
	APR	4,440	1,447	309	342	2,342
	MAY	3,788	1,416	250	298	1,824
	JUN	3,711	1,336	251	365	1,759
	JUL	3,538	1,308	238	306	1,686
	AUG	3,360	1,181	217	269	1,693
	SEP	3,140	1,069	202	250	1,619
	OCT	3,142	1,009	201	259	1,673
	NOV	2,606	909	172	171	1,354
	DEC	3,003	910	160	256	1,677
AVERAGE		3,547	1,251	240	293	1,762
1998	JAN	Not Available				
TANF	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
	NOV	2,030	473	216	216	1,125
	DEC	2,237	454	281	287	1,215
AVERAGE		2,437	602	209	264	1,362



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

Table 8

TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

July - September 1998

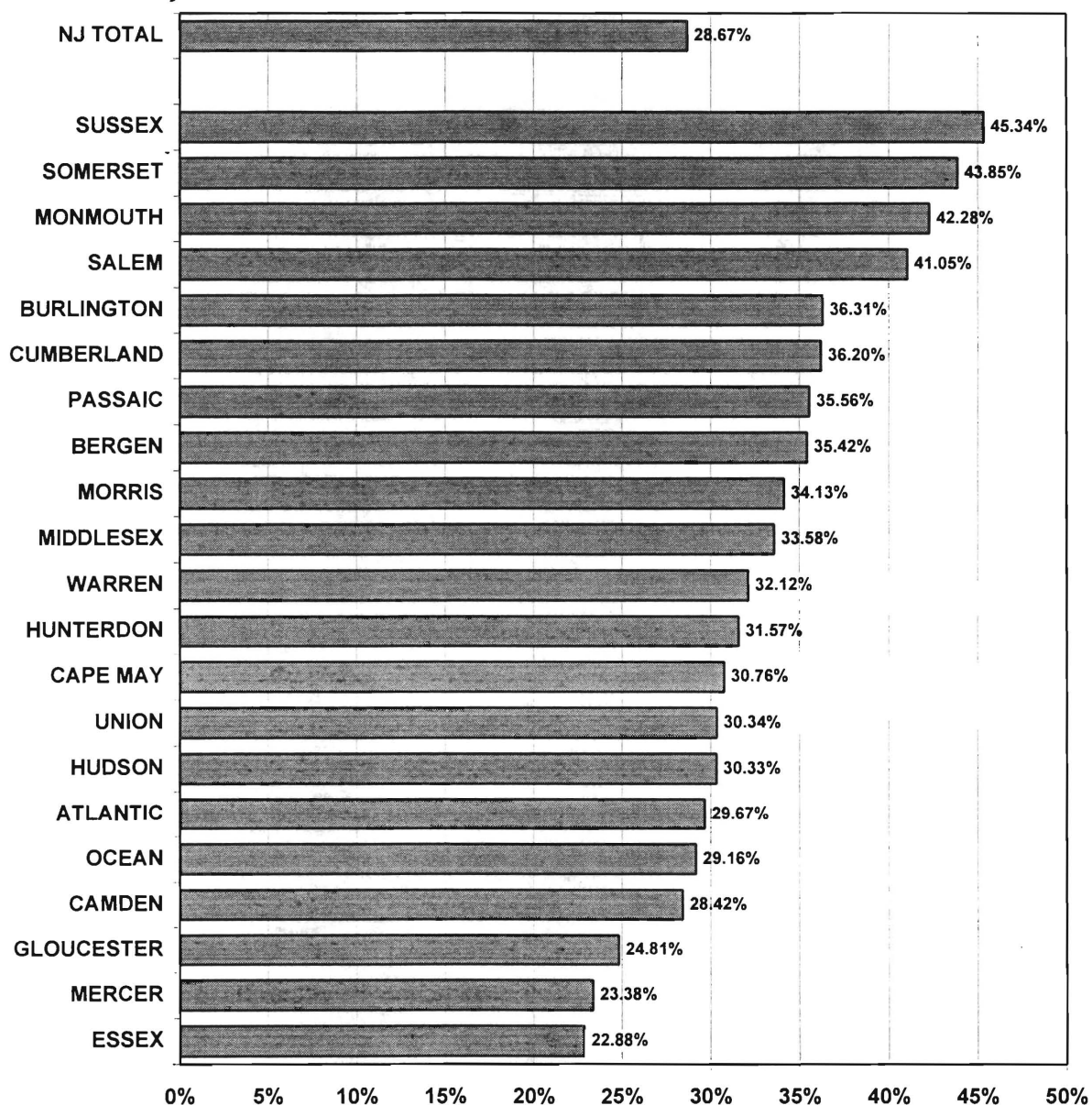
County	July	August	September
ATLANTIC	28.48%	26.45%	29.67%
BERGEN	32.26%	33.54%	35.42%
BURLINGTON	35.37%	31.16%	36.31%
CAMDEN	29.86%	27.16%	28.42%
CAPE MAY	30.21%	33.71%	30.76%
CUMBERLAND	34.15%	34.13%	36.20%
ESSEX	20.41%	21.70%	22.88%
GLOUCESTER	28.40%	26.48%	24.81%
HUDSON	29.64%	29.20%	30.33%
HUNTERDON	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

September 1998



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

	All Persons Aided			Emergency Assistance Payments		
	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assistance	Other GA-EA	Total
1996 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
W.F.N.J. 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
JUL	16,369	10,103	26,472	3,185	2,460	5,645
AUG	16,714	10,821	27,535	2,758	2,194	4,952
AVERAGE	17,194	10,351	27,545	3,683	2,456	6,138

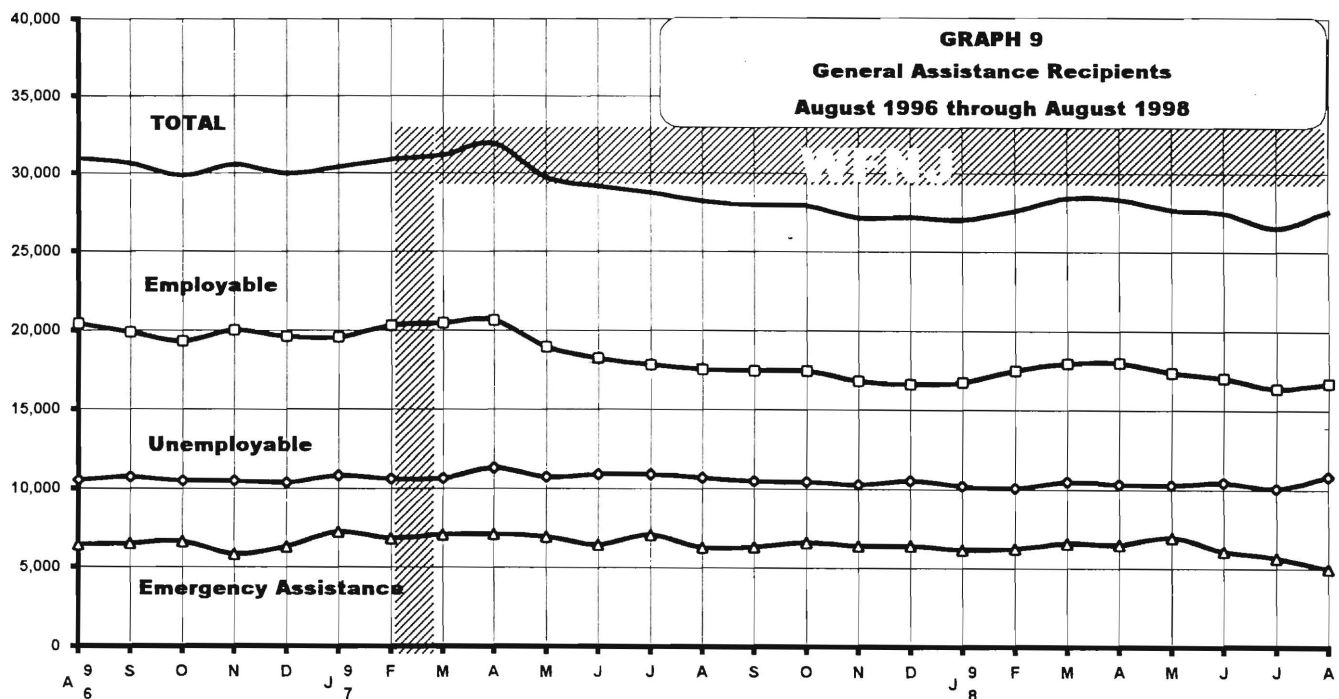


TABLE 10**CHILD SUPPORT
AND PATERNITY****DISTRIBUTED CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTIONS
State Summary**

	10/98-12/98
Public Assistance (TANF + IV-E)	\$10,919,702
Former Public Assistance	\$45,212,922
Never Public Assistance	\$101,087,694
Total	\$157,220,318

This represents an 8.5 percent increase over the quarter ending December 1997.

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****August 1998**

<u>County</u>	Employable	<u>Total Persons Aided</u>		<u>Emergency Assistance Payments</u>		
		Unemployable	Total	Temporary Rental Assist.	Other GA-EA	Total
ATLANTIC	750	540	1,290	78	40	118
BERGEN	317	486	803	147	48	195
BURLINGTON	266	418	684	103	92	195
CAMDEN	1,381	1,875	3,256	162	173	335
CAPE MAY	97	104	201	18	15	33
CUMBERLAND	448	156	604	2	21	23
ESSEX	5,242	1,966	7,208	553	1,101	1,654
GLOUCESTER	133	184	317	3	38	41
HUDSON	665	861	1,526	68	12	80
HUNTERDON	39	48	87	11	17	28
MERCER	963	785	1,748	235	129	364
MIDDLESEX	367	472	839	48	51	99
MONMOUTH	378	524	902	193	33	226
MORRIS	91	183	274	22	13	35
OCEAN	362	310	672	92	60	152
PASSAIC	2,457	927	3,384	453	188	641
SALEM	70	72	142	3	17	20
SOMERSET	82	85	167	17	17	34
SUSSEX	34	48	82	35	3	38
UNION	2,494	693	3,187	484	126	610
WARREN	78	84	162	31	0	31
TOTAL NJ	16,714	10,821	27,535	2,758	2,194	4,952

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit

TABLE 12**CHILD SUPPORT
AND PATERNITY****NUMBER OF CASES REMAINING OPEN****QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 1998**

	<u>CASES WITH ORDERS</u>			<u>OTHER CASES (1)</u>				
	AFDC AND FOSTER CARE	AFDC AND FOSTER CARE ARREARS (2)	NON- AFDC	AFDC AND FOSTER CARE	NON- AFDC	TOTAL AFDC AND FOSTER CARE	TOTAL NON- AFDC	TOTAL ALL CASES
Atlantic	1,426	4,599	8,390	1,928	3,473	7,953	11,863	19,816
Bergen	873	2,066	8,741	1,071	1,160	4,010	9,901	13,911
Burlington	1,187	3,611	9,911	1,436	2,259	6,234	12,170	18,404
Camden	5,734	12,439	17,699	5,053	5,048	23,226	22,747	45,973
Cape May	412	1,232	3,208	413	351	2,057	3,559	5,616
Cumberland	2,191	5,876	8,297	421	407	8,488	8,704	17,192
Essex	11,801	18,092	30,486	17,961	12,163	47,854	42,649	90,503
Gloucester	841	2,641	5,993	691	965	4,173	6,958	11,131
Hudson	5,540	8,858	18,037	6,804	5,429	21,202	23,466	44,668
Hunterdon	74	282	1,608	37	60	393	1,668	2,061
Mercer	3,183	6,748	10,629	2,248	2,347	12,179	12,976	25,155
Middlesex	1,707	5,985	14,653	1,964	2,357	9,656	17,010	26,666
Monmouth	2,372	5,308	10,684	1,632	1,805	9,312	12,489	21,801
Morris	288	638	4,121	312	348	1,238	4,469	5,707
Ocean	1,003	3,681	9,308	1,345	1,618	6,029	10,926	16,955
Passaic	3,745	6,348	14,014	4,576	4,863	14,669	18,877	33,546
Salem	644	1,685	2,837	219	176	2,548	3,013	5,561
Somerset	351	777	3,265	378	484	1,506	3,749	5,255
Sussex	190	440	1,778	142	211	772	1,989	2,761
Union	2,298	5,671	12,770	3,833	3,903	11,802	16,673	28,475
Warren	320	1,060	2,113	125	100	1,505	2,213	3,718
NJ TOTAL	46,180	98,037	198,542	52,589	49,527	196,806	248,069	444,875

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*